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2015-16 Big Sky Concert Series Announces This Year's Schedule

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Submitted by Jill Hill

The Sidney Performing Arts Council and the North-eastern Arts Network are pleased to present the 2015-16 Big Sky Concert Series to our community. This year's series features exciting live theatre and a kaleidoscope of musical entertainment as part of this art organization's ongoing commitment to provide quality entertainment to the community with a variety of shows that will appeal to every age and interest.

The first performance of the season kicks off with Montana Repertory Theatre's presentation of "Growing Up in Wonderland – Alice's Coming-of-Age Story." This coming-of-age story is played out by three actors who introduce us to high school freshman Alice, her friend and math tutor Charlie Rabbit, and the not-so-nice but ever smiling senior Kat (the Cheshire Cat), just to name a few, as they wind their way through the hallways of high school life on the way to growing up. This production takes place on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

You won't want to miss the excitement on Thursday, Oct. 22 when Montana native, Wylie Gustafson & the Wild West Band set the stage. Over the last 25 years, Wylie and his band, The Wild West, have performed their refreshing blend of cowboy, swing, folk and yodeling music worldwide. They have performed at such prestigious venues as the National Folk Festival, A Prairie Home Companion, the Conan

O'Brien Show and the Grand Ole Opry. Worldwide, their genre-friendly performances have taken them to China, Russia, Australia, Europe, South America and Japan. That is not the resume of a mediocre performer!

In November, the Big Sky Series brings back pianist, Scott Kirby on Thursday, Nov. 5. Kirby's "Music in the Dark" piano multi-media presentation includes his own photography, archival photographs, his own paintings and music for the visual aspect of his show. Scott's professional music career includes recording the complete rags of Scott Joplin, where he made his debut at all of the major ragtime festivals in the United States and abroad. Kirby's artistic passion grew to include visual art, and in 2005, while living in France, he completed 75 paintings and 28 piano compositions, which set the groundwork for his new multi-media project "Main Street Souvenirs".

On Thursday, Feb. 4, NAN proudly hosts The Valinor Quartet, a unique and talented international group. The all-acoustic Valinor Quartet encompasses the diverse cultural backgrounds of its members, hailing from Russia, USA and England, to influence its stylistic diversity and unique performance aesthetic. The group's riveting displays utilize a breathtaking range of styles, from classical to Beatles; from Gypsy Jazz to Klezmer, from popular movie soundtracks to Tango and a few surprises in

between.

On Thursday, April 7, the season finale presents Nashville singer/songwriter, Jonathan Kingham. Kingham quickly developed into a seasoned performer while sharing the stage with the likes of Shawn Colvin, Joan Osborne, Michael McDonald, Doug Stone, Vanessa Carlton and Jonathan Brooke. He has toured with such diverse acts as Julio Iglesias Jr. and currently plays keyboard and steel guitar for Toad the Wet Sprocket. With a soothing blend of folk, pop, country and jazz, he usually comes armed with a huge tub of Red Vines, a quick free-style wit, and has rapidly become a favorite on the circuit.

All concerts are held at the MonDak Heritage Center at 7 p.m. Season tickets can be purchased at the door: adults \$50, senior \$45, and students \$35. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. For additional concert information contact Candy Markwald 406-488-4155, Jill Hill 406-489-4304, or Karen Boehler 406-433-4375. "This series is made possible in part by the Montana Performing Arts Consortium Presenter Development Program which is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Montana Arts Council, and legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust and the Western States Arts Federation.

Hill and Holyfield Square off in Williston

Two legends in the boxing world came together in Williston last Friday to help restart the Williston Amateur Boxing Club. World champions Virgil Hill and Evander Holyfield hosted matches at the hockey

arena to promote boxing and its positive influence on youth. Fairview Boxing Club provided the ring and coach Kirby Sundheim was excited to be able to help officiate the matches, meet Holyfield and reconnect with Hill. "It was really impressive," he said. "Both guys are really nice and had a great message for everyone there."

Hill and Holyfield were teammates in the 1984 Olympics when Hill took the silver medal and Holyfield the bronze. Both went on to become world champions. Their

goal is to create more boxing clubs in the country. Sundheim explained that the Fairview Club has to travel long distances to get matches, with the closest ones being in Minot and Wolf Point.

"There was a real good turnout," Sundheim said. The main event was an 8 rounder with a 7th round knockout. There were also two kick boxing matches. An exhibition match between Hill and veteran Williston boxer Mike Palmer was also a hit.

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Written by
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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Montana Repertory Theatre's presentation of "Growing Up in Wonderland – Alice's Coming-of-Age Story" will be held Sept. 15.

Declarations Filed In Support of LYIP

By Dianne Swanson

While the court case dealing with the request for an injunction against the fish bypass and concrete weir at Intake is not over yet, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project manager James Brower no longer feels like it is an uphill battle.

Strong responses from the Department of Justice combined with that of LYIP

effectively argue against the injunction on the basis of law and the public interest.

The DOJ filings dispute every part of the suit filed by the defenders of Wildlife and the Natural Resources Council, including the plaintiffs' claims that their side was never considered. Ample opportunity was given for comments since the final environmental assessment in 2010 including

multiple public comment periods. Allegations by the plaintiffs that the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers were not following regulations are also strongly disputed. Quoting multiple cases, the DOJ makes their case for disallowing the injunction. Brower is pleased with the DOJ filing, not having expected such an aggressive response. Six Department of Justice environmental and conservation attorneys are signed up on the case.

LYIP also filed in support of the DOJ and included 22 declarations of support for the project at Intake. "That makes our case so strong," Brower said. "It provides proof of the public interest, including that further delays will harm the pallid sturgeon."

In 2005, when Congress authorized the USACE to improve fish passage, it was with the stipulation that irrigation remain effective. "These declarations from local communities and friends were instrumental in proving our case," Brower stated. "It's not won yet, but it no longer feels like an uphill battle."

The Injunction hearing goes before a judge in Great Falls on August 27. In the meantime, the USACE is reviewing the bids which have been received, to make sure they meet specs. As soon as the hearing is resolved in favor of the project, work can begin.

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To those that spent their time texting, phoning, emailing, attending meetings, signing & advertising for our reunion, scheduling, directing, performing, composing, ordering, cooking, serving, delivering, covering a shift constructing, decorating or clean-up—THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

For all of you & anyone that we may have missed, you make our reunion what it is. For those of you that would like to join us for the 2016 Old Timer's Reunion, we would love to have you. For those of you that have served with us over the years....

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Fairview Old Timer's Reunion Committee

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MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group at Glory of the Lord Family Ministries, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

WEDNESDAYS:
5:00 p.m. — Sober Life Young People's NAAA 12- step recovery group, 25 yr. old & younger, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — NA meeting, MonDak Trucking office Bldg., 725 W. Holly, Sidney.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - AA meeting, basement of Wilmington Lutheran Church, Arnegard.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - 5 Stones faith based recovery meeting, Sidney Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m. — AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA 24 hour group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....	1843.5
Last Week's Elev.	1843.8
One Year Ago	1845.2
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 10	90	52	0.00
Aug. 11	96	57	0.00
Aug. 12	102	62	0.00
Aug. 13	99	64	0.00
Aug. 14	102	62	0.00
Aug. 15	90	58	0.00
Aug. 16	70	52	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation			9.15

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Elk Shoulder Season Comment Period Extended

State wildlife officials extended comment an additional 18 days on a proposal to create guidelines for pre- and post-season hunting opportunities to aid in the reduction of some elk populations. The elk “shoulder season” guidelines would allow for developing and proposing elk hunting seasons to improve elk-harvest management in specific locales.

