The dreams of another 90 Montana World War II veterans to visit their memorial in Washington, D.C. will take flight in September.

Organizers for Big Sky Honor Flight announced today (Thursday, July 19, 2012) that the second group of Montana World War II veterans will make their trip to the nation’s capitol on Sept. 23-24, 2012 as a tribute to their service to America.

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors, family and individual donors, Big Sky Honor Flight is able to make its second flight in less than four months. The first flight was June 15-16.

“Our first trip was such a total success, thanks to the donors and volunteers,” said Big Sky Honor Flight Committee Vice President Bill Kennedy. “Because of them, we will continue to bestow this honor on more of our World War II veterans.”

Big Sky Honor Flight’s mission is to recognize World War II veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington, D.C. — at no cost to them — to see their memorial. Top priority is given to terminally ill veterans. A total of 97 veterans took first flight and nearly 300 have applied to be a part of the program.

The second flight will leave Logan International Airport on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 a.m. and return on Monday, Sept. 24 at 9 p.m. The chartered jet will be about 90 veterans, 36 escorts, four members of a medical team, six media representatives as well as members of the Big Sky Honor Flight committee, who help the veterans on the trip. A pre-flight meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9 in Billings where more specifics of the flight and the agenda will be discussed with the veterans.

The trip will include stops at important memorials and landmarks in the Washington area, including Arlington National Cemetery. The highlight of the trip will be a stop at the National World War II Memorial, which opened in 2004 as a tribute to the millions of Americans who served and died for the freedom we still enjoy today.

Continued support from corporate sponsors such as BNSF Railway, businesses such as Lithia Dodge and Kadmas, Lee and Jackson and ongoing personal donations and family fundraisers all make the flight possible, Kennedy said. About $152,000 is needed to get each flight off the ground.

Since the Big Sky Honor Flight committee began its work last fall, personal donations and commitments have been remarkable. One donation that helped push fundraising over the top for this second flight came from Monty Erickson of Sidney.

Erickson, who operates a land survey company with his son in northeastern Montana, has donated $10,000 to the endeavor.

“I respect veterans and military people and just wanted to do this,” Erickson said. “Some veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice, of course, but I think veterans gave more than they should have for us.”

Erickson said he will challenge others in the “oil patch” to help with the Big Sky Honor Flight cause and has a goal of raising $50,000 for the next flights.

The overall fundraising continues as the group aims to get another two or three flights scheduled from Montana in the next two years.

“It is a big goal, but it’s the least we can do for this group of Montanans who were so brave when this country need it the most,” said Tina Vauthier, the committee’s co-president. “There are a few thousand World War II veterans left in Montana and we are truly in a race against time to get these flights finished.”

Big Sky Honor Flight is a non-profit organization and is part of a national network that aims to recognize the courage and sacrifice of the “Greatest Generation.” Honor Flight was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and retired Air Force captain from Ohio as a tribute to the veterans to whom he provided care. In May 2005, Morse arranged for six small planes to transport 12 World War II veterans to Washington D.C., to see their memorial.

By the end of the first year Honor Flight had transported 137 World War II veterans to see their memorial. By the end of 2011 the national Honor Flight Network had flown about 83,000 veterans to see their memorial.

The National World War II Memorial pays tribute to the 16 million Americans who served during the war. Through the Honor Flight Network, veterans are flown to see their memorial on a “first-come, first-serive basis” with preference given to terminally ill veterans.

To find out more about Big Sky Honor Flight, how to donate and how veterans can apply, go to www.bigskyhonorflight.org or call 406-690-4613. All donations are tax-deductible.

Tina Vauthier, left, and Bill Kennedy, far right, two of the leaders of the Big Sky Honor Flight organizing committee, lead a round of applause for World War II veterans Al Litle and Del Olsen (seated) for their service. Litle and Olsen were among the veterans to be a part of the first Big Sky Honor Flight that took place in June. Big Sky Honor Flight organizers announced Thursday that the next flight will take place Sept. 23-24. With Vauthier and Kennedy is Chris Reinhard, the Big Sky Honor Flight’ committee secretary.
McKenzie Building Center Adds Special Boom-Crane Delivery Truck - The Only One Of Its Kind In The Area

The newest addition to McKenzie Building Center’s delivery capabilities is the boom-crane delivery truck that they just took delivery of this week.

“This will allow us to effortlessly deliver shingles to a roof top, or sheetrock to upper floors of homes and apartment buildings, and of course deliver large secure loads directly to a job site without having workmen sprain backs taking off the load,” said Russ Archer, Vice President.

“This is the only truck of its kind in the area and will make the deliveries of heavy and large building materials more efficient and safe, also depending on the materials purchased, most deliveries are free of charge or just have a small fee,” added Anthony Floreno, Chief Operating Officer.

The truck is capable of bringing out 26,000 pounds of materials with no damage to materials and is the only type of equipment in the area that will allow the quick delivery for customers of any type of building materials.

“We have also added to our expanding business two outside sales personnel who will be calling on contractors and do-it-yourselfers building homes or outfitting their farms and ranches with new fencing or lumber materials that they may need: Geo La Roche, who has an extensive background in construction and building design and remodeling; Steve Schaeffel who has 35 years experience as a lumber yard manager, contractor sales and as a truss plant manager,” added Mr. Floreno.

Additionally, the company is expanding its lumber yard and is still recruiting and looking for additional sales staff both as outside and inside sales.

“This grant will help support jobs during the construction phase but will also help improve safety at the Sidney-Richland Airport. I’m pleased to see this smart investment going to work for Montana and will keep working on any and every way to make sure local communities have the resources they need to embrace the opportunities related to the oil and gas boom in Eastern Montana.”

Montana’s senior U.S. Senator Max Baucus announced a major investment into the Sidney-Richland Airport today with a more than $2.1 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. As part of Baucus’ ongoing Call to Action in the Bakken, Baucus says the transportation infrastructure grant will help the local community handle increased pressure on services related to the oil and gas boom in Eastern Montana.

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The $2.12 million transportation infrastructure grant will support construction jobs for rehabilitating the taxiway and improving safety on the airfield during low visibility conditions.

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Residents of Richland County and the surrounding areas will gather at the Richland County Fairgrounds on July 27 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in this community. Over the previous decade, MonDak Relay For Life has raised more than $500,000 in support of the American Cancer Society's vision of a world with less cancer and more birthdays for programs and services benefitting Richland County residents.

Numerous individuals have participated in this Relay every year, including Sidney resident Anne Kimbrell. In 2003, Anne’s sister Cathy passed away after battling a brain tumor. Upon returning from Littleton, Anne saw in the newspaper that Sidney was having a Relay For Life event, which was a 12-hour walk for cancer.

“At that moment I decided to walk the entire 12 hours for 12 years in memory of Cathy’s 12 year battle,” stated Kimbrell. “I feel honored to be a part of this uplifting event honoring Cathy and everyone else that has been affected by cancer.”

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening; this however is not required to participate. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups… people from all walks of life all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society’s efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, after finding cures and by fighting back.

“Relay For Life draws attention to the progress being made in the fight against cancer,” said April Boehler, MonDak Relay volunteer event co-chair. “Many participants are our family, friends, and neighbors who have faced cancer themselves. Their involvement helps bring hope that, together, we can eliminate cancer as a major health problem.”

Information about how to form a team or become involved in MonDak Relay For Life is available at mondkrelayforlife.org or by calling 406-489-6981. MonDak Relay For Life can also be found on Facebook.

**N.D. Creeps Into Worst Drought Since 2008**

The U.S. Drought Monitor, updated weekly, shows drought is impacting 36 percent of North Dakota, according to Adnan Akyuz, state climatologist and assistant professor of climatology at North Dakota State University.

“This is the worst drought to hit North Dakota since September 2008,” Akyuz says. “Today 16 percent of the state is under severe drought and 10 percent of the state is under moderate drought.”

Drought started to creep into the state at the end of November 2011 after a record drought-free stretch. North Dakota was drought-free for 115 consecutive weeks from September 15, 2009, through November 29, 2011.

“At the beginning, the drought was a welcome change after three back-to-back major floods on the Red River,” Akyuz says. “However, changing weather patterns led to the conditions in which precipitation no longer could overcome evaporative demand and the demand for the plants to sustain healthy growth.”

“But at the beginning of the planting season this spring, if the soil had not been charged with moisture from the previous wet season, conditions would have been much worse,” Akyuz adds.

He is concerned about the moisture recharge this fall.

