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Wildfire Rages In Theodore **Roosevelt National Park's North Unit**

Multiple agencies and fire response units from across the region have been battling a wildfire in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit since Saturday. The Theodore Roosevelt National Park Facebook page posted the following statement on April

On Saturday April 3, a fire ignited just outside the north boundary of the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Sunday, April 4, fire crews completed a successful back burn along US 85 and the park road in an attempt to contain the fire in the northeast section of the park.

The North Unit of the park remains closed to the public at this time. Fire crews from US Forest Service, National Park Service and local fire departments are currently fighting the fire and will be re-assessing as conditions change.

Fire restrictions are in place for all units of the park. Campfires and the use of



Photo shared on Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Facebook page. Courtesy of Nick Ybarra.

non-propane camp stoves are not allowed at this time. Please use caution when visiting the park, as fire danger is very high.

McKenzie County issued a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban as of March 2 due to the extremely dry conditions in the area. Both McKenzie and Williams counties remain in a high fire danger



Burgum Surveys Wildfire In Billings County, Thanks Firefighters For Keeping Residents, Medora Safe

Burgum visited Billings County to survey areas damaged by a wildfire that broke out Thursday, April 1 thanking the firefighters and emergency services personnel from more than 20 agencies who fought the blaze and successfully kept it from reaching the city of Medora, which had been evacuated as a precaution.

"We are deeply grateful to the Billings County and Medora fire departments, the North Dakota National Guard, the U.S. Forest Service, North Dakota Forest Service. North Dakota Devices, National Park Service, and all the other local, state and federal team members and volunteers who collaborated to keep the wildfire contained and residents safe," Burgum said.

"Because of their quick action, teamwork and communication, the wildfires were contained, saving lives and property, including historic Medora," the governor added. "As drought conditions persist, we will continue to keep resources at the ready and encourage North Dakotans to observe burn bans and follow safety pro-

Burgum declared a statewide wildfire emergency on Thursday enabling the North Dakota National Guard to deploy two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters with water buckets to help fight the fire. Earlier Thursday, Burgum had placed the Guard on standby to provide help if additional resources were needed to respond to a growing number of wildfires in North Dakota as extreme drought conditions continue to spread across the state.

During a press conference held Friday in Medora against the backdrop of Burning Hills Amphitheatre, the governor noted that the area burned by wildfires so far this year in North Dakota - over 30,000 acres - is more than triple the 9,200 acres that burned in wildfires during all of 2020. Eight counties saw wildfires on Thursday alone. This week's National Drought Mitigation Center report shows 47% of North Dakota in extreme drought - up from 27% last week - with 38% in severe drought and 15% in moderate drought.

The Billings County fire was about 50% contained

Bismarck - Gov. Doug partment of Emergency Ser- tocols to prevent wildfires." scorched hills next to the Friday afternoon and had burned more than 3,000 acres but resulted in no injuries, deaths or lost structures. Burgum noted.

"This is a credit to all of the volunteers, all of the firefighters and all of the leadership that went into this," he said during the press conference.

For information on how to prevent wildfires, or to view maps showing current burn ban restrictions and fire danger levels, visit www. ndresponse.gov.

Boys & Girls Club Of The MonDak Out Of The Gate Kentucky Derby Gala Sidney April 10

By Jess Lyons

Looking for something fun to do this weekend, then the fourth annual Out of the Gate Kentucky Derby Gala might be what you're looking for at Richland County Event Center, Saturday, April 10, 6-10 p.m.

This year will be a tad different because of COVID-19, including social distancing, pre-assigned seating, dinner served instead of a buffet, masks are recommended but not

Electronic bidding will featured once again this year, the VIP Sponsorship Pre-event table will be featuring horse races, a wine/ Crown Royal pull, as well as heads and tails which starts at 4:45 p.m. with activities beginning at 5 p.m. The Gala's menu service will be an option between chicken or brisket.

Tickets are \$90/person and are available at BG-CDerby21.givesmart.com or by texting BGCDerby to 76278Tickets, tickets can also be purchased at the Boys and Girls Club office during regular business hours or by calling 406-433-

Sidney Lions Club Celebrates 50 Years Of Service

Submitted by Kristin Kennedy **Sidney Lions Club**

Sidney - Sidney Lions Club will celebrate its 50th year anniversary on Saturday, May 15 at Sidney Elks

Since the club's chartering in 1971, its members have worked on a variety of projects in the local community, such as Adopt-ahighway, Christmas Wreath, Flags for First Graders, Lions Trap Shoot fundraiser for Scholarships, Meals-onwheels, Mint Sales, Peace Poster, People Movers the Richland County Fair & Rodeo, Pie Social at Crestwood & the Lodge, Youth Track Meet, Sight Screenings - just to name a few. Proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to scholarships,

flood victims, Camp Mak-A-Dream, Richland County Food Bank, area schools, local non-profits and many, many, more. Currently, the Sidney Lions Club is planning the Youth Track Meet on May 10 and Lions Trap Shoot on June 27.

According to Raymond Carlson, 2020-2021 Club President, "We are proud of our club's 50 years of ser-

vice to the community. The Lion club members thank everyone who contributes to this important work. You are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community."

