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Jacobson to Receive Proceeds Raised by the Partner 4 Pain Run



Jason Jacobson with his parents, Rolf and Rita Jacobson.

By Meagan Dotson

The Run the World Sidney Run Club will be holding a Partner 4 Pain Run/Walk Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 am at Richland Park. Partner 4 Pain is the third run in a series of three, with each four mile run raising money for a different cause in the community. The proceeds from the Partner 4 Pain run will be donated to Jason Jacobson to help with medical expenses after he suffered a spinal cord injury.

Jacobson, a Sidney native, was the passenger in a one vehicle car accident on May 10, 2015. He suffered from collapsed lungs, broken ribs, a head injury, broken back, and spinal cord injuries. He was in the Intensive Care Unit at Billings Clinic for about a month before being moved to Advanced Care and he is currently at New Hope in Billings, MT receiving physical therapy.

"I'm very flattered and definitely didn't expect it," said Jacobson when asked about his reaction to having the event held in his honor. "It's been a long recovery. I woke up and I was paralyzed. I went through shock and a mix of emotions. Rehab is very physically and mentally challenging."

After being in a medically induced coma and on life support, Jacobson maintains a positive attitude. "I have to learn how to do things without the use of my legs and work hard and be happy," he commented. The father of four is determined to learn what

he needs to know to get back to his life.

"I am very thankful to have the support of such great friends. It's awesome to live in a community where everyone cares for one another," said Rita Jacobson, Jason Jacobson's mother.

Anyone interested in participating can register prior to or on the day of the event; register online at RunSignUp.com by September 23rd for a guaranteed shirt. Registration is \$25 for the two mile individual walk or \$20 per person for the four mile partner run/walk where partner runners motivate each other and can have their times added together for results. Competitive Timing out of Billings will be there providing a PA system, music, and Chip timing which gives instant results. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. Amanda Piatte, founder of Run the World, would like to especially thank Healthworks for sponsoring the events. Run the World is a free running group that meets weekly and will have their last weekly run for the season October 15th. Donations can be made online and anyone with questions about Partner 4 Pain or information about the Sidney Run Club can email them to runtheworld.sidneymt@gmail.com.

"I couldn't do it without the support of the community and I promise I will keep up the hard work," Jason Jacobson added. "Thank you."

Fairview Homecoming

Queen Caitlyn Yadon and king Josh Hurley ride in the Fairview homecoming parade Friday afternoon. The Fairview Warriors defeated the Plentywood Wildcats Friday night, 76-32. The Lady Warriors lost their homecoming match-up with MonDak Thunder.



Congress Memebers Send Letter to ACE & BOR Regarding Intake Diversion Project

Every federal legislator from 2 separate states, Montana and North Dakota, showed true leadership by working together regardless of state line's or different political parties to protect their citizens and the endangered Pallid Sturgeon by mutually signing an official letter asking for the protection of the funding of the Fish Bypass and the protection of the Irrigation project. Assistant Secretary Darcy and Commissioner Lopez:

We write about the recent decision of the U.S. District Court of Montana that enjoined construction at the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project and directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to provide evidence of the benefits the project would provide to species prior to proceeding with construction. We urge ACE and BOR to address the concerns of the Court and conduct the necessary analyses in a timely manner to ensure this essential source of water for farmers, ranchers, and communities throughout much of northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota is not unduly disrupted.

This project is critical to close to four hundred farms and irrigates over 50,000 acres of cropland, and time is of the essence as winter is approaching and inclement weather could further damage existing infrastructure. If the agencies have not already done so, we urge ACE and BOR to develop and implement an interim plan to manage the existing intake dam should the project continue to be enjoined and the lawsuit moves throughout the judicial process. Additionally, we encourage ACE and BOR to provide assurances to Congress and stakeholders that funding currently allocated for this project will not be transferred or reduced while ACE and BOR conduct further analyses.

As ACE and BOR move forward in addressing the issues detailed by the Court in granting the injunction, we request ACE and BOR act in as expeditious a manner as possible. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your prompt response and staying in close contact on this critically important issue.

Sincerely,

STEVE DAINES, United States Senator; JON TESTER, United States Senator; JOHN HOEVEN, United States Senator; HEIDI HEITKAMP, United States Senator; RYAN ZINKE, Member of Congress; KEVIN CRAMER, Member of Congress

Stand Down Invites Veterans & Families September 26

By Meagan Dotson

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the Eastern Montana Stand Down will be held at the Richland County Event Center, 2118 W Holly St., Sidney and all veterans and their families are invited to attend. Local service providers including representatives from Fort Peck Warrior Center, Montana Legal Services, VA's Mobile Vet Center, VA Service Offices for Benefits and Homeless assistance, Guardian Foundation assisting homeless veterans, Volunteers of America –assisting homeless Veterans, Red Cross, Richland County Health Department, River Program, Lions Club – vision assessment, Shepherd of the Valley Church sponsoring Bible Sticks, Sunrise Women's Clinic, VFW, and Dawson Community College will be there offering information and services.

Stand Downs are held all over the country, beginning in the

mid 1980s when two Vietnam Vets working in Social Services, San Diego, CA decided to take action and help the homeless veteran population. Though eastern Montana doesn't have an overwhelming population of homeless vets, the Stand Down is important none-the-less.

"People tend to think the Stand Down is only for homeless veterans and it's not; we don't have a lot of homeless vets but we do have a lot of at-risk veterans in our area and many people don't know what services are available to them because there isn't a VA presence. We encourage all vets and their families to attend. This is for everyone," said Shannon Kadrmass, local Veteran's Employment Representative.

Kadrmass researched the interest, service providers, volunteers, and available locations in regards to having a Stand Down in Eastern Montana and approached administration with the idea. After administrative approval, the first Eastern Montana Stand Down was held in 2010 and has taken place every year since, rotating between Glendive, Sidney, Miles City, and Poplar.

The Opening Ceremony will be from 8:30 - 9 am with Representatives speaking on behalf of Senators Tester and Daines and Governor Bullock. After the National Anthem, the Sidney VFW Color Guard will give a Presentation of Colors and Regional Director, Steve Olson will give a welcome speech. The Opening Ceremony is open to the public and is a wonderful way to show support and recognition for area veterans and all they've done.

"This is a great way for people to recognize them and get to know who the veterans are in their communities," commented Kadrmass.

