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MonDak Relay For Life Event This Friday

The public is invited to attend the MonDak Relay For Life event that will be held this Friday, July 22 at the Richland County Fairgrounds, Sidney.

Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society.

At 4 p.m., the Kids' Corner will begin. There will be balloon animals, face painting, bouncing castle, 25 cent carnival games, and much more. For the adults, there will be silent auction baskets available for bid and an opportunity to win prizes by participating in a trivia contest.

A supper provided by LeRoy Strasheim Catering will begin at 5 p.m. The dinner is free for all participants and survivors and free-will donation for those not participating. There will also be food vendors on hand with a variety of treats to choose from.

At 6 p.m., there will be stage entertainment with performances by Little Miss Montana Hallie Andrews, The Stomping Grounds Clogging Studio, Miss Montana Outstanding Teen Jalyssa Gorder and 4 By Grace.

The Opening Ceremonies will start at 7 p.m. with a survivor speech by Bob Meehan. The survivor lap, followed by the parade of teams, will kick-off the Relay For Life walk that will last for 12 hours ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. At 8 a.m., the Sharpshooters will host a donut hole eating contest

A special luminaria ceremony will take place at 9:30 p.m. honoring cancer survivors and those lost to this deadly disease. The rest of the night will be filled with activities for the teams including a talent show, team sponsored activities, theme laps, games and much more.

Stop by and check out all of the fun activities that will take place at the MonDak Relay For Life Event and help celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to the disease and join us as we fight back against cancer!



Relay Survivors

Cancer survivors walk the first lap at last year's Relay For Life event.

Wrestling Olympic Hopeful Competing In Europe

By Jaimee Green

It's a moment the entire sporting world braces for. The results are in and the news is good for the U.S. team. Flags are waving wildly. Red, white and blue colored confetti is pouring down in streams. The announcer's voice resonates loudly. A young wrestler extends his arm triumphantly accepting his medal. The U.S. has taken the Olympic Gold for wrestling.

It's a scene Toby Erickson, 19, formerly of Sidney, has replayed over in his head from a young age. Some day he hopes to stand on the U.S. pedestal and accept the most prestigious sporting award in the world, a gold medal. He hopes to represent the U.S. for the world team and wrestle in the Olympics. Through years of hard training and perseverance, he's confident he'll get there.

From July 26-29, he'll be competing in Bucharest, Romania for a title at the Junior World Tournament. "We're all expecting to get a medal. That's my big goal but I take it one match at a time and just try to win them all," Erickson said.

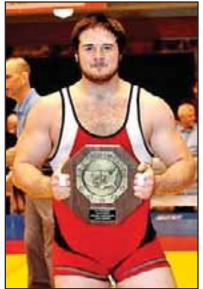
In Romania, the 22-man bracket is for the age groups of

17-20. If he does well, it will mean he is one of the top Greco Roman wrestlers in the world.

This summer he is training every day at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. "I feel like I am in the best shape of my life. I've been working out every day and feel like I am ready," Erickson said.

His current head coach, Ike Anderson, is a former Olympian.

This year, Erickson is wrestling



Toby Erickson

as a sophomore at Northern Michigan University after transferring from Boise State while majoring in English. When he's not in school, he resides in Helena.

Erickson was introduced to the wrestling mat when he was five years old.

Since then he's racked up an impressive record and describes himself as a grizzly bear on the mat. Ironically, his favorite move is the 'bear hug'.

During his wrestling career at Helena High School he secured two state heavyweight titles after receiving his 45th consecutive victory.

Last April, he finished second at the Junior World trials and qualified to represent the U.S. at the Pan-Am games in Managua, Nicaragua where he won titles in Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling. He captured those titles weighing in at 264.5 pounds.

Wrestling is a family affair at the Erickson residence. Both of his brothers also wrestle at Helena High School. Tucker, 18, is the first sophomore in the history of the Wrestling Association to win a state title in the heavyweight division. His other brother, Tanner, 15, is wrestling on the junior varsity team.

"It's hard to believe we've been doing this for 15 years and now here we are at this point. It's just an amazing feeling for a dad. I sent my son to the mat when he was a little kid and now he'll be representing the U.S. in his age group for the country," said Dwayne Erickson, his father.

His grandparents are Judy and Talbert Erickson, Sidney. His great grandmother is Elaine Portra, Fairview.

Moose Relay For Life BBQ Grill Raffle

The Sidney Moose Lodge has donated a BBQ grill for their Relay for Life Team. $\label{eq:BBQ} % \begin{subarray}{ll} \end{subarray} % \begin{sub$

The captain of the team is Laurie Boyce. The cost is \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10. A drawing will be held on Friday, buly 22

For more information on the Moose Relay for Life Team or to purchase tickets from Laurie contact her at 488-7678.

Stai Account Set Up For Medical Expenses

Crystal Stai, Fairview, suffered a brain aneurysm Wednesday, July 13 and was flown to Billings where she had surgery. She was then flown to Mayo Clinic where she is currently in an induced coma, and will be undergoing treatment.

For anyone wishing to help, an account has been established at 1st Bank, Sidney, to assist with her medical expenses

MonDak Energy Alliance Quarterly Meeting Scheduled For July 27 In Sidney

The MonDak Energy Alliance will host its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, July 27, at the Sidney Country Club, Sidney

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All times are MDT. The meeting is open to the public.