To celebrate this milestone, the Club will host a 50th Anniversary celebration at the Sidney Elks Lodge, Saturday, May 15. Social hour will start at 5 p.m. with a Prime Rib Dinner and

program to follow. Tickets are available to all past, present, and future Lions on EventBrite by visiting sidneylionsclub50th.eventbrite. com. Live music from the Relics will begin at 8 p.m. and is open to the public. Groovy Retro Threads are encouraged.

The Sidney Lions Club has 62 members and meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 12 p.m. at Sidney Moose Lodge. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Sidney Lions Club, please contact us sidney.lions.club@gmail. com or find us on Facebook Sidney Lions Club.

Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

Matthew's **Spring Fling** Sidney May 8

On Saturday, May 8 from 7-11 p.m. the St. Matthew's Spring Fling will take place for Grades 6-8. This year the Semi Formal Dance will take place at Central School's Gymnasium. The admission is \$10 per person and the boys are asked not wear blue jeans, shorts or T-shirts and the girls should not wear shorts or pants but modest dresses are encouraged. There will be DJ music by Midnight Express. Masks will be required. For more information contact Colleen Haralson, 482-2680.





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1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave., Sidney MT

7 p.m. – Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of

God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

7 p.m. - 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND. 8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

6:30 - p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW.

Back door is open. 7 p.m. – Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

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Clean Williston Event Scheduled for April 24

Submitted by Communications Strategist City of Williston, Caitlin Pallai

Williston - In celebration of Earth Day on April 22 and in preparation for Band Day on May 8, the City of Williston's Spring Clean Williston event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Clean Williston will be held on Saturday, May 1, and this change will be announced on City of Williston social media and www.cityofwilliston.com.

Canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19, Clean Williston is a tradition going back over 20 years and is held biannually in the spring and fall.

"Clean Williston is one way to give back to your community," explained City of Williston Mayor Howard Klug. "Williston tries to provide opportunities for you and your family, and this is a way to demonstrate pride for what is happening in Williston."

Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's Clean Williston event can register online for one of 34 zones. Register online at http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. in Davidson Park located at 11th St. W and 9th Ave. W the day of the event. Individuals who do not register for a zone in advance are welcome and will be assigned to a zone!

Volunteers will receive a free Clean Williston t-shirt and a light, prepackaged snack. Public Works will provide safety vests, gloves, and garbage bags.

Full garbage bags can be left on the side of the road in each zone for pick up or individuals can bring their bags to Davidson Park for disposal.

Participants are also asked to return their safety vests. gloves, and any unused garbage bags. In addition to collected trash, the following will also be

accepted at Davidson Park:

· Wood - Two containers (trees and construction material) will be available. This service is free.

 Metal – One container provided by Pacific Steel and Recycling will be available. This service is free. Items that cannot be loaded by hand will be redirected to either recycling facility.

Cardboard – Please breakdown boxes. This service

• Tires – Individuals are limited to four tires per person. Chamley Pipe and Salvage will shred for free.

• White paper - The North Dakota Recycling Secure Shred truck will be available from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. for public shred. The first two boxes are free with additional boxes costing \$10 per banker's box.

· Individuals are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing where applicable. In addition, out of an abundance of caution, a community BBQ will not be held in conjunction with this Clean Williston event.

In addition to Clean Williston, the following events will be held later in the summer:

• Free Landfill Day - Saturday, May 15 E-Waste Day – Wednesday, June 9

For more information on this story, please contact Caitlin Pallai, Communications Strategist, at 701-713-3800 or caitlinp@ci.williston.nd.us.

Dne-Dish Mea

Written by Carrie Krug MSU/Richland Co. FCS Extension Agent

Submitted by **Richland County Nutrition Coalition**

With spring and the summer months rapidly approaching, sometimes spending a lot of time in the kitchen making dinner and cleaning up the mess is the last thing we want to do. However, one-pot, skillet, or sheet pan meals might make this task fast, easy, and clean up a breeze. Many meals that we eat might already fit within the category of one-dish meals from soups and stews, one-pot casserole, crockpot or Insta pot dinners, skillet meals, and any dish that is made using only one-pot, pan, skillet, you get the picture.

Have you been thinking about trying a sheet pan meal that can quickly be cooked in your oven? Here are some tips and tricks from Sara Waldman (2016) in the Knowledge @ Noon "Sheet Pan Dinners" booklet as part of the Maris des Cygnes Extension District Master Food Volunteers with Kansas State Extension.

1. When selecting vegetables, try to pick ones that will cook at the same rate to help over or undercooking of vegetables, such as potatoes and beets together and mushrooms with asparagus. If you choose to intermix your vegetables (ones that will cook faster than others), try cooking the ones that will take longer, first adding the ones that take less time later in the cooking process.

2. Line your sheet pans for easy clean up with aluminum foil or parchment paper.

3. Try adding herbs and spices to your sheet pan dinners or anything that sounds good to you for flavor.

4. You can even marinate your selected meat before baking. Many proteins do best when they are marinated for a minimum of an hour and some overnight.

5. If worried about your sheet pan dinner, try adding a sauce to help finish the dish. Maybe a pesto, salsa, etc., is just what you need to add some flavor or texture to your

6. Try assembling the whole sheet pan meal ahead of time, covering, and refrigerating until ready to slide in your hot oven for extra busy nights.

