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Celebrate “Derby Style” With the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County



By Dianne Swanson

The Boys and Girls Club of Richland County is “Off to the Races”! They invite everyone to celebrate Derby Style at their annual fundraising event Saturday, April 1 at the Richland County Event Center. Post time is 6 p.m. Tickets are only \$50 per person and available now at www.richlandbgc.org. Proceeds go towards the club after school and summer camp programs.

At the starting gate, feast on Kentucky Bourbon cuisine by The Meadowlark followed by desserts by Anita Karst. Assorted beverages will also be available.

The Daily Double will have you bidding on both silent and live auction items. An NFR package, beer pairing dinner, golf package, scoria and gravel, a Citizen watch and a Dr. Pepper bicycle are just some of the live auction items. Pre-register to

view all auction items at bgcderby17.gesture.com. Bidding starts March 27. All funds from the auctions go towards operating costs for the club.

Bet on the ponies during four “Horse races”. There will be three board races with the Club kids’ stick horse race as the championship.

Complete the trifecta by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a complete package to the 2018 Kentucky Derby, which includes two days of racing and VIP access to the winner’s party. Tickets are \$50 and available on the club website. Proceeds go towards the building fund. You do not need to be present to win, but you’ll want to be! Dress in your Kentucky Derby best and come out and enjoy the evening, all while supporting the youth of Richland County.

Intake Diversion Dam Hearing Set For April 5

Community Participation Critical

By Dianne Swanson

The hearing to dissolve the injunction stopping the fish bypass and diversion dam at Intake has been set for Wednesday, April 5 in Great Falls.

Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project manager James Brower urges the community to show its support at the hearing stating, “It’s very important that all aspects of the community come and show their concern.”

The injunction has to be removed by April 15 so the Army Corps of Engineers can issue a Notice to Proceed or all federal funding will be lost. LYIP will still be required to provide fish passage or stop diverting irrigation water from the Yellowstone River.

In order for the injunction to remain in place, it should not harm the public. Local people are needed to attend the hearing to show concern for the adverse impact on our local communities if the funding expires.

Those attending the hearing cannot wear their yellow t-shirts, but must be dressed for respectfully court. A government issued ID will be necessary to pass through screening.

The hearing takes place at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, April 5 at the Missouri River Federal Courthouse, 125 central Avenue W. Great Falls, MT.

Richland Economic Development is coordinating buses and food for those wishing to attend the hearing. Please call them at 406-482-4679 to reserve your seat, or to let them know that you will be driving on your own.

McKenzie County Law Enforcement Center Ribbon Cutting March 31

On March 31, 2017, the public is invited to attend the McKenzie County Law Enforcement Center ribbon cutting at its new facility. Ground was broken June 2, 2015, for this \$57 million project and has remained on schedule with inmates expected to arrive this spring.

Remarks are scheduled from Governor Doug Burgum, Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

The 94,080 square foot facility is a new combined Law Enforcement Center for the McKenzie County Sheriff’s Department, the Watford City Police Department and the McKenzie County Correctional Facility. The primary function of the building is to replace the current 21 bed correctional facility with a new 136 bed correctional facility. Additionally the building includes offices for North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the North Dakota Highway Patrol, as well as dispatch and evidence/armory areas. Within the secure perimeter, all necessary support areas for a fully functional county jail are provided including intake and booking areas, central control, kitchen and laundry areas and a secure drive-in Sally Port Area.

“The McKenzie County Combined Law Enforcement Center has been a lengthy project with many meetings during the planning and building phase, but fills public safety infrastructure that will serve area law enforcement needs for years to come,” says Doug Nordby, Chairman of the McKenzie County Board of Commissioners. “I would like to thank all who made this project a reality.”

For further information contact: Daniel Stenberg 701-444-7419.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage presents Phil Gungor!

Don’t miss this event on March 24 and 25! International speaker Phil Gungor will be here LIVE giving you the most powerful tools on how to strengthen, rebuild, and regenerate your marriage! This male-friendly seminar will have you laughing for days. This is one of the most sought out marriage conferences in the country that will:

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- Appeal widely to husbands, even those who may typically resist marriage ministry.

Our ministry validates and strongly supports the male experience, which allows us to connect with husbands in more effective ways than many traditional marriage enrichment programs.

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A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody

The annual Bootleggers Ball was held March 17 at the Elks Club in Sidney. Proceeds from this year’s event will go to support Matthew House and Camp Make-a-Dream. Pictured are (Left to Right): Gloria Michaels, Shelby Brunsvold, Jackie Laqua, Jodie Leland, Rita Jacobson and Stacy Brunsvold. (Photo by Joshua Smallwood)



Avery Sukut MT Hope Project Recipient



Pictured (L-R) Laura Finn (City Police), Travis Rosaaen (City Police), Avery Sukut (6), Dave Evans, Gradin Sukut (8), Nyle Obergfell (Highway Patrol), Bob Burnison (Richland County Sheriff’s Office) and James Trudell (Richland County Sheriff’s Office).

By Joshua Smallwood

It is devastating to know your child has a terminal illness, and the feeling of helplessness and hopelessness overcomes many parents who deal with such a tragedy. Brent and Lauren Sukut of Sidney, MT were pleasantly surprised to find that a friend in the county attorney’s office reached out in a networking chain that eventually reached Dave Evans of the Montana Hope Project for their daughter Avery, 6.

Dave Evans, Area Coordinator for Eastern Montana at the Hope Project since 2013, responded to the call to grant this little girl’s wish quickly and with enthusiasm, as is the way with the Project. Started in 1984 by Montana Highway Patrolmen who wanted to go beyond their duties and help grant wishes to sick children, the Montana Hope Project is a non-profit organization operated primarily by volunteers and funded by corporate and private donations, along with fundraising events.

Young Avery’s Central Elementary School classmates gathered in Tracy Kessel’s K-1 classroom to watch little Avery receive her gift from the Hope Project - an all-expenses-paid trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

“We also have a check for you,” Evans said to Avery. “How much do you think you’ll need down there?”

“A hundred!” replied the little girl.

“A hundred?” asked Evans. “How about two hundred? Three hundred? How about a thousand?” The Montana Hope Project, along with the paid trip, supplied a \$1000 check for the family.

Highway Patrolman Nyle Obergfell gave the ecstatic child a teddy bear while County Sheriff’s Department officers Bob Burnison and James Trudell, Sidney Police Department Officers Travis Rosaaen and Laura Finn stood by with Avery’s parents, brother Gradin, 8, classmates, and teacher.

Avery is the 447th child to receive a wish from the Hope Project since 1984. Hospitals and counselors who receive children with terminal illnesses contact the Montana Hope Project and it is determined whether the child qualifies. “We’ve never turned down one that qualifies,” said Evans.

“It is like a family,” said Evans about the Project and the families they help, “We do two reunions for all the families a year, summer and winter. No other organization like ours does that.”

“I’m doing this for the child,” said Evans as the children ate cupcakes and chattered with their classmate. Evans’ work and dedication with the Hope Project made it clear that wonderful and lasting memories can be had with more than a little hope.



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Current Elevation.....	1839.3
Last Week's Elev.	1838.8
One Year Ago	1838.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	14,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 13.....	17.....	-9.....	0.00
March 14.....	34.....	11.....	0.00
March 15.....	49.....	29.....	0.00
March 16.....	55.....	32.....	0.03
March 17.....	43.....	31.....	0.00
March 18.....	68.....	30.....	0.00
March 19.....	55.....	36.....	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....			0.67

OBITUARIES

Pearl Hamburg, 91 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Pearl Hamburg, 91, of Sidney, MT were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 16 at Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, Sidney, MT.

Interment was at Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home.

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

Pearl died on Friday, March 10 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care facility.

Lone Tree Archers Membership Drive

Are you a bow-hunter or just enjoy the sport of archery? If so, it's time to sign up for membership with the Lone Tree Archers club in Sidney.

As a member, you will have access to their 40-acre archery range as well as other club activities. Membership is a bargain at only \$30 for an individual or \$45 for a family for the entire year.

Go to www.lonetreearchers.com to print a membership form or call 406-488-5128 for more information.

Behavioral Health Workshop Set for March 30

By Marcia Hellandsaas
NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

School counselors, law enforcement, clergy, public health professionals, teachers and others who work with people will have an opportunity to learn about mental and behavioral health during a workshop the North Dakota State University Extension Service is hosting March 30.

