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Chuck Larson and a

selection of his "Little

Ponies". (Photo by Jaymi

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# Larson's Impressive Carnival Horse Menagerie

By Jaymi Loobey

Some people collect coke bottles. Some collect dolls. Some collect tractors or even matchbooks but not Chuck Larson. Chuck collects horses and not just any horses, he collects carnival horses. All around his house stand metal horses of various sizes from 2 to 10 inches. "They call them carnival horses because you used to be able to win them in carnival games," Chuck told me. "You could win a little one, then play some more and trade it in for a larger one." He said it is possible that some of the horses in his collection came from other sources. He has a few he is sure came off ashtrays or clocks and one of William F. Cody and his horse that he was told were sold in his wild west shows.

For Chuck, it all started in 1942. His mother, who was away and taking classes to be a military nurse during WWII, bought a metal cowboy for Chuck's grandfather and sent it to him. When Chuck saw it he figured it needed a metal horse so he bought one for \$5. Little did Chuck know that his collection had begun. The war was over before Chuck's mother could complete her classes and she returned home. Things returned to

normal and the years passed. When Chuck's mother passed away in 2004, he inherited the cowboy and horse. He was not sure how to feel. His mother had inherited them when her father died and now they were Chuck's. Then, he began to find some metal horses at yard sales and flea markets, a few at auction, and sometimes people just gave them to him. His sister is always looking for them to help add to his collection. Now, Chuck has about 52 bronze, silver, and gold colored metal horse figurines.

Oktoberfest



"I call them my little ponies," Chuck said laughingly. They are just a hobby for him, something to hunt for. However, he feels that very first horse is his favorite.

Chuck Larson farmed north of Sidney, Montana, for a long time but has retired and passed down the operation to his sons. He does still pitch in though, when they are needing help.

# Oktoberfest Featuring Kristen Estelle & the Heartstrings this Friday



Featuring live music by Kristen Estelle & the Heartstrings, a selection of seasonal beers, German brats, and other refreshments. Kristen Estelle is a classically-trained clarinetist, hailing from the prairies of Malta, Montana, who wound her way to the precipice of New York's vocal jazz scene. A singer/songwriter, her melodies are full of wordplay and fun-filled jest. Her debut EP, Secrets, is a vivacious fusion of Indie-pop with a twist of jazz. Tickets are \$50/person or \$40 for MDHC/NAN Members. Must be 21 or older to attend. Proceeds support MDHC and NAN programs, exhibits, and collections preservation, including concerts in area schools. To purchase tickets, stop by the MonDak Heritage Center or call (406) 433-3500. Or order tickets online at mondakheritagecenter.org. Sponsored by Blue Rock Distributing, Edward Jones Financial Advisors (Enid K. Huotari, Jerry E. Hughes, Nick Lonski, & Lauren Sukut), Fink Dental Center, Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Redneck Meats,

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# Area Schools Celebrate Homecoming

Loobey)

This is the cowboy and

horse that started it all for Chuck. (Photo by Jaymi



Watford City's Homecoming Royalty ready to cheer on the Wolves at the football game. Front row: Morgan Stebbins, Sydney Sanford, Lindsay Peterson, Kaylin Monsen (Princess) and Gracie Johnsrud (Queen) Back row: Brock Haugeberg (Prince), Cauy Hartel, Cory Wright, Nevada Bergquist (King) and Jessen Homiston. See page 7A. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Sidney's Queen Lauren Beenken and King Jace Winter before the Homecoming game on Sept. 29. See page 3A for more.



Fairview's Queen Emily Axtman and King Carson Cayko. See page 7A for more on the Fairview Homecoming. (Photo submitted)





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Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

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# **OBITUARIES**

### James "Jim" Beagle, 53 Sidney, Montana

Funeral services for James "Jim" Beagle, 53, of Sidney are at 10 a.m., Friday, October 5 at Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney with Pastor Neil Lindorff officiating.

Montana Honor Guard and the VFW Post #4099 of Sidney will provide military honors.

Visitation will be on Thursday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before service at the

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney is assisting the family.

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

James "Jim" died on Friday, September 28 at St. Vincent Health Care, Billings, MT.

### **Christopher "Chris" Roth, 30** Orangeville, UT formerly of Sidney, MT

Memorial service for Chirstopher "Chris" Roth, 30, of Orangeville, UT formerly of Sidney, MT are at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 6 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney with Pastor Richard Evans officiating.

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

Chris passed away at his home in Orangeville, Utah on Monday, September 24.

# Flu Shot **Important for High Risk Groups**

Though everyone is at some risk of contracting the flu, there are some people who are at a higher risk of both contracting the flu, and getting serious, flu-related complications.

People who are at high risk of contracting influenza include children younger than 5 years old, and especially those who are younger than 2. Every year, thousands of children are hospitalized due to the flu, and some children die from the flu. Children are more likely to experience serious, often life-threatening influenza complications, including pneumonia and inflammation affecting several different organs. The flu vaccine is available for children 6 months and older.

Adults aged 65 and older, and especially those who reside in nursing homes or another long-term care facility, are also at greater risk of serious flu-related complications. The population 65 years and older typically bear the greatest burden of severe flu illness, accounting for about 75% of flu-related deaths and up to 70% of flu-related hospitalizations. The body's immune system tends to naturally decline over time, making those aged 65 and older more susceptible to the flu, and less likely to be able to fight it off than younger adults. A high-dose version of the flu shot is available for folks over 65, which is associated with a stronger immune response to fend off the flu and better flu outcomes than with the standard vaccine.