Public comment, which was to end last week, was extended to Aug. 28 to allow additional time for review of the proposal. The Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting set for Oct. 8 was also moved from Kalispell to Helena to accommodate anticipated public interest.

Williston Economic Summit and Trade Show

**WEST! is Williston
Economic Development’s
premier event of the year.***

The event provides sessions that cover some of Williston's hottest topics along with plenty of networking opportunities for the investors, developers, logistics, oil & gas, real estate and business professionals in attendance.

The event will be held Sept. 1-2 at the Grand Hotel & Conference Center, 3601 2nd Ave. W.

Tuesday - Seminars and Trade Show, 1-5 p.m.
Networking, 5-10 p.m.
Wednesday - Seminars and Trade Show, 9 a.m.- 5p.m.
Networking, 5:30--8:30 p.m.
Registration closes on Friday, Aug. 21
Admiral Bill Owens is scheduled to speak at WEST!*

Admiral Bill Owens is the Chairman of CenturyLink Telecom (3rd largest U.S. telecoms) and serves on the board of Wipro. He is the Red Bison Advisory Group executive chairman, a company that identifies opportunities with proven enterprises in China and the U.S., and creates dynamic partnerships. Owens is the non-executive chairman of private companies: Yangtze, Intelius, Eastern Airlines and Flow Mobile.

Owens is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, bachelor's and master's degrees in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University, and a master's degree in management from George Washington University.

Owens is a Roughrider of the state of North Dakota.

Event topics include: The Future of Economic Development, City of Williston 20/20 Plan, The State of Real Estate, Hotel Occupancy and the Need for a Convention Center, State of the Airport and the Future Redevelopment, Is the Workforce Here? What Attracts Retail to an Area?

This year's event includes a mobile app. Sponsors and attendees will be given the opportunity to list and update their profiles.

History Alive! Features Felix At Chateau de Mores State Historic Site

Friedrich Felix Gollnick, an adventurous 19th century immigrant from Germany to Dakota Territory, will appear at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, Aug. 29-30.

Portrayed by Donald Ehli in the popular History Alive! program, Felix will describe his colorful life, including stints as a buffalo hunter, homesteader, and employee of the Marquis de Morès. Performances will be on the veranda of the Chateau at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT).

The free History Alive! performances are part of the summer programs sponsored by the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Twenty-six letters written by Felix Gollnick are the primary documents for Ehli's portrayal of Felix, with a focus on the two years he spent at Little Missouri/ Medora. Ehli holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in theatre arts from Dickinson State University, and has worked at the Chateau de Mores site since 2001. He is an abstractor with the Dickinson Guaranty and Title Co., and an adjunct lecturer in communications at Dickinson State University. He has acted in and directed numerous productions at Dickinson State and community theatre in Dickinson.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota sponsors the History Alive! program to explore the lives and times of decades gone by. Begun in 1988, the unique program combines the theater arts with history. The character monologues, about 20 minutes in length, are based on original letters, diaries and other documents, many from the archives of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Thurs., Aug. 20

7 p.m. - Wine Glass Painting Class, MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney. Call today to reserve your space!

Fri., Aug. 28

9 a.m.-noon - Senior Commodity Distribution, Nutter Building, 123 W. Main, Sidney, back door. Leave a message at 433-4353.

11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch, Waterhole, Fairview. Call by Aug. 26 to Sylvia 798-3882 or Margaret 488-4613.

Wed., Sept. 2

2:30-4:30 p.m. - After School Enrichment Program, Ages 8+, \$50 for all 6 classes, MonDak Heritage Center.

Thurs., Sept. 3

4-5:30 p.m. - The Triad Tree: An Introduction for watercolor for teens & pre-teens, \$15, MonDak Heritage Center.

7 p.m. -The Triad Tree, an introduction to watercolor for adults, \$20, MonDak Heritage Center.

Wed., Sept. 9

2:30-4:30 p.m. - After School Enrichment Program, 8+, \$50, for all 6 classes, MonDak Heritage Center.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

The McKenzie County Food Pantry is open:
1st Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2-4 p.m., First Lutheran Church.
Every Thursday from 12-2 p.m., Food Distribution, First Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., Aug. 20

7 p.m. — “Forty Years a Fur Trader on the Upper Missouri,” by Charles Larpenteur. History Book Club, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Aug. 22-23

11 a.m. & 2 p.m. - History Alive! — “Sgt. John Ordway,” *Lewis & Clark Expedition 1st Sgt.*, by Arch Ellwein. Missouri-Yellowstone Conference Interpretive Center.

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Sidney Health Center's Rehab Clinic Opens a Pediatric Therapy Room



The renovated pediatric room provides a fun and private space for patients to play as they work

By Meagan Dotson

The Sidney Health Center Rehabilitation Clinic (SHC) has recently renovated unused space to incorporate a room for pediatric patients. With population influx, the number of children in need of therapeutic services has also increased in Sidney and the surrounding area; out of town pediatric patients are referred to SHC because other surrounding facilities don't always have the staff or resources to accommodate children's therapies.

There are currently two therapists at the SHC Rehab Clinic that work with children, Physical Therapist Nicole Keysor and Occupational Therapist Vince McGlothlin who is also Sensory Integration and Praxis Testing (SIPT) certified which assists with motor, emotional and cognitive development increasing overall function and performance.


According to Keysor and McGlothlin, having a closed environment provides privacy and more freedom of play. There is less distraction for all patients being seen in the clinic at that time, particularly for the kids and less time is spent re-focusing them. The room also allows for the storage of specialized equipment.



Plans for the pediatric room were discussed over the winter and the room became available for use in May 2015. At one time, there were unused classrooms at West Side Elementary that were utilized as therapists go into schools to work with kids, however, with the sudden population growth, the classrooms were needed. This is the first time there has been a designated area in SHC for children receiving therapeutic services.

There are additional plans for the pediatric room, including the installation of a track system which is a kid-friendly form of controlled ambulation aiding with crawling and there is a possibility of additional space becoming available in the future. The clinic can also refer patients and their families to other services such as the Montana Adaptive Equipment Program (MAEP), which is a state-wide lending program that provides essential and beneficial medical equipment that could otherwise be a costly out-of-pocket medical expense.

For more information on the services provided at the Sidney Health Center Rehab Clinic, call 406-488-2166 or visit them online at www.sidneyhealth.org.

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By Lois Stephens
Nothing beats working to repeat a task that you haven't attempted for nearly fifty years. Time clouds the memory of just what a particular experience entails; one remembers the main points but the little details involved with a task have vanished along with yesterday. In my case, I am speaking of the decision to work as a waitress at the Virginia City Café on the weekends throughout the tourist season. Nothing has changed all that much in fifty years about the art of serving and clearing tables, but WOW has it all changed as far as the minutia of the job and what makes a person a top notch waiter or waitress.

