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Richland County Rascals Announce Irrigation Garden and Yard of the Week Project



Pictured are back row: Left to right Wes Van Hook, Kathy Iversen, Mark Iversen, William Van Hook, Riley Lander. Front row: Danny Carlsen, Nathan Carlsen, Ben Carlsen and Whitney Van Hook.

By Anna Dragseth

This summer, the Richland Rascals 4-H club came up with an idea to give back to the community. Every week of the summer months they will announce "Garden and Yard of the Week". The lucky winner will receive a \$25 Tractor Supply gift card, a yard or garden tool, and also a sign created by Crystal Wyman, business owner of Pure Imagination Vinyl.

The recipients for this week's "Garden and Yard of the Week" are Kathy and Mark Iversen. They have been gardening and tending their yard for as long as they have lived there, which

is 52 years to be exact. Kathy said, "I was honestly shocked when I received "Garden and Yard of the Week." The Iversen's yard consists of many trees and perennial plants as well as a big garden full of many vegetable, fruits, and herbs

The 4-Hers that are a part of this community project are Riley Lander, Randy Lander, Allison Lander, Beau Norby, William Van Hook, Whitney Van Hook, Wes Van Hook, Ben Carlsen, Nathan Carlsen, and Danny Carlsen. "I think it's good that we are doing this for our community," said Whitney Van Hook.

Missoula Children's Theater Treasure Island Audition June 19

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of TREASURE ISLAND on Monday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Watford City Intermediate School Media Center in Watford City. Those auditioning should arrive at 11:30 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Jim Hawkins, his mother and six sisters, a rollicking Pirate Crew, Jim's Ruffian friends, seacoast Villagers and cuddly Gulls. Students, grades 1 – 8 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week,

June 20 to June 23 starting at 10 a.m. each day.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for more than 40 years now from Montana to Japan, and will visit nearly 1,200 communities this year with up to 44 teams of Tour Actor/Directors. The tour team will arrive with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play, and will cast 50-60 local students to perform. Also included in the residency are three enrichment workshops presented by the Tour Actor/Directors. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project. MCT's mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.

The MonDak Heritage Center Announces Eight Weeks of Art Walks in Sidney

The MonDak Heritage Center welcomes everyone to enjoy eight weeks of Art Walks in Sidney, every Friday from June 9, 2017, through July 28, 2017. Featuring artwork from summer youth camps at the MonDak and the Richland County Boys & Girls Club and projects from youth art classes at The GalleRay! Art walks will start at the Meadowlark Public House in downtown Sidney and end at the MonDak Heritage Center, with maps available at both locations. New art will go on display in the windows of downtown businesses each Friday by 6:00 p.m. Participating businesses include: Eagle Country Ford, Johnson's Hardware, Meadowlark Public House, Ribbon & Rail, Stockman Bank, and Yellowstone Marketplace. MDHC will also host a reception for young artists and their guests at the museum from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Friday from June 9 through July 28. So pick up a map and start exploring local youth art from the community! Thanks to the downtown businesses for making the art walks possible and additional thanks to the Active Richland County Action Group. Contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or mdhc@ richland.org for more information.

TREASURE ISLAND will be presented on Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m. at the Watford City Intermediate School Media Center. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Watford City is brought to you by the Long X Arts Foundation with support from Watford City Parks and Recreation and the City of Watford City.

For more information, contact

Jessie at the Long X Arts Foundation at 701-770-8659 or longx-arts@gmail. com.



Farmers Market in Alexander Starts June 17

The Alexander Lewis and Clark Trail Museum is sponsoring a Farmer's Market, 5-9 p.m., starting Saturday, June 17, in Alexander Park to promote and celebrate community. The Farmer's Market will continue every Saturday throughout the summer.

New vendors are welcome for more information call 701-

Come to Alexander park to enjoy entertainment and games, as well as Lion's Club Burgers in the Park!

Sugar Valley Hoopfest Streetball Tourney Registration

The Fairview Community Foundation is having a streetball tourney, Wednesday, July 12-Friday, July 14 in conjunction with Fairview Old Timers Festival at Sharbono Park.

This event is open to sixth graders through adults. Teams need to be registered by June 24 in order to set up the bracket. Please go to www.fairviewcommunityfoundation.org to check out registration, rules, hotel and camping options.

Proceeds from this tournament go to helping the community with area projects. Have fun and support your community. For more information call 406-489-1094.

Irrigation Project Threatened Again

Buses leave promptly at 5:30 a.m. Monday, June 19th for Great Falls Hearing

By Dianne Swanson

Once again, our farmers and communities are threatened by the Defenders of Wildlife and the Natural Resources Defense Council. In a brief filed with District Court, those plaintiffs are not only asking for another injunction against the construction of the concrete weir and fish bypass, they are also asking that the entire dam be removed from the Yellowstone River, in order to protect the pallid sturgeon.

The plaintiffs are not only directly contesting the previous NEPA and ESA analysis of the bypass project, but the very existence of the diversion, and its operation and maintenance as it has existed for more than a century.

The project protects and enhances our drinking water, provides a stable tax base, creates business and employment opportunities all along the valley and far beyond. The current system of water delivery is the most environmentally sound, cost effective option. The proposal by the plaintiffs for pumps along an open river is cost prohibitive and an environmental disaster.

Everyone is busy at this time of the year. However, continued strong support of the irrigation project is critical. Mass attendance at the hearing in Great Falls on Monday, June 19th will continue to show the judge that irrigation, and the new weir and fish bypass are essential to our farmers and our communities.

Buses will start loading at 5 a.m. and leave from the MSU-EARC building north of Sidney promptly at 5:30 a.m. Beverages and food will be provided. Please contact Richland Economic Development at 406-482-4679 to reserve your space.

Anyone wishing to drive to Great Falls and attend the hearing at 1:30 p.m. is also encouraged to do so.

Red Cross Blood Drive June 20

There will be a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, June 20, from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at St. Mathews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.

To make an appointment, call Red Cross at 406-403-0956 or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. Give blood-help save lives.

