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## **Fundraiser** July 25th in **Watford City**

By Anna Dragseth

On Tuesday, July 25th there will be a "Toys for Tikes" fundraiser from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Watford City Tourist Park. There will be a free will donation supper served at the event along with live music performed by local musicians. Attendants are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy or gift for children from the ages of six months to 17 years old. There will be games, competition for the best "July Christmas Tree", Christmas goodies, and drinks served by local businesses. Santa will also be at the event dressed in his Hawaiian attire. "After seeing such a huge need for toys last year at the Children's Christmas Party, we decided to do a fundraiser so that we could provide more toys for the children," said Stacey Arnegard.

All proceeds will go towards The Bakken Oil Rush Ministry and the toys will be used for the Children's Christmas Party in December. The Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, located in Watford City, is a nonprofit organization that is serving the area with the intention of meeting the psychical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people who have made their homes in oilfield country. They have provided free meals, toys, clothing, and holiday celebrations for families that are away from home on the holidays. They have also opened up a Bakken Thrift Center in Watford City. For more information on the event, you can contact Laura Sanford at (701) 300-1386 or Stacy Arnegard at (701) 770-7492.

## **Richland County Farm Bureau** to Host Meet **And Greet With Director of** Agriculture, **Ben Thomas**

Richland County Farm Bureau is excited to announce that Montana Director of Agriculture, Ben Thomas will be in Sidney July 19th from 4 to 6 pm at Meadowlark Brewery. All are welcome to come meet and share ideas with Director Thomas. Also in attendance will be Bureau Chief of Wheat and Barley, Collin Watters; Bureau Chief of State Grain Lab, Greg Stordall and Bureau Chief of Marketing and Devel-

opment, Christy Clark. Ben Thomas is the Director of the Montana Department of Agriculture. Most recently, Ben served as the Deputy Under Secretary for the Marketing and Regulatory Programs Mission Area at the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he helped oversee the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration. Prior to that, he served as the Chief of Staff for the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Mission Area, which encompasses the Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Risk Management Agency. In that role, he oversaw the department's international activities and worked to implement provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Prior to joining USDA, Ben served as Legislative Assistant and Counsel to Senators Max Baucus and

John Walsh, helping write and implement the 2014 Farm Bill. He also provided counsel on trade, telecommunications, nutrition, the environment, rural development, and more. Prior to his Senate experience, Ben served in various policy positions at the Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency, and as a Law Clerk to the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Ben was raised on a farm near Morton, Texas, where his family still farms and graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Juris Doctor from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and his LL.M in Agricultural and Food Law from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

The group will also be attending the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Field Day and touring Sidney Sugars while in the area.



**Ben Thomas** 

## Toys for Tikes McKenzie County's 14th Annual Emergency Responder's Dinner And Golf Scramble

The award winners pictured are Vonnie Johnsrud, Karson

Knudston, Brad Stover, and Lloyd Clock.

McKenzie County, ND, honored four citizens this week at the 14th annual **Emergency Responder's** dinner and golf scramble, hosted by the County Commission, Emergency Manager Karolin Jappe, and Veteran's Services Director Jerry Samuelson. This year, recipients were honored in Law Enforcement, Fire, Dispatch and EMS categories.

Karson Knudston, a 4 year volunteer with the Watford City Fire Department, and 5 year volunteer on ambulance, was awarded **Emergency Responder of** the Year in the Fire category. Karson was described by those who nominated him as "wise beyond his years in fire attack strategy. Dedication is in his heart, and being a first responder is the pride of his life!" Karson is well known for his devotion to training and enhancing his skills.

Captain Lloyd Clock was recognized as the Responder of the Year for Law Enforcement. Captain Clock has devoted nearly 40 years of service to the community. It was said of Captain Clock, "During Patrol duties or as an Administrator, Lloyd has demonstrated the ethical standards we should all strive for!

"He is someone you know will give you honest, ethical, and trustworthy guidance ... '

In the EMS category, the award winner was Vonnie Johnsrud. Vonnie is a National Registry EMT and is an Advanced EMT for McKenzie County Ambulance Service. She's been serving for over



say she is dedicated to the residents, often putting the needs of others before her own needs. "She has been on the front line providing care and compassion to all who need it, and never asks for anything in return."