Any person who lives with certain medical conditions, including asthma, neurological conditions, heart disease, lung disease, blood, organ or metabolic disorders, and those with a weakened immune system are also are high risk of flu-related complications. This also includes pregnant women. In these cases, the body's immune system isn't as readily available to fight the flu because the body is focused on the medical condition or growing a healthy baby. The flu vaccine is recommended for all pregnant women. Check with your doctor for vaccine recommendations for your specific medical condition.

Likewise, if you are living with or the caretaker for someone who is in any of these categories, protecting yourself from the flu is especially important. The flu virus can be spread when a sick person sneezes, coughs or talks, or spread by surfaces shared by both sick and healthy people, like doorknobs and bathroom faucet handles.

The single most effective way to protect yourself from the flu and flu-related complications is to receive the flu vaccine.

The Richland County Health Department offers the standard flu vaccine for those aged 6 months and older, as well as high-dose vaccine for those aged 65 and older. The Mass Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Thursday, October 4th, from 10AM to 6PM. Private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid will be billed for those who bring their insurance cards. No appointment is needed for the Mass Flu Shot Clinic on October 4th. Clinic paperwork is available on the day of the clinic, or can be downloaded at www.richland.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment.

### Richland County's Second Annual Non-Profit Pumpkin Patch Starting Oct. 6

The Non-Profit Pumpkin Patch had such an amazing turnout last year, non-profits in Richland County decided to host another one this year for the community to enjoy! The Foundation for Community Care is excited to partner with a variety of other non-profits in our area to celebrate the fall season. Every weekend in October, a different non-profit organization will host a fun-filled weekend of activities, food, and fun.

The 2018 season at the Non-Profit Pumpkin Patch starts on Saturday, October 6th & Sunday, Oct. 7th. We haul pumpkins, straw bales, and corn stalks into the yard each week in October so you get the best blast of autumn color. Pumpkins are donated locally by Annette Thiel.

The Non-Profit Pumpkin Patch will be open 11 am-4 pm every Saturday & Sunday, weather permitting. Always double check the Foundation Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ foundation4communitycare if you're uncertain about the weather or our hours. If we need to close the patch during the day, we will post our closing on our Facebook page as soon as we make

The Non-Profit Pumpkin Patch will be located in the former Sunrise Equipment location, 2900 W. Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270. There is plenty of parking and easy access from either direction on Hwy 16.

General admission at the Non-Profit Pumpkin Patch is \$10 per vehicle, so be sure to pile everyone in! Pumpkins will be priced according to size, and ALL proceeds will go to the non-profit hosting the event that day. Each organization will have unique activities and events each weekend, costs may vary.

NON-PROFIT PARTNER SCHEDULE:

October 6th: Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, October 7th: Sunrise Women's Clinic, October 13th: Future Farmers of America (FFA), October 14th: District II Alcohol & Drug, October 20th: Richland Opportunities, Inc. (ROI), October 21st: Cutting Edge Dance Studio, October 27th: Foundation for Community Care and October 28th: Sidney Tiger Sharks



RICHLAND COUNTY Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., Oct. 3 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - The Falcon's Eye Nature Photographs Exhibit by Michael S. Sample with his extraordinarily sensitive nature photography. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through Dec. 29. MonDak

Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Williston Area Visual Artists Show Features artwork in different mediums from artists in and around Williston, ND. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through Nov. 3. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. 4-5 p.m. - **Teen Craft Club** - Fun crafts and activities for teen

and pre-teen age range. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

Thurs., Oct. 4

7 p.m. - Kristin Estelle & The Heartstrings NAN Performance - MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney, MT.

Season tickets available at the door. Fri., Oct. 5

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Story Time - For kids ages 0-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, dancing and a craft. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917. 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. - Oktoberfest - Kristen Estelle & the

Heartstrings, seasonal beer, german sausage. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be at least 21. \$50 person; \$40 members. For tickets and more information contact MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. 7:30 p.m. - Movie In The Park "I Can Only Imagine" - Free

pop and popcorn. Veterans Memorial Park. If bad weather the movie will play at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

Sat., Oct. 6

7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market -This will be the last Farmers Market for the season! Parking lot east of the Richland County Public Library, corner of 2nd St. NW and 2nd Ave. NW, Sidney, MT. Mon., Oct. 8

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. - Tales For Tots - Come join us for early childhood games, book and crafts. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

Fri., Oct. 12
11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting -Sunny's Family Restaurant . RSVP by Oct. 10 by calling Bobbie, 480-1262 or Margaret, 488-4613. **Mon., Oct. 15** 

7-8 p.m. - Sidney City Council Meeting - If a resident has a matter to discuss with City Council, contact City Hall to be put on the agenda. Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.

**Sat., Oct. 20** 6-10:30 p.m. - 4th Annual Bootleggers Ball Havana Nights - Spirits, foods, dancing, photo booth, silent auction, period dress is encouraged. Sidney Elks Lodge. Tickets \$50, available at the Elks Club, Sidney Liquor and at the door. For more information Elks BPO Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW, Sidney, 406-433-2406. Benefits Erin's Hope Project, Inc. and Camp Make a Dream.