Watford City's Homefest Kicks Off June 23rd

By Stephanie Ler

Watford City's annual Homefest offers a jam-packed weekend of events in downtown Watford City that will appeal to all ages. Homefest, a "welcome home" for returning natives and a "welcome" to new residents, will kick off on Friday, June 23rd. This year's theme is "Born in the USA!"

Food vendors will line Main Street in Watford City beginning at 5 pm, followed shortly by music and a street dance. Killdeer native Chloe Fredericks, who has family roots in Watford City, will open for The Cody Charles Band, a country rock band from the Bismarck area. Music and dancing concludes at midnight.

Also on Friday night is a performance of Treasure Island by the Missoula Children's Theater beginning at 7:30 at the Intermediate School Media Center. An additional performance is scheduled for 10 am on Saturday in the same theatre.

Saturday morning, June 24th, begins with a pancake breakfast hosted by the local Boy Scouts, as well as registration for the Relay for Life Homefest Run, presented by Rugged West Relay for Life. The run is a 5k run or walk open at all ages, and requires a \$35 registration fee for ages 11 and older.

A street fair runs from 10 to 6 on Saturday, featuring food vendors, direct sellers and local crafters. Additionally, the Kids Zone, sponsored by McKenzie County Farmers Union, is open until 6 and features a variety of inflatable toys.

At noon, choose between the "Born in the USA" baby pageant, open to babies ages 0 to 24 months, dressed in red, white, and blue garb; or the annual Trish Gravos Memorial Gold Scramble, at Fox Hills Golf Course. The scramble honors Trish Gravos, one of the founders of Homefest, and includes a steak fry. Registration and fees are required for both events.

At 2 pm, Jessie Veeder will be signing her new book, "Coming Home", at the Proneer Museum, in conjunction with

the "Hoppin' 50s" ice cream social.

New this year is the pet parade and costume contest, sponsored by the Watford City Veterinarian Clinic. Dogs, cats, sheep, goats and a range of other pets will compete for three awards, including best owner/pet costume combo.

Homefest concludes with a tribute to veterans, where attending veterans will be called on stage to be honored by children from the Wolf Pup Day Care. Music on Main Street until midnight is by Harley and the V Twins.

Additional event information and registration forms can be found on the Watford City Chamber website at http://watfordcitychamber.com/Events/HOMEFEST-2017.

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FATHER'S DAY BUFFET Sunday, June 18th • 10am - 2pm

Breakfast Buffet:

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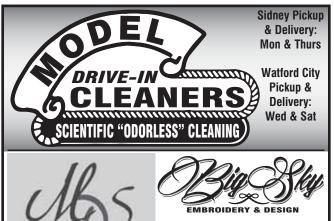
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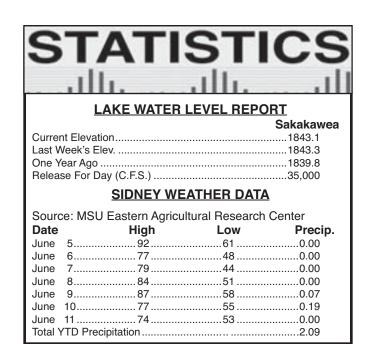


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Richard "Dick" Dore, 61 Sidney, MT

Funeral service for Richard "Dick" Dore, 61, of Sidney, MT is at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 17 at Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney, MT with Pastor Joel Westby officiating.

Internment will follow in Newlon Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home.

Remembrances, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Dick died on Saturday, June 10 at his home.

Joshua Smallwood, 24 Sidney, MT

Memorial service for Joshua Smallwood, 24, of Sidney, MT, formerly of San Francisco, CA is pending for a later date in San Francisco, CA.

Remembrances, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Joshua died at his home in Sidney, MT on Friday, June 9.

Alvin Wiederrich, 89 Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Alvin Wiederrich, 89, of Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 13 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT.

Burial was in Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home.

Alvin died Wednesday, June 7 at Riverstone Hospice House Remembrances and condolences may be shared at www.

fulkersons.com.

Richland County Safety Day **Sponsored by Richland County Ambulance and RCHD**

Sidney, MT, June 17, 2017: Sidney High School 10-1pm, Richland County First Responders, will be hosting an interactive educational experience for families to enjoy. Activities include; Emergency vehicle displays, car seat check point, Simulation Golf cart courses, Extrication Demonstration, hands only CPR, Electricity Safety, Bus Safety, and many more. Agency Participants include; Sidney Fire, LYREC, MDU, County Road Department, Montana Highway Patrol, Sidney PD, Richland County Sheriff's office, Fairview Fire, Valley Med Flight, RC DUI/Injury Prevention, DES, Montana National Guard, RCAS, RCHD. This event is free, and will leave you with valuable safety lessons.

Sherry and Janae's Annual Softball Tourny June 17th

By Stephanie Ler

The 6th softball tournament to honor the lives of Sherry Arnold and Janae Moore will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at the South Meadow Softball Complex in Sidney.

The first tournament was held in 2012 to celebrate the life of Sherry Arnold, a long-time softball player and coach. In 2014, the name of the tournament was changed to include Janae Moore, a young Sidney resident and avid softball player.

The tournament is open to teams of all ages and abilities, and includes co-ed teams of families, friends and businesses. "Janae's classmates always have a team," her mother Terri said. "It's nice to see their faces. It's a really nice memorial".

Raffle prizes are given throughout the day, and concessions will be available. A \$100 entry fee per team is required, with \$50 due at sign-up. Registration for two teams is offered at \$150.

Proceeds from the tournament are returned to the community in the name of Arnold and Moore. Previous funds have been used to purchase a scoreboard for the softball complex bearing Sherry's and Janae's names, and sponsorship for a local baseball team.

To donate to the tournament or to sign up your team, contact coordinator Tammy Pedersen at 406-489-0451 or sherrystournament@hotmail.com

Fairview's Annual **Blessing Sale June 17**

Get a blessing. Give a blessing. Be a blessing at Fairview's annual Blessing Sale Saturday, June 17. Choose from hundreds of unpriced rummage sale items, plus baked goods, and make a free-will contribution to a great cause.

