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One Happy Easter

The Watford City Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Good Shepard home last week. Pictured is Lili and Kayla Nicholson posing with the Easter Bunny after the Easter Egg Hunt. See more photos on page 4. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Watford City, North Dakota Celebrates its 100 Years in June – Festival Vendors Wanted

Submitted by Doug Bolken

The City of Watford City will be celebrating its 100th year the last weekend in June and we need Art, Craft & Commercial Vendors to help in the celebration.

Our Centennial festivities begin on Thursday, June 26 with a dedication of our new Centennial Park and end on Sunday, June 29th with a non-denominational church service.

The highlight of this event is our two day Centennial Festival which is set among the trees and along the creek of the City Park and McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Vendors will be able to display their product throughout the festival.

Our Festival Main Stage Events include: Native American Dancers, Baby Pageant, Magic Keith, Music with Jeff Nelson, Medora's Burning Hills Cloggers, Blake Krabbseth Magician, Merrill Piepkorn & the Radio Stars/Old Time Music. We are featuring musical acts of Quintana Biffert, The Taylors and The Dwaylors, Tom Brosseau, Mr. Feelgood and the Firm Believers, Whiskey Rebellion, Six Appeal, Tigirlily and 32 Below.

Along with these Main Stage Events, we are including Jumping Castle & Games, Clowns, Face Painting, Balloons, Hands-On Interactive Games for the Kids and are having our own film festival featuring local films: 6 Brothers, Cowboys & Crude and Small Town Soldiers.

The excitement doesn't stop here; we will be having events throughout the city - Centennial Parade down Main Street; All School Reunion at the High School; Trish Gravos Memorial Golf Scramble and Steak Fry at the Fox Hills Golf & Country Club; Threshing Demonstration at Heritage Park and a rousing Alumni Baseball Game at Legion Park.

We are expecting to have 5,000 attendees at our Centennial Celebration. If you are an Art, Craft or Commercial Vendor and would like to be part of our festival please contact us. Vendor information and application can be found at www.watfordcitycentennial.com or by contacting Amanda Kieson at 701-842-6831 or Whippinstitch@yahoo.com.

www.watfordcitycentennial.com

The Watford City Centennial Steering Committee is comprised of Patsy Levang, Chairperson, plevang@yahoo.com, 701-570-2493; Jan Dodge, Exhibits & Film Festival, Jandodge74@gmail.com, 701-570-2493; Doug Bolken, Marketing, dbolken@co.mckenzie.nd.us, 701-444-5804; Sandi Sanford, Centennial Book, sandiandbrent@ruggedwest.com, 701-570-4588; Kristin Bolken, Special Events, kbolken@mckenziehealth.com, 701-842-4606; Lindsay Wingerter, Homefest & Art in the Park, whomefest@gmail.com, 701-580-0587.

Every Day is Earth Day for Farmers & Ranchers

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar

April 22 marks the 44th anniversary of Earth Day, begun in 1970 and thought of as the day the modern environmental movement started. Even though the general public thinks about Earth Day as a time for rallies in the park, trash pickup and an uptick in recycling efforts, farmers and ranchers spend more time out in the natural environment than most people.

"The success of ranchers and farmers centers around extensive resource management," notes Bob Hanson, president of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation and a White Sulphur Springs rancher. "Whether you are managing forages for grazing or haying, or figuring out the details for planting and fertilizing a crop, there is plenty of consideration given towards the grass and soil."

Statistics show that farmers and ranchers are managing their land better than ever. Conservation tillage, a way of farming that reduces erosion (soil loss) while using less energy has grown from 17 percent of total acreage in 1982 to 63 percent today. Crop rotation, a practice of growing different crops in succession on the same land, is another way farmers take care of the land and reduce crop disease.

Due to technological advances in farming, a Global Positioning System (GPS) and auto-steer guidance systems are used to

increase crop yields, lower costs and reduce chemical use which benefits the environment. Precision agricultural technologies like this are now used on 50 percent of U.S. farms and ranches. This helps farmers identify where to plant seeds (and how many) and, if needed, apply variable rates of pesticides and fertilizer.

Ranchers are wise managers of the land. Considerations vary from planning how many animal units (AUMs) can graze on specific acreage based on forage quality and quantity to providing water sources not only for their animals but for wildlife.

"Landowners provide more than 75 percent of the habitat for wildlife. Many farmers set aside buffer zones and wetland areas to provide food and shelter for a variety of critters," said Hanson. "Farmers and ranchers are outside daily looking at the grass, trees, birds, deer and everything nature offers. If they don't manage their resources, they won't be able to have healthy cattle or an abundant crop. People who believe farmers and ranchers simply dump chemicals on the crops or dump more animals on a pasture than that resource will allow are wrong."

Hanson urges consumers with concerns about the way farmers and ranchers operate to talk to them, whether in person or through social media.

Every day is Earth Day for farmers and ranchers.

Show Your Support for Irrigation This Week

By Dianne Swanson

Your support, whether in person or by written comment, is vital to ensure the continuation of irrigation and the economic vitality of our community.

Even though this issue should be cut and dried, it is not.

Public meetings and comment will determine whether the proposed fish friendly concrete weir and fish bypass at Intake are approved to begin construction. Federal agencies and state leaders are actively analyzing the level of public support vs protest. There will be opposition shown at the meeting in Glendive and political leaders including Montana Governor Bullock are "watching it closely".

The public meeting in Glendive will take place at 6 pm, Wednesday, April 23 at the Dawson County High School. Bus transportation has been secured from Fairview and Sidney. The bus will start loading in Fairview at 4 pm and leave promptly at 4:15. Busses will then start loading passengers in Sidney at 4:30 and leave promptly at 5 pm to go to Glendive. Footers sandwiches courtesy of Agri Industries, and bottled water will be provided for riders.

The Sidney public meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Thursday, April 24 at the Sidney High School. Your support at one or both of the meetings is critical.

"My heart stopped when I read the article (The Roundup, April 9)," Richland Economic Development executive director Leslie Messer said. "I'm from this valley and even though we're non-irrigators, I can't imagine this valley without the irrigation project. From an economic standpoint, this whole end of the state of Montana and North Dakota would suffer great, unimaginable losses. The Corps has the money now to fund a reliable way to protect the endangered species, improve opportunities for water recreation, and get reliable water to growers. It's a win-win situation. By not being actively involved in the public meetings, we could be one step closer to another Klamath Falls. And, if they're successful in stopping LYIP, why not Buffalo Rapids and any other project in the country?"

Messer immediately started doing background research on LYIP, and reaching out to members of RED to inform them of the situation. In cooperation with LYIP general manager James Brower, RED was able to facilitate an informational meeting which was very well attended. Messer and many others are doing their utmost to inform the public of the situation.

The potential impacts created by the loss of reliable irrigation are far reaching. Farmers, agri-businesses and research at the NPARRL and MSU-EARC would be immediately affected. Since the bountiful Yellowstone valley produces food for the entire country, food prices would ultimately rise. Any company, no matter where they're located, that supplies materials used in the production or processing of our crops would also be impacted. The ripple effect would ultimately be felt throughout the country.

Other potential long term problems include a diminished county tax base which sees valuable irrigated land turned into dryland that is taxed accordingly. Irrigation water has kept the water table high, providing water for shallow sand point wells, plus it has fed the aquifer which supplies groundwater. What happens to our water supplying wells if irrigation goes away?

The money is in place now to comply with the Endangered Species Act, enhance boating opportunities and provide reliable irrigation water. The new plan has been extensively evaluated, tested and upgraded by the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, LYIP, and other government entities.

The information letter sent by LYIP last week explained the urgency of the situation. "The negotiated design is the best (and last) opportunity for the federal government to pay for the federally required fish passage. The \$35 million that the Corps has allocated for this project is only available through fiscal year 2014. If the agencies involved cannot reach an agreement this year, those dollars will be awarded to other projects and the Intake diversion project will revert back to the Bureau of Reclamation. From then on, local irrigators will be financially responsible for achieving a fish bypass, or suffer the loss of their irrigation water and the stability it brings to our communities."

If you can not attend one of the public meetings, please express your support of the fish friendly concrete weir and mandatory fish bypass by mailing or dropping off a signed letter to Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, 2327 Lincoln Ave. S.E., Sidney, MT 59270. You may also email your support to shamya-LYI@usbr.gov. The comment period ends April 30, 2014.

Sunrise Child Care Assoc. Carnival April 27

The Sunrise Child Care Association will be holding a carnival on Sunday, April 27 from 2-4 pm at the Richland Co. Fair Event Center. Lots of carnival games, face painting, bounce house, cupcake walk, fireman and firetruck, ambulance, obstacle course, popcorn. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras as well have a photo booth set up. This is a family event for families with children ages 1-7 years old. 3 prize drawings will be held. A free will offering will be accepted but not required for attendance.

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Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support Group in First Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, 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 Fairview 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. — NA meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church 2181 W. Holly St. (across from the fairgrounds), Sidney.
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:
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
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. — **Watford City area Celebrate Recovery**, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.
8 p.m. — AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m. — NA meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 2181 W. Holly St. (across from the fairgrounds), Sidney.

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

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

	Sakakawea	Fort Peck
Current Elevation.....	1837.0	2225.3
Last Week's Elev.	1836.9	2225.1
One Year Ago	1828.2	2222.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.) ..	24,000	10,000

WATFORD CITY WEATHER DATA

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 14	NA	NA	NA
April 15	NA	NA	NA
April 16	NA	NA	NA
April 17	NA	NA	NA
April 18	NA	NA	NA
April 19	NA	NA	NA
April 20	NA	NA	NA
YTD Rainfall			22.44

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 14	39	21	0.00
April 15	58	25	0.00
April 16	35	25	0.00
April 17	49	28	0.00
April 18	63	35	0.00
April 19	63	36	0.00
April 20	69	28	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation			0.65

OBITUARIES

Doris Norby, 79, Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Doris Norby, of Sidney is at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Wake services are 6 pm, Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Doris entered the heavenly gates to the Lord's open arms on Thursday morning, April 17, 2014, in Sidney.

Louise Tyree, 97, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Louise Tyree, 97, of Sidney, MT were at 10 am, Saturday, April 19, 2014 at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT. Interment of cremains was in Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, ND. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Louise died on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility, Sidney, MT.

5th Annual Big Sky State Games National Anthem Contest

Montana Singers: Show Off Your Talent

The Big Sky State Games is holding an online competition to find a National Anthem singer for the Opening Ceremonies on July 18, 2014 in Billings.

The deadline to enter the contest is April 25

*Contestants must...

- sing the National Anthem without accompaniment
- be available to sing in Billings on July 18, 2014
- be a Montana resident

The Big Sky State Games will provide Friday evening hotel accommodations if the winner resides out of town.

How do I enter?