The three-hour Behavioral Health IVN for Your Community workshop will be offered through the Interactive Video Network (IVN) on the NDSU campus in Fargo and at the NDSU Extension Service Office, 205 6th Street NW, as well as at several other sites in North Dakota. The event starts at 9 a.m. Central time and is free of charge.

"We want people to be more confident in their ability to spot problems and get individuals the help they need to feel whole and healthy," says Kim Bushaw, Extension family science specialist.

Behavioral health specialists from Prairie St. John's in Fargo will present the program. The speakers and their topics are:

- * Emily Coler Hanson, who works in the day treatment program for youth with autism spectrum disorders - youth and stress issues, including cutting, eating disorders and other negative coping strategies
- * Shauna Erickson, who works in an inpatient child/adolescent unit and does outpatient therapy for children and adolescents - adults and stress, primarily stress management, depression and suicide
- * Monica McConkey, who works in business development and grew up on a family farm - farm stress and how farming and ranching can produce stress the whole family feels.

"Mental/behavioral health is an important topic, especially this year with difficulties in farming and ranching, the slowing of the oil industry and the state's looming budget cuts," McConkey states, "Many families are anxious about what will happen next to their farms, ag-related jobs, income, savings and futures."

A certificate will be available to those who complete the workshop. For more information or to pre-register your attendance, please contact the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

Bale Grazing Talk at ARS BrownBagger Mar. 24

By Beth Redlin

Grazing cattle in the winter months is not typically considered an option in the northern plains, nor as a means to build soil health, but that attitude is changing with new tools and techniques now available. One of those tools, bale grazing, has been shown to help repair degraded pastures by adding nutrients from both cows (manure) and leftover hay to the soil.

Bale grazing and its benefits are the focus of the latest Brown-Bagger presentation at the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory in Sidney this coming Friday, March 24. Ann Fischer, a District Conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources and Conservation Service in Baker, MT, is the featured speaker and brings both book knowledge and personal experience to her talk.

Fischer's presentation is entitled "Re-thinking Winter Feeding Strategies: Bale Grazing with Benefits," and will focus on understanding how bale grazing can fit into an operation to benefit economics, time and soil health. Her talk will be held Friday from Noon to 1 pm at the Sidney ARS lab, 1500 N. Central Avenue.

Incorporated into her discussion is Fischer's real life experience employing bale grazing on her family's operation. Soil health is not only a priority for Fischer at work, but also at home. Fischer ranches with her husband, Chip, on their farm south of Rhame, ND, where their four children have also played an active part throughout their school years, she says.

The Fischer's run 250 pair of commercial Red Angus on 3,000 acres and have been using grazing rotations, cover crops, and bale grazing to improve soil health on their land while reducing their inputs. Five years ago, they sold their haying equipment in order to expand their grazing acres, she notes, adding they now have hay delivered from a neighbor and spend less time running to the equipment store for parts. Their focus on soil health has improved their operation and overall quality of life, Fischer says.

Please join us Friday, March 24, to learn first-hand about the benefits bale grazing can provide ranchers and their soils. Bring your lunch; we'll provide dessert!

For questions or more information on the Sidney ARS 2017 Brownbagger Series, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or beth.redlin@ars.usda.gov.

Sidney Middle School Play March 31 & April 1

Sidney Middle School students are rehearsing their annual production sponsored by the Eagle Foundation. "Be Careful What You Wish For" is a compilation of stories in which the wishes go awry. Stories of the Nearsighted Gardener, The Stonecutter, The Fisherman and His Wife and the Magic Sausage will provide plenty of thrills and laughs.

Students participating in this production include Aiden Bertson as Superintendent Grant, Zariah Gonzalez as Mitsuko, Brianna Brost as Henda, Tristyn Brost as Zelda, Daniel Schneider as The Woodcutter, Emma Cundiff as His Wife, Anna Allen as Chieko, Gage Johnson as The Stonecutter, Lillana Johnson as The Nearsighted Gardener, Zoe Fahnrow as His Wife, Kodi Schulz as Clarimond, Jazmine Hernandez as The Fisherman, Josie Yockim as His Wife, Shoua Vang as Celestine, Alexis Oberfell as Angelique, Gabby Juarez as Anina and Velvel and Michelle Loan and Jayden Schmitt are assistant student managers.

There will be two public performances of "Be Careful What You Wish For". The cast warms up with a school assembly March 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sidney Middle School Auditorium.

Performances for the parents and public will be Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m. "Be Careful What You Wish For" is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado. A freewill donation will be solicited with all proceeds going to the Eagle Foundation. Don't miss this wild, energetic comedy.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Fri., March 24
5-7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - This event also occurs on March 31 and April 7. \$9 per person - St. Matthew's Church Parish Center, Sidney, MT.

Sun., March 26
9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Sidney Plane Folks Indoor Fun Fly and Model Airplane Show - Come and enjoy watching model airplanes fly. Free to the public. Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5. Bring the family and spend the day. Special guest will include Civil Air Patrol (weather permitting). Sidney-Richland Airport, hosted in the Big Top hangar.

Tues., March 28
12-4 p.m. - Walk-In Tuesdays: Leprechaun Handprint - Walk in with your little one to do a adorable Leprechaun handprint in clay. We will glaze and fire it for you to create a lifetime keepsake. \$15 no registration needed. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney, MT.

5:30 p.m. - Grief Recovery Method Support Group - Are you suffering from losses in your life? Get help with an eight week program that starts March 28 and gives you steps to become more complete and move beyond your loss. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th Street, Sidney, MT. For more information contact Deb at 433-2389.

5-7 p.m. - Sidney Tiger Sharks Swim Team Registration - This event also occurs on March 29. Individual swimmer, \$70; each additional swimmer, \$30; shark pups program additional \$25 fee. Upstairs hockey dome. For more info, Sean Dodds, 406-488-9467 or Trisha Klempel, 406-488-7120.

Fri., March 31
6:30 p.m. - "Be Careful What You Wish For" - Sidney middle school wild, energetic comedy production. This event also occurs 2 p.m., April 1. Freewill donation with all proceeds going to the Eagle Foundation. Sidney Middle School Auditorium.

Sat., April 1
6 p.m. - Celebrate Derby Style Richland County Boys & Girls Club - Meal, dessert, drinks, horse races, silent auction, unique trip raffle, live auction. Dress Kentucky Derby style. Tickets \$50 per person. Go to www.richlandbgc.org to purchase tickets. Richland County Event Center.

Tues., April 4
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - MOPS - Mothers of 0-5 years old can come and connect, laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. Breakfast and childcare provided. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney, MT. For more info contact Rachel Dasinger, 406-480-0924, sidneymops@hotmail.com.

Fri., April 7
5:30 p.m. - 4-H Jr. Leaders Dinner & Dance - Cost \$30 a plate. For tickets contact 4-H Jr. Leaders or call the Richland County Extension Office, 406-433-1206. Moose Lodge, 101 3rd St. SE, Sidney, MT.

Sat., April 8
10 a.m.-2 p.m. -Spring Bazaar - Quilts and plants, baked goods and lefse, homemade items, kid's fun carnival corner, new-to-you gently used items, silent auction Easter baskets. Lunch served by Luther Lights Youth. Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT.

2 p.m. - Bingo - Will be playing for 20 hams and 5 surprise items. Door prizes. Drinks, baked goods and popcorn available for purchase. Sidney Gymnastics Club Building Fundraiser. Central School Gym.

6 p.m. - Walleyes Unlimited Annual Banquet - Fish races, raffles, 50-50, walleye games, silent and live auctions, walleye and BBQ beef will be served. \$50 for single, \$60 for couple, includes membership. Tickets at the door, everyone welcome. Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT.

Mon., April 10
7 p.m. - Slow-Pitch Adult Softball Signups - Sidney Elks Lodge. For more information contact Art Herman, 480-9885.

Thurs., April 13
5 p.m. - Donkey Basketball - Sponsored by FFA. Tickets, adults, \$9; 7-12, \$6; K-6, \$4. Sidney High School Gym. Teams included FFA, BPA, Art Club, SHS Band.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., March 24
6:15 p.m. - Laugh Your Way To A Better Marriage - \$35 per person. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Event runs 7-10 p.m. This event also takes place on March 25, doors open at 8:15 a.m. and event runs 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Watford City High School Theater, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City, ND. For more information, 701-842-4617 or www.laughyourway.com.