This year, the church is pleased to announce a new baby! The Christian and Missionary Alliance is planting a brand new church in Williston, ND, under the direction of Joe and Carol Campbell, who moved to Williston last fall. The team is eager to serve those in need in the Williston area and offer outreach events and regular services in the near future.

Fairview's Blessing Sale receipts will be used to purchase portable video and media equipment that will enable the Williston team to help people encounter Jesus at different venues around the community.

The sale will be held at Fairview Alliance Church, 702 Western Avenue, across from Fairview High School, in conjunction with the town's community garage sale day, June 17, from 8

Donated sale items in good condition are welcomed and may be dropped off at the church by June 14. Please contact Pastor Kelly Sloan at 406-742-5425 for additional details.

The Shuffle Bums to Perform at Burgers, Brews, & Blues!

The MonDak Heritage Center presents the Third Annual Burgers, Brews, & Blues, Saturday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the MonDak, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, MT! BBB features blues music by The Shuffle Bums from Livingston, Montana, grilled burgers with all the fixings, and locally-crafted beer from Meadowlark Brewing Company. Tickets are \$40/person or \$30 for MDHC Members. Get one before they run out! To purchase tickets, stop by the MonDak Heritage Center or call (406) 433-3500. Or order tickets online at mondakheritagecenter.org. Must be 21 or older to attend. Sponsored by Meadowlark Brewing Company, Wheat Montana Bakery & Deli, Candlewood Suites, Beagle Properties, Reynold's Market, and Reese & Ray's IGA.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., June 14

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Car Night. Everyone is welcome to come and show off your cars and view the area's cars and trucks.
Reynolds Market parking lot. This event occurs every Wednesday night. Sat., June 17

prizes given out all day, concessions available, entry fee, \$100. South Meadow Softball Complex, Sidney, MT. For more information contact Tammy at 406-489-0451.

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Fairview Alliance Church Blessing Sale -702 Western Avenue, Fairview, MT.

Sherry & Janae's Softball Tournament - Open to all ages,

702 Western Avenue, Fairview, M1.
10 a.m. - Family Event - Songs, games, crafts and pitch-in lunch. All ages, open to the public. Veterans Memorial Park. For more information call Julia, 406-774-3309. This event will continue every Saturday through September 2.
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Richland County Safety Day - A free interactive educational experience for families to enjoy.

Emergency vehicle displays, car seat check point, simulation golf cart courses, extrication demonstration, hands only CPR, electricity safety, bus safety and more. Sidney High School. 12 p.m. - **Bakken Barrel Daze** - This event continues 10 a.m. on June 18. Richland County Fair Grounds, Sidney, MT. 6:30 p.m. - **Burgers, Brews & Blues** - Music by The Shuffle Bums, grilled burgers, sides, desserts and beer. \$40 per person; \$30 for MDHC members. Tickets, 406-433-3500, in person, online, mondakheritagecenter.org. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney.

Mon., June 19 2-5 p.m. - Vacation Bible School - This event continues through June 23. Age 4-5th grade (grade entering). Pella Lutheran Church. For more information contact 433-3350, pella@pellachurch.net, www.pellachurch.net.

Tues., June 20 12:30-6 p.m. - **Blood Drive** - Call the American Red Cross at 406-403-0956 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: sidney to make an appointment. St. Matthews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, MT.

Fri., June 23 9 a.m. - Sidney ARS & MSU EARC Dryland Field Day - Featured presentations winter wheat breeding for Eastern Montana and narrowleaf hawksbeard: ID and management. EARC farmsite located about 4.4 miles north of Sidney off Montana Highway 16. The farm turnoff is on the right-hand

side across from the Hi-Line Trucking building. Rain place Richland County Extension Conference Room, 1501 N Central, Sidney, MT. Sat., June 24 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club of Richland County Color Race - 5K course, run/walk, family friendly, \$25 registration. Registration at 9 a.m. or register online at www. richlandbgc.com. Free BBQ after run. Peterson Park, Sidney.

8 p.m. - I Love 90s - Josh King memorial ambulance education fund benefit. DJ, live band, drink specials. Ranger Lounge, 221 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT. 406-488-2273. Sun., June 25 11 a.m.-6 p.m. - Lions Club Family Fun Trap Shoot Event - Competitive open contest, open to all ages, 2

round guarantee, bring your own gun, ammo & lawn chair.
Concessions available. Registration and practice rounds start at 9 a.m. or register online at Sidney Lions Club Facebook page. \$30 registration. Sidney Trap Shoot Club, 12598 Hwy 16 N.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Events in Froid unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., June 22

1 p.m. - Research Farm Field Day - Featuring on-farm subsurface irrigation project. The Froid Research Farm is located 8 miles north of Culbertson on Montana Highway 16.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Sat., June 17

5-9 p.m. - Farmer's Market - Alexander Park on Manning Ave. New vendors are welcome, for more information call 701-828-3595. Alexander, ND. Fri., June 23

7 p.m. - Treasure Island - Presented by Missoula Children's Theater. This event will also occur 10 a.m., Saturday, June 24. Watford City Intermediate School Media Center. For more information contact Jessie, 701-770-8659 or longxarts@

5 p.m. - Homefest 2017 - Family, friends, food, music, art, activities and lots of fun. Street dance music with "The Cody Charles Band". This event continues on June 24 with Relay for Life Homefest Run, pancake breakfast, baby pageant, puppy pageant, kids zone, tribute to veterans, Trish Gravos memorial golf scramble; home show; great music on main street until midnight with "Harley and the V Twins". Downtown Watford City, North Dakota.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., June 15

9:30 a.m.- 6:45 p.m. - Fort Union Rendezvous - This event continues through June 18. June 15 is kids day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with games and hands on activities. Groups of five or more can pre-register by calling 701-572-9083. Traders Row, re-enactments and demonstrations throughout the weekend such as blacksmithing and bow making, variety of

period arts, crafts and music.
7 p.m. - Fort Buford History Book Club - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "The Marquis de Mores" by Donald Dresdan. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri., June 16 7:30 a.m. - CHI St. Alexius Health Golf Classic - Four member team, non-handicap, 18-hole scramble, team prizes awarded. 7:30 a.m., registration opens; 9 a.m., shotgun start; 11 a.m., lunch available. Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Williston, ND.

