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World-touring African Children's Choir will Leave You with a New Perspective on Life

By Tie Shank

An unforgettable performance awaits you. Two local churches: Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney, MT and the New Hope Wesleyan Church in Williston, ND will be hosting an astonishing group of eighteen children, ages 9 to 11, as they perform a variety of traditional dances, sing gospels and cultural music and demonstrate an amazing drumming performance.

Tour leader, Nate Longstaff states, "I encourage everybody to step out of their comfort zone and come and watch these children perform. They will go away with a different perspective on life after seeing the hope and enthusiasm in these kids."

The African Children's Choir's fundraising organization is under the non-profit umbrella organization of Music For Life. Together these organizations take groups of children, many of which have lost one or both parents through disease, war or famine, and give them a chance to succeed by giving them the opportunity to be involved in the choir and by giving them an education that'll allow them to return to their homelands with tools and skills for bettering their future.

The African Children's Choir website says, "The primary goal of the Choir is to raise awareness of the need of destitute and orphaned children in Africa and to raise funds for continued development and support of the African Children's Choir Programs. The Choir's international educational endeavor provides unique training for the children."

While on tour, these children receive "2-3 hours of schooling per day along with 2-3 hours of rehearsing per day. This is comparable to a school day in Uganda. Once the children complete the year- long tour, they return to complete their schooling at an academy which is rated in the top 10% in their country," states Longstaff. "They are getting a great education."

A thunderous standing ovation follows nearly every performance as these children will melt your heart and leave you wanting more.

The performances are FREE to attend and are scheduled at 6:30pm at both locations.

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Lonsdale United Methodist Church, 205 3rd Ave SE in Sidney and **Friday, May 9 at New Hope Wesleyan Church, 1105 16th St. NW in Williston.

Donations will be accepted at each performance. In addition, please log on to www.africanchildrenschoir.com to find out how you or your organization can sponsor a child, the group, become a volunteer or be a host family to some of the children and their chaperones during their visit.

Public Meetings Scheduled to Decide the Fate of LYIP

Public meetings will be held Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Dawson County High School in Glendive and Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Sidney High School in Sidney to discuss the fate of irrigation in the Yellowstone Valley.

The Endangered Species Act requires measures to protect the pallid sturgeon and other at risk fish in the Yellowstone River, however a strong support of irrigation must be shown. LaVanchie Starkey, interim executive director of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture stated, "Richland County has long been the Agri-business hub of eastern Montana. With farmers and ranchers relying on irrigation for major crops such as sugar beets, corn, wheat, hay and barley, the loss would be devastating to our community. With the potential loss of jobs and added expense to producers, all areas of agri-business, and eventually, the consumer, would be negatively impacted."

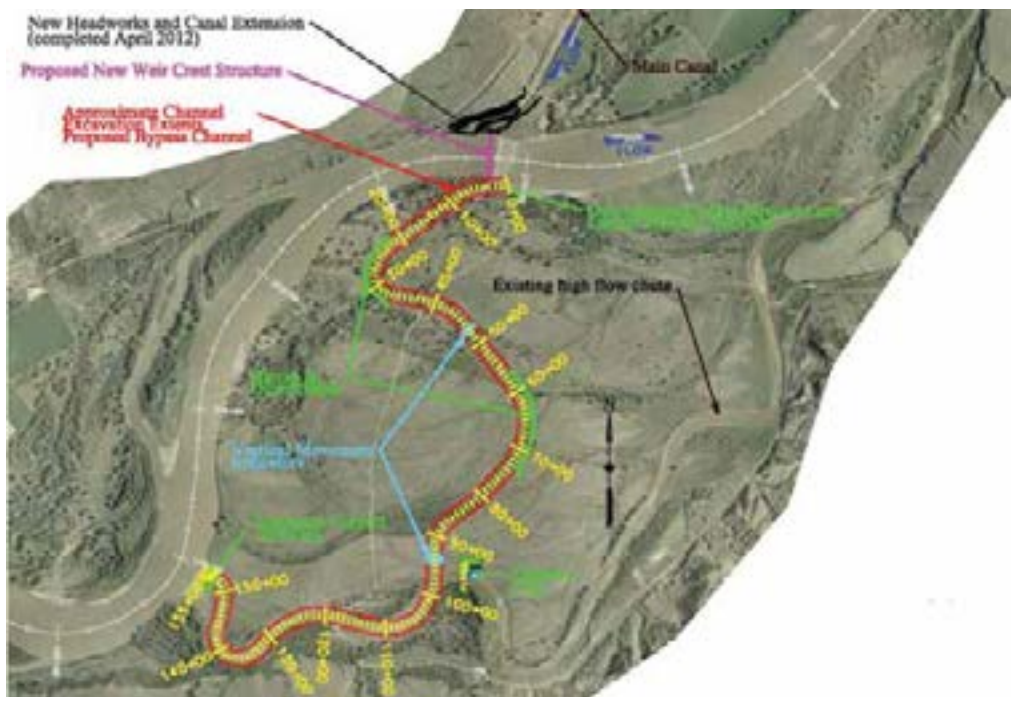
The proposed concrete weir at Intake and reinforced fish bypass on Joe's Island will provide three things: passage for the pallid sturgeon and other at risk species, reliable water for irrigation, and improved recreational opportunities for boaters.

Money has been allocated for the project, which will be lost if the contract is not awarded by the end of this fiscal year, September 2014.

The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation project, including the Intake diversion dam, was constructed during Theodore Roosevelt's presidency to, as he said, "make the deserts bloom", "to reclaim arid lands", "not to make money, but to make homes", and to "establish farms and relieve urban congestion".

It provides a reliable source of water to over 53,000 acres of cropland in northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota.

In 2012, a new head works structure and fish screens to reduce fish entrainment in the irrigation canal were completed by the Corp of Engineers, in conjunction with the Bureau of Reclamation and other government entities. The plan at that time provided for a new extended rock ramp. However, the project was delayed due to complications with construction and maintenance of the proposed rock ramp. The most acceptable means of achieving the government mandated fish passage was the now proposed Fish passage and a new longer Rocking tower. Then an order from the Corps regulatory division stopped all rocking of the existing Intake diversion structure which relied on annual additions of Rock. "Without the consistent ability to add rock, we will not have water in the hotter months of summer when the farmers need it most," James Brower, manager of LYIP said.



An existing high water fish bypass on Joe's Island only contains water during flood conditions, making it impassible for the pallid sturgeon most years.

The new plan which Brower, the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Reclamation and other entities have worked on for the past year consists of a 6' wide, fish friendly concrete weir and rock ramps which together provide reliable irrigation water as well as passage for most fish species, except the pallid sturgeon.

The proposed reinforced fish passage on Joe's Island will work in all flows, providing passage for the pallid sturgeon. The Corps inspected Joe's Island after the ice jams and flooding in March, a 100 year event. They found no damage to the island or the existing high water bypass. "It didn't even erode the grass in the natural channels from past floods," Brower said.

The project is critical to the communities from Glendive to Williston which rely on a strong agricultural economy. John Franklin, president of 1st Bank, Sidney and Broadus, said, "I'm surprised that we're spending $50 million to protect a pre-historic fish. However, if that's what we have to spend to protect the production of food for the U.S., it has to be done. The lack of irrigation water to the Yellowstone Valley would devastate the communities in this valley, the local producers and decrease the production of beef, sugar, wheat for bread and pasta and barley for beer, which are consumed throughout the U.S. The term "devastate" is probably not dire enough to describe the economic impact to these communities and U.S. consumers."

President Roosevelt believed that water reclamation projects were as important in the realization of his conservation agenda as his work expanding the National Parks, the National Forest system, designating National Monuments and inventing the Federal Bird Sanctuaries (National Wildlife Refuges).

The proposed fish friendly concrete weir and fish bypass provide the best solution to comply with the Endangered Species Act, and to provide reliable irrigation water to the Yellowstone Valley. Please show your support at one, or both, of the scheduled public meetings.

Gold Rush at McKenzie Building Center

On Saturday, April 12, the McKenzie Building Center, Inc. of Watford City, held their Customer and Vendor appreciation event. Special Guest "Dakota" Fred Hurt, from the Discovery Channel's #1 hit show "Gold Rush" enjoys good food and company with guests.

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5-6 Grade: June 16-20
3-4 Grade: June 23-27
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$20 discount if registered by May 15 (June camps only)

Online registration is available at www.embcamp.org
Call 406-583-7573 for more info.

AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 - 3 p.m. – Grief Recovery Support Group in First Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, Watford City.
6 p.m. – Al-Anon,Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. – Fairview Alive and Kicking at Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. – NA meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church 2181 W. Holly St. (across from the fairgrounds), Sidney.
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

WEDNESDAYS:
5:00 p.m. – Sober Life Young People's NAAA 12- step recovery group, 25 yr. old & younger, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m.— Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

THURSDAYS:
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones faith based recovery meeting, Sidney Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
7 p.m. – Watford City area Celebrate Recovery, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.
8 p.m. – AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m. – NA meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 2181 W. Holly St. (across from the fairgrounds), Sidney.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

	Sakakawea	Fort Peck
Current Elevation	1836.9	2225.1
Last Week's Elev.	1836.3	2224.8
One Year Ago	1828.1	2222.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	24,000	10,000

WATFORD CITY WEATHER DATA

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 7	NA	NA	NA
April 8	NA	NA	NA
April 9	NA	NA	NA
April 10	NA	NA	NA
April 11	NA	NA	NA
April 12	NA	NA	NA
April 13	NA	NA	NA
YTD Rainfall			22.44

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 7	58	30	0.07
April 8	71	28	0.00
April 9	70	37	0.00
April 10	61	30	0.00
April 11	60	26	0.00
April 12	45	27	0.00
April 13	42	23	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation			0.56

OBITUARIES

C.Ann Schlenker, 67, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Ann Schlenker, 67, of Sidney, MT were at 2 pm, Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the Church of Christ in Sidney with Pastor Richard Eggar officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Interment of her cremains was in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Ann died on Tuesday morning, April 8, 2014, at her home in Sidney, MT.

George Umback, 88, Sidney, MT

Funeral service for George Umback, 88, of Sidney, MT was at 10 am, Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Michael Backhaus officiating. Interment was in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

George died on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Scam Alert

Submitted by Anastasia Burton

The Office of Consumer Protection at the Montana Department of Justice wants to alert you to a scam involving utility companies which is targeting mainly businesses. It works like this:

The person receiving the call will be told by the person on the phone, who claims to be from their utility company, that they're about to cut off electricity services to their business. The caller ID may look like a legitimate local number, but more often than not this number is "spoofed." Scammers can use computers/internet to make it look like they're calling from one place, when they're actually someplace else.