The Stand Down will be held from 9 am - 3 pm and veterans are encouraged to bring an official military ID to expedite the process, however no one will be turned away. Kadrmass estimates that between 500 and 700 vets have been served by the Stand Downs held since 2010. He notes that none would be possible without those who dedicate their time through volunteer services and would like to thank RSVP for all of their help. Volunteers are still needed and anyone interested can contact RSVP at 406-433-2207. Any monetary donations can be made payable to Eastern Montana Veteran's Stand Down and dropped off or mailed to the Sidney Job Service, 211 N Central Ave., Sidney, MT, 59270.



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

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

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

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

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1842.0
Last Week’s Elev.	1842.2
One Year Ago	1844.7
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	13000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sep. 14	78	49	0.00
Sep. 15	82	51	0.00
Sep. 16	70	42	0.04
Sep. 17	66	42	0.06
Sep. 18	75	41	0.00
Sep. 19	77	42	0.00
Sep. 20	82	44	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation		12.22	

OBITUARIES

Mary Finnicum Roberts Parkins, 84, Culbertson, MT

Mary Finnicum Roberts Parkins, 84, of Culbertson, passed away at the Roosevelt Medical Center In Culbertson on Thursday morning, Aug. 20, 2015.

A memorial service celebrating Mary’s life will be held on Friday morning, Oct. 2, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the Community of Christ Church in Culbertson, MT. Pastor Jack Scotson will officiate and private interment of the cremains will follow in the Crane Cemetery in Crane, MT.

Mary Lucille Finnicum (Roberts) Parkins was born Nov. 3, 1930, the tenth and last child to Bernie and May (Holt) Finnicum. She began her education at the little country school at Mona. She attended high school at Culbertson and graduated from Bavinville. She was in her fifties when she graduated from Vo-Tech in Butte and later a two year community college in Spokane.

After high school graduation, she moved to Spokane, where she did waitress work for some time. Upon returning to Culbertson, MT, she met and married Roland Roberts and together they raised six children. She worked alongside Roland at the bee yards until she became deathly allergic to bee stings.

With six children, she still found time to be den mother to several Boy Scout troops and a Girl Skylark group from church. She grew and canned a huge garden every year for family and friends. She was an excellent cook and gathered all her family, friends and neighbors on holidays, birthdays, fish fries, and BBQs as well as having cards, bunko, swim parties and back yard circuses. Mary was artistic, an excellent seamstress, crocheted, quilted and was a good carpenter too. Mary enjoyed crossword puzzles and loved pizza and religious programs in her later life.

Throughout her lifetime, she moved fifty times and lived from Kodiak, AK, to Dallas, TX. She had many different types of jobs such as waitressing, clerk, sales, receptionist, house-mother and apartment manager for mentally impaired residents. She was last employed in her late fifties as a flagman for the Washington Highway Department.

In the last years of her life, she was married to Don Parkins of Spokane, WA, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her oldest son Patrick W. Roberts and granddaughter, Heather.

Mary tried hard to be a good servant to the Lord and to bring others to know and serve him too. Mary went to our Heavenly Father the morning of Aug. 20, 2015. She was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

She is survived by her children: daughters, Vonnie (Richard) Lambert of Fairview, MT; Miki Chessmore of Butte, MT; sons, Jim (Cindy) Roberts; Tom Roberts, Ward Roberts, all of KY; daughter in law, Carmen Roberts of Sidney, MT; nineteen grandchildren, many great-grand-children; sister in law, Montana Finnicum; and many nieces and nephews.

A special thank-you to her nieces Diane, LaVonne and Nancy for all their visits, love and prayers, and special help throughout her ordeal from the family of Mary Roberts Parkins. Friends are welcome to visit www.eversoncoughlin.com to share memories of Mary or leave condolences for her family.

The Everson-Coughlin Funeral Home of Williston is caring for the family.

Jason Dean Swanson, 40, Colorado Springs, CO



Gina and Jason Swanson

Jason Dean Swanson was born January 5, 1975 in Calgary, Alberta to DeWayne and Dianne Christie Swanson. He and his wife Gina were killed in a tragic accident near Gunnison, Colo. on September 5, 2015.

Jason became a Montanan at the age of four months and lived in various cities but the farm in the Girard community was always home. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1993 and attended MSU Northern for two years.

Jason took a summer job with Borton Construction building the silos at Holly Sugar and went on to become one of the premiere pipe fitters and welders in the industry, well known for his excellent skills and incredible work ethic.

Jason’s oldest daughter Julia was born in May 1998. He married Stacey Bradley in 1999 and moved to Colorado Springs where Eli and Bella were born. His children were the greatest treasures in Jason’s life.

With the whole-hearted support of his wife Gina who he married in 2010, Jason made the courageous decision to go back to school to provide a more stable life for himself and his family. He graduated with highest honors in May 2015 from the University of Colorado and was excited to begin his career as a mechanical engineer with Neuman Systems Group on August 10.

Jason always said he didn’t need a job to keep him busy. His interests were varied and he loved to find older, quality pieces and repurpose them to suit his needs, From sound systems to a beautiful butcher block cabinet, he was meticulous in whatever he chose to build.

Music was an important part of Jason’s life. He could play by ear, and with a solid music education playing the saxophone in high school, taught himself to play the guitar and piano. He loved to join his friends for a good jam session. His album collection (because CDs weren’t good enough) was amazing and included almost every genre.

Jason’s circle of friends was not large but the friendships he made were deep and enduring. He is deeply missed by those friends including Rick, Chuck, Darrin and Mark.

While we celebrate every moment we shared with Jason, we all deeply mourn the fact that Jason did not live to reach his personal and professional potential, and accomplish all the good that he dreamed of. Sadly, Jason left us before he was able to enjoy the life that he had worked so hard to create for himself and his family.

Jason his survived by his children Julia Hines of Bryan, Ohio and Eli and Bella Swanson of Colorado Springs; his mom Dianne Swanson, sisters Mary Bradley and Brenda Eberling, brother Scott Swanson, nieces Katie Bradley, Charity and Marissa Eberling and nephew Malcom Bradley all of Sidney, Mont.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Albert and Eva Swanson and Jack and Mary Christie, his dad DeWayne and his brother Christopher.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Jason’s life Friday, September 25 at 7pm at the Elks Lodge in Sidney, MNAXLP

Community Partners Provide FREE Presentation On Underage/Binge Drinking

Submitted by Marcia Hellandsaas

According to the 2013 North Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 21% of North Dakota’s 9th through 11th graders reported drinking more than 5 drinks in a row within a couple of hours at least once in the previous 30 days. Additionally, from 2010 to 2014 there was a 10.5% increase in DUI arrests in ND, including a 34% increase in juvenile arrests. To combat these issues in the Watford City area, the McKenzie County Extension Office and Watford City Police Department are hosting a free two-hour educational seminar Tues., Sept. 29 at the Watford City Civic Center. The evening will kick off with a free supper at 6 p.m. CT and continue with the program from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. CT.

