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## A Benefit Dinner & Auction is Planned for a Little Man that Underwent Big Surgery

By Meagan Dotson

Parents Bryton Held and Brian Kusto expected what most parents expect when anticipating a new baby: a brief hospital stay before bringing their bundle of joy home. However, shortly after their 7lb. 7oz. baby boy, Michael Allen Kusto was born on July 27th, 2016, they were told that he had a heart murmur. Four hours later, baby Michael was flown to Bismarck, ND where he stayed for a few days before being flown to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Unable to fly with their child, Michael's parents drove first to Bismarck and then to Minneapolis. He was diagnosed with severe aortic stenosis with an uncuspid valve, and at just one month old, Michael underwent open-heart surgery. The procedure took nine minutes, but was no less major than any other open-heart surgery.

Sidney native Held has been able to stay with her son throughout the duration of travel and hospital stays. Michael's father has been able to be there for the majority of it, having to come home to Sidney for a few days to attend to business.

Baby Michael's recovery is going well and he is currently staying with his parents at a hotel in Minneapolis awaiting the go-ahead from doctors to come home.

Held's mother, Stacey Thornton, has been organizing a fundraising event at the Sidney Moose Lodge, 101 3rd St SE, on Friday, Sept. 9th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. There will be a silent and live auction, and a free-will chili and cinnamon roll dinner served. Currently, some of the items to be auctioned include a \$300 gift card for window tint at PJ's Auto, a gun, and a \$50 coffee gift card from Silver Junction. Any and all donated items are being accepted for both auctions.

The Michael Kusto Benefit Fund has been set up at Wells Fargo bank, 101 2nd Ave SW, for anyone who would like to make a monetary donation. All funds will be used to help the family with medical, travel, and living expenses.

"The community has been awesome with their support," said Thornton. "Everyone's been wonderful and willing to do what they can to help."

Held and Kusto are hopeful that they will be back in time for the benefit, and if so, plan on bringing Michael to meet the wonderful people that have helped them so much.

Anyone interested in donating to the Benefit Dinner and Auction can contact Thornton at 406-478-1610.

Michael Allen Kusto, along with his family, would sincerely like to thank the Sidney community for the support they've been given during this time.



Baby Michael and his parents will continue to make trips to Williston, Bismarck, and Minneapolis for medical care.



Brian Kusto, Bryton Held, and Michael Kusto are looking forward to coming home.

## Check Out the Sweet Seats at the Chair-ity Auction, Sept 16th

By Meagan Dotson

The Chair-ity Silent Auction will be held Friday, Sept. 16th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St W. Up-cycled and decorated chairs will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to help Crestwood Inn purchase new dining room chairs.

In addition to the auction, there will be a mystery wine-pull; for \$20, participants can pull a random bottle of wine varying in value, variety, and uniqueness. Vickie Vaira will be playing the accordion that evening and Crestwood Inn cook Barb Mocko is serving up her special recipe chili and cinnamon rolls, insuring that no one will be leaving hungry.

"I think it's going to be really fun and it's something different," said Kelly Wilkinson, Support Service Coordinator at Crestwood Inn. "We've been very fortunate to have such a great response from the community and I'm hoping to have one of our new dining room chairs on display at the event."

The chairs to be auctioned have all been donated by local artists including Afton Rae, Penny Filler, Jackie Damm, Brandi Sander, Beth Kunda, Peggy Kopp, Kathy Nicholson, Serina Everett, Claire Mayor, Carol Nankivel, Jodi Berry, Dixie Mead, and Jitterbug Preschool. The chairs will be on display at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sept. 8th -15th, except for two that will be unveiled the night of, and will only be bid on by Early Bird ticketholders.

Friends of Crestwood, businesses, and community members have donated several bottles of wine. Individuals and businesses can also sponsor a new dining room chair that will have a gold plaque that reads: donated by, in honor of, or in memory of. The cost to sponsor a new chair is \$400.00.

Anyone with an old wooden chair they would like to donate for the auction can contact Wilkinson and she will be happy to accept them; chairs can be already decorated, or artists can be found to work on the donated chairs.

There are only 25 Early Bird tickets available. They are \$40 and include early admittance at 5:00pm, a handcrafted pottery bowl or mug, and the opportunity to bid on the two mystery chairs to be unveiled that evening.



Jitterbug Preschool joined the fun by decorating these six chairs.



This inviting seat was donated by local artist Afton Rae.



Brandi Sander donated and decorated this chair that will be available to bid on at the auction.

General admission tickets are \$20 and both can be purchased at the MonDak Heritage Center or the Richland County Housing Authority, 1032 6th St SW. General admission tickets will also be sold at the door.

The total cost for new specialty chairs at Crestwood Inn is approximately \$20,000 and \$7,000 has been raised so far.

For more information, or to donate or sponsor a chair, contact Wilkinson at 406-433-4681. Anyone who would like to bid on a chair, but can't be present can contact Wilkinson with a dollar amount for a proxy-bid.

## Be Part of a Blast From the Past at McKenzie County's Heritage Day, Sept. 17th



Mrs. Sandy Rieker presented an old-fashioned school lesson in Nelson School for Heritage Day 2015. She'll be giving this year's school lesson at 12:00. Photo by Rebekah Engebretson

By Meagan Dotson

Join the McKenzie County Heritage Association for their 18th Annual Heritage Day, Saturday, Sept. 17th in Watford City, ND. Admission is a free-will donation and the fun begins at 11:00am central time at the McKenzie County Heritage Park. Attendants are encouraged to dress in period costumes. At 11:30 the District I Cattle Women will be serving up \$5.00 slush burger meals until they are gone.

There will be live and recorded music throughout the day, an old -time photo booth, food vendors including Women of Epiphany and B-Bonks Bakery, and Native American dancers from the Mandaree, ND area are scheduled to perform at 12:30. The Nakota Horse Conservancy is bringing two of their beautiful Nakota horses to the event, and they will give a little bit of history about the unique breed.

A Reminiscing Panel of long-time McKenzie County residents will give a presentation about the changes that have occurred in the area over the years at noon.