The caller will say, "I can stop this, but you need to pay here right now on the phone." Sometimes, the scammers will ask people to use a GreenDot money card, Western Union wire transfer, or prepaid gift card. Scammers are using reloadable debit cards, gift cards, and sometimes even PayPal. These methods allow them to get your money in a way that's extremely difficult to recover.

WHAT TO DO:

If you get a call, email, text, or even a visit from someone telling you to make a payment via GreenDot, PayPal, Western Union, or gift card, it's most likely a scam. Call your utility company on the phone number that appears on your bill to confirm you are current on payments.

NEXT STEPS:

Call your local police department, or the Montana Department of Justice's Office of Consumer Protection at (800) 481-6896 or (406) 444-4500, or visit us at https://doj.mt.gov/consumer/for-consumers/

Easter Egg Hunt April 19 at Good Shepherd Home

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19th at 1pm at the Good Shepherd Home's South lawn in Watford City.

The Easter Bunny will be visiting and kids can also enjoy face painting. The event will be for children ages 0-10 with prizes for everyone.

The Watford City Lions Club is sponsoring the event.

Trashy Tuesdays Recycling Day April 22 at ROI Building in Sidney

Submitted by Dan Peters

The "Trashy Tuesday" drive will be held this coming Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Richland Opportunities, Inc. located at 1100 Silurian Lane in Sidney. This is the 4th year of quarterly plastic, paper, cardboard and aluminum can drives. The drives are being sponsored by the Recycling Advisory Committee. The committee consists of area citizens who would like to ensure that the community has an opportunity to recycle material that cannot be recycled using the current resources. Their goal is to provide a more comprehensive and sustainable recycling program in the area. This volunteer committee consists of George Biebl, Russ Huotari, Jackie Couture, Linette and Greg Miller, Heather Luinsta, Jeff Hintz, Cindy Eleson, Leah Norby, Dan Peters, Randy Olson, Leslie Whiteman and Gary and Emily Schaff.

During this event, the materials that will be accepted are plastic bottles #1, plastic bottles #2-7, office and junk mail, newspapers and magazines, and cardboard The committee volunteers ask that plastic bottles be rinsed and sorted into two groups, #1 and #2-7. Examples of plastic bottles include milk jugs, and laundry detergent, dish soap, and hair product bottles. As long as the container has a threaded neck which is smaller than the base, it can be taken to the drive. All paper products can be recycled with the exception of manila envelopes and bright neon paper. The office/junk mail must be sorted from the newspapers and magazines. Catalogs and telephone books cannot be accepted.

Trashy Tuesdays are scheduled the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of every 3rd month of the year (quarterly) from 3pm to 7pm and the public is encouraged to recycle their material on this day. Trashy Tuesday's drive on April 22nd is open to the public and free of charge. Please start collecting for the next drive scheduled on July 22, 2014. Because these recycling drives depend on volunteers, the committee encourages the public to recycle during the drive and become involved in assisting with recycling. If you are interested in joining the Recycling Advisory Committee or would like more information on recycling drives please contact Dan at 406-488-3341, extension #4 or roi@midrivers.com. Bring your recyclables on Tuesday and "toss it our way."

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Thurs., April 17
12 p.m. –Easter Egg Hunt, Sharbono Park, Fairview.
5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m. Meeting 5:30 - 6 p.m.
Sidney High School Key Club pastrie sale deadline. To order contact any Key Club member or Elaine Stedman at 406-433-2330 or estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us.

Fri., April 18
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
6:30 - 7:30 a.m.– Men's Breakfast Fellowship, Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church.

Sat., April 19
10:30 a.m. – Elks Lodge Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Veterans Memorial Park, (Central Ave).
7 p.m. – 3rd Annual Bakken Brew Fest, Richland County Fair Event Center, 2118 W. Holly St. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Sun., April 20
1 p.m. — Savage Senior Center cards & potluck .
2 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt, Richey Park, (across the highway from football field) all ages are welcome. For more info call Joanie at 773-5519.
6:45 p.m. — Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo, Main Session 7:00 p.m.

Mon., April 21
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
6:30 p.m.— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinochle games.

Tues., April 22
12:30 – Richland Red Hatters, meet at Panini's Pizzeria, 102 N. Central Ave., RSVP by April 21 by calling Peggy Hart 488-6159 or Margaret Bradley 488-4613.
3 - 7 p.m.– Trashy Tuesday, Richland Opportunities, 1100 Silurian Lane, for more info call 406-488-3341 ext. 4 or richland-opportunities.org.

Weds., April 23
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. – Sidney Health Center, Outreach (Health Screen) blood draw, Lambert School, Health screen:$35, PSA for men: $28. Please fast for 10 -12 hours prior to blood draw.
12 p.m. – Graduation for Sidney Area Leadership Class, Sidney Elks Lodge, Tickets are $12 per person & must be purchased by April 18. Call 433- 1916 or visit the Sidney Chamber of Commerce office, 909 S. Central Ave.

Thurs., April 24
7 p.m. – American Sewing Guild meeting, MSU Extension Building, for more info call 701-481-9900.

Fri., April 25
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Senior Commodity Distribution, Nutter building, 123 W. Main, back door. Message phone number is 433-4353.

April 27
2 p.m. -4 p.m. – Sunrise Children Association Carnival, Richland County Event Center.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., April 17
9:30 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. – Motor Vehicle Dept. will be at the Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, 112 2nd Ave. NE.
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. – McKenzie Co. Food Pantry, in the lower level of the First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City, Cash Wise food giveaway, for more info or to set up an appt. call 701-444-3451 or www.mcfoodpantry.com.
7 p.m.– Pinochle, Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW, for more info call 842-3760.

Fri., April 18
7 p.m. – Watford City area Celebrate Recovery, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.

Sat., April 19
1 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt, Good Shepherd Home- south lawn, Ages 0-10. Hunt for Easter Eggs, meet the Easter Bunny, face painting, prizes for everyone. Sponsored by the Watford City Lions Club.

Mon., April 21
1 - 3 p.m. – Grief Recovery Support Group First Lutheran Church, Fellowship room, Watford City.

Tues., April 22
5 - 7 p.m. – McKenzie Co. Food Pantry open, First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City. For more info call 701-444-3451.

Sat, April 26
5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.– Pheasant Forever, free wild game feed, Watford City Eagles Club, Hwy 85, South of Watford City. Gun raffle will be held throughout the evening. For more info and tickets call Rick 701-770-2736.

Weds., April 30
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – First Lutheran W-ELCA, spring luncheon, Civic Center, $8 a plate.

McKenzie Co. Public Library Bookmobile Schedule

Thurs., April 17

McKenzie Co. Courthouse Temp. Office	8:25 - 8:35 am
Johnson Corners Christian Acedemy	9:10 - 9:30 am
Keene Dome	9:45 - 10:05 am
Good Shepherd Home	10:40 - 11:20 am
Hillside Court	11:22 am – 12:05 pm

Fri., April 18
Across from Lutheran Church, Grassy Butte 9 am - 12 pm

Other Surrounding Counties

Fri. April 18 & Sat. April 19
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. – Confluence Quilters monthly meeting, quilters of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate.

April 20
Fort Buford and the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence will be closed on Easter Day.

Thurs., May 1
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. – Williston Basin Veterans stand down, New Armory #10 Main St., Williston, ND. For more info or to volunteer please contact Grant Carns, Williams Co. Veterans 701-577-4550 or email at GrantC@co.williams.nd.us.

View all monthly events on our calendar at: www.roundupweb.com

Piano Fundraiser For Mondak Heritage Center

Submitted by Benjamin L. Clark

We are raising funds for a new piano!

Live music at the MonDak Heritage Center has become an integral part of our programming. Our mission is to engage, educate, and inspire our community by preserving and contributing to the area's arts, culture, and heritage, and hosting live music performances has opened opportunities to meet all of these worthy goals.

Since beginning our live music series in 2007, we have increased the museum's visibility, and increased participation. We have also exposed patrons to musicians and musical styles not otherwise encountered in our area, like Tuvan throat singers from Mongolia, and Gaelic performers. The public has been very supportive of our efforts, and donors have stepped forward and the MonDak is now proud to have a wonderful stage, upgraded lighting and a state of the art sound system. Live music events are the fastest to sell out, and are cited by supporters as some of their favorite programs offered.

It is once again time for supportive donors to have an impact for good at the MonDak. When performing at the MonDak, musicians were utilizing an old upright piano that had once served classroom duty. It has become worn out and no longer holds tune, and several keys no longer work. The last piano tuner that came to work on it recommended replacement, and that has been several years ago.

So, we are selling off all 88 keys from our old broken, and worn out piano. White keys are $50, black keys are $75, and you'll be able to sign your name on any keys you buy. As the keys fill with names, we'll reach our goal amount!

For further information please contact Leann Pelvit at the MonDak Heritage Center, lpelvitt@richland.org or (406) 433-3500.

Community Health Fair Held Recently

Asthma Home Visiting Program is new to the Health Department. Do you know a child between ages of 0 and 17 with a diagnosis of asthma? Are they not controlled and miss too many days of school causing the parents to miss work? They may qualify for the new asthma home visiting program through the Montana asthma control project (MAP). You can make a confidential referral to Kay Nice, RN at RCHD at 433-2207. Referrals may come from teachers, child care providers and health care workers. Thank you! Call for more information at 433-2207. Celebrate National Public Health Week April 7-13, 2014!! Public Health in action at the community health fair!

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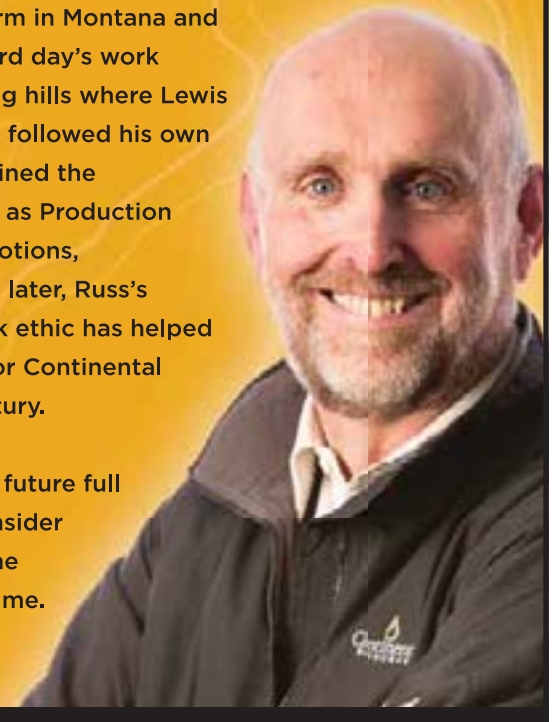

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East Fairview Students Enter Stamp Contest

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of East Fairview Middle School worked with artist Jane Kalmabach to create realistic drawings of ducks of their choice. The ducks were entered into the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Contest. East Fairview had three students who earned honorable mentions. Ashley Karst (6th grade) (wood duck) group 2, Jaycie Rau (7th grade) (wigeon) group 3 and Sapphire Rhoades (6th grade) (long-tailed) group 3. Pictured are (L-R) Ashley Karst, Sapphire Rhoades and Jaycie Rau. (Pictures submitted by Regie Hill)

Ashley Karst's artwork.

