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Rau Elementary School Fundraisers



By Jaymi Loobey

This spring, locals of the Sidney area will be able to help a longstanding benefit to children of the community acquire, upgrade and install their playground equipment. Rau Elementary School will be having two fundraisers before summer break to help with the much-needed improvements.

This Saturday, April 27, there will be a garage sale in the Rau School Gymnasium. It will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be selling desks, chairs, curriculums, P.E. items, school supplies, office supplies and much more. May 4, the following Saturday, there will be an auction at the school. At 11 a.m. the old playground equipment will be up for auction. There will be a break at noon for a free

will offering BBQ. The auction resumes at 1 pm with approximately twenty-five homemade pies made by members of Rau School families to auction off. All proceeds will go towards new playground equipment and installation costs.

According to their website, www.rauschool.net, "The mission of Rau Elementary School is to create a safe, positive, and challenging learning environment for all children so that they become lifelong learners." Rau School has been around for several decades. The previous playground equipment was installed in 1983 and has had very few changes since then. PTO member, Jerrian Franzen said, "Except for a couple pieces, the equipment is thirty-six years old." In a letter sent out to various businesses and families, it is mentioned that Rau School is finding that their equipment is unsafe. They also have no equipment with handicap accessibility. Plans are underway already to purchase, resurface and install new, updated equipment for the students. The plan was split into two phases.

Phase one is purchasing the main playground structure, cover the resurfacing cost and labor to install both. Thanks to some student-based fundraising (that involved a lot of chocolate Jerrian told me), a large donation from Rau School, local businesses and community members the main playground structure was purchased and delivered April 1. They are now in the process of raising the \$25,000 needed



for resurfacing and installation. So far they have over \$9,000 raised towards that goal. The PTO is hopeful of reaching the goal for Phase one next month. Phase two will include purchasing additional smaller structures such as swings and a merry-go-round, resurfacing

costs and labor to install them. The phase two equipment will be handicap accessible. It is estimated to cost an additional \$65,000 and they are aiming for completion in the summer of 2020.

Currently, Rau Elementary is a small school of fifty

kindergarten to 6th-grade students taught by six teachers but the number of students can change from year to year. It is located at 12138 County Road 350, off of highway 23, a little over four miles southeast of Sidney.

Arnegard's New Fire Hall



The Arnegard Fire Department recently put their new fire hall into service. The previous fire hall was located behind the city hall for the past 30 years. Over the past six years call volume in the area increased by 1200%. This signaled the need for an expanded facility to handle the needs of the quickly growing community and oilfield activity. The new \$1.5 million facility was paid for in large part by private donations. The project took two years to complete and gives the department the

The all-volunteer Arnegard Fire Department consists of 15 core members that cover an area of 212 square miles. That's four times larger than the city of Fargo. They are trained fire, rescue, medical first responders and are Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certified. They can handle any situation that first responders deal with in some of the largest cities in the country.

ability to grow in the future.

Above: The hall has room for three additional units giving the department plenty of room to grow in the future.

Below: Arnegard fire chief Rick Schreiber displays a kevlar reinforced tactical vest which is considered standard equipment for fire and rescure these days.



ROI Dinner and Comedy Show This Saturday

Richland Opportunities Inc. is hosting its 3rd annual dinner & comedy show this Saturday, April 27 at the Sidney Moose Lodge. Enjoy a roast beef dinner followed by a fun-filled evening of family oriented comedy with Jonnie W.

Jonnie W. is sure to tickle your funny bone with his razor sharp wit and multi-generational, off-beat standup humor.

The comedy event is one of three fundraising events held by ROI each year to help cover the financial responsibilities of taking care of their clients since only a portion

of that care is covered by the state. The other two projects are the annual fireworks stand and the Thrift Store.

Businesses that have generously stepped to sponsor the event so far include Fike Crushing, Inc.; Reynolds Market; Hi-Line Trucking, Inc.; Hurley Enterprises, Inc.; Tri-County Implement; Brenner, Averett & Co., P.C.; Stockman Bank; Casita Piano Studio – Kathy Bidegary; Continental Resources; Action Auto; Big Sky Siding & Windows; Blue Rock Products Co. and Interstate Engineering.

Tickets are available for \$35 at the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Stockman Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and ROI, 406-488-3341.

ROI is a great place to work and a job that many of its employees find extremely gratifying. If you are looking for a job that is more than just a job, but a chance to serve people and be part of a team that works together to help others enjoy their lives, please call Tami at ROI 406-488-3341, ext. 2 to find out more.

Friends Of Reynolds Program



F.T. Reynolds Co. has just completed another quarter of the Friends of Reynolds (FOR) program. Each quarter the five Reynolds Market stores donate a percentage back of the total purchases made by the supporters of each FOR organization. This quarter over \$9,000 has been given back to the FOR member organizations in the Reynolds Market stores.

Assistant store manager Sam Simard awards, from left, Dan Peters - Richland Opportunities Inc., Tim Tharp - First Lutheran Church, Chandler Padgett - Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak Richland Unit, Enid Huotari - Sidney Lions Club, Stephanie Ler - Fellowship Food Pantry, Amy Conlin - Richland County 4-H, Lauren Weiland - Crestwood Inn, Dean Rehbein - Loyal Order of the Moose, Linda Clark - West Side Elementary, David Huskamp - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and Dorene McDonald - Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center

Also receiving checks were Matt Brenner Memorial Scholarship Fund, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Emmaus House, Foundation for Community Care, Richey Class of 2019, Sidney Gymnastics Club, Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, St. Catherine's Church, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, Mon-Dak Heritage Center, Zion Lutheran Church, Heaven to Earth Church UPCI, Sidney Elks Lodge and Sidney FFA. To learn more about the FOR Program, please visit reynoldsmarket.com/friends-ofreynolds





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

TUESDAYS:

- **7 p.m.** AA Welcome Home Group, District II Alcohol and Drug Conference Room, 106 2nd St SW, Sidney,
- 7 p.m. 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:

- 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 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.

FRIDAYS:

- 6:30 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
- 8 p.m. AA Welcome Home Group, District II Alcohol and Drug Conference Room, 106 2nd St SW, Sidney, MT.
- **7 p.m.** AA Welcome Home Group, District II Alcohol and Drug Conference Room, 106 2nd St SW, Sidney,
- 7 p.m. AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663. SUNDAYS:
- **7 p.m.** AA Welcome Home Group, District II Alcohol and Drug Conference Room, 106 2nd St SW, Sidney, MT.

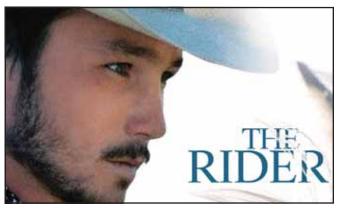
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center					
Date		High	Low	Precip.	
April	15	61	33	0.00	
April	16	62	24	0.03	
April	17	61	39	0.09	
April	18	63	31	0.00	
April	19	82	38	0.00	
April	20	63	46	0.14	
April	21	61	38	0.05	
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The MDHC **Announces** The Film "The Rider" May 3



The MonDak Heritage Center announces a screening of the independent film The Rider, the final film in our First Friday Film Series sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications! The film will show on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney.