Sat., June 17

Lemonade Day - Watch for entrepreneurs selling lemonade in Williston.

9 a.m. - Rendezvous Run - 5-K or 11-K run, 5K men's heavyweight run, 5-K walk, one mile fur traders run/walk, one mile kids run for ages 12 and under. Races start and finish at Fort Union Trading Post. \$15 through June 16, \$25 day of the race; \$10 age 12 and under; \$35 family (immediate family only). Pre-registration is encouraged call 701-774-4100. 2 p.m. - History Alive - Featuring Mary Jane Bradeny as Dora DuFran. Hear Calamity Jane's story through the eyes of her best friend. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034. Fri., June 23

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch and unfinished projects. This event continues on June 24. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone Thurs., June 15

9:30-11:30 a.m. - "Five Senses Outside" - Kids aged 7-13 are invited to enjoy a morning of learning about nature. Students will learn about each of the five senses. Experiments will be conducted that test each of the senses and then utilize them while we explore the outdoors on the Diane Gabriel Trail. Makoshika State Park, 1301 Snyder Avenue Glendive, MT.

7 p.m. - Miss MT Scholarship Program And Miss MT Outstanding Teen Competition - This event continues through June 17. DCHS Auditorium Foyer, 900 N Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT.

9 p.m. - Movie Under the Stars "Jurassic World"-Concessions will be available, bring anything you may need to be comfortable, such as warm clothing, insect repellent, water, etc. All ages are welcome. Makoshika State Park, 1301 Snyder Avenue Glendive, MT.

Mon., June 19 9 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Day Camp - The camp continues through June 22. 9 a.m.-12 p.m., ages 3-5; K-5th, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview Ave. For more information call 406-377-3369.

Lewis and Clark Trail Museum **Welcomes New Director**

By Stephanie Ler

On May 29th, Alexander's Lewis and Clark Trail Museum welcomed Carson Yates as the new operations director.

Yates is originally from Lexington, Kentucky, and is a recent graduate of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky.

Yates will oversee the day-to-day museum functions, managing collections, making reports to the board, managing and pursuing grant funding and organizing events. "All of the work I've had to do in my grad program really helps me think about not just the day to day, but also the big picture. I'm working with the board to develop plans for the future of the museum," she said.

Yates is settling into life in Alexander well, and learning about the community in her off time. "I go home every day and read about this town and the Lewis and Clark Trail. I've read a lot of books since I got here about the area. My grad program was pretty intense so I'm used to researching things all the time," Yates explained. "I'm from the South and it's interesting to see the history of a different place, rather than my own history, which I'm so connected to, and to see how much the community cares about the museum and how deeply ingrained the history is in their life. With modern technology and the way that people are so mobile and disconnected, it can really show how deep rooted the community is in this area".

The Lewis and Clark Trail Museum is located at 102 Indiana Ave East, in Alexander, and has many exhibits featuring rare and unique homesteader items, such as a scale used by Otto Tank in the general store many decades ago. "We have a lot of really unique items and antiques. Some of them dating back to 1920s and 30s that people in our community actually used. It's here, it's not just thrown out or an antique to be sold," Yates said of the museum.

The Lewis and Clark Trail Museum is looking for volunteers from the community to

help with projects planned for the season. To volunteer or to learn about current hours and exhibits, speak with Yates at 701-828-3595.



Carson Yates

Producers Can Earn Points At Local Field Days

Pesticide points have been awarded for two local dryland field days coming up on Thursday and Friday, June 22nd and June 23rd. Two private applicator points will be awarded for attendees at each event, along with a mix of commercial points, organizers reported. The field days include the Annual Froid Research Farm Field Day on Thursday, June 22, from 1-5 pm and the Sidney ARS-MSU Eastern Ag Research Center dryland field day set for Friday morning, June 23 from 9 am-12:30 pm.

The June 22 Froid Field Day line-up is as follows: FEATURED TALK: On-farm Subsurface Drip Irrigation Project- Jeff Brennan, Consultant, Southern Irrigation, Lethbridge,

Improving native plant establishment in CRP (and related projects) - Dr. Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT

Managing perennials in an annual cropping system – Dr. John Hendrickson, Rangeland Management Specialist, US-DA-ARS Mandan, ND

Assessing and managing grazinglands for sustainability - Dr. David Toledo, Rangeland Management Specialist, US-DA-ARS Mandan, ND

Pulse crop diseases: Identification and treatments - Dr. Jessica Rupp, Plant Pathologist, MSU-Bozeman, MT

New weed control options in spring wheat by rotations with pulses and oilseeds - Dr. Brian Jenks, Weed Scientist, NDSU North Central Research Extension Center, Minot, ND

Impacts of durum variety and planting dates on fungal disease (with a focus on Fusariuim head blight/DON) - Dr. Frankie Crutcher, Plant Pathologist, MSU EARC, Sidney, MT

Saltcedar identification workshop - Dr. John Gaskin, Botanist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT

The event concludes with a free steak supper at 5 pm provided by the Roosevelt and Sheridan County Conservation Districts. The farm is located 8 miles north of Culbertson on MT Hwy 16.

The June 23 Sidney ARS-EARC Field Day line-up is as follows:

Zinc studies on cereals and pulses - Drs. Reza Keshavarz and Yesuf Mohammed, Post Doc Assoc., MSU-EARC, Sidney FEATURED TALK: Winter wheat breeding for Eastern Montana - Dr. Jason Cook, Asst. Research Professor, MSU-Boz-

Impacts of durum variety and planting dates on disease (with a focus on wheat streak mosaic virus/rusts) - Dr. Frankie Crutcher, Plant Pathologist, MSU-EARC, Sidney, MT

Weed management on chickpeas in an organic production system - Dr. Chengci Chen, Cropping Systems Agronomist, Dr. Yesuf Mohammed, Post Doc Assoc., MSU-EARC, Sidney

Narrowleaf hawksbeard: ID and management - Shelley Mills, Valley County Extension

Saltcedar identification workshop - Dr. John Gaskin, Botanist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT

Malt barley, pea yields and quality affected by N fertilization rates and fall-planted cover crop - Dr. Upendra Sainju, Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT

Carinata seeding rate study for jet fuel feedstocks - Dr. Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT

Improving native plant establishment in CRP - Dr. Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT

The morning concludes with a free lunch at 12:30 provided by Richland County Extension. The event begins at the EARC dryland farm site located about 4.4 miles north of Sidney along MT Hwy 16.