Sapphire Rhoades' artwork.

Jaycie Rau's artwork.

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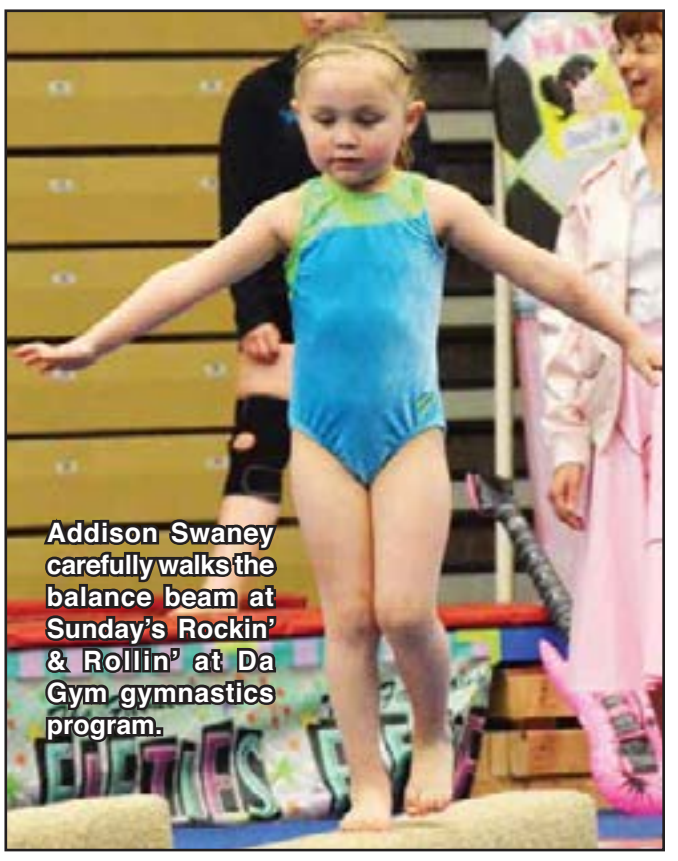

Addison Swaney carefully walks the balance beam at Sunday's Rockin' & Rollin' at Da Gym gymnastics program.

(L-R) Allison Poulsen, Wyatt LaPierre, Shaniyah Harris get ready to show a full house their gymnastics group floor routine.

Zoie Burns is all smiles when she shows the audience what she's learned in Tumble Bugs during the gym season.

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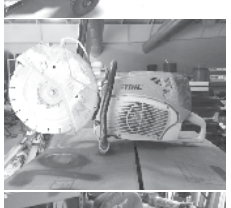
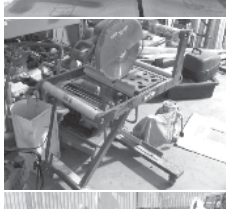

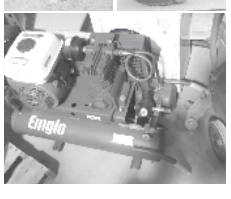

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•Wrench 4-prong 4WD Lock Nut
•Sockets, Impact 30, 32, 34, 36 MM
•Wrenches, Torque 3/8" & ½" Drive
•(2) Puller, 4" 3 Jaw Adjustable
•Puller, 6" & 7", 9" & 10" 2 Jaw Reversible
•Puller, 7" & 8", 10" & 11" 2/3 Jaw Reversible
•Puller, Front Wheel Hub
•Puller, Steering Wheel
•Puller, Hammer Type Bearing
•Puller, Axle Flange Type
•Puller, Pitman Arm Compact
•Puller, Pitman Arm 1-5-16
•(2) Pullers, 4" 3 Jaw Adjustable
•Puller, Tie Rod End
•Puller, Timing Gear
•Puller Forward Axle
•Slide Hammer Puller Set
•Pulley Puller
•Hone, Engine Cylinder 2"
•(2) Hones, (medium & fine stone)
•Compressor Tester
•Compressor, Spring Value
•Coil Spring Compressor
•Coil Spring Clamp Set, 3-peice
•McPherson Strut Tool
•Ridge Reamer
•Boot Driver, CV
•Ball Joint Separator
•Transmission Jack, 1760
•Engine Stand, 750# Cap
•Kaydee Lift 1500# Cap
•Engine Lift Chain
•Chain, Tow 3/8"x14"
•Sling, Engine Hoist 5/16"
•Jack, 20-ton HD Hand
•(2) Pump Pullers (Remover & Installer Power)
•Puller, Pilot Bearing
•Puller Set, Auto (4)
•(2) Bearing Splitters 2 ½" small & 4 ½" Large
•Tie Rod End Remover
•Pressure Regulator
•Axle Ring Expander
•(2)Expander Tailpipes (Small, Med & Large)
•Cutter, Tailpipe
•Tester, Low Volt Circuit
•Plier, Ear Boot Clamp
•Body Dent Puller/Clamp
•Puller, Hamm Bearing
•Gauge Set, Deluxe Feeler
•Stud Remover
•Tie Rod Tool, 2 in 1 Inner
•Clutch Align Tool Set
•Tubing Bender
•Pitman Arm Wedge
•(2) Compressors, Universal Ring & Valve Spring Deluxe
•Tie Rod Sock, Saginaw Inner
•Steering Wheel Lock Plate
•Tubing Cutter
•Socket, 32MM Axle Nut
•Socket Set ¾"
•Socket, 30MM C-V Axle Nut
•Installers, C-V & S-V Dust Boot Clamp
•Installer, Harmonic Balancer
•Flywheel Turner
•Gauge Set, Deluxe Feeler
•Power Str Pump & Alt Pulley Tool
•Tile Cutter Standard
•Nippers, Tile Carbine 8"
•Tile Cutter w/Case TS-40
•Tile and Carpet Stripper
•Tile Cutter, Vinyl Floor
•Trimmer, Carpet Manual Deluxe
•Roller, 6" Seam
•Carpet Shears, 12"
•Carpet Iron, Seaming
•Edger, Floor , 7" Pad 1 ½ hp
•Polisher, Floor 17" 1 ½ hp
•Carpet Cleaner, self contained #6
•Polisher, 13" Floor
•Sander, Floor 1 hp Baldor
•Cherry Hill Sander
•Roller, Linoleum Tile 100#
•Carpet Knee Kicker
•Carpet Stretcher, Power STD
•(2) Tile Scrapers, 12" & 48" HD w/Blade
•Carpet Stair Tool
•Floor Burnisher 1600 RPM
•Dryer, Turbo Car Speed Cycle
•Dolly, Carpeted 18x30
•Ramp, Fiberglass 7 ½ x26
•Furniture Pads
•Dolly, Piano (2pcs)
•Dolly, Rubber Platform, 18x30
•Pull, Power HD 3 Ton
•Trailer, Sod Cutter
•Drill, Shooter ELEC ½"
•Drill, ½ Magnum
•Drill, ½" Right Angle Plumbers
•Router, 2 HP Electric
•Saw, 13 PC Plumb/Elec Hole Saw Kit
•SDS Max Shank/Core Bit 4x17x22
•SDS Shank Bit 1/2x11x16
•SDS Max Shank Bit 5/8, ¾ & 7/8x11x16
•SDS Max Shank Bit 1 1/8x10x15
•SDS Max Shank Bit 1 1/2x18x23
•Number and Letter Stamp
•(2)Pex Crimp Tools WPCCT-2
•Screwdriver, Drywall
•Nailers, (Finish, Brad, Coil Roof, Framing)
•Magnetic Sweeper 24" Nail
•Rebar, Cutter/Bender
•Pick, Mattock w/Handle
•Pry Bar, 60" Rat Tail
•Brushes, Chimney round 6" & 8" & 8" square w/Poles
•Fish Tape, 50'
•Conduit Bender, ½"-5"
•Conduit Bender, ¾"-6"
•Sander/Grinder 7"
•Hammer, Demol 60# Elec Var SDS
•Chisel, 1x12" F/SDS Max
•Chisel, 2" Scaling F/SDS Max
•Bullpoint, 12" F/SDS Max
•Hammer, Rotary 1 9/16" SDS
•Power Driver
•Heater, LP 150K BTU
•Heater, Kerosene 165K BTU
•Jacks, Hydraulic 22 ½ & 12 ½ Ton
•Jack House, screw type 20
•Panel-Lift 11' Reach-Tilt 150# Cap (Sheetrock Jack)
•Extender, 6' F/Panel Lift (for Sheetrock Jack)
•Ramps, Wooden
•Ramps, Folding 8'x10', pair
•Level, Builders Transit w/Stand
•Level, Rotary
•Caster, w/Brake 8" HD WP-1
•Frame, Step 5'x5' ST-55SC
•Walkboard, Aluminum
•Ladder, DBL Step 8' Alum
•Ladders, 24' & 32" Extension Fiberglass
•Ladder, 40' Extension, Aluminum
•Step Frame 5Wx3H C-lock ST
•Leveling Jack EXT 15" ST-984-6
•Scaffold Utility, ST-MP-6-0
•Trap Cage, Havahart, Sm & Lg
•Auger Bits 4x36 STD Series
•(2) Auger/Digger, Earth 2 Man
•Post Hole, Driver 36"
•Post Pounder, Air (never used New)
•Auger Bit, 6"x36" F/2-Man
•Auger Bit, 8"x36"
•Digger, Post Hole 6" Clam
•Auger Extension, 8x36
•Auger Bit, 10x36
•Auger Bit, Snap On 4x36 & 6x36
•Auger Bit 8"x36", 1-Man
•Tubing Cutter 5/8"
•Wrench Basin
•Pipe Cutter, 1/8"-2"
•Pipe Wrench, 24"
•Pipe Wrench, 18"
•Pipe Wrench, 48" Alum
•Snake, Closet Down Head 3"
•Water Ram, Kinetic
•Snake, 5/16x25' Hand Crank
•Snake, ¼ x25' Use your drill
•Snake/Rooter, Mini 50'x ½"
•Sewer Auger, ½"x50' Hand Crank
•Threader, Pipe 3/8-1
•Flaring, Commercial Tool- Rigid
•Cable, Model C Kit 152'
•Hose, ¾"x50' PVC Discharge
•Hose, 2"x50' PVC Discharge
•Hose, 2"x20' Rubber Suction
•Pump, 2" Submersible .66 HP
•Pump, Trash 2" Honda
•Pump, Submersible 1/6 HP Geyser
•Waterbed Pump, Mini Vac 115V
•Sander, Belt w/Dust Col
•Chainsaw, 16" Elec
•Chainsaw, 18" Husqvarna Gas Model 55
•Tile/Brick Saw 10"
•Saw, Cutoff 14" Gas w/1" Arbor
•Circular Saw, 7 ¼ HP 15 AMP
•Band Saw, Deep Cut
•Saw, Bow 30" Sandvik
•Saw, Jig Barrel Handle
•Saw, Mitre 10" Compound 15
•Saw, Mitre 10" Slide Compound
•Tile Saw-Magic w/Blade
•(3) Washers (2000, 2500, 3000 PSI)
•Wand 18' Telescoping Extension