Originally when I first agreed to work at the café part time for the summer, all the employees there had some age on them. In fact,

we debated about changing the name of the café from the Virginia City Café to the Old Coots' Café. However, as the summer season began in earnest, older employees dropped away, replaced by sweet young things, many of whom knew nothing about serving tables. As usual, at the time of this writing, I find I am one of the oldest people working at the eating establishment. The proprietor has the distinction of the most elderly of the group, but she only has six months on me, which at our age means absolutely nothing at all.

Also, as an older lady working mainly with kids young enough to pass as my granddaughters, I can see a huge generational difference in work ethic, attention span, and outlooks as we tackle the same task of greeting, serving, and cleaning up after patrons. Kids walk away from the job of looking after customers as soon as they pick up their tips, while older people finish the job of clearing and wiping tables, carting tubs of dirty dishes to the back, washing up, and resetting tables to prepare for new customers.

If kids could not text every minute and a half, they would wither and die. I find it amusing to watch them juggling texting their friends with trying to take orders and serve food. Often the two really do not mix very well and all too often the customer suffers, not the texting.

Kids also expect to eat their shift meal sitting down. One of the youngest of the bunch will approach me and ask me to take her tables, as it is time for her to eat and she wants to sit down for her meal. I never heard of such a thing. In my salad days when I worked as a waitress to help pay my way through school, we did get a shift meal, all right, but we ate it on the fly. If I had just begun to munch on a burger and I had customers walk in the door, customers came first. That burger might sit for another hour before I took another bite, and some days it took me an entire shift to consume one hamburger. Kids today seem to think if it is time for their shift meal, they have the right to sit down and enjoy it with no interruptions, regardless of how busy the restaurant may become. They also have no qualms about grazing continually on any consumables in the kitchen they can lay their hands on.

Now, how to keep up with the kids when it comes to tips. The young girls can bat their eyelashes, dress in clothing that makes me cringe, and sashay around the room flirting with customers in ways that do not work for a woman of a certain age. How can a gray haired older lady, who sports no tattoos of any

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sort, has no body piercings anywhere, and whose body has succumbed to the demands of gravity, possibly compete well in the tip department? Fortunately, this is where age and experience often trump youth and foolishness, ahem, I mean inexperience. A few pleasant jokes, or a genuine compliment to a customer about a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing he or she wears can do wonders to transform me from a frumpy gray haired lady into a human being, which is the key to obtaining tips in a restaurant. And tips, after all, are the mainstay for servers. Wages seldom pass the minimum required by law, so tips will make or break a waiter or waitress, and tips provide the bulk of the income for those who work in this service industry.

Comparing myself to the youngsters brings to light the unfortunate changes I see in myself which become obvious when the Café begins to bustle with people wanting something to eat. The physical aspect of the job poses no problem. I can easily keep up with the youngsters when it comes to hustling and getting the job accomplished, although I admit that when shift ends, I go home and crash, while the kids have themselves geared up to party. I do get an edge on them in this respect, however, as I at least do not come to work the next day with a hangover.

The distressing change I notice in me has absolutely nothing to do with the physical aspect of the job, and everything to do with retention span and the ability to recall which patron ordered what entrée. Customers like it when their server remembers which one of them ordered what particular sandwich or beverage, and now I find this aspect of the job really hinders me. When I worked this job fifty years ago, I had a phenomenal memory. I would have multiple tables but with the aid of a few brief notes scratched on individual tickets, I usually placed the correct order in front of the person who ordered it. Now I am lucky if I get an entire order correct, even with the aid of a few notes and reminders jotted on the tab. If I am not rushed and I have multiple tables of two or three to serve, I do OK, but toss in a large group, increase the number of tables I serve, and chaos ensues. I can just forget about it as far as serving the proper meal to the customer who ordered it. I don't even have time to



check my cheat sheet, and who ordered what often becomes a huge mystery. I hate to ask, but I have to swallow my pride and do just that.

I told my good friend this saga of short retention abilities, and she laughed. She too used to have a prodigious memory; in fact she never had to write down orders. She would serve multiple tables, and know exactly who got what. She can no longer perform this feat, either (which makes me feel a tiny bit better about my own memory lack, but not much.) Continued on next page.

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Fairview Memories

THE FAIRVIEW NEWS THURSDAY AUGUST 9, 1956 AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

FHS Athletic Field Is Surveyed For Triple Use Thurs, Aug 9, 1956

A committee of local men representing several organizations in the community made a fairly exhaustive survey of the Fairview school district athletic field last Friday afternoon and came up with some conclusions that will be pleasing to the public.

The area was judged one of the best football and track fields in the district and the school board and administration are to be complimented for their farsighted plan and arrangement for an athletic field.

The field measurements are adequate to meet or surpass minimum requirements for a standard baseball field and it is hoped that a permanent arrangement can be made with the school board for such use during the summer period. The football field and track would not be damaged by its use for baseball. A small amount of grading on the west side would be necessary for complete use of the field for

baseball. The installation of permanent backstop would be needed and the eventual installation of bleachers.

The finance committee is now studying the lighting combination of such a field for night games of football and baseball. The Fairview Lions club has pledged an initial \$1000 for such a project if it can be made usable for both sports.

Members of the committee which met last Friday include: Keith Taylor, Art Slagel, Earl Harden and Clarence Noyes.

Final Six Miles of Township Line Road To Be Let August 29 Thurs, Aug 9, 1956

The Montana Highway Commission will let the last 6.042 miles of the township line secondary road west of Fairview at its meeting on August 29. Such announcement is shown in a notice to contractors found elsewhere in this issue.

When completed the town line secondary highway will extend from Fairview west approximately 54 miles to the McCone county

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Keeping Up ...

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She figures as we age, we have filled our brains with so much trivia collected throughout our lifetimes that there is no room for such mundane information as who ordered the bacon cheeseburger and who ordered the Reuben.
I have turned this unfortunate memory problem into an asset however. I tell my customers that I have

a great memory, it is just really short. This comment usually produces a laugh, especially among the older patrons, and they then forgive me of my memory deficiencies. This little ploy also turns me into an individual, not just a grey haired grandma bringing them their food.
For the most part, I have enjoyed the people, both locals and the tourists who come on vacation and

who choose to eat at the café. Most of them do not mind if we get busy and they have to wait for their meal. Occasionally, however, customers can act like the devil's spawn, which would explain why in 2012 a survey concluded that waitressing held the number 6 spot on the worst job list. I believe it, especially when people feel free to behave like boors, make rude infuriating comments, or have children with no discipline and who run wild in the café, wreaking havoc as they go.
When these situations occur, I understand why by the end of August, locals in VC have had about enough of tourists. It becomes time for this bustling town to return to its winter persona of ghost town, where one can walk down the middle of the main street from one end to the other without fear of any vehicle passing by.
I don't have too many weeks left at this job. Will I do it again next summer? You bet. It provides additional income and helps me get to better know the locals as well as meet interesting visitors from other areas. My memory won't be any better, but I have proved to myself that this small insufficiency really doesn't matter at the Virginia City Café.



Everything Roundup on the web.

RSVP Volunteers are a Priceless Asset to the Community



Bill Forester and Eunice Lathrop, two long standing RSVP volunteers, are pictured with RSVP Program Coordinator Rita Jacobson.