“Even if the weather pattern changed now, it might not help the crop that is already in the field,” he says. “However, the change is desperately needed to recharge the soil before getting into the freeze so that moisture could be utilized for the spring planting next year.”

But Akyuz sees no changes in the weather pattern during the next two seasons. That means the above-normal temperatures forecasted for this fall and winter would exacerbate the ongoing drought conditions in North Dakota, he says.

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The Richland County Family Resource Center is inviting you to attend a lunch and learn program for parents with young children, titled 1,2,3,4 Parents! This parenting class is designed for all parents, grandparents and caregivers with children ages one to four years old. Thank you to our many friends for the comforting cards, memories, beautiful flowers, delicious food and the heartfelt prayer.

The Marvin Wambach Family

You are invited to the kickoff to the Roosevelt County Fair on Wednesday, August 8 with a style show and quilt display at the Old Armory. Refreshments start at 6:30 P.M. followed by the style show at 7 P.M. Take a peek at hot, new, fall fashions for young and old alike from area businesses. See the latest stories from Creekside Clothiers, Vanity, Bryans, Little Muddy Dry Goods, Hi-Line Sports, The Other Place, and many more!

Register for fabulous door prizes and enjoy delicious cake for Montana 4-H 100 year celebration. This year’s cake is a delicious cake made by Cheryl Arthur in memory of Dorothy Hofman, long time Roosevelt County Extension agent.

There will also be homemade quilts from the past decade on display. Perhaps you have a quilt grandma made or you have constructed yourself, we will display them all! Pull out those precious quilts and display them at the 4-H Celebration of 100 Years Style Show. The deadline to display your quilts is Friday, August 3. Contact the office at 787-5312 for more information or stop by the MSU Extension office at 307 Broadway, located next to the library. We would love to display your quilts.

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To all our vendors…you rock! The support we receive is appreciated by both the Chamber as well as the vendors that attend; the event would not be successful without you and your participation! Thank you again, The Sunrise Festival Committee

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Fort Peck Sakakawea

Current Elevation 2236.4 1837.7
Last Week’s Eves 2236.7 1837.7
One Year Ago 2236.1 1853.2
Release For Day (C.F.S.) 11,100 24,200

Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date Fort Peck Sakakawea Precip.
July 15 84 68 ......... 0.00
July 16 81 67 ......... 0.00
July 17 94 69 ......... 0.00
July 18 83 65 ......... 0.29
July 19 98 66 ......... 0.00
July 20 104 70 ......... 0.00
July 21 88 68 ......... 0.00

Sidney Weather Data

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

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July 20 84 67 ......... 0.00
July 21 95 64 ......... 0.30

YTD Precipitation 8.53 2012 YTD Precipitation 5.20

Elvis Presley, 87, Sidney, MT

Memorial service for Elvis Redlin was 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 25 at Pella Lutheran Church with Pastor Charline Lines officiating. Interment of cremains will be in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Elvis died on Sunday, July 15, 2012 in Billings, MT at St. Vincent’s Health Care Center.

Evelyn Dreyer, 81, Sidney, MT

Funeral service for Evelyn Dreyer was Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church with Pastor Matt Richard officiating. Interment was in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

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Elvis died at her home on Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

EVENTS

Send us your events! The Roundup: PO Box 1207, 111 West Main, Sidney, MT 59270 406-433-3306 Fax: 406-433-4114 Email: classads@esidney.com

Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., July 25
7 p.m.—Prayer Service for those touched by cancer—Lonsdale United Methodist Church, 205 3rd Ave. SE.
7 p.m.—Gambler’s Anonymous, Miller’s Corner back room.

Thurs., July 26
6:30 p.m.—AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church
7 p.m.—Senior Potluck-813 3rd St. NE
8 p.m.—NA meeting, Millers’ Corner banquet room.

Fri., July 27
10 p.m.—Mondak Relay For Life-Fairgrounds, 2118 W. Holly, mondakrelayforlife.org

Sat., July 28
9 a.m. & 7 p.m.—AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln
5 p.m.—Rand Souris-Sidney Saddle Club. Info: Tabitha 406-478-4399

Sun., July 29
7 p.m.—AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln

Mon., July 30
12 p.m.—AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln

Tues., July 31
7 p.m.—AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., July 25
8 p.m.—Al-Anon, Sidney Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.

Thurs., July 26
8 p.m.—AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

See all monthly events on our calendar at www.roundupweb.com.
Buford State Historic Site

Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29

Legenday Missouri River steamboat captain Grant Marsh returns to Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston the weekend of July 28-29, 2012. Performed by Arch Ellwein in the popular History Alive! pro-

gram, Grant Marsh will dis-
cuss his life as a steamboat captain on the Missouri River. His monologue is set in the early 1900s when Marsh was in his late 60s.

Performances of Grant Marsh are scheduled for Sat-
urdays, July 28 and Sunday, July 29 at Fort Buford State Historic Site at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (CT).

Ellwein is a touring ac-
tor/historian and Williston- Sidney area playwright and theater director. Ellwein has done over 1,500 perfor-
mances since 1996, bringing historical figures to life for audi-
dences in 16 states, includ-
ing Captain Grant Marsh, probably best known as the Missouri River steamboat captain of the Far West, which brought back the wounded after the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.

The State Historical So-
ciety of North Dakota spon-
sors the History Alive! pro-
gram to explore the lives and times of decades gone by. Begun in 1988, the unique program combines the the-
eter arts with history. The 20-
minute monologues are based on original letters, dia-
ries and other documents, many from the archives of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Montana Has Thousands of Dams, Training Offered to Owners

Montana has 3,500 in-
vented concrete dams, as many as 10,000 if stock ponds are included, says Michele Lemieux, manager of the Montana Dam Safety Program and civil engineer with the Montana Depart-
ment of Natural Resources and Conservation.

Although most of those dams are too small or remote to endanger human life if they fail, it’s important that owners know how to inspect, main-
tain and operate them, Lemieux said. To provide that training, the DNRC hired Montana Watercourse at Montana State University to organize free workshops that will target the owners of small Montana dams.

“Failures have great im-
 pact on county resources, often involving local sheriff, county commissioners, county road crews and local emergency responders,” Lemieux said. “In many in-
spections, local emergency responders are unfamiliar with the dams located in their area and the dangers they pose. Providing county per-
sontel with training and in-
formation on how to identify and minimize damage.”

Janet Bender-Keigley, program coordinator for Montana Watercourse, orga-
nized a May 31 workshop in Harloton and said other workshops will be held this year.

Scheduled so far are an Aug. 3 workshop in Kalispell and a Sept. 15 workshop in Billings. Each will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and include a free lunch. The Kalispell workshop will be held at the Montana Depart-
ment of Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters at 490 N. Meridian Road. Participants must register by July 31.

The Billings workshop will be held at the Northern Plains Re-
source Council at 220 South 27th Street. Participants must register by Aug. 13.

To reserve a spot, call (406) 994-6671 or email mwwatercourse@montana.edu.

Plans are under way for fall workshops in Great Falls, Malta and Miles City. Bender-Keigley said.

Participants will learn how to inspect dam outlets and pipes and control aquatic weeds and inva-
sive species, Bender-Keigley said. The workshops will also cover concrete repair and the actions in case of dam failure.

Lemieux recommends that owners of small rural Montana dams inspect their dams annually and after any noticeable earthquake. Northwest and southwest Montana have the highest probability of seismic activ-
ty, Lemieux said. Among other things, owners should exam-

"When they fail, they can take out the whole dam," Lemieux said.

She added that failure of corrugated metal pipes is the most common cause of dam failures in Montana.

Failures become more common as dams begin to age, and most of those fail-
ures are caused by a lack of preventative maintenance, Lemieux said.

Lemieux said. Some of Montana’s dams are more than 100 years old, with most of the older dams made out of earth and the larger made from concrete.

Montana’s dams serve a variety of purposes, includ-
ing flood control, irrigation, water supply for livestock and recreation. Small ponds built for their aesthetic value tend to be located in West-
ern Montana, while dams in Eastern Montana are more likely used for irrigation or livestock, Lemieux said.

Funding for the dam owner workshops came from a $17,000 grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the DNRC.
Montana Small Business Benefits
From Small Business Jobs Act

As part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, the Small Business Administration provided temporary authority allowing refinancing of existing eligible debt under the SBA 504 loan program. The program, administered through Certified Development Companies (CDCs), typically finances acquisition of owner occupied commercial property and large equipment. In an effort to stimulate the economy, the loan program can now temporarily refinance certain eligible debt on property.