The Rider is an independent drama directed by Chloé Zhao. Synopsis: After a tragic riding accident, young cowboy Brady (Brady Jandreau), once a rising star of the rodeo circuit, is warned that his competition days are over. Back home, Brady finds himself wondering what he has to live for when he can no longer do what gives him a sense of purpose: to ride and compete. In an attempt to regain control of his fate, Brady undertakes a search for new identity and tries to redefine his idea of what it means to be a man in the heartland of America. Rated R. Film run time is 103 minutes.

Winner of the C.I.C.A.E. Award at the Cannes Film Festival. Five Spirit Award Nominations, including Best Picture. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Deauville Film Festival.

The film is FREE to the public. Popcorn provided.

The views and opinions expressed in the films in the First Friday Film Series are those of the characters and/or directors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the MonDak Heritage Center or our sponsor Mid-Rivers Communications

For more information, contact MDHC at 406-433-3500 or go to mondakheritagecenter.org.

St. Matthew's Spring Fling, May 11, Sidney

On Saturday, May 11 St. Matthew's will be holding their Spring Fling from 7-11 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center in Sidney, MT. The cost is \$10 per person and it will be for grades 6th-8th. It will be open to all area youth. There will be DJ music by Midnight Express.

This semi-formal dance will be a lock-in for safety and students will only be allowed to leave early if picked up and signed out by a parent. The boys should not wear blue jeans, shorts or T-shirts and the girls no shorts or pants and modest dresses are encouraged.

For more information contact Colleen Haralson, 482-2680.

Alexander Public School Preschool Pre-Registration, April 24-25

From 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25 the preschool pre-registration will be held in the old gym at the Alexander, ND school.

Please call the school, 701-828-3334, to schedule an appointment for your student. Your child must be four years old by July 31, 2019 to be eligible.

Fairview Cleanup, E-rase your E-Waste Event, May 4

Assistance Available for Seniors

A lot of trash can accumulate during the long winter months in our area, and it's 15 miles to the Richland County landfill. Fairview residents can take advantage of the city-wide cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fairview water depot on 9th St. Dumpsters will be on site to take your trash and help will be available to unload. Elderly or disabled people who need help hauling items are asked to call Fairview City Hall at 406-742-5616 two days in advance.

The erase your e-waste event will also be held at the same location.

Letter Carriers' Food Drive, May 11, Sidney

On Saturday, May 11 the letter carriers in Sidney will be taking donations for a food drive. You should just put your non-perishable donations in a bag by your mailbox and they will deliver it to a local food bank. Please check the expiration dates.

There will also be drop off locations from May 5-11 at Millers Corner, Reynolds Market and Reese and Rays IGA.

Savage Rabies Vaccination Clinic, May 4, Savage Community Hall

The annual Savage Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 9-11 a.m. at the Savage Community Hall. (Please note the location change)

Please bring in your pets to protect them against rabies. You may also pick up your flea and tick medications! Hope to see you there!



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

Wed., April 24

10 a.m.-4 p.m. -Dawson Community College Student Art Show - This event continues through May. 4. - Viewing is free and open to the public. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

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Thurs., April 25
6 p.m. - MDU's Application Public Meeting - Sidney City Council Chambers, 115 2nd Street SE, Sidney, MT.
6 p.m. - Clay Fairy House Class - \$35 per person MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or e-mail, mdhc@richland.org. Sat., April 27

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Rau School Garage Sale** - Desks, chairs, curriculums, school, office supplies, P.E. items and more. Rau School Gymnasium. All proceeds go toward the playground fund.

6 p.m. - Richland Opportunities Dinner & Comedy Show **Fundraiser** - Roast beef dinner & no host bar. Featuring Jonnie W., razor sharp wit, multi-generational, off-beat standup and guitar humor. Sidney Moose Lodge. Tickets \$35 available at ROI, 406-488-3341, Sidney Chamber, Stockman Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. Tues., April 30

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Toddler Tuesdays - Ages 2-6 this fun, hands-on art program introduces children to different forms of art, including painting and clay work, through instruction and storytime. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or e-mail, mdhc@richland.org. 12 p.m. - **Diabetes Support Group** - Free peer support

for type II diabetics and prediabetics. Community Services Building RM 201, 1201 W. Holly St., Sidney, MT. Meets last Tues. of the month through May. For more information call 406-433-2207 or sasaf@richland.org.

12-5 p.m. - Walk-In Thursday: Mother's Day Plate - \$25 a plate. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or e-mail, mdhc@richland.

Fri., May 3
6 p.m. - Fairview High School Staff vs. Student Basketball Game - Fairview High school north gym. \$5 admission. Events, 3-point contest, dunk contest, pop shot, kiss a pig contest for teachers. Students who wish to participate register with Mrs. Hopes. Proceeds go toward Fairview High School's FCCLA members traveling to Nationals this summer.

7 p.m. - First Friday Film Series "The Rider" - Free to the public. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney. For more information call 406-433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org.

Fri., May 3, 3-7 p.m. & Sat., May 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. E-rase Your E-waste Your E-Waste, Sidney, MT - The county shop is available for drop offs during these event

times only. Richland County Shop, 2140 W. Holly.

Estimated start date May 4: **Spanish Basics** - Numbers, colors, travel, greetings, vocab, basic verbs, conversation. For more information contact Miguel Romero, 208-597-4159. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. - E-rase Your E-waste & Annual Spring Clean Up Day, Fairview, MT - Flood damaged items will be accepted with some restrictions. Flood damaged items will need any caked on mud removed and drained of water. Also let them know if the items were submersed in water so that they can put them in a separate gaylord box. Fairview Water Depot. For those needing assistance call City Hall at 742-

5616 prior to the event, on Saturday only 489-2624.
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Savage Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Savage Community Hall - Please bring in your pets to protect them against rabies. You may also pick up your flea & tick medications. 11 a.m. - Playground Auction; BBQ & Pie Auction -

Live auction of old playground equipment at 11 a.m.; free will offering BBQ at noon, families welcome; Homemade pie auction, 1 p.m. Rau School, 12138 Co. Road 350. All proceeds will go toward new playground equipment and installation costs. Thurs., May 9

2 p.m. - West Side Third Graders Will Be Performing School Daze - West Side gym, Sidney, MT.

Letter Carriers Food Drive - Put your donation in a bag by your mailbox and we will deliver it to a local food bank. Drop off locations May 5-11, Millers Corner, Reynolds Market and 6 p.m. - Rising Above The River Coming Together For A

Cause - A night of entertainment with Dueling Pianos plus Valley Cash & Stone Yellow to start at 9 p.m. Live and silent auctions, hors d'oeuvres & buffet included. \$25 Richland Youth Hockey Building, Sidney, MT. Tickets available in Fairview, City Hall, Double Barrel, Waterhole #3, Hotel Albert and The Gold Rush. In Sidney: Chamber of Commerce, Rod Iron, Cattle-Ac, Reynolds Market and Thrivent Financial. 7-11 p.m. - St. Matthew's Spring Fling - Semi-formal dance grades 6th-8th. Open to all area youth. \$10 person. St. Matthew's Parish Center, Sidney, MT. For more information call Colleen Haralson, 482-2680.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Wed., April 24 & Thurs., April 25

