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# Fair Brings Back Memories

By Lois Kerr

Each year, when fair time approaches, Luella Dore, Sidney, recalls good times, good friends and a lot of exciting activity. Dore served as Richland County Fair culinary division superintendent for 17 years and loved every moment she spent performing her duties.

"I started as superintendent in 1982," she recalls. "They wanted someone for this position who was involved with 4-H and who knew food. My kids were in the Hay Creek Busy Bees 4-H Club and both my husband and I were heavily involved with 4-H, so I agreed to take the responsibility of superintendent."

The superintendent position required a lot of work and long hours on Dore's part. Work began on Wednesday of fair week and continued through Saturday night. She accepted entries, arranged them in showcases after the judging, kept the showcases clean and she greeted people all day long every day of the fair. "I came in and cleaned the Ag building on Wednesday morning of fair week," she says. "We accepted entries on Wednesday afternoon. Judges came from out of town on Thursday to rate the entries, and then I set the products out on display. On Thursday the day started at 6:45 a.m. and went until 11 p.m. and Friday and Saturday we worked from 11 a.m.-11 p.m."

She continues, "This made for long days. It often was very hot as we only had a few ceiling fans. We'd keep the doors open for air circulation."

A few fair-related incidents stand out in Dore's memory. "Mrs. Andrew Miller always brought homemade marshmallows to be judged," Dore remarks. "I never heard of anyone else ever making marshmallows, but she did, and they were always shaped so nicely."

Dore continues, "I remember one little girl who won a blue ribbon for her angel food cake. I asked her how many egg whites she used for the cake and she told me she made the cake from a box mix. Of course, this was wrong, as she was supposed to have made the cake from scratch, and here she won a blue ribbon for a boxed cake."

Throughout her 17 years as superintendent, Dore noticed a shift in lifestyles that corresponded to a decrease in entries. "Times changed and entries went down," Dore notes. "Big families and a lot of home cooking disappeared, 4-H membership dropped, and people started using boxed and packaged products instead of baking from scratch. Today, women work outside the home and no one bakes as much. People like to come and look at the entries but they don't enter anything of their own."

She adds, "Canning used to be a huge part of the culinary displays and we had canned goods from A to



**Luella Dore served as superintendent of the Richland County Fair culinary division for 17 years.**

Z. Today there are fewer gardens and practically no one cans anymore."

Dore points out that fair officials attempt to change with the times in hopes of encouraging people to enter culinary items. "We tried to keep up with the current trends," Dore comments. "For example, when bread makers became popular, we added a category for breads made with bread makers. We also went from cake decorating using real cake to cake decorating using Styrofoam for the base. No matter how we tried, however, we still lost ground with the number of entries."

Dore retired from her position as superintendent in 1999. "My knees got so bad," she says. "It got to the point that I couldn't bend them down to the showcase, so I decided it was time to retire."

Dore greatly enjoyed the years she spent serving as superintendent. "I loved it," she says. "I looked forward to it every year. My kids and grandkids helped put items in the showcase, and they really liked helping grandma work at the fair."

She concludes, "I got to know a lot of people and I enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors when they came to look at the displays. I would do it all again if I could."

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# Observations On The Aging Process From A Front Line Participant

## Old Pictures



Lois Kerr

**By Lois Kerr**

Most of us enjoy looking at old pictures of ourselves, our friends, and our families, particularly pictures taken years ago that remind us of another time, another place, and in some cases almost another lifetime when we consider how much we've changed and how drastically the world around us has altered with the passage of years.

I pulled out some old photos the other day and I find I look at these pictures a lot differently now than I looked at them when they were first taken. Back then, I noticed how my friends or family or I looked overall; whether the pictures made us look fat, if the hairdos looked attractive, and in general just how the people in the photo stacked up in this particular picture as compared to how they looked on an everyday basis.

I now look at these same pictures with a different perspective. I still may chuckle at the clothes or the hairdos, but it's what's in the background of these pictures that now intrigues me as much or more than the central focus of friends, family or myself. I notice pictures on the wall, pictures I haven't thought about in decades. I see pieces of furniture and may remember

a particular incident that occurred with that chair or that stool. I see the toys strewn around which vividly remind me how much my parents cared about us children and tried to see that we had books to read and puzzles to do and games to play. I see the swing set in the back yard and recall shenanigans and stunts that my siblings and I attempted on those swing sets. It makes me marvel that none of us children ever fell off the apparatus and broke a body part while attempting daredevil antics.