Montana Community Finance Corporation, in partnership with Zions First National Bank, Idaho Falls, ID, obtained SBA approval under this temporary authority, the first such loan made in the State of Montana since this change was made to the program.

Derek Ence, Ence Properties LLC owner dba Hotel Developers Missoula Staybridge, said “I think the SBA helping us small business owners refinance our property in this difficult lending environment is a very helpful thing to help the economy recover and provide jobs for our good local people.”

Zions Bank utilized the new SBA 504 Refinance Program to benefit the customer, local community/economy and to strengthen Zions Bank’s position, including:
- giving Zions Bank some flexibility if the borrower/hotel requests future funding needs to capitalize F&E improvements;
- offering the SBA portion at a low fixed rate for 20 years, benefitting the borrower’s cash flow; and
- increasing the term of the loan to 10 years instead of the standard 5 years, with SBA backing, utilizing a 25-year amortization.

Linda Kindrick, Montana Community Finance Corporation executive director, the CDC that facilitated the loan approval, said “Derek is a great customer and business owner. He was easy to work with in preparing the application for the loan. Allan Woolley, Zions Bank, was also very accommodating in supplying all the information needed to meet the requirements for refinance of their existing debt. We are proud to have been able to help both the business and the bank take the next step.”

The refinance of certain eligible debt is a temporary program that ends Sept. 27, 2012. Banks and small businesses need to act fast to take advantage of this great refinancing option.

The basics of the SBA 504 refinance loan are simple:
- To be eligible, the small business must be a for-profit company that has a tangible net worth of less than $15 million and after tax profit of less than $5 million.
- The debt to be refinanced must have been entered into at least 24 months prior to the SBA refinance application.
- The qualified debt must be for a commercial loan which is current and has been paying as agreed under the original or modified bank terms for the past 12 months.
- The eligible small business must currently occupy 51% of the property to be refinanced.
- The refinance amount can be up to 90% of the appraised value of the subject property.
- Existing SBA 504 projects and government-guaranteed loans are not eligible to be refinanced.

Montana Community Finance Corporation (MCFC) is a Certified Development Company licensed and regulated by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to deliver 504 loan financing. MCFC’s role is to package, process, close and service SBA 504 loans in the state of Montana and has been doing so since 1984. The professional staff, located in Helena, works with the lender and/or the small business owner to tailor a financing package that meets program guidelines and the credit criteria of the business. Contact MCFC at 406-443-3261 or mtcommunityfinance.org to see how they can help you – whether it be refinance of existing debt or new financing.

2nd Annual Aaron Chatten Memorial Co-ed Softball Tournament July 27-29

The 2nd Annual Aaron Chatten Memorial Co-ed Softball Tournament will be held this year on Friday, July 27th through Sunday, July 29th at Fort Peck, Montana. There is a $125 entry fee, and a $500 added purse with sweatshirts for 1st Place. For more information call Jory Casterline at 406-698-4743.

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Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer has joined with America's leading child anti-hunger organization, Share Our Strength, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), and a diverse group of businesses, nonprofit and government leaders to launch Montana No Kid Hungry.

This public-private partnership is dedicated to ending childhood hunger in Montana by promoting proven strategies that increase the number of Montana children who eat healthy meals offered through after-school and supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

“We all share the responsibility of making sure that no child in Montana goes hungry,” Governor Schweitzer said. “Montana is a state known for growing the food that helps feed our nation. It’s time to make sure that all of Montana’s children have access to the food and basic nutrition they need to be healthy and grow and, in partnership with Share Our Strength, we can do just that.”

More than 48,000 children (21.8%) in Montana are at risk of hunger. That means that more than one in five children live in families struggling to put food on the table. Studies show that children who face hunger can have trouble focusing, complain often of headaches, stomachaches and other ailments, have slow memory recall, and are likely to have long-term health and productivity problems into adulthood.

Montana No Kid Hungry aims to increase awareness about the availability of federal-funded nutrition programs, including the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. DPHHS oversees administration of all three of these programs and works to increase the economic security and self-sufficiency of Montana families and ensures the health and safety of Montanans by providing essential services and links to community resources.

The partnership will work together to connect Montanans to the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, implement outreach strategies to teach more families about SNAP, and offer nutrition education to help them learn to cook affordable meals on a tight budget. In addition, the partnership will coordinate an outreach campaign targeted at breastfeeding mothers, promote educational grocery shopping tours for WIC participants to increase the use of fresh and vegetable vouchers, and provide support to local WIC agencies to increase participation in the WIC program.

“Childhood hunger is a public health concern with serious consequences that can last a lifetime,” DPHHS Director Somley said. “When organizations across Montana come together and commit to ending childhood hunger, we are making an investment in a child’s future, and Montana’s young generation.”

Share Our Strength has invested $145,000 in the partnership with DPHHS to build a public-private partnership with the Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger that includes state and local anti-poverty organizations. Montana is one of 18 states where Share Our Strength is partnering with state and local agencies to raise awareness about childhood hunger.

“Our strength comes from our partnerships, and it will take everyone, including educators, elected officials, corporations, government agencies and community leaders to ensure Montana children have a lifetime start in life,” Share Our Strength President Tom Nelsen said. “We owe it to our kids to give them a strong start in life. What’s important is to make sure families have the information they need to access these programs. We look forward to working with Governor Schweitzer to do just that.”

“Hunger is a reality often silenced because of shame and stigma,” Michael McCormick, Livingston Food Pantry director said. “In Livingston, our volunteers serve families and individuals who find themselves without enough food because of unemployment, low or fixed incomes, or unforeseen circumstances. It never easy for anyone to ask for food. That’s why we must work together through a partnership of public and private organizations across Montana to better serve all of our communities.”

“Ending childhood hunger in Montana is a fight that we can win,” BackPack Montana, Food Pantries Program of Billings founder Virginia Lee Merril, PhD, CNS, said. “Not only are tools available on the state level, but many local organizations are eager to partner with larger state-wide efforts to help make sure that every child in every community has access to food.”

For more information about Montana No Kid Hungry, to donate or get involved, go to www.MT.NoKidHungry.org.

Share Our Strength’s national No Kid Hungry efforts are supported by core partners ConAgra Foods Foundation, Food Network and the Walmart Foundation. For visits www.NoKidHungry.org to learn more about Share Our Strength.

Unemployment Rate Steady in June

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USDA Announces Sign-Up Date For Highly Erodible Land Initiative Under The Conservation Reserve Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will begin sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on July 23, 2012. The purpose of this initiative, announced by Secretary Vilsack in February, is to protect up to 750,000 acres of the nation’s most highly erodible croplands. Producers may enroll at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office. Enrollment will continue until the 750,000 acre limit has been met.

“CRP is an important program with more than 25 years of success in protecting the nation’s natural resources through voluntary participation,” said Vilsack. “We are excited to include this new initiative that targets the most fragile cropland, in addition to other targeted initiatives that are currently available under the CRP.”

CRP is a voluntary program designed to help farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Currently, 29.6 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Through this highly erodible land initiative, eligible landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible cropland for a period of 10 years. Croplands with an Erodibility Index of 20 or greater are eligible for enrollment.

In March, Secretary Vilsack announced an increase of 1 million acres of land in a new CRP initiative to Restore Grasslands, Wetlands and Wildlife. On June 12, a portion of the 1 million acres available for the initiative were allocated. Initiatives receiving acres are: Wetland Restoration, 200,000 acres; Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Quail), 150,000 acres; Duck Nesting Habitat, 150,000 acres; and Pollinator Habitat, 100,000 acres. Sign-up for the Pollinator Habitat initiative began on June 12 as part of the continuous sign-up criteria.

CRP has a quarter-century legacy of successfully protecting the nation’s natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in croplands and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce crop losses from farm fields were reduced by 623 million pounds and 124 million pounds respectively. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also provides $1.8 billion annually to landowners-dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs. In addition, CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack’s leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America’s farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

Public Asked To Nominate An Outstanding Volunteer
Annual Awards Recognize Volunteer Service in Montana

The Governor’s Office of Community Service and the Montana Commission on Community Service announced today that nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 ServeMontana Awards and ReadyMontana Awards.

Presented in February, these annual awards recognize outstanding Montana individuals, organizations and national service members committed to community and volunteer service.

“Montanans truly are making a difference in their hometowns by volunteering their time and skills,” said Kim Miske, Chair of the Montana Commission on Community Service. “We ask the public to share their stories and help us recognize these inspiring volunteers.”