8 a.m.-2 p.m. - Alexander, ND Public School Preschool **Pre-Registration** - Old gym at the school. Call the school to schedule an appointment, 701-828-3334. Your student must be 4 years old by July 31, 2019 to be eligible. Fri., April 26 7-9 p.m. - Sip n' Paint Sunflower - Join Mary as she guides

you through the steps to create a beautiful sunflower on 11 x 14 canvas. \$35 per person. No experience necessary, snacks and supplies provided. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. For more information call Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com. Must be 21 or older to attend. Mon., May 6

6:15-9:15 p.m. - **Hunter Education** - Kids 18 and under will meet May 6, 7, 9, and 10 from 6:15-9:15 p.m. and 11 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Must attend all days of class. Students under 18 have your guardian come in the first evening of class to sign the student registration card. Intermediate School Media Center, Watford City, ND. For more information visit www. hunter-ed.com.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone. Thurs., April 25

5-9 p.m. - Art & Wine Walk - Browse affordable, unique art and enjoy wine while you explore downtown Williston. Pre-

sale tickets available at Castle Framing or Cooks on Main for \$30 or the day of the event for \$40 at the James Memorial Art Center. Attendees must be 21+ to attend. Sat., April 27 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Clean City 2019 - City-wide event

meet at Davidson Park, Williston, ND. Garbage bags, gloves, vests and garbage pickup will be provided. In the event of inclement weather it will be rescheduled for May 4.

Sat., May 4 & Sun., May 5 10 a.m.-6 p.m. - Hunter Education - Must attend all days of class. Students under 18 have your guardian come in the first evening of class to sign the student registration card. Williston Game & Fish Building, Williston, ND. For more information visit www.hunter-ed.com.

Mon., May 6 & Tues. May 7 4 & 7 p.m. - 68th Annual Shrine Circus - Raymond Family Community Center, Williston, ND. Tickets: adults, \$10; 13 and under, \$5; 4 and under, free.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Fri., April 26 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Catholic Daughters of the Americas Hot Dish & Salad Luncheon - Knights of Columbus Hall, 310 N. Kendrick Ave., Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-855-6311.

Sat., April 27 10:15-11:45 a.m. - Human Trafficking: To Save Just One Life - Presentation by Patrick Atkinson. Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview, Glendive, MT 59330.

Major Legislation Of Session Heading Towards Finish Line

By Representative Joel Krautter

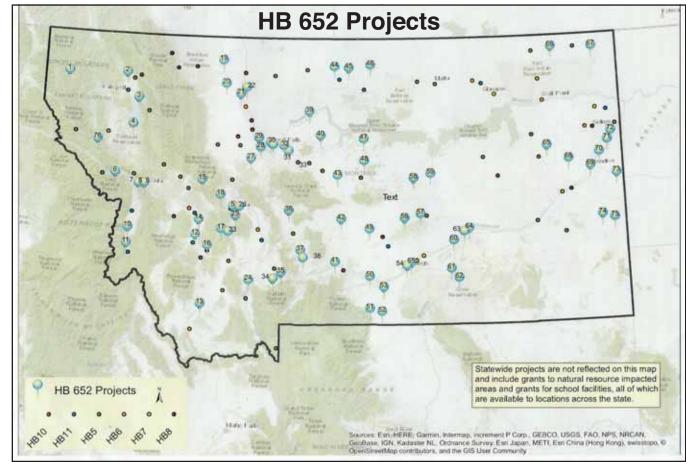
The past week saw the legislature send several pieces of major legislation, representing this session's major policy debates, to the Governor's desk for approval.

The legislature gave final approval to Representative Buttrey's Medicaid Reform and Integrity Act (HB 658) after the House approved Senate amendments that: added income verification, removed the worker's compensation premium tax, and added a 2025 sunset date to the program. A fixed sunset date is extremely important for managing a program of this size as it mandates another opportunity for the legislature to re-evaluate the program for additional efficiencies. In combination with work-requirements, asset tests, residency, 501(d) modifications, and citizenship requirements, I believe these reforms have made the current Medicaid law better. Reauthorization of the Medicaid program will also help ensure continued viability for our rural hospitals. I appreciate the support provided by Sidney Health Center and from all of the constituents who contacted me to express their approval for HB 658.

The Senate gave final approval to the state-wide 80 million dollar infrastructure bonding bill. I supported this bill when it originated in the House and I was pleased to see it move out of the Senate. Journalists in Helena report the last time Montana passed a bonding bill was 2005, as it has failed in numerous recent legislative sessions, making the passage of HB 652 all the more important. The American Society of Civil Engineers has given Montana's infrastructure a C-rating and Darryl James, the executive director of the Montana Infrastructure Coalition estimates Montana has a \$2 billion backlog in infrastructure projects. Funding is available in this bill for infrastructure projects in House District 35 and surrounding eastern Montana communities. You can find a more complete discussion of these area projects in my April 10, 2019, Roundup update.

This week I voted against a tax increase to fund the construction of a new museum in Helena. This bill would raise the lodging accommodation tax from 3 percent to 4 percent to help raise \$48 million dollars for a new Montana Heritage Center in Helena and also create a grant program for local museums across the state. This was a tough vote for me because I love Montana history and our local museums. But ultimately, after hearing from constituents on both sides of this issue, I voted "No" because I didn't feel we should raise taxes to pay for this. While tourists will contribute to the lodging tax, Montanans also travel our state and so it would also be a tax on our citizens. It did pass a preliminary vote in the House 56-44 and I expect it to pass a final vote before the session adjourns.

The legislature has several remaining issues to address. Senate amendments to the state budget still must be approved



by the House before it can be transmitted to the Governor and the impending closure of Colstrip units 3 and 4 has still not been effectively addressed in either chamber. A Colstrip closure, without mitigating legislation, will have a plethora of secondary effects on both Montana rate payers and our state's future energy generation capacity. Coal has been the lifeblood of rural infrastructure projects in Montana and secure access to transmission capacity is integral to the development of any future energy sources within our state. It is incumbent on this legislature to adequately address these issues.

A highlight last week was having Sidney High School senior Lilli Seitz serve as a Page in the Montana House of Representatives. She did an outstanding job!

As always, I thank you for allowing me to serve Richland County and eastern Montana.

Pictured left: Representative Joel Krautter with Sidney High School senior Lilli Seitz who served as a Page in the Montana House of Representatives. (Submitted photo)



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Public Service Commissioner Opposes HB411

By Jordan Hall

Randy Pinocci, the recently elected Public Service Commissioner for District 1 (which includes Richland County and much of Eastern Montana), has some strong opinions about HB411, which he feels is designed to increase the Fish and Game Department's revenue by tacking funding onto an energy-related bill, while letting legislators claim they didn't raise taxes. Pincocci is also soliciting thoughts on a possible Montana Dakota Utilities rate increase

from the public in Sidney. The Roundup spoke to Pinocci about both issues.

Pinocci began, "One of the promises I made while campaigning was to make a real effort to change the way that Public Service Commissioners interact with the public, so the public knows exactly what we do. Currently, Montana Dakota Utilities is requesting a rate increase because before they do so they have to get the approval of the Public Service Commission."

He continued, "What I

wanted to do was request a meeting in Sidney to allow the public to come in for a listening session and give their opinion. Are they okay with a rate increase or are they against it?"

"If we're going to have a rate increase at MDU," Pinocci argued, "and that can happen through the legislature, people need to be aware."

Pinocci also spoke passionately about what he believes is a closeted tax increase passed through a house bill dealing with hydroelectric facilities.