There will be old-time machinery demonstrations beginning at 1:00 with the shingle mill and sawmill; the threshing machine will start running at 2:00, and at 3:00 they will fire-up the stationary bailer and give a horse-power demonstration. All of the machinery has been collected over the past 20 years and serves as a way for people to relive the past, experiencing part of farming life that may otherwise be forgotten.

There are kids' activities scheduled during the day; Mrs. Sandy Rieker will be in period dress as an old-time school-teacher. She plans to give brief 'school house' lessons at the Nelson School at noon.

At 3:00 kids are invited to participate in the Coin Scramble; the straw from the threshing machine will be spread out with coins dispersed in it. Kids get to keep all the coins they find during the fun and frantic search.

The kids' costume competition starts at 3:30, which will award first, second, and third prizes.

Last year about 500 people attended Heritage Day, experiencing a little piece of county history, and the McKenzie County Heritage Park hopes to make this year even better. For information, visit the McKenzie County History Facebook page.

## New Chamber Director Chosen

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has named June Hesser as its new Executive Director. Her first day on the job will be Monday, September 12th. As Director, Hesser will oversee the daily operations of the Chamber, and work with the board and volunteers to ensure programs and services provide the greatest benefit to its many investors.

Hesser is a native of Havre, Montana. With over 17 years of experience as a business owner, the Chamber board is confident that her work will keep its services member-centered. In addition, Hesser's most recent experience was with the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce. As the Events Manager, she headed up large community events, the monthly "Business After Hours" and the Annual Banquet. She also added new member-driven Chamber services such as the Chamber Business Directory.

"We are very fortunate to have a business leader and community champion step into this position", explained Kelly Reisig, Search Committee Chair. "Her experience perfectly pairs with the strategic plan of the board to create member-driven services, and strengthen and enhance partnerships throughout the community of Sidney."

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**AREA RECOVERY GROUPS**

**MONDAYS:**  
12 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Reovery Support group at First Lutheran Church, 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:**  
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. — Path to recovery at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.  
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.  
3 p.m. - NA meeting, Straight The Path Grp, MonDak Office, 725 W. Holly St., Sidney.  
7 p.m. — AA 24 hour group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

**SUNDAYS:**  
3 p.m. - NA meeting, Straight The Path Grp, MonDak Office, 725 W. Holly St., Sidney.  
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**

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Current Elevation.....	1839.2
Last Week's Elev. ....	1839.6
One Year Ago .....	1842.6
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	20,200

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**  
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 29 .....	83 .....	51 .....	0.00
Aug. 30 .....	92 .....	49 .....	0.00
Aug. 31 .....	97 .....	63 .....	0.00
Sept. 1 .....	92 .....	66 .....	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation .....			11.26

# OBITUARIES

## Myrtle May (Balducke) Brown, 77

**Rochester, MN formerly of Miles City, MT**

Funeral service for Myrtle May Brown, 77, of Rochester, MN, formerly of Miles City, MT, was held on Tuesday, September 6 at 1 p.m. at Ebenezer Congregational Church in Sidney, MT with Pastor David Meehan officiating.

Burial was in the Richland County Memorial Park cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney, MT.

Remembrances, pictures and condolences can be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

## Fr. Ned Shinnick, 85

### Sidney, Montana

Mass of the Christian Burial for Fr. Ned Shinnick, 85, of Sidney, MT is at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 7, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney.

Vigil services were at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Fr. Ned Shinnick, died on Tuesday, August 30 at the Billings Clinic, Billings, MT.

## Girl Scout

### Registration Sept. 8

Girl Scout Registration for 2016-17, Grades K-12, will be held at the Sidney-Richland County Library on Thursday, Sept 8th, 5:30-7:00 pm.

Register online at [www.gsmw.org](http://www.gsmw.org), click on "Become a Girl Scout", and complete registration information. Scholarships are available.

If you have questions, call Joan Turek at 488-8070. They are also looking for adult volunteers, call Joan for more information.

## Becoming a Love & Logic

### Parent Series Offered

**By Marcia Hellandsaas**  
**NDSU Extension Agent**

Is being a parent draining your energy? Parents of tots to teens can use Love & Logic strategies to reenergize! Reduce the nagging and complaining from your children, promote thinking and responsibility, and give consequences with empathy. Put a laugh back into your parenting in utilizing techniques introduced in this Love and Logic series!

Become a Love & Logic parent will be held from 6:30 pm to 8 pm CT on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, September 19, 27, 29, October 4 and 6. Each class will be at the McKenzie County Extension Service, 205 6th Street NW, (brown "McKenzie County" building to the west of the McKenzie County Courthouse) in Watford City.

Interested individuals should pre-register by calling the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451 or emailing: [marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu](mailto:marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu). Pre-registrations are requested by Friday, September 16.

## Lesson Offered on

### Preparing Freezer Meals to Save Time

**By Marcia Hellandsaas**  
**NDSU Extension Agent**

Do you like to ease up time spent in the kitchen when the weather allows us to enjoy our gardens and other outdoor activities? Are you busy with sporting and other events in the evenings? Freezer meals can help. The basic concept of freezer cooking is you spend time cooking a quantity of meals that will feed you or your family for two weeks or up to two months.

"Making Freezer Meals with Lentils, Chickpeas and Split Peas" will be held on Monday, September 26 at the McKenzie County Extension Office, 205 6th Street NW, (located in the brown "McKenzie County" building directly behind the Courthouse.) Class will start at 6 pm and conclude by 7:30 pm.

Concepts of freezer meals will be introduced and can be applied to a wide variety of ingredients. This lesson will focus on the nutrition aspects of pulse foods.

Participants will have opportunity to take home a start of a freezer meal and to sample several freezer meal dishes prepared with pulse foods.

Pre-registration is requested prior to attending. Please contact the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451 or email [marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu](mailto:marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu) if you are interested in participating in this program. Pre-registrations should be received by Thursday, September 22.

## New Winter Hours

### for Fort Union

### Trading Post NHS

On September 4th, Fort Union will transition to new winter hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Central Time). The site is open daily throughout winter except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays. These hours will be in effect until Memorial Weekend, 2017.