With so many one-dish options out there, why not try something new? Make a one-pot pasta dish, sheet pan fajitas, or skillet chicken potpie. There are so many options that you can incorporate into your busy weeknight or weekend dinner or lunch meals. Make extra and use for additional meals throughout the week or freeze (in proper freezer containers) for later.

Are you looking for some great one-pan or one-pot recipes? Check out the Richland County Nutrition Coalition Facebook page at www.facebook.com/1rcnc1, and the Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1 for more information regarding this topic throughout the month of April.





RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Wed., April 7

10 a.m. -4 p.m. - 2021 Youth Art Show - Showing through April 24. - Cataclysm Exhibition - Showing through May 29. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit https://

mondakheritagecenter.org/.

Mon., April 12 & 26

7 p.m. - Snacks & Chats - Anxiety & depression support group for teens ages 13-19. Board games, foosball, ping pong and treats. Pella Church, not church related. Thurs., April 15

11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting - Sidney Country Club. RSVP by April 14. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613. Fri., April 16 7 p.m. - Sidney Gymnastics Club Designer Bag Bingo

Night - Tickets, \$50 (includes 12 games of bingo and 2 drink tickets) additional cards \$10. Cash and carry items available for purchase. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St SW. Tickets can be purchased at The Shoppes at Peifer's General Store during business hours or message the Gymnastics Facebook page using Venmo. Sat., April 17 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Open Studio Saturdays - All participants must make an appointment call 406-433-

3500 or email mdhc@richland.org. Adults 18+ years old only, masks required, other restrictions apply. Take home an Art to go Kit for your little ones. MonDak Heritage Center. If you are unable to make it during open studio hours set up an appointment with Jessica, 406-433-3500. For more information e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/.

Mon., April 19, May 3
6:30-8 p.m. - Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Meetings - Open to all Moms with school aged children and younger. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1101 Madison Lane. No childcare provided. For more information call Stacy Abar, 406-672-1463.

Tues., April 20 12 p.m. - Job Service Employers Committee **Meeting (JSEC)** - Open to everyone. Reynolds Market conference room. For more information call Margie 406-433-1204 ext. 204

Wed., April 21-Sat., April 24

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Create personal and festive Mother's Day art with your kids at MonDak Heritage Center Appointments need to be made in advance by calling 406-433-3500. Choose a clay fingerprint necklace (\$20) or an elephant plate (\$30-\$40).

Fri., April 30 6 p.m. - Richland County Republicans Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner - All are welcome, \$40 adults, \$20 students. Sidney Elks Lodge. For more information call Sherry Mitchel, 406-488-3502. Sat., May 8

7-11 p.m. - **St. Matthew's Spring Fling** - Semi formal dance, grades 6-8, Central School's Gymnasium, \$10 per person. DJ music by Midnight Express. Masks required. For more information call Colleen Haralson, 482-2680.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Fri., April 9

6-8 p.m. - Couples Sip 'n Paint Long X Art Foundation · Two canvases, one painting, \$45 per couple, bring your own beverage, snacks provided, Rough Rider Center.

8 a.m.-4 p.m. - American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course - Ages 11-15 interested in babysitting encouraged to attend. NDSU Extension Office, 205 6th St NW. Preregistration requested by April 7, call 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu. 4-6 p.m. - Clay Fairy Class Long X Arts Foundation Create your own fairy house, for kids and adults. \$40 each. Rough Rider Center.

5-9 p.m. - Police vs. Fire Department Knockerball Hockey - Doors open at 4 p.m., \$5 admission fee, cash bar until 9 p.m., Dave Hansen Arena, Rough Rider Center.

Thurs., April 15, 29 2-4 p.m. - Food Giveaway with New Winter Hours -

First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE. Sat., April 17 11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Still Life Oil Painting Class Long X Arts Foundation - Learn the art of oil painting while creating a still life. Tickets \$45, supplies provided no experience necessary. All ages and levels welcome.

Rough Rider Center.
3 p.m. - Watford City Recreation Dodgeball Tournament - Ages 16+, \$10/team (need minimum of 4 on a team) Rough Rider Center. To register visit watfordcityparks.com.

Sun., April 18

2-4 p.m. - Damsel In Defense Empower Hour **Alexander-** Come experience self defense tools and accessories. Wild Flour Café & Bakery. For more information contact Tahya Papineau, empoweredwithtahya@outlook.com; Facebook empowered with Tahya, 701-290-3946. Tues., April 20

2-4 p.m. - Food Pantry Handouts - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times and updates.

Wed., April 21

5-7 p.m. - Clothing Embroidery Class Long X
Arts Foundation - Learn basic techniques of hand embroidery. \$20, bring your own clothing, supplies included no experience necessary. Rough Rider Center.

WILLIAMS COUNTY Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Sat., April 10 10 a.m. - Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention

5K Event - Community gathering to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault and relationship violence. Registration \$15, 10 a.m.; run/walk event, 11 a.m.; meal and speakers, noon; yoga and sound bath, 1 p.m.; Spring Lake Park. For more information contact lacey.choicerecovery@gmail.com.

Fri., April 16, 2-7 p.m. & Sat., April 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Western Area Builders Association 2021 Western North Dakota Home & Garden Show - Something for everyone. April 16, free admission. April 17, \$5 per person, kids 10 and under free. Raymond Family Community Center. For more information, 701-572-5744 or eo@willistonbuilders.com.