LAWN & GARDEN
•Chipper, Wallenstein CR60 (new in 2013 only rented twice)
•Pruner, Telescope Pole Trimmer
•Sprayer, 3-gal Poly Commercial
•Lawn Roller, Push 18x24
•Brush Cutter, High Week Walk Behind
•Over seeder, Lawn 5 HP
•Chipper/Shredder 10 HP
•Splitter, Log HORZ 5 HP
•Grinder, Stump 13 HP
•Auger/Drill, Earth 8 HP 1-Man
•Thatcher, 18" Flail 5.5 HP
•Hedge Trimmers, Gas & Electric
•Edger/Trimmer, Gas 10" 3.5
•Sod Cutter, 18"
•Aerator, Lawn Walk Behind 4 HP
•Tiller Mid-Honda F220KIA
•Tiller Mid-Tine 6 HP
•Tiller, Rear-Honda FRC800
•Shovel, Fiberglass Handle
•Drain Spade, 16" WD
•Shovel, Trench
•Sod Cutter, Kick Type 12"
•Lopper, HD Bypass
•Blower, Leaf/Debris 8 HP
•Aerator Towable, 48" W 3 PT Hitch
•Tiller/Mini-Cultivator Mantis
•Vacuum, Gas Push Lawn Vacuum
•Rake, Landscape 36"
•Wheelbarrow, 5.5 CU FT
•Roller, Lawn (push/tow)

WALL & SPRAYERS
•Scraper, Wall & Floor 4"
•Wallpaper Perforated Roller
•Wallpaper Steamer, Electric
•Texture Spray Unit
•Gun, ASM 400 w/Tip, Holder, Hose
•Rotating Water Blaster
•Airless Sprayers (Little Pro & Pro 230)

PARTY SUPPLIES & MISC
•(2) Popcorn Machines, Funpop
•Sno-Kone Machine
•Cotton Candy Machine
•Frozen Drink Machine
•Table, 20x72 Banquet
•(10) Tables, 30x96 Banquet
•(8) Tables, Round 60"
•Candleabra, 7 Lite/Pair Brass
•Candleabra-Unity 3 Light
•Arch W Colums-Brass
•Chair, Folding Choc Brown Poly, Appx. (70)
•Chair, Folding White Millenia, Appx. (70)
•Beverage Dispensers, Blue 5-gal & 10-gal
•Beverage Fountain, 3 gal
•Cooker, 2-burner 30/125,000 BTU
•Chafers, 8 qt SS Deluxe & Full Size
•Chafer, ½ size pan
•Chafing Dish, 8 qt
•Roaster Oven, 18 qt
•Pot, Steamer 40 & 90 qt Basket w/lid
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•Candle, Mechanical 15"
•Candle, Votive Glass
•Candle, Lighter Brass
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•Canopy, Shelter 10x15 White
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•Roll-a-way Bed
•Crib, Folding 27x54

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Runnings has decided to liquidate their complete rental business. Most of the items are nearly new and a few are brand new (never rented). This is a sale you will not want to miss! We hope to see you on April 26th. Rick

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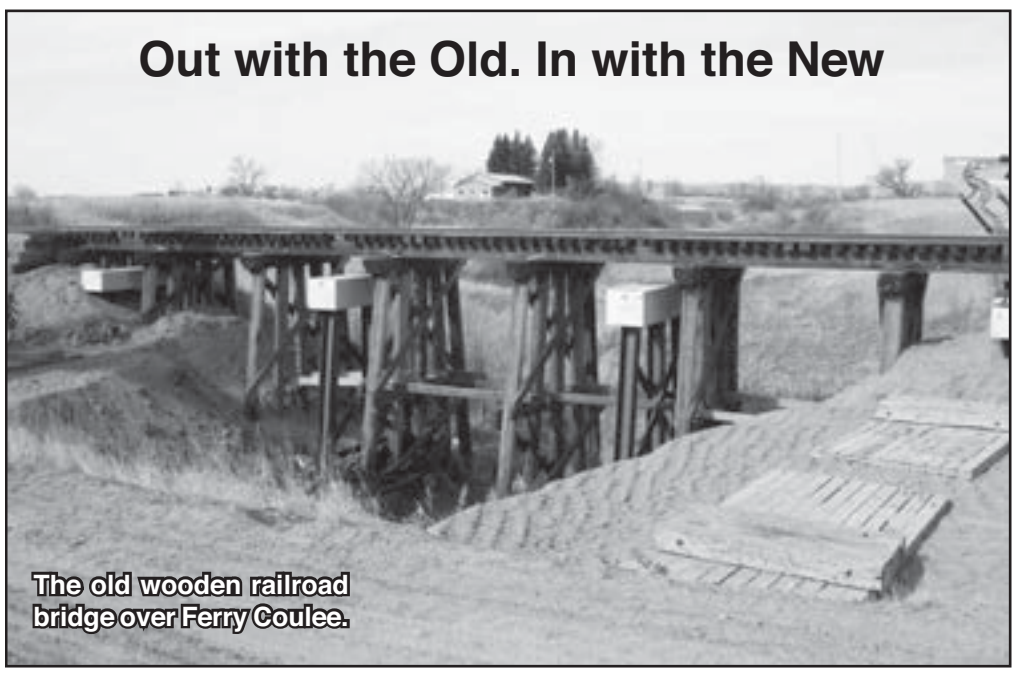

The old wooden railroad bridge over Ferry Coulee.

Maneuvering the concrete bridge section required lots of muscle as well as crane power.

The massive crane starts the middle concrete piece on its way, with guidance from the railroad crew.

The old wooden railroad bridge over Ferry Coulee, approximately 7 miles north of Fairview, was replaced last Wednesday with a new steel and concrete structure. At the same time, BNSF crews were also replacing the north approach to the Snowden Bridge. The railroad line was closed for 14 hours in order to get the work done.

Week of the Young Child

The Sunrise Childcare Association gives away a basket full of baby goodies to the first baby born during the Week of the Young Child. Milanya, daughter of James and Megan Byer was the first born during the Week of the Young Child. Giving the basket to Megan is Kathy Helmuth of the Sunrise Childcare Association. The theme for this year is "I'll walk in your footsteps some day".

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Incase of inclement weather the event will be held on Sunday, April 27

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Clean-up Williston Campaign April 26 – May 3

Submitted by Barbara Peterson

Beginning Saturday, April 26, Williston residents are encouraged to tidy up their personal property: pick up trash and debris, trim trees and shrubs, remove overgrown weeds and mow grass.

"The winter months can really take a toll on the appearance of the City and this event lines up perfectly with the spirit of spring cleaning," said Nick Vasuthasawat, City of Williston code compliance coordinator. "We always encourage property owners to do their part to beautify the City which in turn fosters a sense of community pride and well-being."

Clean-up Williston Week is held prior to the Band Day Festival which attracts thousands of spectators to events in Downtown Williston. The week concludes with a city-wide cleaning campaign on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot of Aafedt Stadium/Davidson Park to receive site assignments and helpful supplies such as gloves, safety vests and garbage bags. Free t-shirts with the slogan I Will Keep Williston Clean. Will You? will be given to helpers while supplies last.

"We have divided the City into sections which are assigned to volunteers," said Clean-up Williston Committee chairperson Dan Manjack.

If any individual, business or organization would like to adopt a specific section prior to Clean-up Williston Day they can call or text Manjack at 701-651-6745.

"We have always relied on volunteers to help with the spring cleaning of the City," said Williston Mayor Ward Koeser. "But the task has grown as our population, traffic and construction has boomed. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts to help make this a fresh and friendly City to live, work and play."

To help with the clean-up effort the City of Williston will have two trash trucks available to pick up trash bags on May 3rd and the landfill will be open free of charge from 8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

"This is a great time to get rid of unwanted items and improve the appearance of our community and neighborhoods," said Manjack.

A number of dumpsters will also be available in the parking lot of Aafedt Stadium/Davidson Park. Residential property owners are encouraged to dispose of qualified electronics, tires and garbage at this time. Williston businesses are asked not to utilize these dumpsters.

A free luncheon will be provided to volunteers at noon at Davidson Park. The Clean-up Williston Committee hopes to see you there!

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STD Awareness Month

Submitted by Lesley Thiessen

Nearly 20 million new sexually transmitted infections occur in the United States every year costing the American healthcare system nearly $16 billion in direct medical costs alone, says a report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC).

American's youth shoulder a substantial burden of these infections. CDC estimates that half of all new STDs in the country occur among young men and women aged 15 to 24. This statistic holds true in Richland County. Of the 13 positive Chlamydia cases in Richland County in 2014, 7 were in men and women ages 15 to 24.

The high incidence of STIs in the general population suggests that many Americans are at risk of exposure to STDs, underscoring the need for prevention.

Despite this news, there are effective ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat STDs. STD screening and early diagnoses are essential in preventing transmission and long term health consequences of STDs. Because testing and education are essential in preventing the spread of STDs, Richland County Family Planning offers STD screenings and education to men, women, and teens of all ages.

Abstaining from sex, reducing the number of sexual partners, and consistently and correctly using condoms are all effective prevention strategies. Safe, effective vaccines are also available to prevent hepatitis B and some types of the human papillomavirus (HPV) that cause disease and cancer. And for all individuals who are sexually active – particularly young people – STI screening and prompt treatment (if infected) are critical to protect a person's health and prevent transmission to others.