During winter, visitors are invited to explore the Bourgeois House Visitor Center featuring a staffed information desk, exhibits, and park videos. Exhibits include artifacts recovered during the extensive archaeological excavations that made the fort's reconstruction possible. Park videos highlight different historical topics of Fort Union's vast fur trade history. Also available is the Fort Union Association bookstore selling reproduction trade goods and books.

Fort Union Trading Post is located 24 miles north of Sidney, Montana and 25 miles southwest of Williston, North Dakota, via highway 1804. While here, visitors are encouraged to tour the reconstructed fort, trade room and bourgeois house. Fort Union is free of charge to visit. Stop in at the visitor's center to get the latest updates, changes and upcoming events, or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/fous](http://www.nps.gov/fous) or on Facebook.

For more information on Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, contact the park at 701-572-9083.

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.**

**Wed., Sept. 7**  
6 p.m. - Free Community Meal - Everyone welcome. Pella Lutheran Church, 418 West Main.

**Fri., Sept. 9**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - BBQ Celebration - Come and help the staff of Yellowstone Chiropractic Clinic celebrate 15 years of business.  
3-7 p.m. - E-rase your E-waste - Richland County Shop, 2140 W Holly. This event continues 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 10. For more information go to <http://www.ars.usda.gov/pa/napar/> ewaste or contact Jackie Couture at 406-433-9422.  
5-8 p.m. - Benefit Dinner & Auction - Benefit to help with medical and living expenses for Michael Allen Kusto. Sidney Moose Lodge. If you would like to donate to one of the auctions call Stacey at 406-478-1610.  
7 p.m. - Montana UFOs and Extraterrestrials - Speaker Joan Bird will give a short course in UFO literacy. Free and open to the public. MonDak Heritage Center.

**Sat., Sept. 10**  
Walking To Wellness - Get your shoes on, getting tracking your steps and let's "Walk to Wellness!" Foundation for Community Care. For more information call 406-488-2273 or visit [www.foundationforcommunitycare.org](http://www.foundationforcommunitycare.org).

**Fri., Sept. 16**  
6-8 p.m. - Chair-ity Auction - Silent auction, bid on up-cycled and decorated chairs, all you can eat chili & cinnamon rolls, for \$20 pull a mystery bottle of wine. Tickets available at the MonDak Heritage Center or Richland County Housing Authority office. Early Bird: 5-8 p.m., fee \$40; General Admission: 6-8 p.m., fee \$20. General admission tickets also available at the door. Chairs will be on display at the MonDak Heritage Center Sept. 8-15. Sidney Elks Lodge.

**Sat., Sept. 17**  
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club Day For Kids - Carnival and kids cooking event. Free admission but accepting donations to the Back-A-Kid scholarship fund. Central Elementary gym and playground.

**Mon., Sept. 19**  
6 p.m. - 8-Week Grief Recovery Method - Grief support available for anyone who has suffered from a significant loss. If you are interested contact Sr. Rita Rauschendorfer or Sr. Regina Murray at 774-3401 or Deb Prevost at 433-2389. St. Matthew's Parish Center.

**Tues., Sept. 20**  
7-9 p.m. - The Northeastern Arts Network presents Montana Repertory Theatre "Bronte to the Future!" Tickets at the door, \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$10 students. MonDak Heritage Center. For more information, 406-433-3500 send a email.

**Sat., Sept. 24**  
12 p.m. - Wanna Be An Elk Golf Tournament - 4-Person Scramble, sign up as a team or an individual. 8-11 a.m., breakfast at the County Club; 10 a.m., registration; 12 p.m., golfing starts. Supper and both silent and live auction to follow at the Elks. Proceeds to help defray medical expenses for George Carpenter. \$50 entry fee. For more information contact Kathy, 406-480-9032, Ryan, 406-480-9052 or Mark, 406-480-1672.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone**

**Sat., Sept. 17**  
10 a.m. - Heritage Days - Old time threshing, blacksmithing and everything in between. 10 a.m., park opens; 11 a.m., demonstrations begin. McKenzie County Heritage Park, west side of Watford City on Hwy. 85.  
7 p.m. - Jeff Allen Comedy Café - Appropriate for all ages. Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to get tickets, \$20. Coffee and cheesecake reception following show. Watford City High School Performing Arts Center. For more information contact Cross Point Church, 701-444-2355.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.**

**Tues., Sept. 13**  
5 p.m. - Williston Trinity Christian School Annual Banquet & Auction - The theme is "Pursuit of Excellence" and will include dinner, speaker and a silent and live auction. Tickets \$25 each and available at the WTCS office, 2419 9th Ave. West, Williston, ND. For more information contact Cory Fleck or Pam Unterseher at 701-774-9056.

**Thurs., Sept. 15**  
7 p.m. - Williston Basin Speedway Loren Rogers Memorial Fall Round Up - Dirt track racing, family run, concessions available. This event continues on Sept. 16. Williston Basin Speedway. [www.thewillistonbasinspeedway.com](http://www.thewillistonbasinspeedway.com).

**Fri., Sept. 16**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Confluence Quilters - This event continues on Sept. 17. Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

**Sat., Sept. 17**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - James Memorial Art Fest - Local entertainment, exciting vendors and a children's art booth. If you are interested in being a vendor or donating a piece of art for the silent auction contact the JMAC office at 701-774-3601. Recreation Park, Williston, ND.

**Sun., Sept. 18**  
3 p.m. - "Open Range" concert - Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.  
7 p.m. - Ft Buford History Book Club - "Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands" by Roger Disilvestro. Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

**DAWSON COUNTY**

**Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone**

**Thurs., Sept. 8**  
Eastern Montana Bible Camp Annual Women's Retreat - Alicia Brewer will speak on the theme: "What to do, when you don't know what to do". Music by Deniece Schwab, Kelli Dirks and Colleen Fischer. This event continues though Sept. 10. Bloomfield, MT. For more information visit [embcamp.org](http://embcamp.org) or call Jan at 406-773-5576.

**Sat., Sept. 10**  
11 a.m. - Suzapalooza - Supporting local music. Acts include: TLB, Cody Katastrophic, Reaction Jacket, Grapefoot, Joanna Magalsky and The Culprits. Beer gardens, silent auction, vendors. Admission \$10 at the gate. Dawson County Fairgrounds, Glendive, MT. All proceeds go to performers. For more information contact Suzy, 406-941-0916.