I notice outbuildings and shrubbery that remind me how we used to play hide and seek in the corn crib and climb the apple tree, hiding among the branches to spy on the neighbors and unsuspecting passersby. I see the big brick barn that to us kids held seemingly endless possibilities for fun and games. Some enterprising person remodeled the barn into apartments years ago but I still have pictures of the dwelling as a barn, and the memories to go with those pictures.

There's the forsythia bush, a huge old shrub where my sister used to hide when she spied the neighborhood bully swaggering down the street. I see numerous well-loved dogs hanging out in the background of many pictures, which recalls many moments spent with these animals. A person standing off to the side of a picture brings back memories not only of that person, but of other events associated with that particular time and place. These many minor details evident in pictures if a person takes the time to look for them can conjure up a host of recollections that lead to other memories that happened long ago and far away.

Take out some old pictures. Don't just look at the person that may be the center of attention. Rather, notice the wealth of information contained in that particular picture. You may be amazed at some of the memories a simple object sitting in the background may trigger.

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# DPHHS's Child and Adult Care Food Program Gets USDA Wellness Grant

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' (DPHHS) Child and Adult Care Food Program has received an \$111,034 Child Care Wellness Grant from the US Department of Agriculture. The grant will be used to improve nutrition, health and wellness in child care settings across Montana.

The state will fund activities in 2012 and 2013 that promote nutrition in child care that reflect the Dietary Guide-

lines for Americans, to providers of child care centers and family and group day care homes.

"It's important that all of Montana's children receive the highest quality nutrition possible in our child care community," said DPHHS Director Anna Whiting Sorrell. "Reducing childhood hunger continues to be a high priority for DPHHS."

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) plays a vital role in improving the quality of child care and in making care more affordable for low-income families. In 2010, the MT CACFP distributed \$9.5 million in meal reimbursement to child care centers and family and day care homes. The program also reimbursed more than 1,000 local care providers for over 7.7 million meals with high nutritional value and trained over 135 local cooks. Through CACFP, more than 3.3 million infants and children and 112,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks each day in the United States.





"This grant will provide Cook's Trainings for CACFP-participating child care facilities in eighteen cities and includes all seven Indian Reservations," said Mary Musil, manager of the Department's Child and Adult Care Food Program. "Many children receive more than one-half of their daily food at child care, so the nutritional quality of those meals is very important to their health."

An estimated 15,000 Montana children will benefit from the training provided to the cooks who feed them when they are in child care environments.

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service oversees the administration of 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the child nutrition programs that touch the lives of one in four Americans over the course of a year. These programs work in concert to form a national safety net against hunger.

For more information on the Child and Adult Care Food Program contact Jon Ebelt at [jebelt@mt.gov](mailto:jebelt@mt.gov)


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## July Puzzle Answers

**Alphabet Soup:** eclipse, ferment, aroma, truly, hinder, always, package, dexterity, conjure, faucet, keyboard, light, pizza, section, violet, crush, insect, antiquity, magazine, fabled, yearn, fritter, survey, hinge, growl, visor

**Make-a-word:** disinfect, traumatic, ancestral, gyroscope, showrooms, unlimited, birthdays, formalize, womanhood

**Anagram:** galoshes, loafers, oxfords, hikers, sandals, brogans, slippers, Mary Janes, sneakers, wellingtons

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# Miniature Aircraft Provides Interesting Hobby

Preparing aircraft of all sorts for takeoff and flight.



**By Lois Kerr**

Many of us have developed an interest in a hobby in our youth that has lasted a lifetime. We have found pleasure in a certain activity for decades, and have learned an enormous amount about that particular pastime as the years pass. Ron Gerry, Sidney, can attest to this lifelong interest in a hobby as he has built model or miniature aircraft throughout his life. Since his retirement he builds and repairs miniatures over the winter then flies them for fun over the sum-

mer.

"I started this hobby as a kid," Gerry comments. "I would see planes in the air and wonder how they flew. I had no access to a hobby shop so I made my own planes from scrap lumber and just threw them off the barn roof to see how well they flew. Once thing led to another and I got into model aircraft."