He added, "I thought I would also educate the public on some things that happened in the legislative session. One of the more shocking things, House Bill 411, is adding over a million dollars to Northwest Energy rate-payers to cover protection from the zebra mussel which has nothing to do with energy and should be paid for from the general fund. Does this mean that any time they need tax money they'll add it to the electric bill? While this doesn't affect MDU customers, this sets a dangerous precedent of raising taxes through electric companies."

According to Pinocci, HB411 was written to provide a major payday to Montana Fish and Game, for something not really needed, at least as it pertains to energy production.

Pinocci argues that Montana HB 411 was designed to fund government bureaucratic growth, using environmental concerns to do so. According to proponents of HB411, the ominous 'zebra mussel' is an aquatic invasive species that needs eradicated. Although hydroelectric facilities don't cause the spread of such species, some speculate on thin scientific grounds that such facilities could theoretically be affected by them. Preventative measures designed to keep the hydroelectric facilities free of the zebra mussel would affect a relatively small amount of energy customers, but HB411 is designed to spread that cost out.

The Public Service Commission strongly urged fees

Randy Pinocci, Public Service Commissioner for District

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for hydroelectric facilities to be removed from HB411, the cost of which is passed on to consumers.

Pinocci said, "They're trying to find a way to get people to pay taxes through their energy bill and then say, 'we didn't increase taxes.' No, you just tagged it onto the energy bill! This can't even be legal," Pinocci exclaimed.

When asked how taxes were being raised through HB411, he answered incredulously, "You're going to love this, it's incredible. They say Fish and Game desperately need money to inspect boats to see if the zebra mussels are on it. So they say they're trying to protect hydro-electric blades, which produce power. But I believe at the speed those blades are turning, nothing is going to attach to it. It's a way to fund Game and Fish directly and will grow their

department, but do it through a utility rate increase instead of by raising taxes the conventional way."

He continued, "Fish and Game is going to get the money directly and grow their department. They're an entity that wants to get more money, hire more people, have more power. You know, maybe bettering their retirement or buying another quad or another snowmobile. It's a million dollars. Recently they got assault-weapon training. Why?'

Joel Krautter, the representative for Richland County (District 35), voted for HB411 and the funding increase. Representatives from neighboring Eastern Montana districts voted against the bill, including Alan Doane (District 36), Rhonda Knudsen (District 34), and Casey Knudsen (District







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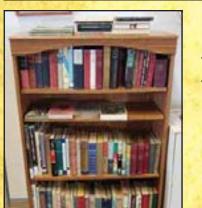
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MSU Professor Wins National Award For Weed Research

By Marshall Swearingen, **MSU News Service**

BOZEMAN — In recognition of his contributions to society's understanding of weeds and weed control, a Montana State University researcher has won a national award from the Weed Science Society of America.

Bruce Maxwell, professor in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences in MSU's College of Agriculture, received the Outstanding Research Award at the organization's annual meeting in New Orleans in February.

"It's a nice honor," said Maxwell, who has been a member of WSSA since he was a graduate student in the '80s.

According to Tracy Sterling, head of the land resources and environmental sciences department, Maxwell is "an outstanding scholar, innovator and educator. He's well known nationally and internationally for redefining how we think about the ecology of invasive plant species and how they spread across the landscape.

"Even more impressively, he has trained dozens of students who now apply these modeling approaches to improve the management of the nation's crops, range and wildlands," Sterling added.

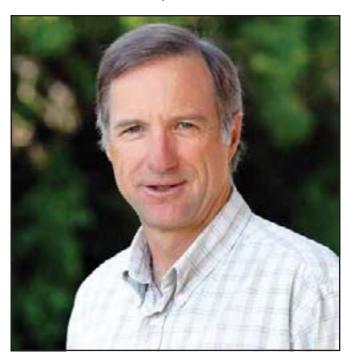
Maxwell's recent research publications span a range of topics, including strategies for managing a common herbicide-resistant weed, findings about how cheatgrass takes hold on the landscape and methods of using GIS to estimate crop yield. Other recent studies have focused on the invasion of pines in New Zealand and the Patagonia region of South America.

Maxwell has published more than 100 scientific peer reviewed journal articles and 13 invited book chapters, was lead author for the agriculture portion of the Montana Climate Assessment and serves as the co-director of the Montana Institute on Ecosystems, He played a key role in creating the interdisciplinary sustainable food and bioenergy systems undergraduate degree program at MSU.

In previous years, Maxwell won the WSSA awards for outstanding teaching, outstanding graduate studies, outstanding paper in the journal Invasive Plant Science and Management and outstanding paper in the journal Weed Technology. He has chaired and been a member of numerous agricultural and ecological research grant review panels and has been a member of two National Academy of Science National Research Council Committees on Agriculture. He was a Fulbright Fellow in Argentina in 2007.

Maxwell came to MSU in 1992 from the University of Minnesota. He earned a doctorate in crop science and forest ecology from Oregon State University, a master's in agronomy from MSU in 1984 and a bachelor's in botany from MSU in 1977. Following his undergraduate studies, he spent two years with his wife in the Peace Corps in Micronesia and subsequently traveled around the world. He grew up

ety of America is a nonprofit scientific society founded in 1956 to encourage the development of knowledge concerning weeds and their impact on the environment. WSSA promotes research, education and extension outreach activities related to weeds, provides science-based information to the public and policy makers, fosters awareness of weeds and their impact on managed and natural ecosystems, and promotes cooperation among weed science organizations across the nation and around the world.



Bruce Maxwell. (MSU photo by Kelly Gorham)

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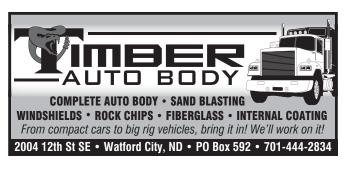






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ROI To Host Prom June 22

By Dianne Swanson

Prom. It's the most special event of the year for most high school students, and one that makes memories that last a lifetime. But, not everyone gets to go. Even though most residents of ROI attended high school, they never got to experience a prom.

ROI staff member Tami Edwards has wanted to do a prom for a long time and was spurred into action last winter when one of the residents expressed sadness at not being able to attend her prom in high school.

Edwards and her prom committee including Jami Carlsen, are determined to make the ROI prom on June 22 the true experience with fancy dresses, a catered dinner and limo ride. The Sidney High School gym will be decorated for the grand march and dancing.

Community Input Needed For Environmental Health Survey

If you missed our community focus groups this past month, you can still have your voice heard through our survey! Active Richland County (ARC), a Community in Action group, is conducting a survey as part of the PACE-Environmental Health Assessment. Results from the survey will be combined with feedback from the focus groups and will be used to develop a focused approached for ARC to address community environmental health needs.

The topics that you will find on the survey have been identified as priority issues by community members in the community focus groups we held, this past month, throughout Richland County. Everyone who takes the survey will have an opportunity to voice their opinions and make suggestions for future actions. Community input is vital to the continued improvement of Richland County. Please consider participating in the survey, which can be found on the Richland County Health Department Facebook Page.

If you have any questions regarding the focus groups or would like to request a paper copy of the survey, please email kpodsiad@richland.org or call Kristin Podsiad at the Richland County Health Department at 433-2207. This project is sponsored by the Williston STAR Fund and the Richland County Health Department.