The agenda includes:

5-6 p.m., board meeting and supper

6-6:30 p.m., social, hors d'oveures

6-30-8:30 p.m., general meeting

Speakers include: Sidney Mayor Bret Smelser, MDEA co-chair; Williston Mayor Ward Koeser, MDEA co-chair; Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association executive director; Richard E. Muncrief, Continental Resources, senior vice president of operations; Thomas J. Heck, XTO Energy Inc. professional geologist; TransCanada Pipeline; Ken Callahan, 60th anniversary of oil.

Sports Physicals July 29

Sports physicals for grades 5-12 will be held on Friday July 29 from 1-5 p.m. at the Richland County Health Department located in the Community Services Building on Holly Street north of the Sidney Health Center.

Please call 433-2207 to make an appointment. Forms are available to be picked up ahead of time for completion.

The cost is \$25 per person.

This event is sponsored by Sidney Health Center and Richland County Health Department.

Trendz Salon, Sidney, Has New Owner Stockman Bank

Keziah Baisch, Sidney, has recently purchased Trendz Salon. The salon will have the same girls working including Heather Henry, Kelly Burger, Monica Asbeck and Keziah.

Keziah has been in Sidney over two years. She grew up in Billings and has been in the hair business for nine years.

The salon is a full service hair and nail care facility and has jewelry, feather extensions, hair products including Pureology, Paul Mitchell and Big Sexy Hair. Heather does the permanent cosmetics.

Keziah is married to Cory Baisch and they have two daughters Izabella, 3, and Jazmyn, 1.

The salon is located at 118 S. Central Ave., Sidney. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and night by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 406-433-2714.



Keziah Baisch, new owner of Trendz Salon, Sidney.

Sidney Richland Co. Library To Hold Tech Thurs. Programs

The Sidney Richland County Library is starting a Tech Thursday program to educate the community on the social networking tools (i.e. Facebook, Skype) that are rising in popularity. Their aim is to have free classes that show the outstanding benefits of these programs, and to give tutorials. This July they are giving classes on Skype, Facebook and another Skype class.

The Library has been granted a brand-new, savvy computer lab that will be the vehicle to this public education. The classes will be every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The second class will be the week on July 21; this will be the Facebook class. Then the final Thursday, July 28, will be the Skype class.

Future classes will be announced at a later date. The facilitating teachers will be Joel Kessler and Rebecca Hayes.

For any questions call the library at 433-1917, check out their website at www.richland.org/spl, or the Sidney Richland County Library Facebook page. Call and sign up to help them plan accordingly.

Stockman Bank Donates \$2,500 To Richey Historical Society



Pictured (L-R) Della Kenny, AVP, assistant branch manager Stockman Bank Richey, presenting the \$2500 check to Wanda Zuroff, Richey Historical Society.

Stockman Bank recently donated \$2,500 to the Richey Historical Society for building improvements to the Richey Historical Museum.

The museum is in great need of a new front door and windows. The approximate cost to replace these necessities is \$7,000. After Stockman's contribution, along with \$1,000 grant already received, the Richey Historical Society is now half way toward their goal with a grand total of \$3,500 raised thus far

"I am very excited Stockman Bank can be a part of this project, as I know it will bring many great benefits to our community," comments Della Kenny, Stockman Bank assistant branch manager in Richey.

Stockman Bank's roots run deep in Montana. Since 1953, they have been serving ag producers, local businesses and consumers with secure, competitive and convenient banking products. Stockman Bank supports strong education, health care and both economic & cultural development in the communities they serve. Supporting the Richey Historical Society is just another way Stockman Bank gives back to their local communities.







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Native American Astrology & Views Of George Catlin Featured During Indian Arts Showcase

Nationally known American Indian Historian Mr. George Horse Capture and Nationally recognized American Indian Educator and Activist for Native Rights Dr. Janine Pease will headline the 20th annual Indian Arts Showcase at Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. This special event will take place the weekend of August 6 &7, on Saturday and Sunday from 10 am - 5 pm each day. The event is

Horse Capture is a member of the Gros Ventre or White Clay tribe out of Fort Belknap Montana and was Senior Counselor to the Director in the Cultural Resources Department at the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of the American Indian. He's written numerous articles and books on American Indian tribes on the Northern Plains. Horse Capture will give presentations on George Catlin at Fort Union-Native views at 3 pm CDT Saturday and 3:30 pm CDT Sunday.

Dr. Pease was the founding president of the Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency Montana, a past president of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (for two terms), a director of the American Indian College Fund (for seven years), and was appointed by President Clinton to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (for eight years). She was also trustee of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. She is currently the Director of Education for the Crow

tribe. She will give presentations on "The Stars we Know, Native American Astrology," at 12 pm CDT on Saturday and 1:00 pm CDT Sunday.

In addition drum and dance performances will be done daily by the Eagle Feather club from New Town, North Dakota and drum group Tatanka Oyate from Poplar, Montana at 1:30 pm CDT on Saturday and 2:00 pm CDT Sunday. Native American artisans will display their arts and crafts throughout the day.

Hours are from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm CDT daily at Fort

Union. Fort Union Trading Post is located 24 miles north of Sidney, Montana and 25 miles southwest of Williston, North Dakota, via highway 1804. While here, visitors are encouraged to tour the reconstructed fort, trade room and bourgeois house.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site contact the park at 701-572-9083. Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Union-Trading-Post-National-Historic-Site/118231345800

For more information on

Duathlon On Saturday, Aug 6

To whom it may concern:

To help promote better health and wellness in Eastern Montana, the Richland County running/biking club will be sponsoring a duathlon on Saturday, Aug 6.