Sun., March 26
10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Cancer Benefit for Marie Luchi - Pancake and sausage breakfast, free-will donation. Auction/bake sale at Civic Center in Watford City. If unable to attend but would like to help visit www.gofundme.com/MarieLuchi or benefit account at First International Bank & Trust.

Tues., March 28
7 p.m. - A Conversation With Your Pharmacist" - Learn more about vitamin D. \$5 if you call now, 701-444-2410 and reserve your seat or \$10 at the door. Silver Room at the Roughrider Center, Watford City, ND.

Fri., March 31
12 p.m. - McKenzie County Law Enforcement Center Ribbon Cutting & Tours - Public is invited. - 12 p.m., ceremony; 12:30-2 p.m., light lunch/tours. McKenzie County Law Enforcement Center, 1201 12th St. SE, Watford City, ND.

Sun., April 2
10 a.m.-1 p.m. - McKenzie County Healthcare Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast - \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Civic Center, Watford City, ND.

Wed., April 12
7 p.m. CDT - Free Severe Weather Seminar - How to stay safe in severe weather, report severe weather to the National Weather Service, storm strength and structure. Neat pictures and cool video. No registration needed, just show up and bring a friend. For more information, www.weather.gov/bis. Local contact, Karolin Jappe, 701-580-6936. Alexander City Hall, 112 Manning Ave., Alexander, ND.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Sat., March 25
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Historic Sewing Club - A group initiated by Fort Union to do historic period sewing. A presentation with instructions and information will be from 10 a.m.-noon and sewing will ensue from 1-3:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own materials and lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

2 p.m. - Bras For a Cause Gumbo Cook-Off And Masq-R-Aid Party - Great gumbo, prizes, silent auction, great party. New Armory, Williston, ND. Connect with Bras For A Cause on Facebook for more details.

Tues., March 28
7:30-9 p.m. CDT - REZA: Edge of Illusion - Tickets \$10-\$15, Bakken Elementary School, 502 West Highland Drive.

Fri., March 31
7:30 p.m. - Bonnie and Clyde: The Musical - This event will also occur 7:30 p.m., April 3 and 6 and 2:30 p.m. April 9. Old Armory Theatre, Williston, ND.

Tues., April 4
4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 2017 Shrine Circus - Death-defying aerial acts, animal attractions and kids will have a opportunity to ride and pet different types of animals. This event also occurs on April 5. Raymond Family Community Center, Williston, ND. Tickets available at Cash Wise Foods and the Williston ARC, adults, \$10, 13 and under \$5. For more information, 701-570-7389.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Sat., March 25
6:15 p.m. - "Battle of the Brains" Trivia Night - Doors open at 6:15 p.m., trivia starts at 7 p.m. Snacks will be provided. No host bar. Glendive Public Library. Only 16 teams, 8 players per team, \$20 per member. Pre-register and pay by March 24. Registration forms available at the library or download at the link: Battle of the Brains, <http://tinyurl.com/pufcjsl>.

Tues., March 28
7:30 p.m. - Alina Kiryayeva in Concert - Pianist and chamber musician. Dawson County High School Auditorium.



The Northeastern Arts Network presents pianist Thomas Pandolfi on Thursday, April 6th for the grand finale' of the Big Sky Concert Series.

The young American pianist THOMAS PANDOLFI is an exciting virtuoso who, with each passing season, is becoming more and more sought after by audiences worldwide, and showered with superlatives by critics for his passionate artistry and amazing technique. His orchestral appearances often feature not only the beloved masterpiece concerti by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov and Liszt, but also the equally brilliant ones by Paderewski, Rubinstein and Moszkowski. Additionally in the "Pops" genre, Thomas is considered a leading interpreter of the works of George Gershwin.

Equally popular as a recitalist, Pandolfi has appeared in concert halls nationwide. The Washington Post has described him as "an artist who is master of both the grand gesture and the sensual line. Pandolfi possesses first-rate technical skills, an unerring comma and of phrasing, a quicksilver touch and cunning legerdemain when it comes to pedaling...etched with calm and crystal clarity...outstanding." New York Concert Review has characterized Pandolfi's interpretations as containing "high level pianism and tasteful, diversified musical ideas...crystalline texture and deft coloration... charm and bracing elan."

While the 2008-09 season marked Thomas' debut recitals in Canada, Germany and China, the 2009-10 season highlighted his debut in London, as well as return engagements throughout Eastern Europe, and concerts both as recitalist and soloist with orchestras across the United States. Pandolfi released his 6th CD album during the 2010-11 season, and returned to China in August of 2011 for his second tour of that country.

A graduate of The Juilliard School, Pandolfi earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees as a scholarship student.

Don't miss the Big Sky Season finale at the Sidney Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For additional information contact Candy Markwald 406-488-4155, Jill Hill 406-489-4304, or Leann Pelvit at 406-433-3500.

"This event 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."

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IT'S TAX SEASON

Here Are Some Helpful Tips From The IRS:

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Richland County Crimestoppers Crime of the Week

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Every day, more than \$25 million worth of goods are stolen from retailers -- an amount that adds up to over \$13 billion each year, according to the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention (NASP). Nearly every type of store out there, from thrift shops to supermarkets to department stores, is vulnerable to shoplifters' sticky fingers.

In all, NASP estimates that there are 23 million shoplifters in the United States today (that's one in 11 people!). And, in the last five years, over 10 million people have been caught shoplifting. As with any investigation it is possible that a member of the public saw or heard something that may assist investigators with the investigation of this matter. Crimestoppers believes that someone may have information on the person or persons that entered Town Pump and shoplifted from the business. If you have knowledge or information on any crimes in Richland County, contact CRIMESTOPPERS by calling 433-6666 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can also contact Crimestoppers in Richland County anytime (24/7) by going to our New Crimestoppers website at www.richlandcs.com then going to Submit a Web Tip or by texting the code "CSRC plus your message to: 274637 (CRIMES). You can also contact the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919

The new Richland County Crimestoppers restarted in 2013 has already paid individuals providing information to law enforcement that led to the arrest of those committing crimes in Richland County. Richland County Crimestoppers is asking anyone in the Savage and Lambert Communities that would be interested in serving on the Crimestoppers board in Richland County to please notify Undersheriff Robert Burnison with the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919

** Check the Wanted Person section of the Richland County Crimestoppers website www.richlandcs.com each week for those wanted



in Richland County. At least one new entry will be posted each week with photo if available. Crimestoppers is asking for information that would help lead to the arrest of those with an active warrant in Richland County. Remember: As with all Crimestoppers tips, calls are not recorded and the call will remain confidential. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for information concerning this case or any other serious crime.

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Julie Marie Fletcher is 53 years of age, White Female, 5'4", 135 lbs with brown eyes and brown hair. The subject had been a passenger in a vehicle that had been stopped by the Sidney Police Department. After an investigation and a search of the vehicle with a search warrant suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia were found. On January 12, 2017 a Warrant Upon Information was issued out of the Seventh Judicial District Court in Richland County, Montana; with a bond of \$5,000.00 being sent by the Judge. Julie

Marie Fletcher was born in Ohio, is known to have lived in North Dakota, California and Montana and gave a local Sidney Address at the time of the traffic stop. This warrant can be served in Montana or Surrounding States (ND,S-D,WY and ID) Only

If you have any information about Julie Marie Fletcher, you are urged to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 433-6666 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can also contact Crimestoppers in Richland County anytime (24/7) by going to our New Crimestoppers website at www.richlandcs.com then going to Submit a Web Tip or



Julie Marie Fletcher

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Your Boots On The Hill

Bill would give stock water, domestic users deadline to file on formerly exempt water rights.

By Nicole Rolf and Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

We're well into the second half of the Legislative session, and it was another busy week in Helena. At this point, many of the bills we see before committees are bills we've previously testified on that are completing the second half of their journey through the legislative process.