More information about STDs is available by calling Lesley Thiessen, RN at the Richland County Health Department at 433-2207 or by visiting www.cdc.gov/std.

USDA's Farm Service Agency Officially Announces Sign-Up Date for Disaster Assistance Programs - Enrollment Begins April 15 for Livestock, Honeybee, Farm-Raised Fish Programs

Submitted by Brad Olson

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced today that farmers and ranchers can sign-up for disaster assistance programs, reestablished and strengthened by the 2014 Farm Bill, beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

"President Obama and Secretary Vilsack made it a priority to begin enrollment for these programs," said Garcia. "For farmers and ranchers who have been awaiting disaster assistance, help is on the way."

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Enrollment also begins on April 15 for producers with losses covered by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) in 2011, when the programs expired, through 2014.

"Looking back at the time between now and when the programs expired in 2011, we've had just about everything nature could come up with thrown at us – extreme cold, heat, blizzards, drought, you name it," said North Dakota FSA State Executive Director Aaron Krauter. "LIP and LFP are going to be especially important to helping North Dakota's livestock producers recover from these disasters."

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as wildfires. TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire.

"To expedite applications, all producers who experienced losses are encouraged to bring records documenting those losses to their local FSA county office," said Krauter.

Producers also are encouraged to contact their county office ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

For more information, producers are encouraged to review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, check out the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online or visit any USDA Service Center.

AUCTION
Charles Dowse Estate & Consignment
Saturday, May 3 , 2014 1:00 pm
Lee's Tire Parking Lot
349 22nd Ave NW~ Sidney, MT

CHARTER BUSES
1988 MCI, Tandem Axel, Automatic Transmission, 8V 92 Detroit , 1 year since major overhaul, w/ bathroom and reclining seats, odometer shows 44,750 NICE
1982 MCI Bus 8V 92 Detroit, 5 speed manual transmission
1981 TMC, Automatic Transmission, 8V 92 Detroit, Major overhaul in 2008

SHOP TOOLS
60 Gallon Campbell Hausfield Air Compressor (like New)
22 Ton pneumatic floor jack
3/4 hp JET Drill press
3 1/2 ton floor Jack
(2) Solvent parts washers
6 in bench grinder on stand
Airluxe pneumatic 1" drive impact gun (NEW)
Neiko 3/4" drive air impact gun
Ingersoll Rand 1" drive air impact gun
3/4" drive ratchet set
1" Drive Budd wheel socket set
Craftsman 3/4 Drive Ratchet set
Complete set of USA made drill bits
10" Table Saw
200/60/30 Carquest Battery Charger
150/250/250 Battery Charger
Alkota Pressure Washer/Steamer (needs Motor)
6 Ton Engine Hoist
Heavy Duty Work Bench
2-Bench Vises on Stands
3-36" Ridgid Aluminum Pipe Wrenches
3-24" Ridgid Steel Pipe Wrenches
2–24" Ridgid Aluminum Pipe Wrenches
2-Air hose racks
8 foot fiberglass folding ladder
6 foot fiberglass folding ladder
Miscellaneous boomers and chains
Lots of Miscellaneous Hand Tools
Shop Creeper
Heavy metal shelving
Saw Horses

SPARE BUS ENGINE AND PARTS
8V 92 Detroit on stand
Air wiper motors
Thermostat for Detroit Engine
Pipe control Valve assembly
Suspension Air Bags
Haldex Brake Adjusters
5-Interstate rebuilt Detroit injectors
3-Front Axel Hubs
3-Bus Windshields
Miscellaneous bearings and other Bus parts

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2-Large plastic Cabinets
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2 Drawer metal filing cabinet
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2001 Kawasaki Mule Side by Side 953 HRS (Runs good)
Late 1980's Honda 4 Traxs 4-Wheeler 2x4
Late 1980's Kawasaki Bayou 4-wheeler 2x4

PICKUP AND CAMPER
1980 Ford F350 400 cu in, Flat Bed 2 Wheel Drive 41,630 miles
1980's 30 foot Fifth Wheel Camper (Nice condition, everything works, Living room, Shower, Propane)

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Campbell Hausfeld 6000 W Generator (like New)
Power Tek 6000 W diesel generator (like New)
Tahoe 9000 W generator (like New)
Gas Powered Air Compressor (like New)
New 3" Water Pump W/Honda GX 200 Engine
2–Water Tanks 400 Gal and 350 Gal

VEHICLE ACCESSORIES (new)
1-set Running Boards and Box Boards for 1999-2004 Chevy-GMC extended cab
1-B&W Turnover ball fits 1999-2009 Ford Superduty
1-Westin Sportsman Grill Guard 1999 and older F250/350
1-Westin Step Bar 1999-2009 Ford Superduty Long Box
Assorted Bed Caps for Chevy/Ford/Dodge Short/Long Box
1-Westin Dodge Quad Cab Step Bar
1-1999-2009 Ford Super duty Cab and Box Board
Assorted Vent Visors
3-M&R Motorcycle wheel chocks
ACCESS COVERS
2004 Ford F250 Super Crew/super Cab 5.5 Box
2- 2002 Dodge Full Size Long Box 1500
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1994 Dodge Full Size Long Box
2000 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab Short Box
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Parents Key in Preventing Underage Drinking

Submitted by Missy Smies for Richland County Partnership for Promise Coalition

As parents, we always worry about our kids, their future and if we are doing the best for them. Now, it is proven that the earlier we begin the discussion on alcohol use, the better the chances they will wait to try alcohol and the less likely they will have problems with abuse or dependence. Teens that experiment with alcohol before age 15 are four times more likely to become alcohol dependent when they are older than those that wait until age 20. (NCADD, 2014) This is why education and prevention are so critically important to reducing alcohol-related problems and alcoholism. In fact, teens that hear the message that underage drinking is not an accepted practice are 80% less likely to try alcohol before the age of 21. And they are listening…3 out of 4 teens say their parents are their biggest influence!

Though progress is being made, underage drinking remains a persistent problem. According to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, about 9.3 million Americans between ages 12-20 report current alcohol consumption; this represents 24% of this age group for whom alcohol consumption is illegal. Among 12-20 year olds, reported rates of past month consumption, binge drinking and heavy alcohol all declined between 2002 and 2012. (Responsibility.org, 2014)

This is the 27th Annual Alcohol Awareness Month and the theme for activities this month and throughout the year will be Help for Today. Hope for Tomorrow. And as shown above, this help and hope begins at home. The community must be involved, but parents and their home are where children learn what they live.

Do you think you need help talking to your kids or how to start this conversation? Here are some tips and resources that will give you ideas and helpful ways on how to start the conversation as you discuss April being Alcohol Awareness Month.

--Do not be afraid to be the bad parent. Say no! You are their parent first and their friend second. Set the rule that alcohol use before they are of age is not tolerated in your family and show responsible alcohol use in your own home. As parents, you are their biggest role model! Most kids drink to get drunk. Do not make it seem alcohol is used for de-stressing or getting drunk.

--Connect with your child's friends and their parents. Know the families your child is spending time with and their beliefs on the subject of underage drinking, and make sure they know you do not tolerate it.

--Promote healthy activities in your family and again, establish clear rules regarding drug and alcohol use in your home, and know where your child is and what they are doing. Encourage them to be active in school or church activities, especially those groups that encourage children to take a Stand against alcohol use.

--Educate yourself on the newest information on alcohol use amongst children, know the signs that your child may be in trouble, and know the resources in your area. Is your child lying, becoming less involved with activities they love, are they struggling in school or having problems with friends? It may be time to get help.

--Be a role model and set a positive example and keep track of any alcohol you may have in your home and your prescription drugs.

--And lastly, get help! If you feel you cannot help your child, reach out to family, friends, clergy or the local resources in your area.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, and as we are spending more time out and about in the warmer weather, celebrating prom and graduations, it is the perfect opportunity to become more educated about Alcohol Use and the effects it has on individuals, families and communities and then share those facts with your children.

For more information on speaking to your children about underage drinking, please contact District II Drug and Alcohol Programs at 406-433-4097, or visit Richland County STAND and StAnD4yOUth on Facebook.

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Submitted by Margaret Oldham

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with the Bureau of Reclamation, co-lead agencies on the Intake Diversion Dam modification project, are seeking public comments on a draft supplement to an environmental assessment that was released in 2010. The supplement identifies alternatives to modify the existing diversion dam located in Intake, Mont. to improve passage for endangered pallid sturgeon and other native fish in the lower Yellowstone River.

"This supplemental EA results from an extensive, collaborative effort from the stakeholders and interested parties that have focused their energy on the goal of finding the most acceptable solution that will benefit the pallid sturgeon, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District and the local economy," said Jerry Benock, Reclamation project manager.

This draft supplement to the 2010 EA is consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and other applicable environmental laws and regulations.

"The existing diversion dam is an impediment to successful upstream and downstream movement of the endangered pallid sturgeon and other native fishes," said Tiffany Vanosdall, U.S. Army Corps project manager. "The proposed modification will improve fish passage for pallid sturgeon consistent with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Extensive coordination occurred with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; and the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project to prepare this draft supplement," according to Vanosdall.

The public is encouraged to provide comments on the draft supplement during the open comment period from April 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014. There will be two public meetings from 6 to 9 p.m. at the following locations:

Apr. 23 Glendive, Mont. Dawson County High School – 900 North Merrill

Apr. 24 Sidney, Mont. Sidney High School – 1012 4th Avenue South East

A formal presentation will occur at 6:30 p.m. followed by an open house.

BACKGROUND: The diversion dam was constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1905 to divert water into a main canal in order to provide a dependable water supply sufficient to irrigate over 50,000 acres of land. For more than 100 years, the dam has likely impeded upstream migration of the federally-listed endangered pallid sturgeon and other native fish due to increased turbulence and velocities associated with the rocks at the dam. In 2007, the Corps received authorization under the Water Resources Development Act to use funds from the Missouri River Recovery Program to assist the Bureau of Reclamation with protecting fish from becoming entrained in the irrigation canal and improving fish passage at the diversion dam. In 2010, the Corps and Bureau of Reclamation finalized an environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact which allowed for construction of a new headworks structure with screens to reduce fish entrainment in the irrigation canal. Construction and screen installation was completed in spring 2012.

The draft supplement is available for viewing at: http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/loweryellowstone/index.html and hardcopies will be available at libraries in Glendive and Sidney, Mont. The public may submit comments via comment forms available at the public meetings. Written comments should be sent to: Bureau of Reclamation, Montana Area Office, ATTN: Intake Diversion Dam EA; PO Box 30137; Billings, MT 59107. Comments can also be emailed to: sha-MTA-LYI@usbr.gov. Comments must be postmarked or received no later than May 1, 2014.