Post a video of yourself singing the National Anthem to the Big Sky State Games Facebook page OR Post a video of yourself singing the National Anthem to YouTube and email the link to nationalanthem@bigskygames.org.

*Either way you choose to submit your video, we still require that you send an email to nationalanthem@bigskygames.org that contains your name, address, age, phone number, email address and t-shirt size.

The top FIVE finalists will be determined by a panel of judges, and the five finalists' videos will then be posted to the Big Sky State Games Facebook page. The public will determine the winner via survey.

Big Sky State Games, Box 7136 , Billings, MT 59101 (406) 254-7426 - phone (406) 254-7439 - fax

North Dakota Anglers Asked to Report Winterkill

North Dakota Game and Fish Department fisheries biologists are asking anglers for help in documenting lakes that may have experienced winter fish mortality.

Fisheries management section leader Scott Gangl said some winterkill is expected every year, with the severity depending on winter weather conditions.

"We had a colder than average winter, but we had normal to below-normal snow cover," Gangl said. "Therefore, we don't anticipate major widespread winterkill, which is good news given the record number of fishing waters in the state. However, some of the smaller lakes where we periodically see winterkill will likely experience some die-offs."

Gangl said this is the one of the busiest times of the year for fisheries crews, therefore Game and Fish staff might not get to every lake right at ice out. "That's why it's important for anglers to report fish die-offs so our crews can follow up on it," he added.

Biologists will begin sampling suspected winterkill lakes later this spring once fish spawning operations are completed to document the severity of any die-offs.

Anglers can report fish mortality to a local Game and Fish Department district office.



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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Weds., April 23

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Sidney Health Center, Outreach (Health Screen) blood draw, Lambert School, Health screen:\$35, PSA for men: \$28. Please fast for 10 -12 hours prior to blood draw.

12 p.m. — Graduation for Sidney Area Leadership Class, Sidney Elks Lodge, Tickets are \$12 per person & must be purchased by April 18. Call 433- 1916 or visit the Sidney Chamber of Commerce office, 909 S. Central Ave.

Thurs., April 24

5:30 p.m. — Volunteer soup supper, MonDak Heritage Center.

7 p.m. — American Sewing Guild meeting, MSU Extension Building, for more info call 701-481-9900.

Fri., April 25

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.— Men's Breakfast Fellowship, Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church.

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Senior Commodity Distribution, Nutter building, 123 W. Main, back door. Message phone number is 433-4353.

11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.

6:30 p.m. — Take Back the Night Walk, meet at Law & Justice Center & we will walk to Veterans Park, for more info call Richland Co. Coalition Against Domestic Violence office at 406-433-7421.

7 p.m. — MonDak Heritage Center, Youth Music Showcase featuring our community's young musicians. Free & open to the public.

Sat., April 26

1- 4 p.m. — Family Fun Day, MonDak Heritage Center, free & open to the public.

Sun., April 27

1 p.m. — Savage Senior Center cards & potluck .

2-4 p.m. — Sunrise Child Association, Carnival, Richland Co. Fair Event Center. This family event is for families with children ages 1-7 years.

6:45 p.m. — Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo, Main Session 7:00 p.m.

Mon., April 28

11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.

6:30 p.m.— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinochle games.

Fri., May 2

6-9 p.m. — Cancer Coalition Bra Auction, Richland Co. Event Center. For more info call Richland Co. Health Center at 406-433-2207.

Sat. May 3

9 - 11 a.m. — The Annual Rabies Clinic in Savage, Savage Fire Hall. This is an opportunity to protect your pets against rabies, and save the hassle of taking them to town. You may also pick up your tick and flea

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Sidney High School, Dodgeball Tournament, Sidney High School gym.

5 - 7:30 p.m. — Walleye Dinner, Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW, \$20 per plate.

Thurs., May 8

3:30 p.m. — Kids marathon, final mile run, games, treats & fun, registration 3:30 p.m., start time 4:00 p.m., Richland County Fair Grounds, Sidney, MT.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., April 24

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. — McKenzie Co. Food Pantry, in the lower level of the First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City, Cash Wise food giveaway, for more info or to set up an appt. call 701-444-3451 or www.mcfoodpantry.com.

7 p.m.— Pinochle, Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW, for more info call 842-3760.

Fri., April 25

7 p.m. — **Watford City area Celebrate Recovery**, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.

Sat., April 26

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.— Pheasants Forever, free wild game feed, Watford City Eagles Club, Hwy 85, South of Watford City. Gun raffle will be held throughout the evening. For more info and tickets call Rick 701-770-2736.

Mon., April 28

1 - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support Group First Lutheran Church, Fellowship room, Watford City.

Tues., April 29

5 - 7 p.m. — McKenzie Co. Food Pantry open, First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City. For more info call 701-444-3451.

Weds., April 30

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — First Lutheran W-ELCA, spring luncheon, Civic Center, \$8 a plate.

Fri., May 2

RUMMAGE "GIVE AWAY" ,First Lutheran Church, 204 2nd St NW. Bring items to give away for set up from 8 am to noon. Get items from noon to 7 pm. All summer clothes, shoes, & toys & all work clothes. No large items, please.

Mon., May 5

11:30 am — Watford City network luncheon, Fox Hills Golf Course.

McKenzie Co. Public Library Bookmobile Schedule

Tues., April 29

Alexander School	9 - 10:30 a.m.
East Fairview School	11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Cartwright Hall	1 - 1:30 p.m.

Weds., April 30

Arnegard Post Office	9 - 9:30 a.m.
Horse Creek School	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Squaw Gap Hall	11 - 11:30 a.m.
Elizabeth Hatter	11:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Thurs., May 1

McKenzie Co. Courthouse Temp. Office	8:25 - 8:35 a.m.
Johnson Corners Christian Acedemy	9:10 - 9:30 a.m.
Keene Dome	9:45 - 10:05 a.m.
Good Shepherd Home	10:40 - 11:20 a.m.
Hillside Court	11:22 a.m. — 12:05 p.m.

Fri., May 2

Across from Lutheran Church, Grassy Butte 9 a.m. - noon

View all monthly events on our calendar at:
www.roundupweb.com



Family Fun Day at the MonDak

It's Earth Day on Saturday April 26th! Let's have some fun! From 1-4pm come enjoy an exciting and FREE family fun day at the museum. We will have crafts, indoor projects, outside activities and stories in the Center Gallery, but this is only a sneak peek! Come see for yourself everything in store this Saturday for children of all ages. Contact Jenny at the MonDak Heritage Center for more information at 406-433-3500 or jbaker@richland.org.

A New Online Service Simplifies the Process of Obtaining and Renewing Business Licenses

Submitted by Cathy Fitzgerald

Montana businesses now have a convenient, efficient and secure method for obtaining and renewing one or more licenses they may need from various state agencies to operate in Montana. eStop Business Licenses, formerly known as One-Stop Business Licensing, allows businesses to take care of most, if not all, of their licensing in one online location.

"eStop is part of the effort, spearheaded by the Main Street Montana Project, to foster a friendlier and more prosperous business climate in Montana by making government more effective and efficient," says Mike Kadas, Director of the Montana Department of Revenue, which administers eStop.

At eStop, businesses need only need to fill out one master application and make one payment for up to seven different licenses. The site

also allows businesses to print licenses, view the licensing history, view details of the business and locations, and make changes to information they need to keep current with the state, such as their mailing and contact information, their business structure or entity type, and their locations.

"We've worked hard to make eStop as simple and easy to use as possible," says Cathy Fitzgerald, Bureau Chief of Citizen Services and Resource Management at the Department of Revenue. "It's incredibly efficient – for the businesses that use it and for the five state agencies that administer the licenses."

Since eStop's inception in January 2014, more than 100 businesses have started using the system. And so far, eStop has received 15% of all license payments, cutting out a lot of the paperwork and red tape that used to go with licensing in Montana.

The businesses that

stand to benefit the most from the eStop service are grocery and convenience stores, which can take care of their food purveyor, tobacco, beer and wine, meter, scale and underground storage tank licenses all in one fell swoop.

In addition to those licenses, businesses can obtain their nursery licenses at eStop.

To sign up for eStop, businesses should go to estop.mt.gov and enter a passcode they received this year with their license renewal notices. For more information, businesses can visit estop.mt.gov, email DORestop@mt.gov or call toll free 1 (866) 859-2254 (in Helena, at 444-6900).

The eStop program is a service provided by the Montana Department of Revenue, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Public Health and Human Services, and the Department of Agriculture.



**"Can someone help me please?
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The Fairview Chamber of Commerce held its annual Easter Egg Hunt last Thursday at Sharbono Park. (Submitted photo)



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Celebrating Easter in Watford City

The Watford City Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Good Shepard home last week. Above: Volunteers are all smiles after the big turn out at the Easter Egg Hunt. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)

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Next To McKenzie Building Center



Lillian Holt shows off her basket full of eggs.

Willow Northrop hangs tight on to her Easter bucket as she poses with the Easter Bunny

Easton Samuelson is all smiles as he gathers some eggs at the Easter Egg hunt in Watford City.



Aurora Holt checks out the sweet treats inside one of her eggs.

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'E-rase your E-waste' Announces Spring/Fall Collection Dates

Submitted by Jackie Couture

It's spring cleaning time again, which means the Richland County "E-rase your E-waste" committee is gearing up for its 2014 annual spring and fall collection events. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this community-wide service program, which has recycled more than 154 Tons of outdated and waste electronics during that time.

According to organizers, dates for this year's spring weekend collection are Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, and again will include a joint mini collection in Fairview on Saturday morning, May 10, as part of that community's annual Citywide Cleanup event. The regular fall weekend collection is set for Sept. 5-6 in Sidney only, although anyone in the MonDak region, or even outside it, is welcome to bring their electronic items to any E-rase your E-waste collection site.

Yellowstone E-waste Solutions of Billings is again the e-cycler for both the spring and fall collections and provide their services for FREE, with two small exceptions, organizers noted. Participants wanting their hard drives removed from their computers will need to pay a small fee of \$5 for removal. In addition, those needing documentation certifying that their hard drive has been destroyed will also be charged a \$5 fee.

Again, the collections in Sidney and Fairview are all FREE as noted above! The Sidney E-rase your E-waste events will be held as usual at the Richland County Shop at 2140 W. Holly in Sidney, next to the Fairgrounds. Signs will be posted. Times for both spring and fall events in Sidney are Fridays 3-7 pm and Saturdays 9-3 pm. Please note, the county shop is available for drop offs during event times ONLY, when Yellowstone E-waste Solutions employees and local volunteers will be available to help with loading and unloading.

In Fairview, items will be accepted at the Fairview Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10, Fairview chamber organizers said. Note, that NO items, either regular trash or e-waste, will be accepted after the 12 pm deadline in Fairview.

Local businesses, agencies and organizations with large amounts to e-cycle are asked to make an appointment to drop off their items by calling Jackie Couture at 406-433-9422. Please leave a message.