Sat., April 17 11 a.m. - Special Olympics North Dakota Polar Plunge - To plunge participants raise a minimum of \$75 by collecting pledges from friends, family and the community, to cover the entry fee and Polar Plunge first incentive prize. Plunge registration,11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; plunges being12:30 p.m. with Awards Ceremony following. Spring Lake Park. Register at www.

specialolympicsnd.org. For more information call 701-746-0331 or email info@specialolympicsnd.org.

Dawson County Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Sat., April 24 Anton's Recycling Run - 5km run to raise awareness of recycling opportunities in the community. Funds will go to

Special Olympics and GROW. Uran Center, 1515 W. Bell St. For more information visit https:/www.plotaroute.com/ route/1437553?units=km. 6:30-11:30 p.m. - Glendive's 2nd Annual Gala - Enjoy

and evening out the family and friends while supporting Makoshika Wellness and DCDV. Catering, cash bar, music, silent auction, wine auction. Tickets \$50, Eastern Plains Event Center.



Feeding The Hungry Event

Reynolds Market Sidney store manager Loren Kutzler presents a donation of \$1,713.09 to Richland County Food Bank volunteers, from left, Candy Markwald, Gloria Yockim and Duane Pust. Money raised was part of the Feed the Hungry promotion. Locally, customers purchased specific items at Reynolds Market and part of the proceeds went to the local food bank. Over \$4,500 was raised in the Reynolds Market stores to assist the food banks in feeding our neighbors. Thank you to all who participated in this very worthwhile program. (Submitted photo)

Under the Northern Lights

Alexander held their prom on March 27 themed, "Under the Northern Lights." Pictured is the Alexander prom court from left, Tianna Dwyer (Queen), Zechariah Albright (King), Drew LeBrun (Prince) and Corynna Turnquist (Princess). (Submitted photo)







American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course Offered In Watford City

Submitted byMcKenzie Co. Extension Agent Marcia Hellandsaas

A workshop designed to help youth develop basic skills for babysitting will be held on Saturday, April 10 at the NDSU Extension Office, 205 6th St NW, Watford City. The course will start with 8:30 a.m. CT registration

and will conclude by 4 p.m. CT. Anyone ages 11-15 interested in babysitting is encouraged to attend.

Topics to be included in the training are: leadership and learning to be a safe and responsible babysitter, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid.

Pre-registration is re-

quested by Wednesday, April 7 at the NDSU Extension/McKenzie County. Please call 701-444-3451 to register or email marcia. hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

The session will be taught by McKenzie County Extension Agent Marcia Hellandsaas.







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in gravy over potatoes, celery sticks, peaches. sauce hot rolls

Fri., April 9: Hot ham and cheese, cheesy potatoes, peaches, gelatin.

Mon., April 12: Taco salad, orange wedges. Tues., April 13: BBQ pork

sandwiches, baked beans,

fried apples, chips. Wed., April 14: Homemade pizza, tossed salad, peach-

Savage School Thurs., April 8: Mini corn

Fri., April 9: Pizza sticks. Mon., April 12: Chicken alfredo lasagna.

Tues., April 13: Senior meal Gentry! Sub sandwiches. Wed., April 14: Senior meal Taryn! Hamburgers on buns.

Rau School

Thurs., April 8: French toast sticks, sausage links, scrambled eggs, applesauce.

Fri., April 9: Soft shell tacos, lettuce, pears.

Mon., April 12: Chicken sandwiches, fries, mixed fruit.

Tues., April 13: Tater tot hotdish, corn, jello with fruit, dinner rolls.

Wed., April 14: Breakfast sandwiches, hash browns, apple slices.

Froid School

Thurs., April 8: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, goaurts, fruit Fri., April 9: Shrimp mates,

sweet potato fries, veggies, Mon., April 12: Breakfast

tater tot hotdish, rice pilaf, peas, fruit Tues., April 13: Pizza pasta, bosco sticks, veggies,

fruit. Wed., April 14: Kaya's day! Philly cheese steak subs, fries, veggies, fruit, sugar

cookies. **Bainville School**

Thurs., April 8: Hawaiian chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, bananas

Fri., April 9: Spaghetti, garlic toast, caesar salad, apples.

Mon., April 12: Soft tacos, taco bar, refried beans, mandarin oranges.

Tues., April 13: Chicken Thurs., April 8: Meatballs sandwiches, french fries, steamed broccoli, apple- Wed., April 14: Beefaroni, garden salad, applesauce

> Richey School Thurs., April 8: Cheeseburgers, tater tots, broccoli,

> Fri., April 9: Sloppy joes, mixed veggies, fruit. Mon., April 12: Baked pota-

> to bar, fruit. Tues., April 13: Chicken broccoli casserole. Wed., April 14: Orange

> chicken, stir fry veggies, rice, fruit. **Culbertson School**

> Thurs., April 8: Orange chicken, rice, pineapple. Fri., April 9: Corn dogs, fries, corn.

> Mon., April 12: Pizza, salad, applesauce. Tues., April 13: Soft shell

tacos, refried beans, chur-

Wed., April 14: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, broccoli.

Fairview School Thurs., April 8: Sub sandwiches, pasta salad, veg-

gies, fruit. Fri., April 9: No school. Mon., April 12: Hot dogs, fries, veggies, fruit.