Because we are a not-for-profit organization we are continually looking for donations, but that is only part of the reason that you are receiving this letter. The primary reason for sending you this letter is to ask for participation. We are hoping that a few companies will put a team or two together to join us in the duathlon. Participation in the event is a great way to encourage team morale and to promote health and safety.

In case you are not familiar with the event, the duathlon will consist of a 5K (3.1-mile) run, followed by a 10K (6.2 mile) biking event and then an additional 5K run. Participants can choose to compete as individuals or as teams.

As I mentioned above, we are ultimately looking for people to participate in the event, but contributions to the event will be accepted as well. All sponsors will have their names listed in the race pamphlet and those who donate \$100 or more will be listed on the official race t-shirts.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the number or email address listed below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Tim Fine 406-489-1914 tim.fine8@gmail.com

Sports Physical
Screening

Date: July 29

Time: 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Place: Check-in at Richland County Health Dept.

Located in the Community Services Bldg at 1201 W Holly • Sidney

- By Appointment Only
The Richland County Health Department and Sidney Health Center medical providers are working together to provide sports physicals at a reduced rate of \$25 each. Insurance will not be billed. Please bring a copy of immunization records. Please call the Richland County Health Department at 433-2207 in advance to sign-up for this clinic.

Please call the Richland County Health Department at 406-433-2207 to sign-up.



The sports screening provided at this time is a screening only, intended to meet Montana High School Association requirements and fill out the MHSA Athletic Participation Form. This service is not intended to and does not replace require healthcare received from your established provider.

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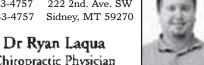
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Thank you...

Thanks to many "helping hands", the 100th Anniversary Celebration for Grace Lutheran Church of Skaar, ND, was a huge success.

We are especially grateful to Clyde Madison for all his work in the restoration of our sanctuary and basement. A generous portion of his labor was donated on behalf of Henry & Sylvia, Harry & Anna, Hienie & Iris, and Charles & Elaine Madison and families.

A special thanks, also, to Greg Mohr who prepared the roast beef and potatoes for the noon meal. It was excellent! Greg also donated his labor and a substantial portion of his costs.

Centennial Committee 2011

Thank You

Words can't express how thankful we are to everyone during our stay in Billings for Gary's treatment.

Norma for giving us the use of her wonderful home, it made our stay easier and comfortable • Tana for helping us in so many ways • Georgia and Gary for their generosity • Carla & Georgia for the visits and Georgia for helping pack up our last day, especially our redneck moment laugh • Christy, Travis & kids for visits, what a house rocking we gave Norma's new house! • Toni for the use of her computer and nebulizer • Toni

& Christy's visits • Dave for bringing our pickup • Nick & Edward Jones for their gift • David Lee & Nancy for the hay Nancy & the girls for my night out with them.

Also, thank you for all the cards, prayers, phone calls, visits and notes on the Caring Bridge page. You are what got us through our extended stay.

Bless you all, Gary & Terri

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Did You Know...

By Heidi Moran

Richland County Health Department

As of July 1, 2011, lawmakers decided to rejoin the 49 other states with a primary child safety restraint law. Law enforcement officers can now stop a vehicle if they see small children who aren't in safety seats. Officers can stop a vehicle without any other reason, if your child is not properly restrained under six years of age or less than 60 lbs. This is considered a primary offense. Those who are in violation of the law can be fined up to \$100, but there is a clause to this law that says if a person can prove that they have purchased an appropriate child restraint within a week of being ticketed, the citation will be dismissed.

For those who can't afford to buy the correct car seat or booster seat for their child, they can come to the Richland County Health Department or call 406-433-2207 to set up an appointment to get a car seat. The Richland County Health Department will also check your child's car seat or booster seat to make sure your child is safe.

Just remember that it is important to consistently use car seats from the time you take your child home from the hospital. If that's all they've ever known the child will never know the difference. If everyone buckles up in the vehicle it just becomes a habit for everyone young and old. So be a good role model and wear a seat belt yourself!

Albert E. Anderson, 89, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Albert E. Anderson, 89, of Sidney are at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Interment of his cremains will be held at a later date in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Memorials may be given to: Angel Avenue at SHC Extended Care Facility. At the family's request the dress for the funeral is casual, not suits.

Albert died of complications from a stroke on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

Ray Adam Peterson, 85, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Ray A. Peterson, 85, Sidney, MT, are at 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, with Pastor David Warner officiating. Cremation will follow services under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home, Sidney.

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

Ray A. Peterson passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care surrounded by fam-

Watford City International Aglow To Hold Meeting Wed.

Watford City International Aglow will be having a meeting, July 21, at 7 p.m., CDT at the Assembly of God Church, 2117 S Main St., Watford City.

Lois Baker and Kay Rindahl will be the speakers. For further information, call Rita Hovet at 701-842-2531.

STATISTICS

Lake Water Level Reports

	FOIL PECK	Sakakawea
Current Elevation	2248.8	1853.8
Last Week's Elev	2249.6	1854.4
One Year Ago	2235.5	1850.3
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	40,400	125,000

Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network					
Date	High	Low	Precip	AGDD	Soil Temp.
July	1184	53	00.00	2412 .	78
July	12 78	57	0.00	2473 .	76
July	1379	61	0.00	2505 .	73
July	1475	62	0.01	2538 .	73
July	1580	60	1.55	2538.	77
July	1688	58	1.06	2629	77
July	1786	62	0.00	2679 .	77

Sidney Weather Data Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date July 12600.00 July 13 T 14 T July 16...............61..... 0.84

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Results Of BLM Montana/Dakotas Lease Sale

Bonus bids for a total of 32,180 acres (19,292 acres in North Dakota and 12,788 acres in South Dakota) at the Bureau of Land Management's July 12 oil and gas lease sale in Billings totaled \$66,259,552.