**Sun., Sept. 11**  
12-5 p.m. - Bell Street Bridge Celebration - Free admission. Duck race, yard art & birdhouse auction; BNSF mini train, fun castle jumper, ABATE motorcycle display, games, food booths, craft & art display booths, live entertainment, bridge stroll, horse & wagon ride. Eyer Park, Glendive, MT.

**Fri., Sept. 16**  
4-8 p.m. - Glendive Gun Show - This event continues 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sept. 18. EPEC building, 313 S Merrill, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-3969.

**Sat., Sept. 17**  
8 a.m. - Hike For Hope - 8 a.m., registration; 9 a.m.-12 p.m., hike. Diane Gabriel Trailhead, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT For more information contact Diane Hall, 406-256-7156 or [diane.hall@cancer.org](mailto:diane.hall@cancer.org).

**CUSTER COUNTY**

**Events in Miles City unless otherwise listed. MT Zone**

**Sat., Sept. 10**  
8:30 a.m. - Eastern Montana Veterans Stand Down 2016 - Veteran benefit information, medical screening, mental health counseling, employment and education assistance. Lunch starts at noon. All veterans and their families are welcome. Miles City VA Hospital Auditorium, Miles City, MT.



# Laugh It Up for a Good Cause During the Jeff Allen Comedy Café, Sept. 17



Comedian Jeff Allen gives a family-friendly performance that will have the audience in stitches.

**By Meagan Dotson**  
Bakken Oil Rush Ministry is presenting the Jeff Allen Comedy Café Saturday, Sept. 17th at the Watford City High School Performing Arts Center, 2313 Wolf Den Parkway. The venue accommodates about 500 people and the family friendly show will start at 7:00pm central time with Starbucks coffee and cheese-cake served following the performance.

The United Methodist Church started Bakken Oil Rush Ministry in 2013, after seeing a need for an outreach ministry in the area. The ministry has transitioned to a community based organization, run by Directors Jim and Kathie Konsor and a board made up of six community members; with the transition, came the responsibility of raising funds to keep the ministry in operation. It was decided that having a couple of large fundraising events would be more constructive than holding several small fundraising events throughout the year.

After contacting Jeff Allen and explaining their needs, the comedian gave Bakken Oil Rush Ministry a reduced rate, and businesses and local

churches have stepped up to sponsor the show.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Anyone with questions about the event can call 701-444-2355.

Bakken Oil Rush Ministry meets the needs of area residents and newcomers with their traveling thrift store, which is a converted toy-hauler travel trailer. They provide clothes, blankets, small kitchenwares, and occasionally furniture to those in need. The traveling thrift store is open in conjunction with the food pantry, the first Tuesday of every month from 5:00pm – 7:00pm, and the third Tuesday of each month from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Additional hours are posted at the traveling thrift store. Annual outreach events are also part of what the ministry provides, such as the Fall Coat giveaway held in October. The traveling thrift store is parked in the Cash Wise Foods parking lot in Watford City and winter coats are distributed to those who need them. Last year they served more than 370 people.

Bakken Oil Rush Ministry rents the Civic Center for one day each December, where

people are invited to listen to the Christmas Story, sing Christmas carols, and share a hot meal before the toy mall opens. Children that come to the Christmas event receive a ticket to ‘shop’ at the toy mall, where the ministry gives them brand new still packaged toys.

There are many people who find themselves in difficult situations, whether they are local or have just moved to the area.

“We try to get them from a desperate place, to a place where their needs are met and they have hope for their situation,” explained Director Jim Konsor.

In May the ministry began renting a building with an option to buy and they are currently renovating the space. To date they have given more than 31,000 items to more than 2,500 families and individuals.

To learn more, visit them on Facebook at Oil Rush Ministry or contact Jim Konsor at 605-268-0058; anyone who would like to donate can send contributions to Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, PO Box 2901, Watford City, ND, 58854.



Right: Kathie and Jim Konsor are the Directors of Bakken Oil Rush Ministries.

Below: The traveling thrift store is open first and third Tuesdays of each month.



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# Russian Olive Removal and Restoration Workshop set for Sept. 12-13 in Miles City

We don't often think of trees as weeds or "conflict" species, particularly in this part of the country, but Russian olive's rapid spread along the Yellowstone River and other riparian areas in recent years, has made it a pariah to many. Its dense canopy has displaced many native plants along the river and its long and prolific thorns have regularly impeded access to the water's edge by wildlife, livestock and recreationalists, alike.

For others, the arrival of this cold-hardy, deep-rooted, ornamental tree to the U.S. in the late 1800s, proved a godsend for conservation programs in semi-arid areas, particularly in the northern plains. Today it remains a favorite of many rural residents in eastern Montana and western North Dakota, where it is commonly found in farm and ranch shelterbelts/tree rows, where other trees have proven difficult if not impossible to grow. Proponents of the tree also point to the shelter and food it provides local wildlife, particularly pheasants and other birds feeding on its seeds.

The Jekyll-and-Hyde nature of the tree and the need to address its increasingly invasive potential along rivers and streams led to the establishment of a long-term, multi-agency study at the USDA-ARS Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Laboratory in Miles City, MT in 2011. The researchers were

tasked with identifying options for successfully removing the tree along the river bottom, but also examining the impacts of that removal on local wildlife, insect diversity and soil health. Five years into that effort, researchers are sharing what they've learned so far in a special Russian Olive Removal and Restoration Workshop to be held September 12-13 at the Miles City, MT lab.

This event provides the public an opportunity to learn about successful removal and restoration techniques developed under the study, as well as learning more about additional, related research still underway, organizers said.

The event is being spon-



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Wed, Nov. 16.....	Feeders Special Only Sale - 8:00am
Sat, Nov. 19.....	Stock Cow & Bred Heifers Special - 9:00am
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sored by USDA-ARS in Miles City, the Northern Great Plains Section of the Society for Range Management, and the Miles City Chamber of Commerce. Five SRM education credits are available for those participating. Pesticide points are still pending.