Tues., April 13: Totchos (taco tater tots) Spanish rice, fruit.

Wed., April 14: Chicken cordon bleu casserole, veggies, fruit, buns.

Alexander School Thurs., April 8: Baked chicken breast or cod, rice pilaf, broccoli with cheese. Fri., April 9: Spaghetti or alfredo, garlic toast.

Mon., April 12: Hot dogs or brats, macaroni and cheese. Tues., April 13: Hamburgers or chicken stroganoff green beans, breadsticks. Wed., April 14: Breakfast

Watford City School Thurs., April 8: Sloppy joes with ranch tater tots

Fri., April 9: Pepperoni french bread pizza, side salad. Mon., April 12: Fish sticks,

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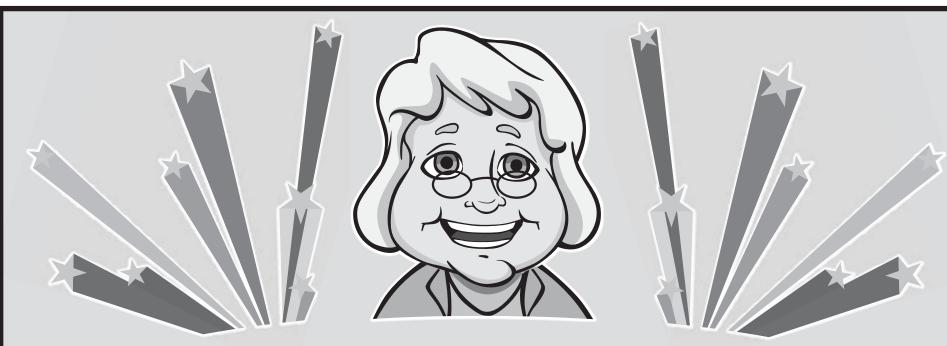
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Ballots Needed By April 16 To Help Pass Montana Oilseed Crop Checkoff

By Anna Dragseth

The Montana Oilseed Advisory Committee is proposing a 0.5% checkoff for canola, camelina, flaxseed, mustard, safflower, soybeans, and sunflower crops.

This checkoff means that growers can voluntarily have 0.5% taken off their sale price when they sell their crop and that half a percent will be used to benefit the overall production of oilseed crops and growers.

If this checkoff is passed, then the Montana Oilseed

Advisory Committee will help advise the Montana Department of Agriculture on how to invest those funds for market development, research, and education.

In order to be passed, the Committee will need to receive several ballots supporting this checkoff by Friday, April 16.

"The Oilseed Committee can take those funds and decide how to spend them to support oilseed production in Montana. For example, we can choose to send them

to research projects that would help the growers better understand how to grow the crops, send them to market development projects to help find local processing options or help start local processing options to encourage different uses for the crops, and then also education to make sure that whatever we're doing is getting back to the producers," said Jeannie Rude, PRO Co-op Ag Center agronomist and MT Oilseed Committee member.

The committee decided to include canola, camelina, flaxseed, mustard, safflower, soybeans, and sunflower crops because they are the seven largest acreage oilseed crops in the state.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana oil crops added over \$54 million in value to the U.S. economy in 2019 and Montana ranks second in the nation for production of canola, flaxseed, and safflower.

Rude explained that the crops included in this checkoff are a broad group because they represent both dryland and irrigated growers. She said, "Montana growers are typically involved in more than one of these crops. If a grower is interested in oilseeds, they are probably producing more than one of these, and so it kind of made sense to lump these seven crops together rather than pursuing seven different checkoffs.'

Rude believes that checkoffs provide an immense number of benefits to producers. She said, "You have to look at other checkoffs just to see how valuable they are to growers. Fourty four % of the wheat and barley checkoff goes into research and 28% of it goes to market development. The research of the wheat and barley checkoff goes into everything from variety trials to how to fertilize wheat/ barley crops to get better yields. Montana varieties that are developed in Montana by MSU scientists are funded by the wheat barley checkoff."

Rude is involved with the oilseed checkoff because she sees the benefit of other crops that have checkoffs and believes that there are opportunities with the oilseed crops both in research and market development. She said, "If growers believe in the role of the checkoff, but are pretty busy getting ready to seed, then I can't argue much with that, but we really need them to mail the ballots back if they support this checkoff."









NOW Inc. Completes Flex Flow Acquisition

HOUSTON--(BUSI-NESS WIRE)--NOW Inc. (NYSE: DNOW) announced the closing of its acquisition from GR Energy Services, a portfolio company of Pine Brook, of substantially all of the assets used in connection with its Flex Flow business, predominantly relating to the rental, sale and service of surface mounted and trailer mounted horizontal pumps, including jet pump systems.