Where possible larger recyclers are also encouraged to palletize their own items, or send extra staff to help get it done at the summer events. Details on acceptable items and how to palletize them can be found in a handout posted to the US-DA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab's e-waste website at www.ars.usda.gov/npa/npa/ewaste. In addition, a handy "Items List" recycling form is also available at the website to further speed processing time for participants bringing both large and small amounts, Couture noted.

The "E-rase your E-waste" effort in Sidney is coordinated by members of the Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Richland Opportunities Inc., employees with Sidney ARS and volunteers with other community organizations including the RSVP program. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has also committed funds for advertising the 2014 event.

We Urge YOU to Attend these Important Public Meetings

6pm • Wed, April 23
Dawson County High School
Glendive, MT

6pm • Thurs, April 24
Sidney High School
Sidney, MT

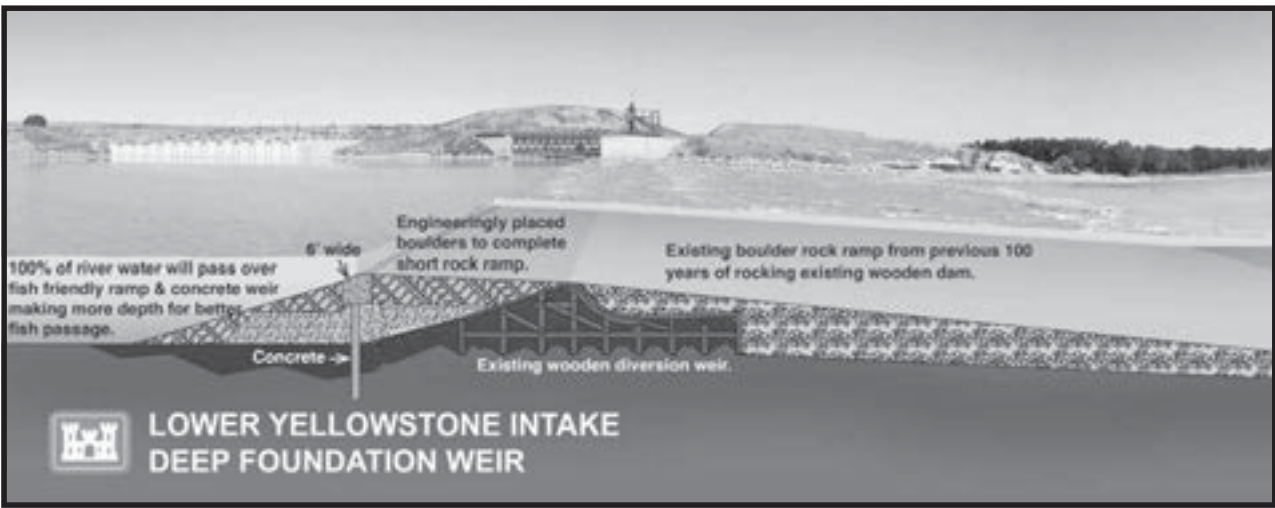
Free Transportation To Glendive

Meet at Fairview High School at 4pm,
bus leaves at 4:15pm.

Meet at Sidney High School at 4:30pm,
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April Is Alcohol Awareness Month

Part I
By the Richland County DUI Task Force

The Richland County DUI Task Force would like to remind you April is Alcohol Awareness Month. During the month the task force is challenging the community to raise their awareness regarding issues pertaining to alcohol.

Educate yourself on Safe/Healthy Limits

- 0- drinks for those under 21, pregnant or nursing, taking over the counter or prescription drugs, operating heavy equipment-vehicles,-boats, ATVs-motorcycles, those told by a physician to refrain from drinking, recovering alcoholics and those mandated by the court to refrain from drinking.
- 1- standard sized drink per day for women
- 2- standard sized drinks per day for men

Educate yourself on what a Standard Drink unit/size is

- 12 ounces of beer or wine cooler
- 8/9 ounces of craft or micro-brews
- 5 ounces of table wine
- 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor

Educate yourself on the effects of absorbed alcohol ~ Your BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration)

- .02% BAC can affect your ability to perform two different tasks at the same time
- .05% BAC can reduce your ability to respond to emergency driving situations
- .08% BAC effects information processing capability

Educate yourself on personal effects of alcohol. A person's BAC varies depending on the number of standard drink units, speed of drinking, gender, weight, food consumed. It takes about 1 hour for your body to process the alcohol of one standard drink unit.

Educate yourself on controlling the absorption rate of alcohol

Limit your alcohol consumption to 1 drink unit per hour. Coffee will not lower your BAC only time can.

Become aware of the amount of alcohol you are consuming...remember not all drinks are equal. A "Long Island Tea" can have 5 standard drink units in it. Heavy pours by servers can also

contain more alcohol than one standard drink unit.

Educate on how to keep yourself and the community safe

There is NO EXCUSE to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. We have 24/7 public transportation. The task force encourages you to put Sidney Shuttle's phone number in your cell phone 433-3636 and remember all alcohol establishments also have their number.

If you are planning a night out give them a call. They can get you to your destination and home with no worries about parking.

If you find yourself in a situation where you shouldn't be driving, they will get you and your vehicle home.

If you see impaired drivers, law enforcement, the task force and your community encourage you to be RADD (Report a Drunk Driver) and call 911.

For more information contact Mary Sundheim, DUI Task Force Coordinator at the Richland County Health Department 406-433-2207.

Sidney To Host State Class A Golf Tournament in 2015

The Montana High School Activities Association announced Tuesday that Sidney High School and the Sidney Country Club have been awarded the Montana State Class A Championship Golf Tournament which will be contested on October 2nd and 3rd

in 2015. This would not have been possible without the support and efforts of the School Board and Administration of the Sidney Public Schools, the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, the Sidney Hotels and Motels who support the TBID Board and it's members, and

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Camping Restrictions on Some North Dakots WMAs

Submitted by North Dakota Game and Fish Department

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will continue to implement camping restrictions on some wildlife management areas in western North Dakota and along Lake Sakakawea.

Overnight camping is prohibited on the following WMAs: Antelope Creek, Lewis and Clark, Big Oxbow, Ochs Point, Neu's Point (except campers accessing by boat, and only at the point area), Overlook, Sullivan and Tobacco Garden in McKenzie County; Van Hook in Mountrail County; and Hofflund and Trenton in Williams County.


Lewis and Clark WMA is closed from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless users are legally engaged in fishing, hunting or trapping. However, camping is allowed for paddlefish snaggers at the pumphouse area and at Neu's at the point by boat access. Glass bottles are prohibited.

In addition, the following WMAs are closed to camping on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but open to camping Thurs-

day-Monday: 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; Indian Creek in Hettinger County; Audubon, Custer Mine, Deepwater Creek, deTrobriand, Douglas Creek and Wolf Creek in McLean County; Beaver Creek and Hille in Mercer County; Storm Creek in Morton County; Cedar Lake and Speck Davis Pond in Slope County; and McGregor Dam in Williams County.

On those WMAs where camping is allowed Thursday through Monday, all equipment must be removed on Tuesday and Wednesdays when camping is not allowed.

The rules ensure these areas are available for hunters and anglers. Camping restrictions at all WMAs are posted at entry points.




April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month


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Farm Bureau Strongly Opposing New EPA Proposed Water Rules

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) is expressing strong opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grossly expanding government control of the Clean Water Act. The rules, which were released today, say normal farming, ranching and conservation activities, such as building fence, pruning shrubs and managing brush, could now all be under the jurisdiction of the EPA.

"The Congress, as well as two decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, stated that agriculture did not need a permit for normal farming practices. That's going to change if the EPA has their way," says MFBF Vice President of Governmental Affairs John Youngberg. "EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers would require farmers and ranchers to meet otherwise voluntary Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards for these everyday normal farming activities and voluntary conservation practices, or else face Clean Water Act liability. By linking the normal farming exemptions to NRCS standards, the rule would make voluntary conservation standards subject to EPA enforcement."

Concerns abound about alleged "exemptions" which the EPA has been touting as "not affecting ag."

"For example, one of those issues in the rules that would affect Montanans is the fact that only upland ditches are exempt from the list of waters of the United States. Every ditch I can think of runs from a stream through a riparian area or flood plain to get to an upland ditch. I'm not sure where they think the water in an upland ditch is coming from," says Youngberg. "This means ag loses that exemption because the entire ditch needs to be in the upland, there can't be any tributaries draining into it."

Youngberg says another point is that the exemption only applies to 404 permits (dredge and fill), but does not exempt anyone from water quality issues even if the water does not return to surface water. "EPA's new guidance on the 'dredge and fill' exemption actually narrows an exemption that already existed, by tying it to mandatory compliance with what used to be voluntary NRCS standards," Youngberg explains.

He says the Clean Water Act was developed to protect navigable water ways, but the new rule would allow the

federal government to regulate most ditches, small and remote "waters" and ephemeral drains where water flows only when it rains. Many of these areas are not even wet most of the time and look more like land than like "waters."

"Because of the proposed rule, farmers, ranchers and other landowners will face roadblocks to ordinary land-use activities—like fencing, spraying for weeds or insects, applying fertilizer, discing or even pulling weeds. The need to establish buffer zones around grassed waterways, ephemeral washes and farm ditches could make farmlands a maze of intersecting 'no farm zones' that could make farming impractical or prohibitively costly," notes Youngberg.

Youngberg says that the EPA and the Corps of Engineers have interpreted "normal" to mean only long-standing operations in place since the 1970s—not newer or expanded farming or ranching. "This poses a real blow to anyone who started ranching from the 1980s through today. This is the kind of unnecessary, overreaching regulations that will put our folks involved in agriculture out of business and scare off anyone hoping to start farming or ranching in the future."

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Sidney Native Honored at UM Research Awards Ceremony

The University of Montana awarded the top oral, poster and art exhibition presenters from the UM Conference on Undergraduate Research and the Graduate Student Research Conference during a ceremony Monday, April 21.

The conferences were held earlier this month, and winners were decided by judges' ratings and comments. UM President Engstrom congratulated winners and presented individual awards at the ceremony. Each award winner received a \$100 gift certificate to The Bookstore at UM.