The activities begin Monday, September 12 at 1 pm with a series of afternoon talks on Russian olive and the research project, ending with a BBQ supper at 6 pm.

Speakers and topics include:

Peter Lesica, Botanist, author and affiliate faculty at the University of Montana, "History and Ecology of Russian Olive in Montana"

Sharlene Sing, Research Entomologist, U.S. Forest

Service ~ "Russian Olive and Wildlife"

Melissa Maggio-Kassner, Montana State Biocontrol Coordinator ~ "Application of Biocontrol for Rangeland Weeds"

Erin Espeland, Research Plant Ecologist, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT ~ "Russian Olive Removal and Restoration"

The workshop continues Tuesday morning, September 13, at 8 am with a field tour of removal and restoration research sites as well as demonstrations of the following: Russian olive removal with a tree shear, cottonwood planting and transplanting of other trees and shrubs. Participants will also view recovery results in study plots five years after successful removal of Russian olive. The workshop concludes Tuesday at noon.

There is a \$10 registration fee to cover the cost of the Monday meal. Those interested are asked to register for the event by Wednesday, Sept. 7, if possible, but should feel free to inquire about possible registration after that deadline as well.

To register, contact Jennifer Muscha, at 406-874-8223 or Jennifer.Muscha@ars.usda.gov, or mail your name(s), address, organization (if applicable) and the number of people attending to Jennifer Muscha at 2218 Kinsey Rd., Miles City, MT 59301, along with a check made out to "Northern Great Plains Section" at \$10 per person.

Also, please feel free to contact Jennifer with any other questions regarding the workshop.

# Registration Open for the 2016 Young Ag Leadership Conference

**Submitted by Rebecca Colnar AgNewsWire**

Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Young Ag Leadership Conference (YALC). This exciting, one-of-a-kind conference takes place September 30-October 2 at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls. YALC is a collaborative effort between ten of Montana's agricultural organizations, offering attendees a chance to discuss current ag issues, take part in various workshops, meet with industry leaders and network with fellow young people who live Montana agriculture. Anyone ages 18-40 who is interested or involved in agriculture is encouraged to attend.

The weekend kicks off on Friday with exciting area Ag industry tours. This optional excursion will depart the hotel at 12:30 p.m. and return in time to join the rest of the incoming attendees for the social at 6 p.m. Friday evening offers Sarah Bohnenkamp, a Millennial Leadership Coach, who is going to help you "nail your unique brand of leadership"

and help get participants ready for Saturday's full schedule of workshops, entrepreneur spotlights, and networking opportunities. During Saturday's breakfast, Darrell Stevenson will wake everyone up with his keynote, "Going Global with Beef Genetics." Participants will choose from an expanded slate of workshop topics including everything from using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) on your operation to changes in the Veterinary Feed Directive rule and how to overcome generational differences in the workplace. Saturday's luncheon will feature an insightful and inspiring talk called "Our Leadership Journey" by Dan Manella of Cherry Creek Radio, which will be followed with more workshops and the never-before-offered Entrepreneur Spotlights. We'll hear about what it took to start a small business from scratch from Parker's Hangover Tonic, Electric City Coffee w/ Prairie Heritage Farms, and Pink Spurs & Co.

Saturday festivities wrap

up with dinner and a dance at Centene Stadium. The event concludes with "What Do Our Customers Really Want From Us" from Carrie Mess, AKA Dairy Carrie, on Sunday morning. The conference is put together by a committee of representatives from each of the following: Montana Agri-Business Association, Montana Wool Growers Association, Montana 4-H Foundation, Montana FFA Foundation, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Grain Growers Association, Montana State University College of Agriculture, Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni, and the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

The cost of registration is \$40 for the entire conference, with all meals provided. After the pre-registration date of September 23rd, fees increase to \$50. To register, go to [www.mfbf.org](http://www.mfbf.org) or contact Jesse Wallewein at (406) 450-3429 or [mtwga@outlook.com](mailto:mtwga@outlook.com).

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# Fall E-rase Your E-waste Event in Sidney Sept. 9-10

After collecting more than 10 Tons of e-waste this past spring, local E-rase your E-waste organizers are ready to do it all over again at their annual fall collection event to be held in Sidney Sept. 9-10.

"We're excited this year because we hit another milestone with our spring collection," E-rase your E-waste Committee Chair Jackie Couture said. "Our May collection in Sidney and Fairview brought in more than 23,000 pounds of e-waste, enough to put us over the 400,000-pound mark for all the e-waste recycled here since this event first began in 2005! Thanks to everyone who participated and all who continue to e-rase their e-waste at these events."

Couture said the upcoming fall event set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9-10, will once again be held at the Richland County Shop at 2140 W. Holly in Sidney, next to the Fairgrounds. Event times are Friday 3-7 pm and Saturday 9 am-3 pm. Please note, the county shop is available for drop offs during event times ONLY, when employees with Yellowstone E-waste Solutions of Billings, our e-cycler, and local volunteers will be available to help with loading and unloading.

She also noted that while most items are recycled for FREE, there is a small charge for CRT monitors and CRT televisions sets. The cost will be \$5 or \$10 each depending on size. Participants needing a hard drive removed, or who need official documentation that their hard drive has been destroyed, are also subject to a \$5 fee for those services. Who Can Participate?

**e-rase your e-waste!**



Anyone in the MonDak region, or even outside it, is welcome to bring their electronic items to this event, Couture said, "You do not need to be a Richland County resident to participate."

What Can I Bring?

Nearly all electronic devices are accepted, according to Couture, including computers and their components (printers, scanners, keyboards, etc.), cell phones, cameras, TVs, VCRs, cable TV boxes, fax machines, copiers, stereos, game boys and even specialized electronic equipment used in businesses such as hospitals, law enforcement and manufacturing and even the oil fields.

However, NO consumer white goods, vacuums, light bulbs, CFLs, mercury thermometers, alkaline batteries (rechargeable are okay), or items containing refrigerants (including dehumidifiers), oils, or acids will be accepted. If you are unsure whether your item qualifies you can check out the "What to Bring..." handout posted on the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab's e-waste website at [www.ars.usda.gov/pa/nparl/ewaste](http://www.ars.usda.gov/pa/nparl/ewaste).