This seminar will be taught by the North Dakota Safety Council and everyone is invited. Topics will include, laws of underage drinking, drinking and driving facts and penalties, brain development of teens, effects of alcohol on the teenage brain, physical process of alcohol consumption and long term effects of addictive alcohol usage.

“The goal of this seminar is to help parents and teens understand the effects and consequences of alcohol abuse and hopefully deter future underage/binge drinking activities” says Jesse Wellen, Assistant Chief for the Watford City Police Department.

To register, please call the McKenzie County Extension Office at (701)444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Sat., Sept. 26
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - 6th Annual Eastern Montana Veterans Stand Down. Richland County Events Center, Sidney. Opening ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. All veterans and their families are welcome.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Customer appreciation BBQ. Held at Johnson’s Hardware. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and pop.
Noon - Wanna be an Elk golf tournament. 4 person scramble. \$50 entry fee per person, includes: green fees & registration. Breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Elks. Supper, silent & live auctions to follow at the Elks. Proceeds to help defray medical expenses for Josh Entzel.
Sun., Sept. 27
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - 4th annual Parade of Homes. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Creative Solutions at 109 3rd Ave. NE, Boys & Girls Club, Stockman Bank, Sidney Herald or Tim Fine 489-1914. Addresses for each home will be on the tickets. This is a self guided tour.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - St. Catherine’s Church in Fairview is hosting their annual Fall Dinner. For more info call 406-742-5293.

Tue., Oct. 6
7 p.m. - Adult beading workshop. Loom beading. \$20. MonDak Heritage Center.
Wed., Oct. 7
2:30 - 4:30 - After school enrichment program. Ages 8 & up. \$50 for all 6 classes. MonDak Heritage Center.
Thur., Oct. 8
7 p.m. - Adult chalk painting class. \$25. MonDak Heritage Center.
Fri., Oct. 9
7 p.m. - Adult wine glass painting class. \$15. Mon Dak Heritage Center.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Wed., Sept. 23
2 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Job Fair to be held at the Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center. Open to all employers and all positions.
Thur., Sept. 24
2 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Job Fair to be held at the Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center. Open to all employers and all positions.
Thur., Oct. 1
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Flu shot and wellness clinic. MSU Extension service blds at 1499 N Central Ave. Vaccinations \$32 - \$55 depending on age & type of vaccine. Call RCHD regarding vaccinations at 433-2207 or SHC regarding wellness clinic at 488-2101.
Sat., Oct. 3
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - 2nd Annual Fall Harvest Craft Show. Grand Williston Hotel. Silent auction 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Benefits will go to 16 yr old Michael Bergstrom medical expenses.
Sat., Oct. 3
6 p.m. - 11 p.m. - 3rd Annual Wishes in the West. Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Make-A-Wish ND at Wishes in the West. Enjoy a steak fry dinner, silent & live auctions and entertainment by The Cody Charles Band. To be held at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds multipurpose bldg. 519 53 st E, Williston, ND.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Wed., Sept. 23
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Parenting class for divorcing parents. To be held at the Courthouse meeting room in Watford City. \$55 per person. Pre-registration is requested prior to attending program. 701-444-3451.
Tue., Sept. 29
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Underage drinking presentation. Begins with a free supper at the Watford City Civic Center. Pre-registration is requested prior to attending. 701-44-3451.
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.
The McKenzie County Food Pantry is open: 1st Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2-4 p.m., First Lutheran Church. Every Thursday from 12-2 p.m., Food Distribution, First Presbyterian Church.

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



Boys & Girls Builder Award

Boys & Girls Club of Richland County presented Mondak API with a Builder Award at the API monthly meeting September 15th. This award was given to API for donating \$100,000 during BGCRC 2015 annual fundraising. Photo submitted by Michele Seadeek.



VFW Buddy Poppy Distribution Begins

VFW Auxiliary members Violet Tharp, left, and Louise Troudt display Buddy poppies that are assembled and distributed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. More than 10 million dollars is raised each year, all of which is dedicated entirely to veterans’ welfare. The VFW Buddy Poppy annual distribution started Monday, Sept 21st and will continue through Friday, Oct 2nd. Violet and Louise encourage you to make a donation and wear your Buddy poppy proudly. Photo courtesy of Sidney Herald.

Know the Rules for Hunting on State Trust Lands

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Submitted by John Grassy
Montana’s millions of acres of state trust lands offer prime opportunities for hunters across the state. With the 2015 hunting season now under way, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) asks that hunters and other recreationists get acquainted with the regulations for accessing trust lands before they take to the field.
Hunters and anglers 12 years of age and older must possess a valid Montana Conservation License to hunt or fish on trust lands. For other types of non-commercial or non-concentrated uses, a separate State Lands General Recreational Use License is required. These are available from any Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks office, as well as all ALS license agents. Proceeds from license sales provide financial support to Montana’s public schools.

Other important rules include: Know where state land boundaries lie. Maps showing state trust lands and the status of area roads are posted at DNRC, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and US Forest Service offices statewide. Topographic maps are usually available for purchase at sporting goods stores and BLM and USFS offices. Do not trespass. State trust lands are legally accessible if they can be reached from adjacent public lands, public roads, or public waterways. If you have to cross private property to reach state land, you must first get permission from the landowner.

Rules of the road: The only roads open for vehicle use on trust lands are public roads, such as county roads and state highways, as well as other roads DNRC has designated as open. Off-road use is strictly prohibited. Designated roads that are open for use will be shown on travel plan maps or will be clearly posted with signs from DNRC. If unsure about the status of a particular road,

contact the nearest DNRC land office.
Disabled hunting access: Disabled hunters with a Permit to hunt from vehicle, issued by Montana FWP, are authorized to drive on any road on state trust lands, except those closed by sign or barrier.
Firearm safety: The discharge of firearms within a quarter-mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding is prohibited without first gaining permission from the occupants.
Other recreational use: Camping is limited to two consecutive days; campers must stay within 200 feet of a customary access point or navi-

gable waterway. Open fires are prohibited outside designated campgrounds. Pets must be kept on a leash or be under the owner’s control, especially around other recreationists and livestock.
More information on these and other regulations can be found in a brochure, “Guide to Recreational Use of State Land,” which is available from license agents or from a DNRC or FWP office. For additional information, contact DNRC Recreational Use Coordinator Dan Dobler at (406) 444-9726, or visit the DNRC web at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/recreational-use-of-state-land>.