He adds, "I took flying lessons as an adult and had my pilot's license but it got expensive. I went back to the mod-



els; I always go back to them.”

Gerry currently owns six aircraft that can fly and has several more in various stages of construction or repair. He points out that 20 years ago, he built all his planes from wood, but today people can buy store-bought aircraft made from plastic or other materials and that are ready to fly as soon as they come out of the box. Methods of providing the energy necessary to keep the craft aloft have changed as well. “I used to design and build my own aircraft,” Gerry remarks. “Today I can buy ready-made planes that all I have to do is bolt on the wings and charge the battery. We used to run the aircraft on gas engines, or alcohol with oil, but today most aircraft are electric, run by batteries. The technology is so good that a small battery will fly a plane for 10-15 minutes.”

He adds, “The electric models are great. You can throw them in the car and go. You don’t need fuel; just batteries, the aircraft and the transmitters.”

Model and miniature aircraft come in all shapes and sizes. The models are exact replicas of existing aircraft, while most miniatures are created by individuals. “The average size of a miniature aircraft is a six-foot wing span,” Gerry says. “There are all types of aircraft, not necessarily built to scale. People design and build their own aircraft that have no counterpart in the real world. People also can buy scale models of certain aircraft.”

Flying these miniatures takes patience and practice, and beginners can expect to wreck or at least crash their first planes. “The controls are hand-held,” says Gerry. “People hold transmitters in their hands to control the plane, move it, and fly it accurately. Flying a miniature aircraft teaches a person that things don’t always work as expected. It takes practice to operate these planes, and crashes are common, especially for beginners.”

He laughs and adds, “Whenever your pride and joy bites the dust, you just have to start over again.”

Gerry enjoys this hobby for many reasons. “I love airplanes, I like to work with my hands and put something together and see that it actually works,” he explains. “I’m out in the fresh air when I’m flying and I get camaraderie from people with like interests.”

He adds, “I’m retired now and working on a hobby keeps my mind occupied on the task at hand. It makes time fly.”

Gerry flies his miniatures aircraft all summer long. He and a group of like-minded enthusiasts have formed the Plane Folks Club that meets every Tuesday evening all summer long to fly planes. “John Mercer lets us use ten acres on his ranch south of town,” Gerry says. “We have a little airport with runway and wind sock. We formed the Plane Folks to promote model aviation. Anyone at all can come out on Tuesday evenings to see what we do, visit about flying, and have some fun. Tuesday is our official fly night at the airport south of town. Someone is always there so come out and look and see. We’re always interested in new members who like to talk planes.”

He concludes, “To find the airport, cross the MDU Bridge, go down the Lost Highway four miles south and we’re on the right hand side of the road.”



**Ron Gerry with one of his aircraft.**



**Some people enjoy flying the miniature helicopters. These can be flown indoors in rooms with high ceilings.**



**Set for takeoff.**



**A miniature aircraft in flight.**

# If It's Time To Sell The Farm



Staci Miller

## By Staci Miller

In increasing numbers, it seems couples that have built their life around the family farm in America are facing a new dilemma as they reach retirement age. In many cases the farm is producing no more than 2-3% of its market value in an income stream. In today's society, the children often have little or no interest in carrying on the farming tradition of Mom and Dad. The prospect of relying on this asset for significant retirement income while having to pay someone else to run the farm is not an attractive one.

Selling the farm outright is less than ideal for two reasons. First, the couple would like to continue to live in the farm residence. Second, the farm represents the vast majority of the couple's estate and, therefore, their children's inheritance. The tax consequences of a sale would drastically reduce estate value around which they have built retirement plans, as well as the inheritance they wish to leave for children.

Is it possible for the couple to find a way to increase their retirement income (perhaps without even having to move out of the farm residence!) and still provide an inheritance for their children?

Thankfully, the answer is yes. In fact, a number of options are available for the couple's consideration. The Foundation for Community Care offers a detailed look at how careful planning can help you achieve your objectives for retirement as well as for family.