Transaction Highlights:

 Flex Flow significantly expands DistributionNOW's existing product offering with the addition of its rental product solution, comprising an industry leading fleet of 240 trailer-mounted horizontal pumping ("H-pump") units

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 The combined geographical footprint will enhance DistributionNOW's rapid asset deployment, service and customer contact in the midstream market across the Permian, Scoop-Stack, Haynesville and Bakken plays and Canada's Montney region

 Flex Flow's team of highly skilled H-pump service experts complement DistributionNOW's experienced pump service technicians, further providing customers with complete pumping solutions, allowing broader purchase or lease investment choices

· The transaction has been structured to address current market conditions with initial consideration of \$90 million in cash and additional cash contingent consideration if certain profitability thresholds are achieved during the one-year period following the closing of the transaction

Flex Flow is the leading provider of H-pump solutions for fluid movement applications. Flex Flow has earned a strong reputation on H-pump expertise throughout the lifecycle of the application, through its suite of rental, permanent installation, service and support offerings. Jeff Wilhelm, senior vice president overseeing Flex Flow, will join DistributionNOW and continue his role leading the

business. Peter Goode, GR Energy Services co-founder and chairman, said "I thank the management and staff of DISTRIBUTION

Flex Flow for their contribution to the growth of the GR **Energy Services business** over the past five years. I wish them all the best in the next chapter of the evolution of the Flex Flow business. I am confident that the expanded opportunities available to them at DistributionNOW will enable them to continue to build their business while providing them with expanded career

opportunities." Toby Eoff, NOW Inc. president - Process Solutions, added, "I am very excited about the value we will be able to offer our customers, from expanded application options to more service offerings, as we join together two best in class, highly trained and technical service organizations. It is my belief that the combination of these two organizations, with a shared focus on the customer being priority one and investing in and supporting our employees, will create greater value for our customers and elevate DistributionNOW into the leading pump supplier of choice. We are happy to welcome the Flex Flow employees to

the DistributionNOW family." David Cherechinsky, NOW Inc. president and CEO, commented, "This acquisition meets the criteria we have set for inorganic investment: it bolsters and further differentiates DistributionNOW in non-commoditized customer solutions, strengthens and broadens Process Solutions in the fluid handling space, enhances our offering in the midstream markets, and provides enhanced gross margins and EBITDA flow-through dynamics. I also believe the Flex Flow business will benefit from our DigitalNOW® innovation investments. I am excited to introduce the customer-enticing complementary benefits this new venture provides."



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Legal & Financial Planning For Alzheimer's - A Free April Webinar

Today, 22,000 Montanans are among more than 6 million people in the United States living with Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, if no cure is found, that nationwide total will approach 13 million. Caring for those loved ones day-to-day is one challenge. Preparing for the potentially staggering costs is yet another.

Financial planners estimate that the average cost of a single year in a nursing home ranges from \$70,000 - \$100,000. Stays can range from several months up to 10 years or more. Unfortunately, the average working-age American's retirement savings is less than \$100,000.

The Alzheimer's Association is helping families anticipate and prepare for both the legal and financial challenges that accompany a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other dementia with a free webinar on Wednesday. April 28, 10-11:30 a.m.

"Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's" is an interactive program where participants learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near

Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's is one in a series of live webinars offered at no charge during the month of April. The full schedule for the month includes:

(En Espanol) Conozca las 10 Senales de Alzheimer's: Thursday, April 8, 10-11 a.m.

 Understanding and Responding to Dementia-related Behavior (Behavior is a powerful form of communication and one of the primary ways that people with dementia communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language declines. But these behaviors can be challenging for caregivers. Join us to learn how to decode behavioral messages and learn strategies to intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges.) Thursday, April 15, 10-11:30 a.m.

Effective Communication Strategies (This workshop teaches caregivers to decode verbal and behavioral communication from someone with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Develop strategies for having meaningful connection with people in differing stages of dementia.) Tuesday, April 13, 2-3:30 p.m and Wednesday, April 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

· Advancing the Science: Alzheimer's and Dementia Research (An overview of Alzheimer's disease science and the latest advances in research to find a prevention, treatment and cure.) - Wednesday, April 14, 2-3 p.m.

· Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research (We've always known that the health of the brain and body are linked, but now science is able to provide insights into how we can optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.) Tuesday, April 20, 10-11 a.m.

 COVID-19 and Caregiving - (Caring for someone living with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic adds unique challenges for caregivers. This program provides simple tips caregivers can put in place whether the person living with dementia lives at home, in a residential facility, or care providers are coming into the home.) Monday, April 26, 10-11 a.m.

· Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's (An interactive program where you'll learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near you.) Wednesday, April 28, 10-11:30 a.m.

· Living with Alzheimer's: for Care Partners -Early Stage - Part 1 - (In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? This 3-part program provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.) Monday, April 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

· Living with Alzheimer's: for Care Partners -Early Stage - Part 2 - (In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? This 3-part program provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.) Monday, April 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

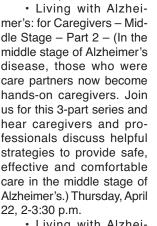
· Living with Alzheimer's: for Care Partners -Early Stage - Part 3 - (In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? This 3-part program provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.) Monday, April 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

· Living with Alzheimer's: for Caregivers - Middle Stage - Part 1 - (In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become us for this 3-part series and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.) Thursday, April 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

· Living with Alzheimer's: for Caregivers - Middle Stage - Part 2 - (In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join us for this 3-part series and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.) Thursday, April

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Like all programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association, the webinars are offered at no charge, but registration is required. To register, call the free Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 800-272-3900. To learn more about Alzheimer's Association programs and services, go to www.alz.org.