The ServeMontana Awards are for service and volunteer work in the areas of education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship, veterans & military families, and economic opportunity. The ReadyMontana Awards are for service specifically related to disaster services, emergency preparedness and emergency response.

The nomination form is available to download at serve.mt.gov. All nominations for the 2013 awards must be to the Governor’s Office of Community Service by December 18, 2012.

The Montana Commission on Community Service will present the awards during the annual ServeMontana Symposium in February 2013 in Helena. There will be more than one award presented in each category.

The public is encouraged to nominate individuals of all ages and backgrounds, organizations, and groups. All services must be performed in Montana and individual nominees may not be salaried for the services performed.

The Governor-appointed Montana Commission on Community Service was created in 1993 to renew the ethic of civic responsibility in the state and to encourage citizens, regardless of age and income, to engage in service.

The Governor’s Office of Community Service expands and promotes national service and volunteerism in Montana and engages citizens in service and emergency preparedness.

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McKenzie County Implements Building Department

Oil production in McKenzie County has certainly been a mixed blessing of job creation and tax revenues, balanced by strained infrastructure and quality of life challenges. One of those challenges has involved the accelerated construction of homes, businesses, and other buildings. The county is required to adhere to state building codes which are essential to protecting the long-term health and welfare of the people of McKenzie County. It is also an important part of insuring that buildings maintain their value and usefulness long into the future. How and what we build in our community today, matters to our residents tomorrow.

Earlier this year, the county commission unanimously adopted the North Dakota State Building Code as the standard for construction within the county. The next step in the process was the establishment of a building department and permitting process. Effective July 9th, a permit will be required for all new construction projects within the jurisdiction of McKenzie County. Agricultural buildings, of course, will be exempt from the permitting process in accordance with state and county code. Also, all commercial and residential projects currently under construction prior to that date must be registered with the McKenzie County Building Department by October 1st. There is no charge for registration of existing projects. However, builders may request a Certificate of Occupancy for their ongoing project at their option.

When do I need a permit? There are multiple types of building permits to meet different needs including:

1. Residential Construction: Standard building permit required.
5. Temporary Housing including skid units, industrial modular buildings, park model trailers (trailer homes), manufactured homes, etc. Man camps: Temporary housing is regulated by the State of North Dakota, and must also be permitted with the County. Temporary housing permits must be renewed annually.
6. Recreation Vehicles: No county permit required, however, recreational vehicles are not approved as a permanent residential housing option.
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Please contact the building department to discuss your plans with the code official before beginning construction if you are uncertain whether or not you need a permit. Even if a permit is not needed, the code official will answer code questions and may provide valuable advice. All work regardless of permit requirements must be completed in accordance with all applicable state and local codes.

How does the permitting process work? Permits are relatively simple to obtain. Fill out the appropriate permit application and submit it with the necessary drawings (2 sets) to the Building Department. Please be aware that, depending on the degree of difficulty, 1st time plan reviews can vary from 2 days to 2 weeks (for larger commercial buildings). If you would like to meet directly with an inspector, call the Building Department to schedule an appointment. Building permit applications and plans will be reviewed by both the planning and building department staffs. Once the reviews have all been done, the contact person will be notified to pick up plans and comments, make the appropriate corrections, and resubmit. Once all requirements have been met, your plan will be stamped approved, issued a permit number, fees assessed, and the permit will be released for construction. The work is then inspected during construction to confirm adherence to the approved plans and codes. A Certificate of Occupancy or approved final inspection is issued when the work is completed and found to be in substantial compliance with code requirements.

Forsgren Associates Engineering: Under the direction of the county, Forsgren Associates Engineering is assisting with the startup and operation of the new building department. Forsgren Associates is celebrating their 50th year in business and the opening of their newest (eleventh) office in Watford City. They have extensive experience providing building inspection and plan review services from many communities, as well as state and federal agencies.

What about Zoning? McKenzie County currently has no zoning ordinance. It is anticipated that the new zoning ordinance could be adopted as early as late August of this year. Questions regarding proposed zoning regulations should be directed to the County Planner, Mr. Walter Hadley, at 701-444-6494.

Building Department Location and Contacts: The new building department office is located in the McKenzie County Courthouse, Suite 699 (second floor), 201 5th Street NW in Watford City. The building department office is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Building code office phone: 701-444-3616 ext. 1045.

McKenzie County Implements Building Department

Dynden Farms Softball Team 2nd

Taking 2nd place in the high school softball league was Dynden Farms. On the team are back row (L to R) Lyndsey Nesper, Brynn Salsbury, Taylor Dwyer, Coach Corey Salsbury, Nicole Lake, Coach Angela Christensen, Tess Ler, Lexi Jolin, Paige Metz. Front (L to R) Desirae Fasching, Micala Moorehouse. Not pictured: Alexis Dynden, Morgan Thiel, Bree Fischer.

Gem City Motors Softball Team Champions

The Gem City Motors high school softball team was the softball champion this year. On the team are back (L to R) Coach Tammy Pederson, Holly Papineau, Jazi Moore, Ashley Bjork, Nichole Peters, Lakayla Nentwig, Coach Patty Searer, Front (L to R) Tessah Desjarlais, Madison Jungens, Alysee Searer. Not pictured: Krista Steinbeisser, Colleen Crosby, Tidjie Crosby and Shaina Dean.
Registration Now Open For Taking Root
Montana Farm to School Conference

The Office of Public Instruction and its Montana Team Nutrition Program along with Montana State University and Learning by Nature are hosting the inaugural Taking Root: Montana Farm to School Conference on August 16-17, 2012 at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Through workshops and field trips, participants will explore a wealth of Farm to School topics throughout the cafeteria, classroom and community, network with a variety of stakeholders, and be inspired by the diverse ways Farm to School has taken root across Montana. Teachers, administrators, school foodservice professionals, students, parents, and community partners from early childhood through 12th grade, as well as ranchers and farmers are encouraged to attend.

Farm to School is a national not-for-profit network that aims to improve child nutrition by helping children understand and experience where their food comes from. It incorporates healthy, farm-fresh food in school meals and snacks, provides increased opportunity for garden-based learning, provides agriculture education across the curriculum, and strengthens community-wide connections to support Montana’s local farmers and children’s well-being.

This conference will highlight:
- School Gardening: Tips for making it work in Montana and school garden field trips (PreK-12).
- Keeping it Local: Tips for incorporating local foods in child nutrition programs and school fundraisers.
- Food = Learning: Teaching kids to make healthy food choices and meet science and math education standards.
- From Garden to School Cafeterias: Ideas for successful service learning projects and agricultural education lessons (PreK-12).
- Local Food Purchasing Toolbox: Ensuring food safety and staying within your budget.
- Policy Update: National Farm to School Network.
- Community: Cultivating strong partnerships.

Day 2 Optional Field Trip: School & Community Gardens Tour sponsored by Learning by Nature.

Registration is now open. Registration for Aug. 16 is $45.00, while the shorter field trip session on Aug. 17 costs $25.00.

Renewal units from OPI, Montana Early Childhood Project, and School Nutrition Association are available – 7.5 hours for August 16 and 3.5 hours for August 17, 2012.

For more information and to register, visit: www.montana.edu/cs/conferences/farmtoschool.

Montana Team Nutrition works with educators, school administrators, school food service managers, parent groups and community members to provide training and technical assistance centered on implementing student wellness through school-based programs, like school meal programs, nutrition education and physical activity. Located at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana Team Nutrition is part of the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Roundup on the web
DEQ Has New Small Business Ombudsman To Assist Businesses With Compliance Issues

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has a new Small Business Environmental Assistance Program Manager and Small Business Ombudsman, Darrick Turner. Turner's job is to assist small businesses with environmental compliance issues while helping them to understand environmental regulations.

Turner has a diversified background with experience in a variety of environmental fields. In addition to his work at DEQ, he is an instructor for the National Environmental Management Association, continuing education for environmental professionals throughout the country. Turner's role at DEQ includes assisting Montana's regulated businesses as an advocate and educator about regulatory compliance.

The mission of the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program is to help Montana businesses to understand and comply with environmental regulations and when possible - to go beyond the regulations to prevent pollution and improve environmental quality. The program is designed as separate and non-regulatory while still within DEQ.

Exceptional Rodeo Program Set For Bozeman Stampede

Join Copper Spring Ranch, Montana State University Rodeo Team members and NRA contestants while they are helping exceptional young athletes that are taking part in a rodeo program as part of the Bozeman Stampede on August 4 at the Calhoun Fairgrounds.