House Bill 110: Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims Sponsored by Rep. Brad Hamlett (D) HD 23, Cascade. Heard in Senate Natural Resources Committee Friday, March 10. Not to be confused with 'exempt wells,' House Bill 110 creates a deadline for filing certain water rights claims that were historically exempt for filing, such as stock water and individual domestic uses that utilize instream flow or ground water claims. These were considered exempt from filing until Montana began its water adjudication process. Once the adjudication began, it became clear that to complete an entire adjudication of Montana's water, all claims would have to be filed on.

These claims remain exempt from the full water right permitting process, but water right holders are encouraged to file their claims of these rights with the Montana Department of Natural Resources. House Bill 110 sets a June 30, 2019 deadline for those claims to be filed with the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation and requires DNRC provide water users notice of this filing deadline. Montana Farm Bureau members' policy supports this legislation, because we want to have ample time and a process in place to ensure our water rights are protected. If a water user chooses not to file they don't abandon that water right; however, they do become subordinate, or junior, to all other filed rights on that source.

There are fees associated with filing claims on these rights and we are working to ensure the fees remain affordable for water users. Currently, the bill sets fees at \$130 per claim with a cap of \$960. We're concerned this fee might become cost prohibitive for water rights holders to file a claim on all their stock water and individual domestic uses that were originally exempt from filing. The fee should not serve as a disincentive to water users to file these claims. There will likely be an amendment to the bill to remove the \$960 cap. We're hopeful we can work to lower the \$130/claim cost if the cap on fees is removed. Contact members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee to let them know how these fees would affect your farm or ranch.

This is an important piece of legislation to Montana water users. If you have rights that were exempt from filing, it's important to be aware of the June 30, 2019 deadline and work to file your claims with DNRC.

Senate Bill 334: Allow permanent registration of heavy trucks, truck-tractors Sponsored by Sen. Eric Moore (R) SD-19, Miles City. Heard in Senate Highways and Transportation committee Tuesday, March 14. This bill would allow for the permanent registration of heavy trucks that are 11 years or older, with a registered gross vehicle weight of less than 55,000 pounds and a manufacturer's rated capacity of more than one ton. This legislation wouldn't apply to most semi tractors but would allow for slightly smaller farm trucks that meet the criteria to be permanently registered. Montana Farm Bureau members' policy supports this bill. We often utilize heavy trucks during specific times of the year, like during harvest when hauling from the field to the bin, hauling silage from field to pit, hay from field to stack, etc. These trucks are

usually only used for a few days a year and for very few miles on public roads. Getting them ready for use includes getting them running, cleaned up and licensed. We are obliged to get them licensed, but it would be much more convenient to be able to do so permanently.

House Bill 558: Mitigate tax rates to mitigate reappraisal Sponsored by Rep. Greg Hertz (R) HD-12, Polson. Heard in House Taxation committee March 10. Over the current reappraisal cycle, the taxable value of class three (agriculture) and class four (residential and commercial) property has increased by 7.4, 8 and 12 percent, respectively. Taxable value is the financial worth assigned to property by taxing authorities. This figure is then used as a basis against which the tax rate is applied. House Bill 558 mitigates those taxable value increases by reducing the tax rates proportionately.

Montana Farm Bureau members' policy supports this bill because it will keep the share of property tax levied on agriculture property nearly the same as in previous reappraisal cycles, giving farmers and ranchers a more predictable tax bill, which is important for planning purposes.

Farmers and ranchers are "price takers," meaning we sell our products for whatever the market price happens to be. We cannot pass additional costs of production on to our customers, and we pay the market price for all of our inputs (feed, fertilizer, seed, machinery, etc.). Therefore, predictable tax bills are very important, so we appreciate mitigation that takes away some of the volatility in our businesses. If this stability would impact your family farm or ranch, contact members of the House Taxation committee to tell them why this is important to you.

Grimshaw Promoted to West Region President of CHI St. Alexius Health

Matt Grimshaw has accepted a new position as West Region President of CHI St. Alexius Health.

In an effort to continue to improve the quality and service delivered to the patients and communities we serve in Western North Dakota, CHI St. Alexius Health is realigning key leadership duties. "Nearly all healthcare organizations are looking for new ways to deliver on the promise of higher quality of care at a lower cost, and we are no different," said Jeff Drop, Senior Vice President of Operations for CHI's Fargo Division. The new structure is aimed at aligning the critical access hospitals in the western region and strengthening both regional strategic activities as well as operational innovation.

As part of the realignment, Matt Grimshaw, President of CHI

St. Alexius Health Williston will be promoted to a new West Region President role where he will assume responsibility for several facilities in the region. In his new capacity, Matt will assist in the operations in Dickinson, Devils Lake, Carrington and Williston while also coordinating strategy for all of CHI St. Alexius Health, Bismarck, including Turtle Lake and Garrison. "I am really excited about where we are headed as a regional system," said Grimshaw, "and this new structure gives us the greatest opportunity for success by leveraging what's best about our various organizations." To make this possible, Matt will begin transitioning to Bismarck over the coming weeks and plans to relocate there later this year.

With Grimshaw's relocation to Bismarck, Dan Bjerknes will remain Vice President of Operations

for the CHI St. Alexius Williston campus but his existing role will be expanding. "As our community has grown and changed so rapidly over the past few years, we have had to always look for new solutions to the challenges we face, and this just takes that to a higher level," said Bjerknes. He will work closely with Lori Hahn, VP of Patient Care Services and Marvin Smoot, Vice President of Provider Operations as it pertains to day to day operations. As we make this transition, Grimshaw firmly believes that the employees, medical staff and leadership of CHI St. Alexius Health Williston will continue to have a strong commitment to deliver the very best care to patients within the Williston community and the surrounding area.

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What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.
How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before April 10, 2017.
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Sidney High School Band Students Prepare to March in Washington D.C.



Kilee Sundt directs the Sidney High School band

By Anna Dragseth

Sidney's High School band students are proud to announce that they will be heading off to Washington D.C. to march in the Independence Day Parade on July 4th, 2017. The band was nominated by United States Senator for Montana Steve Daines to attend the Independence Day Parade. They will be the only school representing Montana at the event. Kilee Sundt explained, "We want to take our performance to the next level. The concert music gets a little harder as the year progresses and right now the band students are playing difficult pieces."

Kilee Sundt is Sidney's High School and Elementary band teacher. Sundt has been teaching in Sidney, Montana for four years now and it was her first teaching job since graduating college. She will be leading the Sidney High School band to march in Washington D.C.

"I am immensely proud of the High School band. They are a hardworking group of individual musicians and when we went to divisional basketball, I had people from other towns comment on how good the band sounded. I know the students take a lot of pride in their playing and they all put in the time to make our band sound even better," said Sundt.

Friday, March 10th Sidney

High School band students hosted a Mardi Gra and St. Patrick's Day themed dance at Sidney Middle School. The band students are trying to raise money to go on the trip and just from the dance they raised \$1200.

The band students are selling products such as sunglasses, clothing and food. They have been performing and receiving donations from the venues they perform at. "Right now the band parents are spearheading the fundraising activities and are lifesavers for me. I have so much gratitude for them," said Sundt.

Their goals are to continue to play instruments and stay involved with music throughout their lives and to do their best at it. They always want to put in extra time to make the band sound even better. There are still many students that Sundt has taught and they have graduated and are still playing in college and/or are involved in community ensembles. Sundt said, "We are hoping that we will continue to receive support from the community as we push on to make our way to Washington D.C."

Purchase your tickets now for a delightful evening of food and music as the band presents Pasta with a Purpose Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney. The event includes an Italian meal, music by the

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Sidney High School basketball players Brett Norby (left) and Dawson McGlothlin were awarded 2nd Team All Conference basketball awards last Tuesday. (Photo by Kathy Johnson.)

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Sidney Middle School Play March 31 & April 1

Sidney Middle School students are rehearsing their annual production sponsored by the Eagle Foundation. "Be Careful What You Wish For" is a compilation of stories in which the wishes go awry. Stories of the Nearsighted Gardener, The Stonecutter, The Fisherman and His Wife and the Magic Sausage will provide plenty of thrills and laughs.

