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Annual Froid Field Day Set For Thursday, June 25th

Submitted by Beth Redlin, USDA-ARS

A “drone 101 workshop” with flight demonstrations; discussion of a new on-farm energy audit program and a unique rainfall simulator demonstration are among the activities to be featured at this year’s annual Froid Research Farm Field Day set for Thursday afternoon, June 25.

But that’s not all, by far. Tour goers will also meet the new Superintendent at Montana State University’s Eastern Agricultural Research Center in Sidney, Dr. Chengci Chen, who will not only discuss his current research and plans for the Sidney facility, but also give a presentation on pea leaf weevil management. In addition, discussions on ARS cover crop research, Canada thistle biocontrol, wheat steam sawfly management and more are planned.

The half-day event is co-sponsored by the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab in Sidney, the Roosevelt and Sheridan County Conservation Districts, and the Roosevelt and Sheridan County Extension Offices. The activities kick off at 1 pm at the Froid Research Farm (located 8 miles north of Culbertson on Montana Highway 16) and conclude at 5 pm, with a free steak supper provided by the Conservation Districts. Two private and two commercial pesticide applicator points are available for those attending the field day.

Highlights of the day include the Drone 101 Workshop, being presented by Brian McGinnis of Sidney, owner of Exdivio Solutions, Inc., a computer consulting firm in Sidney, and Roger Meyer, PLS, a Registered Land Surveyor and owner of Montana Land and Aerial Surveys in Lambert. The two men will demonstrate their own craft as well as highlight the rules and regulations and technology requirements for operating the drones, formally known as Unmanned Aerial Systems. McGinnis, who has been flying drones as a hobbyist for the past three years, will demonstrate his latest quadcopter, while Meyer, one of only a few Montanans that have applied for and received a Section 333 exemption from the Federal Aviation Administration allowing him to fly his craft commercially, will demonstrate his fixed wing Trimble UX5.

“There’s a lot of interest in the potential for drones in agriculture, which is why we wanted to provide people some basic information about what’s involved in operating unmanned aerial systems,” ARS Agronomist Brett Allen said. “We really want to thank Brian and Roger for sharing their knowledge and their aircraft with us at our Field Day.”

Richland County Extension Agent Tim Fine will also be on hand at the Froid farm to discuss a new “Economy-Energy-Environment” (E3) assessment program that identifies ways to help farmers and ranchers reduce energy consumption, increase productivity, minimize carbon footprint, and drive innovation on their farms. Fine is one of 11 agents across Montana trained in the new E3 audit program which looks at energy usage from irrigation to lighting to hazardous waste—and everything in between. Producers completing an audit will have access to USDA grant and loan opportunities, as well as programs with other E3 federal partners, to implement any recommended changes, Fine noted.

Speakers and topics for this year’s tour include (in order of presentation): Meet the new MSU-EARC Superintendent! - Chengci Chen, MSU Assoc. Prof. of Agronomy, Farm Energy Audits - Tim Fine, Richland County Extension Agent

Drones 101 Workshop – Brian McGinnis, Exdivio Solutions, Inc., Sidney and Roger Meyer, Montana Land and Aerial Surveys, Lambert.

ARS Fallow Replacement Study: Camelina, carinata and cover crop mix yields - Brett Allen, USDA-ARS Agronomist, Soil compaction - Jay Jabro, USDA-ARS Soil Physicist, Pea leaf weevil management - Chengci Chen, MSU Assoc. Prof. of Agronomy, EARC Superintendent, Biological control of Canada thistle: An update- John Gaskin, Research Botanist, Sidney ARS, Drought influences on wheat stem sawfly outbreaks and control by its natural enemies - Tatyana Rand, Research Entomologist, Sidney ARS, Attacking wheat stem sawfly inside the stem - A new option? - Stefan Jaronski, Research Entomologist, Sidney ARS, Root distribution of perennial grasses with different nitrogen rates - Upendra Sainju, Research Soil Scientist, Sidney ARS, Seeding depth and starter fertilizer for cover crop mixes (in ARS demonstration plots) - Brett Allen, Research Agronomist, Sidney ARS, Rainfall Simulator demonstration – Tom Beck, Roosevelt County Conservationist, NRCS and Mark Henning, Agronomist, Miles City Area Office, NRCS

For more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or beth.redlin@ars.usda.gov.

Volunteers Needed For Sunrise Festival Of The Arts

The Sunrise Festival of the Arts is looking for help on Saturday, July 11. Various duties include concessions, registration table and clean up. If you have some time to share at this fun event, please call the Sidney Chamber of Commerce at 406-433-1916.

Sherry And Janae’s Annual Softball Tourney June 20th



Sherry Arnold

By Tammy Pedersen

Sherry and Janae’s Annual Softball Tournament will soon be here. It will be held Saturday, June 20th at South Meadow Softball Complex. This event is open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Entry fee is \$100/team. I invite you to put a team or teams together with your employees, family, and friends.

This year we are not only celebrating Sherry’s life but also Janae Moore’s life. We will continue to honor both of them with our annual softball tournament. Softball was a sport that both Sherry and Janae loved.

Last year we had an amazing turn out. Continued support is needed. I ask that you consider making a donation to the tournament. All donations are very much appreciated.

On behalf of Sherry and Janae’s family and myself, I would like to thank you for all your help in making the tournament a



Janae Moore

success.

For more information or to register a team, please contact myself, Tammy at 406-489-0451 or sherrystournament@hotmail.com. You can also contact us on Facebook at Sherry’s Softball Tournament. Donations can be mailed to: Sherry & Janae’s Tournament c/o Tammy Pedersen, 2051 Sage Lily Dr., Sidney, MT 59270.



Burgers, Brews And Blues At The Mondak Heritage Center June 20th

Submitted by Kim Simmonds, Executive Director MDHC

The MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney, Montana is excited to announce a brand new event for the summer of 2015: Burgers, Brews and Blues! This inaugural event will take place on June 20, 2015 and will benefit the museum and the art, history and cultural events that are open to the community throughout the year.

Our entertainment will feature the blues stylings of The Jared Stewart Band out of Crow Agency, Montana. In addition to some great blues music, there will be burgers for herbivores and carnivores alike, as well as all the makings of a great summer get-together, including a s’mores bar, games and two beers

from Meadowlark Brewing Company, including one brewed especially for the event.

Doors open at 6:30pm with music starting at 7pm. Tickets for members of the MonDak are on sale for \$30. Anyone can join at the time of purchase to take advantage of special member pricing. Tickets are also on sale to the public for \$40. If you can’t stop by, we’ll be happy to process your tickets over the phone at (406) 433-3500 or via email at mdhc@richland.org. Proceeds from this fundraiser will bring history, art, and live music events to the MonDak region. This special event is made possible by Meadowlark Brewing Company and Wheat Montana.



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Dance After The Meal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
Sakakawea

Current Elevation.....	1841.7
Last Week's Elev.	1840.1
One Year Ago	1842.9
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	21,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 8.....	89.....	57.....	0.00
June 9.....	83.....	61.....	0.00
June 10.....	71.....	59.....	0.00
June 11.....	78.....	54.....	0.00
June 12.....	90.....	57.....	0.01
June 13.....	76.....	55.....	0.00
June 14.....	74.....	50.....	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....			5.29

Brodie Gorder Memorial Fun Run to be held June 21st

By Meagan Dotson
The Second Annual Brodie Gorder Memorial Fun Run will be held Sunday, June 21st during the Eagle Wrestling Camp. Registration for the 2K walk, 10K run will begin at 4:00pm at Sidney High School and a free will donation will be taken with the proceeds benefitting local youth events and youth grants. The run itself, held in honor of the late Brodie Gorder, will begin at 5:00pm and a barbeque will be held following the run at 6:00pm. The public is invited to have some fun for a good cause with some good food to follow.