Leadership Class Graduation April 23

Graduation for the 15th Sidney Area Leadership Class will be held at noon Wednesday, April 23 at the Sidney Elks Lodge. Businesses, former graduates and the public are encouraged to attend. Tickets are $12 per person and must be purchased by April 18. Call 433-1916 or visit the Sidney Chamber of Commerce office at 909 S. Central Ave.

The 2013-14 Leadership class members are: Billie Taylor, 1st Bank; Jan Getchell, Sidney Sugars; Janet Cohenour, Blue Rock Products; Jordan Mayer, Interstate Engineering; Joy Barsotti, USDA/ARS/NPARL; Kelly Reisig, Foundation for Community Care; Ludmilla Keller, Richland County Extension; Luella Schow, Security Abstract Company; Melissa Dean, Richland County Sheriff's Office; Natalie Conlin, Sidney-Richland Public Library; Robert Arrowsmith, Sidney Herald; Tyler Radke, Mid-Rivers Communication.

Members of the class have worked hard to achieve graduation. They attended seven issue days and three skills development days, plus a city council meeting and a school board meeting during the length of the class. Each class also develops a project which will be announced at graduation.

The featured speaker will be Arch Ellwein presenting "Richland County's 100 Years of Leaders". In 1910, Eastern Montana consisted of four counties. North to south, they were Valley, Dawson, Rosebud and Custer. Within 15 years those four became 18. Richland County was carved out of Dawson County in 1914. It was a time of exciting change and men and women were up to the challenge.

As actor/ historian, Ellwein will share a little history, experience visiting with tourists over the past ten years and a few choice quotes from Theodore Roosevelt. Ellwein, a local radio broadcaster and educator, has performed as his historic characters over 1700 times in 16 states since 1996.

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Nortana Grain Company Names New General Manager

Nortana Grain Company's Board of Directors is pleased to announce Shane Keller has accepted the position of General Manager. Shane is replacing Rondel Beery, who is retiring.

Shane has been with Nortana for about seven years, most recently in charge of the fuel department. Shane brings a broad understanding of all areas of Nortana's business enterprises and was instrumental in Nortana's purchase of Sweley Oil Company. The board is confident that Nortana will continue to grow under Shane's leadership as it has under the leadership of Rondel Beery for the past seven years. Shane has shared his desire to further grow the co-op by continuing to serve the needs of our patrons. Please join us in congratulating Shane on his new position.

Shane Keller

March of Dimes

March of Dimes held its Walk For Babies Saturday, April 12 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sidney. The Top Corporate Team was Pacific Steel and Recycling, Sidney. The team has raised $1275 so far. Pictured are front, L to R, Cori and Sam Todd, Mary Buske, Tori Todd and Maria Mares-Reed. Pacific Steel manager Dale Gambrel is in the back row.

The top family team was M&M which raised $7000 for the March of Dimes.

Left: Builders Club took top honors for Youth Team, raising $1000. Pictured are back row, L to R, Chase Morehouse, Cole Roberts, Shae Roberts and Lacey Nevins. Front row, L to R, are Advisor Marnee Averett holding Jarret, Tierrany Trudell, Breanna Frank and Cortney Hecker. (Photos by Bill Vander Weele)

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Sidney Ballers Compete in Scobey

Sidney 5th Grade Boys Basketball team won the Scobey Lion's Lil' Roar Basketball Tournament on 4/12/14 in Scobey. Pictured are: Front Row (Left to Right): Boston Peters, Logan Jones and Jaxson Franklin. Back Row (Left to Right): Riley Waters, Hudson Severson, Ian Jurgens and Tate Weiferich. (Coach Dan Peters)

Sidney 8th Grade Boys Basketball team won the Scobey Lion's Lil' Roar Basketball Tournament on 4/13/14 in Scobey. Pictured are: Front Row (Left to Right): Kolby Watterson, Trent DesJarlis, Garrison Hughes and Bridger Larson. Back Row (Left to Right): Alec Lovegren, Max Peters, Layne Swigart, Conner Larson. (Coaches Dan Peters & Jerry Hughes)

Lunch Menus

Sidney School
Thurs., April 17: Corn dogs, oven wedges, apricots, monster bar.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL
Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL
Tues., April 22: Super nachos, tater tots, mandarin oranges.
Weds., April 23: Spaghetti, tossed salad, cheesy bread, peaches.

Rau School
Thurs.April 17: Tuna sandwich, veggies, pretzels, fruit.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21:NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Pork riblet/bun, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce.
Weds., April 23: Cook's choice.

Fairview School
Thurs., April 17: French dip, chips, tossed salad, fruit.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Tatertot hotdish, broccoli, fruit.
Weds., April 23: Hamburger stroganoff over noodles, corn, fruit.

East Fairview
Thurs., April 17: Ham, mac & cheese, deviled eggs, pineapple.
Fri., April 18:NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21:NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Hamburger, pickle spear, green beans, banana.
Weds., April 23: Meatball sub, salad, corn, pears.

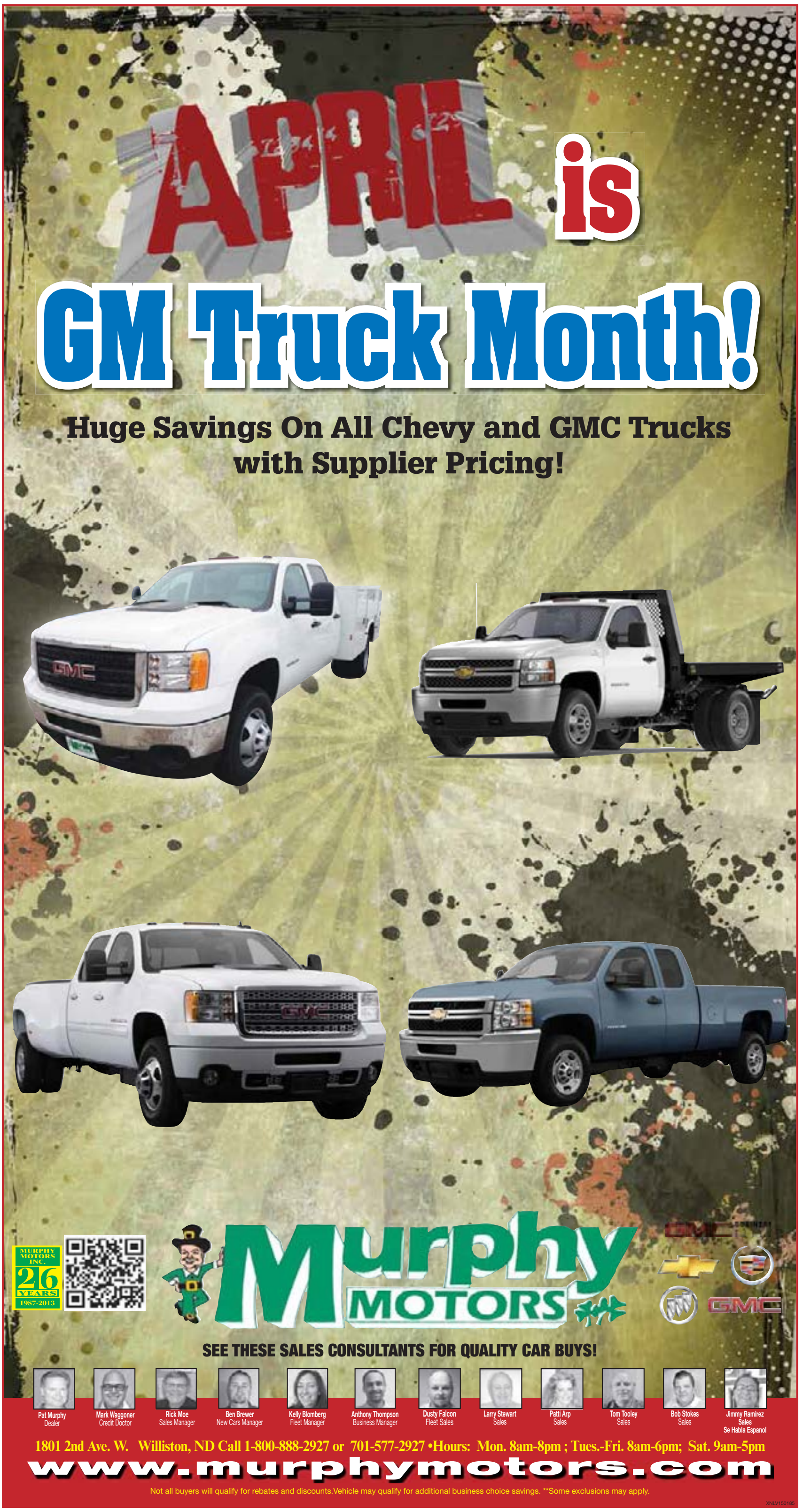
Richey School
Thurs.,April 17: Tatertot casserole, green beans, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Chicke nuggets, peas, applesauce, salad bar.
Weds., April 23: Burritos, potato gems, fruit, salad bar.

Savage School
Thurs., April 17: Baked potato bar, steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon.,April 21:NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: NO SCHOOL.
Weds.,April 23: Sub sandwiches, chicken noodle soup/veg soup, pineapple.

Lambert School
Thurs., April 17 : Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, gravy, mandarin oranges.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21:NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Hamburgers, fries, fresh fruit.
Weds., April 23: Spaghetti, broccoli, peaches.

Culbertson School
Thurs., April 17: Chicken sandwiches with shredded lettuce, smiley fries, peaches.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21:NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Cheeseburger, pickles, lettuce, tomato slices, sweet potato fries, peaches.
Weds., April 23: Turkey, stuffing, corn, mandarin oranges.

Froid School
Thurs., April 17: Taco salad with tortilla chips, snicker salad.
Fri., April 18: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL.
Tues., April 22: Beef rolls, steamed vegetables, kiwi fruit, salad bar.
Weds., April 23: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit jello.



Montana Landowners Would Bear Brunt Of Free Roaming Bison

By Senator Rick Ripley

A Montana district court recently ruled that Montana laws dealing with the wild or domestic status of bison are "ambiguous." Those laws certainly are complicated, and for good reason.

The Montana legislature has purposely given joint jurisdiction over bison to our state's livestock and wildlife agencies because bison pose a unique management situation. They pose a dire threat to Montana's livestock industry because much of the Yellowstone bison herd carries the dangerous disease brucellosis. But more than that, bison have the capacity to do a great deal of damage to private property.

That's why we've made a deliberate choice not to treat bison the way we treat wildlife like deer or elk.