The undergraduate research award winners for oral presentations are:

- Humanities: David Schaad from Portland, Ore., senior, environmental studies; abstract title: "Environmental Justice & HydroAysén: Pristine Waters to Power Santiago, Multinational Mining Interests in Chile." Faculty mentor: Daniel Spencer.
- Life Sciences: Jeanette Comstock from Missoula, senior, human biology; abstract title: "The Role of RNase Y in Gene Regulation During Transmission of B. burgdorferi." Faculty mentor: Scott Samuels.
- Physical Sciences: Benjamin Campbell from Cut Bank, sophomore, computer science; abstract title: "Modular Abstraction of Complex Real Time Analysis." Faculty mentor: Joel Henry.
- Social Sciences: Jesse Desrosier from Browning, sophomore, anthropology; abstract title: "Second Language Acquisition in Blackfoot Rhythm." Faculty mentor: Mizuki Miyashita.
- Visual & Performing Arts: Brooke Carlisle from Hillsboro, Ore., senior, wildlife biology;

abstract title: "Dancing Through the Lens." Faculty mentor: Heidi Jones Eggert

The undergraduate research award winners for poster presentations are:

- Life Sciences: Sarah Hendricks from Missoula, senior, human biology; abstract title: "Evaluating neurite outgrowth and signal integration in response to NGF and GDNF in neuroblastoma cell lines." Faculty mentor: Mark Grimes.
- Physical Sciences: Pamela Lavering from Polson, senior, geosciences; abstract title: "Stratigraphic and Sedimentologic Analysis of the Bear Gulch Limestone (Mississippian-Pennsylvanian) near Grass Range, Montana." Faculty mentor: Marc Hendrix.
- Social Sciences: Jill Sharp from Sidney, senior, accounting; abstract title: "Donors to Social Welfare Organizations: Are they avoiding gift tax?" Faculty mentor: Joshua Herbold.

The "Best in Show" undergraduate research award winner for the painting and print exhibition is:

- David Sampson from Corvallis, senior, art; Title of work: "eleutheromania." Medium: woodcut relief print. Faculty mentor: MaryAnn Bonjorni.

The Graduate Student Research Conference winners are:

- Jean "Ali" Church from Gatlinburg, Tenn., social work, "A Poverello emergency shelter resident's hierarchy of needs." Faculty mentor: James Caringi.
- Rachel Dalton from Muskegon, Mich., biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, "Characterization of rare genetic variation in CYP2D6 using human liver microsomes." Faculty

mentor: Erica Woodahl.

- Chelsea Morales from Harlem, biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, "Exploring views of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes about pharmacogenetics research and its translation into tribal health clinics." Faculty mentor: Erica Woodahl.
- Kate Morris from Bigfork, theatre and dance, "Writing memory with our bodies: Explorations in student-devised theatre." Faculty mentor: Bernadette Sweeney.
- Megan K. Nasto from San Ramon, Calif., ecosystem and conservation sciences, "Symbiotic dinitrogen fixation enhances soil phosphorus acquisition strategies in tropical forests." Faculty mentor: Cory Cleveland.
- Kathryn Oost from Seattle, psychology, "Getting physical: How prejudice can impact the health of lesbian and bisexual women." Faculty mentor: Bryan Cochran.
- Jeremy Reed from Marshall, English, "Zadie Smith's ritual interest: NW in a postsecular lens." Faculty mentor: Brady Harrison.
- John Stegmaier from Brighton, Mich., society and conservation, "Emerging models in environmental volunteerism: The domestic vol." Faculty mentor: Libby Metcalf.

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{ 618 5th Ave SE, Sidney, MT }

ITEMS TO BE SOLD BEFORE THE HOUSE

HOUSEHOLD

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OWNERS: Ronald F & Virginia Prevost

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kenoyer Add. Sidney, S33, T23N, R59E, Block 063 Lot 015, W2 LT-15 & ALL LT-16 Blk- Kenoyer's Add.

HOUSE DESCRIPTION: 1342 sq ft House w/full basement, 3- bedrooms, 2- full baths, 24x24 attached garage & 32x28 double car garage w/sewer hook-up, washer/dryer, fridge, stove & dishwasher stay w/house, 10x20 Sunroom addition, daylight basement, full kitchen downstairs w/recreation room & wet bar, bedroom & bath (could be used for apartment), natural gas heat w/2 furnaces, central a/c, underground sprinklers

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: The Prevost's and Bateman's have decided to move and liquidate their properties. Both houses are in very nice locations and in excellent shape. These are must see properties! Plan to attend the Open Houses on Sunday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Rick

{ 2398 3rd Street NW, Sidney, MT }

ITEMS TO BE SOLD BEFORE THE HOUSE

- 2010 Skyline Nomad 36' Travel Trailer (nearly new, pulled less than 5,000 miles, 2 slidesouts)

HOUSEHOLD

- Oak Dining Room Set w/pedestal table & 2 leaves, 6-chairs
- Patio Table w/6-chairs
- Vintage Wood Rocket, Wood High Chair, Wood Small Baby Crib
- "Morning Mist Mallards" Ducks Unlimited Print, framed
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DPHHS Reminds Montanans to Take Precautions to Avoid Hantavirus Infection this Spring

Submitted by Jon Ebelt

As Montana slowly transitions into spring, state health officials remind Montanans to take steps to avoid Hantavirus.

In a typical year, about 1-2 cases of Hantavirus are reported to the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). However, DPHHS officials say there are several studies showing the deer mice populations in Montana are consistently infected with the virus. In fact, Montana has reported 37 cases since 1993, when the virus was first recognized, making the state second only to New Mexico in the rate of reported cases.

"We know the potential exists for people to become infected with Hantavirus infection," said DPHHS Director Richard Oppen. "However, by taking a few extra precautions, that potential can be greatly reduced. Stop and think this spring before cleaning out your shed, garage, summer cabin or RV."

Karl Milhon of the DPHHS Communicable Disease Bureau says it's important to remember how people can contract the illness in the first place. "Rodents shed the virus in their urine, droppings, and saliva," he said. "The virus is mainly transmitted to people when they breathe in air contaminated with the virus. It is important to avoid actions that raise dust, such as sweeping or vacuuming if signs of rodents are present. Protecting yourself and cleaning correctly is essential."

While Hantavirus cases can occur during any month, spring and summer present more opportunities for exposure as people clean cabins, outbuildings and campers, as well as spend more time outdoors where they can come in contact with mouse and rat nesting materials.

The best way to prevent Hantavirus transmission is to control rodent populations in areas where one lives and works.

When cleaning areas where rodents may nest, take the following precautions:

Wear rubber or plastic gloves

Thoroughly spray/soak area with a disinfectant or mixture of bleach and water to reduce dust and disinfect the area being cleaned

Wipe or mop the area with a sponge or paper towel (throw away items after use)

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after removing gloves

Never sweep or vacuum in these areas as this can stir up dust and aerosolize the droppings

Early symptoms of Hantavirus infection include fever and muscle aches, and sometimes chills, headache and vomiting. Within a few days, symptoms progress to coughing and severe shortness of breath. The symptoms develop one to six weeks after exposure.

However, early recognition is the key to surviving the illness. "If someone is exposed to rodents and experiences symptoms,

especially severe shortness of breath, they need to seek treatment right away," Milhon said. "Telling your doctor about any rodent exposure will alert your physician to look closely for any

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Thurs., April 24:Fettuccine alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic toast, gelatin.
Fri., April 25:Homemade pizza, tossed salad, ice cream.
Mon., April 28:Cheeseburger, oven wedges, cinnamon apples.
Tues., April 29:Burritos, tossed salad, pears.
Weds., April 30:Ham & cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, strawberry cup.

Rau School
Thurs. April 24:Tatertot casserole, carrots, pears.
Fri., April 25:Pizza wrap, salad, fruit.
Mon., April 28:Chili crispitos, beans, rice, corn, pineapple.
Tues., April 29:Meatballs, potatoes, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit.
Weds., April 30:Cook's choice.

Fairview School
Thurs., April 24:Chicken burger, potato, peas, fruit.
Fri., April 25:Taco hotdish, carrots, fruit.
Mon., April 28:Macaroni-cheese hamburger hotdish, peas, fruit.
Tues., April 29:Soup and sandwich, raw vegetables, fruit.
Weds., April 30:Cowboy beans, green beans, fruit salad.

East Fairview
Thurs., April 24:Baked ziti, salad, apples.
Fri., April 25:Chicken burger, mashed potatoes.
Mon., April 28:Cheese quesadillas, refried beans, rice, broccoli, peaches.
Tues., April 29:Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, corn, bananas.
Weds., April 30:Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears.

Richey School
Thurs., April 24:Super nachos, pears, cookie bar.
Fri., April 25:Mini corn dogs, baked beans, peaches.
Mon., April 28:Pizza, corn, fruit.
Tues., April 29:Chicken patty, au gratin potatoes, green beans, fruit.
Weds., April 30:Steak fingers, mac & cheese, mixed veggies, fruit.

Savage School
Thurs., April 24:Burritos, rice, pudding, mandarin oranges.
Fri., April 25:Soup and sandwiches.
Mon.,April 28:Hamburger, potato, apricots.
Tues., April 29:Christmas dinner.
Weds.,April 30:Taco soup, cheese sticks, bread sticks, citrus cups.

Lambert School
Thurs., April 24 :Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit.
Fri., April 25:Ham & turkey subs, fresh veggies, chips, broccoli salad, fruit.
Mon., April 28:Chicken & noodles, cheese, crackers, grapes.
Tues., April 29:Egg rolls, rice, stir fry veggies, pineapple, fortune cookie.
Weds., April 30:Super nachos, fresh veggies, cookie.

Culbertson School
Thurs., April 24:Salisbury steak, seasoned potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail.
Fri., April 25:Chicken legs, potato salad, carrot & celery sticks, watermelon chunks.
Mon., April 28:Chicken strips, potato wedges, pears.
Tues., April 29:Pizza slices, mandarin oranges.
Weds., April 30:Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic medallions, peaches.

Froid School
Thurs., April 24:Stromboli, curly fries, salad bar, peaches.
Fri., April 25:Bean & cheese burritos, chips-n-cheese, salad bar, fresh fruit.
Mon., April 28:Polish dogs, baked beans, bananas, salad bar.
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RED Urges Your Support of Local Irrigation

Submitted by **Leslie Messer, Executive Director**
Richland Economic Development Corp

Ever wonder, after the fact: "How could this have happened? Why didn't we know about this issue?"

Richland Economic Development Corp has been asking this question a lot lately. The safe passage of the endangered species, the pallid sturgeon, around the Intake Diversion structure has been front and center for us. I personally thought that once the modifications to the headworks by adding the fish screens to prevent the small "fingerlings" from entering into the canal system was accomplished, that an alternative for fish passage would be remedied just as quickly. This is not the case.

The final decision regarding the alternative chosen to accomplish fish passage has not yet been made.

The state and federal agencies that make this decision are hosting two public meetings in our area to actively analyze the level of public support as well as opposition. One in Glendive, on Wed, April 23, at the Dawson County High School, at 6:00 PM, and the second one in Sidney, on Thurs, April 24, at the Sidney High School, at 6:00 PM.