Subsurface drip irrigation lines being installed at the Froid Research Farm. (Photo by Mike Christoffersen)

For more information on either of these events, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or by email at beth.redlin@ars.usda.gov.







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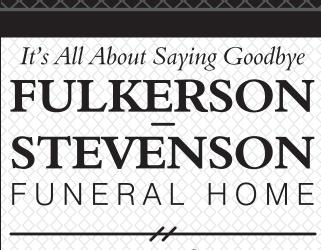
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Fancy and Not So Fancy Footwear

By Lois Stephens

I noticed a most stunning pair of shoes this past weekend. These shoes gleamed in the sunlight, the silver soles merged into a metallic red that glistened and flashed as the wearer of these magnificently fashionable footwear moved along the street. I took a good look at the man sporting these marvelous creations and I broke into a smile of glee. The owner of those fancy shoes has more years under his belt than I do.

Footwear has certainly changed since I was a youngster. Back then, we had less than stellar shoes from which to choose. Every summer my mother bought us our canvas sneakers, which we dearly loved and wore hard all summer long. We received somewhat sturdier shoes with the arrival of fall and the return to school. The number of colors and choices just didn't exist back then, at least they did not in our household. Our canvas sneakers were just that: sneakers, and we were thrilled when we had the color choice of red or blue from which to choose. We didn't have the option of selecting walking shoes, running shoes,

> hikers, sport shoes, cross trainers, athletic shoes or trail shoes or any of the rest of the multitude of choices that appear for sale today; we didn't even know such options existed.

What fun! As older people today we have no hesitations about wearing sporty, gaudy footwear. How times have changed, and in this case for the better. I'm thinking here of what older men and women used to wear on their feet, way back when homing pigeons still numbered in the millions. My sister and I, by no means fashion experts and basically totally uninterested in trends, still did notice apparel such as footwear. I recall the two of us discussing shoes. We made a lot of declarations to the other about what we would and would not allow to happen to us as we aged. Most of our promises of course, such as assuring ourselves that we would NEVER look or act like our mother, fell by the wayside, trampled underfoot by reality. One vow, however, we both kept, and this vow involved shoes. Under no circumstances would either of us ever wear old lady shoes.

I'm talking about those ubiquitous shoes our elementary school teachers, grandmothers, choir directors, preachers' wives, and other frightfully old, humorless scowling elderly (to us) ladies wore on a daily basis. You know, those sturdy lace-up shoes with short chunky heels, rather like an Oxford with a thick, inch and a half high heel. It seems back then, when the world was young and my sister and I still rode pterodactyls to school, all the older teachers, those wizened old prunes who had to have been at least forty five or fifty ancient years old, wore those horrendous lace-up shoes that came in the exciting colors of drab black or mouse brown. The young teachers never wore such hideous examples of footwear, but the older ones certainly did. Hence my sister and I have called that particular shoe style 'old lady shoes' since we've been old enough to notice and criticize footwear.

Likely those shoes did provide some sort of comfort, and in a day and age when teachers still dressed up for the classroom, prettier, more fashionable footwear likely did not supply the necessary support required for a person who stood on her feet a great deal of the day. Those shoes may have offered some comfort and leg support, but that does not change the fact that they were unbelievably ugly and forever branded the wearer as an old lady with one foot in the grave and the other foot on a banana peel. My sister and I swore we would never wear such atrocious shoes on our feet. We never have, and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt we never will.

I'm not even sure a person can purchase such monstrosities any longer. Shoe technology and fashion, like everything else, have changed dramatically since I left high school behind me. People of all ages now enjoy shoes of all colors and descriptions, shoes that supply the required support for whatever activity a person chooses to do. Today's footwear fashions generally do not distinguish between generations, either, which was one reason I smiled in delight when I saw the showy running shoes worn by a most definitely older man. Occasionally I do see an older gentleman wearing what I consider 'old man shoes' but for the most part, those of us that have some age on us feel free to wear whatever strikes our fancy, and to take advantage of the extravagant colors available to us.

I feel so grateful for that small blessing. I know that whatever footwear I decide to put on my feet, they will not brand me as a little old lady.

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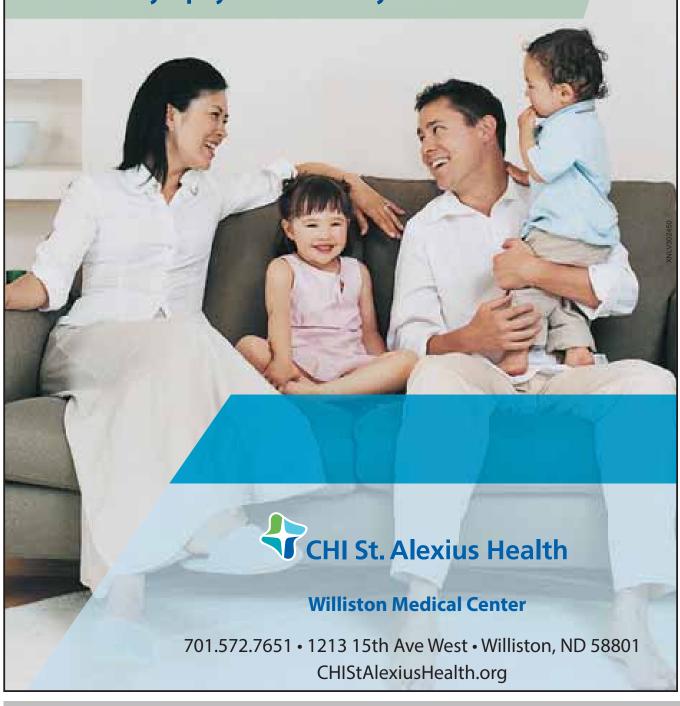
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The narrative doesn't always have to be that way for North Dakota communities. That is why the McKenzie County Job Development Authority (MCJDA) is providing a new alternative for workers who want to stay in North Dakota and broaden their skills and perhaps enhance their current career or move on to a new career. It's called the McKenzie County Skills Initiative. The Initiative brings together regional entities to offer classes, training and services at Watford City's new Rough Rider Center-University of Mary offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, Williston State College offers two year degrees, TrainND Northwest offers specific workforce training and enrichment opportunities, and the Small Business Development Center offers free and confidential services to those looking to start or improve their business.