Students participating in this production include Aiden Berntson as Superintendent Grant, Zariah Gonzalez as Mitsuko, Brianna Brost as Henda, Tristyn Brost as Zel-

da, Daniel Schneider as The Woodcutter, Emma Cundiff as His Wife, Anna Allen as Chieko, Gage Johnson as The Stonecutter, Lillana Johnson as The Nearsighted Gardener, Zoe Fahrnow as His Wife, Kodi Schulz as Clarimond, Jazmine Hernandez as The Fisherman, Josie Yockim as His Wife, Shoua Vang as Celestine, Alexis Oberfell as Angelique, Gabby Juarez as Anina and Velvel and Michelle Loan and Jayden Schmitt are assistant student managers.

There will be two public performances of "Be Careful What You Wish For". The cast

warms up with a school assembly March 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sidney Middle School Auditorium.

Performances for the parents and public will be Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m. "Be Careful What You Wish For" is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado. A freewill donation will be solicited with all proceeds going to the Eagle Foundation. Don't miss this wild, energetic comedy.

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State Gymnastics Championships Results

Submitted by Pat McWilliams

The Sidney Gymnastics Club traveled to Carrol College in Helena to compete with 475 athletes from 15 gyms in the 2017 Montana State Gymnastics Championships on March 18 and 19.

2017 marked the sixth year Pat and Jan McWilliams have taken the Sidney Gymnastics Club Level 3 and Level 4 teams to the Montana State Gymnastics Meet, but this year was definitely different:

Coach Pat McWilliams: "The first five years, the State Championships were divided into two divisions; some years 'East & West' and some years 'Small Team & Large Team.' First, Second, and Third place banners were awarded in each division, six opportunities to place top three. We generally did quite well in the small team division, bringing home three State banners the last three years. This year-2016/2017-however, every gym competed in the same division. Only three opportunities to place top three."

This made the competition both exciting and intimidating. It was intimidating because schools of all sizes were tossed into one competition basket to come up with the top three winners. It is the gymnastics equivalent of a Montana State Basketball Championship where all divisions, Class C, Class B, Class A, and Class AA were thrown together to duke it out for a single State Championship.

It was exciting because it was an opportunity to see how the SGC team stacked up against every gym in the state-not just the smaller ones.

It meant that the little Sidney Gymnastics Team from a town of five thousand, in a 3,700 square foot facility, with a team selected from 200ish students was competing with Bozeman and Billings teams lodged in 20,000 square foot facilities and having teams selected from 1,300 to 1,500 students.

Question: How would Sidney do? Answer: Quite well thank you very much! While they didn't come home with a top three banner, they garnished a lot of attention from the big gyms with how well they competed and how close they came! SGC was in contention for a top three finish both in Level 3 and Level 4.

Level 4 Team Competition: First place, Lone Mountain (Bozeman) 111.550; second place, Billings 110.875; third place, Flathead (Kalispell) 110.350; fourth place, Sidney 110:150; fifth place, Velocity (Hamilton) 109.250; sixth place, Mount Helena 109.250; seventh place, Great Falls 108.850; eighth place, Capital City (Helena) 108.200; ninth place, Golden Triangle (Conrad) 107.750; tenth place, Mismo (Missoula) 104.275; Devil Dog (Glendive) 101.650. In the Level 4 competition, Sidney missed third place by only 2 tenths of 1 point; and second place by 7 tenths.

Coach Jan McWilliams: "While Lone Mountain with its 24 competitors was too dominating for anyone to touch, there was quite a dog fight for the second and third spots. The competition for second through fourth place was so close, that on any given day Billings, Flathead, and SGC could have each occupied any one of those three positions. We had the smallest group of the three with 9 gymnasts, but we were within inches of

pulling off an upset.

Level 4 Individual Competition Top Ten Finish:

Junior B: Kambre Kloker rocked this division, earning State titles on the vault, beam, and floor. Kambre Kloker: Vault: first place, 9.100; bars fourth place, 9.550; first place, beam 9.200; first place, floor 8.550; second place, AA 36.675. Macy Tjelde: fourth place, vault 8.775; bars 8.250; beam 8.050; floor 7.700; AA 32.775.

Junior C: Allison Thiel: Vault, third place, 9.000; bars, fifth place, 8.850; beam, ninth place, 8.800; floor fifth place, 8.675; AA fifth place, 35.325. Kylie Schoepp: Vault ninth place, 8.625; bars 7.225; beam 8.600; floor, sixth place, 8.600; AA 33.175.

Senior A: Allison Axtman: Vault, fifth place, 8.600; bars, second place, 9.000; beam, tenth place, 8.525; floor, third place, 8.900; AA, fifth place, 35.025.

Senior B: Marleah Campbell had great success snagging State championships on bars and floor.

Marleah Campbell: Vault, sixth place, 8.775; bars, first place, 9.375; beam, seventh place, 9.100; floor, first place, 9.525; AA, second place, 36.775.

Senior C: Taylor McPherson: Vault, fifth place, 9.000; bars, third place, 9.250; beam, sixth place, 9.000; floor sixth place, 8.925; AA, fifth place, 36.175. Lacie Selting: Vault, ninth place, 8.625; bars, sixth place, 8.750; beam, fifth place, 9.125; floor, seventh place, 8.850; AA, seventh place, 35.350.

Senior D: Riley Jimison: Vault, fourth place, 8.850; bars 8.325; beam, fifth place, 8.825; floor 8.525; AA. ninth place, 34.525.

Level 3 Team Competition: First place: Lone Mountain 114.325; second place, Velocity 113.500; third place, Flathead 111.775; fourth place, Mismo 111.650; fifth place, Sidney 111.250; sixth place, Capital City 111.100; seventh place, Mount Helena 110.750; eighth place, Great Falls; ninth place, Northern Pacific (Miles City); tenth place, Eastern (Circle) 108.275; eleventh place, Devil Dog 107.100; twelfth place, Golden Triangle 106.900; Smileys (Great Falls) 100.575.

In the Level 3 team competition, Lone Mountain and Velocity ran away with first and second, but there was an absolute melee in the fight for third with four teams-Flathead, Mismo, Sidney, and Capital City all within a point of each other at 111; with all four teams falling within a difference of only six tenths.

Level 3 Individual Competition Top Ten Finish

Junior A: Taylor Carmack: Vault, second place, 9.200; bars, second place, 9.125; beam, seventh place, 8.700; floor, eighth place, 9.000; AA 36.025. Sophia Schoepp: Vault 8.475; bars, eighth place, 8.500; beam 8.175; floor 8.850; AA 34.000.

Junior B: Averi Riedel: Vault, sixth place, 8.900; bars, fourth place, 8.800; beam, tenth place, 8.600; floor, ninth place, 9:150; AA, seventh place, 35.450. Isabella Baisch: Vault 8.500; bars 7.450; beam fifth place, 8.775; floor 9.000; AA 33.725.

Junior C: Morgan Kindopp: Vault, ninth place, 9:025; bars, sixth place, 9:000; beam, second place, 9.250; floor, fourth place, 9.575; AA, fifth place. 36.850. Natalie Judd:

Vault 8.800; bars 7.700; beam 8.275; floor 8.825; AA 33.600.

Junior D: Avery Barker balanced her way to a State Championship on the beam and had the highest All Around Score of every SGC gymnast at 37.450. Avery Barker: Vault, third place, 9.350; bars, sixth place, 9.150; beam, first place, 9.425; floor, fifth place, 9.525; AA 37.450. Emma Coughlin: Vault, seventh place, 9.225; bars, fourth place, 9.250; beam, ninth place, 8.875; floor, seventh place, 36.650. Kenzie Gaffield: Vault 8.900; bars 8.775; beam 8.000; floor 9.075; AA 34.750.

Senior B: Hailey Getchell: Vault, eighth place, 9.100; bars 8.000; beam 7.650; floor 8.125; AA 34.875.

Senior D: Tyra Witt: Vault 8.600; bars, second place, 9.125; beam, seventh place, 8.600; floor 8.350; AA, eighth place, 32.875.

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Loenbro Gives To Faith-Based & Humanitarian Causes

By Jordan Hall.

Giving many needed resources to Bakken-area charities has heretofore gone unadvertised and unpublished for one oilfield company. It has not been a calculated business decision that has led Loenbro to give so generously to organizations in Richland County, and so there have not been press releases or photo opportunities with giant checks being handed to the happy recipients of their generosity. According to Loenbro's Business Development Officer, Lee Haven, their considerable giving to faith-based and humanitarian causes is not primarily about public relations, but is an ethos and value deeply held within the company, from the founders to the employees.