Brad Stover, representing Dispatch, received the award for Responder of the Year. Brad is described by those who nominated him as going above and beyond what is expected. Brad is passionate about his job, and teaching new skills he learns to those he works with. He is patient and dedicated to public service. "Brad is a great asset to the McKenzie County Sheriff's Department!"

In an effort to give new donors an opportunity to participate this year, the following companies generously supported the event: Secure

Energy; Delta Constructors; Conoco Phillips; American Legion; Bridger Pipeline; API; Phillips 66; Hess; and First

International Bank & Trust. Other donors are still sending support for this excellent event and acknowledgement.

#### Alexander Trail Museum Farmer's Market



Trish Stevenson stands by her completed project at the Alexander Farmers Market on Saturday, July 15. For this piece, Trish used pastels and had about an hour to complete her masterpiece. After being framed it was auctioned off to Scott Porter for a total of \$700. The proceeds from this artwork will benefit the activities of the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum in Alexander, ND.

## 2017 State Class A **Boys Track and Field** State Championship **Recognition Party**



**Submitted By Stacey** Collins 11-12 Guidance Counselor, Head Track and Field/ Assistant XC Coach

**Sidney High School** Please join us in celebrating the 2017 State Boys Track and Field team. There will be a free will donation BBQ provided by the Sidney High School wrestlers on Tuesday, July 25 at 6 pm in the North Parking lot of the High School. Members of the championship team along with the SHS coaching staff will be presenting the state championship trophy to the town along with placing their 2017 sticker on the

board under the scoreboard at Swanson Field. Come out and enjoy supper and celebrate these hard working young men.

Back (L-R) Trace Jones and Carter Hughes. Middle row (L-R) Jarred Vojacek, Carter Johnson, Garrison Hughes, Dawson McGlothlin, Jared Steinbeisser, Alec Lovegren, Tanner Wacha, Connor Fink and Parker Dean. Front (L-R) coach Steve Yockim, Michael McGinnis, coach Steve O'Toole, coach Chris Merica, Wyatt Herringer, head coach Stacey Collins, coach Roger Merritt

and coach Justin Collins.

#### Montana, North Dakota **Delegations Urge Support** for Critical Dam

U.S. Senators Steve Daines (R-MT), Jon Tester (D-MT), John Hoeven (R-ND) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and U.S. Representatives Greg Gianforte (R-MT) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) today voiced strong support for the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) which provides a critical source of water

for farmers and ranchers in Montana and North Dakota. The members sent a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation urging those agencies to continue to support the project and not reallocate funding

currently provided for the LYIP. On July 5, U.S. District Court Judge Brian Morris granted an injunction that will further delay construction on the fish passage

around the LYIP weir. "This project is critical to close to four hundred farms and irrigates over 50,000 acres of cropland," the members wrote. "That is why we also encourage you to address the concerns of the Court and conduct the necessary analyses in a timely manner, thereby ensuring that this essential source of water for farmers, ranchers, and communities throughout much of northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota is not unduly disrupted."

#### **Public Advisory Sidney Roustabout Construction**

The construction of the Roustabout at the intersection of Highway 16 and Highways 200/23 south of Sidney that was scheduled to begin the week of July 10 has been postponed

until at least July 24. For additional information call Shane Mintz, Montana Department of Transportation at 406-345-8200 or Knife River-Yellowstone Division at 406-482-9875.

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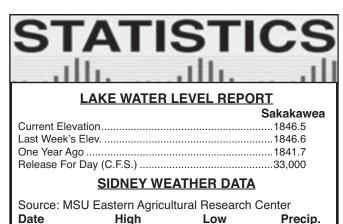
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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Mary Helen Arneson, 95 Sidney, MT

A burial service for Mary Helen Arneson, 95, of Sidney, MT will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, July 22 at the Lone Butte Cemetery, Girard Community, MT followed by a get together for family and friends.

Cremation has taken place at Mary's request under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home in Sidney.

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

Mary Helen Arneson, passed away on May 16 at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson, MT.

#### Lori Krugler, 42 Casper, WY formerly of Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Lori Krugler, 42, of Casper, Wyoming, formerly of Sidney, are at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 19 at the Pella Lutheran Church of Sidney with Pastor Joel Westby officiating.

Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery following the service under the direction of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney

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

Lori died on Wednesday, July 12 at her home in Casper,

## **Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District Releases Official Statement Regarding Injunction Ruling on** Fish Passage Project

In Highest regards of Senator Steve Daines, Senator Jon Tester, Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Senator John Hoeven, Congressman Greg Gianforte, and Congressman Kevin Cramer's continual efforts to protect U.S. citizens,

The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, Savage, Intake, Lower Yellowstone Montana, Lower Yellowstone North Dakota Irrigation Districts, and all the communities that are supported by the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, would like to express our Sincere Gratitude for Senator Daines, Senator Tester, Senator Heitkamp, Senator Hoeven, Congressman Gianforte, and Congressman Cramer for showing true Leadership by working with each other across state and party lines to encourage the Army Corp of Engineers to not cancel their contract to build the necessary fish bypass and fish friendly concrete weir. They signed a letter together strongly encouraging the federal agencies to work together and support and to protect the 108 year old federal diversion weir that delivers the absolutely necessary water to grow the crops in three counties and 2 states. These irrigated crops feed people and livestock in several surrounding states reliably even in these times of extreme drought. This funding is critical to the Agriculture supported economies and businesses in several states.

We appreciate their prompt actions and leadership that they have shown in meeting with and sending letters to numerous federal agencies, explaining the importance of this project to the economy and communities of the United States. Your ability to work with and gather active support from leaders of different states, agencies, and different political parties, is a sign of true Leadership. The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project and communities from two neighboring states support these Senators and Congressmen. They are in touch with the needs of the people they represent and their neighbors so well!

With Sincere Gratitude from the Savage, Intake, Lower Yellowstone Montana, Lower Yellowstone North Dakota Irriga-

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Wed., July 19 8:30 a.m. - MSU-EARC/Richland Co. Extension Field Day - Morning refreshments, welcome and introduction, lunch served after the tour. Located one mile N of Sidney on the east side of Highway 200. 406-433-2206.

4-10 p.m. - Community Pint Night - Eat, drink, shop local and contribute to local arts and history. Meadowlark Public House, 117 S. Central Ave., Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-3500 or email mdhc@richland.org. 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. Weather permitting. Thurs., July 20

5:30 p.m. - Volunteer Fire Department Hard Hat Tour - An exclusive night of viewing the newly constructed Sidney Fire Station. Tickets \$50, sales limited, reservations are being accepted now. Purchase tickets at the Foundation for Community Care at 221 2nd Street NW, Sidney, MT, or call Gina at 406-488-2273.

Fri., July 21 2-3 p.m. - Foundation Friday Lemonade Stands - Stop by purchase and enjoy a refreshing glass of lemonade. Located in front of the Foundation For Community Care.

Sat., July 22 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.

Tues., July 25 6 p.m. - Class A Boys Track & Field State Championship Recognition Party - Free donation BBQ in the North parking lot of the Sidney High School.

Sat., July 29 8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Lone Tree Archers 3-D Archery Shoot - This shoot will feature 22 3-D animal targets set up on the archery range, which is located about 8 miles southeast of Sidney. This event continues 8 a.m.-2 p.m., July 30. Membership not required to participate. Shooting fees \$15 per day for adults and family packages available. For more information visit www.lonetreearchers.com or call Nancy, 406-488-5128. 9 a.m. -12 p.m. - **5K Run/Walk for Autism Awareness** - Veteran's Memorial Park, Sidney. Registration is at 8 a.m. For more information or to register go to www.visionofhope.net.

Richland County Fair & Rodeo - This event continues through Aug. 5. Wrestling duals, free concert featuring Charley Jenkins, Co-op day, carnival, rodeos, watermelon day, main concert Trace Atkins and lots more. Richland County Fair Grounds, Sidney, MT. For more information visit www.richland.org/index.aspx?NID=295.

Fri., Aug. 4
5-8 p.m. - 1957 Class Reunion - Come and see your friends! Best Western Golden Prairie Inn & Suites, 820 S Central

Ave., Sidney, MT.