"Our goal is to make McKenzie County more attractive and marketable for businesses and residents by improving community access to workforce training and other opportunities," explained Daniel Stenberg, director of the MCJDA. "The population boom we've experienced over the past ten years has put our population among cities in North Dakota like Devils Lake and Valley City. I think this model helps us serve a great variety of educational needs for our community in a very nimble and innovative manner."

Wayde Sick, Workforce Development director for the North Dakota Department of Commerce believes it is grassroots initiatives like this one that have a tremendous economic impact on communities and consequently the entire state. "We are excited to see this partnership and think it shows an innovative way to address workforce and education needs.'

This Initiative is being debuted to the public on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Multi-Industry Job Fair at the Watford City Rough Rider Center from 3-7 p.m. Over 45 employers and hundreds of job seekers are expected to attend.

Through this initiative, MCJDA and their partners are helping to create a new chapter in the oil boom-and-bust saga that often gets played out in communities across the Bakken. With each other's help, it's their intent to turn what is often a tragic story into a happy ending.

For more information visit http://econdev.mckenziecounty. net/Opportunities/Skills

McKenzie County

Job Development Authority

About The Organizations

TrainND helps to expand opportunities by providing comprehensive, customized adult learning and employee training as well as community enrichment classes. TrainND specifically provides: contracted training; open enrollment training; blended learning training; continuing education units and community education for its clients.

University of Mary provides various degree programs in graduate and undergraduate areas; work with community employers to offer seminar-style trainings and collaborate with Williston State College (WSC) on creating 2+2 agreements so students seamlessly begin work on their bachelor's degree after completing coursework through WSC.

Williston State College offers credit classes that can be standalone, towards a two-year degree or transfer to a fouryear degree program. WSC delivers: general education; CTE courses, first term and first year undergraduate advising and dual credit/early entry general education core courses.

North Dakota Small Business Development Center (NDSB-DC) helps small businesses start, manage and grow their business. NDSBDC helps with all client and entrepreneurial support activities, small business and client meetings, annual reports and other items as they become necessary.



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Montana Part Of Multi-State Outbreak Linked To Live Poultry

The Department of Public reported obtaining live baby Health and Human Services (DPHHS) confirmed today that 14 Montanans in 11 counties have been diagnosed this spring with Salmonella after coming in contact with live poultry.

However, this outbreak is not unique to Montana. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 372 people in 47 states have become ill and 71 were hospitalized since the outbreak began earlier

More than one third of the Montana cases were children under 10 years old and three adults were hospitalized for their illness. Those infected are from the counties of Cascade, Gallatin, Glacier, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Mineral, Missoula, Powder River, Ravalli, Roosevelt and Yellowstone.

In Montana, people associated with the outbreak have poultry, e.g., chicks and ducklings, from feed supply stores and relatives.

State health officials say that Salmonella is an organism that healthy poultry can carry without making them ill, but may cause severe diarrhea and abdominal pain to humans which can lead to dehydration. Sometimes people require hospitalization to recover.

The DPHHS and the Department of Livestock (DOL) are asking Montanans to handle poultry responsibly. DOL Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Tahnee Szymanski said, "When caring for backyard flocks, these simple prevention measures will help to keep your families healthy and enjoying the benefits of raising

- · Wash your hands after handling animals
- Avoid touching your mouth after animal contact

- · Don't eat or drink around animals
- · Don't bring poultry into the house
- · Supervise small children around animals
- Don't cuddle or kiss chicks

"Raising your own flock can be a rewarding and fun experience, but consider the risk when purchasing poultry," DPHHS epidemiologist Dana Fejes said.

Young children and persons with weakened immune systems, such as women who are pregnant, the elderly, and those with chronic disease, are at greatest risk for complications from infection.

"Safe poultry handling is a way to prevent illnesses and keep our children and communities healthy," Fejes stressed.

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Traveling Boaters Should Check Border State and Provincial ANS Regulations

North Dakota boaters who are traveling to other states or Canadian provinces should check the aquatic nuisance species regulations of their destination to make sure they are in compliance.

While many of North Dakota's ANS prevention regulations are similar to surrounding states and provinces, state Game and Fish Department ANS coordinator Jessica Howell says there are some subtle differences that could lead to travel interruption or citations depending on the circumstances.

"Removal of all water and vegetation, as well as pulled plugs while traveling, are generally the rule in neighboring states and provinces," Howell said, "but there are some places where 'dry' is also a requirement, meaning no residual water anywhere in

Mandatory boat inspections may be required based on destination or route taken. For example, Howell said anyone pulling a boat into Canada will likely have it inspected at a border crossing. Some states, including Montana, have inspection checkpoints along highways, and some lakes have inspectors at boat ramps. Any boats that are not in compliance will likely get delayed in their travels or be prevented from launching, Howell added.

In addition, Howell said boats on Canyon Ferry or Tiber reservoirs in Montana will need to be decontaminated when leaving. "There is a greater chance of being stopped for inspection in Montana because of zebra mussel findings," she said.

Boaters should be aware of regulations for not only their destination, but for any states they are traveling through. More information on bordering state and provincial ANS regulations is available at the following web addresses.

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks at sdleastwanted. com

- · Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at dnr.state.
- mn.us/invasives/aquatic/index.html
- · Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at fwp.mt.gov/fishing/ guide/ethics

· Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment at http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/ wildlife-issues/invasive-species/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program

· Manitoba Department of Sustainable Development, http:// www.gov.mb.ca/sd/waterstewardship/stopais/index.html

North Dakota ANS regulations are as follows: · All aquatic vegetation must be removed from boats, personal watercraft, trailers and fishing equipment such as fishing poles, bait buckets, lures and waders before leaving a body of water. That means "vegetation free" when transporting watercraft and/or equipment away from a boat ramp, landing area or shoreline. Time out of the water needed to remove aquatic

vegetation at the immediate water access area is allowed. · All water must be drained from boats and other watercraft, including bilges, livewells, baitwells and motors before leaving a water body.