By Meagan Dotson
There is a quiet yet powerful force at work in our community; a group of individuals who go to work, not for money or recognition, but simply to fill a need that would otherwise be left unfilled. These are the volunteers of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, or RSVP. RSVP members give their time, energy, experience, and skills while addressing challenges affecting their communities.
RSVP is part of Senior Corps which is a federal organization, and was established in the area in 2002 since providing countless hours of service through their volunteers. The program focuses on keeping seniors active and engaged by matching them with local needs. However, RSVP encourages all ages to get involved and recognizes the value of cultivating those with a heart for community service today for the benefit of tomorrow.

literacy programs, Meals on Wheels, and Senior Mentoring where they go into schools to work with students. Businesses and organizations call on RSVP for a variety of needs and volunteers can be found helping with mass immunization and sports clinics, fundraising events, and providing such services as golf-cart transport during the Richland County Fair.
The benefits of RSVP include keeping senior citizens living independently in their homes, aiding government and non-profit organizations, and providing educational support all while keeping RSVP members active, involved, and providing a social element.
The Federal volunteer rate is \$23.07 per hour putting into perspective the amount of money RSVP

saves the community, but for the families and individuals that are impacted, these are priceless efforts. These individuals are also essential in emergency situations, collecting and dispersing information quickly.
Individuals and families determine how often and in what ways they can donate their time, whether it is twice a week at the library or once a year as bell ringers for the Salvation Army, no gift of time is too small. For more information on community service needs and ways to volunteer, contact RSVP at 406-433-2207. The difference between a community that can't and a community that can is the people who give their time for the cause, so to all the volunteers out there, thank you for making this a community that can.

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Montana Geriatric Education Center Wins Grant At White House Conference On Aging

The Montana Geriatric Education Center at the University of Montana now will be able to educate more Montana health care professionals, direct care workers and caregivers about the needs of geriatric patients thanks to a grant from the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program. Health and Human Service Secretary Sylvia Burwell announced the award during the White House Conference on Aging held July 13 in Washington, DC.
At the conference, 44 organizations in 29 states received more than \$35 million in grants. The goal of the grants is to support quality care for older Americans. In order to prepare the health care workforce to respond to issues associated with advancing age, awardees identified the specific interprofessional geriatrics education and training needs of their communities and developed a program responsive to those needs.
The Montana Geriatric Education Center will first receive nearly \$683,000, which can be renewed for two additional years for a possible award total of \$2.1 million. Working in collaboration with RiverStone Health and St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings and the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation, Helena, the MTGEC will use the grant to implement seven initiatives, which will provide education and training for health care professionals, direct care workers and caregivers. The training aims to improve the quality of care for Montana's aging population. MTGEC is housed in UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences and is directed by Gayle Hudgins.
For more information call MTGEC at 406-243-2480 or visit <http://health.umt.edu/mtgec/>.

The Doctor's in...

The following providers will be seeing patients at the Trinity Community Clinic-Western Dakota in August.

 <p>Emad Dodin, MD Cardiology August 13th For an appointment call (701) 857-7388</p>	 <p>Kerena Crowe, CNM Certified Nurse Midwife August 19th For an appointment call (701) 857-7385</p>	 <p>Aaron Albers, DPM Foot & Ankle Specialist August 24th For an appointment call (701) 857-3584</p>	 <p>Erdal Diri, MD Rheumatology August 25th For an appointment call (701) 857-7495</p>
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DPHHS Starts Distribution Of Lucas Devices

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock announced this week that several south eastern Montana communities have received 12 life-saving automatic chest compression devices as part of the state's new three-year Cardiac Ready Communities initiative. Emergency Medical System (EMS) personnel from Hysham, Forsyth, Colstrip, Lame Deer, Miles City, Terry, Glendive, Broadus and Wibaux will put the devices, called Physio-Control LUCAS 2 Chest Compression Systems, in use as soon as all staff receive training.

"Montana's first responders do a great job, and they now have another tool to use when responding to medical emergencies involving cardiac arrest," said Bullock. "I have no doubt that these devices will save more Montana lives." Governor Bullock and the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) announced in January 2015 a \$3.2 million gift for the live-saving equipment from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Gift Trust. The funding calls for 222 Lucas devices to be distributed throughout Montana by 2016. In October, over 50 more devices will be distributed to several north central Montana communities. The centerpiece of the Cardiac Ready Communities initiative includes DPHHS distributing the devices, which will eventually equip every Montana community that has an organized EMS service with the staff and vehicle to respond. Some units will also go to hospitals, including Critical Access Hospitals. The units cost about \$11,000 each, which equates to about \$2.4 million of the total funds.

Cardiac Ready Communities program manager Janet Trethewey said these communities were the first to sign an agreement stating they have agreed to work with the project to become a 'Cardiac Ready Community'. She said the Lucas devices are tremendous tools to assist in performing high quality chest compressions during resuscitation. However, the tool will only be of benefit if earlier elements in the Cardiac Chain of Survival are in place first. The Cardiac Ready Communities program will work to establish a strong chain of survival by evaluating each link in the chain and then improving it. Recognition of a cardiac event, calling 911, having dispatch-assisted CPR (as a minimum), having quick access to an automatic external defibrillator (AED), and training the community in hands-only CPR will greatly improve the survival rate of those suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest, she said. Trethewey said the devices allow CPR to be performed longer and more consistently. It always performs compressions to a depth of two inches and at a rate of 100 bpm.

Programs Are Available In MT To Help People With Arthritis

Submitted by DPHHS

In Montana, arthritis impacts the lives of thousands of adults. Recent statistics show this condition currently impacts 27 percent, or 215,000 Montana adults.

Additionally, 31 percent of adults with arthritis report they are not physically active.

Fortunately, the Department of Public and Health and Human Services (DPHHS) offers programs that help people with arthritis become more active. "People living with arthritis and other chronic conditions need to know that there are resources available to them to help lessen their pain and improve their quality of life," said DPHHS Director Richard Oppen.

The Montana Arthritis Program offers physical activity and self-management education programs, such as the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, Walk with Ease and Stanford's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, "These programs are proven to reduce the negative effects associated with arthritis and other chronic conditions," Oppen said.

Over the past 3 years, these programs have benefitted over 1,500 Montanans.

According to Heather Welch of the DPHHS Arthritis Program, anyone is eligible to participate. Welch adds that classes run year round and many of the sites have indoor space available for walking during winter months. "Some sites charge a fee, but some do not," Welch said. "However, scholarships are available for those unable to pay at sites where a fee is required."

Classes are available in Billings, Bozeman, Broadus, Butte, Chinook, Columbus, Cut Bank, Dillon, Florence, Fort Belknap,

She said studies show two people can only perform 'high performance' CPR for 5-10 minutes due to fatigue. (High performance CPR means compressions are never interrupted or stopped unless absolutely necessary.) Patient transports in rural Montana often average over 20 minutes.

"When responding to emergency situations involving cardiac arrest, time is critical," she said. The devices are able to sustain a higher blood flow to the brain and heart compared to manual compressions. Nationally, when there is bystander CPR started immediately, an AED is used within the first few minutes, along with high performance CPR, patient outcomes increased from a historical 0-5% to outcomes reaching 40-50% in some parts of the U.S.