Tues., Aug. 8
5-8 p.m. - Sports Physicals - \$30 physicals. This event continues on August 9. Sidney Elks Lodge

Thurs., Aug. 10
6 p.m. Light The Park. Live music feed beeths, bears

6 p.m. - **Light The Park** - Live music, food booths, honor lanterns. Veteran's Memorial Park, Sidney, MT. For more information call SHC Cancer Care, 488-2504.

#### ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Wed., Aug. 9

Roosevelt County Fair - This event continues through Aug. 12. FFA livestock and 4-H auction, fashion revue, farmhand olympics, petting zoo, various vendors and a fun ride. Culbertson, MT

#### McKenzie County

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone** 

Sat., July 22
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.

Tues., July 25
11:30 a.m. - Teddy Bear Picnic - Kids of all ages welcome. Walking taco lunch, visit from special guest, crafts and bird activities. Picnic area of Juniper Campground, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Unit, Watford City, ND. For more information call 701-623-4884 or info@trnha.org Thurs., July 27

5-7 p.m. - Watford Market - Shop the local handmade and homegrown vendors, listen to live music, get a burger, enjoy the demonstrations, and meet your neighbors at Watford Market. McKenzie County Heritage Park, 950 2nd Ave SW, Watford City ND. For more information contact Daniel Stenberg, 701-444-7419 or dstenberg@co.mckenzie.nd.us.

Best Of The West Ribfest - Lots of great new things plus old favorites. VIP tent, all you can eat ribs, sides, beer, wine, pop and concert on main street featuring Little Texas. Three blocks on main street, Watford City, ND. For more information visit www.watfordcityribfest.net.

#### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., July 20

5-9 p.m. - Summer Nights On Main: Kid & Nic Show- Live music, food vendors, kids' activities, beer gardens and a great time. Downtown Williston, ND.

7 p.m. - Fort Buford History Book Club - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "The Legend of King Maz." Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

9 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Farmers Market** - Home grown products, visits from the fire department and MonDak Animal Rescue, DIY crafts and food trucks. 110 W Broadway Parking Lot, Upper Missouri District Health Unit, Williston, ND. For more information call 701-580-9343 go to www.willistondowntown.

11 a.m. - The Iron Brotherhood Motorcycle Club Fun Run - Route: Sports Den, Williston; 4 Mile Bar, Williston; The Centennial, Grenora; 29 Mile Bar, Hwy 85; Midway, Williston. All rides welcome. 11 a.m., registration; 1 p.m., kickstands up. \$10 first hand, \$5 additional hands, 50/50 raffle.

Fri., Aug. 11

North Dakota Chokecherry Festival - Family friendly event which includes good food, great music, vendor booths, a 5K run, late night movie in the park and more. This event continues on Aug. 12. Kid zone on Saturday dubbed the "Chokecherry Pit" and a "Chokecherry Pit" and a chokecherry pit spitting contest. Harmon Park, Williston, ND.

#### Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Fri., July 28
GMC Grill & Chill Barbeque and Golf Outing - This event continues on July 29. Glendive Medical Center, 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT. For more information call, 406-345-8996.

Sun., July 30 1-4 p.m. - Frontier Gateway Museum Open House - Belle

Prairie Frontage Rd MT, 201 State St, Glendive, MT. For more information call Fayette Miller, 406-377-8168. Thurs., Aug. 10

Dawson County Fair - This event continues through Aug. 13. Open horse show, sled pull, Seether, PRCA rodeo and lots more. Glendive, MT. For more information visit dawsonfair.

Sat., August 12 10 a.m. - Glendive Cancer Support Group - Survivors and caregivers welcome. GMC Canary Center, 202 Prospect Dr.,

#### WIBAUX COUNTY

Glendive, MT. 406-377-4639.

Events in Wibaux unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Thurs., Aug. 3 2-4 p.m. - Tea Time - Free event, refreshments will be served. Pierre Wibaux Museum, 112 East Organ Ave., Wibaux, MT.

## Merchants Bank, Fairview, To Celebrate With Open House

Merchants Bank in Fairview will celebrate its 5th anniversary, the bank's 75th anniversary, the completely remodeled building, new branch president Niel McWalter, and the semi-retirement of Leslie Tveit all on Friday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

From a new look on the exterior, to new offices and a welcoming, efficient space on the interior, Merchants Bank has a fresh, modern feel that visitors and customers will enjoy. Niel McWalter joined Merchants Bank as its branch president in mid December of 2016 and welcomes this opportunity to get acquainted with more people in the area.