Two North Dakota parcels received the highest bid per acre of \$8,800, which were submitted by Irish Oil and Gas of Bismarck, ND, and Continental Resources Williston. The highest single-parcel bid, submitted by Hess Corporation, Houston, TX, was \$6,217,800 for a 723-acre parcel in Williams County, North Dakota. All 111 parcels offered for lease received bids.

Additional information regarding competitive sale lists, detailed results of sales or the leasing process is available by writing the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings, MT, 59101, by calling 406-896-5004, or online at http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/prog/energy/oil_and_gas/leasing/leasesaleinfo.html.

Oil and gas leasing is driven by consumer demand, and competitive oil and gas lease sales are conducted several times per year at BLM's Montana/Dakotas State Office. Receipts from federal oil and gas leases are shared with the state or county where the lands are located. All leases are issued for a 10-year term.

Potential environmental effects that could result from exploration and development are analyzed before any leases are offered for sale. All leases are issued with conditions on oil and gas activities to protect the environment that can include limits on when drilling can occur or restrictions on surface occupancy. Once an operator proposes exploration or development on a BLM-issued lease, further environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act is conducted to determine the site-specific need for various types of impact-limiting or mitigation measures. In addition, many operators routinely use Best Management Practices, such as remote monitoring of producing wells, to minimize surface impacts.

EVENTS

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Wed., July 20

7 p.m. — Gambler's Anonymous, Millers' Corner back room.

Thurs., July 21

5 p.m. — TOPS meeting, Lonsdale United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30-6 p.m.

7 p.m. — Bingo, early bird at 6:45 p.m., Moose Lodge **8 p.m.** — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.

5 p.m. — Hamburgers in the Park, served by Relay for Life Sharp Shooters, Sharbono Park, Fairview.

Sat., July 23 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.— AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

Sun., July 24

7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

Mon., July 25

12 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

6:45 p.m. — Bingo, St. Matthew's Parish Center multi purpose room.

Tues., July 26

7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg.

9 a.m. & Noon -- Senior Commodities, south door of Central School on 3rd Ave SE.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CST Zone.

Thurs., July 21

8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or a ride.

6-8 p.m. — Hamburgers in the Park, Arnegard Park, served by Arnegard Lion's Club.

Dr. Dirt Special

God & Country



By Jerome Kessler

Last weekend my wife (Shelley) decided to have a gathering. It was a belated "4th of July" celebration. It was also a chance for her to make a statement about where she thought our country has been, where it is now, and where it might be heading...

The theme of the day was "God & Country". We had two dozen people at our picnic, and they were warned ahead of time that there would be a program consistent with the title of this event. With that being the case, the guests squeezed into our family room and watched an hour-long video on the Christian basis of our nation's origins. The video is part of "The Truth Project," which was sponsored by the "Focus on the Family" organization.

The moderator of the video noted that most people think "the framers of the constitution" wanted America to be a secular country. That is not the case. He gave one example after another of what our forefathers actually said on this subject:

John Adams (in 1776) wrote that "religion and morality alone. .. establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand."

George Washington (in 1796) said that "of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports" of successful government.

Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the country's first Surgeon General, wrote (in 1798) that "the only foundation for . . . a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.'

Even Benjamin Franklin, who many historians describe as an atheist, had this to say (in 1787) at an address to the Constitutional Convention: "The longer I live, the more convincing the proofs I see of this truth – that God governs in the affairs of men . . . We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this . . . without his [God's] concurring aid . . . we shall be divided by our little partial local interests . . . I therefore beg leave to move - that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven" be part of our daily proceedings.

Our educational institutions were also founded on the notion



Shelley & Jerry preparing for their picnic



John & Kathy Mercer dressed for the occasion



Group Photo

that religion was important. Harvard's 1636 "Rules & Precepts" stated that "the main end of [a student's] life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ." Princeton's founding statement (in 1746) said that "Cursed is all learning that is contrary to the Cross of Christ." Even as late as 1892 the National Education Association shared this philosophy, and issued a policy statement saying that "the study of the Bible [should not] be excluded from state schools."

So what happened? Why have our legal and educational systems turned away from their God-centered origins? The narrator of the video says that the 1859 publication of Darwin's "The Origin of Species" caused a transformation of thought. Our legal and educational systems adopted Social Darwinism. Anti-God thinking took over. I think that concept is overstated, and is something that should be discussed in future columns. But the point is that God was without a doubt once the central theme in our government and educational institutions.

The theme of our picnic was that our country was once based on Biblical principles. We need to reflect on what consequences there have been for us, as a nation, for turning away from these roots. The "God & Country" theme was well-received, and is food for thought on what we should do to restore these principles to our individual and societal lives.

3 DAIVOM **SALE TIME:**

DNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011 420 - 18th Street East Williston, North Dakota

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Due to health reasons Jeannine Coté has moved closer to family; thus we will be selling Real Estate, Car, Antiques, Collectibles, & Household. Real Estate will sell at Approx. 7:30 PM. Visit our website for several colored pictures. Thanks Chad.

REAL ESTATE



If you are in the market for a house this is a very nice home with finished basement and fireplace which is

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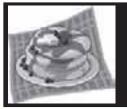
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Special Missouri River Bottom Deer Hunt on Hold

Flooding along the Missouri River north and west of Bismarck has prompted the State Game and Fish Department to put an experimental deer herd reduction hunt on hold.