But that district court ruling—which stated that bison that had been taken out of the wild and placed in captivity still be classified as wild, not domestic—weakens the balance we've had for years in bison management.

Some very well funded environmental groups from Washington, DC and New York City would prefer to eliminate the livestock protections completely from our bison management.

They're pushing to relocate bison from Yellowstone National Park onto public land in Eastern Montana, and they've been adamant those bison shouldn't be confined in any way, shape or form. That means that these bison won't just be relocated to public land, but that adjacent private landowners will be forced to host those bison as well.

That's the key implication of this recent district court ruling. If those bison are considered to be wildlife—the same as deer or elk—landowners have no recourse to recover the damages those bison would cause.

Disappointingly, Governor Bullock's Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks has seemed more than willing to go along with this radical plan to force private landowners to bear the brunt of bison relocation.

Amazingly, there seems to be nothing to gain from their radical plan. Bison restoration is already happening in Montana. Thousands of bison have been restored on private and tribal ground in various parts of the state. That model of restoration is working—the animals are on property where they're wanted, and adjacent landowners have recourse should they stray to someplace they're not supposed to be.

It's romantic to think about a Montana landscape from hundreds of years ago, with no fences, no highways, and no people. But it's not practical. Thousands of Montanans make their living from the land, and agriculture remains our state's most important industry. Those livelihoods and that agriculture economy are imperiled by this radical notion that we should have free-roaming bison herds rumbling across the prairie.

Montana FWP is moving full steam ahead with a plan to force bison on private property. They're meeting in Lewistown on April 15 and 16 to discuss not if we should relocate bison, but how many. So far they've ignored the overwhelming public opposition, but they need to keep hearing it. I hope you'll add your voice to the debate.

State Senator Rick Ripley, from Wolf Creek, is the Vice Chairman of the Senate Fish and Game Committee. He was a petitioner in the recent lawsuit challenging FWP's exclusive jurisdiction over translocated Yellowstone Park bison.

MFU Submits Testimony to the STB on Rail Access

Submitted by Sandy Courtnage

Montana Farmers Union (MFU) submitted written testimony on behalf of its statewide membership to the Surface Transportation Board (STB), which held a hearing on rail access today in Washington, D.C.

"MFU appreciates the testimony of NFU President Roger Johnson and of Terry Whiteside of Whiteside & Associates, Billings, who both expertly represented the concerns of agriculture producers in person at the STB hearing," said MFU President Alan Merrill.

"Montana and its neighboring states are experiencing long delays in rail car deliveries," said Merrill. "These delays and car shortages translate into expensive penalties to grain elevators that ultimately are passed on to farmers."

In its written testimony MFU notes that the delays and car availability problems experienced by Montana agriculture producers and others is tied directly to increased export coal traffic from the Powder River Basin (PRB) and the very profitable Bakken oil traffic, both of which are traveling to the Pacific Northwest (PNW).

"Montana grain producers need – and deserve – better service and to be treated as a rail priority," said Merrill.

Further, the MFU testimony suggests several actions to address these service problems:

ask BNSF to share the loss costs (which are significant) with producers, and

dedicate and guarantee a stated portion of rail traffic to agriculture (keeping in mind that the non-shuttle elevators remain a vital resource to support crop diversity in Montana).

Also needing to be addressed and mitigated by the rail company is the potential enormous cost to local communities for infrastructure expenditures that could be triggered by large increases in rail traffic for coal and oil shipments.

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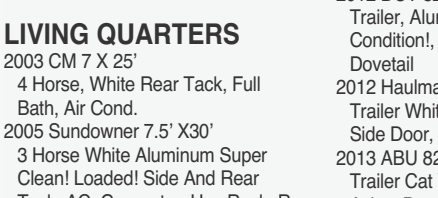
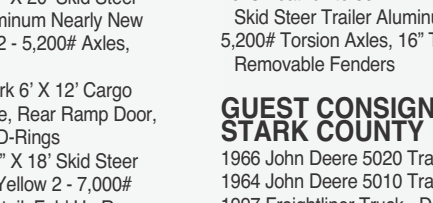
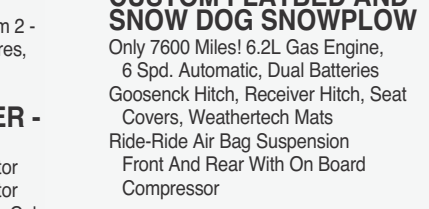

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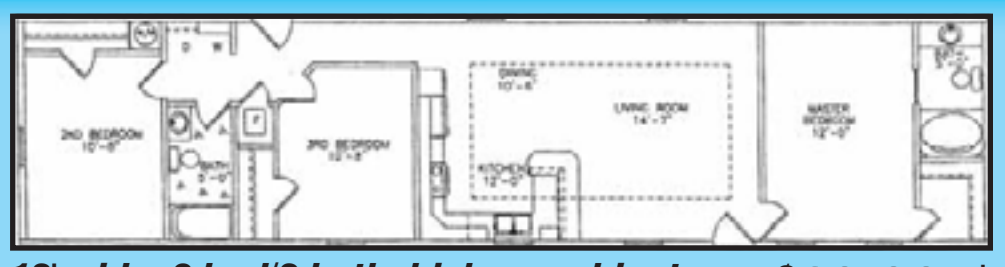

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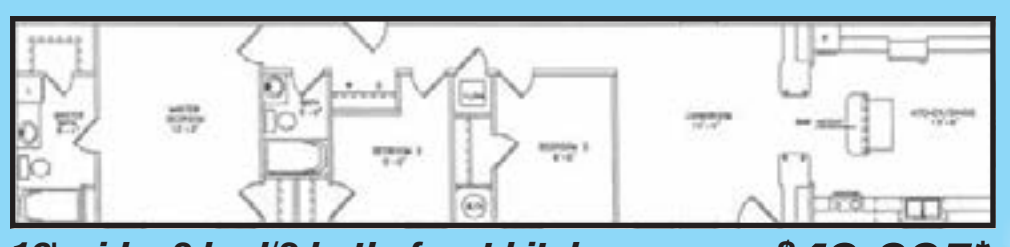

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Watford City Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt – It's EGG-CITING

By Tie Shank

"EXTRA-EXTRA Read All About It"

Watford City Lions Club will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt!

WHEN: Saturday, April 19th at 1:00pm

WHERE: at the Good Shepherd Home, 709 4th Ave NE in Watford City

Lions Club members along with a few volunteers will be filling and hiding over 1500 plastic eggs at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City.

To promote fairness, children will be divided in to two age groups: 0 – 5yrs and 6yrs – 10yrs of age.

There will be a face painting station set up for the kids and last but not least, no Easter egg hunt would be complete without a visit from the Easter Bunny. So, parents bring your cameras and be prepared to take pictures.

Lions Club Secretary Denise Grantier states, "It's a fun family event that we enjoy doing for the community. With the influx of people coming in to our area, we also see this as an opportunity to meet others in the community."

Jackie Beasley from the Good Shepherd Home expresses the excitement of the residents of the home, "Our residents enjoy watching the kids find their Easter eggs. If the weather is good, many of our residents watch from the courtyard. If the weather is bad, they gather in the Sunshine room and watch through the windows."

Gather the kids and join the Watford City Lions Club members for the Easter Egg Hunt eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 19th.

Mary Sims, resident of the Good Shepherd Home, Watford City, enjoyed watching a previous Easter Egg Hunt and a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Corban Sorenson is quick to gather up some eggs during a previous Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Watford City Lions Club (Photos by Kathy Taylor).

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Test All Baby Boomers for Hepatitis C: Experts - This generation Has Highest Rate of Infection, Likely Contracted Decades Ago

Submitted by Julie Brodhead

All adults born between 1945 and 1965 -- the baby boom generation -- should be screened for the hepatitis C virus along with injection-drug users and anyone transfused before 1992, according to new recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

The guidelines, released Monday, mirror recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provide a long-awaited policy from the task force, an independent panel of experts.

"For everyone born between 1945 and 1965 we recommend a one-time screening," said task force member Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, an associate professor in residence at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine.

People in this age group account for three-quarters of all hepatitis C cases in the United States, Bibbins-Domingo said. Many contracted the disease decades ago but don't know it.

Hepatitis C -- a leading cause of liver damage and liver disease in the United States -- is considered a silent killer because it progresses without any indications of illness. More than 30 percent of U.S. patients needing liver transplants have end-stage liver disease related to hepatitis C.

"The challenge is that many people have hepatitis C and don't have signs and symptoms of the disease," Bibbins-Domingo said. "Those people should be identified and consider treatment."

An estimated 3.9 million people are infected with hepatitis C in the United States, the task force said. Unlike other types of hepatitis, there is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

In its 2004 statement, the task force advised against routine screening of adults without symptoms and high risk of infection. It also said it had too little evidence to recommend for or against routine screening for adults with high risk of infection.

It became apparent, however, that two-thirds of infected people weren't getting screened, while treatment was becoming more successful.

"Many people appear to benefit from treatment," Bibbins-Domingo said. "That is what led the task force to conclude that it is beneficial for people to find out they have hepatitis C in order to seek treatment."

Dr. Marc Siegel, an associate professor of medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center in New York City, said he welcomes the new guidelines, which were published June 25 in the Annals of Internal Medicine.

"I am absolutely thrilled that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which has had a head-in-the-sand approach toward screening, has come out for a one-time screening for hepatitis C," Siegel said.

Siegel encourages everyone at risk to get tested.

Screening for hepatitis C involves a simple, inexpensive blood test. Those who test positive usually receive a course of antiviral medication over several months. Most people have no detectable virus following treatment, Bibbins-Domingo said. "Treatment is effective in preventing the complications of hepatitis C," Bibbins-Domingo said. "Treatments have gotten better, and I suspect treatments will continue to get better."

Many people who test positive for the virus have no signs of active infection. Whether they should be treated should be discussed with their doctor, she said.

Although baby boomers should have a one-time screening, those who continue to be at risk for the infection should be screened more often, Bibbins-Domingo said.

Past or current injection-drug use is the greatest risk for hepatitis C infection. Also at high risk are people with a history of blood transfusions before widespread adoption of screening and infection-control measures in 1992; people who have undergone long-term dialysis treatment; and those with exposure to hepatitis C in health care settings. People with HIV/AIDS, a history of intranasal drug use or tattoos from unregulated or unsafe parlors also are at greater risk than the general population.

This expanded screening may identify millions of Americans who were unaware of their infection, the task force said.