### The Right To Live In The Residence

Many families find themselves in a position to retire from farming. It is not unusual for many in this position to dread the idea of moving from the residence they have occupied for most of their adult lives. In fact, many couples are enthusiastic about a plan that allows them to deed the homestead to charity, receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction, and remain in the home for the rest of their lives.

### A Springboard To The Golden Years

In spite of the misgivings that surely come in the midst of a decision to sell the farm after investing a lifetime in its productivity, this can mark the beginning of an exciting new era. Thanks to a number of planning options that are at your fingertips, the value represented by the farm can represent significant value in the retirement years.

The fact is that U.S. tax laws provide for a wide variety of planning options designed to help individuals and families make specific plans that achieve specific objectives.

If you would like to see a personalized example of how this option could deliver immediate tax benefits, and make a dramatic philanthropic statement, please call or write the Foundation for Community Care, Attention Staci Miller, 221 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-488-2273 or send us an email at [director@foundationforcommunitycare.org](mailto:director@foundationforcommunitycare.org).

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# Exercise Your Brain

By Lois Kerr

**ALPHABET SOUP:** Insert a different letter of the alphabet into each of the 26 empty boxes to form words of five or more letters reading across. The letter you insert may be at the beginning, middle or end of the word. Each letter of the alphabet will be used only once, so cross off each letter as you use it.

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

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S	C	O	N	F	E	R		E	N	T	R	Y	A	N
O	V	E	A	R	O	M		N	T	A	L	L	Y	S
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**Anagram Groups:**

Rearrange the following groups of letters to form related words

**FOOTWEAR**

**HOLESSAG**

**FORSALE**

**FOXDORS**

**SHRIEK**

**ASLANDS**

**GARBSON**

**PREPLISS**

**JAMESYARN**

**RESNAKES**

**NONWESTGILL**

**MAKE-A-WORD:** Place the 3 letter groups into the empty squares before and after the given letters to complete 9 letter words. Words read across only.

- ANC      OOD
- AYS      OPE
- BIR      RAL
- DIS      SHO
- ECT      TED
- FOR      TIC
- GYR      TRA
- IZE      UNL
- OMS      WOM

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**See answers on page 6.**

# Fairview Memories

The Fairview News

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## Chas. Banker Gives Firemen Real Feed

On Tuesday night the annual oyster stew given by the members of the Fairview fire department was pronounced the most successful in the history of the organization.

The feed departed somewhat from the usual custom with an enlarged menu and was served in splendid style. Oysters as usual remained the headline dish and was served in all the known forms. Of special note was the fine assortment of crackers donated by the Great Northern Railroad company. The committee in charge and to whom the firemen gave a vote of thanks was Dr. H. F. Tavlin, chairman, Selmer Larson, Orin Krugler, Gene Akers and Frank Corbett.

During the process of the banquet Chief D. R. Billington read a letter from Charles Banker of Glendive, who sponsored the occasion for the department, but who was unable to attend. The members also placed on record a vote of thanks to J.C. Johnson for his contribution of an additional fire hose nozzle. George Haney, department guest, spoke briefly of the marked corporation he had noted in the organization. The Yoder-Kincaid employees were special

guests of the department and the evening was passed playing cards. Following is the reprint of the department history which appeared on the menu used at the banquet.

## History of the Fairview Fire Department

The Fairview fire department was officially organized in 1921. Its first fire chief was D. R. Billington, who has served in that capacity ever since.

In the beginning the department undertook their work with chemical outfits together with what water could be secured from nearby wells and pumps in case of fire. Despite the limited facilities for successfully combatting fire, the department rendered a yeoman service even with this crude equipment, and at no time has a fire ever taken the upper hand of the department.

Upon the completion of the Fairview water works the picture changed. New and modern equipment was installed and the department reorganized and incorporated under the city council. Radical changes were made in the procedure of fire fighting - 28 hydrants were installed at vantage points. a 125,000-gallon storage tank, a never failing source of water, together with a steady 54-pound

pressure maintained under extreme usage, have placed Fairview in a very safe position as concerns fire.

Recently in what might have been a disastrous fire at the Yoder-Kincaid place of business, hard work, training, a splendid water system, ample equipment, and the fire was held within bounds with a minimal loss. The reasonableness of a 15 per cent reduction in fire insurance rates in Fairview was made manifest in this fire.