Community members have stepped up to make sure residents have everything they need for a real prom. Ethan Hoffman will DJ the dance and announce the grand march. Cindy Mead is preparing the gourmet meal and providing corsages and boutonnieres. Brian Gartner and Hi-Line Trucking have donated money to buy dresses, and the home where the meal will be held. Vess Hurley has donated use of his limo and fun bus, The Rush is donating drinks, Jake and Tara Carlsen with Triple 7 Photography are taking the photos, and OneOK has donated cash to be used where needed. Individuals have also donated dresses and cash and Law Enforcement and dispatch are providing ten people as grand march escorts for those who don't have a date. More dollars and dresses are needed. One resident has her heart set on a purple sequined dress size 16-18 if anyone has

able cost.

Prom-posals, the special invitations to the party, are already taking place and staff are working with residents to create memorable ones. Those will be videoed and posted on the ROI Facebook page for the community to enjoy.

one to donate or at a reason-

A promenade is planned down Central Avenue at approximately 6 p.m. The community is encouraged to show their support by honking their horns and waving as the residents head to the high school.

Staff would also love to see a large presence at the grand march at 7 n m

march at 7 p.m.

Thirty-four residents, plus staff, will attend this special event. Edwards said they want the staff on hand, but as unobtrusive as possible to make sure everyone enjoys the event. She said they are very excited about offering this opportunity, and it's important to them that this works. If everything goes well this year, they would look at inviting the surrounding towns next year.

Anyone wishing to help make the 2019 prom a special event is asked to contact Edwards or Carlsen at 406-488-3341.

Montana Hemp Farmers Can Now Purchase Seeds in Time for Growing Season After Tester Push

(Big Sandy, Mont.)—U.S. Senator Jon Tester delivered good news to Montana hemp farmers, *"There is no more red tape keeping farmers from growing hemp in Montana."

Tester successfully forced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue new guidance and allow Montana producers to purchase their hemp seeds from Canada. Prior to Tester's push, farmers weren't allowed to purchase hemp seeds as a result of USDA's inaction to approve the State of Montana's updated hemp growing plans.

*"This welcome news will ensure producers can purchase and clean their seeds in time to get them in the ground this spring," Tester said. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease, and our Montana farmers made their voices heard before we suffered from a lost growing season."

Earlier Tester received assurances from U.S. Customs and Border Protection that Montana farmers will be able to import hemp seeds through the northern border—putting an end to the uncertainty that clouded many farmers who are using hemp as a rotational

Montana farmers have been growing hemp through a limited pilot program since 2014, because the crop was still considered a controlled substance until late last year. In December, Tester helped pass the 2018 Farm Bill, which removed hemp from the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) list of controlled substances, making it legal to grow industrial hemp in the U.S.-pending the USDA's approval.

However, the USDA has refused to approve any state hemp growing plans until later this year—which left Montana hemp growers in limbo as planting season begins. Tester called out USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue last week over the agency's failure to give Montana farmers the green light to plant hemp this growing season. With USDA punting the decision until later this year-and DEA's removal from regulating industrial hemp-Tester turned to CBP to ensure that farmers have enough time to purchase, clean, and plant hemp seeds this spring.

Tester was the first member of Montana's Congressional delegation to ask federal agencies to address this issue in a March 12 letter to USDA Secretary Perdue and sent his latest letter on this issue to CBP Acting Commissioner Sanders earlier this week.



State Lands Bill Receives Strong Bi-Partisan Support

By Chelcie Cargill & Liv Stavick

It doesn't appear the legislature will meet their goal of concluding by Good Friday. With a few big ticket items still being negotiated, like Medicaid expansion, legislators will report for duty April 23rd after a short Easter recess.

There are a number of bills still pending. These are bills that Montana Farm Bureau members have passed policy on at their local, county meetings and have been handed up to the state policy book for us to pursue. We don't lobby on a bill unless we have explicit, member-written policy that directs us to do so.

Included in that tally is HB 286, the state lands bill. After passing third reading in the House of Representatives on a landslide vote of 91-9, this bill is awaiting its turn across the Governor's desk. You'll recall this legislation clarifies that the state may only obtain an ownership interest in a water right or ground water development works if a court determines the state is an owner of that right or if the state is in possession of a deed transferring ownership of the water right to the state.

Solidifying HB 286 in state law is a positive step for the protection of property and water rights in Montana. While we anxiously await a signature from Governor Bullock, it's important to thank the legislators, especially bill sponsor Representative Alan Redfield of Livingston, for their work in passing HB 286 and protecting Montana agriculture.

In the meantime, there are many Farm Bureau supported bills that have passed both houses and are finishing the enrolling process; this is a final check to ensure the bill is presented to the Governor exactly as the legislature voted and intended.

PENDING: SB 133, Revise eligibility requirements for

livestock loss mitigation payments

Sponsored by Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R) SD 9, Ethridge SB 133 would require a livestock owner has paid the previous years' per capita fee to the Department of Livestock before they are eligible to receive any payments from the Livestock Loss Board. Per capita fees are per-head fees assessed on all livestock. "Livestock" includes bees, poultry, sheep, swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses and mules, domestic bison, domestic

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Livestock owners are responsible for self-reporting and fees are collected annually through the Department of Revenue. Per capita dollars are a critical piece of the Department of Livestock's overall budget. Fees support programs that monitor animal health, manage predators, monitor and restrict livestock imports and more. The Department also uses this funding source to administer programs that prevent the spread of animal diseases to humans.

SB 133 was amended to clarify that, except for a tribal member or entities that are not subject to Per Capita reporting, a livestock producer may not receive a reimbursement payment until any delinquent Per Capita fees are paid.

PENDING: HB 505, Require notice to shared water conveyance facilities Sponsored by Rep. Walt Sales (R) HD 69, Manhattan

This bill requires an individual applying for a water right or a change in appropriation right to provide notice to other water users on a shared conveyance facility, such as a canal, ditch, flume, pipeline, or other constructed waterway. Were HB 505 to pass, applications for a permit or change in appropriation right would not be "correct and complete" until the applicant had submitted proof to DNRC that a written notice of the application was

provided to each owner of an appropriation right that shares the point of diversion or means of conveyance. Farm Bureau supported this provision as we feel it simply adds transparency to the application process. If a change or permit has the potential to adversely affect your neighbor's appropriation, they should at the very least be aware of the application.

PENDING: HB 497, Allowing additional elk tags to

be harvested during a shoulder season Sponsored by Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, Martinsdale

HB 497 proposes allowing additional elk tags for hunters during the shoulder season hunts. MFBF supported this bill because the only way to control population growth is through the effective hunting of elk. If landowners can take more elk off their private property and hunters can fill their freezers and potentially support neighbors or community food banks, it's a win-win.

PENDING: SB 317, Revise transportation weight limits and permits

Sponsored by Sen. Mike Lang, SD 17, Malta

When the ground beneath a highway's pavement freezes, the road can handle more weight. States such as Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin implement regional load increase advisories, which allow truckers to haul heavier shipments than typically allowed. Following suit, this bill would create a wintertime and durational 10% overweight permit in the state of Montana. The wintertime permit is valid for 30 days, while the durational permit is valid for the period between December 1 and March 7.