Over 100 alternatives for fish passage have been considered by the Bureau of Reclamation, US & MT Fish Wildlife and Parks, and the Corp of Engineers. The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, MT Fish Wildlife and Parks, Corp of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation engineers and biologists have carefully evaluated, tested, and are considering one alternative as the modification to the existing weir in addition to a fish by-

pass. The proposed concrete weir would be as fish passable as possible, thus providing two options for fish passage. The fish bypass would be placed in a location that would be minimally damaged by erosion and flood events such as the 150 year flood event we had in 2011, and the 100 year ice flood event we had last month in March 2014.

So what's the urgency for action now? The US Corp of Engineers has allocated federal money for this project that is only guaranteed through Fiscal Year 2014. If that funding isn't used at Intake, those dollars will probably be spent on other projects, and the Intake Fish Passage Project will revert back to the Bureau of Reclamation. From then on, local irrigators may be financially responsible to achieve fish passage, or suffer the loss of their irrigation water and the stability it brings to our economy.

If you would participate at the upcoming public meetings, for the proposed agreement between irrigators, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Corp of Engineers, and the US & MT Fish Wildlife and Parks, the end result could protect the endangered species, improve accessibility for water enthusiasts, and continue to supply the reliable water to the irrigators of the LYIP system in Northeastern MT and Western ND. A win-win for all.

You have the ability right now to voice your opinion on this very important subject. Buses will be provided for those who would like a ride to the meeting in Glendive. Sidney Schools are providing 3 buses in addition to one from Fairview Schools. The buses will be loaded in Fairview between 4 PM and 4:15 PM and Sidney between 4:30 PM-5:00 PM,

Wednesday, April 23rd, in the oval in front of Sidney High School, while parking is available in the North Parking Lot. The buses will depart promptly at 5:00 PM from Sidney to reach the Glendive High School Cafeteria by 6:00 PM.

Thus the role of Richland Economic Development Corp. is to bring this situation to the forefront of peoples' minds. We can all work together to choose the most effective fish passage alternative to: successfully preserve our endangered species, our rivers, and our agricultural economies for many generations to come.

Please attend one or both of the public meetings to have your voiced weighed in on an alternative chosen for the Intake Diversion system.

Fairview Clean Up Day May 10

The Annual Cleanup Day in Fairview will take place Saturday, May 10. Everyone is encouraged to clean up after the long cold winter and take advantage of the dumpsters, which will be placed at the Fire Hall, from 8 am to noon.

Due to the positive response last year, the Fairview Chamber will again host an erase your waste event from 8 am until noon in conjunction with the cleanup. Bring your electronic items for recycling, and save the landfill from unnecessary contamination.

Anyone needing help with trash or electronics is asked to call Fairview City Hall at 742-5616 Monday through Friday or call Ray at 489-2624 on Saturday morning.



Savage Grows Capacity at Bakken Terminal to 175,000 BPD

Bakken Petroleum Services Hub near Trenton, ND expands to meet market demands. Salt Lake City, UT – April 10, 2014 Savage announced today the expansion of its crude oil transloading and transportation terminal located near Trenton, ND,

with direct connection to BNSF Railway's main line track. The terminal is strategically located to gather crude oil from the Williston Basin and Bakken Shale and facilitate the transport of crude to key refinery markets. The terminal provides the oil industry with

inbound gathering access through truck receiving stations, pipeline connections and crude oil tankage. Outbound delivery of crude oil is served by a double loop track and ladder tracks capable of holding two 118 car unit trains. The Trenton terminal began full opera-

tion in August of 2012. As the production of crude oil in the Bakken region has grown, so has the demand for the services Savage is providing in the area. To meet the needs of its customers, Savage has added the following increased capacity at the terminal:

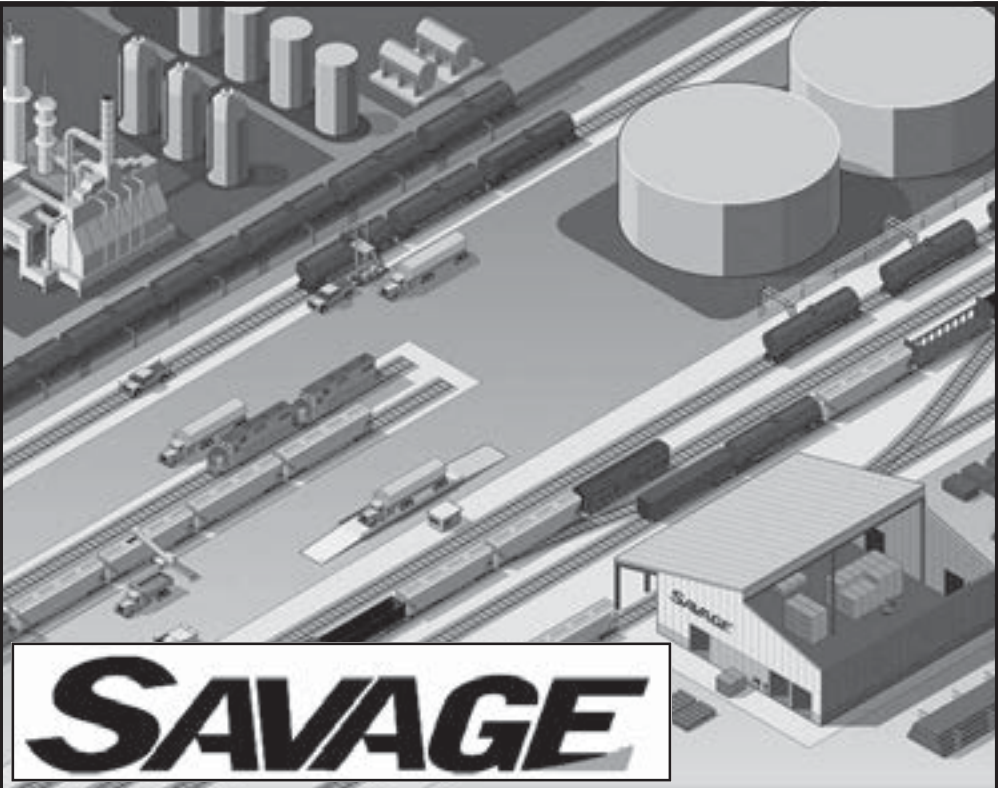
- Increased overall throughput capacity of up to 175,000 barrels per day.
- Increased truck unloading units from 6 to 12 bays.
- Increased onsite tank storage of up to approximately 450,000 barrels.
- Added two additional train staging tracks, bringing the terminal to over 50,000 feet of linear track.

"The demand for crude transportation services in the Williston Basin is strong," said Nathan Savage, Senior Vice President, Oil & Gas – Midstream Solutions for Savage. "The capacity we've added to the Trenton terminal is in response to the needs of

our customers and the market. We are pleased to be able to provide safe, reliable and efficient services that allow oil producers to get their crude to its destination." The Savage Bakken Petroleum Services Hub is built on over 270 acres, to accommodate expansion, and is served by BNSF, which provides the flexibility to deliver crude to East Coast, West Coast and Gulf Coast markets. The Pretroleum Services Hub is adjacent to Savage's pipe logistics facility that offers pipe inspection and repair, pipe threading, hydro-testing along with accurate inventory management, on-time delivery, and infield services to ensure that pipe gets to the well site in "ready-to-run" condition. The terminal operates 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Contact Phillip Hoskins for more details on Savage's terminal in Trenton, including crude storage and handling: philiphoskins@savageservices.com, 801-694-7032.

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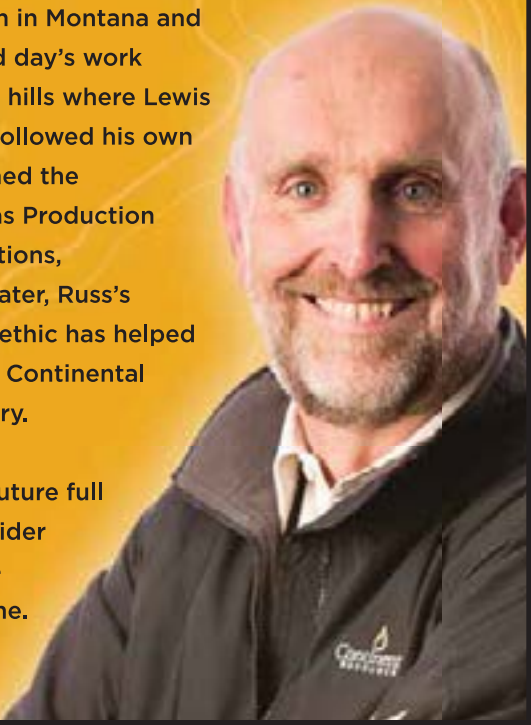
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Sidney 6th Grade Girls Basketballers Compete in Scobey

The Sidney 6th Grade Girls Basketball team participated in the Scobey Lion's Lil' Roar Basketball Tournament on 4/12/14 in Scobey. Front Row (L-R) Liza Reynolds and Maysen Mindt. Back Row (L-R) Maddie Peters, Rae Hintz, Kilee Free, Logan Schipmann, Jenna Baxter and Cassidy Larson. (Submitted by Dan Peters)

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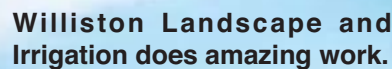
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ND Paddlefish Snagging Season Opens May 1

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

Potential snaggers are reminded that opening day, May 1, falls on a Thursday. Snag-and-release of all paddlefish is required on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, so opening day is snag-and-release only.

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

All paddlefish snagged and tagged must be removed from the river by 9 p.m. of each snagging day. The use or possession of a gaff hook within one-half mile in either direction of the Highway 200 bridge on the Yellowstone River is illegal at any time during the snagging season.

Those planning to participate during snag-and-release-only days need to have in their possession a current season, unused paddlefish snagging tag. Use or possession of gaffs is prohibited on snag-and-release-only days, and, if it occurs, during the snag-and-release extension period.

Legal snagging hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. One tag per snagger will be issued. Snagging is legal in all areas of the Yellowstone River in North Dakota, and in the area of the Missouri River lying west of the U.S. Highway 85 bridge to the Montana border, excluding that portion from the pipeline crossing (river mile 1,577) downstream to the upper end of the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Management Area (river mile 1,565).

If the season closes early because the harvest quota is reached, an extended snag-and-release-only period will be allowed for up to four days immediately following the early closure, but not to extend beyond May 31. Only snaggers with a current season, unused paddlefish snagging tag are eligible to participate. Only a limited area at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers is open to this extended season snagging opportunity.



Cody Johnson of Sidney caught his first paddlefish weighing 53 lbs. last season. (Photo submitted by Heather Johnson)

All paddlefish snaggers must possess a paddlefish tag in addition to a valid fishing license and certificate that may be required. Cost of a paddlefish tag is \$10 for residents and \$25.50 for nonresidents.