Sidney High School Acedemic All-State

The following students at Sidney High School were awarded ACADEMIC ALL-STATE honors for their efforts during the recently completed Spring 2015 Sports Season. They completed the 4th Quarter of the 2014-2015school year with minimum 3.5 (out of 4.0 maximum) grade point average for that grading period.

Softball: Madison Thiel, Logan Peterson, Madison Thies-sen, Bree Fischer, Holly Papineau.

Track and Field: Breanna Frank, Holly Bouchard, Garrison Hughes, Ariana Isakson, Jordan Baxter, Tessa Hill, Dawson McGlothlin, Tenna Cooley, Aubrey Kessel, Tel Hermanson, Tess Ler, Harmonie Hampton, Quinn McGlothlin, Kyle Mueller, Christian Anglesey, Lakayla Nentwig, Logan Thiel.

Brorson Farmhands Meetings

By Beth McMillen, Club Reporter
Brorson Farmhands held their April meeting at the Moose. We held our meeting and then had Demonstrations. We did another Community Service, all club members filled baby bottles up with change to help mothers and babies.

Our June meet was held at Kyle and Karen McMillen's house. We held our meeting and had one demonstration then we built a podium for Randy Searer for the fair so he can put his papers on it when he is auctioneering steers off. We all had a great time.

Vacation Bible School July 20-24

Submitted by Nancy Carpenter
Ebenezer Congregational Church in Sidney is hosting free Camp Kilimanjaro VBS July 20-24 beginning with meal at 5:30 & running through 8:00 for ages 2 through just completed 5th grade. To register & see details, go to <https://answersvbs.com/vbs/ebenezer/> or leave a message at 406-433-2654.

Camping Restrictions Lifted For Holiday

By ND Game & Fish Dept.
The State Game and Fish Department will lift the Tuesday-Wednesday no camping restriction during the week of July 4 on those wildlife management areas in western North Dakota and along Lake Sakakawea that prohibit camping during those two days of the week.

In addition to the other five days of the week, this waiver will allow overnight camping June 30 and July 1 at North Lemmon Lake in Adams County; Bull Creek in Billings County; Alkali Creek and Spring Creek in Bowman County; Smishek Lake and Short Creek Dam in Burke County; Harris M. Baukol in Divide County; Killdeer Mountains in Dunn County; Camels Hump Lake in Golden Valley County; Audubon, Custer Mine, Deepwater Creek, deTrobriand, Douglas Creek and Wolf Creek in McLean County; Beaver Creek and Hille in Mercer County; Crown Butte Lake and Storm Creek in Morton County; Cedar Lake and Speck Davis Pond in Slope County; and McGregor Dam in Williams County.

However, regardless of the holiday, camping is still prohibited every day of the week at the following WMAs: Antelope Creek, Lewis and Clark, Big Oxbow, Ochs Point, Neu's Point, Overlook, Sullivan and Tobacco Garden in McKenzie County; Van Hook in Mountrail County; and Hofflund Bay and Trenton in Williams County.

In addition, Lewis and Clark and Trenton WMAs are closed from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless users are legally engaged in fishing, hunting or trapping.

Glass bottles are prohibited on all WMAs. Other camping restrictions at all WMAs are posted at entry points.

50th Anniversary Celebration of Cum Christo/Cursillo

Submitted by Julie Brodhead
Everyone Is welcome to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Cum Christo/Cursillo for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

A celebration will be held on June 19-21, 2015 at Billings Central Catholic High School in Billings, MT — 3 Broadwater Ave. Speakers for the event will be: the Most Rev. Bishop Michael Warfel and TV Host, Author, and President and Founder of Catholics Come Home, Tom Peterson.

Registration Forms and details can be found online at: www.bigskycumchristo.org Click on 50th Anniversary. Registration is open up to June 19th, 2015.

Jurassic Day At The MonDak Heritage Center June 24

Submitted by Kim Simmonds, Executive Director MDHC
The MonDak Heritage Center will be hosting "Jurassic Day!" on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. The day will be filled with fun activities for all ages. Programming is free and open to the public.

The day will start at 1:30pm with a screening of "The Land Before Time" followed by crafts and a snack for kids until 4pm. At 6:30pm, there will be an open house featuring our new dinosaur and fossil exhibit. At 7:00pm, there will be a screening of "Jurassic Park." Concessions will be available for purchase during the evening screening.

For more info, visit www.mondakheritagecenter.org or call 406-433-3500.



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Do you have news or photos from McKenzie County you would like in The Roundup?

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

Thurs., June 18th
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm — American Red Cross Blood Drive for the Fairview Community. At 713 S Western Ave, The Fairview High School Gym. To schedule an appointment contact Marsha at 742-3342.

Fri., June 19th
10:30 am - 12:30 pm — Child Safety Seat Check sponsored by the RCHD and Richland County Parents as Teachers Program. Held at the Richland Co. Library after story-time. Experienced technicians will be on site to answer questions, check recalls, and assist with proper carseat insallation. Face painting for children, along with a bubble station, snacks, and more! Call 433-2207 for more info.

Sat., June 20th
Sherry & Janae's Annual Softball Tournament at South Meadow Softball Complex. This event is open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. entry fee is \$100/team. Call Tammy at 406-489-0451 for more information.

4:00 pm - 2nd Annual Brodie Gorder Memorial Fun Run. At Sidney High School, 2k Walk or 10k run. Free will donation. BBQ to follow at 6pm. Proceeds go to local youth events and youth grants.

6:30 pm - Burgers, Brews and Blues at the MonDak Heritage Center. The Jared Stewart Band out of Crow Agency, MT will be performing. Member tickets are on sale for \$30 and public tickets for \$40 at the MonDak Heritage Center and Meadowlark Brewery or by phone at 406-433-3500.

Wed., June 24th
1:30 pm - 8:00 pm — Jurassic Day at the MonDak! Programming is free and open to the public. The day will start at 1:30pm with a screening of "The Land Before Time" followed by crafts and a snack for kids until 4pm. At 6:30pm, there will be an open house featuring our new dinosaur and fossil exhibit. At 7:00pm, there will be a screening of "Jurassic Park." Concessions will be available for purchase during the evening screening. For more info, visit www.mondakheritagecenter.org or call 406-433-3500.

Thurs., June 25h
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm — Painted Monogrammed Canvas class at the MonDak Heritage Center. For ages 12+, \$10. Call 433-3500 for more info.

Fri., June 26th
11:30 am — Richland Red Hatters will meet June 26th at the Meadowlark at 11:30 am. RSVP to Sylvia at 406-798-3383 or Margaret at 406-488-4613.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

*The McKenzie County Food Pantry is open:
1st Tuesday of each month from 5 pm- 7 pm; 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2 pm - 4 pm at First Lutheran Church.
Every Thursday from 12 pm - 2 pm there is food distribution at First Presbyterian Church.*

June 26 - 28
Homefest is a weekend filled with family, friends, food, music, art, activities and most of all fun! It will be a wonderful kickoff to summer. The lineup this year is Kat Perkins concert on Main Street on Friday, with a street fair featuring Jessie Veeder and the Outlaw Sippin' Band, and closing with the First Lutheran Church Centennial Celebration.

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

Thurs., June 18th
7:00 pm - History Book Club, "Secret Lives of Sgt. John Wilson" by Lois Simmie at the Missouri/Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri. - Sat. June 19th & 20th
9:00 am - 6:00 pm — Confluence Quilters, open to all levels of quilter. Missouri/Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

June 18th - 21st
Fort Union Rendezvous
19th Century Fur Trade Fair includes a variety of period arts, crafts and music. Come and participate in the upper Missouri's finest fur trade fair at one of the West's most imposing historic sites.