Sat., Oct. 27 10 a.m. - Harvest Carnival - Cupcake walk, sugarbeet toss, pie eating contest, candy harvest and more. Outdoors on Main Street, Sidney, MT and indoors at the Yellowstone

#### McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Sat., Oct. 6

5 p.m. - **Pheasants Forever Banquet** - Membership banquet and benefit auction. \$70 includes dinner and membership; \$30 for guest; \$10 for youth 12 and under. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND.

**Sat.**, Oct. 13 10 a.m. - Connie Wold Harvest Memorial Run - 5K run, walk and youth 1 mile fun run. Connie Wold Wellness Center, 200 8th St. NE, Watford City, ND. For more information call Marna, 701-770-0251 or Jody, 701-770-0672.

3 p.m. - 4th Annual Broncs In The Bakken - Indoor arena, Watford City, ND.

Wed., Oct. 17, 2 p.m. & Thurs., Oct. 18, 10 a.m. 2 p.m. - United States Postal Service Free Bulk Mail **Seminar** - Anyone interested in learning more about bulk mail rates, preparation, qualifications or just information is invited to attend. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. For more information call Tracey Harter, 701-221-6535. This event also takes place 10 a.m., Oct. 18 at Watford City, ND Fri., Oct. 26

7 p.m. - **3rd Annual Comedy Cafe** - Starring Jeff Civillico with Bob Stromberg. WCHS Performing Arts Center, Watford City, ND. Tickets \$25 each. Purchase tickets at iTickets.com.

#### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

7-9 p.m. - Artist Talk and Reception - Come visit with Jamie Azevedo and view her amazing collections entitled "Preserving History". Refreshments will be served, free and open to the public. James Memorial Art Center, Williston, ND. Jamie's art collection will be on display through Oct. 29 Sat., Oct. 6

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Scrapbooking** - Participants should bring their own materials and lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034. Thurs., Oct. 18

7 p.m. - Fort Buford History Book Club - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "West Like Lighting," a book about the pony express by Jim DeFelice. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Fri., Oct. 19

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 Oct. 20. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034. **Sat., Oct. 20** 

6:30-8:30 p.m. - Cemetery Walk - Arch Ellwein will be at the Confluence demonstrating Halloween makeup from kitchen products. Refreshments and Halloween treats will be provided. 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Sun., Oct. 21

3 p.m. - Brent Voight and Friends Concert - Free admission. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

#### Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone Sun., Oct. 7

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fall Dinner Free will offering would be appreciated. Silent auction during the dinner. Sacred Heart Parish Center Cafeteria, 30 W Benham St., Glendive, MT. For more information call Nancy Keller, 406-377-6124. Sat., Oct. 13

9-11 a.m. - Glendive Medical Center Annual "Let's Get Squished" Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run - 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT. For more information call Carol Condon, 406-345-8996.

Sun., Oct. 14 12 p.m. - Bill Reichel Spaghetti Dinner & Auction Benefit Dinner begins at noon, auction will follow. Richey Senior Center, **Richey, MT**. Raffle tickets, \$20 each or 6 for \$100, purchase tickets at Vets Club. If interested in donating auction items or helping with the dinner contact NaDean Brown on Facebook@Bsland Scaping or call 406-773-5558.

Wed., Oct. 17 12-1 p.m. - Lunch 'n' Learn "Putting Your Garden To Bed" - Join Sherry Corneliuson as she gives her tips and tricks on putting your flowers to bed in the fall, so they thrive in the spring. Tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch. Glendive Public Library Community Room. For more information visit http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr.

# **Sidney Homecoming**



Sidney's Riley Waters (right) blocks Dionne Mason of Havre (center) as Aaron Entz throws a pass for the first score of the Homecoming game on Sept. 29. Sidney beat Havre 40-3. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.



The Sidney Eaglette Cheer & Dance squad performs during Coronation on Sept. 25.



Sidney's Cassidy Larson hits the ball against Billings Central on Sept. 29. The Eagles fell to the Rams 3 sets to 0. Sidney also lost to Laurel on Sept. 27 3 sets to 1.



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## NDSU And UND Presidents To Discuss Impact Of Are You Due for a Mammogram? Research Enterprise On North Dakota's Economy

### Thursday, October 4, 8:30 a.m. Ernie French Center, NDSU Research Extension Center

The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a joint presentation by North Dakota State University President Dean Bresciani and University of North Dakota President Mark Kennedy on the impact of and the future of the university research enterprise. They are making the case for an initiative that would provide \$100 million over a four-year period to the two universities to fund promising research that is important for sustaining North Dakota's competitive advantage and developing new opportunities with high potential in key technology sectors, including:

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- · Advanced manufac-

According to the National Science Foundation, NDSU and UND perform over \$225 million in research on an annual basis. University R&D also plays an important part in building the skilled talent pipeline for employers in North Dakota and the region and partnering with the state's businesses to bring new products, processes and services to the marketplace.