Trethewey said all of these first responders are eager to begin using these devices. "Each community in the region is committed to improving the chance of survival for those suffering a cardiac arrest, and they look forward to helping more people survive a cardiac event," she said. The Cardiac Ready Communities initiative includes several additional key components all aimed at improving the overall EMS system, including: More training opportunities. Plans are also underway to enhance training capabilities in Montana communities for dispatchers on bystander CPR, and for the general public on hands-only CPR and the use of AEDs. This is especially important because most often the general public is the first to provide immediate care before EMS arrives.

New computer software.

The state's computer system to collect EMS data will be updated. The new system will improve Montana's ability to collect and share data with other states and participate in a seven-state research project by the University of North Dakota that will study the use of automatic compression devices in rural states.

EMS and Trauma Systems DPHHS.

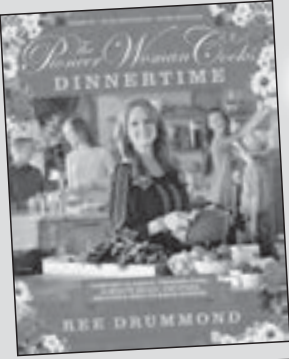
The DPHHS EMS and Trauma Systems Section is the state's lead agency responsible for the development of a comprehensive emergency medical services program for Montanans. It is the vision of the Section that the development of comprehensive emergency medical, trauma and injury prevention programs is imperative to the well-being, health and safety of Montana citizens. As such, the section's overall mission is to reduce death and disability by providing leadership and coordination in the planning and development of a comprehensive, evidence-based emergency care system.

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Compared to people without chronic conditions, adults with a chronic condition, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes or obesity, are more likely to report work disability, serious psychological distress, and limitations on social activities outside their home. Adults with arthritis as one of their chronic conditions are even more likely to report these negative effects. Non-drug options to reduce pain and improve function include increasing physical activity and participating in self-management programs.



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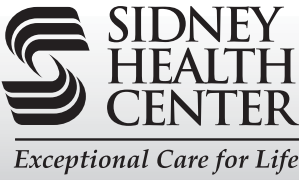
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MDT Schedules Open House, Informational Meeting To Discuss Reconstruction & Potential Realignment Of MT-201

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is conducting an open house and informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction of approximately six miles of MT-201 west of Fairview in Richland County. The segment of MT-201 proposed for reconstruction extends from the junction of MT-201 and MT-200 in Fairview to reference post 63.6 located about six miles west of the community. This includes the potential realignment of approximately two miles of highway beginning near reference

post 67.4 (just west of the Fairview Airport) and ending at the intersection with MT-200 at the Montana / North Dakota border. The open house is Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Fairview School cafeteria (713 South Western Ave.) and will run from 6 -7 p.m. with a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project team members will be available during the open house and after the presentation to discuss the reconstruction and potential realignment of MT-201.

PLOTS Guide Available Online

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Private Land Open To Sportsmen Guide for 2015 is now available online at the department's website, gf.nd.gov. In addition, PLOTS Guides will be available at most license vendors throughout the state in early September. The guide will feature about 730,000 PLOTS acres. Because the guide is printed in mid-August, some PLOTS tracts highlighted in the guide may have been removed from the program since the time

of printing. There will also be some PLOTS tracts where the habitat and condition of the tract will have changed significantly. Conversely, Game and Fish may have added new tracts to the program after the guide went to press. To minimize possible confusion, Game and Fish will update PLOTS map sheets weekly on its website. The PLOTS Guide features maps highlighting these walk-in areas, identified in the field by inverted triangular yellow signs, as well as other

public lands. The guides are free, and will be available at county auditor offices and license vendors in the state; by walk-in at the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck office; and at district offices in Riverdale, Harvey (Lonetree), Williston, Dickinson, Jamestown and Devils Lake. The guides are not available to mail, so hunters will have to pick one up at a local vendor, or print individual maps from the website.


More information on the project is available at: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/fairviewwest> Community participation is a very important part of the process, and the public is encouraged to attend. Opinion, comments and concerns may also be submitted in writing at the meeting, by mail to Shane Mintz, Glendive District Administrator, MDT, Glendive District office at PO Box 890, Glendive, MT 59330-0890, or online at: www.mdt.mt.gov/mdtcomment_form.shtml Please note that your comments are for project UPN 8650000. Submit comments by Sept. 16, 2015.

Proposed work includes reconstructing the existing roadway to current design standards to include a wider finished top width (including shoulders), plant mix surfacing, seal and cover (chip seal), rumble strips, upgraded pavement markings and signage, and intersection improvement at both County Road 359 and MT-200. The work also involves the identification and analysis of potential new alignments for the eastern portion of the project corridor between MT-200 in Fairview and reference post 67.4 on MT-201. The alternative alignment analysis is intended to inform the decision of the best alignment possible to increase safety and shift trucks from the existing road facility as it enters Fairview. New right-of-way and utility relocations will be necessary. MDT's consultant will contact all potentially affected landowners prior to conducting survey work on their land to obtain written permission. MDT staff will contact landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits. The Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public meeting or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Jan Nessel at 406-556-4707 no later than 12 p.m./noon on Aug. 20, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request. Persons who need an alternative format should contact the Office of Civil Rights, PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620; 406-44-9229; fax 406-444-7243, or e-mail to aflesch@mt.gov. Those using a TTY may call 800-35-7592 or through the Montana Relay Service at 711.

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Eckhoff's MSU Durum Wheat Program To Be Carried Forward By MT Co.

Submitted by MSU News

Montana State University has completed an agreement to license more than 700 developmental lines of durum wheat to Montana-based Northern Seed, LLC. "Northern Seed is very excited to strengthen our relationship with MSU through this durum license and continued collaboration on behalf of Montana producers," said Ryan Holt, Northern Seed vice president of supply chain and markets. "The addition of these Montana lines to our existing durum program will only strengthen our ability to discover and develop new durum varieties. We look forward to the continued partnership with MSU and feel that together we will be able to leverage our strong breeding and testing assets. "The developmental durum wheat lines that Northern Seed will take over come from durum breeding and genetics research program of Joyce Eckhoff, who recently retired after 28 years at MSU's Eastern Agricultural Research Center near Sidney, where she served as a professor of agronomy and, this past year, as interim superintendent. With nobody presently available to take over the research, MSU decided that it would look to the private sector to take the program over, said Renee Reijo Pera, MSU's vice president of research and economic development. "This deal with Northern Seed is a unique agreement because we didn't option single varieties to the company, but rather we agreed to have them carry forward the entirety of these developmental lines from the breeding program of Dr. Eckhoff," Reijo Pera said. "It is another example of the land-grant mission in action, where public investment in research pays off in growing a healthy economy, from agriculture, to biotech, to materials science." Durum is a dense, kernelled wheat that is very high in protein and low in gluten. Often called macaroni wheat because of its use in pasta, it is considered one of the most nutritionally significant forms of wheat. Pasta made from

durum is firm with consistent cooking quality. Durum in Latin means hard, and the species is the hardest of all wheat. About 20 countries purchase U.S. durum, and Europe is the single largest importer of U.S. durum, followed by African and Middle East markets, and Latin America. MSU's research into the genetics and breeding of cereal grains has led to the development of crop varieties that offer greater yield, as well as resistance to a number of diseases and pests. The wheat research programs are carried out by MSU's agricultural research centers. That research is integral to Montana's 5.5 million acre wheat crop, which is valued at \$1 billion annually. MSU-developed varieties

account for more than 43% of Montana's winter wheat crop and more than 31% of the state's spring wheat. "We are pleased that the legacy of MSU research in wheat breeding is continuing to support Montana's producers, and we are particularly excited that Dr. Eckhoff's program will continue under direction of researchers at Northern Seed," said Charles Boyer, MSU vice president and dean of agriculture. "Wheat is a critical component in the Montana economy, and MSU researchers in Bozeman and at our agricultural research centers around the state will continue to develop, test and release new varieties that will improve this already top-notch Montana-grown product.