Thursday 6/18 - Kids Day - 10:00 - 3:00 central time - Kids can enjoy various stations of games and hands on activities. Event and activities are free. Groups of 5 or more are encouraged to pre-register by calling 701-572-9083.

Saturday 6/20 - Rendezvous Run - Featuring a 1 mile kids and fur traders run, a 5 K walk and run and an 11 K run from Fort Union through Fort Buford and back. Sponsored by American State Bank & Trust Company of Williston. For more information or to register please call American State Banks at (800) 486-8173.

Sun., June 21st
11:00 am & 2:00 pm — History Alive! At the Confluence. Presenting the life of James Liberty Fisk. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701-572-9083.

Sun., June 28th
7:30 pm — Concert At The Confluence presents "Clearwater Hot Club Jazz." Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, call 701-572-9083 for further information.



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24th Annual Ft. Union Rendezvous Run Saturday June 20th

By Tie Shank
“Calling all runners and walkers!”

You are encouraged and welcomed to participate in the 24th Annual Fort Union Rendezvous Run. The race will be held at Fort Union Trading Post in conjunction with the annual Fort Union Fur Trader’s Rendezvous. Competition is open to all levels of ability. Fun runners are welcome!

Fort Union is located approximately 26 miles southwest of Williston, ND on Highway 1804. The Fort overlooks the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers, the route of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

All races start and finish at the Fort Union parking lot with the 11K route passing through Fort Buford. The course is out and back, flat and very fast.

Events include a 5K Run & 11K Run, 5K Men’s Heavy


Weight (190+ lb.) Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Fur Traders Run/Walk (period dress required) and 1 Mile Kids Run (12 & under).

Register in advance at American State Bank & Trust in Williston or on the day of the race at Fort Union beginning at 7:30 a.m. Race begins at 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fee is \$15.00 prior to race day or \$25.00 on race day. Entry Fee for Kids 12 & under is \$10.00.

All participants will receive a uniquely designed commemorative race T-shirt. Awards, door prizes and refreshments will be provided inside the Fort immediately following the race.

For additional information please contact: Christine Christensen, Rendezvous



Run Coordinator (701) 774-4100 or email: cchristensen@asbt.com

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Richland County Specialists Attend Alcohol Education Summit

Submitted by Nicole Hackley

In May, Prevention Specialists from Richland County attended the 2015 Alcohol Education Summit in Bozeman. The summit was free and open to Montana law enforcement personnel, City/County Attorneys, judges, DUI Task Force members, Let’s Control It state certified trainers, health prevention specialists, and community coalition members. Topics covered a wide range of liquor related issues to help Montana move forward in responsible alcohol sales/service and consumption.

Nicole Hackley-Prevention Services Director for District II Alcohol and Drug Program, and Melissa Kostelecky-Prevention Project Coordinator for District II attended the Summit. Classes they attended included al-

cohol over-service compliance checks, Montana Driver Control updates, DUI Case Law and Legislative updates, alcohol and drugs in rural communities, an update from the Liquor License Bureau, the 24/7 Program, and the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study. They bring this information back to the community to help prevent underage drinking, drinking and driving and binge drinking.

Mary Sundheim, Richland County DUI Task Force Coordinator attended several of the breakout sessions that would allow her to bring back education and awareness information to the task force. Some of the sessions she attended covered topics such as: The new DUI laws, Let’s Control It trainer updates, impact of liquor privatization, funding programs, law enforcement

liaisons programs, and conducting alcohol compliance checks. She will be able to incorporate some of the information into the coming year’s work plan allowing the task force to address DUI Crashes.

Following the summit, the Richland County DUI Task Force and District II Alcohol & Drug are planning a similar event for Eastern Montana early next year. The event will offer education, awareness and information for everyone in the community. Law enforcement, Judicial, Medical providers, Establishment Owners/managers, Policy makers, Business owners, Community members and our youth. If you are interested in attending a planning meeting on June 23rd at 10:00 am for this event, please contact Mary Sundheim at 433-2207.

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Olaf Leiseth Jr. Memorial Draft Horse Competition
Thursday, July 9

Demolition Derby
Friday, July 10

NDRA Rodeo
Youth & Lil' Buckaroo Rodeos
Saturday, July 11

Animal Specialties
Thursday - Saturday, July 9 - 10 - 11

Matt Sorenson • Spray Paint Artist
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If you have any questions, contact:
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Cell 770-6938 (C)

Youth Rodeo Entries, contact:
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701-675-2016 (H)
701-898-9801 (C)
Entries online:
hepper@ruggedwest.com

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Stockman Bank Donates to Relay for Life

Submitted by Pam Burman, AVP Stockman Bank of Montana

Garth Kallevig, President of Stockman Bank presents Andi Buckley of the American Cancer Society and Arien Waller of the MonDak Relay For Life 2015 a check for \$1000.00. This year's Relay will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds on August 29th. You can purchase a Luminaria to remember or honor a loved one who has been affected by cancer at a special price of \$5.00 during the month of June & July at Stockman Bank. Let's get that track lined with Luminaries!! Proceeds from the event help support the mission of the American Cancer Society, which is to eliminate cancer through research, education, patient services and advocacy programs.

Ribfest 2015 Set For Aug. 7 In Watford City

The Ribfest 2015 Planning Committee has set Friday, August 7th for this year's event on Main Street, Watford City.

Concessions and the Street Fair will start at 10 a.m. and the rib contest will take place at 5 p.m. Main Street will be open for the public to enjoy lunch, live music, kids games and inflatables, and ribs until 9 pm.

This year's Ribfest is working together again with the 2nd Annual Bash on the Grass Concert Series featuring a concert by Sawyer Brown and Chris Cagle.

flatable kids' games, a children's "Diaper Derby" and a children's "Showdown" at noon where prizes will be awarded for the best western wear.

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Sawyer Brown and Chris Cagle will perform at 8:30 at the McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 6:30.

"Bringing these big names to an already popular event is pretty exciting," said committee chair Jessie Scofield about working with Bash on the Grass. "We hope people will be able to take in both the street fair and ribfest and the concert in the evening."

The Ribfest Committee is currently taking registrations for ribfest teams, street fair vendors, and sponsorships.

"There's big prizes at stake and slots are filling fast, so get your registration in," said Scofield.

A \$1,000 prize will be awarded for the team with the best ribs. Second place will receive \$500 and there will be a \$250 prize for booth showmanship.

The day will be filled with live music from and entertainment from the Burning Hills Singers, Lonesome Willy and Jessie Veeder and Outlaw Sippin', among others.

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"Ribfest just gets bigger and better every year," said Janel Lee, committee member. "It's a great way to bring the community together and celebrate the best parts of summer--music, friends, and food!"

The Best of the West Ribfest is limited to 20 teams. If you're interested in registering a team, sign up today as space is limited.

Teams, food and craft vendors and Classic Car Show participants may register online at www.watfordcityribfest.net.

More information for Bash on the Grass at www.facebook.com/WATFORDCITY-BASHONTHEGRASS

Ribfest is also looking for sponsors. If you are interested or have questions contact the Watford City Chamber of Commerce at 701-570-5084 or wcchamber@ruggedwest.com or www.facebook.com/BestOfTheWestRibfest for more information.

Sidney Students Make Um Dean's List

MISSOULA – At the University of Montana, 2,261 students made the spring semester 2015 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be undergraduates, earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits. Students who receive any grade of C+ or below or no credit (NC/NCR) in a course are not eligible.