The agency was going to start issuing up to 200 special antlerless licenses on Aug.1, but Department officials have postponed that process due to uncertainties over habitat condition and deer availability after flood-

"This experimental season was designed to reduce deer numbers on private land in a relatively small area," Randy Kreil, Game and Fish wildlife division chief said. "We had good support from landowners who were committed to hosting hunters, but most of them are dealing with flooding issues. Our agency and the landowners feel it's better to wait a year and hope that normal conditions will return."

The experimental season was set up so Game and

Fish could match interested hunters with participating landowners. Randomly selected hunters would need to secure written permission from landowners before Game and Fish would issue a special license. The special antlerless licenses would have been valid in all open seasons with the appropriate firearm or archery equipment within the designated unit.

The experimental hunt area included land west of River Road and State Highway 1804, north and west of Bismarck, with Wilderness Cover Road near Pioneer Park as the southern boundary and 149th Ave. NW (north of Double Ditch Indian Village) as the northern boundary. During the regular deer season, much of this area is not open to hunting with centerfire rifles.

While Game and Fish will not issue special licenses, the experimental hunt area is still open to archery and gun hunting for those with appropriate bow or firearm season licenses.

Region 7, FWP: Fishing **Access Site Status**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks recently completed an on-site assessment of each fishing access site and wildlife management area in Region 7. The Yellowstone and Tongue rivers have flooded several locations and resource damage has occurred to some sites. Public camping at most sites will remain unavailable until road and camping sites begin to dry and repairs are made to the damaged infrastructure.

The following is the open/closed status of local fishing access sites and wildlife management areas managed by Region 7, FWP as of July 14. All these determinations are subject to change:

Elk Island: Open but access roads have some wet and damaged locations

Seven Sisters: Closed, access road is impassable due to flooded conditions

Diamond Willow: Closed, resource damage and flooded conditions

Sidney Bridge: Open, river banks have eroded Gartside Reservoir: Open

Intake: Open for day use and overnight camping The public is advised that all fishing access sites with a boat ramp have potentially been subject to dampose a safety risk to the public. Public use of any ramp is at your own risk. Boaters and fisherman should be alert to dangerous river conditions and unstable river banks. Large amount of debris may be seen floating in the river's fast current posing a hazard to boaters. "Swift currents, cold water and hidden snags will make boating dangerous in the next few weeks and greatly increase the risk of drowning," said Liz Lodman, FWP boating coordinator. "A boater's best bet, if there is any question about conditions, is to play it safe by waiting until after the spring runoff."

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OUTDOORS

Archery 900 Antelope Season Opens Aug. 15

Montana's fall hunting season officially gets underway Monday, Aug. 15 with the opening of the special archery 900 antelope season in many Montana hunting districts.

To hunt antelope with a bow and arrow in a special August archery season, sportsmen need to have drawn a special 900-series tag and bought a bow-and-arrow license.

Bow-and-arrow licenses are available at all Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices and from license pro-

viders. To purchase a bow-and-arrow license, hunters must show that they either have held a bow and arrow license in the past or passed a bow-hunter education class before Aug. 1.

The general archery season for antelope begins Saturday, Sept. 3.

All hunting regulations and lists of season opening and closing dates are available at license providers, FWP offices and online at fwp.mt.gov.

Fall Turkey Hunting Special Permit Applications Due

Hunters planning to pursue wild turkeys in parts of western Montana this fall must apply for a special permit by July 28. The fall turkey hunting season begins Sept. 1.

Prospective fall turkey hunters interested in a special permit may apply by mail using an official application; at a regional office, or online.

Fall turkey hunting is by special permit in six portions of western and southwestern Montana. Other areas have a general license turkey season. For details, check the 2011 upland game bird hunting regulations on the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov on the Hunting page under regulations.

All turkey permit applicants must use an official FWP application form. Applicants must have a 2011 Conservation License and ALS number and they must pay \$5 for the nonrefundable drawing fee.

Mail-in applications, which can be found on FWP's website, must be received by 5 p.m. on July 28. Online applications are available at fwp.mt.gov under Online Services and must be completed by 11:30 p.m. on July 28.

Fall turkey permit mail-in applications must be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; License Section; Fall

Turkey Drawing; PO Box 200701; Helena MT 59620-0701

Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid fall turkey license before hunting.

July 28 Is Deadline For Limited Sandhill Crane Permit Applications

The Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Commission has approved tentative regulations for sandhill crane hunting in Montana.

Hunters interested in obtaining a special permit to hunt sandhill cranes in the Sweet Grass/Wheatland/Meagher counties portion of the Central Flyway, as well as in three areas of western Montana in the Pacific Flyway, must apply by July 28.

Prospective fall crane hunters interested in these permits must apply by mail using an official application; at a regional office; or online. Online applications are available at fwp.mt.gov under Online Services and must be completed by 11:30 p.m. on July 28. Mail-in applications, which can be found on FWP's website, must be received by 5 p.m. on July 28. Mail-in applications must be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; License Section; Sandhill Crane Drawing; PO Box 200701; Helena MT 59620-0701.



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Next Summer 'E-rase Your E-waste' Event Is July 21st

The third "E-rase your E-waste" collection event of the summer is coming up Thursday, July 21st from 3-7 pm at the Richland County Shop in Sidney. The event is FREE and is the third in four planned for the summer months as part of the 2011 E-rase your E-waste campaing.