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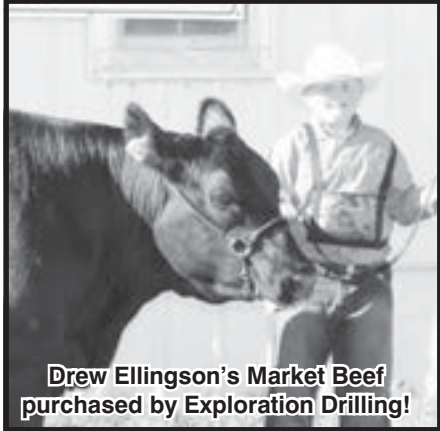


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Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) officials said no child should ever be put in that situation. “There have been deaths and several close calls over the years in Montana, so it's something we all need to be vigilant about,” said Montana Children’s Trust Fund Director Jamey Petersen.

National statistics as of July 27, 2015, show there have been 11 reported fatalities due to children being left in the car. In 2014, there were 32. On average, 38 children in the United States have died each year since 1998 from being left in a hot car. Temperatures in cars soar quickly, said Melissa Lavinder, DPHHS Children’s Trust Fund. “Even with a window cracked, the temperature inside a car can reach very dangerous temperatures within minutes,” she said. “When left in a hot vehicle, a young child’s body temperature may increase three to five times as quickly as an adult. In these

extreme conditions, children can die or suffer a permanent disability in a matter of minutes.” Believe it or not, routines and distractions have caused people to mistakenly leave children behind in cars. Below are further prevention tips. Make your child as visible as possible. Place your purse, briefcase, or whatever is to be carried from the car in the back seat with your child to serve as an additional reason to check that area. Set a reminder on your cell phone or computer to be sure you dropped your child off at day care. Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child hasn’t arrived as scheduled. Remember to use drive-through convenience provided by banks, restaurants and other businesses. Pay at the pump at gas stations. Prevent trunk entrapment and other accidents. Teach your children the dangers of a car and let them know that it is not a toy or playground. Always lock your car, even at home, and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same. Unlocked cars pose a risk to children who are naturally curious. Always put your keys in a safe and secure place out of children’s reach. Check pools, vehicles and car trunks immediately when a child is missing. If you see an unattended child in a car, dial 911 immediately and follow the instructions that emergency personnel provide. If you would like to be involved in the ‘Not Even for a Minute Campaign’, visit <http://dphhs.mt.gov/childrenstrustfund/notevenforaminute.aspx> for materials to share and distribute.

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County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

Is it no longer considered livestock waste?

A recent article in AG-WEEK talks about the use of animal manure instead of or along with commercial fertilizers. With harvest in full swing in the area, this is something that many farmers are considering. North Dakota, along with surrounding states, used to use manure extensively as a crop fertilizers. With the change in technology, chemical fertilizers became the new go to when it came to adding nutrients to your fields, especially since it is effective, you know what you are getting and relatively simple to use. With the current drop in grain prices, the idea of using manure is coming back into the picture the past few years. Using fresh manure is ideal because it has higher moisture content, which means the nutrients haven’t started to break down. Fresh manure is a hard thing to come by, so a lot of times it turns out being a compost mix, which could be 3+ years old. When using a composted manure it generally is cheaper, easier to spread, and easier to transport. The major concern when it comes to using composted manure is what are you really getting. Fresh manure releases nutrients at a faster rate than composted manure, which has significant amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, which are three im-

portant nutrients plants need for growth. Those three nutrients, along with others, break down in the soil slower than chemical fertilizer; manure breakdown is dependent on soil temperature, moisture and type. With the growing concern for soil health and sustainability, the use of manure is something that is being talked about in a lot of research. For those farmers who don’t have livestock, talking with a livestock producer is your best bet of being able to find fresh or even composed manure that needs to be disposed of.

This information was gathered from AGWEEK Volume 31, Number 2 August 10, 2015 and the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center.

Ornamental grasses

In North Dakota, our soils and climate are perfect for growing ornamental grasses. North Dakota is in the upper Great Plains. With that being said, at one point most of our state was covered in native prairie grasses. Ornamental grasses have been huge in the landscape world the past few years, because they are easy to grow and maintain. Some of the reasons ornamental grasses have become popular are;

- Easy to maintain, which means they do not need regular watering or fertilizing. They only need to be cut back once a year.
- They rarely have any pest problems; many of the species do not have pest or disease problems. Also, deer

do not like them like they like our petunias.

- They are fast growers; perfect in a new home or newly landscaped area.
- Ornamental grasses look good all year long, with the change of colors as the plant matures to brilliant colors in the fall and winter it will add a little something to the sometimes all white landscape.
- With the bright colored seed heads, colorful birds will be attracted to your yard.

Some of the more popular perennial grasses grown today are the ‘Karl Foerster’ which is a reed grass. These plants can grow up to 5 feet tall, which will add some dimension to your flower garden. The colorful leaves of ‘Overdam’ and ‘Avalanche’, which are also reed grasses, are very eye catching with their plumes changing from silver to gold in the fall. ‘Northwind’ switch grass was awarded the prestigious Perennial Plant of the Year award in 2014. ‘Northwind’ has olive-green foliage with sturdy upright growth. ‘Shenandoah’ is known for its burgundy leaves and plumes in autumn. There are many species and varieties of ornamental grasses, most nurseries will have them in the spring. When buying ornamental grasses, along with any other plant, make sure it is hardy enough for our area. North West North Dakota is a Zone 3, so make sure the plants hardiness is -30 to -40.

This information was gathered from the NDSU Yard & Garden Report, Volume 3 Number 9.

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The open house is Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Fairview School cafeteria (713 South Western Ave.) and will run from 6 to 7 p.m. with a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project team members will be available during the open house and after the presentation to discuss the potential realignment of MT-201.

More information on the project is available at:
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The meeting is open to the public and will be recorded. MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any department service, program or activity. For reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Jan Nessel at (406) 556-4707 at least two days before the meeting. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or (800) 335-7592, or Montana Relay at 711. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request.