Working in conjunction with Eagle Mount in Bozeman, the special rodeo, at 2 p.m., in the Anderson Arena features a variety of events that replicate ones used in real-life rodeos. They include: horse riding, seesaw bull and bronc riding, roping, stick horse barrels, goat tail untying and a clean station.

Both MSU rodeo team members and Northern Rodeo Association contestants are scheduled to help Eagle Mount volunteers to work with these exceptional youths that have cognitive and physical challenges.

The contestants will receive t-shirts, bandanas and rodeo tickets for the Saturday evening performance.

The Bozeman Stampede features performances at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 4 with J acobs Rodeo Company of Great Falls serving as the stock contractor.

For additional information contact Eagle Mount at 406.586.1781 or check www.copperspringranch.com.

Montana Island Challenge

Hike, Bike, or Run on August 11 in Lewistown

Looking for your next great outdoor adventure? Lewistown is home to a new event taking place on Saturday, August 11th that is sure to attract the attention of recreationalists throughout the region… the Montana Island Challenge! This event offers the opportunity to register for a 46 mile bike ride to the top of Judith Peak (a 3,800+ elevation climb) or a 20-40 mile hike at this beautiful location in the Snowy Mountains at Half Moon Ranch Recreational Retreat. Whichever event participants choose, they are guaranteed an outdoor adventure featuring breathtaking scenery, a hearty physical challenge, plus the extra bonus of supporting a great cause.

The Montana Island Challenge, sponsored by Pacific Steel and Recycling, is the signature fundraising event of the newly formed group “Combining For Kids” or C4K. C4K is the collaborative effort of Central Montana Head Start, the Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown, the Lewistown Art Center Kids Programs, and the Central Montana Youth Mentoring Program. Proceeds from the event, will be split evenly amongst these four nonprofit organizations, providing much needed support for their annual operating budgets.

“The Montana Island Challenge is a great opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts looking for a unique outdoor adventure, with the extra bonus of supporting great nonprofit youth organizations,” explains Jennifer Pfau, Central Montana Head Start Board Member and C4K member. “We anticipate an event that will appeal to recreationists throughout Montana!”

In addition to offering a one-of-a-kind event utilizing the majestic mountain ranges of the area (known as Montana Islands), this event is also designed around a fun-filled weekend in Central Montana. C4K will be hosting a community street dance, featuring the sounds of Sid Napier and the Silver River Band, on Friday, August 10 from 6-10pm on the corner of 2nd & Main. After the event and the award luncheon conclude on Saturday, participants will be encouraged to return to downtown for the Art Stomp, check out other recreational opportunities in the area, and/or sign up to ride the Charlie Russell Chew-Choo dinner train.

For more information about the event or to register to participate, visit www.montanaislandchallenge.com. The early-bird registration deadline is July 31.

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Roundup, Wednesday, July 25, 2012

The Lonsdale United Methodist Church, led by Pastor Vickie Waddington, will be holding an evening Prayer Service for Families, friends, patients and survivors of cancer. The service starts at 7 p.m. This service is a kick-off for the Mondak Relay For Life on Friday. All those who have been touched by cancer are welcome to attend.

Montana Island Challenge

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Kid’s Fishing Governor’s Cup 2012

A total of 80 kids fished and a total of 251 fish and three turtles were caught. Almost everyone caught some fish and everyone took home a goody bag and a door prize. A total of 40 fishing poles and 25 tackle boxes were given away, along with many other door prizes donated by businesses in Glasgow and the surrounding area. The largest fish caught was 2.8 lbs. They had kids as far away as Michigan, Minnesota and Germany.

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3rd - Wyatt Babb, Wolf Point, MT

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2nd - Brevyn Goosen, Great Falls, MT
3rd - Parker Mindt, Sidney, MT

8 & 9 year-olds
1st - Morgan Mindt, Lambert, MT
2nd - Ryliegh Plovanic, Glasgow, MT
3rd - August Babb, Wolf Point, MT

10 & 11 year-olds
1st - Maysen Mindt, Sidney, MT
2nd - Tyler Lien, Savage, MT
3rd - Casey Mattfeldt, Glasgow, MT

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3rd - Casey Mattfeldt, Glasgow, MT

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ANS Monitoring Continues

An ongoing effort to monitor state waters for aquatic nuisance species has not produced any significant discoveries this year.

Fred Ryckman, ANS coordinator for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, said only one limited infestation - curly leaf pondweed - was found at Lake Elsie in Richland County.

"There were only a few individual plants in Lake Elsie, and they likely are already dying back for the year," Ryckman said. "However, anglers and other water recreationists should take extra time to inspect, clean and drain equipment before leaving the lake."

After documenting silver carp in the James River in 2011, this year's monitoring efforts, and the recent fish kill in the James River downstream of LaMoure, did not yield any silver carp. "Only time will tell, but hopefully this summer's extremely low flows in the James are harsh enough to eliminate whatever population remnants of silver carp that are present," Ryckman said.

Ryckman said it is vital that anglers and other water recreationists follow ANS regulations. "Our monitoring efforts will continue, and we ask those on the water to do their part as well," he said.

Current law states all water must be drained from watercraft prior to leaving a water body, including livewells. This means fish, including bait, cannot be transported across land in a livewell containing water. However, bait buckets and/or any container of five gallons or less in volume can be used to transport legal live baitfish or other aquatic bait in water. All other fish species may not be held in water and/or transported in bait buckets/containers when away from a water body. Transportation of fish in or on ice is allowed.

In addition, any aquatic vegetation, or parts thereof, is not allowed on watercraft, motors, trailers and recreational equipment when out of water. Time out of the water needed to remove aquatic vegetation at the immediate water access area is allowed.

All built-in structures to boats, including livewells and bait compartments, and containers (bait buckets) used to transport legal live bait, must also be free of aquatic vegetation.

Game wardens will continue to enforce ANS regulations and violations will be dealt with appropriately according to the law.

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- Water user type
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The camp, at the Bozeman Quarter Horse ranch near Four Corners, features eight hours of instruction each day by some of the top professional and collegiate cowboys and cowgirls who will work with the young cowboys and cowgirls in a Christian atmosphere.

Brian Anderson, assistant manager at Copper Spring Ranch and a long-time rodeo competitor, will be the camp director.

Trey J. Johnson of Amarillo, Texas, the 2000 Resistol/PRCA Rookie of the Year and long-time PRCA competitor, will teach the heeling classes and help lead the activities for the boys in the camp.

Lisa Anderson, assistant manager at Copper Spring Ranch and a Montana, Texas, and Columbia River Circuit Finals competitor, will oversee the barrel racing event and supervise the girls’ activities.

Montana Children’s Hospital recently welcomed genetic counselor Marissa Clark as a new member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors. Marissa received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Rocky Mountain College in Billings in 2009. She is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors. While pursuing her Master’s degree, Marissa experienced a variety of clinical rotations in genetic counseling, including one in pediatric genetics at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and one in the cancer risk evaluation program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Registered as a Basic EMT, Marissa volunteered at a rural health post in Nepal for one summer while in college. Additionally, Marissa was an active volunteer with Special Olympics in Billings during her undergraduate studies, where she coached adult basketball and youth field hockey.

Marissa will see adult and pediatric patients for a variety of conditions at Shodair’s genetic outreach clinics in Billings, Miles City, and Sidney. Upcoming fall clinic dates include:

- Billings: September 6 & 20
- Miles City: September 18 & 20
- Sidney: September 19

The legislation to accomplish this needed extension is sponsored by Sens. Max Baucus, D-MT, Kent Conrad, D-ND, Tim J. Johnson, D-S.D., and Jon Tester, D-MT. The legislation will extend the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP), and Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) for one year.

Montana Farmers Union (MFU) President Alan Merrill reported that MFU endorses the National Farmers Union’s Board of Directors’ Resolution supporting current legislation that will extend permanent disaster programs for crop and livestock producers for one year. The extension, sought because of recent exceptional drought, wildfires plaguing U.S. agriculture, will provide certainty for U.S. farmers and ranchers while Congress works to pass the next farm bill.

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NILE Taking Applications For Merit Heifer Program
New Deadline!

The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) is once again taking applications for participants in the 2012-13 NILE Merit Heifer Program. The Merit Heifer program is a “live animal” scholarship that strives to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17, who is a 4-H or FFA member may apply.