Explanation of Montana Tax Reappraisal Notices

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and host sponsor Richland County Farm Bureau invite the community of Richland County to hear Representative Rob Cook (R-Conrad) speak regarding the reappraisal notices from the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR). This will be Friday, September 25th, at the Elks Lodge. Coffee and donuts will be provided and the program will begin at 7:00 am. Please RSVP to the Chamber at 406-433-1916.

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Watford City Cross Country

Right: Watford City's top runners, Kayla Ogle and Asha Smith, finish one and two in the Girls Varsity Division of the meet in Watford City on Tuesday. Photos by Kathy Taylor.



Watford City's Varsity Boys get a good start in the Varsity division at Fox Hills Golf Course. Leading the pack for the Wolves is Raehs Peutz who finished first for the Wolves.

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Watford City Cross County Invitational Results for Sept. 15

Women 4K Run Team Results Watford City Wolves place 3rd with a total time of 1:33:47.62 Individual results for Watford City Wolves: 1st place, Kayla Ogle finished with a time of 16:04.38; 2nd place, Asha Smith, 16:11.31, Hayley Ogle, 18:28.56; Ellie Schmitz, 20:44.98; Gabby Hogue, 22:18.39.	Women 3K Run Watford City Wolves place 8th 20th place, Amelia Honson with a time of 23:57.86 Men 5K Run Team Results Watford City Wolves place 3rd with a total time of 1:42:32.12 Individual results for Watford City Wolves 6th place, Raehs Peutz, 18:39.26; 12th Dakota	Garmann, 19:57.06; Osman Leon, 20:31.46; Devin Schmitz, 20:40.63; Cole McGorman, 22:43.71; Ethan Lyon, 22:45.67; Cauby Hartel, 23:01.07; Hunter DeFoe, 23:09.08; Jack Gillispey, 23:23.91; Isaac Concepcion, 24:36.75; Andrew Trotter, 26:19.89. Men 3K run Watford City Wolves place 5th 11th place, Christopher Ferry with a time of 20:20.01
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DATES: Saturday, September 26 and October 17
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Sidney Health Center Classroom



SIDNEY HEALTH CENTER
RICHLAND COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE

This is a Certified CPR Class with AED instruction. Cards will be provided upon completion of the 2-1/2 hour course.
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Cottage Food Program Info-session to be Held Oct. 2

The first of three information sessions about the new cottage food program will be held on Friday, October 2nd from noon to 1pm in conference room 101 of the Community Services Building.

Beginning October 1st, Montana implemented a Cottage Food Program that allows certain food items to be produced in a home kitchen and sold to the public. The list of products allowable to be sold under this program is limited and specific to foods that have very low risk of causing foodborne illness.

The Richland County Environmental Health Office is holding a one-hour information session for those people interested in beginning the production of cottage foods in their homes. The session will introduce the new program rules, review application requirements, and address questions. Two additional sessions are planned for the near future, and will address the same subjects.

Production of cottage food products requires a special registration and submission of labeling information as well as fees. To inquire about this program, contact Stephanie Ler at 433-2207.

Harvesting Clean Energy Conference Addresses Range of Issues

Submitted by Cathy Svejkovsky

Lillian Salerno, USDA Undersecretary for Policy, will be one of the featured speakers at the 2015 Harvesting Clean Energy Conference in Billings. The conference, the 14th in an annual series that has been held in four states in the Pacific Northwest region, is widely considered a premier meeting of experts and wide-ranging practitioners in the agriculture, forestry and energy industries. Its aim is to help advance rural economic development through clean energy development and to explore ways to maximize profits by practicing good stewardship.

The speakers and panels will take on subjects ranging from electric cars, biofuels and community solar-power efforts to strategies for obtaining governmental and private grants.

This year, there also will be panels addressing a number of controversial high-profile subjects. For example, the Montana Farmers Union has organized a panel on "Montana Agriculture in a Changing Environment." Others include evaluation of Montana's Renewable Energy Portfolio, net metering and utility interconnections and the EPA Clean Power Plan.

The 2015 HCE will be at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center from Sept.30 – Oct. 2. It is the second Harvesting Clean Energy Conference in a row hosted by the National Center for Appropriate Technology, which is headquartered in Butte.

The conference is open to the public, and there are a number of registration and ticket price options available, including one-day and student registration.

Details, including the conference schedule and speaker bios, are available at <http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org/>. For more information, contact Cathy Svejkovsky at cathys@ncat.org or 406-494-8667.

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Influenza Season Has Arrived: Get Your Vaccinations

Submitted by Jon Ebelt

State and local public health officials are seeing an early start to the influenza season. While the season usually doesn't begin until October, Montana has had early influenza reports from six counties: Yellowstone, Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Beaverhead and Broadwater Counties. Most of the early cases can be traced to travelers who have returned to Montana with the illness but some local transmission is now occurring. With local transmission occurring, it is important to get vaccinated against influenza now.

Influenza can be serious. Last season, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recorded 608 hospitalizations and 24 deaths related to influenza.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent influenza from affecting you and your family. State, tribal and local public health authorities indicate vaccine is widely available and recommend taking advantage of the vaccine before additional cases increase your risk. Influenza vaccination is very safe and is recommended for everyone older than six months.

The composition of the flu vaccine is reviewed each year and updated to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be the most common during the upcoming season. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctor visits, missed work or school as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

Individuals seeking vaccine have many options beyond the typical shot including a high dose flu shot approved for people 65 and older, a short needle intradermal flu shot approved for people 18 through 64 years of age, and nasal-spray vaccine. Depending on brand, these vaccines protect against three or four influenza strains. Public health officials recommend Montanans consult with their healthcare provider regarding the best option. "It's time to get a jump on influenza," said DPHHS Director

Richard Opper. "People should get vaccinated every year, as the circulating viruses and vaccines change. This year's vaccine has been updated to address what is expected to circulate and we urge you to get immunized now. With the options available, getting vaccinated is easier than ever. Getting the flu vaccine will help you stay healthy this winter." Protection provided by vaccination lasts throughout the entire flu season, even when vaccine is given in early fall. A new dose is needed every year to keep up active defense against changing viruses.