Founded by two Montana brothers, Jon and Paul Leach,

Loenbro is a home grown business that has spread to cover contracts throughout the United States, with field offices from Great Falls (where Loenbro is headquartered) to Odessa, Texas. In the Bakken, Loenbro specializes in various kinds of pipeline work, as well as providing other oilfield services. Loenbro is so titled because in the early days of Paul and John Leach's business, they worked on welding projects at the refinery in Great Falls, and Spanish-speaking workers referred to Paul as Pablo – or Lo, for short – and Jon, Paul's brother, simply as "Bro." The name of their company was soon Lo-N-Bro, and changed to Loenbro in 2011.

Since the incorporation of Loenbro in 2001, the company has valued what they call "stewardship," a term that they

mean with certain religious connotations. Both of the Leach brothers are evangelical Christians, and combined with a renowned work ethic, the principle of stewardship has formed the unique fabric of their company's culture and mindset. "Giving back is just something," according to Lee Haven, "that they do as a part of who they are."

Every location of Loenbro field offices engage in charitable work in some capacity, blessing those in the community already trying to make a difference. For example, the Great Falls operation – and Paul and Jon Leach in particular – are responsible for hosting the annual music festival called The Downpour Festival, which the website says has the mission of offering "unique interdenominational ministry experiences sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and encouraging believers through Christian entertainment."

In Richland County, the contribution of the Loenbro company has been deep and meaningful, as well as substantial. Because Loenbro operates under the principle of stewardship in which you "don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (a reference to Matthew 6:3,

a text about selfless giving), amounts contributed to local churches and charities are not publicized. Nonetheless, their help has been appreciated.

Stephanie Ler, who is the Director of the Fellowship Food Pantry associated with Fellowship Baptist Church, says, "We are truly grateful for the assistance given us by Loenbro, and many hungry families have been fed because of their help." Paul Richter, an elder at Fellowship Baptist Church told The Roundup, "We are grateful for this company, not only because it assisted us in feeding the hungry, but because we are careful to always give away a Bible and the Gospel along with that food. And that is what," Richter continued, "in the end, makes the biggest difference." In total, Loenbro assistance has allowed the Fellowship Food Pantry to give away 24 thousand pounds of food in the last years and feed over 800 families, as well as engage in other Gospel-related enterprises in various communities throughout the Bakken oilfield.

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The MCTC Regional Math Meet (sponsored by the MT Council of Teachers of Mathematics) was held March 16 at Sidney High School. Two Sidney teams tied for 1st place in the 7th & 8th grade division. Pictured are (L-R) Brianna Brost, Zoe Farhnow, Jackson Thorgerson, Jerome Entz, Morgan Slade, Jenna Anderson and Shay Erickson.



First place team in the 9th & 10th grade division was Plentywood. Pictured are (L-R) Mikayla Stevens, Kacie Wacker, Holly Fladager and Hunter Moore.



First place team in the 11th & 12th grade division was Sidney. Pictured are (L-R) Lexi Berube, Jordan Baxter, Ethan Petrik and Joe Mindt.

Sidney High School Prom



Prom King and Queen were announced last Saturday at the Sidney High School prom. Pictured are King Cristian Seitz and Queen Amanda Valness. (Photo by Kathy Johnson.)



Prom Prince and Princess were announced last Saturday at the Sidney High School prom. Pictured are Prince Alec Lovegren and Princess Holly Bouchard. (Photo by Kathy Johnson.)



Cowboy Classic Winners

The 8th Grade Boys Sidney Spurs team competed in Miles City March 18 &19. The team, sponsored by Reynolds Market & Healthy Smiles, won all of their games to bring home the Championship in the “Cowboy Classic”. Pictured are back row left to right: Paul Hardy, Tate Wieferich and Ian Jurgens. Front row left to right: Boston Peters, Logan Nelson and C.J. Nevins. (Photo by Dan Peters)

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2017	272RL	U080229	\$45,425	\$33,498	\$25,900
2016	282RK	U079400	\$44,687	\$29,980	\$26,900
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2015	376BHOK	J031369	\$67,006	\$49,980	\$39,900
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2016	311RLS	4106878	\$39,403	\$28,933	\$22,900
2016	308BHS	4106298	\$38,636	\$30,113	\$22,900
2016	312BHS	5104319	\$38,602	\$26,995	\$22,900
WILDCAT					ACTION
YEAR	MODEL	STOCK #	MSRP	SALE PRICE	NO TRADE PRICE
2017	29RKP	G000690	\$54,062	\$33,996	\$33,900
2017	28SGX	G000526	\$46,551	\$29,995	\$27,900
2017	32BHX	G000762	\$51,597	\$32,469	\$32,900
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The Roundup

MacGrady Home Has Room to Grow



Heidi MacGrady with sons Ryker and Xander.

By Dianne Swanson

With sweeping views of the Yellowstone Valley and room for their family to grow, Curtis and Heidi MacGrady are creating a haven for themselves and their sons Ryker, 3, and Xander, 7 months, in their new home just north of Sidney.

MacGrady's purchased the 20 acre property in 2011 and moved the older home just a mile down the road in 2015. "It's been a 2 year process," Heidi said of their building project. "But this is our forever home and we want it to be right."

The home is still under construction, with living space limited to the ground floor so

far. Lofty ceilings, light colored walls and lots of windows create a light airy space, even on a gloomy day. Curtis owns MacGrady Construction and has done almost all the work himself, including the 13' high rock fireplace in the living room and the rock corner in the kitchen which houses three ovens. Heidi has done almost all the painting.

Heidi's two favorite rooms are the kitchen and master bedroom. She says she has cooked more since she moved in than she has in the past two years. And with a kitchen like hers, who wouldn't! Space, convenience and beauty all combine to make this room a

cook's dream. The cabinets are done in cherry with the new heavy patina and Bella door style. At a generous 15" deep, the cabinets hold today's larger plates, provide more storage and accommodate the scope of the room.

The T shaped island is in maple with custom black hand-rubbed finish and Chapel Hill door style. Since Heidi and Curtis are both tall, the island is raised, providing a comfortable workspace. A swing-out mixer shelf provides even more convenience.

The counter tops and island feature laminate in two different colors which com-

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MacGrady Home...

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pliment each other. Beveled edges, a bump out sink and a cooktop with shallow drawer complete the clean look.

Three large pantries with pullouts keep everything or-

ganized and accessible, while tray pullouts and a diagonal super susan provide excep-tional storage.

The master bedroom fea-tures a comfortable chair for Heidi and ample room for the

boys to play while enjoying soft carpet and lots of natural light.

MacGrady's are looking forward to the completion of their home and are excited about participating in the An-nual Parade of Homes this fall.



Space, convenience and beauty make the MacGrady's kitchen one of Heidi's favorite rooms.

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The master bathroom features a non-slip tile floor.



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The Promise of the Equinox Comes to the Montana Prairie

By Rick and Susie Graetz
Department of Geography, University of Montana

During the Dec. 21 winter solstice, the sun takes a brief respite on the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5 degrees south latitude. Over the next six months, it journeys north for a June 21 rendezvous with the Tropic of Cancer at 23.5 degrees north latitude. En route, on about March 20, for one brief moment it touches its rays directly over the equator, declaring the spring equinox.

In Montana, this pronouncement is merely a promise of something to come, as March's third week usually finds us yet deep in winter. The pledge is that it will happen – the only question is when.

When it's early May in Montana, spring generally is just beginning to show at some lower elevations. As one climbs in altitude to upper valleys and then toward the high country, the landscape is still buried in deep snow. Some places in the Upper Gallatin show upwards of 13 to 14 feet of tightly packed snow cover. Throughout western Montana many locations in the mid elevations of 6,000 to 6,500 feet hold snow depths ranging from 10 to 12 feet. And the pack is still growing with cold temperatures persisting.

Rick Graetz penned what will follow quite a few years ago. He has had the privilege to observe the arrival of this guarantee in various forms, but one moment in time shines:

Early May several years ago, I was in the Missouri River Breaks near Jordan photographing the CMR National Wildlife Refuge. I ventured outside before first light to check on the weather. Snow was spitting from low clouds, and a north-northeast wind indicated an upslope condition, usually a prelude to a winter storm and advancing arctic air. My first inclination was to stay in bed a bit longer and see what would happen, but something tugged at me to set out.