In addition, a handy "Items List" recycling form is also available at the website to further speed processing time for participants bringing both large and small amounts.

Appointments Recommended for Large recyclers

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

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## Fifth Annual Parade of Homes October 2

Fall is just around the corner and with it, one the area's most popular events, the Parade of Homes, which will take place Sunday, October 2. All proceeds will again benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County with tickets going on sale September 7.

Now in its 5th year, the event gives attendees an opportunity to view everything from remodels to new construction. Homes this year range from a small, single family townhouse to a 2300 sq. ft. home.

Sponsored by Creative Solutions, the Parade of Homes was started as a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club and as a way to highlight the local building industry. "It's a way to showcase not only local builders and local businesses that supply actual building materials, but also the sub contractors, financial institutions, furniture and appliance stores and decorating services. This area has a lot of talented people and this venue is meant to showcase as many as possible. It also gives everyone a chance to promote their business in the booklet that is given out to all who attend," stated Brenda Larson, owner of Creative Solutions.

The following Sidney homeowners have graciously agreed to open their homes to the public in order to benefit the Boys and Girls Club.

Brent and Brenda Bowlds, 501 9th St. SE, recently remodeled and added an addition to enlarge their kitchen. This comfortable ranch style home features warm painted walls accented with wonderful chalk painted furniture done by the homeowners.

Ron and Kathy Jensen's home at 201 11th Ave. SW has been featured in other Parades, with previous owners, but viewers will be amazed at how large it now feels as most of the walls have been removed from the upper level, creating an open concept dining, living and kitchen area. The updated kitchen and bath are also special features worth seeing.

For a touch of decorating talent extraordinaire, David and Pat Kwasney's home at 1106 9th Ave. SW, is a must see! This home is a lesson in eclectic decorating where everything tells a story about their lives. Bold colors, especially yellows and reds, and large furniture are featured throughout. The gorgeous garden, which Pat and David both enjoy working in, is something everyone will appreciate.

Scott and Gloria Ramus, 12267 CR 348, remodeled their entire house and added to it. Even the roof line was changed in this extensive, well-done remodel. Viewers are sure to appreciate the gourmet kitchen and luxurious master suite as well as the family room and laundry room.

Wutke Properties, LLC, owned by Dennis and Emma Jane Wutke, is offering one of their townhouses for viewers to enjoy at 813 3rd St. NW. This compact unit features a single car garage, open concept dining, living and kitchen plus three bedrooms, two baths and laundry upstairs. This home will be staged and

decorated by Creative Solutions and will feature furniture and accessories from local stores as well as custom chalk painted pieces that Creative Solutions has done.

As an added bonus, Mainstay Suites has graciously offered to let the community view one of their luxurious rooms that include a well-equipped kitchen, flat screen TV, DVD player, etc. ... all the comforts of home while enjoying the perks of hotel living. This is a great opportunity to visit one of the many beautiful new hotels in Sidney.

Tickets go on sale September 7th at Creative Solutions, Johnson Hardware and Furniture, Stockman Bank, The Boys and Girls Club of Richland County and the Sidney Herald. Tickets are only \$20 in advance. Tickets will also be available for \$25 at Creative Solutions only the day of the show.

## The Eastern Montana Veterans Stand Down to be held Sept. 10th in Miles City

By Meagan Dotson

The 7th Annual Eastern Montana Veterans Stand Down will be held Sept. 10th from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Miles City VA Hospital Auditorium located at 210 Winchester Ave., Miles City, MT, 59301. The Stand Down is open to Veterans and their families who are welcome to take advantage of services and contacts such as Veteran benefit information, medical screenings, mental health counseling, and employment and education assistance.

The Opening Ceremony will begin at 8:30 am and lunch will be served starting at noon. Just a reminder, there are no drugs, alcohol, or weapons permitted and there is no inappropriate behavior allowed.

For more information, contact the Miles City Job Service 406-232-8340.

are also encouraged to palletize their own items, or send extra staff to help get it done. Details on acceptable items and how to palletize them can be found in the "What to Bring..." handout posted at the website listed above.

The "E-rase your E-waste" effort in Sidney is coordinated by the Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Richland County DES and the Sidney Agricultural Research Service lab as a way for everyone to dispose of their old, obsolete electronic products in an environmentally friendly manner. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality provides promotional funds and the Richland County Public Works Department makes their facilities freely available.

The event originated in 2005 as a means for area residents to recycle their outdated/obsolete electronics, which often contain harmful materials, including heavy metals, that can endanger the environment and human health when improperly disposed of or just thrown away. Since 2005, the program has kept more than 200 TONS of obsolete electronics out of local landfills, organizers said, not only preventing potential threats to the environment but also extending the life of the landfill.



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# The Sidney Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Invites the Public to Join Them Sept. 15th

By Meagan Dotson

September is National Sewing Month and the Sidney Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is inviting the public to join them as they celebrate their 20th anniversary, Thursday, Sep 15th in the Eastern Agricultural Research Center's (EARC) conference room, 1501 N Central Ave.

The event will be held from 5:00pm – 8:00pm and attendants will be making tote bags with optional embellishments such as free-motion quilting, decorative stitching, appliques, and coloring on fabric with fabric markers, crayons and colored pencils. There will also be a machine embroidery demonstration and displays of community service projects and projects guild members have completed in the past.

There is no cost and people of all ages and sewing levels are encouraged to attend.

Eunice Lathrop, who'd been involved in the Sewing Guild in Minnesota, initiated the Sidney Chapter of the American Sew-

ing Guild. After establishing 25 members, the Sidney Chapter became official. Members meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:00pm at the EARC. Annual membership fees are \$50 and \$25 for junior members, up to age 17. Members can also receive discounts from businesses such as Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Stores.

"The motto of the American Sewing Guild is 'Each one teach one' and so we are inviting people to come and learn something new," commented member Luanne Williams.

The Sidney Chapter currently has about 35 members, but are always ready to welcome newcomers, especially younger generations, in hopes that the art and skill of sewing will be carried on.