Paddlefish tags are sold only at the following locations:

- Bismarck Game and Fish Office**
100 N. Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501
701-328-6300

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PO Box 2047
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Maah Daah Hey Trail Photo Contest Celebrates Trail Expansion

The first-ever Maah Daah Hey Trail photo contest kicked off April 1 as part of the celebration for the completed Maah Daah Hey Trail, signifying 15 years of dedicated trail work to this system. The photo contest is sponsored by the USDA National Forest Service – Dakota Prairie Grasslands office, North Dakota Tourism and the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association.

Grand prizes of \$100 each will be awarded in three categories: wildlife, scenery, and activities. Pictures may be submitted on the photo sharing website Flickr, and the contest runs through June 20.

Photo contest rules can be found at <http://www.ndtourism.com/sites/default/master/files/pdf/MaahDaahHeyflickrcontestrules.pdf>

About the Maah Daah Hey Trail completion
Located in the North Dakota Badlands, the Maah Daah Hey Trail first opened in 1999 and attracts mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders. USDA National Forest Service – Dakota Prairie Grasslands office has been expanding the Maah Daah Hey Trail across the North Dakota Badlands for 15 years.

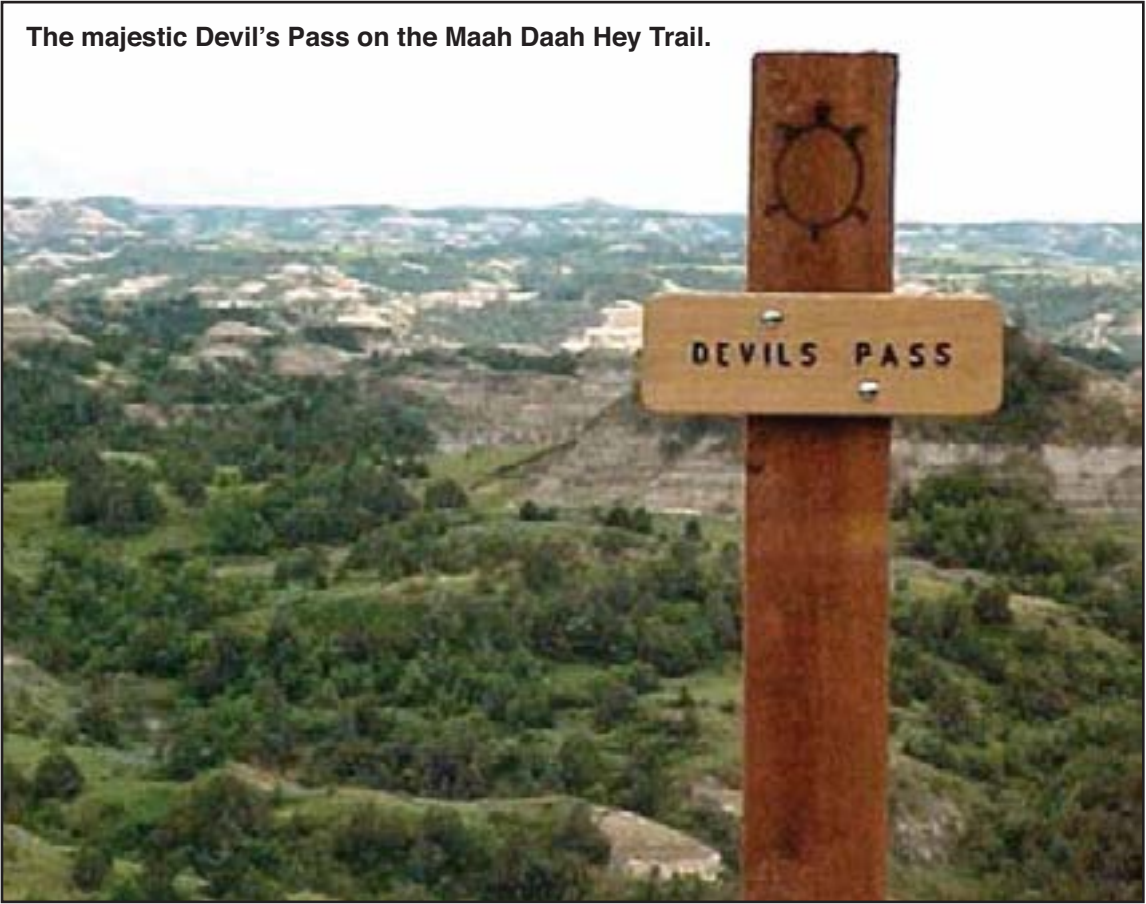
The US Forest Service has recently opened another 43 miles of non-motorized pathway. This addition marks the completion of the Maah Daah Hey Trail system, which totals 200 miles of interconnected non-motorized trails. These trails cut through the North Dakota Badlands from the CCC Campground near the North Unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park to Burning Coal Vein Campground 50 miles south of Medora.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the last 43 miles of the Maah Daah Hey Trail is scheduled to occur on National Trails Day, which is Saturday, June 7. The event will be at Sully Creek State Park, south of Medora, and also will feature a blessing and barbeque. Various events are scheduled throughout the week following the June 7 grand opening. The agenda includes work projects, horse-packing demonstrations, displays, interpretive talks along various trail locations, and wilderness hikes that will be held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The celebration week will culminate with participation in the Flag Day parade in Medora on June 14.

For more information on the grand opening of the Maah Daah Hey Trail expansion, contact Paula, Recreation Program Manager at the USDA National Forest Service – Dakota Prairie Grasslands office 701-260-5185.

For more information on the Maah Daah Hey Trail photo contest, call Mike Jensen, Outdoor Promotions Manager at North Dakota Tourism at 701-328-2509.

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EARC Moves Forward With 1st Annual Community Garden Project

By Jaimee Green
With the hint of spring weather in the air, green thumb enthusiasts are busy laying out their plans for this year's gardening season. They are choosing their seeds, checking their garden beds and visualizing the edible and beautiful results that will eventually stem from the fruits of their labor.
But for some, indulging their green thumb and growing a garden is not possible where they are living. Whether it's because there's too much concrete, not enough space, not enough sun, or lack of permission to garden on rented properties, there are many community members that will not see any garden come to fruition this season.
One organization has a plan to change that.
Because Sidney has seen an increased population of people living in apartment complexes and trailers, the Eastern Agricultural Research Center is moving forward with a community garden project that will provide concrete

dwellers and those with less than an adequate area to grow a garden, their own borrowed earthen plot of growable goodness during this spring's growing season.
"This is truly a community project and it is our goal to help ensure residents are given the opportunity to grow their own produce while helping ensure they will have some fresh produce in their diets," said Tim Fine, Extension Agent for the EARC.
The idea was pitched last summer during a county-wide conference at a group discussion about community involvement. Providing an opportunity for anyone who wanted to grow a garden was one of the topics that came out of that discussion and it was the topic the EARC felt passionate about pursuing.
The area dedicated to the community garden will be located at the extension office in an area belonging to the EARC and will consist of a 60x40 foot area comprised of 24 garden beds measuring 4X8.

"We are excited about this project because the people calling in to reserve spaces are excited. We've had people volunteer to assist with this project whether it is in educating new gardeners or helping putting the bed kits together," Fine said. To date, eight beds have been reserved.
The EARC anticipates putting weed fabric down in the next several weeks and then calling on the volunteers for their assistance in putting the beds together.
Weather permitting, gardeners will be able to plant in early to middle May.
Participants in the project will sign a contract and pay a \$20 rental fee.
Soil, water and some tools will be provided but the garden will be planted and maintained by the gardening participant. Fine will be available to answer questions about gardening as well.
To reserve a garden bed, contact Tim Fine at (406) 433-1206.



MSU Extension Agent Tim Fine points to the location of the community garden south of the research station at the 2013 EARC Field Day.



Fine speaking about the garden at the Field Day.



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Greener Grilling: Good for You and for Mother Nature, too



(BPT) - You already know grilling is a healthful, flavorful and fun way to cook while enjoying the great outdoors. But did you know it can also be a “green” activity?

By choosing earth-friendly fuel options, better ingredients and sustainably sourced seasonings, you can satisfy your family’s taste buds and Mother Nature with these greener grilling tips:

* Grilling with charcoal briquettes imparts a wonderful flavor to foods, but many cooks resort to a squirt (or several) of lighter fluid to get the coals burning faster. Forego the lighter fluid and invest in a charcoal chimney - a metal cylinder that makes it easy to get charcoal started. Briquettes go on the grate atop the chimney and newspaper goes at the bottom. When you light the paper, the chimney effect of the tube lights the charcoal from the bottom quickly and easily.

* Many people use disposable dinnerware for outdoor dining. While it may be convenient to not have to wash those dishes, reusable dinnerware and table linens are better for the environment and cheaper in the long term. Plus, cloth napkins and real plates impart a special charm to dining al fresco.

* This summer, why not try meat and poultry from free-range or grass-fed animals, rather than factory farmed? Better yet, select meat from a local farmer, buy organic or go vegan or vegetarian. Firm

tofu, Portobello mushrooms and even polenta are healthy and trendy alternatives to meat. Such options reduce the environmental impact of your meal, and they often taste much better!

* Seasonings are a great way to add flavor without fat to your grilled meats and vegetables. When you choose sustainably sourced spices and herbs from purveyors like Frontier Natural Co-op, you’re not only getting outstanding flavor, but you can be assured the seasonings have been produced using practices that are better for the environment, too.

* When purchasing produce, look for local options. Locally grown veggies and fruits travel a shorter distance to make it to your grill, meaning less fossil fuel is consumed overall.

* You can conserve resources without skimping on flavor if you make marinades using whole spices that you’ve pan roasted and freshly cracked before blending. Flavored and artisan black pepper corns, salts and sugars are trendy right now. You can also incorporate artisan vinegars, fine drinking wines and unusual beers into your marinades to create unique and pleasing flavors.

* Do you love adding smoke to your grilling? Rather than buying pre-soaked planks or pre-processed briquettes, try smoking by soaking whole herbs, spices and tea leaves in water then throwing them on

the hot coals to create unusually flavored smoke blends that go far beyond basic mesquite and hickory.

To get you started, try this blackening spice recipe from Frontier Natural Co-op:

Paprika, Garlic and Thyme Barbecue Rub

Rubs are key to a flavorful barbecue. Season your meat one hour before cooking for grilled items, and a day ahead for smoked meats. This recipe works especially well for ribs, but it’s good on almost anything you’d want to barbecue or grill, such as chicken, turkey, steaks, burgers, firm fish or shrimp. For fish dishes, consider adding a teaspoon of fresh lemon zest.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Yield: 1/2 cup
Ingredients:
3 tablespoons brown sugar

1 1/2 tablespoons Frontier paprika
1 1/2 tablespoons Frontier sea salt
1 1/2 tablespoons Frontier ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Frontier garlic powder
1 teaspoon Frontier thyme
1 teaspoon Frontier cayenne (or to taste, may be omitted)

Directions:
Mix together all ingredients. Rub into chosen cut of meat. For best results, allow to marinate one hour to overnight before grilling.