The Fairview fire department represents the value of men banding themselves together to do a certain thing. This organization has since its formation been a loyal, well trained body of men, fully capable of performing the splendid service they have always so freely given. They are a credit to the community, and example of efficiency, and to the safety we feel in our homes and places of business as concerns the fire hazard, we are not unmindful and deeply grateful.

In passing it is fitting that we pause to pay tribute to the late John Bird for his splendid professional service in properly preparing legal work, making possible the Fairview water works. Not with us, his deeds live on.

## YODER-KINCAID MOTOR CO. IS SOLD TO WILLIAM THOMPSON EARLY THIS WEEK

William L. Thompson became the owner and manager of the Ford sales and service agency at Fairview in a deal which was completed on Tuesday with the Yoder-Kincaid Motor Co. of Sidney.

Mr. Thompson acquired the Yoder-Kincaid property complete, and, according to present plans there will be no immediate changes made in personnel or policy.

The Ford garage in Fairview which has now become the Thompson Motor Co., was originally started by Lewis Larson in 1918. It was operated in this manner by Mr. Larson and his son., Selmer, until about 1926, when it was sold to the Bendon Auto Co. of Sidney. Later when that concern was bought by the Burleigh-Kincaid Motor Co., the Fairview property was likewise acquired by them. That company had steadily operated and advanced the Fairview branch until its disposition this week to Mr. Thompson.

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# Finding The Bad Inn

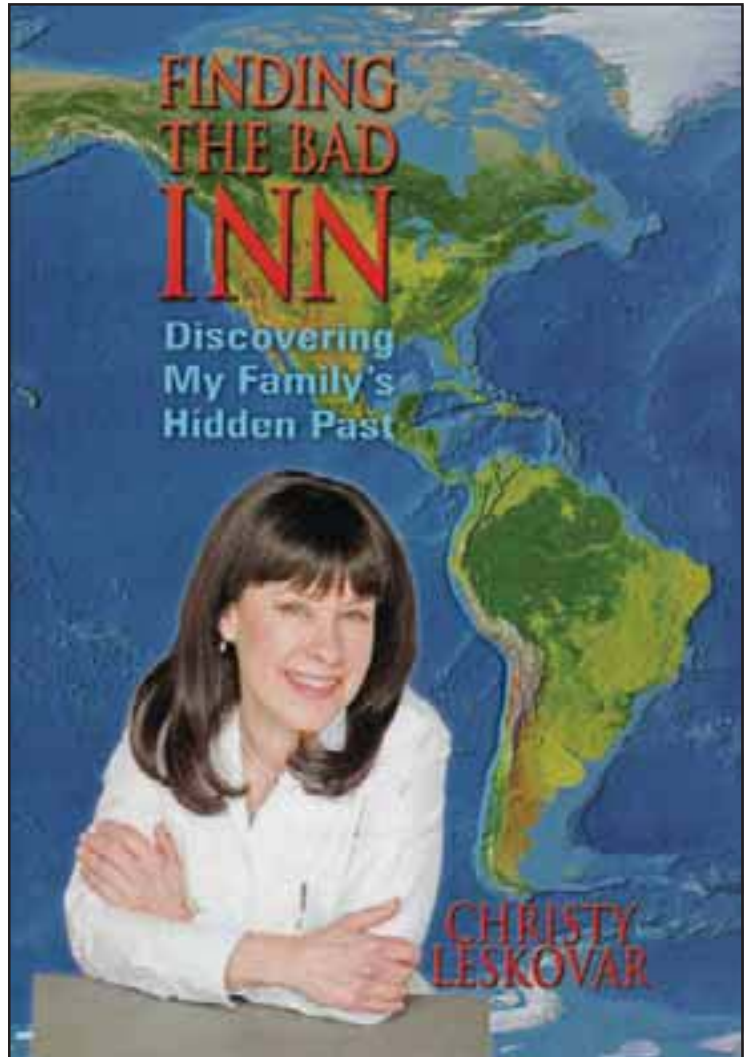
## Book review by Lois Kerr

Writing a book, particularly non-fiction, requires dedication, time, and commitment to get the job done correctly. The book *Finding the Bad Inn*, written by Butte native Christy Leskovar, describes in detail the amount of work required to thoroughly research a topic and the amount of work she did to produce her first book, High Plains Book Award finalist *One Night in a Bad Inn*, a book dealing with an incident in her family's past. Leskovar discovered so much information while researching her first book that she wrote this sequel, *Finding the Bad Inn*, to detail what it took to write the first book, how she planned it, organized it, and what she wanted to accomplish with the writing.