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Hoofin’ it for Hunger Trail Race Scheduled In Miles City

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The Montana Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee is again collaborating with USDA/ARS Fort Keogh Research Station to host the 2015 Hoofin’ it for Hunger Trail Run. This year’s race is slated for Sunday, Oct. 11 and will include a 5K, 10K and half marathon course to be run on Fort Keogh property just outside of Miles City through farm fields, pasture land and along the Yellow-

stone River. New aspects to be added this year include finisher medals for the half marathon, a post-race get together, special prizes for 1st-3rd place finishers in all categories and more. The pre-race dinner and packet pick-up will be held from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Range Riders Museum, Miles City. Many prizes will be offered for overall winners,

as well as winners by age group. “Montana Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers are really looking forward to hosting this race for the fifth year,” notes YF&R Chair Jenny Stovall. “This race is so unique because of the location and so successful that we are hoping to double our number again this year, which will give us 400 runners. Since the proceeds from this race are donated to the Montana Food Bank Network, this makes an increase in participants especially rewarding.” Registration is open online, and all interested parties are encouraged to visit to register. You can also request a printed registration form by calling 406-587-3153. The MFBF YF&R Committee started the Hoofin’ it for Hunger Race in 2011, with the goal of raising funds for the Montana Food Bank Network as a part of their partnership with Harvest for All and as a way to promote agriculture to the general public.

Housing Development Finance Professional Certification Training

Learning the ins and outs of the affordable housing development process will be the focus of a training series for public and non-profit practitioners that starts this fall. In October, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, in partnership with the North Dakota Department of Commerce and CommunityWorks North Dakota, will host the first in a series of four courses for the National Development Council’s Housing Development Finance Professional Certification. The program explores the development process, financial analysis techniques and structuring, and the negotiating skills needed to successfully develop and finance affordable homeownership and rental housing development. Through partnerships and sponsorships, the full series will be offered at a deep discount - all four courses for only \$1200. Courses and dates are: HD410: Homeownership Finance—Oct. 19-22, 2015 HD420: Rental Housing Development Finance—April 25-29, 2016 HD422: Computer Spreadsheet Analysis for Housing—June 21-23, 2016 HD430: Housing Development Finance: Problem Solving and Deal Structuring—Oct. 10-14, 2016 Participants who successfully complete all of the courses, passing each course exam, will be awarded the NDC’s HDFP certification. “The training is a great opportunity for rural communities to address one of the greatest barriers to affordable housing development - a lack of local development experience,” said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director. Registration is now open for the first course, HD410: Homeownership Finance. It will be held at the Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan. The training fee is \$400 on or before Sept. 25, 2015. After Sept. 25, the fee is \$450. Registration closes on Oct. 2. More information is available on NDHFA’s website, www.ndhfa.org or by calling 800-292-8621.

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Eighty-one Trees Within Sidney To Be Removed

By Meagan Dotson

Eighty-one dead and diseased trees were marked with orange X's recently, an all-too familiar sight which causes concern for Sidney residents. Dutch Elm Disease continues to be the primary culprit, as Elms make up much of the tree population in the area, but Ash trees have been infected with aphids as well as the Lilac Ash Borer, and some are simply old or uncared for. Trees are more susceptible to disease if they become stressed caused by such things as drought, injury, or recent transplanting. An ordinance will be sent to property owners stating they

have thirty days to cut down marked trees, however there is some flexibility because City Officials understand that there is limited availability for tree-cutting services. It is essential that both the tree and the stump are removed to prevent the spread of disease.

"These trees are a liability especially when you consider recent storms," said Compliance Officer Jeff Mead. "They are a safety issue and we want homeowners to be aware of the liability. The City of Sidney is not immune to losing trees, either. There are at least fifteen trees in Sidney parks that will be taken

down by the City Crew this fall when their work load slows and the ground is firmer and better able to support heavy equipment, preventing rutting. A 2013 tree inventory within the city limits showed that there were approximately 2000 trees, only half of the trees that were inventoried

during the late 1970s and in 2014, 111 of those left were marked.

Trees are an investment and an asset, increasing property value, shading lawns, homes, businesses, and parks and decreasing heating, cooling, and watering costs. While having to cut down a mature tree is not ideal, Stephanie Ridl, City Parks superintendent and certified arborist, hopes people will see it as an opportunity to re-plant a variety of trees, with no more than 10% of the tree canopy being one species. This diversification will prevent diseases such as Dutch Elm from devastating an entire tree population. The best time to plant is during the fall or early spring while the tree is still dormant, though trees can be planted at any time if they are adequately watered during the heat. For those with multiple trees to come down, Ridl suggests a phase-out removal process, prioritizing which trees are at high-risk for failure and removing those first. Ridl recommends planting new trees now so they are semi-established when a mature tree must be removed.

For more information or a list of trees that will thrive in this region, contact Tim Fine at the MSU Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

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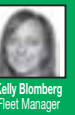
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US Hwy. 85, Long X Bridge, could Receive Funding For Improvements

By Lauren Donovan

Damage and repair work to the dated Long X Bridge have caused lengthy delays and detours for travelers along US Highway 85 in western North Dakota.

Another major piece of the prime two-lane highway into the Bakken shale play would be widened and the old Long X Bridge possibly replaced following a study going on now.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation is looking into improving 67 miles of U.S. Highway 85 from Watford City to Interstate 94 at Belfield. The highway has already undergone a dramatic transformation with a \$300 million infusion of oil money to build it out to four lanes between Watford City and Williston.

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Wed., Aug. 19: Meatball sub (M & H), corn dogs (C & W), oven wedges, watermelon.

Thurs., Aug. 20: Cheeseburgers, French fries, carrot sticks, fresh fruit medley.

Fri., Aug. 21: Pizza, green salad, mandarin oranges.

Mon., Aug. 24: Chicken nuggets, potatoes & gravy, peaches, dinner roll.

Tues., Aug. 25: Chicken taco, salad, fresh fruit, muffin.

Wed., Aug. 26: BBQ pork riblet, cheesy potatoes, mandarin oranges, gelatin.

Froid School

Wed., Aug. 19: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, brownies.

Thurs., Aug. 20: Beef hot dogs, whole grain buns, French fries, peas/carrots, mixed fruit.

Fri., Aug. 21: Fish patties, buns, potato chips, celery sticks, peaches.

Mon., Aug. 24: Ham slices, scalloped potatoes, green beans, pineapple.

Tues., Aug. 25: French dip w/ au jus, tater tots, baby carrots, pears.

Wed., Aug. 26: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, applesauce.

Salad/sandwich bar included w/each meal.

Bainville School

Wed., Aug. 19: Egg rolls, chicken pot pie over biscuits, peaches.

Thurs., Aug. 20: Donut holes, super nachos, taco bar, pears.

Fri., Aug. 21: French toast & ham, Polish sausage, bun, sauerkraut, fruit cup.

Mon., Aug. 24: Belgian waffles, & bacon, chef salad, bread stix, mixed fruit.

Tues., Aug. 25: Yogurt parfait, sweet-n-sour meatballs, rice, stir fry, veggies, pineapple.

Wed., Aug. 26: Egg wraps, pizza, quesadillas, broccoli Normandy, applesauce.

MSU Announces New Barley Variety Now Available For Licensing

By MSU News

Agricultural researchers with Montana State University have announced a new variety of forage barley, and that technology is now available for licensing. Licensing proposals must be submitted by Sept. 1. The variety, called MT981427 (427), was developed for use as hay or forage. With good drought tolerance, high sugar content and high digestibility, forage barley is popular for grazing, full plant silage, hay, cover crop and can be mixed with other crops such as legumes. Forage barley is better suited to cooler, drier areas than other small grain cereals and is best adapted to rich, well-drained loamy soils. A combination of Montana (Haybet) and Argentine (NE760) varieties developed as part of an agricultural exchange, the new variety is a spring barley that is best planted between mid-March to late April. Breeders suggest that it will be a good weed suppressor and nutrient scavenger. The total acres of barley seeded in Montana in 2014 are reported at 940,000 acres, down from 990,000 acres planted in 2013. Montana currently ranks first in planted barley acreage in the United States. Haybet has been the top forage barley variety seeded for the past 15 years. Montana farmers planted 73,900 acres, accounting for 7.9% of the total acres of barley seeded in 2014.