The Williston presentation is one in a series of statewide events co-hosted by the Valley Prosperity Partnership, an initiative led by business executives to identify and advance common strategic economic development opportunities for the Red River Valley region and ultimately statewide across North Dakota. The VPP asks you to join them in seeking to diversify the state's economy through research activities. This unique situation, where both research university presidents are visibly supporting a state-wide strategic initiative is a great opportunity for business, education, and community leaders in the Williston area to let them know about their expectations for future-oriented research that can have an impact in your region.

Space at this event is LIM-ITED! Please call the Williston Chamber at 701.577.6000 or send us an email to RSVP!

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October 4th. Clinic paperwork

Flu shots are available

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Approximately 38% of women in Montana will be diagnosed with cancer, with breast cancer being the most common cancer among wom-

Every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors for the disease. Breast cancer typically produces no symptoms when the tumor is small and most easily treated, which is why screening is important for early detection. Receiving routine mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer early, when treatment is more effective.

Women who are 50-74 years old are at the highest risk for breast cancer and should get a mammogram every two years. Women who are 40-49 years old should talk to with a health care provider about when to start and how often to get a mammogram.

The Montana Cancer Control Program provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings for those who meet the eligibility requirements. For more information, contact Ashley VandeBossche at the Richland County Health Department at (406) 433-2207.



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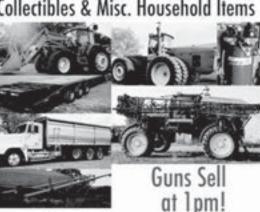
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# Flu Myths...Busted!

There are so many myths about the flu and the flu shot all over the internet, so in preparation for the Mass Flu Shot Clinic at the Richland County Health Department on October 4th, we've busted a few myths wide open

During the 2017-2018 influenza season. Richland County saw 198 confirmed cases of influenza, with infection ranging from age 4 months to 95 years old. Of those, only 34% had received a flu shot.

Many people claim they avoid the flu shot because it makes them sick. However, flu shot vaccine does not contain any live virus, so it actually can't make you sick with the flu. The vaccine contains inactivated virus, which means that once it's in your body, your immune system can learn to respond to components of the virus, so that if you do come across the real flu virus, your body will be prepared. Because vaccines are designed to evoke an immune response, it is common to have injection site soreness or a slight fever, but these symptoms shouldn't last long. The Vaccine Information Sheet, offered either at the beginning or the end of your vaccination clinic visit, explains potential risks and

Some others say they don't bother with the flu shot because it's not effective. Though the vaccine isn't 100% effective in avoiding the flu, it will help to avoid hospitalization should you contract influenza. OF the 198 cases of the flu last season in Richland County, 15 people were hospitalized and 3 died from influenza. Getting the annual flu shot can help you minimize the risk of hospitalization and

If you're considering skipping the flu shot this year because you exercise and eat healthy, reconsider your decision. The flu virus doesn't discriminate, and even healthy people can become infected. The flu virus can be spread when a sick person sneezes, coughs or talks, or spread by surfaces shared by both sick and health people, like doorknobs in public, bathroom faucet handles, and shopping carts. You may lose income due to days off from work, or may face more serious consequences of the flu, such as

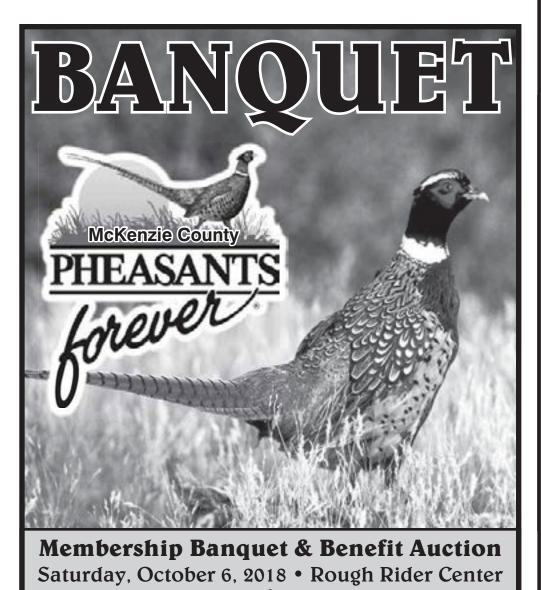
is available on the day of the clinic, or can be downloaded at www.richland.org/rchd or on Facebook at www.facebook. com/RichlandCountyHealth-

Department.

# Free Bulk Mail Seminar, Watford City

The USPS (United States Postal Service) will be holding a FREE Bulk Mail Seminar in Watford City, ND on Wednesday, October 17 at 2 p.m. at the Rough Rider Center and on Thursday, October 18 at 10 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about bulk mail rates, preparation, qualifications or just information is invited to attend this FREE seminar. For more information contact Tracev Harter, Customer Relations Coordinator at 701-221-6535



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# Krautter Receives Endorsements

Sidney, MT: Joel Krautter's campaign for Representative of House District 35 has picked up endorsements from political action committees for the Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana Independent Bankers, NRA-PVF and the Montana Shooting Sports Association.

Montana Farm Bureau PAC's Treasurer Liv Stavick, in announcing the endorsement wrote, "Farm Bureau is proud to endorse Joel Krautter in the House District 35 race. Joel has demonstrated his commitment to agriculture by taking the time to meet with Ag organizations to determine the unique challenges they face. Joel has proven that his votes and values align with Farm Bureau's and, if elected, that he will be a champion for agriculture in the upcoming session."