We see this very much as a common-sense measure. If the roads can withstand more weight in these wintertime months, the law should allow for the increased-efficiency of larger loads.

Support For Permanent Tax Deduction Critical For Agriculture

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, AgNewsWire

Farm and ranch owners are urging their Congressional delegations to support S. 1149, the Main Street Tax Certainty Act, sponsored by Senator Steve Daines, R-MT. This important legislation will make permanent the Section 199A qualified business income deduction, which is currently set to expire after 2025.

"Many farm and ranch families and other self-employed business owners should be interested in this bill as it has positive implications for retaining this helpful deduction," said Cyndi Johnson, chair of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation Tax Committee. "We especially want to thank Senator Daines for his sponsorship of this important bill."

The 199A deduction allows a business that operates as a sole proprietorship, partnership or S- corporation to take a tax deduction of up to 20 percent of qualified business income. With 98 percent of farms and ranches operating as pass-through businesses, the importance of this deduction to the agricultural sector cannot be overstated.

A look at the recent past shows the critical value of the Section 199A deduction. USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) estimates that had the deduction been available in 2016, almost half of farm households collectively would have been able to save \$9.6 billion. Should the Section 199A deduction expire, it effectively will impose a huge tax increase on our nation's farm and ranch businesses.

"Tax savings are critical to farm and ranch businesses which already operate on thin margins let alone having to deal with the uncertainty of markets and weather. The volatility of both of those factors have recently hit ag producers especially hard, said Johnson. "Farm Bureau believes they should not have to deal with uncertainty caused by expiring tax deductions. In this environment of ambiguity, I know this deduction can provide at least a small token of assurance for the majority of rural American businesses. For this and all the reasons above, we support a permanent Section 199A deduction."





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steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, banana. Wed., May 1: Soft shell tacos,

grapes. **Savage School**

Thurs., April 25: Scalloped potatoes and ham. Fri., April 26: Chicken fajitas. Mon., April 29: Chicken

Tues., April 30: Italian bake. Wed., May 1: Nachos.

strips.

Rau School Thurs., April 25: Taco hay-

stack, salad, pineapple. Fri., April 26: Vegetable soup, turkey wrap, fruit. Mon., April 29: Breaded beef patty, potatoes, gravy, corn, cantaloupe Tues., April 30: Tater tot hot-

dish, green beans, pineapple. Wed., May 1: Hot ham and cheese, chips, peaches. Froid School

Thurs., April 25: Pancakes,

sausage links, scrambled eggs, go-gurts, fruit. Fri., April 26: Salisbury steak,

mashed potatoes, buns, veggies, fruit. Mon., April 29: Leftovers.

Tues., April 30: Taco salad,

refried beans, lettuce mix,

taco bar, fruit. Wed., May 1: Molly's day! Hamburger on a bun, potato fries, veggies, mystery dessert.

Bainville School

Thurs., April 25: Pizza, pasta. veggie sticks, pineapple. Fri., April 26: Chicken fajita hotdish, cowboy beans, tropical fruit.

Mon., April 29: Soft tacos, taco bar, refried beans, pears. Tues., April 30: Chicken sandwich, french fries, carrots, apple.

Richey School

Thurs., April 25: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges.

Fri., April 26: Chicken burger, fries, pears, peas.

Mon., April 29: Chicken fajitas, fresh veggies, peaches Tues., April 30: Beef strips, au gratin potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail.

<u>Culbertson School</u> Thurs., April 25: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, fruit. Fri., April 26: Hamburgers, fries, fruit. Mon., April 29: Porky sand-

wich, jojos, fruit. Tues., April 30: Super na-

chos, spanish rice, fruit. Lambert School

Thurs., April 25: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit. Fri., April 26: Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.

Mon., April 29: Kat's lunch! Soup and sandwiches, ice cream sundae, fruit.

Tues., April 30: Ham, hash browns, scrambled eggs, fruit. **Fairview School**

spanish rice, fruit, dessert. Fri., April 26: No school. Mon., April 29: Grilled chick-

Thurs., April 25: Burritos,

en burger, caesar salad, fruit. Tues., April 30: Homemade pizza, salad with ranch, fruit,

Watford City School Thurs., April 25: Cheese-

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Consider Alternatives to Early Grazing

Grazing too early in the spring can result in decreased forage production the entire grazing season.



Producers need to be cautious about turning cattle out on range and pasture too soon this year because the long, cold winter may delay the grazing readiness of the grass. (NDSU photo)

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

The snowy, frigid winter may have left cattle producers short on forage for their livestock, and they are itching to get the cattle out on grass.

"Proceed with caution when turning livestock out on range and pasture," advises Miranda Meehan, North Dakota State University Extension livestock environmental stewardship specialist. "The long, cold winter may result in a delay in grazing readiness, especially considering the cool temperatures we have experienced so far this spring. Grazing too early in the spring can result in decreased total forage production for the entire grazing season."

Grazing before grass plants reach the appropriate stage of growth for grazing readiness causes a reduction in herbage production, which can reduce the recommended stocking rate and/or animal performance, she adds. Grazing readiness for most domesticated pasture, such as crested wheatgrass and smooth brome grass, is at the three-leaf stage, whereas grazing readiness for most native range grasses is the 3 1/2-leaf stage.

In North Dakota, the recommended time to begin grazing native range is mid to late May, which coincides with grazing readiness in most cool-season native range grasses. Domesticated grass pastures reach grazing readiness two to four weeks earlier than native range, permitting grazing in late April to early May. However, a pilot project NDSU Extension conducted in 2017 and 2018 found the exact dates varied widely across the state, reinforcing the importance of making decisions based on monitoring data and not calendar dates.

Many livestock operators are looking for strategies to provide feed for their animals to replace harvested feeds while delaying turnout to native rangeland until sufficient growth occurs.

"One alternative is grazing domesticated grass pastures in May," says Kevin Sedivec, NDSU Extension rangeland management specialist. "This is the best-case scenario because it eliminates damage to native rangeland and still allows producers to turn cattle out on pasture by early May.'

If livestock producers do not have domesticated grass, they could rent domesticated grass pasture for May or graze Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) lands that no longer are under contract in

Crested wheatgrass is the

only domesticated grass pasture ready to be grazed by early May. Smooth bromegrass and meadow bromegrass typically are grazing-ready by mid-May, while most CRP lands, which include grasses such as intermediate and pubescent wheatgrass, are ready for grazing by late May, according to Sedivec.

"The management decision will be whether to start grazing crested wheatgrass early with moderate stocking rates for the entire spring period or wait until the first week of May, when the growth can keep up with the higher customary stocking rate," he says.

Native rangeland grazed prior to grazing readiness may take years to recover ecologically and economically if livestock are allowed to overgraze. However, ranchers who have exhausted feed supplies and cannot purchase feed, or do not have tame grass pastures established will need to put their livestock on native pasture.

Here are factors to consider when selecting native pasture for early grazing:

- Plant species composition - Select pastures that are heavily invaded by non-native cool-season grass such as smooth brome and Kentucky bluegrass rather than pastures dominated by native species. These non-native cool-season grasses start growing earlier in the season than native species and typical are ready to be grazed by mid-May. If pastures are not heavily invaded by non-native species, select pastures that are dominated by native cool-season species that reach the three-leaf stage in late May/early June instead of those dominated by native warm-season species that do not reach the three-leaf stage

until late June. - Ability of the plant community to recover from disturbance - A number of factors influence the community's ability to recover from disturbance. Plant communities associated with soils that have a higher water-holding capacity and are in areas that receive additional water are better able to withstand drought conditions than communities on droughty soils. Similarly, native plant communities that contain a larger variety of species are better able to respond to disturbance.