Above: The 2015 Sip & Sew welcomed people of all ages and sewing levels. Pictures courtesy of Luanne Williams



Left: The flowers on the light background are machine embroidery outline designs that have been colored in with fabric markers and colored pencils. This just shows an example of what can be done with the colored designs. There will be stitched out designs for attendees to color and possibly use as a pocket on the tote bag they will be making.

## 8th Annual Oktoberfest October 7

The MonDak Heritage Center and Northeastern Arts Network present the Eighth Annual Oktoberfest, Friday, October 7, 7:00 pm at the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney, Montana.

Proceeds from this event provide funding for the continuing presentation of Live Music at the MonDak Heritage Center and area schools by MDHC and NAN.

This year's celebration features music from John Roberts Y Pan Blanco. John began playing the piano at the age of 5 while living on an isolated ranch in Southeastern Montana. There was no TV, but there was a piano. At age 11, he picked up trombone to play in the grade school band. After graduating in 1996 from Montana State University-Billings with a BA in Music Performance, John moved to Los Angeles to earn his Master of Fine Arts in Western Orchestral Trombone Performance from California Institute of the Arts. John is currently on staff at MSU Billings as a Jazz, music theory, low brass and World Music instructor. With an incredibly energetic band of high level musicians, John Roberts Y Pan Blanco is an original sound ensemble that is designed to make the audience move. Many years of national and international touring, recording and performing experiences with West African, Funk, Soul, Salsa, Jass and R&B ensembles have led to this project. John Roberts Y Pan Blanco are melding high energy, danceable Funk, African and Salsa grooves with blistering instrumental solos, all aimed at sharing musical diversity with the audience.

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Our Oktoberfest sponsors this year include Stockman Bank, Blue Rock Distributing, Redneck Meats and Meadowlark Brewing Company.

Join the MDHC, NAN and live music lovers at the MonDak's premiere Oktoberfest celebration. This event historically sells out so don't hesitate.

Tickets are limited, \$45 for MDHC Members and Northeastern Arts Network Season Ticket Holders, \$55 for Non-Members. Call the MDHC at 406-433-3500 to reserve with your credit card or stop by to purchase.

Additional information can be found at [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org) and [www.johnroberts.net](http://www.johnroberts.net)

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# Fall Fest “Flappers & Fellas” Planning Underway

SSH! Don't tell. There's a fundraiser in the works that promises to be a costumed evening of prohibition era libations, dancing and philanthropy.

This year, the Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation will host its' annual Fall Fest “Flappers & Fellas” Fundraiser on Oct. 8 at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. The roaring 20s event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail and mingling hour, followed by a three-course steak dinner.

Micro-brewed beers will be on tap with seasonal Squashtoberfest and harvest cream ale from Meadowlark, as well as red and white wines and non-alcoholic drinks.

“We want this year's event to be outrageously fun. The 1920s were an exciting era filled with dancing, jazz music and social change. The Foundation thought it would be fun to go back in time and enjoy that style and culture for one night,” said Jaimee Green, RMHF Director.

This year's entertainment will include piano and singing by local talents Chris Bengochea and Gy Salvevold, both originally of Culbertson. Salvevold is a distinguished pianist who has played for

audiences at Carnegie Hall and Bengochea has taken his tenor opera voice across the U.S. performing with dozens of professional companies. Together, the two will bring talent and a touch of humor as only they can do.

Of course, flapper dresses and fedoras are optional, but will add to the feeling attendees were dropped in the middle of one of Jay Gatsby's most outrageous parties!

This year, several new raffles will be added to the event.

A Pearls and Prohibition raffle will give attendees the chance to win one of two solitary, freshwater pearl necklaces. By purchasing a glass of wine for \$12, they also receive 10 tickets for entry into the raffle. The rose pearl is featured on a yellow gold chain and the blue pearl is on a white gold chain.

Also, anyone who brings a bottle of wine and pays the \$10 raffle fee will have a chance to win all of the bottles that are collected, resulting in their own wine cellar.

A silent auction and live gun and art auction will take place, as well as a baskets raffle and grill raffle. Specifics about the type of gun that will be available have not yet been

decided.

The event's signature Gold Bars Bonanza will feature four grand prizes including the largest prize of four Minnesota Vikings vs. Arizona Cardinals tickets along with complimentary hotel accommodations and zip lining for two. Other grand prizes include \$500 cash, a night at the Billing Symphony, or two nights at the Deadwood Gulch Gaming Casino, in Deadwood, S.D.

“At last year's event, Foundation members asked a handful of attendees to take a brief survey of the evening so they could continue to improve the event. “The reoccurring requests from those responses were to host the event on a Saturday so people didn't have to work the next morning and also to create a more relaxed atmosphere by offering beer and wine,” Green said. “We will take a survey this year too and continue to receive feedback so that we can make this an annual event nobody wants to miss,” Green added.

All of the proceeds raised from the event will be used to redo the floors and lighting in the residents' dining room. Eventually, the Foundation hopes to raise enough funds to completely overhaul the flooring throughout the entire facility. It was last updated in 1978.

The reason for choosing to use the funds for this project was purely strategic. “We put in for many local and federal grants throughout the year to ensure we are able to keep pace with equipment and technology and provide our community with the very best care. Often, there are more grants available for purchasing equipment than there are for brick-and-mortar type projects. It's simply harder to get funding for them, so we felt this event could meet that facility improvement need,” Green said.

Tickets are \$75 and will be available beginning Sept. 1 at First Community Bank in Culbertson and Froid, as well as the Richland Federal Credit Union and Hometown Market in Culbertson. Tickets will also be available at Roosevelt Medical Center in the front lobby.

For more information, or for tickets, contact Jaimee Green at (406) 787-6476. Or email jgreen@roosmem.org.

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# County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

## What to do when you have DON

DON, commonly referred to as vomitoxin, is back in the fields this year. It has been two years since DON was wide spread through the region. It affects wheat and barley grain infected by Fusarium head blight (FHB) or scab. Scab may infect grain heads when wet weather occurs during the flowering and grain filling stages or plant development. Just because you have scab in your fields, that doesn't mean you will have DON. The concentrations of DON in grain are expressed as parts per million (ppm) The U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has established DON advisory levels to provide safe food and feed. Human food products are restricted to a 1ppm level established by the FDA. To know if you have DON in your wheat or barley, the best option is to have samples of your seed tested. There are a few possible ways to use wheat that contains DON.