The Montana Shooting Sports Association, which represents Montana gun owners and hunters gave Krautter an "A" rating for his responses to their candidate questionnaire regarding gun issues.

Krautter previously received endorsements during the spring from the Montana Contractors' Association, Montana Credit Union Advocacy Council and Burlington Northern Santa

On the endorsements Krautter said, "I am appreciative of each of these endorsements, as well as the ones received during the primary. I am especially appreciative of Farm Bureau's endorsement, given their record of advocacy on agriculture issues and the critical importance of agriculture for Richland County's economy. I look forward to being an ally of our farmers and ranchers in Helena."



Joel Krautter gives a speech at Richland County Farm Bureau annual meeting and dinner held on September 20. (Photo submtted)



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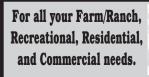




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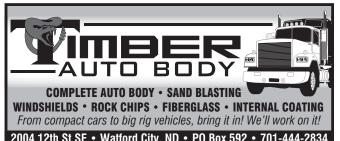
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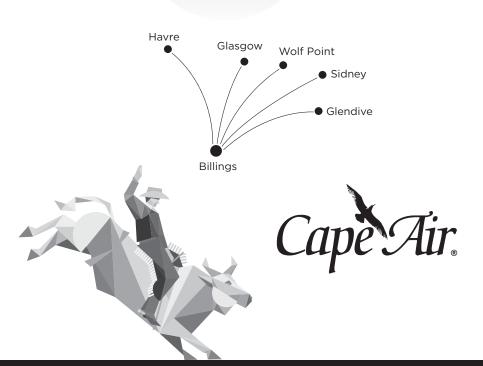
The Watford City High School marching band performs during the Homecoming parade.

### **Watford City** Homecoming

Above: Watford City's Keegan Kaczmar #82 wraps up Turtle Mountain's quarterback for a sack and a 7 yard loss during the first quarter of the Wolves homecoming game. Turtle Mountain shut down the Wolves for a 36-0 victory. (Photos by **Kathy Taylor**)

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Fri., Oct. 5: Corn dogs, tater rounds, peaches.

Mon., Oct. 8: BBQ pork riblet over wedges, bananas.

Tues., Oct. 9: Hamburger gravy, green beans, pears, dinner roll. Wed., Oct. 10: Chicken taco, salad, apple.

#### Savage School

Thurs., Oct. 4: Barber poles. Fri., Oct. 5: No school. Mon., Oct. 8: Corn dogs. Tues., Oct. 9: Country fried steak.

Wed., Oct. 10: Tostadas.

#### Rau School

Thurs., Oct. 4: Chicken alfredo, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges, garlic toast.

Fri., Oct. 5: Ham and bean soup, berries, breadstick, dessert. Mon., Oct. 8: Crispito, spanish

rice, salad, pears. Tues., Oct. 9: Hamburger macaroni and cheese casserole, green beans, tropical fruit, bread.

Wed., Oct. 10: BBQ ribs, baked beans, carrots, jello with fruit, cookie.

#### Froid School

Thurs., Oct. 4: Chicken fajita casserole, lettuce mix, taco bar,

Fri., Oct. 5: Cheeseburger macaroni, veggies, buns, fruit. Mon., Oct. 8: Stromboli, veggies, fruit.

Tues., Oct. 9: Chili with cheese, cinnamon rolls, applesauce. Wed., Oct. 10: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, buns, dessert.

#### **Bainville School** Thurs., Oct. 4: Meatballs, baby

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#### **Lambert School** Wed., Oct. 3: Bacon cheese-

burger, tots, fruit. Thurs., Oct. 4: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, celery, carrots,

Fri., Oct. 5: Soup and sandwich, fruit.

Mon., Oct. 8: Hot ham and cheese, chips, fruit. Tues., Oct. 9: Polish dog, au gratin potatoes, corn, fruit. Wed., Oct. 10: Chicken alfredo,

#### peas, buns, fruit. **Fairview School**

Wed., Oct. 3: Corn dogs, chips, veggies, fruit, dessert. Thurs., Oct. 4: Taco in a bag, spanish rice, veggies, fruit. Fri., Oct. 5: No school.

Mon., Oct. 8: Hamburgers, fries, veggies, fruit. Tues., Oct. 9: Chicken parmesan

casserole, veggies, fruit, bun, Wed., Oct. 10: Pork chop johns, chips, veggie, fruit.

#### **Watford City School** Thurs., Oct. 4: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas,

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#### carrots, pears. **Alexander School**

Thurs., Oct. 4: Chili, cheesy breadstick. Fri., Oct. 5: No school. Mon., Oct. 8: Turkey or ham,

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### Sidney Mercantile Holds Grand Opening

Sidney Mercantile held its grand opening Friday, September 28. The Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture as well as many of the vendors from the Mercantile were in attendance for the ribbon cutting. Sidney Mercantile is located in the Yellowstone Marketplace, downtown Sidney.

Pictured are, left to right, Susan Joy, Tara Carlsen, Elaine Stedman, Jake Carlsen, Sami Lynn, Kim Lange, Julie Lander, owners Chris and Judd Entzel, Kortney Beth, Ben Entzel, Monica Waters and Will McCament. Kneeling are Paisley LeBaron, Stella Entzel, Erica Elvisauce and Medina McGlothern.