New this year, is the application deadline moved up to August 1. An application is available online at www.meritheifer.com or by calling the NILE office.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the NILE Stock Show.

Bill Pelton, Merit Heifer Chairman, says, “This program would not be possible without the generous support of our donor ranchers and we are very grateful to them.” This year the NILE will select twenty-five recipients and match them up with donors from across the region. In addition to applications from eligible recipients, the NILE is also taking applications from ranches wishing to participate through the donation of a heifer calf.

All application must be postmarked by August 1, 2012. For more information and applications regarding the Merit Heifer Program, please go to: www.meritheifer.com or call the NILE office at 406/256.2495.

NCAT Seeks Host Sites for Energy Corps Members

The National Center for Appropriate Technology is seeking non-profit organizations, schools and public agencies in Arkansas, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Montana and Texas to host Energy Corps AmeriCorps members for the 2012-2013 program year.

Serving as an Energy Corps AmeriCorps host site provides a unique opportunity to improve organizational and community capacity to address local energy needs. The Energy Corps also provides members with hands-on training and skills development to pursue a career in a green-collar workforce.

“By forming collaborations with local non-profit organizations, community action agencies, local governments and energy service organizations, the Energy Corps program fosters community sustainability by addressing the challenges of rising energy prices and global climate change,” said Holly Hill, NCAT staff member and National Energy Corps Project Director. “We tackle the energy needs of low-income, senior, minority and other disadvantaged groups at the grassroots level. The program promotes sustainable energy consumption and education, fosters community sustainability and helps to mitigate the effects of global climate change.”

Energy Corps members can assist organizations working in the sustainable energy field by providing hands-on assistance, including weatherization and conservation activities; energy assessments, audits and consultations, and alternative and renewable energy activities. Members can also conduct educational presentations, and offer events and trainings in energy efficient and environmentally conscious practices.

Since the program’s inception in 2009, more than 5,200 individuals have received hands-on energy efficiency assistance from members, and members have educated more than 18,000 individuals about energy and sustainability.

Ninety-eight individuals have served as Energy Corps AmeriCorps members over the past three years, and more than 10% of those acquired good jobs in sustainable energy fields.

“Together, NCAT and our host site partners work to meet the needs of an emerging green economy while helping individuals and communities reduce their energy usage and costs,” said Hill.

Alexander, ND Student Registration

New students registration will be Monday, Aug. 6 from 9-4 Central time.

Returning students with the last names beginning with A-K will register Tues., Aug. 7 from 9-4.

Returning students with last names beginning with L-Z will register Wed., Aug. 8 from 9-4.

Registration will be held at the school at 601 Delaney St. in Alexander.

New students need to bring a parent or guardian, their birth certificate and a current immunization record.

For more information, please call Alexander Public Schools at 701-629-3334.

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During the Rodeo on Thursday, Aug. 2, Military Appreciation Night will recognize and pay tribute to area service men and women.
4-H Busy Getting Ready For Fair

4-H Exhibit Building
Fair time is just around the corner and it’s shaping up to be a good year for all the 4-H members. Members have been working hard for the past year on skill building projects ranging from Quilting to Aerospace to Leather Craft. This year in the exhibit building you will see projects like Cake Decorating, Robotics, Welding and one youth has taken on the task of completely restoring a tractor. Between working on projects for the fair, participat-
ing at the State Congress at the Montana State University Campus in Bozeman, and the different 4-H workshops, they have been very busy this summer. The fair is all about showing off what this area’s youth can do, and the indoor exhibits are a big part of what 4-H is about. Many of these exhibits will lead into much more than just a project, they will spark an interest that will carry on past the teenage years. The indoor exhibits will be on display in the 4-H Exhibit Building from Aug. 1st to conclusion of the fair on Saturday. We invite everyone to stop by the 4-H Exhibit Building and enjoy the hard work that is put into these projects.

Livestock Sale
Set For 5:00 p.m.
Friday Aug. 3
Fair is just a few days away and the Richland County 4-H youth are prepared to show the excellent work they have done in caring for their animals. The livestock program has been very strong with many new members showing livestock for the first time this year. The barns are going to be full of high quality, market-ready animals ready for the sale. Members take part in many educational programs throughout the year including a Market Quality Assurance program that insures that the animals are properly fed, handled, and cared for. Friday night will include an awards show at 4:30 p.m. that will include the presentation of awards to members that are donated by area businesses. Buyers, parents, and the general public are invited to attend the awards ceremony to take part in celebrating the hard work that our Richland County youth have put into their 4-H projects. The sale is going to start at 5:00 p.m. on Aug. 3 at the 4-H arena located between the beef and swine barns. As a way to say thank you, one of our 4-H clubs will present a meal that evening to show our buy-
ers how much we appreciate your support. Thank you to all past and present buyers, without your support the 4-H program would not be the success that it is.

Have a meal at the 4-H Food Booth and help build funds to re-build it

The 4-H Food Booth is preparing for another great year at the fair. The menu this year will include the old favorites and a new item, a beef brisket sandwich. Our hamburgers, chicken wraps, biscuits and gravy and chicken burgers were among the crowd pleasers from last year and we hope that you have an opportunity to try one or more. The tradition at the 4-H Food Booth is a home cooked meal at an affordable price. If you get hungry, stop by and try our new brisket sandwich and finish it off with a piece of homemade pie with a scoop of old fashioned ice cream. As with all things, the food booth has seen better days and in the near future it will be re-built. A campaign will begin at this year’s fair to “brand the new booth”. So stop by and fill out a form so that your brand can be included when the building is re-done.

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4-H'er Excited To Show Her Birds

Kyle Topp of Sidney loves animals, and birds in particular. 4-H is a perfect fit for her to not only enjoy the animals but also learn as much as she can about them, and how to care for them. The daughter of Kevin and Colleen Topp, 12 year old Kyle has been a member of the Richland Rockets 4-H club for 5 years, including 2 years in Clover Buds. This year she will take a steer, her horse and several chickens to the Richland County Fair.

Topp got her start in the chicken project when her brother bought her Mom some chicks for Mother’s Day 4 years ago. She has been raising and breeding chickens ever since. “I like animals,” Topp explained, “and birds are just plain cute.”

She raises purebred Buff Orpingtons, Bantams and Rhode Island Reds. She’ll take the purebreds to the fair for show, like animals,” Topp explained, “and birds are just plain cute.”

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Kyle Topp demonstrates one of the Showmanship positions with her Bantam Rhode Island Red hen.

Topp has been able to use her chicken project in other ways outside of 4-H. Her science fair project was to find out which feed makes a hen lay bigger heavier eggs. Using the chickens made the project more interesting because there are so many variables when working with live birds. She took first place in Sidney, then 2nd place in Billings. She also entered a Broodmasters.com competition on line and was accepted for competition, winning a T-shirt and a gift certificate. Grand prize in the contest is a trip to Washington, DC. She will get the results of the national competition August 15.

Topp also entered an original story in the national magazine Backyard Poultry, and won 1st place in her division. She was the only entry from the state of Montana, but came away with a stuffed chicken and a one year subscription to the magazine. Topp also used her chickens for her 4-H Demonstration, taking first place with how to make a chicken waterer.

Be sure to check out the poultry division at the Richland County Fair! The ducks also end up hatching out chicks when a hen takes advantage of a temporarily empty nest. Both hens and ducks end up a bit confused!

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8 ROUNDUP FAIR EDITION 2012
Bethany Wells negotiates with a carnival game worker.

Fairgoers compete at the water race shooting game.

James Wedgwood performing his show “The Most Fun You Can Have Without Moving Your Lips!” at the 2011 Richland Co. Fair.

Maraia Holt has a blast on the Dragon Ride at last year’s fair.

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A lifelong love of the Richland County Fair has allowed a local young lady to continue the 4-H tradition from a new perspective. Katelyn Dynneson, a ten year veteran of 4-H, has stepped in to fill a void left by Juli-Ann Snedigar, the former Richland County extension agent whose responsibilities included 4-H activities and the organization of these activities for the Richland County fair. Dynneson spent the month of July organizing and preparing for the 4-H portion of the fair, which ensures that all 4-H members can showcase their livestock and personal projects at our county fair.

Dynneson has a lot of work ahead of her. “I will start on July 2 and I will have a lot of work to do,” she says. “We need to get the 4-H building ready, find judges, make sure the barns are ready, get people lined up so they know what to do, contact everyone, plus complete any other task that has to do with 4-H events at the fair.”