The UM students listed below made the spring semester 2015 Dean's List. Double asterisks after a name indicate the student earned a GPA of 4.0. A single asterisk indicates a GPA greater than 3.5 but less than 4.0.

John Brisben,* Kelsey Halvorson,** Megan Johnson,** Zachery Nybo,** Nathan Williams**

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Ribbon Walk Event This Friday June 19th



Submitted By Toni Zieske

Sidney, MT – Fighting cancer is hard enough without having to worry about how the bills are going to be paid or facing the fight away from home and a support system. Fortunately, local residents facing this fight have options to stay close to home for treatments and a fund to help with expenses.

Proceeds raised at the 2nd Annual Ribbon Walk will stay local benefiting the Cancer Coalition and the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care funds managed by the Foundation for Community Care.

“Donors want to see the direct impact of their funds given,” stated Toni Zieske, Ribbon Walk committee member. “The proceeds raised at the Ribbon Walk stay local to help cancer services in the area with the Cancer Coalition and Sidney Health Center Cancer Care directly helping cancer patients in Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota.”

The Cancer Coalition Fund that was set up in the spring of 2013 has already helped 76 people affected by cancer in the community by offering assistance with non-medical household expenses. The Sidney Health Center Cancer Care has treated patients all the way from Jordan to Bottineau, ND and Westby to Wibaux. Through the offering of chemotherapy and radiation therapy treatments, many patients are able to stay close to home and receive state of the art cancer treatment.

The Ribbon Walk will be held on Friday, June 19 at Swanson Field at Sidney High School. Starting at 5:00 PM, the event will feature team fundraising activities, walking the track, a silent auction and food vendors.

Participants will have the opportunity to decorate tribute signs to wear during the walk in memory or in honor of a loved one. Strips of ribbon can be purchased during the walk, decorated with names or words of encouragement and tied onto a special area on the fence surrounding the track.

A new celebration and memorial ceremony will take place at 6:00 PM. Live butterflies will be released in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those lost to cancer symbolizing hope and new life. “The Butterfly Release will be a beautiful way to honor or remember those affected by cancer,” said Zieske. “We are looking forward to the many butterflies that will be released and filling the sky with hope.” Butterflies are available at the Foundation for Community Care or from any Ribbon Walk Team.

Following the Butterfly Release Ceremony, the walk will kick off with a survivor lap followed by the teams. The night will end with a spectacular fireworks display donated by TNT Fireworks from Williston.

“This is a community event, and you don’t have to be on a team to participate,” said Zieske. “We hope that you will join us this Friday to celebrate and remember some amazing people.”

To donate to the Ribbon Walk, visit the Foundation for Community Care’s website at www.foundationforcommunitycare.org or by stopping at their office located at 221 2nd St. NW in Sidney.

Car Seat Safety Check Event June 19

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Submitted by Cristin Henson
Home Visiting Program
Coordinator Richland
County Health Department

Join us at the Sidney - Richland County Library on Friday, June 19th, at 10:30 AM for Story Time and a Car Seat Safety Check event!

The Richland County Health Department and the Parents as Teachers home visiting program, together with the Sidney- Richland County Library, are hosting a car seat safety check in the library’s parking lot. Your child will enjoy 30 minutes of sing-along and story time inside the library at 10:30 AM, followed

by outdoor chalk, bubbles, and face painting stations. Experienced car seat technicians will be on site from 10 AM - noon to ensure that your infant’s and children’s car seats are installed in the safest possible way for your child.

This event has been organized as one of RCHD’s Parents as Teachers (PAT) monthly group connections for families with young children. Parents as Teachers is a program that is committed to “helping children grow up healthy, safe, and ready to learn” (www.parentsasteachers.org). The PAT program is a voluntary home visiting program that offers person-

al visits to enrolled families on a weekly or bi-monthly schedule. These visits center on development-centered parenting, parent- child interaction, and family well-being. PAT also hosts monthly group connections which focus on topics relevant to parenting and early childhood. PAT’s monthly group connections are open to the entire community in Richland County.

If you would like more information about the Car Seat Safety Check event on June 19 or the Parents as Teachers program, please contact Cristin Henson at the Richland County Health Department, 406-433-2207.

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Marriage For Granny And Gramps

By Lois Stephens

It's June, the traditional wedding month, which means I see a host of women's magazines on sale at the news-stands with glossy front covers showcasing dewy faced gorgeous young brides wearing extravagant gowns. Fea-tured wedding stories inside the magazine often include such articles as how to hold a reception for under \$20,000 or a story outlining this spring's hot fashion colors that the engaged couple's wedding entourage really ought to wear. I used to be slightly offended that the featured brides, unlike the majority of the female human species, always looked like very young supermodels, with sleek shining hair, gorgeous figures, and groomed fingernails. These magazines portray sweet young ladies ready to begin married life with a partner as young and naïve as the brides themselves. Why not feature older brides, I won-dered, those who married for the first or the second time later in their lives? Then it occurred to me that none of us

second-hand, slightly used, and very wiser older women would even consider purchasing a brides' magazine, and that after all is the intent of the publication. How to hold a reception for under \$20,000? Easy, don't have one. And those fancy dresses a new young bride wears? I haven't worn a dress since I married for the first time, which I can assure you did not happen yesterday or even in the last several decades. The second time around, which occurred nearly twenty years after the dissolution of my first marriage, my husband-to-be considered himself lucky that I didn't show up in blue jeans. Second marriages generally prove vastly different than first marriages. I mean, the first time around the couple worries about who to invite to the ceremony, what pattern of dishes and silverware do they want, and in what font should they print their wedding invitations. The second time around, the bride and groom have more interest in planning for retirement than planning for a wedding, they strive to keep costs to a bare minimum, and they hope to remember to pop in their hearing aids so they can hear when it comes time to repeat the marriage vows. Experience, learned habits, and changed expectations and needs make a second marriage an entirely different proposition than the first time around. In my case, my second marriage ceremony bore no resemblance to my first. Four decades ago at the ridic-ulously young age of 22 I actually wore a white dress to my wedding. I got married in a church by clergy, I hosted a small reception, and my equally young groom and I felt obligated to go on a honeymoon. We figured we would face life together and overcome all obstacles as we trav-eled through the years together. Forty years later when I remarried for the second time, I knew my husband-to-be and I had journeyed along entirely different paths through our adult lives and that we would never grow old together. We already WERE older and as such, we needed to make the most of our remaining years. Our marriage, although important, did not consume our thoughts as the big day approached. We got married in my own back yard with a justice of the peace in attendance, and my husband-to-be and I only invited a few family members, two cherished friends, and several extraordinary neighbors to share the event with us. My husband barbecued hamburgers to feed the under ten people in attendance, my dog attended the ceremony and spent a lot of time cadging whatever treats she could convince guests to feed her, and we all had a great time that cost my new husband and me virtually nothing. By the way, although I did not wear a dress, I did wear a newly purchased pair of slacks and a decent shirt, rather than a grungy pair of blue jeans and a T-shirt of uncertain age which is my usual attire. Neither did we spend money on any sort of honeymoon. After the second marriage, the newlyweds become intimately acquainted with the term 'his, hers, and ours'.

