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Road rage

Local farmers face wrath of impatient drivers

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When Arno Weststeyn pulls out on the road piloting Sunrise Acres' huge John Deere combine, he has two concerns— making sure he has enough room to maneuver the 17-foot wide machine down the road— and to watch out for impatient drivers.

"They're nuts," said Weststeyn. "They blow their horns, wave the finger or, worst still, they'll pass me on blind corners, over a knoll, even in the middle of an intersection— and some go so far as to roll down their windows and yell at me too."

"They often misjudge the size of the equipment when passing and can hardly get back to their lane before meeting oncoming traffic," said Weststeyn. "That's downright scary to be sitting in the combine watching it all happening in front of you."

Weststeyn told of a motorcyclist recently passing him, without seeing there was an oncoming car. For a split second, there were three vehicles abreast on the road.

"He was absolutely nuts," said Weststeyn. "I don't know how he did it. He only had inches to get through— he could have been killed."

"I've had them yell 'Why are you on the road?!' then wave that finger again. They just don't realize that I'm entitled to be on the road just as much as they are."



Arno Weststeyn of Sunrise Acres is drawn by the size of the tires on the huge John Deere combine he operates.



The large combine covers a good portion of the intersection at Trafalgar Road and 15 Sideroad. Drivers, like the motorcyclist, are just waiting for the opportunity to pass, even in the intersection.

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