Dynneson assisted Snedigar with last year’s organizational fair time responsibilities, so she knows what to expect this year. “I helped Juli-Ann last year, and I was amazed at the amount of work involved with this,” she comments. “There are a lot of little things that need done, but I loved helping out and I really look forward to these responsibilities again this year.”

Dynneson has always loved fair time, and she enjoyed preparing for the fair as a 4-H member. She loved her ten years as a 4-H member so this opportunity to organize 4-H events for the fair has allowed her to see another, equally interesting aspect of the fair. “I love the fair,” she says. “I showed a market steer at the fair every year for ten years, and I competed in other exhibits as well. I loved it, and really missed showing a steer so this is my way of staying involved with the fair. It was so much fun to show, and it also is a lot of fun to prepare and organize for this event.”

Dynneson praises the Richland County extension office for the incredible amount of time the staff spends on the 4-H program. She especially notes the hard work of extension agent Tim Fine and administrative assistant Patti Fjelstad. “The people in the extension office do a lot for us,” she concludes. “Tim is really good, and Patti is just great. I couldn’t begin to do this job without her help.”

Kayleen Searer will help Dynneson organize and prepare the 4-H portion of the Richland County Fair.
Seed pictures and entries from Fairview in the Ag Building at the fair.

Blue ribbon winning Richland County school projects.

The Richland Rangers booth is just one of the several great places to eat at the fair.

(L-R) Evan Kelly, Lakayla Nentwig and Mikayla Verhasselt enjoy a ride at the 2011 fair.

Sasha (above) and Angelina Olmstead win big at the shark fishing game.
Co-Op Day Expresses Appreciation To Community

For many people, Thursday’s Co-Op Day at the Fair entails a momentary stop at the sponsor tent for a complimentary root beer float—and an equally hasty return to other Fair-afternoon happenings. However, this day has more behind it than simply a free cooldown for fairgoers.

The event was set in motion in 2000 by Kelly Knaff of the Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Association, one of the seven original co-ops which contributed to the day. Richland Farm Mutual joined in the fun in 2008 and Horizon Resources will participate this year. Other members include Richland Federal Credit Union, Farm Credit Services, Mid-Rivers Communications, Nortana Grain, and CHS Farmer’s Elevator.

While these businesses offer different services, they all share a common connection to the community through their cooperative structure. The standard framework of a co-op includes open membership for all who use its services, democratic member participation through elected member representatives and corporate economic decisions, self-governing organization status, member/employee education, and community—not just co-op member—development emphasis.

Each of our local co-ops is highly involved in community support through areas such as health programs, educational scholarships, and valuable neighborhood organizations. Therefore, Co-Op Day may seem like just another public service these businesses are willing to sponsor. There is a live radio broadcast from the sponsor tent, and information pamphlets concerning co-ops are available. In addition to being informative, this unique annual assemblage of 8 cooperative associations was designed specifically to show appreciation to constituents of the community cooperatives. Both the sponsorship contribution to a large public gathering like the Fair and the provision of a fun treat for visitors are a part of showing their gratitude to the community. Pay an appreciative visit to your local co-op representatives under the sponsor tent across from the Fair Office anytime on Thursday, and enjoy a root beer float beginning at 4 p.m.!
Lower Yellowstone Electric has been in Sidney since 1937, bringing member owners reliable electricity for nearly 75 years. Times may have changed but the service hasn’t. Lower Yellowstone formed to distribute electricity to rural people at the lowest possible cost. This commitment has been in existence since Lower Yellowstone was formed.

Being established in 1937 made Lower Yellowstone Electric the first electric cooperative in Montana. This came just two years after President Franklin Roosevelt created theREA program. One hundred thirty-six prospective consumers signed up to receive power from Lower Yellowstone.

These consumers elected a board of trustees to run the co-op. The trustees elected were Nels Bach, President; Clayton Worst, Vice President; Leif Erickson, Secretary; and Dwight Howard, Treasurer. Other trustees were L. Sedlacek, Volney Anderson, and George Basso. These men hired Viggo Jensen as the manager of the cooperative, with two other employees helping him.

The current board of trustees consists of Allen Thiessen, President; Greg Rauschendorfer, Vice President; John Redman, Secretary/Treasurer; along with Dennis Schmierer, Marvin Kilen, Collin Gartner, and Lester Larson. J. The Manager is Donald Provost, who runs the cooperative with the help of 24 employees.

The first pole of the 110-mile line was set on August 4, 1937 between Sidney and Fairview. The line was energized on December 18 of that year. Lower Yellowstone now has 2,086 miles of line energized and serves 5,310 meters. The service area is most of Richland County, parts of Dawson and Roosevelt counties in Montana, and parts of McKenzie and Williams counties in North Dakota.

The 1937 rates are very close to the rates we have today. In 1937 the first 40 Kwh were purchased at 8 cents per KWH. Today Lower Yellowstone Electric’s rate for residential meters is 7.1 cents per KWH. In 1925, the average cost of electricity was 65 cents per KWH!

Lower Yellowstone is one of 25 cooperatives in Montana serving more than 150,000 members.
Free Daily Entertainment
At This Year’s Fair

This year, the Richland County Fair will have new and exciting free entertainment for people of all ages to enjoy.

Jeff Martin

Jeff Martin—the blond, curly-haired magician—has opened for: Smashmouth, Rush, Ty England, Restless Heart, Bellamy Bros, Herb Jeffries, and was MC for: Pirates of the Mississippi. He’s one of only about two thousand ‘full-time’ professional magicians. Where he shines is in his ability to make people of ALL ages smile, laugh, giggle and simply marvel at the wonders of comedy magic with all of its production, misdirection, bunnies and doves, and antics that make a quality show entertaining. With his wife, Pam at his side and working behind the scenes, they now spend the better part of 6 months annually traveling this beautiful land we call the USA, bringing smiles and laughs to many hearts. “That’s why we do it!” they both say. “We love to make people laugh!”

John Dunnigan

If Jimmy Buffett, James Taylor and John Prine were joined together in some bizarre musical cloning experiment, the outcome would be John Dunnigan. This “offbeat”

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musician and entertainer took the backroads to Montana over three decades ago and never left (he’s no fool). His original, often hilarious songs make you think, laugh, sing along and raise your glass in a toast to life. In short, he can put a smile on your face with songs like “I Don’t Touch, I Just Look” and “I’m Too White To Sing Reggae.”

John has raised a lot of roofs with his spirited, crowd-pleasing music. He’s been fortunate to play music for a living almost his entire life. Pick any stringed instrument and odds are he can pick it—guitar, banjo, pedal steel. He also blows a mean harp. During his career, John has played with Bonnie Raitt, Asleep at the Wheel, Norton Buffalo, The Dirt Band, Kris Kristofferson and many others including Bruce Springsteen.

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Action Entertainment enjoys working in the fair market. After attending several fair conventions; they found that almost every fair was struggling to find entertainment to draw in the younger generation. They set out to meet that need by creating a package that covers a wide audience. Their package is designed to please children and teenagers; yet the adults enjoy it just as much. An attractive 25’ inflatable archway acts as an entrance to their area. Everything that they provide to the fair goer is FREE of charge.

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FREE Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Checks in the Ag Building

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Weltikol Remembers
Her Years As Fair Manager

Kris Weltikol served as manager of the Richland County Fair and Rodeo from January 1990 through May 2006. She is justifiably proud of all the major improvements which occurred during her watch. City water was brought in, all the food booths were updated, as were the horse motels and the camping area. The improvement most appreciated by fair staff and public alike was the new fair office and year round bathrooms.

The Richland County Fair and Rodeo brings in big name entertainment every year, and Weltikol enjoyed them all. "They were all wonderful people and their managers were super nice," she said. Many of the entertainers wandered through the community inognito and always came back with compliments on Richland County and how friendly the people were. The in cognito part almost got Weltikol in trouble more than once. She saw people in casual clothing wandering about a secure area of the fairgrounds and was about to have them removed when fortunately, her staff said "STOP, that's your star!"