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Dalrymple, Officials Break Ground on Two Bypass Projects to Enhance Traffic Movement in Western North Dakota

Governor Attends Groundbreaking for Williston Bypass

Gov. Jack Dalrymple today was joined by North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Director Grant Levi and other state and local officials to break ground on two bypass projects that will enhance traffic movement in western North Dakota. The state will provide more than \$190 million to construct the two projects as a way to reduce truck traffic in the communities of Williston and Alexander.

"We are committed to

continuing to address the impacts of rapid growth in western North Dakota, and a key part of those efforts is to ensure that the region's roadways are safe and the truck traffic on its Main Streets is reduced," said Dalrymple. "These two bypass projects are top priorities for our state and important infrastructure investments for Williston and Alexander. They will bring much-needed traffic relief to these communities and enhance the safety of area

roadways."

The Williston Truck Reliever Route is a four-lane roadway project northwest of Williston that will provide a permanent bypass for the community. The 13-mile project will improve traffic flow through Williston and areas west of the city and will help meet the forecasted traffic demand for the area. The bypass is estimated to cost more than \$162 million and will be constructed over the next two construction seasons. The first



phase of the project has been bid and construction will begin this spring. Work on phase two will begin later this year and will be completed in 2015.

In August 2012, the state completed a temporary bypass for Williston, providing alternate routes on both the west and east sides of the city. The temporary bypass has been diverting trucks to Williston's outer edges, easing traffic congestion and enhancing roadway safety.

The Alexander Truck Bypass will re-route US Highway 85 to the west of Alexander, enhancing safety and traffic movement for the community. The \$28 million project will be built to accommodate four

lanes of traffic and will be approximately 3.7 miles long. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

According to Dalrymple, nearly 12,000 vehicles drive on US 85 through Alexander each day, with over 2,000 of those being trucks. "This investment in Alexander and the US 85 corridor will bring many transportation improvements to the area," said Dalrymple.

"The state is dedicated to helping communities such as Williston and Alexander deal with the impacts of rapid growth," said Levi. "These new truck bypass projects will provide alternative routes for trucks around these communities and help to enhance the

quality of life for the region's citizens."

The 2013 and 2014 construction seasons are two of the largest road construction programs in state history, with over \$800 million being bid out in roadway projects each year. In addition to the Alexander and Williston bypasses, the department will begin work on the Watford City Southeast Bypass and the New Town Bypass. Work will continue on large-scale projects that began last year, including the four-lane project on US 85 between Williston and Watford City, and the Watford City Southwest Bypass.

In all, the state will invest about \$2.6 billion to support the state's oil and gas region during the current biennium. The state commitment – more than twice the amount of the previous, two-year funding package of about \$1.2 billion – includes funding for highway, county and township road improvements; water supply and water treatment projects and the development of affordable housing. Other state commitments include stationing more Highway Patrol troopers in western North Dakota; enhancements to the region's court system and funding for dust suppression projects.

For more information, contact: Jeff Zent or Jody Link at 701.328.2200.

Get Ready To Fish Small Streams On May 17

As always, most Montana's small streams will open for fishing on the third Saturday of May, which is May 17 this year.

A full season fishing license for residents can be purchased for \$18 dollars, or if you want to try your luck for a few days, a resident two-day license is available for \$5. An \$8 conservation license is required for anglers age 12 and older. A full season fishing license is good until Feb. 28, 2015.

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Bringing Life Back into your Yard and Garden

Return of the green: Get your grass and garden growing again.

(BPT) - Spring season is a time of regeneration and renewal as you prepare to bring life back to your lawn and garden. Taking the proper steps after seasonal changes or severe weather conditions can prove to be the difference between creating a breathtaking landscape or an outdoor space with unsightly mishaps. By following a few simple

steps, you can take pride in your backyard year after year. **Inspect and replace your tools of the trade** The first step to creating an outdoor masterpiece begins with the proper equipment. You can't very well dig, rake or mow with broken or dull materials, so now is the time to inspect each of your tools. Check your lawnmower

and other garden essentials for signs of damage or rust. Making sure that your garden tools are in good condition at the start of the season will help establish the right foundation for a successful planting and growing season. "The right tools can make all the difference in creating a lawn that leaves a lasting impression," says Alan Luxmore, host of

A&E's hit television show Fix This Yard. "Arm yourself with tools that are not only durable, but easy to use. Complete watering systems such as LeakFree by Nelson, offer a turn-key watering experience from start to finish, allowing gardeners more time to revel in their landscaping successes."

Bring new life into the garden Once your soil is permeable, it should be prepped for the upcoming planting season by removing dead leaves and plants that may have been left over from the previous season. Use a rotary tiller to break up and aerate hard soil. Once the old material has been removed from the work area and your soil is ready, begin planting your new plants, flowers, vegetables and grass. You can also help your trees, bushes and even certain plants have

a more robust look by trimming them back to encourage new bud growth. **Establish a regular watering regimen** One of the most important steps to maintaining a healthy lawn and garden is providing it with the proper nutrients. Using a hose for daily irrigation seems simple but without the proper watering set up, your efforts could be futile. A proper watering guide and the following tips from the watering experts at Nelson can increase efficiency and bring you one step closer to creating a yard with envious curb appeal. * Give your greens a thorough soaking once in a while to produce extended and robust roots. * The best time to water is in the morning, when the air is cool and moist. The warmth of the sun and the rising temperature gently dries the grass

and the leaves on the plants. And since morning air is damp, you don't waste water through evaporation. * Follow a regular watering schedule to discourage bugs by providing them with an inhospitable environment. Insects, with the possible exception of the water bug, aren't terribly fond of water. * To be certain your lawn is hydrated adequately when it has failed to rain, the standard rule of thumb is to sprinkle one inch of water per week. * Use a complete guaranteed leak-free system such as LeakFree by Nelson in order to conserve water in drought conditions, save money and stay dry. For additional watering and gardening tips, and to learn more about LeakFree technology, visit www.facebook.com/NelsonWateringAndGardening.



Anglers, Boat Owners Need Current Licenses

Anglers and boat owners are reminded to review their licenses for the 2014 fishing and boating season. Anglers must have a 2014-15 fishing license. Fishing licenses can be purchased online at the Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov. A new state law requires residents age 18 or older to prove residency on the application by submitting a valid North Dakota driver's license number or a North Dakota nondriver photo identification number. The 2013 state legislature established new fees for several licenses, including resident individual fishing (\$16), resident husband and wife (\$22) and combination (\$50). The combination license

includes fishing, general game and habitat, small game and furbearer. Boat owners are reminded that 2014 is the first year of a new three-year registration period. The new boat registration cycle runs through Dec. 31, 2016. The price to register motorboats under 16 feet in length, and all canoes, is \$18, motorboats from 16 feet to less than 20 feet in length \$36, and motorboats at least 20 feet in length \$45. Renewal notices were mailed to boat owners last December. Those who did not receive a renewal notice should contact the Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6335, or email ndgf@nd.gov. Many renewals were returned

because some owners who moved within the last three years did not notify the department with their new address. Boat registrations can be renewed online at the department's website, by clicking the online services link, and "watercraft registration and renewals" under the watercraft heading. Also, anyone buying a new or used watercraft can register online and generate a 10-day temporary permit that is valid until the registration is processed. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is self-funded and only receives revenue from license sales and federal funds.



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How high-tech is making household chores easier than ever.



(BPT) - Each week, the average person spends between 10 and 20 hours doing yard work and other tasks around the home, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. While necessary, these routine tasks don't exactly fit neatly into today's busy, on-the-go lifestyles, which is why technology is stepping in.

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2. Do-it-itself

What started with the

self-cleaning oven more than 50 years ago is now a whole-home concept. Today's do-it-itself solutions comprise everything from self-cleaning toilets and dustless ceiling fan blades to robotic gadgets that automatically clean windows and floors. New multi-surface floor cleaning solutions know exactly where to go and when to switch from vacuum to mop. Taking this concept vertical, the ECOVACS Winbot does the same thing but on windows.

3. Smart

There's technology that makes household chores easier and automatic, and then there's the kind that does the thinking and organizing for you. That's the idea behind new smart and connected appliances that not only cook food or keep it cold, but tell you by phone what's in the fridge and when a roast is almost done. The latest iceboxes from LG and Samsung even tell you how much time you have until the eggs go bad and how much milk is left in the container. The digital display serves as a grocery list, calendar and recipe organizer, not to mention a place to watch the morning news while making breakfast.

Technology is helping to make nearly every facet of our lives easier, and thankfully, the latest advancements are delivering a new level of ease where we can really appreciate it - household chores.




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Babysitting Teaches Leadership, Confidence & Responsibility

Submitted by Brian Presley

For many years, teenagers have provided parents with an invaluable service. A service that allows them to spend time together, do important things and even experience a few hours of freedom from their kids. The Babysitter is the single greatest invention for many parents and for some, the only reason they don't end up on the six o'clock news.

For most kids, babysitting will be their first job. It's a great way to make a few dollars for a few hours of work and many sitters find it quite enjoyable. Others may not, but that could

be attributed to the fact that they were not cut-out or prepared to take on the responsibility.

Babysitting younger kids seems simple but there are dozens of potential problems that can arise if the sitter is not prepared and that's why a babysitter's course is strongly recommended. Parents looking to hire a babysitter are encouraged to consider someone who has at least completed a course.

A course will teach sitters how to pick a baby up, change diapers and feed it properly. It should also teach the sitter how to help toddlers use the bathroom and get ready for bed. Some courses like the one offered by What To Do With The Kids® also teaches the sitter a number of games and activities that avoid T.V. and make the time spent with the kids fun.

Safety however is the most important responsibility a sitter has. With training, a sitter will learn to ask the parents the right questions and recognize potential hazards and dangers before the parents leave. A prepared sitter will also know how to react in the event of an emergency.

For most kids, taking a babysitting course is their first taste of leadership training. As a sitter, they must problem solve, make decisions and react to emergencies. That takes leadership.

Sitters can also develop their social skills as well since they have to speak with the parents and the kids. With the parents the sitter must be clear and concise. With the kids they must also be clear, concise and it helps to be entertaining. Preparing for a babysitting job can also help develop the sitter's organization and planning skills.

A good babysitter is confident and comfortable with their responsibilities. Qualities that will serve them well as they get older and especially when they are faced with a bully. Confident kids grow up to be confident adults and it can start with something as simple as babysitting.

What To Do With the Kids® is the website that adults go to when they want

to know what to do with their kids. The website features a lot of games, crafts and activities that sitters can use when they are looking after the kids. You'll also find party ideas, special events, downloads such as birthday cards and awards that can be personalized with the recipient's name. You can find these and other great resources at www.whattodowiththekids.com.

For more information contact Brian Presley at brian@whattodowiththekids.com.