"Individuals with asthma, diabetes, other chronic medical conditions, the elderly, pregnant women and young children can become very ill if infected by influenza," said Bekki Wehner, DPHHS Immunization Program Manager. "In addition to protecting yourself, getting vaccinated can protect others around you who may be at high-risk of complications." Officials add that it is very important for health care providers and other caregivers to get vaccinated in order to protect the vulnerable populations they work with.

Remember, it takes two weeks before the vaccine can stop flu in your body. People wanting to get immunized, or have their children vaccinated, should consult their health care provider. Vaccinations are available at doctor offices, county or tribal health departments, and many pharmacies.

While vaccination is the first line of defense against influenza; other preventive measures can help stop the spread of germs as well. Remember to wash your hands often with soap and water, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and limit contact with others when you are sick. More information can be found at the DPHHS web site: www.dphhs.mt.gov.

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Roosevelt Medical Center Continues Search for Provider, Not Rushing to Bring Someone on Board

By Jaimee Green
It isn't for a lack of trying. But, it has to be a good fit. Like many critical access hospitals across the nation who are situated in rural areas far removed from urban sprawl, Roosevelt Medical Center is struggling to hire a third provider. Still, they aren't just going to hire anyone.

To date, there have been six interested candidates for the position vacated in June by long-time provider, Jay Lambert, who chose to return to his home state of Utah. Of those, RMC interviewed three applicants and two offers were made. However, one candidate declined the offer and decided to stay with their current employer, and RMC is awaiting a response from the second.

"The costs associated with hiring a new provider can be astronomical. That is why it is critical to hire people who are going to be a good fit in our facility as well as our community and who are likely to stay for an extended amount of time," said Jennifer Kessner, CFO. In 2011, RMC spent \$22,000 when outsourcing to locate just one provider, and those costs go up all the time.

Like other area healthcare organizations, recruitment and retention continue to be areas of concern and constant focus. In today's mobile workforce, employees are not opting to spend decades with one employer, but instead continue their professional journey wherever it takes them. Oftentimes professional staff will cut their teeth in smaller facilities where they are able to work in many different areas and gain experience, but later choose to return home or move on to specialty areas of practice or to larger organizations where they don't have to be on call.

"It's very difficult to have successful recruitment in our rural area. A lot of this has to do with the remoteness and the lack of access to some of the amenities they are accustomed to having in their everyday lives," said Audrey Stromberg, CEO. It isn't just the new employee making the transition either. The families coming along with those professionals also have to adjust. Therefore, retention of new providers, nurses, lab techs, and others becomes a community and neighbor effort, not just RMC

administration, board, and staff.

But it isn't just the lack of a corner Starbucks and city vibe that hinders successful recruitment in our part of the state. While the cost of living in the area has gone down some, the Bakken oil boom has increased the price tag on living and there are very few affordable housing options in smaller communities. Basic life necessities have to be affordable for low to middle income wage earners, which is where 90% of RMC employees are. When recruiting doctors, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, and lab techs, many of the candidates are fairly new graduates and have heavy student loan burdens so they also have to have affordable living arrangements.

"Being prepared for rural life in the social sense can often be more of a factor than facing the challenges of being medically trained for rural practice where those providers are truly on the front lines of medicine addressing everything that can happen to a person as far as their health goes," Stromberg said.

Staffing is challenging with many healthcare professionals today wanting to switch to contract work, rather than full-time employment to reap the benefits of higher pay, mileage reimbursement, per diem and the ability to travel to other facilities. Currently, the clinic is trying to fill two nursing-staff positions vacated when one nurse went back to California after meeting a personal goal of working at RMC for one year to get clinic experience and one moved to Louisiana for family reasons. Meanwhile, the clinic is using temporary nursing staff to keep up with patient care while the search continues to find permanent staff members.

Also, when providers graduate they are indebted into the thousands and often look for employment opportunities boasting loan reimbursement. Currently, RMC cannot offer this incentive based on the current national loan reimbursement program, which factors in population based health issues for the area related to topics like poverty, provider ratios per population base and infant mortality. With that, the program distributes reimbursements based on the

national number of applicants, as well as the amount of funding dedicated to the program. "The past two years, loan repayment incentives haven't been awarded to applicants at facilities whose score has been less than 15 and currently our area sits at a score of 13 based on the area's health issues," Stromberg said.

Recruitment woes don't stop with professional provider staff either. Finding qualified, dependable applicants to fill entry-level positions in nursing, housekeeping, and dietary departments is also challenging. Last year, RMC hired and terminated 53 employees, many in entry-level positions. Some of these employees lasted as little as a day after recognizing that healthcare is a demanding, and often emotional field that requires constant commitment to the patients served.

Even entry-level positions require general and departmental orientation as well as extended training in the areas of safety, infection control, and disaster preparedness.

"Healthcare is a very rewarding industry to be in. But, it takes a lot more than some people realize when they turn in their application. It's demanding, emotional and constant. It's a profession that often you take home with you at night," said Jessica Schmitz, Director of Nursing for RMC.

While the numbers look staggering on paper, there are many staff members who have been employed with RMC for 15, 20, 25, and even 30 years. Over the past couple of years, half a dozen 20+ year employees have chosen to retire. Looking forward, there are more than a dozen "baby boomers" that will have been with RMC for more than 20 or 30 years who will be eligible for retirement in the next 10 years.

Strategically, RMC offers incentives for training and education in-house in an effort to capitalize on the grow-your-own concept where people who grew up in the area and have ties are more likely to stay and build their lives.

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North Dakota Youth Pheasant Weekend Oct. 3-4

Submitted by the North Dakota Game and Fish Dept.

North Dakota's two-day youth pheasant season is Oct. 3-4. Legally licensed residents and nonresidents ages 15 and younger may hunt roosters statewide.

Resident youth hunters, regardless of age, must possess a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate and general game and habitat license. Nonresident youth hunters from states that provide a reciprocal licensing agreement for North Dakota residents qualify for North Dakota resident licenses. Otherwise, nonresident youth hunters must purchase a nonresident small game license.

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Youth ages 12 and

older need to have passed a certified hunter education course. The daily bag limit and all other regulations for the regular pheasant season apply.