The Fairview Bank opened on December 6,1941, the day before Pearl Harbor, with Duncan Noyes as president. The original stately old building still stands on Ellery Avenue. Seventy-nine businessmen and farmers formed

The friendly, experienced staff at Merchants Bank in-

cludes, back row, left to right, LuAnn Shar-

bono, 36 years; Leslie Tveit, 34 years,

the original stockholders with \$25,000 in capital stock. The first week of business showed total loans of \$150 and total savings accounts of \$363. Total interest received the first week was \$1.

In 1953, Fairview Bank moved to its current location and then doubled its size in 1963. By then, deposits totaled \$6,753,397.62. Walter Shires was president at that time.

On October 14, 2011, the bank was purchased by Merchants Bank of Rugby, which was chartered in 1897. The descendants of one of the original founders, William D. McClintock of Towner, ND, own Merchants Bank to this

No matter the bank name or location, the bank has always offered full service with a smile. "We take care of everyone like we want to be taken care of," said vice president Leslie Tveit.

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from 1941 were Duncan Noyes, A.J. Huber, Edward Towe, Walter Shires, Larry Kohler, Lewis Jordan, Cal Crowe, Leon Langemeier, Leland Swanson, Kenneth Maule, Brent Torgerson and Doug

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we are issuing a challenge to residents in all communities within our region to shift 10% of their spending back into local products and services. The number of individual pledges to make the 10% shift will be tracked by county of residence, and the county that receives the highest percentage of individual pledges pro-rated by county population will be the winner!

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importantly, that county will see the greatest economic impact in local taxes collected, money circulated, and jobs created and retained. Go to our website at www. golocalnd.com/shift/ for more information, and make your pledge today! Check back every Monday when the Leaderboard is updated to see how your county is doing!

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## **Elder Promoted to Market President as Bank Prepares** for Move to New Location



Market President Wade Elder in front of the new Cornerstone Bank in Watford City.

Wade Elder is enjoying an exciting start to his role as Market President at Cornerstone Bank as the bank prepares to move to their brand new bank location in July.

Elder joined the bank in 2012 as a business banker. He has over 30 years of experience in banking in North Dakota and Montana. He succeeds former Market President Dale Patten who retired on March 31 after a distinguished career of more than 33 years in banking.

Originally from Beulah. North Dakota, Elder holds an Associates degree from Bismarck State College and attended the University of Mary. He is a past President of the Watford City Chamber of Commerce.

When asked about his new role as Market President, Elder says, "It's a pleasure to provide community banking with a team of bankers who truly care about our customers and our communities."

In his spare time, Wade eniovs muscle cars and classic rock 'n' roll. He and his wife Susan reside in Watford City. Their daughter lives in the Seattle area and their two sons and grandchildren live in Bozeman.

In addition to a change in Market President, Cornerstone Bank is also about to make a change in location. On Monday, July 24, Cornerstone Bank will open for business at their new building located at 106 8th Ave SE (on Hwy 85 to the east across from Heggen Equipment) in Watford City. In preparation for the relocation, the lobby at their existing location (500 2nd Ave SW) will close at noon on Friday, July 21, but the drive-up will be open until 5:00 p.m. as usual. The bank will be closed entirely on Saturday, July 22. In addition to the beautiful, well planned inside of the building, the new location will also offer the added convenience of

parking.

Elder says, "We have outgrown our current location and are very excited about the new bank that will better fit our team member and customer needs."

An open house celebrating the new bank is being planned for September.

Cornerstone Holding Company, based in North Dakota, is the parent company of Cornerstone Bank. One of North Dakota's ten largest financial institutions, Cornerstone Holding Company is an \$820 million financial institution. Cornerstone Bank has North Dakota locations in Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Makoti, New Town, Parshall, Plaza, Watford City and a South Dakota location in Sioux Falls. There are Cornerstone Mortgage offices in Grand Forks and Minot, North Dakota along with Aberdeen, South Dakota. Cornerstone Bank provides an expansive product offering while staying true to their mission of providing access to financial experts who give straight answers and the best possible financial options. Cornerstone's offerings include business and personal loans, deposits and cash management services, online and mobile banking along with mortgage

#### services. New Website For Lonsdale Methodist Church

The Lonsdale Methodist Church in Sidney has recently started a new website, lonsdaleum.wordpress.com.