A first marriage sees the couple accumulate possessions together, while in the second marriage, one never knows what a spouse will add to the combined assortment of earthly goods. In my case, my husband and I had been on our own for many years between marriages. Individually in that time frame we acquired a lot of paraphernalia that when we became a couple proved challenging to accom-modate. I owned a small one bedroom house that I had lived in for fifteen years prior to my second marriage. I had the belongings I needed, and everything had a place that suited me well and fit my lifestyle. Enter a man with his own possessions acquired through his single years that he wanted to bring to the marriage. We rearranged, discarded items, rearranged again, tossed a few more possessions, rearranged for a third time, and eventually reached a comfortable solution in our house that accommodated both our needs and took care of the his, hers, and ours dilemma. We also transformed a dilapidated wreck of a building on my property into a very useful shop area that my hus-band Rod thoroughly enjoyed and fixed up to his liking. A marriage that involves two older people can face the quandary of habit. Both Rod and I had spent many years as singles between our first and second marriages. I had my own way of doing things and my husband had developed his routines and ways of dealing with every-day life. We found to our chagrin that often we had two very different approaches to the same problem, and we couldn't understand why our spouse could not see how simple it would be to do it our way. The good aspect of this predicament however lies in the fact that we ARE older and wiser and we both have learned through the years what is worth arguing about and what is not. We usually remember what really matters and what is merely superfluous, and this marks a huge improvement over youngsters who argue about the silliest issues. However, my new husband never truly felt that my house had become his house as well. Also, he had grown up in the mountains of Idaho and then spent thirty years in Wyoming, so his heart's desire was to return to moun-tain country. Couple this longing of his with the fact that we lived in eastern Montana near Sidney, a part of the state that has changed dramatically in the past five years thanks to the Bakken oil boom. Neither of us liked what had happened to our community, so at an age when most people expect to retire, I applied for and obtained a job in Virginia City, and we proceeded to move 500 miles from one end of Montana to the other. I didn't like moving when I could claim spring chicken status, but I really detested this chore at the ripe old age of 65 plus. A move tests the mettle of any marriage, and it does not help one bit when the couple in question qual-ifies for senior discounts of all shapes and descriptions. During this traumatic event, I figured I did an excel-lent job of weeding out household possessions I thought we no longer needed and did not have to move. I as-sumed my husband would do the same when it came to discarding redundant or worn out tools in his shop. In retrospect, I suppose I am still a naïve bride of twenty years young. First of all, half of what we moved turned out to be items from Rod's shop. We arrived in Virginia City with our be-longings, and as I unloaded a five gallon pail filled ex-clusively with hammers of all sizes and shapes, I was stunned. Then I unloaded a second five gallon pail filled only with wrenches. I haven't even mentioned screwdrivers yet. I would guesstimate that if my hus-band laid out all the screw-drivers he owns from end to end, this profusion of the same tool would stretch from Bozeman to Billings. I mean, really? Did we have to move all these tools? When I confronted my husband about this excess and asked if we actually needed 4592 screwdrivers, four tons of wrenches, and enough hammers to supply all the contractors in the entire state of Texas, he solemnly assured me that yes, we certainly did. So this left me puz-zled. Before my marriage, I owned two hammers, a set of box end wrenches, one adjustable wrench, one pipe wrench, a pair of fencing pliers, and a small assortment of screwdrivers, all of which fit in one draw-

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er, and together they got me safely through the majority of my adult life. Now I discovered that I courted disaster by not owning this huge inventory of basic tools. I wonder now how I ever survived.

I was annoyed until I remembered the numerous boxes of books that I moved across the state to our new home. I decided that books mean to me what tools mean to my husband, and that each of us requires our own special items that complete us. If Rod figures he needs forty-seven Phillips screwdrivers to make his life complete, he can have them.

I think in first marriages, a couple begins life testing the waters together, and they either learn how to swim as a team or they sink and drift apart. Allow an interval of time to pass between and first and second marriages, and perceptions and needs change as we age. An older newly married couple does not have to test the waters of life together. Rather, they can complement the other, bring their own unique perspective and past experiences to the union, and they can point out to their spouse potential whirlpools and how to avoid them. Instead of trying to amass wealth, plotting how to get ahead in their chosen career, and flaunting perceived success through outward appearances, older newlyweds tend to scale down and to see the value in eliminating the unnecessary trappings.

Certainly older newlyweds still disagree, argue, and become annoyed with their spouses, but we have a lifetime of experience behind us that reminds us that time is short, what we quibble about really doesn't matter in the scheme of the universe, and that at our age, what we really want is to cuddle at night, keep each other warm, offer support of all kinds, and to do what we can to make our remaining years as comfortable and peaceful as possible. We have no family to raise and no planned career moves; rather we desire peace and companionable quiet, and someone to let us know that even if the hair has grayed,



One of the good things about the second time around is that ALL family members, including four legged ones, are more than welcome at the wedding.

body parts have acquiesced to gravity's demands, and the eyesight has grown dim, someone still cares about us and cherishes us in spite of our flaws. That means the world to older newlyweds

Donated Produce Will Help Local Residents During Harvest For Seniors

By Meagan Dotson

As the weather warms and the growing season is underway, Harvest for Seniors will soon begin accepting surplus garden produce from the community. Harvest for Seniors is a program run by the Senior Coalition and was started three years ago as a way to help seniors offset the cost of living. Donated produce is divided among seniors who sign up for the program; fresh produce can be expensive and it is an innovative way to supply fresh fruits and vegetables for a few months.

From mid-August into October there will be a table in

the entrance of the Richland County Health Department where people can drop off their donations; from that point the produce is divvied up based on the number of people in the household and is delivered to them within 24 hours.

Last year the Senior Coalition delivered approximately 1,100 servings of vegetables to thirty recipients in Fairview, Sidney and Savage. There were hundreds of pounds of potatoes donated from a local spud fest and IGA donated surplus bread.

Seniors benefitting from the program do not choose the produce they receive and last year there were some recipes included, giving people some new ideas for their dinner tables.

"It's been a successful program and people can directly benefit seniors in the area," said Jodi Berry, Director of the Richland County Commission on Aging. "Many of them used to garden and no longer can so I think they really appreciate the fresh produce."

For more information on donating or becoming a recipient of Harvest for Seniors, contact the Senior Coalition at 406-433-3701.



Catholic Daughters Receives New Members

Catholic Daughter Court Mother Cabrini #1766 Sidney received two new members, Mother and Daughter, Mary and Sadie Ramage at our June meeting which began with Mass. Afterwards the ladies and Fr. Jim O'Neil enjoyed a pot luck supper. Pictured are Jan Martineau, Kathy Bidegaray, Kelly Ihde, Fr. Jim O'Neil, Sadie Ramage, Mary Ramage, Deb Mayers-Rassier and Lynn Donvan.




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(JRLR)
Local Teacher Wins Award
Thurs, Jun 19, 1980
Dan Watts, Vo-Ag

Instructor and FFA Advisor at Fairview High School, was presented the Montana Vo-Ag Teacher of the Year award at a banquet held in conjunction with the annual Vocational Agriculture Teachers summer conference in Bozeman, June 9-13th. The award is based on student achievements, state and community involvement, and participation in professional activities. This last year the Fairview FFA Chapter members won many district and state awards including both district and state sweepstakes awards. Watts is currently President of the Fairview Education Association and 2nd Vice-President of the Montana Vocational Association. He has been Vo-Ag Instructor at Fairview High

School for the past 21 years. In the seven year history of the Montana Vo-Ag Teacher of the

Year Award, this is the second time Watts has won the honor, the first time in 1974.



First Buyer – Jerry Sundheim is pictured selling the first 1980 Festival Button to his father, Ole Sundheim, to open the button sales campaign. Mr. Sundheim, Sr. has been active in Fairview and the festival for a number of years. (JLRL photo)



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Being There Is What Fatherhood Is All About

By Meagan Dotson

In the early 1970s Larry Riggs and his wife Arlene settled down in Sidney and began a venture of family. With three children, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, there is always something to keep Riggs busy and he notes that while his kids and even some of his grandkids are grown, he is always interested in what they're doing.

"I'm still involved with all of them," Riggs said. "Communication is important and we talk often. They still rely on me for fatherly advice."