An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. The adult may not carry a firearm.

See the 2015 North Dakota Small Game Hunting Guide for additional information.

Teddy Roosevelt Family Day Sept. 27

Families looking for a fun afternoon filled with outdoor activities are invited to attend Teddy Roosevelt Family Day on Sunday, Sept. 27 at McDowell Dam just east of Bismarck.

The free event runs from 1-4 p.m. and families can come and go at any time. It

features many hands-on activities including archery, BB gun shooting, fishing, animal identification, prizes and more.

The first 750 kids who attend also receive a free Teddy Roosevelt patch.

Organized by area Boy Scout, Girl Scout and 4-H organizations, Teddy Roosevelt Family Day is sponsored by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Scheels All Sports, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

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Sidney Adult Education Classes Fall Quarter 2015

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Men's Volleyball - Instructor: Dennis Marker

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Saturdays, Starting October 10th

Mosaic - Instructor: Sarah McMillen (482-3366)

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County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

Fall Weed Control in Lawns

Right now is the best time to try to be taking care of the weeds that occur in your yard. Most people believe that spraying in the spring is the best idea so they do not grow all summer, in fact spring and summer are the worst times to spray for weeds. Right now all plants are starting to store sugars in their roots to make it through the long winter, so killing them now before they go dormant is the best option. Next year's dandelions have already germinated so preventing next year's growth is key. With most of the plants going dormant at this time, spraying for weeds now is ideal because it will cause little to no harm on other surrounding plants. 'Weed and feed' products are not highly effective, as they lead to herbicide runoff and can easily track indoors. Broadleaf herbicide ingredients such as 2, 4-D, dicamba and MCPP can have unintended effects, such as drift. Physical drift, applying small droplets in windy conditions, can cause the herbicide to end up in unintended places. The next type of drift is vapor drift, the applied herbicide volatilizes into a gas and will travel away from where it was applied. Because of the two types of drift, young plants may be affected or killed because the plants are not established yet. If you are applying a broadleaf herbicide that contains dicamba, do not apply it repeatedly near tree roots. Dicamba builds up in the soil, gets absorbed through the roots and will kill the tree with time. Remember to always follow the label when applying any type of herbicide, same goes for fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides. Wear boots, and long pants and shirts. This information was gathered from the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Needle Drop In Conifers

Every year deciduous trees like ash, maple and oak change color and lose their leaves. This is normal and expected. When evergreen (conifer) needles turn brown and die, it's unexpected, but not necessarily abnormal. There are commonly two types of evergreens or conifers that grow in North Dakota, pines and spruces. Pines have long needles (two to nine inches) and spruce have shorter needles (three-quarter to an inch long).

Pine tree needles live for two to seven years then die and drop to the ground. The older needles are towards the center of the tree, the older needles will start turning yellow in August. By mid-September those older needles will turn brown, die and fall to the ground. Spruce tree needles usually live longer than pine tree needles. Generally spruce needles will live up to ten years. Similarly to pine needles, older spruce needles will change color and drop. Seeing some conifers drop their needles is normal, larch trees, also called tamarack, are one exception. Larch trees are deciduous evergreens and lose their needles yearly, the most common larch in North Dakota is the Siberian Larch. The needles turn bright yellow in the fall then drop to the ground. This information was gathered from Dr. Zeleznik, the NDSU Extension Forester.

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All Deer Gun Licenses Issued

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Submitted by North Dakota Game and Fish

The 43,275 deer gun licenses that were allocated by proclamation for the 2015 hunting season have all been issued, according to Randy Meissner, licensing manager for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.


Meissner said according to state law, the number of deer gun licenses issued, including those licenses issued as gratis, cannot exceed the number of licenses authorized by the governor's proclamation.

The deer gun season opens Friday, Nov. 6 at noon central time.

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By Tie Shank

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), is pleased to announce Williston Parks and Recreation District as a finalist for the 2015 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. This year's proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program is Musco Lighting LLC.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary with NRPA and founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation and one class for state park systems awarded on odd numbered years.

Williston Parks and Recreation District is a finalist in the Class V category. Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. Williston Parks and Recreation District joins three other finalists in their class that will compete for

grand honors this year. Darin Krueger, Executive Director, WP&RD stated, "Williston Parks and Recreation District is very honored to be a finalist for this prestigious national award. The team in Williston includes past and present Park Board Commissioners, the entire staff as well as the citizens of Williston. Together, we are improving the quality of life for everyone during this incredible time of growth in our community"

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels.

This year's finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the seven Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the Opening General Session at the 2015 NRPA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV, Sept. 15-17.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit www.nrpa.org/goldmedal or www.aapra.org. Williston Parks and Recreation District, www.willistonparks.com, 1-701-774-9773.

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"It was a career goal of mine to be in an ownership position, I just didn't know if that would entail buying into an existing company or starting my own. After working with the team at TLI for a number of years, I feel like the mission statement aligns with my own. I appreciate the opportunity and the direction the company is going and am very excited to be part of the team that is forward-thinking," said Knatterud.

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Making a House Your Own

Michael and Bambi Stump



Downstairs kitchen.

Life was a little chaotic almost two years ago for Michael and Bambi Stump when they picked up and moved their family to Sidney all the way from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The family was transferred here by Mike's employer, OneOk. He also had to transfer into the National Guard unit out of Great Falls. Moving from Tulsa to Sidney was quite the change for this family of five!

Bambi, a veteran of 19 years in the Air Force National Guard, knew she could reside where ever her husband's job planted him, as she is now a stay-at-home mom with the couples' three boys. "I've got one more year till I retire from the service. I was a safety manager for years and now I substitute teach in the schools, but this domestic thing – I haven't got it quite figured out yet."

When they made the move to Sidney there were about 10 homes to view. They chose a home that has been on the Parade of Homes before, but Michael and Bambi have made major changes.