According to organizers, the summer is off to a great start with more than 21,000 pounds of e-waste collected to date. "We also had some great new help in June from members of the Sidney High School's Key Club," Butch Renders, one of the organizers for the event, said. "They were a big help, particularly since our summer collections have been excellent. Already, we've collected more than we did four out of the last six years we've done this, and we still have two summer events and our Septemeber weekend collection effort to go.'

Helping from the Sidney High School Key Club were Katie Staffanson, Jesse Staffanson, Ariana Gaskin, and Tess Ler, all of whom enthusiastically tackled the unloading, loading and packaging of literally thousands of pounds of e-waste. "They were great," E-rase your E-waste co-chair Jackie Couture said of the girls' participation. "We literally couldn't have done it without them."

Also aiding the effort was long-time RSVP volunteer Stan Lindblom, who regularly helps with the event. "He's always there for us," Couture noted.

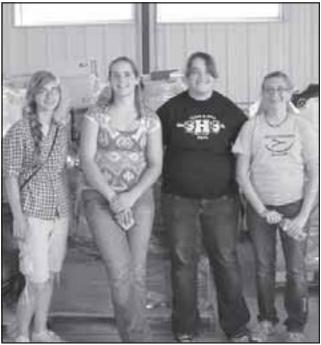
The E-rase your E-waste committee has set aside the third Thursday of every month (May through August) to do a collection, according to. The dates for the remaining monthly collections include July 21st and August 18th.

Collection times are from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the county repair shop at 2140 W. Holly in Sidney, next to the Fairgrounds. Participants are asked to please use the airport road entrance. Signs will be posted.

UNICOR is again serve the e-cycler for all the collections, and all acceptable items can be recycled for FREE, Couture noted, both at the summer Thursday collections and at the community weekend event set for Sept. 9-10. More information on acceptable items is available at www.ars.usda.gov/npa/nparl/ewaste.

Volunteers will be available to help with loading and unloading, however, businesses, schools and other organizations with large amounts of e-waste to recycle are asked to make an appointment to drop off their items by calling Jackie Couture at 406-433-9422. Please leave a message.

Where possible larger recyclers are also encouraged to palletize their own items, or send extra staff to help get it



Key Club members (L to R) Ariana Gaskin, Katie Staffanson, Jesse Staffanson, and Tess Ler volunteering at the E-waste Event.

done at the summer events. Details on acceptable items and how to palletize them can be found in a handout posted to the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab's e-waste website at www.ars.usda.gov/npa/nparl/ewaste. In addition, a handy "Items List" recycling form is also available at the website to further speed processing time for participants bringing both large or small amounts, Couture noted.

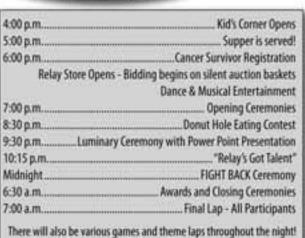
The E-rase your E-waste effort in Sidney is coordinated by members of the Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Richland Opportunities Inc., and volunteers with other community organizations including the RSVP program. Several local businesses including Sidney Health Center, Lower Yellowstone REA and Sidney Sugars as well as the city and county have also provided financial support in the past as well as packaging, packing and promotional support. Already the MT Department of Environmental Quality has committed funds for advertising the weekend event again this year.



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The New EARC Building

The Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC) will host its annual field day on Tuesday, July 26. The morning tour will end with a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the new EARC and Extension facility.



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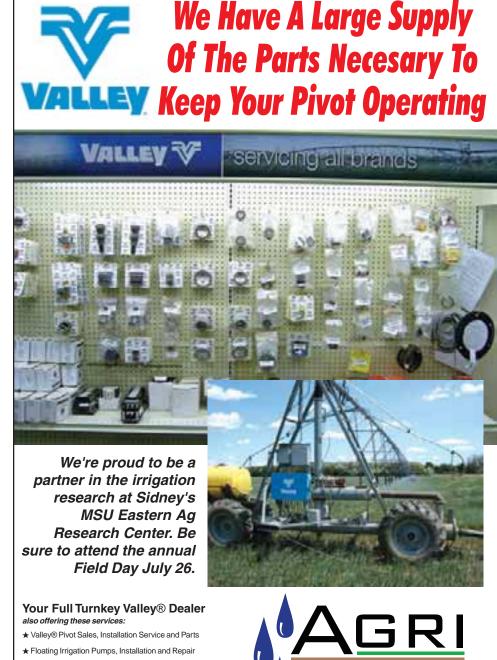
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Eastern Ag Research Center Field Day Set For July 26

The Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC) will host its annual field day on Tuesday, July 26 beginning at 8:30 a.m. with rolls and coffee. As in past years, the tour will begin in the north parking lot at the USDA/ ARS building.

Tour stops include value added durum research information presented by Dr. Joyce Eckhoff, along with a spring wheat variety and development discussion presented by Dr. Luther Talbot, Montana State University. Russ Fullmer will discuss

sugarbeet varieties and the sugarbeet outlook for this year, and Dr. Barry Jacobsen, Montana State University, will talk about diseases in sugarbeets, safflower and spring wheat.

Other topics will include a talk by Dr. Charles Flynn outlining the lab facilities in the new EARC and Extension facility, a talk by a representative from the USDA/ ARS on irrigated cropping systems, and a discussion on safflower production and alternate crops.

The morning tour will end with a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the new EARC and Extension facility.