I pointed my iron chariot north toward the Missouri. After traveling about 15 or so miles into the Breaks on a primitive road that was quickly turning to gumbo, I elected to walk. The north wind was still blowing, clouds were low and snow fluttered all around. Winter was attempting to hold its ground.

In 1902, William Hornaday of the American Museum of Natural History was in this area hunting. Through the help of a local rancher, he uncovered one of the world's first intact T. rex fossils. I had decided to drop down into one of gulches – not in hopes of discovering dinosaur remains but rather to escape the wind and explore the coulee.

Nearing the bottom, I saw the clouds were lifting a bit, and after a while I noticed the snow had ceased and patches of blue sky were overhead. I climbed the 600 or so vertical feet out of the ravine to a sense of equilibrium. The wind had quit and the air was noticeably warmer.



The Missouri Breaks in late spring where Rick Graetz caught the arrival of the season (Photo by Rick and Susie Graetz)

Heading out on foot along one of the extended ridges, I soon encountered a rising wind, only this time it accelerated from the southwest, bringing a drying effect that erased the clouds. The canvas above was now deep blue and the breeze maintained a steady but warm pace. I continued my trek to a point overlooking the Breaks and the Missouri River. By now, the sun had warmed the air to the 70s. While perched on a rock viewing the soft fusion of earth and sky and scanning the labyrinth of prairie splendor below, I noted small flowers literally coming to bloom around me. In that instant, I realized the prairie was turning its face toward spring. The warmth of the prevailing wind couldn't be refused. Winter had entered into a calm surrender, and at that instant the promise of the equinox was delivered to the

northern Montana prairie.

It is not that winter wouldn't have a brief puff now and then – early spring allows it that freedom – but it wouldn't control the climate again until fall, when winds from the north would signal it was time to return.

Now the celebration leading toward the summer could begin. More flowers would show, and the sky would soon be filled with convoys of ducks, geese and birds making there way back home to the Missouri River and the numerous potholes and refuges scattered throughout the northern Great Plains.

I began the trek back to where I had left my vehicle in the face of a warm, gentle, southwest blow, and life was good.

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3 Backyard Projects You Can Tackle in a Weekend



(BPT) - Now that warmer weather has finally arrived, you want to be outside to enjoy it. Your backyard could be the perfect place to bask in the sun, entertain friends or indulge in your hobbies. It just needs a little sprucing up, and the right projects can help.

Best of all, many of these projects are quick and easy. To get you started, here are three projects you can accomplish in a spring weekend - and enjoy all summer long.

Forging a fire pit

Whether it's an afternoon gathering or an evening under the stars, adding a fire pit to your backyard is a great way to make an enjoyable get-together last even longer. And building one is easier than you think.

Start by marking the center of your pit in the ground. Spray a circle around the center, outlining your pit's desired circumference - say 5 feet. Dig this space to a depth of 6 inches. In your newfound pit, make a similar circle 12 inches in from your outer circle to make the inner wall of your pit.

Fill this area with small stones to serve as the foundation, and lay wet concrete on the ground to solidify and build that foundation. If you do not have the tools you need to successfully make concrete, you can always rent them to eliminate the need for a one-time purchase.

Once the foundation is ready, apply mortar and stones around the ring. Build up the fire pit wall with additional mortar and stones. After the pit has been built to a height of your choosing, use a brush to remove excess mortar from the inside. You may also spray the inside with a can of spray paint to give your pit's interior a uniform look.

Planning the planters

If you've always wanted to add a pop of color to your backyard, planter boxes can be just the ticket. They are relatively simple to build yourself.

Start by choosing a wood, like cedar, for your project. Cut four strips with two half the length of your other two, but sharing the same height. These strips will form the foundation of your rectangular planter. If you lack a saw to cut them with, you can always rent one.

Once your strips are cut, butt the ends together and apply wood glue at the joints to secure the fit. Drill a screw into each end to solidify the fit. Next, attach the bottom panels with glue and drill a screw through the ends of the bottom panels into the sides for a more secure fit.

Finish by lightly sanding any rough or unseemly spaces on the foundations. Add a touch of paint or stain to improve the planter's appearance and offer long-term protection.



Shedding new light on the shed

If you're going to spend more time in your backyard this year, it's time to finally do something about that old shed you've been ignoring for years. Fortunately, something as small as a new coat of paint can have a large impact on your shed's appearance.

Before applying a drop of paint, inspect the shed to be sure no structural maintenance is needed. Then it's time to clean it. Rent a pressure washer for a quick clean that will free the building of dirt, debris and cobwebs.

Once the shed is clean and dry, apply an oil-based primer, which will help protect the building from the elements and make it easier to paint.

Finally, it's time to paint. A long-nap roller works well for this project, but you can also rent a paint sprayer. Choose a color to your liking and be sure to select a paint designed for outdoor projects.

Each of these three projects can be tackled in a single weekend, and each can have a lasting effect on your outdoor space. So, what are you waiting for? Get started on your outdoor DIY project today. To find a rental tool provider near you, visit RentalHQ.com.

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Where to Dump: Knowing Where to Dispose of Refuse During Spring Cleaning

By Josh F. Smallwood

Spring is nearly here, and many of us are preparing to begin our spring cleaning. It is an opportunity, however, to not only care for our homes, but for our great state. Properly disposing of hazardous materials is essential for keeping our environment safe not only for us but our future generations. With little effort and terrific results, a great difference can be made.

Those who work in industrial fields may believe proper disposal is common sense to all, but people who have little experience may find it troubling to understand what should and should not be thrown into the garbage can or dumpster.

Trees and old tires, which

are reusable and should be recycled, can be taken to the Richland County Landfill and dropped off at the proper disposal area, marked with a sign for your convenience. Used motor oil and old car batteries can be properly disposed of by landfill employees if brought during operating hours. Metal scrap and waste also has a disposal area, and household quantities of chemicals may also be disposed in the proper area of the landfill.

Landfill employees urge us to bring our waste during proper operating hours, and are available for inquiry as to where hazardous materials may be properly disposed of.

If there is one thing we ought to remember when we do our spring cleaning this

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Prairie Fare: Do a Snack Checkup During March, National Nutrition Month

Healthful snacks can help fill nutrition gaps while keeping our energy levels high.

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How many times do you encounter food in some form on a daily basis?

As I drive to and from work, I see several restaurants, convenience stores and billboards. I'm glad I have breakfast before I leave for work or I might not be able to resist temptation.

If I happen to be listening to the radio, I might hear an ad for a food or beverage. If I am hungry after work, I could be tempted to call off cooking duty and buy take-out food. While I peruse websites looking for information, food ads pop up on occasion.

While I'm at work, I might be enticed by bowls of treats in offices or on break tables. Of course, my workdays consist of thinking, teaching and writing about all aspects of food, nutrition and health.

Think about your "food encounters." We are influenced about what, how much and where to eat by many things. A growling stomach anxious for sustenance isn't always our main cue.

Researchers have studied children and their exposure to advertisements. Unfortunately, ads for healthful foods as snacks do not seem to gather the same results as ads for unhealthy foods as snacks.

When children ages 5 to 11 are exposed to unhealthy foods, their desire for and consumption of those foods increase. Unfortunately, in at least one study, exposure to ads for healthful foods such as carrots and grapes did not prompt the children to make more healthful choices.

Adults also are influenced by their food environment, and even by how organized or disorganized the environment might be.

Cornell University researchers conducted a study with 101 female students. The students were placed in a clean, organized kitchen or a messy, noisy kitchen. Then they were given a writing assignment about being "in control" or "out of control." They were asked to taste and rate cookies, crackers and carrots, and they could snack on those foods.

The students who were placed in the chaotic kitchen and who wrote about being "out of control" ate the most cookies. When the students were placed in the organized kitchen to participate in the project, they did not eat more cookies, even when they wrote about being "in control" or "out of control."

Based on this research, I think I will do some spring cleaning in my kitchen after work.

March is National Nutrition Month, according to the National Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, so that's a good time to think about what we eat. We also can think about the many influences on our eating, ranging from adver-

tisements to clutter, and ways to make the most healthful food choices.

Many of us shortchange ourselves on fruits and vegetables, whether at home or at work. Eating small, more frequent meals can help fill nutrition gaps while keeping our energy levels high.