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# Golden Roundup

## Sunshine Showers

#### **By Lois Stephens**

I love the sun. I understand completely why the ancients worshipped this blazing disc. Giver of life, casting brightness to light our path, increasing one's sense of well-being; John Denver hit the nail on the head. Sunshine on my shoulders DOES make me happy.

Given my complete appreciation of the sun, it makes sense that solar gadgets and the idea of harnessing the sun's power intrigues me. I own a vast array of solar powered objects, from flashlights and lanterns to reading lamps and power packs that charge small items, as well as several outdoor decorations that wink and flash after dark, offering cheerful colors and reminding me that tomorrow the sun will return to warm me again.

Although our cabin has arrived, it has no power, water, or sewer capacity yet, so we are still roughing it 21st century style. I take full advantage of all my solar objects, from the lamp that lights my keyboard at night to the small clip-on reading light I use when I actually have time to sit down and enjoy a book. We have installed solar powered motion night lights, and we plan to install a few solar panels on the cabin to power small appliances and lights.

Solar powered tools have not disappointed me for the most part, but one of them has taken us some trial and error before we got it fully functional. I refer here to our expectations when it comes to solar shower kits. I have always loved the idea of taking a shower with water warmed by the sun. I remember old cowboy movies where dirty old men bathed in horse troughs with water heated by the sun's rays. These men always seemed to totally enjoy their time immersed in solar heated water. I figured that with us roughing it, so to speak, this summer offered the perfect time to install our own solar shower.

A few months ago we purchased a five gallon solar shower kit. I eagerly awaited its arrival. The day the kit arrived, we experienced an early June snowstorm, followed by several days of cool, cloudy weather. Naturally this placed somewhat of a damper on my ability to enjoy sun-warmed water in the great outdoors.

The weather finally cleared. My husband took this opportunity to fill our new five gallon solar water bag with cool water from our spring. He had the bag three quarters full when this finely made product split at the seams, dumping the entire contents on my husband's legs. He was not amused. Sometimes no shower feels better than an unexpected cold one.

Undaunted, we came up with a new plan. We looked around and found a 30 gallon RV poly water tank, perfect for our needs. It had inlets at the top for filling and an outlet at the bottom to attach the shower hose. My ingenious husband also installed an on-off valve on the shower hose for easy control of water flow. He painted the tank black, mounted it on a shed roof that enjoys full sunshine for most of the day, filled our new acquisition with water, and stepped back to let the sun do its job.

Of course the weather promptly went south for another week. The tank sat unused on the roof shed for yet another span of days

Summer finally almost arrived, in a way. We experienced hot days but nights still cooled off enough that anything warmed during the day lost its heat over night. This included our shower, of course. I looked at that tank sitting patiently on the roof, and one day after work, I decided the day had warmed sufficiently that our shower ought to work to some extent.

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I tried out our new shower, standing in the great outdoors with a thin stream of water coursing over my body. The water did NOT feel very warm, I forgot that this spring water would also be soft water so I didn't need the amount of soap I had liberally doused on the washcloth, and I also recalled an elementary science lesson that both my husband and I had forgotten. A wading pool heats a lot faster than a swimming pool, ergo a ten gallon water tank would heat a lot faster than our thirty gallon one. When I mentioned this fact to my husband, he complained that when he worked in Nevada, his thirty gallon tank on top of his RV ALWAYS had hot water ready for showering. I pointed out to him that the mountains of Montana did not exactly have the same sort of climate as the 100 plus degree heat he had experienced in Nevada.

So, I took my first solar shower, but it was not the warm comforting kind of shower that I expected. Oh well, hot weather loomed on the horizon, according to the weatherman. And hot weather DID arrive. I took my second sun-warmed shower in late June, and although the water still was not particularly hot, it really felt good as the 85 degree air temperature combined with the blazing sun kept me well warmed.