All those in attendance will then have the opportunity to stay for lunch and visit with the presenters to ask additional questions or to make comments.

The EARC staff invites all interested people to attend this year's annual field day and find out what's happening with the test plots and what researchers have learned about various crops.



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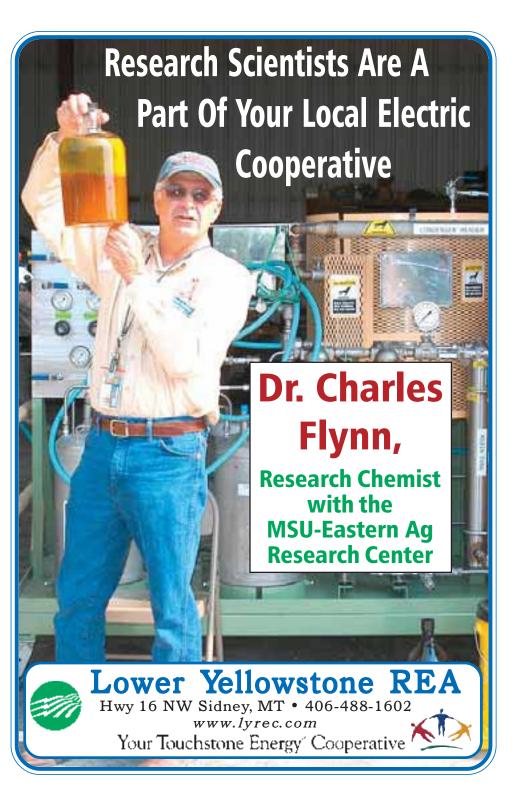
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Research assistant Mary Schaff weighs seed.

By Lois Kerr

With the completion of the new facility north of town, the Richland County Extension office and the Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC) will soon share their new modern building. Staff at both the EARC and Extension invite the public to stop in and visit at any time during normal working hours. The Extension staff moved to the facility in early June and the EARC staff will complete their move in the near future, depending on when the furniture for the EARC personnel arrives.

Extension staff includes Tim Fine, Juli Snedigar, Judy Johnson and Patti Fjelstad. EARC staff includes Jerry Bergman, Joyce Eckhoff, Charles Flynn, Rene Sundheim, Cherie Gatzke. Becky Garza, Deb Kunda, Mary Schaff, Calla Kowatch, Lisa Curtis and Ron Brown. Both the Extension staff and the EARC staff looks forward to serving Richland County from the new facility.

Extension personnel are located in the west portion of the building. Judy Johnson, family and consumer science extension agent, has worked for Richland County residents for the past 26 years. She

focuses on food and nutrition, family financing, human development and environmental health. One of her popular programs 'Strong Women Stay Young' teaches strength training for women. She also offers food safety education and financial education for youth. She provides research based information relating to life skills so people can make informed decisions.

Tim Fine has served Richland County for a little over a year as extension agent. His responsibilities include crop production, livestock production and horticulture. He provides information on gardening, landscaping, and ornamental plots as well as assisting farmers and ranchers with crop and livestock production questions and problems. He appreciates the new Research and Extension facility. "The meeting room is a big asset," he remarks. "I also like to have the ability to walk down the hall to visit with the research staff as we stay updated on research results, as part of Extension's mission is to disseminate research information."

Juli Snedigar serves as the 4-H and community development extension agent. Snedigar began her duties with the Richland County extension office in March of this year. She handles the 4-H program and has initiated a new component of Extension, that of community development. Snedigar brings four years of past extension experience with her to the Richland County office.

Patti Fjelstad works as the administrative assistant for the Richland County extension office. She began her duties in 2008 and meets and greets the public. She assists with the 4-H newsletter and fills in where needed to help ensure the office runs smoothly. "This is never boring," she says. "I enjoy working with the 4-H members and their families, and working with Tim, Judy and Juli is awesome. This is my niche as I enjoy the job, the agents and meeting the public. I think this new facility will be a good move for all of us."

The EARC staff will have offices just down the hall on the east side of the new facility.

Jerry Bergman, EARC director, has served the area since 1974 when he arrived in Sidney as an agronomist and safflower breeder. Bergman has been director of the EARC since



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1979. He continues to work on the development of new and improved safflower varieties and to date has released 14 varieties of safflower.

Eckhoff, Joyce agronomist, has worked at the EARC for 25 years. Her work focuses on durum breeding and research and on the development of low cadmium durum lines for the European market. She also works to develop high quality solid stemmed durum with resistance to sawfly. She has worked cooperatively for the past six years with Barilla, a pasta manufacturing plant headquartered in Parma, Italy.

Charles Flynn, crop quality laboratory supervisor and chemist joined the EARC staff in 1976 to provide chemical analyses and laboratory research. The oil quality and lab research has resulted in the development of safflower varieties that produce the highest quality healthy oil, superior to olive oil and canola oil.

Rene Sundheim, research lab technician, tests crop quality in the lab, and is known as the 'gal Friday' in the lab.

Becky Garza, research assistant and supervisor of the summer crew, and **Deb Kunda**, **Lisa**



Extension staff members Judy Johnson, Tim Fine and Juli Snedigar. Seated: Patti Fjelstad.

Curtis, Mary Schaff, Calla Kowatch and Ron Brown, research assistants, perform a variety of necessary tasks throughout the year at the research facility. They plant, weed, water, hoe, take notes, weigh and measure seeds, grind seed, and test grain for oil and protein content. They also make plant pollination

crosses and maintain the greenhouses.