# **Colon Cancer Screening** Kits Available at Flu Clinic

cer screening test kits will be available for those who are eligible at the Mass Flu Shot Clinic on October 4th, from 10AM to 6PM at the Richland County Health Department.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Montana and the United States, and like the flu, colorectal cancer is preventable. Colorectal cancers are those that start in either the colon or the rectum, and may be detected early through regular screening

The free screening kit offered on October 4th is called a FIT test, or a fecal immune chemical test. This is a non-invasive, at-home screening kit that tests for hidden blood in

the stool, which can be an early sign of cancer. FIT does not require any diet restrictions or preparation and can be completed in the comfort of

Clinic participants will be screened for eligibility for the test kit. Participants who are between ages 50 and 74, have not had a colonoscopy within the past 10 years, have not had a flexible sigmoidoscopy within the last 5 years, and have not had a FIT test within the last year will be offered the test kit. The test can be completed at home and submitted to the lab at Sidney Health Center to be tested for free. Test results may be shared with your healthcare provider.

The free, at-home col-

be available for eligible participants at the Mass Flu Shot Clinic at the Richland County Health Department in the Community Services Building on Thursday, October 4th, from 10AM to 6PM. For questions regarding flu shots or the free FIT colorectal screening test kits, call the Health Department at 406-433-2207.

**Kathy Helmuth Receives Career Achievement Award** 



Holding the award is (L) Loren Young, Richland County Commissioner and (middle) Kathy Helmuth, with Judy LaPan, Administrator of the Richland County Health Department.

Kathy Helmuth was recognized at the annual Montana Public Health Association meeting held last week in Helena. She received a Career Achievement Award to recognize her for her years of service in Public Health. Kathy has been in public health for 27 years and credits Mary Alice Rehbein, a past and influential Richland County Health Department director, for developing her passion for public health. She started her career in Richland County in 1989 but left to explore other areas of health care and returned to manage several programs in Wolf Point in 1990. She became the director of the Roosevelt County Health Department until coming to Richland County in 2003.

She is currently the Richland County Health Assurance Nurse Director and manages several programs as well as providing leadership within the department. She is also involved in many aspects of the community and has a knack for weaving public health into everything she does. Kathy

has been a strong advocate for public health in eastern Montana and across the state and has been a resource for many by sharing her wealth of knowledge in public health nursing. She has committed her life and career to improving the health of your county, region and state.

**Adult Education Classes for Fall 2018** Please call Sidney High School at 433-2330 for more information or check our website at sidney.k12.mt.us, Resources/Adult Ed

#### **Monday**

Latin Dance, Instructor-Kristin Norgaard, (406)480-2746, 5:15-6:15 pm, \$20.00

Beginning Oct. 1, 5:15 pm Location-SHS Commons (see Wednesday info.)

Strength and Conditioning, Instructor-Kira Pewonka, 480-5308, \$20.00 (Wednesdays, also)

> Beginning Oct.1, 6:00 pm, SHS Weight Room Strength and conditioning class open to all levels! The class will consist of using functional movements, constantly varied, at a high intensity. Designed to build endurance and strength to use in all aspects of everyday life. A class full of energy and positive reinforcement, to help each individual feel their strongest and have fun while doing it!

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Morales, \$20.00 Beginning Oct. 2, 6:00-7:30 pm, Location-Sidney Middle School, Rm. 123

(See Thursday info) Quilting, Instructor-Sara McMillen, (406)480-3891, \$20.00 Beginning Oct. 2, 6:00 pm, SHS Family Consumer

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#### **Wednesday**

Men's Volleyball, instructor-Dennis Marker, (406)482-5281

Beginning Oct. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm, West Side School

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Women's Volleyball, instructor-Amber Beyer (701)390-3436, \$20.00

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Beginning Sewing Class, Instructor-Sara McMillen, (406) 480-3891, \$20.00

Beginning Oct. 3, 6:00 pm, SHS Family Consumer Science, Rm. 104

Learn to use your own machine for quilting. Latin Dance, Instructor-Kristin Norgaard, 480-2746, \$20.00 Beginning Oct. 1, 5:15 pm (Mondays, also), Location-SHS Commons

Join this fun and effective aerobic workout. Learn fitness steps with Latin-inspired music. You will burn calories and tone up while having fun!

Strength and Conditioning, Instructor-Kira Pewonka, 480-

Beginning Oct. 1, 6:00 pm, SHS Weight Room EMS Training, Nick Kallem, (406)702-6487, \$40.00 (additional cost for textbook.)

Beginning Sept. 26, 6-10 pm, SHS 400 Wing, Rm.

#### **Thursday**

ESL (English as a Second Language), Instructor-Bee Morales, \$20.00

Beginning Oct. 2, 6:00-7:30 pm, Location-Sidney Middle School, Rm. 123

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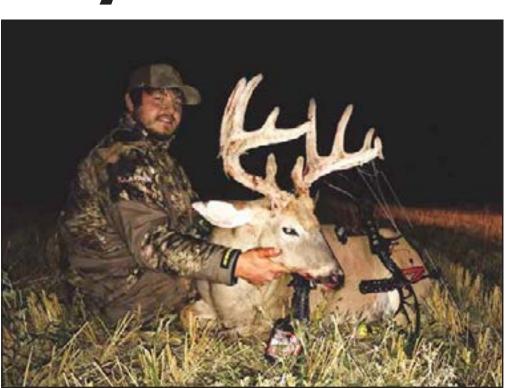


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# Hagler Brothers Find Early Season Success



Above: Tanner Hagler with his 5x5 buck that he got two days later. (Photos submitted by Chase Hagler)

Right: Chase Hagler with his 4x4 buck in full velvet that he got the 2nd day of bow season.