Some of Riggs' favorite memories of having his son and daughters at home are those of family outings, vacations, get-togethers, camping at Fort Peck, and certainly music. Riggs recalls several occasions where he was playing the piano and singing as Arlene made dinner.

"The kids had to dance with mom to get through the kitchen.... But they all learned to dance!" he laughed.

Music continues to be a part of life for the Riggs family; family get-togethers and birthdays often becoming karaoke parties with everyone of age at the South 40 singing and celebrating.

Over the years, he has instilled in his children the importance of always learning, a sense of work ethic, and the value of humility, encouraging them to keep their bridges intact.

"I picked my kids up when they fell down and disciplined them when they needed it. Someone once told me that all we can do is give our children the benefits of our experience and let them run with it and I always remember that. No matter how old they are, be there; always be there."

Riggs has plenty of fun as a grandpa these days,

spending a lot of time with the great-grandkids, the newest additions to the family. As a special gift, Larry and Arlene Riggs take each of their grandchildren on a trip to Mexico with them after graduation and it is something that has quickly become a welcome tradition.

The Riggs family has come a long way since their oldest was born, coming into the world just four days after Larry Riggs left for his first of three tours of duty in Vietnam. He came back to a daughter who was walking and talking the first time he saw her.

When asked if he had any advice for fathers, Riggs gave heartfelt credit to his wife of forty-nine years saying, "One of the best things that you can do for your kids is to love their mother. They notice. They see it. I wasn't always the best dad, but Arlene kept me on the straight and narrow."

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Insecticide Now Available to Fight Wheat Stem Sawfly in Montana

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Submitted by MSU News Service
BOZEMAN – Montanans who battle wheat stem sawfly now have a new weapon to consider using.

Over the next four years and possibly longer, wheat producers will be able to use a granular insecticide against the No. 1 small grain insect pest in Montana. The insecticide, Thimet 20-G, must be incorporated into the soil at least 85 days before harvest.

“This is big news because it’s something that works,” said Montana State University Cropland Entomologist Kevin Wanner. “For the first time, producers will have a pesticide as an option.”

MSU Pesticide Education Specialist Cecil Tharp said Montanans may use Thimet 20-G on other crops, but the Montana Department of Agriculture recently issued a 24 (C) special location need registration that allows the insecticide to be used in wheat against the wheat stem sawfly. The department may renew or end this special registration on Dec. 31, 2019.

If producers want to continue using the insecticide, they will have to apply it properly, Tharp said. Doing so will not only keep themselves and the environment safe, but it will help ensure that this insecticide special registration will continue to be available for other Montanans.

“If it’s misused, we can expect to lose this tool quickly,” Tharp said. “It could be as simple as not cleaning up granular spills and killing a population of birds.”

This insecticide is extremely toxic to humans, other mammals, fish and birds, Tharp said. Therefore, it must be incorporated into the soil by applicators who are licensed for restricted-use products. They must plant it at least one inch deep between the crop rows, using an enclosed loading system that is rated for dermal protection according to worker protection standards. The enclosed tractor cab must also provide respiratory protection equivalent to a dust/mist filtering respirator, or the applicator must wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with any N, R, P or HE filter (prefix TC-21C) while within the cab. In addition, the applicators must wear a long-sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes and socks while inside the cab. When they leave the enclosed cab, they must wear protective eyewear, coveralls, chemical-resistant gloves and footwear, and a NIOSH-approved dust/mist filtering respirator.

Applicators must have both the supplemental 24c label and section 3 product label when using Thimet for managing sawflies. For more details about application and instructions about spills,

Pesticide Points Announced for Sidney ARS Dryland Field Day

Submitted by Beth Redlin, USDA-ARS
The Sidney ARS Dryland Farm Field Day set for this coming Friday morning, June 19th, has been awarded 2 private and 2 commercial pesticide applicator points for those participating, organizers noted this week. The event is co-sponsored by the USDA Agricultural Research Service’s (ARS) Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory in Sidney and the Richland County Extension Service.

The Sidney ARS Field Day is set for Friday, June 19th from 9 am -12:30 pm, at the dryland research farm located about 4 miles north of Sidney on the Culbertson Highway. Take a left at County Road 129 and a second left on County Road 346 to get to the farmsite. A free lunch will be served courtesy of Richland County Extension. Rainplace is the Richland Co. Extension Office Conference Room at 1501 N. Central Ave. in Sidney.

A highlight of the morning is a special hour-long “Drones 101” workshop designed to acquaint tour goers with the basics of the machines. Other talks to be presented include information on E3 Farm Energy Audits, Biological control of Canada thistle, Drought influences on wheat stem sawfly outbreaks and control by its natural enemies, Attacking wheat stem sawfly inside the stem, Seeding depth and starter fertilizer for cover crop mixes, new large square baling software calculating RFV for alfalfa on the go, nitrogen rate impacts on greenhouse gas emission under a wheat pea rotation, and a special demonstration of a NRCS Rainfall Simulator.

For more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or by email at beth.redlin@ars.usda.gov.

the 24c label and section 3 label, go to <http://www.mtagalert.org/> and find “Wheat Stem Sawfly and Thimet.”

Wanner said the wheat stem sawfly is active earlier than normal this year, so producers could wait until next year to apply the insecticide and continue using the methods they’ve used in the past against wheat stem sawfly. One such method is planting solid stem wheat, which makes it more difficult for wheat stem sawfly to feed inside the stem. Another is planting varieties that are more attractive to wheat stem sawfly around the outsides of a field, so producers can harvest those areas first.

Research has proven the effectiveness of Thimet 20-G against wheat stem sawfly, Wanner said. It is a systemic insecticide, taken up by the roots and moved up the wheat stem where it kills the wheat stem sawfly larvae. Applications must be completed before the insect begins to fly and lay eggs, which in Montana can begin at the end of May or sometime during June.

“Efficacy is achieved by applying Thimet 20-G after the crop emerges, closer in time to when wheat stem sawfly larvae are feeding within the stem,” Wanner said. “Trials in Montana have demonstrated a 64-100 percent reduction in damage measured as stem cutting by the larvae. Yield increases of 5.4-6.1 bushels per acre were achieved in spring wheat and winter wheat crops, respectively.”

Tharp said wheat and wheat products are safe to eat according to EPA tolerance thresholds if producers wait at least 85 days between planting the insecticide and harvesting their wheat.

For more information, contact local MSU Extension agents. For safety-related questions, contact Tharp at (406) 994-5067. For information about managing insects, contact, Wanner at (406) 994-5663. For more information on Thimet 20-G, lid adaptors for the Lock’N’Load system or efficacy, contact Amvac at 1-888-462-6822.

MSU Researchers Have New Grain Line Available For Commercial Licensing

BOZEMAN – Montana State University researchers have produced a new variety of grain sorghum, a warm season crop adapted to arid climates. This technology – Line 13sorg23 – is now available for licensing. Bid submission forms are due Oct. 30.

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MSU researchers developed Line 13sorg23 as the result of a long-term open pollination selection process initiated in 1986 at MSU’s Central Ag Research Center (CARC) in Moccasin. Two bulk populations were used in the initial seeding.

The best timeframe for viewing of the new sorghum planted at Northern Ag Research Center will be last week of July through the first week of August, or the first two weeks of August at CARC. Researchers expect to have seed available by Nov. 30.

Those interested in licensing Line 13sorg23 should complete a “Request for License Terms” form, which is available on MSU’s Office of Technology Transfer website – <http://tto.montana.edu/tech/ag.html>. Those forms should be returned to gary.bloomer@montana.edu by close of business on Friday, Oct. 30.