Cherie Gatzke, administrative assistant, joined the EARC staff in May of this year. She meets and

greets the public and does all the necessary administrative work to keep the research facility functioning smoothly.

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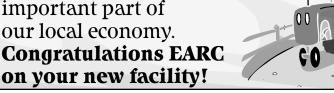
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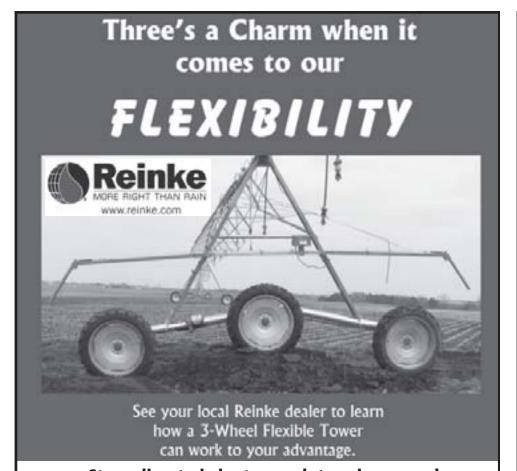
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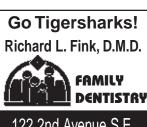
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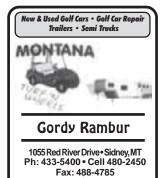


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A Little Bit Country: Anthracnose Causing Leaf Damage To Dakota

By Warren Froelich NDSU Extension Service Williams County

A few weeks ago I wrote about a fungal disease on ash trees known as anthracnose. This was causing a lot of premature leaf drop. The past two weeks have brought numerous specimens of oak leaves along with many telephone calls inquiring about the desiccation of leaves of

oak trees. Almost all have been found to be infected with anthracnose. This is a different organism than that of anthracnose on ash trees but the symptoms and damage are very similar.

The fungus causing oak anthracnose also thrives under cool, wet conditions in the spring and early summer months. The fungus overwinters in shoots, buds and fallen

leaves. During cool, wet conditions in the spring fruiting bodies on diseased tissue release spores that infect succulent growth.

Infections may occur on expanding leaves, shoots or buds. When terminal twigs and buds are killed, new shoots may develop from farther down the twig thus creating a cluster of shoots. All of the damage I have seen to

date has been restricted to the leaves. Leaf damage is generally characterized by necrotic lesions on any portion of the leaf but are often bound by the veins and midrib.

Distortions may occur around the necrotic lesions and are due to continued growth of uninfected leaf tissue while infected tissues cease growth. Infected tissues rapidly discolor to various shades of green, gray, brown or black. The older, central areas of these lesions may appear lighter in color, compared with outer portions of the dead tissue. Healthy, vigorous oaks gen-

erally are tolerant of the damage that this disease imposes. Young trees, trees that have been defoliated for several consecutive years, or recently transplanted trees may become stressed and predisposed to other damaging agents. Established oaks on good sites can withstand substantial defoliation over a few years before their health declines substantially. Aesthetics of a tree can be damaged during any season that infection occurs

Everyone asks "What can be done to protect the tree from further damage?" My colleagues at North Dakota State University tell me

the first action is to rake and destroy fallen leaves. This will help to reduce infections the following year. Fertilizing and watering will help to maintain tree vigor; however, it may result in more succulent growth that will be susceptible to infection. As we move into that part of the summer characterized by warmer temperatures, less rainfall, and lower humidity, I expect the capability of this fungus to be greatly reduced.

Control with fungicides may be warranted for trees that have experienced severe infections for consecutive years or trees in which appearance are important.





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Three Sidney athletes participated in the 2011 Prairie Rose State Games on July 9 in Bismarck, ND.

Matinee: \$4

Facing good competition

from local and regional North Dakota athletes, including some North Dakota state placers, they were able to take three of the top four

Competing in the Pole Vault event for 15-18 year olds, Mikayla Minow finished

1st with a jump of 10'6", Jalyssa Gorder vaulted 10'0" for 2nd and Lexie Prevost cleared 9'0" to take 4th.



Pictured (L-R) Mikayla Minow, Lexie Prevost and Jalyssa Gorder.



Tiger Sharks 1st In Glendive

Sidney Tigers Sharks went to Glendive on Saturday and Sunday and took 1st place. Pictured are the high points winners (L-R) Elise Torgerson, Alec Lovegren and Torey Dahl. (Photo by Pam Dahl)



SURE Disaster Program Deadline Approaches For 2009 Crops

Producers have until Friday, July 29 to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. The program provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or quality losses.

"USDA wants to ensure that all eligible producers are aware of the approaching deadline," said Aaron Krauter, USDA Farm Service Agency state executive director, in North Dakota. "SURE covers producers on farms in disaster counties that incurred crop production, crop-quality losses or both, but in order to qualify, you need to file in a timely manner. I encourage anyone with questions to visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency Office."

The SURE program takes into consideration losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance and obtained a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), for all economically significant crops. A producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation or have actual production on the farm that was less than 50% of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

A limit of \$100,000 per person and legal entity collectively received, directly and indirectly, applies to the combination of payments from SURE and the livestock disaster programs administered by FSA — Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP). Persons or legal entities whose average nonfarm income exceeds \$500,000 are not eligible for SURE payments.

A producer interested in signing up for SURE for their 2009 crops must do so before close of business July 29, 2011, at the county FSA office servicing the producer. The sign-up for the SURE program for the 2010 crops will be announced at a later

For more information about USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, visit a local FSA county office or http:// disaster.fsa.usda.gov/.



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