Keep Montana Wildlife Wild - If You Care, Leave Them There

Montana laws prohibit the capture, feeding, possession and harassment of wildlife—both game and nongame species—necessary in part to curb the urge to “help” newborn wildlife.

Wildlife biologists see too often cases of newborn wildlife being removed from the wild by people who fear the animal has been abandoned by its parent—when the adult is actually nearby.

“Please remind friends and family to leave young wildlife untouched this spring,” said Ron Aasheim, FWP spokesman. “If you care, leave them there. It is the best way to ensure that young wildlife is raised as nature intended—in the wild.”

To learn more about living with Montana's wildlife, visit FWP online at fwp.mt.gov; click the Fish & Wildlife tab, then click “Living With Wildlife”.

Private Land/ Public Wildlife Council to Meet in Billings

The Private Land/Public Wildlife Council will meet April 23-24 in Billings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Muldowney Lane.

At the meeting the council will discuss Montana's Block Management program, hear about work accomplished by the License Advisory Committee, and begin evaluating options and possible preliminary recommendations, based upon work accomplished since the March meeting.

Each of the 18 members of the governor-appointed council is interested in issues related to hunters, anglers, landowners, and outfitters, including but not limited to Montana's hunting and fishing access enhancement programs, landowner-hunter relations, outfitting industry issues, and other matters related to private lands and public wildlife.

Meeting times are 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, and 8 a.m.–noon on Thursday, April 24. The public is invited to observe council proceedings. Designated times for public comment are set for 4:30 p.m. on April 23 and 11:30 a.m. on April 24.

For more information about the meeting and the PL/PW Council, visit the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov then click “PL/PW Council”; or contact Alan Charles, FWP Coordinator of Landowner/ Sportsman Relations, at 406-444-3798, or by email at acha-ries@mt.gov.

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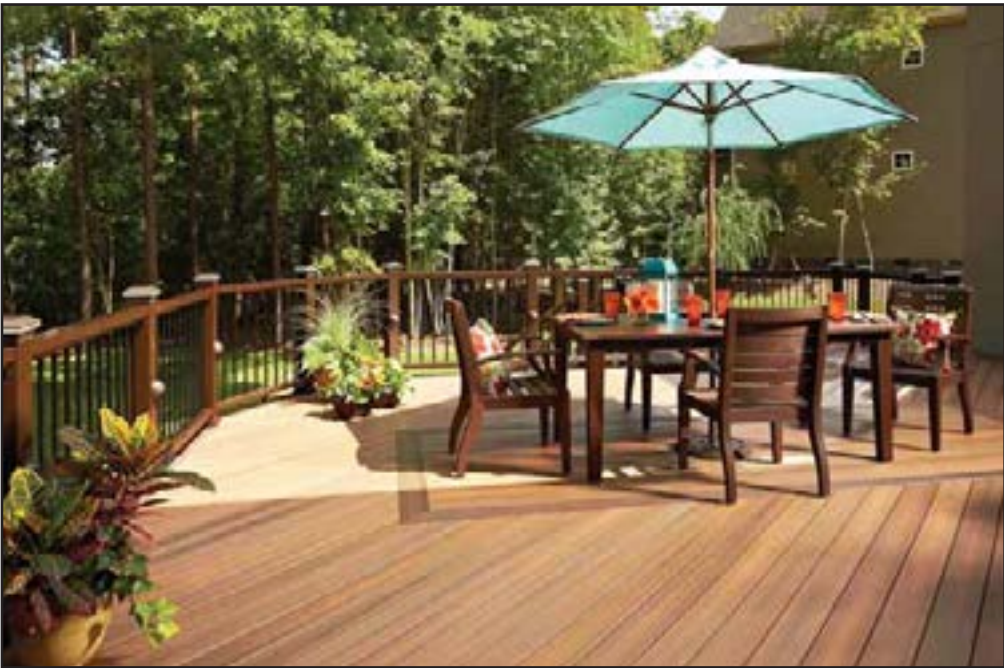


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Composite or Wood?

Myth-busting facts to know before you decide on a deck.



(BPT) - As temperatures warm across the country, many homeowners will begin thinking about home improvement. Adding a deck or replacing an old one is a popular project in spring and summer - one that provides outdoor entertaining space and enhances home value. If you're considering a deck project this season, will you choose to build with wood or composite?

Decks built from either material have a high return on investment at the time of resale. Both can provide your family with a great space in which to enjoy warm weather. Before you decide which material is right for your deck, however, consider these facts, and learn the truth behind some common myths about composite decking:

Myth: Wood is "greener" than composite decking.
Truth: In many ways, composite decking is far more eco-friendly than wood. When you consider the life cycle of both products, composite products like Fiberon emerge as materials with minimal environmental impact. Composite production processes require less energy and water, create fewer emissions and make use of recycled materials. Because Fiberon purchases most materials from sources within 500 miles of the production plant, less energy is consumed transporting materials. Your final, finished deck requires no harsh chemical treatments to make it resist rot and stain, and it will last for decades. That durability means less energy consumption, fewer resources needed to replace it and less discarded material in landfills.

Myth: Composite fades, looks fake and doesn't have wood's beauty.
Truth: Like any new technology, composite decking has evolved from its basic beginnings. Today's composite deck material comes in an array of colors and textures that are fade resistant. Wood is undeniably beautiful, and many composite decking options now mimic the natural grain and beauty of wood. Whether your taste runs to classic or contemporary, you'll find composite selections from Fiberon that deliver the look of traditional wood grains and even exotic hardwoods. Advances in composite technology have yielded products that so closely resemble wood, you may not be able to tell the difference until you step on one barefoot - you'll find the composite smooth and splinter-free!

Myth: Composite decking is too expensive.
Truth: While the initial outlay for materials may be the same as exotic woods or more than pressure treated wood, the durability, longevity and low-maintenance requirements of composite mean it will actually cost less over its lifetime than wood. Composite eliminates the cost of re-staining a deck every year, and its rot-resistant qualities greatly curtail repair costs.

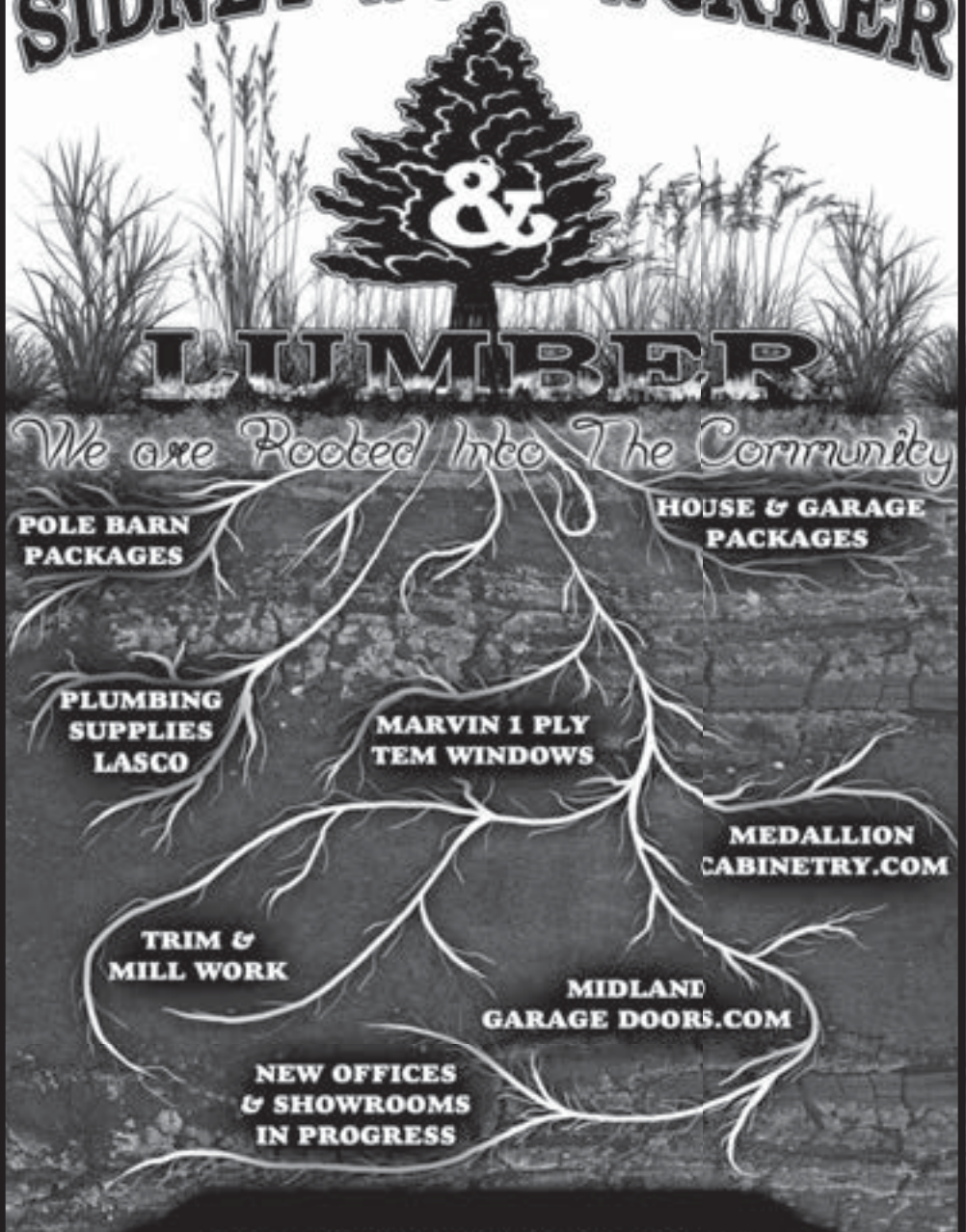
Myth: Wood is a better material for do-it-yourself decks.
Truth: If your DIY skills are up to working with wood, you can definitely build your own deck using composite materials. In fact, composite products are easier to work with than wood in many ways. Unlike wood, composite planks won't splinter or fracture. Finally, when your deck is done, you can start enjoying it right away, without the need to stain or seal the deck before you can use it.

Myth: You can't make custom designs with composite decking.
Truth: Composite decking offers vast design flexibility, just like wood. Whether your dream deck involves multiple tiers and multi-function spaces, customized railings, built-in seating or an outdoor kitchen, you can achieve it with composite decking. Not sure how to begin? The Fiberon Deck Designer is a great place to start. The online tool allows you to specify the shape and size of your deck, its number of levels and features such as stairs and railings. It also allows you to customize with colors, textures, shapes, accessories and more.

Finally, if you're still unsure about composite decking, consider this: a composite deck will return about 74 percent of its construction cost when you sell your home, according to Remodeling Magazine's Cost vs. Value Report. Until then, your low-maintenance composite deck will can provide decades of worry-free enjoyment to your family.

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