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West Dakota Water: Expanding the Use of the Missouri River



WDW employees installing water lines



WDW lines laying flat across the Badlands

By Tie Shank

WILLISTON: West Dakota Water, a subsidiary company to JMAC Resources, Inc., is an oilfield water resources contractor specializing in fresh water sourcing, transportation, and conveyance for well completions and production maintenance.

WDW was granted an industrial permit by the ND State Water Commission to withdraw a total of 12,000 acre feet from two access points on the Missouri River. The first is in McKenzie County and is for 10,000 acre feet, the second is in Williams County for another 2000 acre feet. In addition to this, WDW was also permitted to construct permanent submerged intakes into the Missouri River for withdrawing this water. One is currently in place at the McKenzie County site. The installed intakes allow for year round access to the water even in the harshest weather conditions.

Deb Halvorson, JMAC Resources Director of Business Pro-

cess states, "It's amazing how important our region has become to the health of the nation's economy and energy security. We've always had a large role, especially due to our productive farms and ranches and other industries and resources, but certainly this expansion in oil production has been remarkable. That said, the way we develop our resources is critical. We don't want to look across the landscape one day after the dust has settled from this boom and see that the beauty and productivity have been destroyed. That is why I've become so proud to be part of the West Dakota Water team and what we are doing."

Everybody benefits: North Dakota benefits when water is put to beneficial use, as the water is used in North Dakota as opposed to downriver states. Operators benefit by having access to a reliable source of quality water and counties benefit by the dollar amount being saved from reducing road and maintenance costs, said JMAC Resources President Jon McCreary in an

email. McCreary adds, "Over the past two years, WDW has piped over one billion gallons of water to the industry and saved McKenzie and Williams County as much as \$20 million in road repair cost by taking trucks off the road."

WDW's goal is to manage the water life cycle for operators within their core territory and they have remained committed to their focus of delivering water to under serviced areas without using trucks. However, the industry has changed in that the amount of water used per frac has increased, while the number of fracs has decreased due to lower oil prices. "The two factors generally offset each other," says McCreary.

Being able to expand North Dakota's use of the Missouri River, eliminating several millions of miles of trucking, while working with land owners so that their farms and ranches can remain great farms and ranches for generations to come hits home for Halvorson as a North Dakotan and a landowner.

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Fair Grand Champions Correction

Correction On the front page of last weeks newspaper under Richland County Fair Grand Champions Becca Deming was listed as having the Grand Champion market lamb. Baillee Vitt actually had the Grand Champion market lamb and chose not to sell it at the 4-H annual livestock auction during the Richland

County Fair in Sidney.



MPA Member WWC Engineering Expands Montana Presence

Incorporated in 1980, Western Waters Consultants, Inc., doing business as WWC Engineering these days, was one of the most sought after firms in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming, where the company got its start.

WWC works with oil & gas companies, mining companies, industrial companies, utilities, cities & towns, counties, state agencies, irrigation districts, developers, resorts, contractors, commercial developers, private individuals and many others.

Specializing in oil, gas, and mining, WWC Engineering was built on a foundation of expertise in permitting and compliance. That background, along with a highly skilled staff of Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, Professional Hydrologists, Professional Geologists and Scientists, has afforded the company the ability to expand into several other western states, including Montana, and remain competitive after more than three decades.

Helena Branch Manager, Shawn Higley, was first in the Wyoming State Engineer's Office as a commissioner & Hydrographer near Laramie, WY, managing irrigation demand on a highly regulated river system. Higley has an M.S. in Groundwater Resources. In 1999, he took on the role as the Civil/Water Resources Department Manager, accepting the responsibility for all civil and water resources related projects within northern Wyoming and southern Montana for WWC Engineering. Today, Higley is a senior member of the WWC Board of Directors, the Principal in charge of all Montana operations, and WWC Engineering vice president.

The mid-size, multi-disciplinary company offers a long list of county and municipal services, including transportation engineering, city planning, floodplain assessments, and water/wastewater systems. WWC Engineering is currently providing the wastewater system rehabilitation in Culbertson.

"The town's rapidly expanding population due to the Bakken Oil Boom had created a significant need to increase the capacity of the wastewater collection and treatment system with little room for expansion of the existing lagoons due to property constraints. WWC designed a new aerated lagoon system and facilitated easements with property owners to provide a new wastewater effluent discharge to the Missouri River."/>

MSU graduate, Drew Pearson, P.E., L.S.I., based in the Helena office (where the median age is between 30-35) explains that one of the first things the company routinely does when working on a project, is consult with the overseeing regulatory agencies to ensure that their work meets the environmental expectations permitting authorities look for when reviewing a proposal.

With oil and gas activity picking up over the last decade, WWC Engineering expanded its presence in Montana to include an office in Culbertson to meet the demands of well siting surveys and pad engineering within the Williston Basin of Montana and North Dakota.

"WWC brings over 30 years of regulatory expertise to the table to help oil & gas operators navigate the complex regulatory framework from the local communities, state agencies, BLM and other Federal agencies that pose such a challenge to oil & gas development," says Higley.

Recently, the company also opened a new office in Lewistown, hoping to gain new clients and work in central Montana.

"We'd been doing a lot of work for Arrow Creek Surveying, which has an office in Lewistown," explained Helena based, Jake Ziska, P.L.S., also an MSU graduate. "With one of our engineers living nearby in Hobson, it just made sense."

WWC Engineering has experience with CADD and GIS software, providing the company the means of providing fully integrated spatial databases, complete with graphics and presentation capabilities, to their clients.

The company has also considered opening an office in Billings, where they would have more of an opportunity to directly compete with other engineering firms, and have increased exposure to companies operating in the Bakken.

"WWC has successfully navigated the regulatory environment in Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and many other states where others have not been successful," explains Higley. "We have an exceptional track record for obtaining permits throughout the Western States, and our ability to work with regulatory personnel to obtain permits is unparalleled. This fact coupled with our expert civil, environment and surveying services has made WWC a preferred provider within the oil & gas industry for over 20 years.

When asked about how the ebb and flow of the oil industry, the recent downturn in drilling specifically, has affected the company, Higley responded, "WWC has been through a number of booms and busts over the past 30 years, and we are still here providing services to the oil & gas industry."

In an effort to promote their work through a medium often underutilized by similar businesses, the company has begun to use social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

WWC routinely attends the Montana State University Career Fair every fall and spring to recruit both full-time and internship candidates for their offices corporate-wide. Montana offices are staffed primarily with graduates from Montana State University, with several Montana natives employed within the company.

The company has offices in Wyoming, in Casper, Sheridan, and Laramie, and in Montana in Helena, Culbertson, and now Lewistown. For a full list of services, and to learn more about the high caliber of work and exceptional staff at WWC Engineering, visit their website at www.wwcengineering.com MNAXLP



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