#### By Stephanie Ler

Savage brothers Chase and Tanner Hagler closed out their hunting season by landing a large buck each within the first four days of hunting season.

The brothers began hunting at only age 15, when family friend Jim Miller convinced them to complete the hunter's safety course required by law to apply for a tag. Chase and Tanner started their hunting careers rifle hunting with their father and grandfather on the family's land outside Savage. Later, the two began bow hunting as well.

"I'm definitely a bigger fan of bow hunting, for sure. There's a lot more that goes into it- scouting deer all spring, hanging stands. There's a lot of time and effort that goes into bow hunting," Chase said. One major difference between bow and rifle hunting is the distance from the animal for a successful shot. "A good archer can shoot 80 yards, maybe, where a rifle hunter can get a kill at 600 yards. It's a lot bigger of an adrenaline rush, being that close. It's cool being that close to that animal and

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them not knowing you're there," he explained.

Bow hunting provides an extra, early opportunity to take a deer, as bow hunting season opens September 1st, and general rifle season opens mid-October. The general tag, Chase explained, is good for either season, so an unsuccessful bow season doesn't mean the hunter goes home empty handed.

This year, however, neither Chase nor his twin brother Tanner would need the extra season to fill their tag. On just the second day of archery season, Chase took down a 4x4 buck, in full velvet. Tanner followed two days later with a 5x5 buck.

Chase actually missed the first shot he took at his 4x4, from about 43 yards away. "It was about 6 or 7 o'clock, and I saw this line of deer coming in. The last one in the line was the one I killed. I missed him the first shot. He turned around and jumped behind a Russian olive tree. He jumped a fence and walked the fence line, and I actually got him closer than he was before," Chase said. Both Chase and Tanner took their kill from a tree stand.

Chase harvested both the meat and the head from the buck. "I had the full head mounted. It was in full velvet, it might not have been the biggest deer, but it's pretty hard to kill a deer

in the early season. Not many people get to kill a deer in full velvet. It's really cool," he said.

Processing the meat from their kill is a family event for the Haglers. "We make our own deer sausage. It's a pretty big time for our family. We all get together and spend the day making deer sausage. It's something we look forward to every year," he said.

Both Chase and Tanner give partial credit for their 2018 kills to Pure Whitetail, a company that provides certified deer urine to hunters to attract a buck. Both Chase and Tanner are field staff members for the company. "It sure changed the game of bow hunting for me. Deer can flip a switch in a real guick hurry. They do not like each other in rut," he explained. The urine is sprayed around the area where the hunter wants to draw the deer, and the bucks come looking to fight one another over the territory.

Though Chase and Tanner have filled their deer tag for the year, they aren't quite done with the 2018 hunting season. "This year I drew my antelope tag. I've been really trying hard to chase one with my bow but they are a lot quicker so I haven't had that opportunity yet," Chase said.

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## Reminder in the Field this Hunting Season:

# Be a Good Steward of the Land

Although most hunters respect the land, property, and wildlife they are hunting, many others do not. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks would like to remind hunters and all outdoor enthusiasts to be good stewards of the land, and respect both private and public property. The FWP Region 6 Citizens Advisory Committee, recognizing that this is an ongoing issue, raised the need for more public outreach.

Every hunting season, there are reports of vandalizing of Block Management Area (BMA) boxes, hunters driving off road, illegal trespassing, hunters being shot over, littering, and livestock being shot. With upland bird, dove, and archery seasons beginning over the Labor Day weekend, we encourage everyone to be good stewards of the land. Below are just a few of the things that hunters and all outdoor enthusiasts should be aware of when enjoying our resources:

Littering- not only is littering careless and unsightly, it is against the law. This includes toilet paper, and the proper management of human waste.

Leave gates as you find them- If a gate is closed, close it behind you. If it is obviously open (pulled all the way back to the fence), leave it open. If you are unsure, contact the landowner or public land agency.

Know your target and beyond- Hunters must be sure of what they are shooting at (species, sex, etc.), and know what lies beyond their target (houses, outbuildings, livestock, vehicles, other hunters).

Be aware of fire danger at all times and use precautions. Be weed free- Check clothes, dogs, ATV's, and vehicles for weeds and weed seeds to help prevent the spread to other private and public lands.

Avoid driving on muddy roads- Unless it is a well-graveled

Avoid ridge driving and driving to overlooks- Not only is this a poor strategy while hunting, it is considered as driving off road if it is not already an established trail.

Ask for permission to hunt- Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land. Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

Completely fill out BMA slips- If a hunter doesn't correctly fill out a block management slip, they are hunting without per-

Know where you are located- Whether you are hunting public land, private land, or land enrolled in an access program such as block management, it is every hunter's responsibility to know where they are to avoid trespassing. Maps are always available, as are GPS chips and cell phone apps to aid in orientation.