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Montana Red Cross Honors Volunteers during National Volunteer Week

Submitted by Anna Fernandez-Gevaert

This National Volunteer Week, April 6 - 12, the American Red Cross of Montana is celebrating its volunteers and the work they do in our local communities to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

Over 300 volunteers serve with Montana Red Cross alone. Nationally, the Red Cross has nearly 400,000 volunteers, which represent more than 90 percent of the Red Cross workforce.

"Our volunteers respond to house fires, teach lifesaving skills, support our military members in the community and much more," said Colleen Tone, Disaster & Program Officer at Montana Red Cross, "They help us fulfill our lifesaving mission every day, and we are deeply grateful for their service."

Last year Montana Red Cross volunteers provided food, shelter, comfort and hope to 568 individuals who faced home fires and other disaster situations. They trained 14,401 people in lifesaving skills and provided pre-deployment briefings to 2,495 military families as well as 1,081 other services to military members, veterans and their families.

They also helped collect 40,000 units of blood for 30 hospitals in Montana. On average, the Red Cross must collect about 15,000 pints of blood every day from volunteer blood donors to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

The Red Cross invites Montanans to sign up to volunteer and be a part of the lifesaving work it does. "While we welcome volunteers of all ages and skill levels, we especially need professional-level volunteers who can take on leadership roles in disaster response," explains Tone. "These roles require long-term commitment, training and follow-through."

Anyone who wants to learn more about disaster response or other volunteer opportunities at Red Cross can go to redcross.org/montana and submit a volunteer application.

They can also download the Team Red Cross app through which they can sign up to help, get an overview on basic tasks and receive notifications about local Red Cross volunteer opportunities. The Team Red Cross App can be found in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store by searching for American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/mobileapps.

You can help people affected by disasters at home and around the world, by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters. Visit www.redcross.org/montana or call 1-800-ARC-MONT (1-800-272-6668). Contributions may also be sent to American Red Cross of Montana, 1300 28th Street South, Great Falls, MT 59405.

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The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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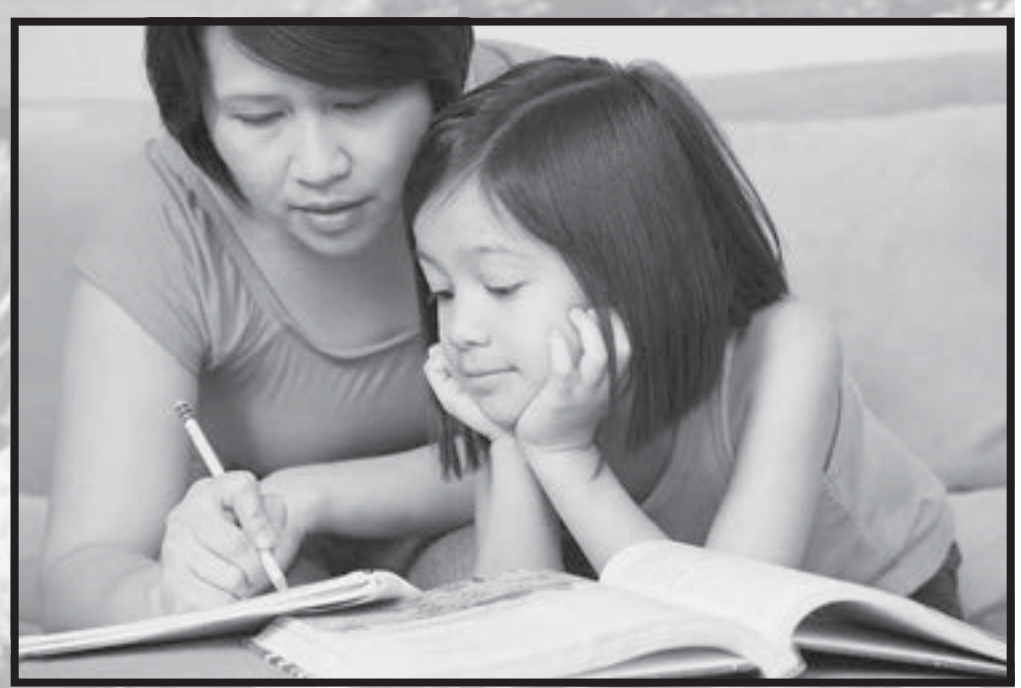

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Smart Shopping Tips for Budget-Savvy Baby Boomers

(BPT) - While the economy is moving again, many Americans - baby boomers included - continue to realize the importance of good money management skills. Boomers are focused on making the most of their money by boosting earnings, investing more and shopping smarter.

"Smart shopping isn't about spending less on something, but about making sure you get the best value for the money you spend," says America's top lifestyle expert and author Mar Jennings. "Fortunately, with some savvy shopping tactics, it's possible to stretch your dollars without skimping on your lifestyle."

Jennings offers some sMARt shopping tips for boomers:

* Plan shopping trips before you leave the house. Make lists, map out your route and consolidate errands into one trip. You'll not only save time and gas, you'll cut down on impulse buys that will affect how much you spend overall.

* Keep quality in mind when you're tempted to buy less expensive brands of everyday necessities.

* Try samples before investing in a full-sized product. Many manufacturers offer free samples of everyday items - like laundry detergent or personal care products - through their websites. Sampling products can help ensure you spend money only on things that you know you'll use and work well for you.

* If you have the storage space, don't be afraid to stock up when something you use often is on sale. Buying something you know you will use when the price is right ensures you won't end up paying more when you run out of it.

* Coupon, coupon, coupon! Digital coupons have made it easier than ever to save. Consumers have embraced high-tech mobile coupons as a "green" and convenient alternative to traditional paper coupons. Look for a free app, like Retail Me Not, that allows you to select your favorite stores and use online or in-store coupons. You can even opt in to receive emails with additional discount offers.

* When you're buying a big-ticket item, ask for a discount, even if none is advertised. More retailers these days are open to negotiation, and often the difference between paying full price and getting a discount is simply asking for one.

* Pay cash whenever possible and minimize credit card purchases. It's human nature - and a tried-and-true tactic - that seeing actual dollar bills go out of your wallet underscores the fact that you're spending real money. Paying with a credit or debit card often doesn't have the same psychological effect. Spending cash can make you think twice about impulse purchases.

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Learn How Speaking to Your Doctor May Have a Positive Effect On Your Rheumatoid Arthritis

(BPT) - For the 1.3 million people across the United States who have rheumatoid arthritis (RA), pain is often a part of life. RA patients can experience pain and stiffness on a daily basis. The disease affects nearly three times as many women as men.

If you have been diagnosed with RA, there is help out there. Having a conversation with your rheumatologist is a start to getting the care you need. Studies show that early diagnosis and treatment of RA can help slow the progression of joint damage.

"We recommend consulting with your doctor and telling them how RA affects your life," says Ann M. Palmer, president and CEO of the Arthritis Foundation. "Your rheumatologist's goal is to understand your symptoms and everyday challenges and work with you to develop a plan to help manage your disease."

RA can be difficult to diagnose, which can create a lag between the onset of symptoms and the initiation of treatment. The disease causes chronic inflammation in the lining of the joints, which can lead to decreased range of motion and permanent joint damage. Therefore, the sooner a patient discusses potential treatment options with their rheumatologist, the better.

The Arthritis Foundation suggests RA patients do some homework before visiting their doctor by "Taking P.A.R.T." Taking P.A.R.T. means a patient should:

* Prepare: You should keep a journal of symptoms and compile a list of questions for your doctor. List all of your medications, including prescriptions, over-the-counter remedies and even herbal supplements.

* Ask questions: You should ask questions whenever something doesn't seem clear and ask about treatment options that may fit your symptoms and lifestyle. This will help to ensure you understand what's going on and how to best manage your condition. Keep it simple, specific and direct.

* Repeat: Take notes and repeat the instructions and information you receive from your doctor to make sure you heard and understand it. Ask for written handouts and instructions.

* Take action: Be part of the solution. Let your doctor know about your lifestyle, concerns and preferences so a treatment plan can be customized to your specific needs.

The Arthritis Foundation has launched a national campaign called Let's Talk RA, sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb, to educate RA patients on how to better communicate with their rheumatologists and to highlight how important a doctor-patient relationship is to patient care.

A free Let's Talk RA communication kit that can help patients take a more active role in their care is available from the Arthritis Foundation at, www.letstalkra.org, or by calling (800) 568-4045.

Fairview Memories

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The Fairview News Thurs, May 17, 1951 Many Factors Govern Success of Farm Flocks

Just having sheep around the farm is a long way from making a success of the small farm flock and the News reporter recently found two young men who like the sheep business as well as the average fish likes water.

On the John Reidle farm their son Earl, pictured with his dad and mother, enjoys all departments of sheep raising and has been of great help to his father, particularly during lambing.

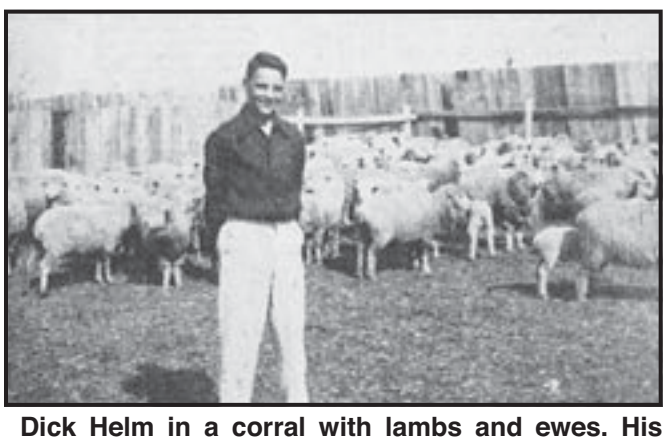
The Reidles have 164 ewes and thus far have 190 lambs. It is their second year with a farm flock and they find it pays better than any department on the farm. The Reidles have used Hamp bucks the past year but plan to return to Columbias. They likewise want more two and three year old ewes in their herd. The Reidle pasture consists of 35 acres dryland and 30 acres irrigated. Last year the dryland pasture was good enough so that they did not have to use the irrigated section.

"Watch out for old ewes that are speargrassed," said John. "They are no good for lambing."

On the Oscar Helm farm their son Dick has the No. 1 interest in sheep. He started out with a 4-H project and currently has eight ewes and 13 lambs of his own. They are crossbred Columbias.

Oscar Helm has had a small farm flock for several years and has about 130 ewes that have mostly lambed. He finds it a profitable operation and although he needs some irrigated pasture he ranges his ewes on fenced ditch banks and waste pasture as long as the feed will hold out.

The Helms started lambing about mid-March and are equipped to handle their flock in the usual manner with shelter, jugs and mixing pens.



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