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Montana Shakespeare In The Parks To Perform ‘The Taming Of The Shrew’ And ‘Cyrano De Bergerac’ During 2015 Summer Tour

Submitted by Meghan Missett
Montana Shakespeare In The Parks

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will perform Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" and the classic "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand during its upcoming 2015 summer tour throughout Montana, northern Wyoming, eastern Idaho, western North Dakota and eastern Washington.

In its 43rd season, the company has added two days to the tour and performances in Spokane, Wash. and Sandpoint, Idaho, to make it the largest tour in its history. The company features 10 professional actors selected from national auditions who tour without technical assistance to bring live theatre to mostly rural communities. This summer, 47 percent of the communities reached by the troupe have populations of 2,000 or fewer.

"We are excited to extend our reach to Spokane and Sandpoint as we maintain the tradition of bringing free Shakespeare to audiences across Montana and its surrounding states," said Kevin Asselin, artistic director of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks. "We are thankful to all of our tour coordinators who help us share the gift of Shakespeare with their communities."

Asselin will direct "The Taming of the Shrew" with a regional

Wild West take on the play. Chicago-based guest director Si Osborne will direct "Cyrano de Bergerac," which the company hasn't performed since 1992.

All performances, with the exception of those at Bozeman's Sweet Pea Festival, are free and open to the public. Audiences are encouraged to arrive early with chairs, blankets and picnics.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is an outreach program of Montana State University's College of Arts and Architecture. Grants, corporate sponsorships and hundreds of individual donors support the free performances. The company is also supported by the National Endowment for the Arts: Art Works, which this year increased its support.

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In July 2014, ONEOK made a \$1 million pledge to the McKenzie County Healthcare System toward the construction of a new hospital in Watford City, North Dakota. "These funds will be used to build a consolidated medical campus to improve efficiencies and ensure state of the art patient care, which will include: clinic/outpatient services, hospital, long-term nursing home care, assisted living and wellness center services. Building this new medical facility will improve quality of care to the community, including current and future ONEOK employees," states Stephanie Higgins, Communications Consultant for ONEOK, Inc.

Terry K. Spencer, President and chief executive officer of ONEOK, said "ONEOK is committed to improving the communities where we operate and our employees live, and we hope that this contribution will help McKenzie County Healthcare

Systems achieve its goal of bringing essential medical services to the expanding population of McKenzie County and western North Dakota."

Since its inception in 1997, the ONEOK Foundation has awarded \$39 million in grants to support nonprofit organizations throughout their operating areas. Primary focus areas for community investments are education, health and human services, arts and culture, and community improvement. Priority consideration is given to educational programs and to health and human services organizations, particularly organizations with programs that help people become self-sufficient.

ONEOK also matches employee contributions, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to annual United Way campaigns, making their total contribution to United Way since 1997 more than \$22 million.

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Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting



Pictured front row: Emily Vitt, Caitlyn Moran, Reanna Peterson, Clara Jepsen, Jaycee Searer, 2nd row: Faith Vitt, Megan Greenwood, Ethan Graves, Tudie Crosby, Jalysaa Gorder, Eathan Carda, Koby Edam Back Row: Keevan Edam, Colin Moran, Brady Johnson, Alec Johnson, Paul Brannan, Sean Gange, Christopher Sommerfeld, Tanner Hagler

Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative held its annual meeting Wednesday, June 3 in Sidney. Kids are treated to an evening of fun and games while parents attend the business meeting. A highlight is always the quick draw scholarship winners each of whom receives a \$1000 scholarship.

Bike winners:
Kylie Schoepp
and Deion Taylor



Exciting Opportunities for Veterans with PTSD June 27th

Civil War Veterans called it Soldiers Heart. World War II identified it as Shell Shock. Perhaps you've heard the phrase Combat Fatigue. All of these are different names for Post Traumatic Stress, commonly known as PTSD. PTSD is a serious condition that may develop after a person is exposed to a wide range of traumatic events. Combat Military Personnel are at great risk with the Veteran's Administration (VA) estimating that 830,000 veterans suffer from PTSD. Symptoms of PTSD can include negative changes in beliefs and feelings, nightmares, increased anxiety, substance abuse, feeling alienated and alone, hypervigilance, difficulty concentrating, sleep disorders, depression and a loss of interest in activities disrupting both work and home life. The US Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 22 veterans commit suicide in the United States every day, that's one every 65 minutes, as a result of PTSD. In the past 10 years, Montana has lost approximately 2000 veterans to suicide. That's one approximately every 36 hours. Suicide rates in the military and among veterans have increased significantly since

the beginning of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. 22 Boots is a program being presented to bring awareness of PTSD to our community and direct veterans in finding resources to assist them with their battle. Montana Warriors on the Water, an extension of the Miles City Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited, will be on hand to present their program designed to provide outdoor recreational opportunities and therapy to veterans of the United States Military, especially those that are combat wounded or suffering from issues associated with PTSD. They hosted their 1st event June 8-15, 2015. R.I.V.E.R. (Rural Institute for Veterans Education and Research) has an exciting new opportunity for veterans to not only help themselves, but also reach out to assist other veterans. Veterans are having long wait lines for care; and in the case of mental health, appointments are limited and proving to be inadequate. A peer-to-peer approach that is being promoted is expansion of the role of the EMT, to that of Community Veteran EMT. The CV-EMT program that is supported by the IAVA, includes specialized training

specific to veteran's issues bridging the gap between VA visits during times of crisis. Also sharing some resources will be Kerrie Wheeler, LCPC, Psychological Health Coordinator with the MT Army National Guard Outreach program. Kerrie has more than 25 years of experience with a Master's degree in Counseling, a Master's degree in Human Services as well as several other licenses and affiliations. With hundreds of hours of training in the treatment of trauma, she assists in the development of networks of service providers located in local communities. VFW Post Commander Les Pollard and American Legion Post Commander Jeff Wadell will also be speaking. Please join us on June 27th at Veterans Memorial Park from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For questions or concerns please contact Everett Crum at 406-488-5363 or DeRae Steinbeisser at 406-488-4646.

22 BOOTS

JUNE 27, 2015
VETERANS PARK
SIDNEY, MT
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

It is estimated that 22 Military Veterans commit suicide *EVERY* day. We invite all veterans, current service members, their families and the community to join us as we bring awareness and resources for the invisible wounds suffered by our service members. Speakers include:

- **VFW POST #4099**
Post Commander Les Poland
- **AMERICAN LEGION**
Post Commander Jeff Wadell
- **MT AIR NATIONAL GUARD OUTREACH**
Kerrie Wheeler, LCPC
- **WARRIORS ON THE WATER**
Providing outdoor recreation and therapy for military veterans with PTSD
- **RIVER**
Rural Institute for Veterans Education & Research

Speakers begin at 10:30 a.m.



The MonDak Heritage Center presents the Art of War Project, June 12 through July 24, 2015. The Art of War Project's mission is to inspire hope and contribute to the health and well being of American Veterans dealing with PTSD by providing a positive outlet through art. Opening reception is Friday, June 12 at 7pm. Open and free to the public. Refreshments will be served. Founder Curt Bean and participating artists will be on hand to discuss their art.

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FWP’s “Kids To Fish” Program Allows Youths To Borrow Gear & Tackle For Free



A popular Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 6 program that allows children and their families to check out free fishing rods and tackle is in full swing again this year.

Just in time for summer fishing, FWP staff is in the process of restocking the 49 (and counting) different location sites across Montana’s Hi-Line. The “Kids To Fish” program lets youngsters check out fishing rods and reels and basic tackle, such as hooks, bobbers, and sinkers. Typically, eight rods are at each location, and a tackle box is available to borrow/use the available tackle.

Nationally known rod and reel manufacturers and tackle retailers, D & G Sports & Western in Glasgow, and Stromberg’s Sinclair and the North 40 Outfitters store in Havre give FWP substantial discounts that help keep the program sustainable.