Driving off road-While hunting on private property, a person may not drive off established roads or trails without landowner permission. Off-road travel on public land, including game retrieval, is prohibited unless designated as open. Consult appropriate land agency or land maps for specifics.

Accessing public lands- Access to public lands (on a private road) through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

Camping- camping is allowed on most public lands (see agency regulations), but permission is needed to camp on private property and BMAs.

Know the rules- Consult BMA maps for specific rules on block management property, including: driving on roads, parking areas, no shooting zones, walk-in only areas, camping, number of hunters allowed, game retrieval, etc. Rules for most land agencies can be found on maps and/or on brochures. Go to the appropriate agency website or local office for information.

Report violations- report any hunting and fishing, trespassing, vandalism, or other criminal activity you see to 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668).

The 1-800-TIP-MONT program is a toll-free number where one can report violations of fish, wildlife or park regulations.

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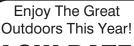
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# Educator Workshop in Miles City to Explore "Prairie Ecosystems"

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will host a "Prairie Ecosystems" educator workshop on Thursday, Oct. 18 in Miles City at Miles Community College Room 106 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

There is no fee for the workshop, an information-packed Project WILD training designed to provide K-12 educators and others who work with youths instructional tools and resources to assist in teaching about Montana's Prairie Ecosystems. Project WILD is a curriculum designed by FWP's Montana Wild educational facility in Helena. The center hosts visits from schools all around Montana and offers travel grants for school districts.

Educators will hear about FWP Region 7 Non-game Biologist Brandi Skone's research into the elusive swift fox, a species of concern in Montana, as well as a citizen science project that can involve schools. Other topics include



Swift fox. (Photo by Robert Sisk, MT FWP)

prairie birds, paddlefish, the new Montana E-bird website and hands-on classroom resources from FWP. Kurt Cunningham, education specialist at Montana Wild, will lead the workshop, and other FWP staff will be on hand.

Participants will be engaged in standards-based learning incorporating science,

math and reading literacy skills. Six hours of Office of Public Instruction credit will be available. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, call FWP at 406-234-0926 or email mprell@mt.gov. The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 10, and space is limited.



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Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 for providing information that leads to a conviction.

Also remember that the fall is a very busy time for landowners. Cattle and other livestock are being moved from their summer and/or fall pastures and are often brought near the home site for winter feeding and care. Please use common sense and respect when around these activities.

FWP also offers a free online program called The Montana Hunter-Landowner Stewardship Project. This project is an information program for anyone interested in promoting responsible hunter behavior and good hunter-landowner relations in Montana. The program is delivered through an interactive website utilizing questions, videos, and feedback as well as opportunities for you to test your knowledge on a variety of practical topics related to hunter-landowner relations and responsible hunter

Please go to http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/hunter-Landowner/ to learn more and complete the program.

# 2018 Montana Pheasant Hunting Outlook

By MT FWP

Montana is experiencing a large decline in conservation reserve program acreage along the northern tier of the state, which may have an impact on hunting experiences in Regions 4 and 6. CRP is a program that pays landowners to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species which improve environmental health and quality of bird habitat.

In Region 5, pheasant crow counts this spring in the Clarks Fork valley indicated that over-winter survival was not too good. Pheasant harvest will likely be somewhat lower this fall than in past years.

Along the Yellowstone and Musselshell valleys, spring pheasant counts were similar to last year and hunting harvest will be decided by how well young-of-the-year survived spring

In Region 6, pheasant adult numbers, according to spring crowing counts, show quite a bit of variability across the region. The west end of the region, including Hill, Blaine and a portion of Chouteau counties, indicate numbers at 40 to 50 percent below long-term average (LTA) in those areas. Phillips county is above LTA, while Valley and McCone counties are 10 to 24 percent below. The northeast corner, including Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt and portions of Richland and Dawson counties, indicate numbers at average to 10 percent below average. Pheasant distribution will vary across portions of each county, and most birds will be found in optimal habitat including river-bottoms, riparian areas and other moist areas that produce adequate cover.

Harsh winter conditions resulted in low overwinter survival. However, peak hatch for pheasants occurs around mid-June, which corresponded with regular, favorable moisture events in Southeast Montana. Overall, pheasant hunting in Region 7 should be fair to poor this fall depending on local conditions. The moisture levels this year have provided birds with vast areas of cover and have also made agricultural lands productive, which will aid birds throughout their lifecycle.

# **Trapping Advisory Committee to Meet Oct. 6-7**

The Montana Trapping Advisory Committee will hold its third meeting Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7 in Miles City at the Sleep Inn & Suites, 1006 S. Haynes Ave. Saturday's meeting will start at 9 a.m., and Sunday's meeting will start at 8 a.m.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks assembled this citizens' committee to provide recommendations that ensure population viability of trapped species, the humane treatment of animals and the minimization of social conflict. The committee represents the spectrum of opinions on trapping.

During the meeting, members will affirm the committee's charter, continue learning about trapping in Montana, finalize "guiding principles," move closer to agreement on tentative answers to the individual "Important Questions," and confirm a date and location for a fourth meeting and assign homework.

The committee's charge is to present recommendations to FWP by March 30. FWP staff are not members of the committee but will provide information and technical assistance.

The meeting is open to the public. The committee will hear public comment at noon on both days.

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