Cleaning; the kernels may be deformed enough that they can be removed by screening.

The kernels typically have a lighter test weight, so the very light kernels can be removed by airflow. Cleaning seed is an additional cost, but removing the damaged and infected kernels may make it marketable. Respiratory protection is needed while handling infested grain as the mold spores will be in the air causing allergic reactions and breathing problems. Personal protective gear are designed to keep the mold spores and grain dust out of your airway, using a N95 rated mask or a respirator with a HEPA filter is recommended.

Storage; grain that is dried below 22%, fungal growth and DON productions stops. Damaged kernels have the potential for grain deterioration during storage, the infected grain should be kept at 12% moisture or below. Storing grain is a possibility for a later selling date.

Marketing; elevator discounts are generally most severe during or right after harvest, they may decrease after the harvest season. With DON being present in most of Northwest North Dakota and Northeast Montana, I would suggest calling your elevator and see how they will be handling the infected seed.

Feed; infected grain can be fed to livestock, but should follow the regulations set by the FDA.

Beef cattle: growing cattle and finishing cattle can handle levels up to 15ppm, with no more than 50% of the diets being infected seed. Do not feed to calves under 6 months of age or pregnant or lactating cows.

Dairy cattle: the FDA limits the level to 2ppm DON in the diets of lactating dairy cows

Swine: don't feed wheat containing DON to gestating or lactating sows, also don't feed to pigs under 50 pounds. Growing and finishing pigs are able to eat DON infected seed at a rate of 1ppm in their dietary levels

Poultry: Do not exceed 5ppm in dietary levels

Horse: there is no research data existing, since horses are monogastric animals they tend to be more sensitive. Owners should be extremely cautious about feeding DON to their horses.

This information was gathered from the NDSU Extension Service publication PP-1302, if you would like a copy please contact the extension office at 701-577-4595.

# Mark Your Calendar for Walking to Wellness, Sept. 10th

By Meagan Dotson

Walking to Wellness is coming up this Saturday, Sept. 10th. The purpose of the casual event is to encourage athletes of all levels to train for the half marathon. The fitness event will begin at 8:00am at the Ranger Hockey Arena, 601 7th Ave SW in Sidney, with registration starting at 7:30. Interested participants can register ahead of time at the Foundation for Community Care, 221 2nd St NW, or online at [www.foundationforcommunitycare.org](http://www.foundationforcommunitycare.org).

The full distance is 13.1 miles, however there is a 5K (3.1 miles) option as well as a 10K (6.2 miles) option. Families and teams are encouraged to participate, and it is recommended that people train for the event, building up to walking seven to eight miles per week. Remember, it is often easier to stick with any exercise program when you have an exercise buddy, so invite someone along.

Participants can either walk or run, and while it isn't a race, individuals will be timed for general information purposes.

While completing the marathon is the end goal, the lasting benefit will come from training for the event, and getting into the habit of establishing a regular walking/running program.

Participation is free and prizes will be given to both groups and individuals. T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the event.

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# Professional Poker Player, Author, and Handball Champion Recalls an Interesting Life

By Meagan Dotson

Sidney native and 1960 Sidney High School (SHS) graduate, Bill Jones grew up on his family farm, milking cows, fishing, and agate hunting along the Yellowstone River. He grew up in a time when everybody had cool cars, his own 1950 Pontiac

included. He would come home from college during the summers to work at the Eastern Montana Experiment Station, and years later his parents would sell their land to Montana Dakota Utilities where they would build the coal factory that is still there today. One of many things that Jones recalls is watching his dad play

poker at the Moose Lodge, and over the years his father taught him to play. It was a game that would later play an important part of Jones' life.

Jones attended the University of Montana in Missoula, where he began playing poker on a more regular basis. Realizing the young man's skill, a couple of establishments offered him a unique opportunity. Jones was a shill, playing for the poker parlor itself; if he won, he got to keep half the winnings and the house took any losses.

"That was in the early sixties, so bars didn't close at two o'clock. If I was having a good night, I'd could be there until four or five o'clock in the morning," recalls Jones. "Playing poker was how I financed much of my education."

In 1980, he moved to Billings, MT where he still resides with his wife, Diane. After the move, Jones began playing poker more frequently. He's played in 15 World Poker Tour events and two World Series of Poker Tournaments. In 2003 he took 17th at the World Se-

ries of Poker in Las Vegas, winning \$55,000.

At the time Jones was working as an administrator at the Crowley Law Firm, when one of the attorneys suggested he write a book and Jones took his advice.

Texas Hold'em Montana Style was published in 2006, which accounts Jones' personal experiences playing tournament poker.

Jones retired in 2005, and is currently working on his second book, which is a creative non-fiction story about four friends growing up in Montana during the homestead days. The friends end up joining the WWII effort. It's titled Homestead Soldiers and Jones hopes to finish it by the end of the year.

Another of Jones' accomplishments is his handball career, which began in Great Falls, MT in 1967.

"I'd always wanted to be an athlete, but I had rheumatic fever in the 5th grade and couldn't play sports in high school. Handball was an opportunity for me to be an athlete," said Jones with tongue in cheek.

Handball is similar to racquetball; the court is 40' long, 20' wide, and 20' tall and each match is the best two out of three games, with each game scored to 21 points. It is a fast moving game played either as singles or doubles. Players wear thin gloves and hit a rubber ball, hence the name. In Great Falls Jones played with Marvin Strom and Tom Quilling who are also SHS graduates.

"They were exceptional players and they taught me a lot about the sport. I went on to win two state championships in Idaho and competed in tournaments in the western half of the United States and into Canada," Jones stated. "It's challenging because you have to be fairly coordinated with both hands."

Jones and his wife (a Registered Nurse) are Grizzly fans and travel to Missoula regularly to watch college football. Between them they have five kids and ten grandkids in total that all living in Montana.

"I've led an interesting life and I'm very fortunate," Jones commented.

As for his hometown, Jones attributes much of his success to the 'nice town with honest hardworking people'.

"Sidney was a wonderful place to grow up and is a wonderful place to come back to," he concluded.



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