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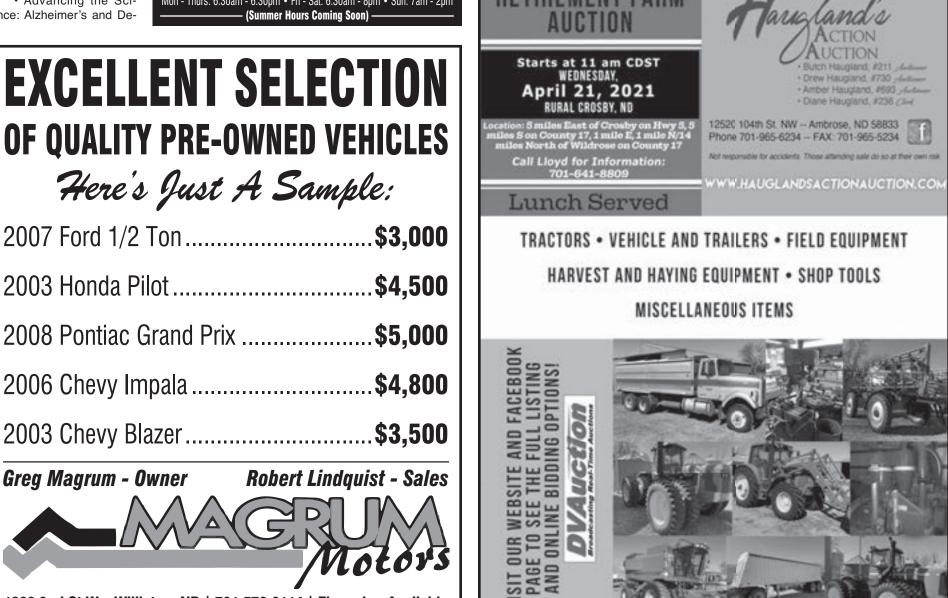
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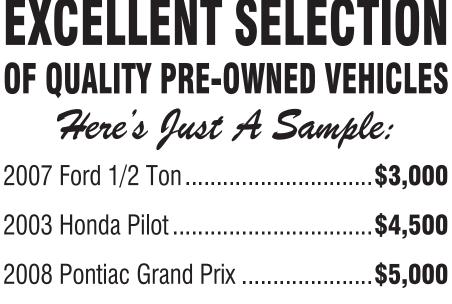
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Fire north of Williston, taken on April 3 at 4:30 pm CDT, courtesy of Williams County. (Submitted photo)



Submitted by Communications Strategist City of Williston, Caitlin Pallai

Williston - On Saturday, April 3 the Williston Rural Fire Department was dispatched to a brush fire north of Williston.

Following initial efforts to contain this fire, the Williston Rural Fire Department requested mutual aid from the Williston Fire Department (WFD).

WFD responded with three brush trucks and two tender trucks, an apparatus that specializes in the transport of water from a water source to a fire.

While WFD was working one of the fire's flanks, the wind shifted, and the fire rapidly overtook Brush Truck #3. WFD personnel were able to evacuate and were eval-

Brush Truck #3 is confirmed as a total loss.

In addition to WFD, fire fighters and personnel from Grenora, Wildrose, Alamo, Minot, Fairview, Epping, Ray, Tioga, and Williams County/Williston Emergency Management responded to this brush fire.

As of 8:30 p.m. CT, Sat., April 3, the fire was considered contained and WFD was released. The Williston Rural Fire Department is now performing "mop up," or extinguishing residual fire.

The cause of this brush fire is undetermined at this time. For more information on this story, please contact Division Chief of Operations, Matt Clark, at 701-572-3400 or mattc@ci.williston.nd.us.

For more information on the Williston Fire Department, please visit www. wfdems.com and follow WFD on Facebook (@WillistonFire).

uated with no injuries.

Governor Gianforte Reduces **Barriers To** Vaccine **Administration**

Submitted by Brooke Stroyke, Office of the Governor

Helena - Governor Greg Gianforte has issued a directive to reduce barriers to vaccine administration in pharmacies across Mon-

"As we expand vaccine eligibility to all Montanans on April 1, we're focused on reducing barriers Montanans face to get the vaccine and increasing access to it," Governor Gianforte said. "To that end, the directive I issued will make it easier for pharmacies to efficiently administer doses to more

Montanans." The directive authorizes pharmacists to use any health care provider, who is licensed by Montana or another state and who is qualified to administer vaccines under his or her scope of practice, to assist in the administration of COVID-19 vaccines for the duration of

the state of emergency. The directive also temporarily waives a restriction on the number of pharmacy technicians a registered pharmacist may supervise for the purpose of administering the COVID-19 vaccine and conducting associated administrative duties and

procedures. The directive is in effect for the remainder of Montana's state of emergency per Executive Order 2-2021 and can be viewed https:// governor.mt.gov/_docs/Directives/PHA-Ratio-Directive-under-2-2021_FINAL.

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- · There are tools, filing options and other services and resources available on www.IRS.gov.

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Pinwheels For Prevention

By Erin Helms

April 1 marks the beginning of child abuse awareness month, a month to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan formally established April as child abuse prevention month and every year since communities across the US have come

together to bring awareness to the child abuse and neglect crisis, and how communities can come together to help families grow their own resiliency. The blue pinwheel has become the symbol of this important month because the pinwheel represents the whimsy and innocence of childhood and the shape of the pinwheel calls to mind the positive cycles of love and support, we can help families create. The pinwheel itself

is also a great reminder of playfulness and joy and the childhoods we all want for the children in our communities.