· All drain plugs that may hold back water must be removed, and water draining devices must be open, on all watercraft and recreational, commercial and construction equipment bilges and confined spaces, during any out-of-water transport of same.

Transportation of fish in or on ice is allowed.

· Live aquatic bait or aquatic vegetation may not be transported into North Dakota.

· All legal live aquatic organisms used by anglers, including legal baitfish (fathead minnows), amphibians (salamanders and frogs), invertebrates (crayfish and leeches) and insects must be purchased and/or trapped in North Dakota.

Anglers may not transport live bait in water away from the Red River (Class I ANS infested waters). All water must be drained from bait buckets as anglers leave the shore, or remove their boat from the water. Anglers must properly dispose of unused bait away from the river, as dumping bait in the water

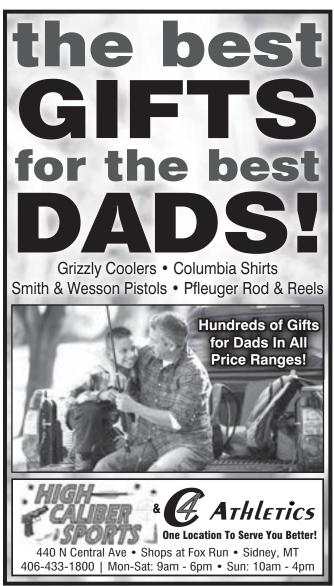
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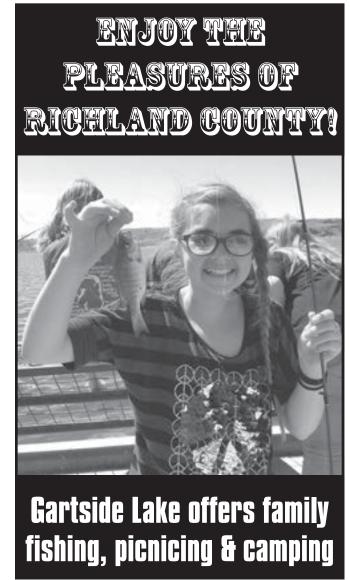


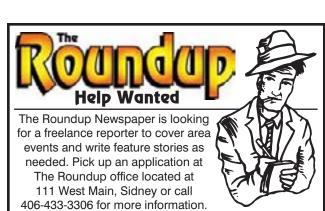




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Personal Injuries & Pain Conditions

Local Author Publishes First Book

A Bainville resident has recently announced the release of her first novel. A farmer and wife to Alan for 39 years, Rayne Romo has always enjoyed fiction and her novel, Murder by the Book, is now available for purchase from Amazon or other

community, so participants still have time to sign up and sponsors

Provost said, "and people just need to contact us to talk about

ticipate in API because, even though I'm busy, I like to help the

community and give back. I'm also a youth sports coach, and want

to invest in young people because they are our future. The golf

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gen. Any of these committee members may be contacted for more

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Local API members serving on the tournament committee

"We still have anything and everything available to sponsor,"

When asked why he participates in API, Provost said, "I par-

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still have time to contribute.

sponsorship or to enter into the tournament."

tournament also helps us do that."

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Haugen (406-480-2640).

Writing a book about homicide may seem unique for a mother of two and grandmother to seven, but for Romo, it was a labor of love for both reading and writing. Born in Williston and graduating from Alexander, North Dakota, Romo is excited about her first publication. It was published officially on May 17. According to Romo, it took her three and a half months to write it.

The novel is about a homicide detective named Jake Long, who after years of trying



Rayne Romo

to catch a serial killer, discovers that his daughter may be the key to solving the crimes. The character's daughter, Jenny, can hear from the dead, who then assist her and her father in discovering the identity of the killer. A story about crime and the paranormal, Romo and her friends believe that this book will tantalize and capture the reader's attention.

Romo explained her motivations to the Roundup, saying, "I'm just always interested in watching murder mysteries like Forensic Files and other shows. I figured it was a pretty good genre to be in. I also added in a little bit of the paranormal to make it more interesting. It's a bit of a hot topic out there, right now."

When asked if there were any authors or books who have particularly inspired her, Romo responded, "I read a lot of that genre. Not any one author inspired me, per se, but I read a lot of that type of stuff, along with romance. I grew up reading Nancy Drew. I guess it just stuck with me."

Self-publishing the book with Green Ivy Publishing, Romo plans a series to come from the novel.

"A series will be started of sorts," Romo claimed, "and there is going to be a sequel and I'm already recording my thoughts. I'm writing ideas now for the plot and various things to happen in the future.'

Romo's family has been supportive of her endeavors.

"Alan is excited for me. He's helped me out, being a sounding board with some of my ideas and things like that. Also, my sisters have helped me out a lot. I sure appreciate them. My sister, Robyn, has helped me out with the marketing and I've found that to be especially helpful in this whole process.'

At 200 pages, there is plenty of material in the work of fiction to captivate the reader.

One five-star review on Amazon said, "I was captivated from the beginning, and if I didn't have animals to tend to, I would have read it in one sitting. Very impressed with Rayne Romo's talent!! It truly is a must read!!!!"

Another review read, "Really enjoyed this book! Kept my interest right from the start. Fast read with interesting plot. Kept me on the edge of my seat!

Romo will be doing a book signing at the Sunrise Festival of the Arts on July 8 in Sidney.



ll Mon-Dak API Golf Tournament

By Jordan Hall

The American Petroleum Institute (API) is a national trade association that represents different aspects of America's oil and natural gas industry. There are approximately 625 corporate members, from the largest major oil company to the smallest of independents from all segments of the industry. They are producers, refiners, suppliers, marketers, pipeline operators and marine transporters, as well as service and supply companies that support the industry.