Let's do a "snack checkup" for National Nutrition Month. Ask yourself these questions. Having more "Yes" responses indicates you are nourishing your body with your snacks and beverages.

Do you provide yourself with healthful snack options, such as yogurt in the refrigerator or portion-controlled packets of nuts or trail mix at home or work? Eating smaller, frequent meals can help prevent overeating later in the day.

When you provide snacks for others, do you bring fruits, vegetables or items that are lower in fat, sodium and/or calories? You can get the most nutrition for your money if you compare nutrition labels on food packages.

Do you provide yourself with protein-rich snacks such as Greek yogurt or part-skim mozzarella cheese sticks? Protein helps stave off hunger.

Do you keep yourself well-hydrated at work or home, with water as your main beverage? Staying well-hydrated helps you think clearly and can help prevent overeating.

Do you measure a serving from the food package? If you eat crackers directly from the bag or box, you are likely to eat more than a serving. Enjoy a serving of whole-grain crackers.

Could you swap the contents of the "treat bowl" with healthier options? Consider single-serving packages of dried fruit, nuts or fresh tangerines that are easy to peel.

"Put your best fork forward" during National Nutrition Month. Food choices play a major role in maintaining our health.

This tempting, colorful parfait recipe is courtesy of the Midwest Dairy Association. Enjoy it for a tasty snack or dessert.

Fruit Salsa Yogurt Parfaits

- 1 (15-ounce) can peach slices packed in juice
- 1 (8-ounce) can pineapple chunks packed in juice
- 2 kiwi, peeled and chopped
- 1 c. strawberries, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 (32-ounce) carton nonfat vanilla yogurt

Drain peach slices. Discard juice (or use for something else). Drain pineapple chunks, reserving juice. Chop peaches and pineapple. Toss peaches, pineapple, kiwi, strawberries, brown sugar, spices and reserved pineapple juice in a medium bowl. Layer 1/2 cup yogurt with 6 tablespoons of fruit salsa in each of eight parfait glasses or dessert dishes. Serve immediately.

Makes eight servings. Each serving has 160 calories, 0 grams (g) fat, 11 g protein, 28 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber and 60 milligrams sodium.

You can enjoy this tasty fruit salsa parfait as a snack or dessert. (Photo courtesy of Midwest Dairy Association)



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The Home and Garden Show is the largest public event WABA hosts each year with over a 100 vendors and thousands of participants.

We hope you will join us for this fun filled two-day event!

"This show will have something for everyone. From seminars for the DIY enthusiasts to 'How to pick the right

contractor'. We encourage everyone to come out and see what's new and trending in technology and design. Our vendors and the Builders Association invites you for a fun and informative weekend." Bob Horab, President, WABA stated.

"Both days will have great food provided by the Boy Scouts, fun, entertainment and prizes for the family. We'll have Miss North Dakota, Handy Andy, and special activities throughout the show. Participants will be able to register for outstanding door prizes and raffle tickets will be sold. We

have some great items.", Ken Callahan, Home and Garden Show Committee Chair said.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

Sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths are still available! For information, visit WABA's website at www.willistonbuilders.com. Vendors will receive a discount for registering before February 16th.

For more information, please contact the Williston Area Builders Association at 701-572-5744 or eo@willistonbuilders.com.

Resolutions on the road: Cruising Into 2017 with Plans for Better Car Care

(BPT) - Every new year brings a flurry of resolutions, and Hankook Tire checked out the road-related improvements Americans resolve to make happen in 2017. Whether you're looking to save money or are determined to make that cross-country road trip a reality, the Hankook Tire Gauge Index found Americans are looking to take the well-oiled wheel of 2017 with better car care.

Under pressure

According to the Hankook Tire Gauge Index, over half (57 percent) of Americans are determined to keep their car cleaner in 2017. Additionally, 35 percent resolve to check the air in their tires more frequently, and doing so can have a significant effect on overall driver safety. Did you know it is recommended to check the air in your tires once a month? Be sure to check your vehicle's owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure for your car, truck or SUV.

Resolve to rotate

When the snow just won't

stop falling and the trees look a little too bare, sometimes it's all too easy to daydream about escaping to a tropical island for a while. Most Americans agree, as 84 percent would rather drive to a sunny beach than to a ski resort in the winter months. For those who can't escape the elements, it is more important than ever to make sure your tires are rotated as you navigate the winter roads. A good tip is to rotate your tires when you check your oil - and since nearly a quarter of drivers (22 percent) resolve to change the oil more frequently in 2017, it looks like America is already on the road to good car maintenance.

Keep on commuting

We might all begrudge our daily commute, but considering 61 percent of Americans drive every day, it doesn't look like many of us are resolving to change it. However, there better be light on the roads during the daily drive. Whether drivers are scared of the dark or not, 48 percent of Americans adjust their commute to avoid

driving once the sun sets.

New year, new tires

Nearly one in four Americans (24 percent) will resolve to get new tires in 2017. While shopping for those, 73 percent note they look for tires with good traction or grip. An all-season, high performance tire like the Ventus s1 noble 2 from Hankook offers solid handling throughout the year.

Whether you're already hunting for new tires for the new year, it might be a good idea to do "the penny test" and check your tread. Take a penny and insert it between the tread of the tire, with Lincoln's head facing down. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, it's time for new tires. After all, you don't want to end up stuck by side of the road, but if you do, there's a good chance someone will pull over and help you. More than half (56 percent) of those surveyed said they have helped someone who was pulled over with car trouble. That's definitely one way to get some good karma heading into the new year.

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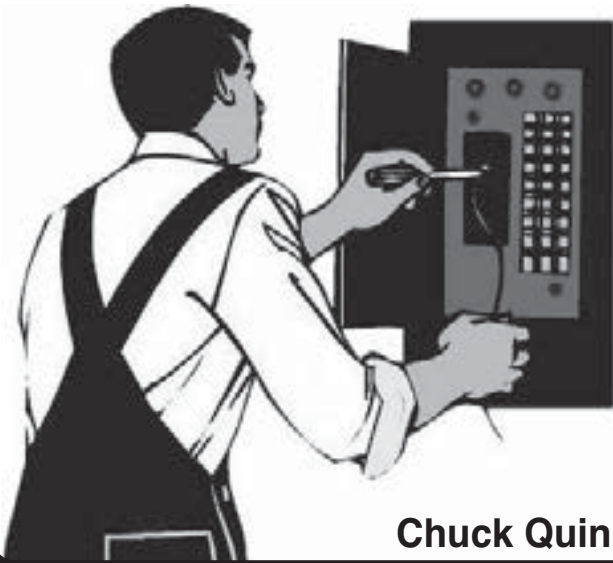
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By Timothy Fine

A few years ago at a County-wide conference there were some citizens in attendance who wanted to have a place to grow vegetables for those who lived in apartments/campers/or houses with no backyard to do so. These citizens decided that a Community Garden would be the best possible solution to address this situation.

The County Commissioners happened to be at the conference as well and decided that, of all of the issues that were raised at the conference, the Community Garden idea was one that could be fairly easily addressed. So with a generous donation of some land from the Eastern Agricultural Research Center and a generous donation of funds from the Commissioners, the Community Garden was born.

year that beds located at the Community Garden will be available to local citizens. There are currently 24, four foot by eight foot raised bed gardens available for rent on an annual basis for \$20.

There is the possibility of future expansion of the garden, but for the time being we are limited to the 24 beds that are currently in place. Because of this reason, and because the intent of the community garden is to get as many people as possible a garden plot, there will be a limit to one garden plot per person, at first. Each person that would like to reserve a bed will be able to do so (as beds are available) up until May 1. After May 1, if there are additional beds available those who would like an additional bed may purchase one at that time. All beds must be planted by June 1 and it is the responsibility of the per-

son renting the bed space to maintain it. The intent of the project is for the production of annual vegetable crops and, as such, that is what is encouraged. While it is perfectly acceptable to plant perennial crops and flowers in the beds, it is discouraged because the beds are cleaned out at the end of each growing season.

There is a form that must be filled out and payment needs to be made at the time the reservation is made. Beds will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis and additional beds, if there are any available will be assigned in the same manner.

For more information and to reserve a garden plot, contact Tim Fine at the Richland County Extension Office at 433-1206 or send an email to timothy.fine@montana.edu.



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