Grazing management history of native pastures - Give priority to pastures that were not grazed or only lightly grazed the previous growing season. This technique has flaws because livestock still will target lush new growth; however, they also will consume the old growth from the previous year. The new growth

will be high in crude protein (18 to 23 percent) and water content (75 to 80 percent), and low in fiber content (20 to 30 percent). If old growth is not available to provide a dry filler and fiber, livestock may not consume adequate dry matter.

"These early grazed pastures will need to be rested throughout the summer months," Meehan says. "However, if grazing is not severe, the pastures could have some use again in the fall, depending on summer moisture."

For more information on early grazing, contact your county Extension office or visit http://tinyurl.com/grassmgmt for the NDSU Extension publication "Ranchers Guide to Grassland Management IV."

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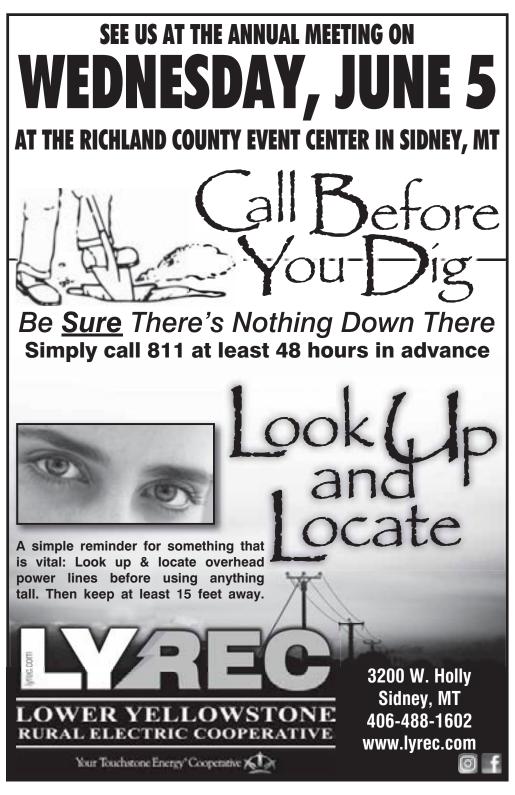
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North Dakota's 2019 paddlefish snagging season opens May 1 and is scheduled to continue through May 21. However, depending on the overall harvest, an early in-season closure may occur with a 24-hour notice issued by the state Game and Fish Department.

Legal snagging hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. One tag per snagger will be issued. Snagging is legal in all areas of the Yellowstone River in North Dakota, and in the area of the Missouri River lying west of the U.S. Highway 85 bridge to the Montana border, excluding that portion from the pipeline crossing (river mile 1,577) downstream to the upper end of the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Management Area (river mile 1,565).

If the season closes early because the harvest cap is reached, an extended snagand-release-only period will be allowed for up to four days immediately following the early closure, but not to extend beyond May 21. Only snaggers with a current season, unused paddlefish snagging tag are eligible to participate. Only a limited area at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers is open to this extended season snagging opportunity.

Mandatory harvest of all snagged paddlefish is required on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On these days, all paddlefish caught must be kept and tagged immediately. All pad-

dlefish snagged and tagged must be removed from the river by 7 p.m. of each snagging day. Any fish left at the Confluence fish cleaning caviar operation after 8 p.m. the day they were snagged will be considered abandoned and the snagger is subject to a fine.

Snag-and-release of all paddlefish is required on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Participants during snag-and-release-only days need to have in their possession a current season, unused paddlefish snagging tag. Use or possession of gaffs is prohibited on snag-and-release-only days, and, if it occurs, during the snag-and-release extension period.

All paddlefish snaggers must possess a paddlefish tag in addition to a valid fishing license. Cost of a paddlefish tag is \$10 for residents and \$25.50 for nonresidents. Lost or destroyed tags will not be replaced.

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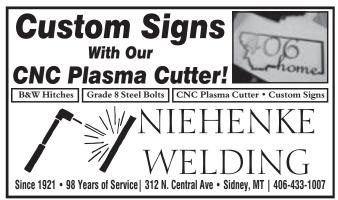
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Young Animals In Spring: If You Care, Please Leave **Them There**

(HELENA) - Each spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks receives several calls from people who have picked up deer fawns or other wildlife.

FWP advises against this practice for several reasons. The agency does not accept, hold or rehabilitate deer and elk because the animals rarely survive the stress of captivity, and because of concerns with the spread of disease. So FWP's likely response would be to tell people to leave the animals alone or return them to where they were found.

People care for the animals and mean well, but they may not understand that their intervention could possibly kill the animal or cause injury to it or to themselves. Good intentions can lead to dire consequences.

One spring in Miles City, a person saw a fledgling bald eagle hopping around on the ground, which is normal behavior as they learn to fly. Thinking the bird was injured, the person threw a blanket over it and brought it to the FWP office. The eagle escaped and flew in the opposite direction of the nest, and it's not known if it returned.

In a more high-profile case in Yellowstone National Park, a bison calf was picked up and transported by tourists who believed it had been abandoned. The calf ultimately had to be euthanized because it couldn't be reunited with the herd and continued to approach people and vehicles.

If You Care, Leave Them

To prevent outcomes like this, FWP emphasizes that all wildlife species and their young should be left in the wild. If you see a young animal alone or injured, whether a goose or a grizzly, keep your distance. It is illegal to possess and care for a live animal taken from the wild.

Animals often thrive without our intervention, and their odds of surviving in the wild are much greater if they are left alone. Once people pick up young animals, they usually can't be rehabilitated. People handling wildlife also may injure themselves or the animal, or habituate it to humans, potentially causing problems if the animal is released back into the wild.

Understanding Nature

It's natural for deer, elk and other animals to leave their young alone for extended periods of time. What appears to be an orphaned animal may not be, but chances are the mother will not return while humans are present. Fawns are seldom orphaned, but if

they are, another doe may add them to the group. In 8-10 days, a fawn will have the appropriate gut flora and can survive on its own by nibbling grass. Young fawns have no body odor, which lessens their appeal to predators. Their spots also help to camouflage them while their mothers stash them to feed.

If you take dogs into the field, be sure to keep your dog under control, especially in the spring when newborn wildlife is most vulnerable. Pet owners can be cited and dogs that harass or kill wildlife may by law have to be destroyed.

What FWP Can Do

If an animal truly needs rehabilitation and can be helped, FWP does have a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Helena. But an intake policy governs what animals are permitted, and space and staff are limited. Again, because of disease and stress, the center does not accept any ungulates. Should someone bring a deer or elk to FWP, they will be asked to take the animal back to the site where it was found. If the animal can't be returned, it may have to be humanely euthanized.

The center also does not take animals considered rabies vectors, such as raccoons, bats or foxes. Some

raptors are accepted, but game species like geese and ducks are not. The center takes orphaned bears and mountain lions, but grizzlies and mountain lions cannot be released into the wild and options are limited.