Leskovar talked to an enormous number of people in tracking down leads and snippets of information about her great grandparents and grandparents. She traveled across the country and around the world to locate documents, talk to locals, see the locations where her ancestors came from, visit the battlefields in Belgium and France on which they fought, and to learn about the culture and the society that shaped these people.

Not only did she investigate documents, get a feel for the location and the times, and talk to people who remembered events, but she also explored homesteading history, discovered more about her hometown of Butte, and delved into the background and history of World War I in order to better understand her roots and her family's past history. She shares this information in *Finding the Bad Inn* which makes for an interesting read.

Leskovar fleshes out details that she merely touched upon in her first book. This behind-the-scenes description of how she gathered her original information demonstrates the enormous amount of work required to research and then write a book. In spite of the hard work and time consuming efforts, Leskovar enjoyed herself and learned a lot of forgotten facts about her family. "The research was great fun," Leskovar says at the end of the book. "Every



time I discovered the answer to a question on my to-do list I felt a great sense of accomplishment. Even when my search culminated in a dead end as far as what I set out to find, inevitably I would stumble across something I didn't know I was looking for. I wouldn't have missed the good inn that was writing my book. The whole experience was a treasure."

She also learned that research was only half of the project. She still had to organize the material and write it down in book form. "I finally learned that writing a book is not a sprint, it's a marathon," she admits. "No matter how fast I wanted to go, I could only go so fast, and there was nothing I could do about it. How to say this, where to put that – not here, but there, or maybe there."

Anyone thinking about researching and writing a book should read the epic saga of what it took Leskovar to bring an idea to fruition in a published book. This book makes for interesting reading and lets the reader know how to research, where to research, and the surprises and pleasures one may discover in the process.



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# Education Event To Be Held At Ray Senior Center July 21

An education event will be held at Ray Senior Center, Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., on Thursday, July 21 from 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p. m.

## Service Options For Seniors Agenda

9:30 a.m. - Karen Quick, NW Human Service Center's Aging Services Unit, Family Caregiver Support Program, Vulnerable Adult Protective Services, Ombudsman Services; IPAT's assistive safety devices, phone program and medication management devices; and NW Human Service Center's services, 701-774-4685 or 1-800-231-7724.

9:45 a.m. – Wendy Peters, Mercy Home Care/Hospice, 701-774-7430

10 a.m. – Heidi Jeanotte, Upper Missouri Dist. Health Unit, 701-774-6400

10:15 a.m. – Karen Froysland, Williston Council for the Aging, Inc.; Outreach Services, 701-577-6752.

10:30 a.m. – Janelle Olson, Protection and Advocacy, 774-4345

10:45 a.m. – Grant Carns, Williams Co. Veteran's Service Officer; Veterans Administration's Compensation and Pension, 701-577-4550

11 a.m. – Alisa Dahl, USDA Rural Development, 504 Loan and Grant Program for home repair; 701-852-1754

11:15 a.m. – Jodi Keller, Regional Care Consultant (Williston and Minot Regions) 837-0062 and Kelly Mattis, (Bismarck and Dickinson regions) 701-225-7988; ND Dementia Care Services- Alzheimer's Association MN-ND Chapter services

11:30 a.m. - Thomas Masa – Legal Services of ND – 1-877-838-5263 ext. 209; LSND services and DPGEN/HCD; before and after this presentation, he will be available for free legal services screenings

11:45 a.m. - Experience Works – 701-483-1333.

12 NOON–12:45 p.m. Lunch – Call Don Suhr, 701-568-3350 if you want to eat there; call and cancel if you change your mind.

12:45 p.m. – Lisa Fredrickson, Region 1 SMP RVC, 701-965-6752

For further information, contact Karen Quick, NW Human Service Center, Aging Services Unit, Box 1266, Williston, ND 58802-1266; 701-774-4685 or 1-800-231-7724 or kquick@nd.gov.

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