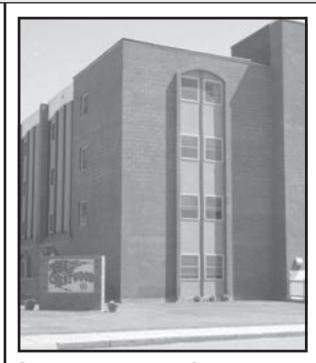
Full summer finally arrived in July. The 4th of July week we experienced very hot days along with nights that didn't cool down much, which made a perfect combination for a stubborn old lady determined to make the solar shower scheme a success. I took an outdoor shower in water warmed by the sun on July 4. It felt great, the water still wasn't overly warm, but it worked. I emerged clean and refreshed, and that lukewarm water didn't cost me a dime to heat. Since then, the tank has slowly emptied and the water has heated up, so I truly enjoy my outdoor bathing experience. By the time I shut off the water flow, the combination of blazing sun and light breeze dries me in under a minute.

I continue to learn how to use this shower setup. I use just

a dab of body wash, I have learned to go with the flow, as if a gust of wind comes up, it blows the stream of water emerging from the shower head off to the side so I need to lean to that side as well to adequately rinse. There isn't enough pressure coming out of the shower head to adequately rinse my hair, so I still rely on the off-site shower arrangements when I decide to wash my hair. Otherwise, I see the rest of this summer filled with outdoor showers under water heated by the sun's rays. Just like those grizzled old cowboys in the movies, I too smile with pleasure while standing under my homemade shower. Now I am truly roughing it, 21st century style.

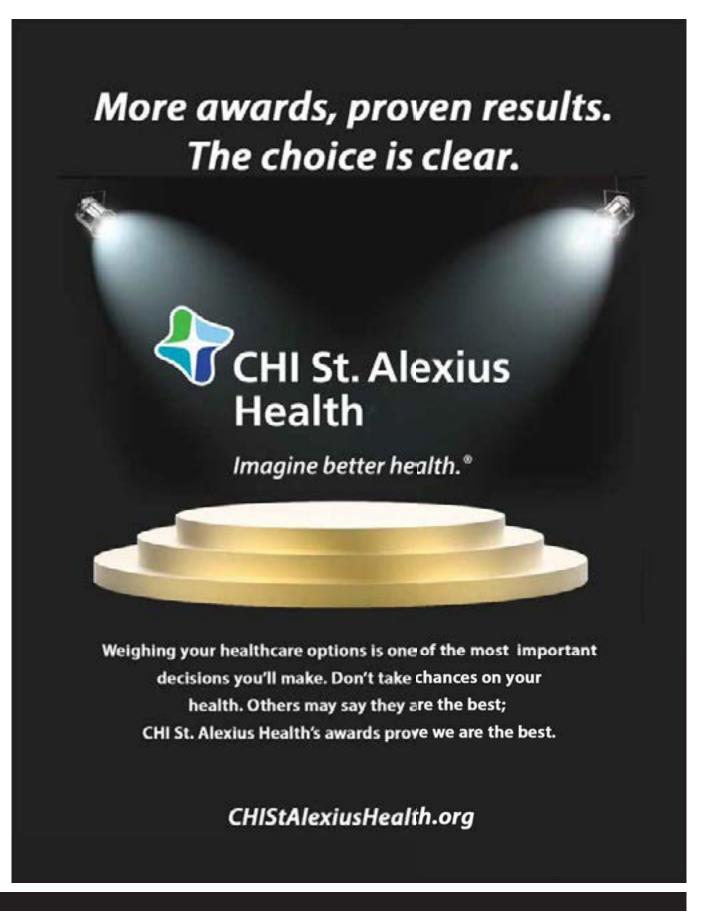


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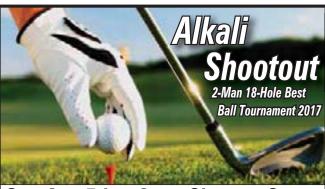
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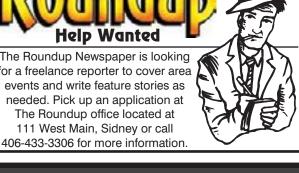
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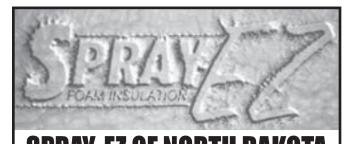
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