If you see an injured or solitary young animal in the wild, keep your distance and monitor the animal. If you have questions, you can call FWP Region 7 headquarters at 406-234-0900 or FWP's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 406-444-9944. As a wildlife agency, FWP's priority is to keep wild animals /wild/, and we urge the public to help us in this mission.





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Yellowstone E-waste Solutions of Billings is again the e-cycler for the event and provides their services for FREE, with a couple of exceptions. Participants wanting their hard drives removed from their computers or needing documentation certifying that their hard drive has been destroyed will need to pay a small fee of \$5 for each of those services.

Collection Location / Times

The 2019 E-rase your E-waste collection in Sidney will again be held at the Richland County Shop at 2140 W. Holly in Sidney, next to the Fairgrounds. Signs will be posted. Times for the Sidney event are Friday 3-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please note, the county shop is available for drop offs during event times ONLY.

In Fairview, e-waste will be accepted on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fairview water depot on 9th street as part of that community's annu-

al spring clean-up day. Seniors or others needing assistance in Fairview may call City Hall at 742-5616 prior to the event. On Saturday ONLY, call 489-

What Can I Bring?

These... Nearly all electronic devices are accepted, including computers and their components (printers, scanners, keyboards, flat screen monitors, etc.), cell phones, cameras, VCRs. cable TV boxes. fax machines, copiers, stereos, game boys and specialized electronic equipment used in businesses such as hospitals, law enforcement, manufacturing and even the oil field.

Even electronics damaged in recent flooding are being accepted, but please wipe away mud and drain all water out of items to be recycled and, please, identify them as flood damaged when dropping them off for the safety of those handling the items at the recycling facility.

But Not These!

Organizers noted that there are a few item limitations again this spring. Unfortunately, cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors or televisions of any kind are still NOT being accepted, only flat screen models. Also NO projection TV units or consoles. Other limitations include the standards: NO consumer white goods, vacuums, light bulbs, CFLs, mercury thermometers, alkaline batteries (rechargeable are okay), or items containing refrigerants (including dehumidifiers), oils, or acids.

If you are unsure whether your item qualifies check out the handy "What to Bring ... " handout posted on the US-DA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab's e-waste website at https:// www.ars.usda.gov/pa/nparl/ ewaste or call Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427. In addition. a handy "Items List" recycling form is also available at the website to further speed processing for participants bringing both large and small

Recycling Large Amounts Local businesses, agencies and organizations with large amounts to e-cycle are asked to make an appointment to drop off their items by calling Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or email beth.redlin@ars. usda.gov.

Where possible larger recyclers are also encouraged to palletize their own items, or send extra staff to help get it done. Details on acceptable items and how to palletize them can be found in the "What to Bring..." handout posted to the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab's e-waste website noted above.

The "E-rase your E-waste" effort in Sidney is coordinated by members of the Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and the USDA Agricultural Research Lab in Sidney. The Richland County Public Works Department also makes their facilities freely available for the collection event.





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Step 1: Lube it up

Oil is the lifeblood of the engine, so it's essential to change it with each passing season. Over time oil gets dirty and can harm the machine components. Be sure to use new oil made specifically for small engines of outdoor power equipment. This will help ensure maximum efficiency and protect the engine.

Wondering what type of oil you need for your mower and how much to use? Access an interactive oil finder tool to help answer those questions and more at www.BRIGGSandSTRAT-TON.com/oilfinder.

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Step 2: Let the air flow

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Pleated paper air filters should always be replaced once visually dirty. If your mower uses a foam filter, you may be able to clean it by hand using dish soap and hot water, allowing it to dry completely before replacing it back in the machine.

Keep in mind, changing the air filter should be done seasonally and is surprisingly simple. Take off the filter cover using a screwdriver if necessary, remove the old filter and replace it with a new one. If your mower uses a foam filter, there are likely extra steps involved, so be sure to check your engine operator's manual or the new filter box for instructions.

Step 3: Get fresh gas

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Spring Road Trip: Forida to Montana in Four Days

By Jody Wells

Searching for fun this spring season? Why not a road trip across the country? Last week I did just that with my father. My dad was in Cape Coral, FL visiting relatives and

I flew down to drive him back to Montana.

Our first stop was on Pine Island, FL to the town of Matlacha. We had lunch along the waters of the Gulf of Mexico at the Hooked Island Grill. We had excellent fresh seafood and enjoyed blueberry mojitos.

The following day we hit the road stopping in Tampa, FL. Tampa just so happens to be the home of The Round Up. The Round Up country

western theme bar and night club that is. Even though the establishment doesn't open until 7 PM, I could not resist stopping by to get a photo with the sign. When was the next time I was going to be in Tampa?

We continued our trip through Florida that day and stopped for the night in Acworth, GA outside Atlanta. A large rainstorm had moved in making it very difficult to push on.

The following morning we

drove though the continuing storm to Tennessee. Before reaching Nashville we noticed the sign for the Jack Daniels distillery. We decided it would be a great stop to see where the popular spirit was made. So we drove for almost an

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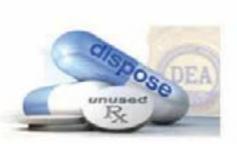
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hour off the interstate to Lynchburg, TN. There we stopped by the Jack Daniels visitor's center where we learned a little bit about the history and production of Jack Daniels. Before leaving we stopped by the White Rabbit bottle shop to take home a memento.

Our next mission for the day was to press on to Nashville. We fought some rush hour traffic and headed directly to Printer's Alley in downtown. After finding some parking we walked a short distance to Piranha's Bar and Grill on 3rd Ave N. The huge mural on the side of the building drew us in.

Piranha's turned out to be the perfect place to stop. It was happy hour when we arrived so drinks were free and musician Warren Garrett was playing country hits for us to enjoy. We had a great meal and Garrett even played my dad's favorite song, The

Gambler, at our request. Look up Garrett on Facebook and YouTube to hear his original music. The barmaid was also very friendly, giving my dad two signed bar tap handles.

After leaving Nashville we had plenty of daylight left so we hit the road once again. Our next destination was St. Louis, MO. We arrived in St. Louis shortly after the Gateway Arch monument was closed. But we were still able to take a photo of the curved, 630-ft.-tall monument celebrating US western expansion from an elevated street in downtown. We ended the day's travels with a stay over in Hannibal, MO.

The following day we had an early start and planned to cover as many miles as possible. We drove though the middle of Iowa, a route neither one of us had driven before. The Iowa countryside was beautiful and the green grass was already sprouting everywhere. Around lunchtime we were passing through Des Moines, IA. After a quick search on Trip Advisor we decided to stop in at Skip's near the Des Moines airport. The reviews for Skip's were spot on with great food and friendly service.

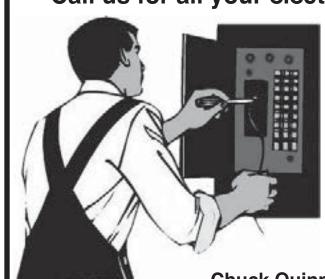
After leaving Skip's we pushed on for another nine hours on the road. We ended the day in Rapid City, SD. The next morning in Rapid City we were a bit travel weary and ready to get home. The rainy weather also put a damper on our plans to do any sight seeing that day.

In all we covered over 2,500 miles in 4 days, but we still fit in some rather fun things to do along the way. It was definitely a family trip we will never forget.



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