This month we are issuing a challenge to you, wear blue in support of child abuse prevention share your selfies with #GoBlue #StrongFamilies #SafeKids #GrowingBetterTogether #CAPM, plant or color some pinwheels, find an organization or attend a conference to gain more information on how

you can help like the virtual offering of No More Violence Week https://www.allianceforyouth.org/no-more-violence-week-great-falls-mt?fbclid=IwAR2QVzS17AfhhpLu8MMdlipSx-6douaZDHD4SH1pKT-Gi1T4bDvcaFpl2PVVI and the Montana Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference https://dphhs.mt.gov/ cfsd/canconference and most importantly spread the word and share the importance of

You can find more information about pinwheels for prevention at https://preventchildabuse.org/ and https:// familyconnectionsmt.org/

Erin Helms



MSU Extension, MSU Alumni Foundation To Offer Estate/Legacy Planning Webinars

MSU News Service

Bozeman - Montana State University Extension, in partnership with the MSU Alumni Foundation, will offer a five-part webinar series on estate and legacy planning. Thoughtful Thursdays will run from 10-11 a.m. beginning April 15-May 15.

In the first session, viewers will learn how to pass property without probate while saving more money for their heirs. The Montana Legislature has provided payable-ondeath designations, transfer-on-death registrations and transfer-on-death deeds, and according to Emily Standley, MSU Extension Fergus/Petroleum County agent, viewers will understand how these designations override provisions written in wills.

The second session will discuss how traditional and Roth IRAs can be useful estate planning tools. Participants will discover how qualified charitable distributions from a traditional IRA can support your favorite charity or nonprofit while reducing your tax liability at the state and federal levels, said Kevin Brown, associate vice president of deAlumni Foundation.

The series' third session will touch on the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, which MSU Extension family economics specialist Marsha Goetting calls a major benefit for Montana taxpayers and Montana charities.

"This credit could provide a credit up to \$10,000 annually on your Montana income tax," she added. "This is a win-win for Montana taxpayers and Montana charities and nonprofits. Montana is one of just a few states to offer such a credit."

The fourth session will cover how charitable gift annuities are different from commercial annuities and how they can provide income, support a person's favorite charities or nonprofits and reduce state and federal income taxes.

The final session will explore how a charitable remainder trust could be a valuable tool in any estate plan.

Registration is required for the webinars. For more information and to register. visit https://www.montana. edu/estateplanning/thought-













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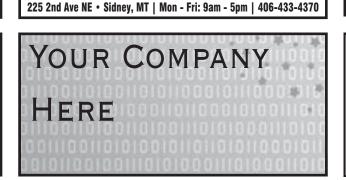


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Submitted by Jennifer Boyer, Operations Coordinator

Sidney - The Foundation for Community Care, a non-profit organization focused on ensuring access to excellent, lifelong healthcare services for our community, received a generous gift from the employees at Stockman Bank, Sidney and in turn inspired a matching gift by Stockman Bank. They chose to impact the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care as well as the Bridge Fund, which grants assistance to qualified patients and helps with expenses associated with required travel for specialized care outside of Sidney Health Center.

"Our community is blessed to have amazing care right here close to home, and the routine of cancer care makes it that much more imperative. The Foundation has received feedback stating that it is so appreciated by patients and their families. Stockman Bank and their employees show that they are dedicated to be invested in this community.", stated Jennifer Boyer, Foundation Operations Coordinator.

Thank you to Stockman Bank and their employees for supporting local healthcare with their charitable contributions! For more information about the Foundation for Community Care, or to find out how you can help impact your community, please go to our website at www.foundationforcommunitycare.org, stop by our office at 221 2nd St. NW, Sidney or call 406-488-CARE (488-2273).

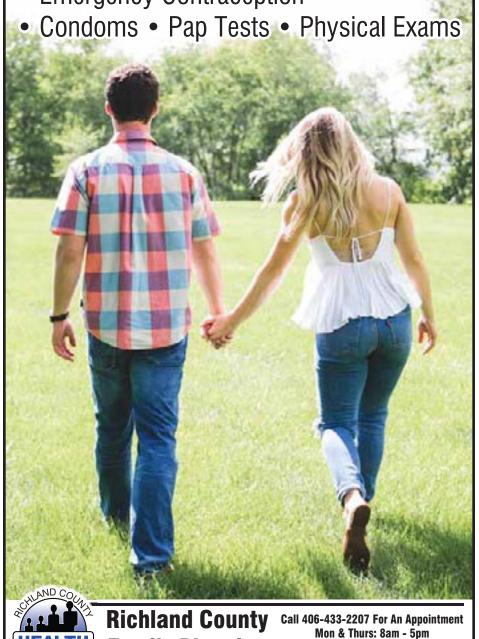


On Tuesday, March 30, Stockman Bank employees donated \$800 to the Foundation for Community Care Cancer Center and Stockman Bank matched the donation. Pictured are President of Stockman Bank, Wade Whiteman, Melissa Boyer, Jennifer Boyer and Jaena Cotter. (Photo submitted by Morgan Taylor)





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