The Mon-Dak chapter of API, which is located in Sidney, boasts a monthly attendance at their meeting of between 20 and 40 participants, which represents a broad swath of the local oilfield community

One of the things that API does is assist local chapters to give back to their communities. As a part of that national but localized effort is the annual golf tournament hosted by the Mon-Dak (Sidney)

The Roundup spoke to Josh Prevost, who does inside sales and gives project quotes for Richland Pump and Supply, and who serves the Mon-Dak Chapter of API on the golf tournament committee. Prevost told the Roundup, "The purpose of the tournament is for the Mon-Dak API chapter in town to serve the community. All of the money goes to non-profit groups like the Girls and Boys Club of Richland County and others. The tournament serves as the sole fundraiser for our group throughout the year."

As a tradition going back thirty-nine years, the golf tournament usually has between 280 and 300 participants. According to Prevost, there is not a wait list to sign up because of a downturn of the oilfield



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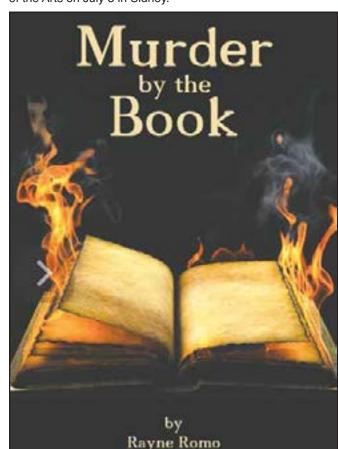
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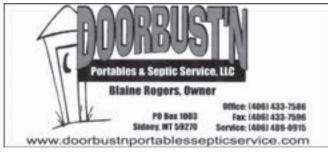
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Staffanson Works Hard in Legislature to Benefit Area

By Jordan Hall

Representative Scott Staffanson, of House District 35, has made it easier for farmers and ranchers to utilize tax exempt fuel for the purpose of agricultural purposes.

Introducing House Bill 466, Staffanson successfully proposed a bill in the legislature that would allow farmers and ranchers to estimate the usage of their fuel for agriculture compared to other use, and receive a refund. As the bill was written and eventually passed and signed into law, farmers or ranchers can provide a receipt of purchase from a diesel fuel pump with a credit or debit card as evidence of purchase and receive a refund for tax paid during that transaction, so long as the location of that purchase is no more than fifty miles away from the tax-payer's agricultural operation.

Those who qualify for tax exemption for agriculture fuel may now give an estimate of how much fuel was used for highway use or agriculture use, and receive a refund for that percentage of taxation, up to 60 percent. Staffanson's bill amended Section 15-70-430 of Montana's Law Code, which previously did not allow for evidence of fuel purchase to be provided via receipt of debit or credit card.

The effective date for the legislation is January 1, 2018. Speaking of the legislative session, Staffanson told the Roundup, "I don't think the Republicans held together to cut enough from our budget. We've implemented programs, we've raised fees on vehicles (although we were able to narrow it down to necessary expenses, cutting out pork from the bill), and so on. Regardless, we were able to accomplish a few good things."

Staffanson continued, "My bill to modernize things in regard to buying tax-exempt diesel fuel was a good start. It's always

good to help the agricultural community, and help the people who deserve it."

Explaining the legislation, Staffanson said, "We basically just modernized the process so that someone can use a receipt from a diesel fuel pump to receive a tax refund on taxes spent for exempt purposes. As long as you're within 50 miles of your agricultural operation."

Staffanson also lamented the failure of House Bill 8, of which he says, "It was designed to borrow money from the coal trust to help fund rural water projects, including several in our local area. A similar bill is passed nearly every session. I'm very sorry to have seen it defeated this time around, especially while Speaker Knudsen and others worked so hard for it. Democrats locked up against it because they wanted a bonding bill that would have paid for Romney Hall and various other projects in the western part of the state. Western Montana didn't get what they wanted, so we didn't get what we needed."

There were other bills as well that Staffanson wishes would have been passed, saying, "Our opponents also defeated several bills designed to give landlords more legal authority to evict non-paying tenets, as well as two good bills protecting the sanctity of life and several laws reinforcing our Second Amendment rights. It was disappointing to



90's Night to Benefit the Josh King **Memorial Ambulance Education Fund**

munity Care, Ranger Lounge, and the family of Josh King have joined forces to celebrate Josh King's life and life's mission: providing the highest quality emergency care to those who need it.

Josh, known for his good nature and loving personality, was also a strong supporter for Emergency Services. Shortly after he passed, Josh's family and friends set up a fund for memorial donations at the

The Foundation for Com- Foundation for Community Care, and the Ambulance Education Fund was born. In 2015, the King family decided to create a scholarship fund for people seeking an advanced paramedic certification.

The Ranger Lounge will be hosting a 90's night in order to help raise money for the Ambulance Education fund in honor of Josh King. The event will begin at 8:00pm on June 24th and will include information about paramedic

programs in the Montana and North Dakota regions. All ages are welcome to enjoy the DJ and live band until 10pm, with drink specials and entertainment going on until midnight. Pull out your old 90's gear and come support this great cause!

For more information contact the Foundation for Community Care at (406) 488-2273, or visit the website at foundationforcommunitycare. org. Like us on Facebook for up to the minute event details!!

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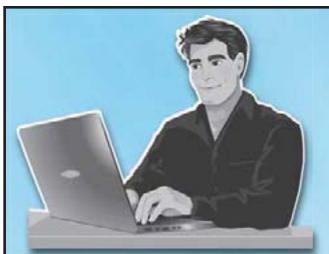






Moose Supreme Governor Visits Sidney

Supreme Governor Griswold spoke at the Sidney Moose Lodge on June 6 as part of his travels across the state of Montana. Pictured from left, Lane Boyce, Ron Kunda, Fritz Griswold, Dean Rehbein and Curtis Basiak each hold a Tommy Moose. Last year the Tommy Moose was given out to the Sheriff Department, Police Department, Emergency Room and the Domestic Violence in Sidney. For over ten years the Tommy Moose nationwide promotion program has given out the Tommy Moose free of charge to emergency workers and hospitals who are then able to provide them to children in stressful situations.



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