Previous owners, Lee and Kelly Alvstad, transformed the old Sobolik home on 15th Ave. SW, to fit their needs. The

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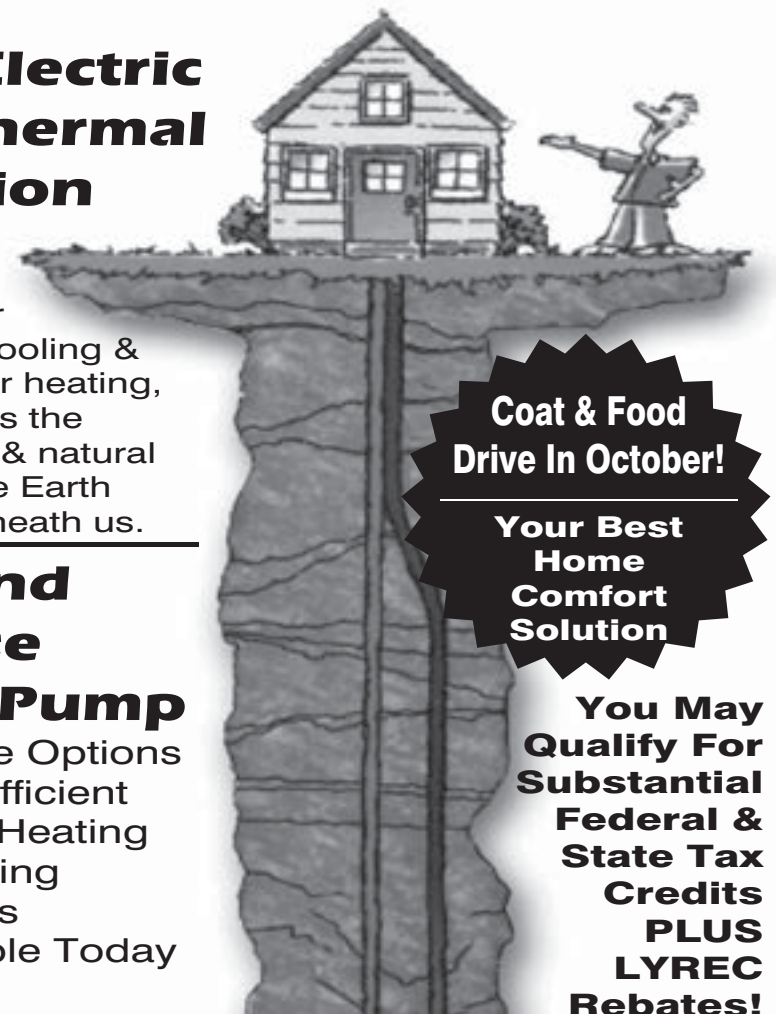
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home was completely flip-flopped and the entire upper level was remodeled. The kitchen, dining and living area are the open-concept design and feature Knotty Alder cabinets as well as a huge, circular black painted island and rich, Basil solid-surface counter-tops from Creative Solutions that contrast beautifully with the gorgeous, yet easy-to-care-for hardwood flooring and the massive cedar posts that highlight the stairway. The efficient master suite includes a custom glass-block and tiled shower, claw-foot tub, walk-in closet and a built-in washer and dryer. This area is beautiful as well as efficient!

On the lower level of the home was an extra bedroom, bath, small family area, laundry, a memorial room to their late son, Andrew and the existing kitchen was turned into Kelly's craft area where she could create to her hearts content.

However, when the Stump family purchased the home, they needed bedrooms for the three boys so they started remodeling this house again and what a wonderful transformation has taken place! Now the lower level has three bedrooms, a bath, a refreshment area and a movie theatre! Bambi was quick to note that the theatre is decorated in black and red in honor of the Nebraska Huskers. Kim Wenchel did the painting and the paint was supplied from Johnson Hardware. The new space has worked out well for the boys and all of their friends. "Sometimes we have six extra boys down there, and I sure don't need them upstairs," Bambi said. "But when the boys are gone, I get the theatre room all to myself!"

"This home is a great example of how a home can be remodeled to suit each family's individual needs and wishes," Brenda Larson of Creative Solutions stated. "I hope everyone enjoys the transformation." Bambi was fortunate enough to be able to be home during the re-

modeling process, and do so much of the work herself – on her time.

This home has been through many renovations, and it looks as though it may have a new owner in the future, as the Stump family will soon be transferred again. You will want to make sure you look through this home to see if it may suit your family! Call Nick Jones Real Estate if you have questions.

The Stump family wanted to be a part of the Parade of Homes because it is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County and they have used their services. "The Club came in handy when I went for military leave," Bambi said. "My husband would pick the boys up after work and they had a good place to be. We came into a community where we had nobody; no family or friends to help us out." Even when Bambi came home after her tour, the boys still were excited to go to the Club. "My kids love that place – It's really great!"



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The home was originally built in 1981 by Karen Gebhardt and was one of the first in the sub-division. The Johnsons purchased the house in 1992 and since that time they have done two extensive remodels to the property. The first project was done in 2006 and the second in 2011. Family friend and carpenter, Dean Lang, did both remodels. "Dean did a great job on our home," Randy said. "He takes pride in doing his best on every detail of the construction process. He is a true craftsman."

At the front of the home, the once sunken living room is now the same height as the other floors and has been turned into the family's comfy TV room. "We love to hang out in this room," Kelly stated.

A cozy breakfast area is just off the TV room and leads to a magnificent wrap-around deck that was purchased from ProBuild and constructed by Scott Herman. From the deck you can enjoy their wonderful landscaping talents.

The state-of-the-art kitchen boasts stainless steel appliances, including a 5' fridge/freezer combo. The creamy white maple cabinets are offset beautifully by the glistening "Golden Fantasy" granite countertops. The well-planned layout is efficient and the pantries provide ample



storage. The glass doors above the pantries provide Kelly a space to show off each season's decorative dishes. "I really enjoy decorating that area," she stated.

A large, elegant table is steps away from the kitchen and is perfect for their large family gatherings. The focal point of the room is the enormous arch-topped window that shows off their beautiful back yard.

A formal living room is next to the dining room and boasts soaring ceilings, a

massive fireplace and comfy furniture. It is the perfect place to sit and read or entertain! The modern artwork, as well as the antique-styled golfing art, look great against the smoky-green walls. Kelly chose neutral colored ceramic tile for the floors because of their easy upkeep and they are always comfortable, thanks to the heating element that is installed in them. "I just love these floors!" she said.

Up a few stairs is the master suite, office and additional

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bedroom. Sliding doors off the master bedroom lead to a small deck that is perfect for a morning cup of coffee or an evening glass of wine. The steps from the deck lead to the lower deck and hot-tub area. The bathroom is shared with the other rooms, but the stool and shower are separate from the vanity area. "It works well for our family," Kelly stated.

Another bedroom, bath-

room and laundry room are on the lower lever of the home. "There is plenty of room for everybody," Kelly mentioned.