FWP Region 6 Information and Education intern Randy Hopkins, a senior at Montana State

University in Bozeman, has been busy maintaining the gear and helping resupply the sites this month. “Just because someone doesn’t have a fishing rod doesn’t mean they shouldn’t be able to go fishing,” Randy said. “Whether it’s a cousin in town that wants to go fishing, or just an extra pole is needed for catfishing on the Milk River, we want as many kids as possible to be able to go out and fish.”

“The many business owners and other folks who participate in the program deserve special thanks,” adds Marc Kloker, Region 6 Information and Education Program Manager. “They’re helping a lot of kids have fun on the water this summer.”

The sturdy loaner rods come already rigged with bobbers, split-shot and hooks. Youngsters are required to sign out the equipment at the site and return it in good working order within a reasonable amount of time. Please remember that these rods are to be BROUGHT BACK to the loaner location, even if damaged. If poles are continually lost or stolen, the program will need to make the necessary changes and location sites may be removed.

More than 400 fishing rods are available to be checked out from the outlets by individuals, families, organizations, church groups and schools. If you have any questions about the program, or are interested in having poles available at other locations in your community, please contact Kloker at 406-228-3704. Visit fwp.mt.gov to learn more and see where fishing rods and tackle are currently available.

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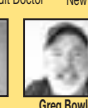
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Watchable Wildlife Photo Contest Open

By ND Game & Fish Dept.
The deadline for submitting photos to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s annual Watchable Wildlife Photo Contest is Sept. 30.

The contest has categories for nongame and game species, as well as plants/insects. An overall winning photograph will be chosen, with the number of place winners in each category determined by the number of qualified entries.

Contest entries are limited to digital files submitted on disk or via email. Contestants are limited to no more than five entries. Photos must have been taken in North Dakota.

By submitting an entry, photographers grant permission to Game and Fish to publish winning photographs in North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine, and on the Department’s website, gf.nd.gov.

Photo disks should be sent to Watchable Wildlife Photo Contest, C/O Patrick T. Isakson, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095.

Send emailed digital photos to photocontest@nd.gov. Photographers will need to supply the original image if needed for publication.

Photo disks will not be returned. All entries must be accompanied by the photographer’s name, address, phone number and email address if available. Other information such as photo site location and month taken are also useful.

County Agent Update

Summer Composting Practices

By Danielle Steinhoff, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent Williams County

North Dakota soil was one of the main reasons early settlers were so attracted to this area. Keeping the nutrient levels in your garden at a proper rate can sometimes be a struggle. There is one simple way that this can be done, composting. Most people when they hear the words compost pile, think of the smell that sometimes can come with it. But if the pile is taken care of properly, smell should not be an issue.

Composting is the gradual decomposition of organic matter such as, coffee grounds, egg shells, vegetable shavings, grass clippings and shredded leaves. There are two types of composting systems, but with our short summer season the most used one in North Dakota is the Hot System. The height of the compost pile should not exceed 6 feet in height, and the maximum size of the organic matter pieces should be 6-9 inches long. If bins are constructed, using the dimensions of 5x5x6 foot will yield 150 cubic feet of compost. This amount of compost will take 4-6 weeks to decompose and will cover a 500 square feet space at a depth of two inches. This sized compost bin is divided into 3 parts. Bin 1- Raw material bin, this is where you put the kitchen items such as coffee grounds, egg shells and

vegetable shavings. Also put in grass clippings, leaf shreds and refuse from the vegetable or flower garden. Turn at least once a week. Bin 2- This bin will be filled with composted material which is taken from the bottom of bin one. This bin needs to be turned every three to four days, until the material is humus. Humus is dark, friable, odorless product, which is similar to the organic matter found in soil. Bin 3- is compost or humus, which is ready for use.

If bad smells are coming from the compost pile, it generally means that there is more moisture at the bottom of the pile. Simply turning over the pile will take care of that problem. There are two alternatives to the hot production system, one involves a plastic trash bag where the bag is rolled over every other day. The other alternative is commercially available compost bins, both alternatives will yield a compost product in two to three weeks. One thing to keep in mind while having a composting bin in your yard is to keep it away from buildings. While decomposing, the internal temperature can reach 120-160 degrees Fahrenheit.

There are many benefits of compost such as; keeping soil temperatures cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter, utilizing rainfall or irrigation water and adding biological activity to the soil. If you want to see the whole article, Composting Practices written by Ronald C. Smith visit the following website <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/plantsci/hortcrop/MNAXLP/h885.pdf>.

A Steak In Ag

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10 COOL Things the House Agriculture Committee Got Wrong

Billings, Mont. – R-CALF USA's CEO Bill Bullard restates the House Agriculture Committee's 10 COOL "things" asserted in the Committee's official government news release and he provides a factual rebuttal to each.

'COOL Is Not About Food Safety Or Traceability.'

"Yes it is. The U.S. Court of Appeals researched the Congressional Record and found that food safety interests were among the reasons Congress passed COOL."

'COOL is costly for producers, retailers, and consumers.'

"COOL helped producers recover their lost market share that was previously captured by packers and retailers. Also, consumer demand increased nearly 12 points since COOL's implementation.

'There Is No Increase In Consumer Demand For Origin Labeling Information As A Result Of COOL.'

"Market data show that COOL helped domestic beef demand recover from its downward spiral even while consumers were paying supply-induced, record prices for beef."

'Consumers interested in

country of origin information are not willing to pay more for it.'

"Yes they are. The U.S. Court of Appeals referenced a survey that found that 71-73 percent of consumers would be willing to pay for country-of-origin information about their food."

'The World Trade Organization (WTO) has ruled against the U.S. (four) times.'

"This is true. But, it was expected given the conflicts of interest that predispose the WTO to faulting COOL. First, the WTO advocates against country-specific labels and for its own 'Made in the World' labeling initiative. Second, Ricardo Ramirez-Hernandez - a Mexican national who represented Mexico in international trade litigation - presided as an appellate jurist in both of the U.S. COOL appeals before the WTO."

'Canada and Mexico are expected to retaliate should the WTO rule against the U.S. in the coming days.'

"The dispute process is not over. Canada and Mexico must now go through a proceeding to prove damages before the WTO can authorize retaliation.

'Retaliation Could Hurt Much More Than Just The Agriculture Industry.'

"It will be difficult for Canada and Mexico to prove any substantive damages given the recent Auburn University study that found the financial harms attributed to COOL were actually caused by the global recession and by the cattle procurement practices of multinational meatpackers."

Farm Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period Begins June 15

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Monday, June 15, 2015.

"Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice. Their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "It is important for county committees to reflect America's diversity, so I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers, including beginning farmers, to get involved in this year's elections. We've seen an increase in the number of nominations for qualified candidates, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where they are nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2015 election must be postmarked or received in the

local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3, 2015.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9, 2015. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2015. Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2016.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny

farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

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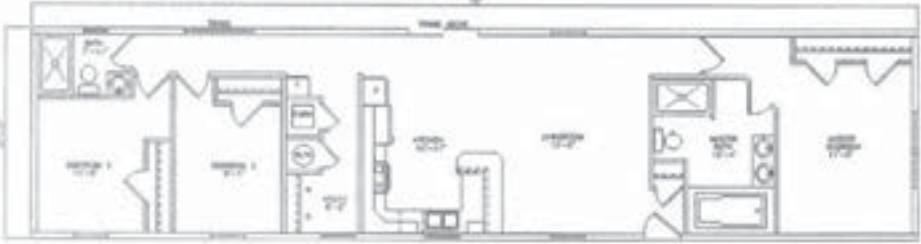
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