She also has fond memories of the Free Entertainment groups who came. A lot of them camped on the fairgrounds and appreciated the nice quiet area. The Bulla Family in particular stands out. Their kids made friends with the 4-H kids who were also camped on the grounds. They have kept in touch with many of them. For many years, the family would stop and say hello if they were coming through the area. Sometimes they stayed overnight, sometimes not, but they always stopped. The Carnival people Weltikol worked with were also terrific. One year when the stage hands didn't show up, the carnival people, along with 4-Hers, stepped in and did all the set up, then returned to tear down after the show was over. "That's the good part of the fair," Weltikol commented. "People don't realize that when the fair is on, it's its own little carnival people, along with 4-Hers, stepped in and did all the set up, then returned to tear down after the show was over. "That's the good part of the fair," Weltikol commented. "People don't realize that when the fair is on, it's its own little security service. Weltikol found the Richland County Commissioners always accommodating, as well as all the other county departments who help with the fair. She sincerely appreciated the assistance of the Treasurer's office, the Clerk & Recorders office, Public Health department, Sheriff's department, Road department and of course the fire department and ambulance service.

She feels fortunate that the fire department was never needed during her tenure. She did have one incident, however that was scary at the time but still makes her laugh. Chris Bengochea, now a world class pianist and opera singer, was superintendent of the commercial building one year. There were two piano vendors there, so Bengochea would go from one to the other and play and sing. Weltikol was in the fair office and heard "fire" over her radio. She grabbed a fire extinguisher off the wall, ran out and yelled at fireman Terry Verhasselt and 2 or 3 other firemen who also grabbed fire extinguishers and headed to the commercial building. When they arrived, everyone was clapping and enjoying themselves as Bengochea was singing "Great Balls of Fire." Someone was pressing the talk button on Bengochea's radio every time he sang "fire." They were all relieved and amused but Weltikol did advise Bengochea to put his radio where no one else could reach it.

Weltikol worked with hundreds of individuals during her time as Fair manager. Her office staff was great and she hesitated to mention any names because she didn't want to leave anyone out. Grounds people were terrific as well, including Butch Renders, Karsten Hall, George Umback and Sherry Sorenson. Jerry Tippet was the fair electrician, always reliable, but also good for a few pranks. "They saw me through the good times and the not so good times," Weltikol said. There were also the thousands of volunteers who make the fair what it is every year. "The community support is phenomenal," she said.

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Joe Nichols and John Anderson will highlight this year’s Richland County Fair and Rodeo set for Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 1-4. John Anderson will open the concert Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. It’s been over a quarter century since John Anderson changed country music the first time. That was back in the 80s when that jaw-dropping country voice combined with huge hits like “Wild And Blue” and “Swingin’” to pave the way for the decade’s neo-traditional movement. In the early ‘90s, he did it again with “Seminole Wind,” a bona fide classic that reignited his career and helped fan the flames of the coming country explosion with hits like “Straight Tequila Night” and the album’s unforgettable title track. Well, it’s 2012 and Anderson’s back to re-establish himself as a country music icon and as a contemporary musical force to be reckoned with.

For more information on John Anderson, visit: www.johnanderson.com.

Joe Nichols will perform after John Anderson’s opening set. Nichols has released six albums since he first broke onto the music scene in 1996 with his debut album “Man with a Memory.” His number one singles include “Brokenheartsville” in 2003, “Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off” in 2005 and “Gimmie That Girl” in 2010.

For more information on Joe Nichols, visit: www.joenichols.com.

Presale tickets are $40 for reserved seats and $35 for festival seating. Packaged tickets which include a concert ticket, rodeo tickets for both rodeos on Aug. 2-3 and fair admission will be $54 each. To purchase your tickets, stop by the fair office Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5 pm or call 406-433-2801.
2012 Horse Extravaganza

By Waynette Molloy

Once again there will be one night of entertainment that is free and well worth your time to look into. During the fair on Wednesday night, everyone will have the rare opportunity to see some of the most beautiful and talented horses and riders in the Mondak region. I hope you take advantage of the free show. You will again have the chance to view draft teams, rare breeds, talented riding exhibitions and horses of every color and size.

We always start out with a flag presentation. We are blessed to have so many talented youth in our area, and many are in 4-H and Rodeo. We plan to do several different flag presentations this year. We will have our 4-H presenters and hopefully Rodeo Queen Jade Brunsvold will do a presentation as well as the Flag Presenters for the Rodeo.

We will be entertained by the Sheridan Silverados Equestrian Drill Team from Plentywood with 12 members who are coming to perform for us. We are very thrilled to have them. If you came last year, you saw a marvelous performance from them. Our home-town Drill Team is taking the year off to recruit new members. If you are interested in joining, call Peggy Ann Strupp at 488-1666. We hope to have Peggy Ann and her Appaloosa and Dalmatian Team perform for us again this year.

This year we hope to get a local group who is trying to gain interest in starting a Ranch Sorting group for competitions. There have already been some competitions and the interest is growing. Hopefully we can get the Curlys here this year as well as some Tennessee Walkers and Morgans. Also, some Missouri Fox Trotters have moved into the country and we will try to get them to come strut their stuff. We hope to see the Peruvian Passo and Halfinger Team as well as some Shires and Clydesdales. We are still working on some Carting exhibitions and hopefully will have some Mules represented this year.

We hope to have a Queen exhibition and will have several Duet performances. We were able to get Victoria Netzler to perform another show-stopper for us. She has been away at college and has placed in the top in the College Rodeo Finals.

You know, these guys spend a lot of time and money hauling from far away to bring you beauty and talent. Don’t disappoint them by not coming to see them!

As you can see, there is something for everyone! So, on Wednesday night, August 1st at 7:30 at the Richland County Fair Rodeo arena, come see this Free show. Anyone who would like to perform or show their breed is welcome! Contact Waynette Molloy at 498-488-5982 before August 1st.

For anyone interested, the 4-H Horse Show will also be at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 1st beginning at 8 am. This will include over 20 youths doing showmanship, riding patterns, trail, driving, English and Western, English jumping and greenhorse. Ranch Horse, Reining, Trail, Leadline and Speed Events are on Tuesday afternoon at the Sidney Saddle Club beginning at 3 pm.

So, if you have any interest in horses or are just looking for some fantastic entertainment that is free to boot, come on down and check us out!
Pippi the Clown performs for a crowd of kids at the 2011 fair.

Taryn Hartje shows off her Grand Champion steer at the Richland County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale.
Friday night’s PRCA rodeo performance is “Tough Enough to Wear Pink.” Sponsors will donate money for every person wearing pink, and all proceeds will benefit the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program.

Tough Enough To Wear Pink™ (TETWP), the grassroots cowboy campaign fighting breast cancer since 2004, celebrated its seventh anniversary this year by surpassing the $12 million dollar mark in funds raised since its inception. Hundreds of volunteers and regional rodeos across the U.S. and Canada made this achievement possible. The top 2011 fundraising events included Missoula Stampede, Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo, Minot Y’s Men’s Rodeo/Badland’s Circuit Finals, Cattlemen’s Days of Gunnison, Fremont County Fair & Wind River Round-Up, Red Bluff Round-Up and the bell ringer event of Cowboy’s for Cancer in Las Cruces, New Mexico which raised over $100,000.

“We were thrilled to announce we surpassed the $12 million mark at the Wrangler National Final Rodeo in Las Vegas on Tough Enough To Wear Pink Night,” explains Terry Wheatley, who formed the program alongside former Wrangler® Director of Special Events and current Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Commissioner, Karl Stressman. “All money raised benefits local breast cancer charities and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research projects internationally.”

Wheatley, a California entrepreneur who owns and operates Canopy Management, a Napa Valley wine company creating, marketing and selling wine under the Wine Sisterhood™ banner, is a rodeo wife, mom and breast cancer survivor. One of Wine Sisterhood’s wines, Purple Cowboy, is the official wine of TETWP. Purple Cowboy is also the official wine of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association.

Purple Cowboy wines include Tenacious Red, a Cabernet/Merlot blend, Trail Boss Cabernet and Night Rider Merlot, all from the cowboy wine country appelation of Paso Robles.

Tough Enough To Wear Pink was created seven years ago when Wheatley and Stressman issued a challenge to the cowboys: Are You Tough Enough To Wear Pink? During one night of the 10-night Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, the competitors were dared to wear the color pink to bring attention to the need for early detection and a cure for breast cancer, a disease which affects many families in the western community. Cowboys and cowgirls created a sensation when they galloped into the championship arena ablaze in pink. Inspired rodeo fans soon began asking how they could put on TETWP events at their own hometown rodeos, and the grassroots fundraising took off one rodeo at a time.

TETWP continues to be spearheaded by Wheatley, while the Wrangler brand remains the program’s title sponsor, selling the official pink apparel of TETWP. Lacey and Katie Wheatley coordinate with rodeos and other non-rodeo organizations to create the pink-themed fundraisers across the country throughout the year.

Visit http://www.toughenoughtowearpink.com to learn more.