A couple of well-planned remodels have kept this 1980s era home up-to-date and well-loved by the Johnson family. "The entire home was made much more functional and comfortable," Randy said. "We really enjoy the kitchen and living area as well as the additional living space that was created by the outside

decks.

Dean Lang was the main contractor, ProBuild supplied building materials, Big Sky Siding and Windows supplied all the windows, sliding doors and wood trim, Mike Potts did the plumbing and Kent Fixen provided electrical work.

The Johnsons are happy to participate in the Parade as they say, "It is a great way to support the Boys and Girls Club as well as enjoy an interesting day of touring homes."



The Latest Trend In DIY Is Now Available In Sidney

By Meagan Dotson
The latest trend in do-it-yourself design and refurbishing is now available through Brenda Larson at Creative

Solutions in Sidney. Chalk paint, from the American Paint Company, is an all-natural, mineral based, solvent free paint that contains no VOCs and is eco-friendly. It is acrylic free and doesn't have any fungicides or co-polymers and it is inspiring people across Pinterest to breathe new life into old furniture.

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Katie Larson shared a

project that she had used chalk paint on; a bright white mail stand she purchased at a garage sale for five dollars was soon turned into a customized, colorful piece that would make anyone stop and ask 'Where did you get that?'

She used a brush to apply the base coat and then applied a turquoise wash coat with nothing more than an old sock before applying the top coat, being sure to wait until each coat completely dried before applying the next.

Brenda Larson will be showcasing the item during the Parade of Homes, sponsored by Creative Solutions, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. She will have several refurbished pieces of furniture on display at the Pheasant Run Apartments so be sure to take part in the Parade of Homes this year. For colors, pricing, and all other questions, please contact Brenda Larson at Creative Solutions, 406-488-1461.



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By Meagan Dotson
Rock-on Stone Engraving, a new and unique business to the Sidney area, is available to begin taking orders for address and residence markers, customized stepping stones, and memorial stones.

While visiting the Black Hills, Arlen and Lonnie Price noticed that many residences had stone markers with a family name or address engraved into them which piqued their interest. After doing some online research, the Prices decided to purchase an engraving machine, which is similar to a sandblasting machine, and they began their venture.

After owning and operating a trucking business from 1998 until 2014, Arlen Price thought rock engraving would be an interesting hobby. Since the first of the year, the Prices have tried a variety of designs on different types of stone including stepping stones for each of their children and their families which trail a path through the back yard. Soon more and more people were asking about the engraved stones and so a hobby turned into a fun retirement business.

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Computer generated stencils are printed onto a rubber-like material with an adhesive backing which sticks directly to the stone as the engraving machine uses sand to etch away the unprotected rock. There are extensive clip art designs to choose from, but pictures can be used to create a template as long as they are not too detailed. The stone used should be fairly

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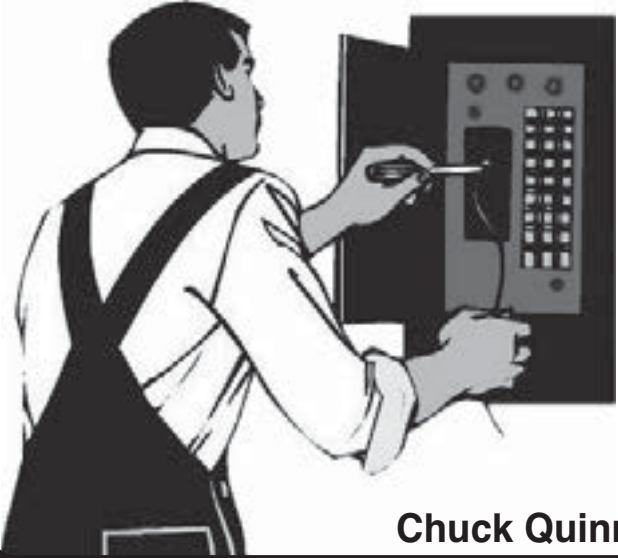
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4th Annual Parade of Homes Sept. 27

Submitted by Brenda Larson

The 4th annual Parade of Homes will be held in Sidney on Sunday, September 27th. The team at Creative Solutions is proud to sponsor this event as a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County.

Once again, there is a great lineup of homes! Those who attend the event will tour three newly built homes, three recently remodeled homes and one newly built apartment complex. All I can say is...be prepared to be amazed! A few features all will enjoy include unique floorplans, great decorating schemes, chalk painted furniture, fantastic fireplaces, the latest technology, beautiful landscaping (including an awesome kid's play-area), well-organized spaces, wine cellars and even movie theaters!

The six homeowners that have graciously agreed to be on this year's Parade of Homes are Jodi Berry, Derek and Nikki Carda, Randy and Susan Iversen, Randy and Kelly Johnson, Pheasant Run Apartments, Michael and Bambi Stump, David and Colleen Williams. Please be sure to thank each of these people when you see them. Many hours of work go into

getting a home prepared for the Parade as "honey-do" lists are accomplished and houses are cleaned and polished and decorated. Not to mention that they are allowing the public into their private sanctuaries. These generous people do all of this to make our community a better place to live by supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County, through this event. Thanks again!

Creative Solutions started the Parade of Homes as a way to raise money for the new building that the Boys and Girls Club plans to erect. "To date, we have raised over \$30,000 for The Club to put towards their new building! I am so proud of my family and friends and this great community for coming together for this event! It is a lot of fun but also a lot of hard work." "The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me."

The Parade of Homes is meant to benefit not only the children of the county, but also showcase the craftsmanship and quality building materials that are available in our area. In the last few years, we have had the unique opportunity to have had several contractors come to work here from all other areas of the country. As a result, many styles of car-

pentry and building materials have been introduced. At this year's Parade, you will see fine craftsmanship from local carpenters as well as those from other areas.

The Parade of Homes is a self-guided tour that spans from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. "Throughout the tour, we hope you will enjoy the variety and ingenuity of each homeowner and their builders. All of the homes are unique in their style of building and decorating. There will be many things not only to enjoy seeing, but also ideas that you can incorporate into your individual lifestyle." There will be several representatives of Creative Solutions and the Boys and Girls Club and some contractors at each home to answer any questions and to offer assistance. No barefeet or shoes are allowed inside the homes. Socks many be worn or booties are provided. For the privacy of the homeowners, pictures are also not allowed.

Tickets for the 2015 Parade of Homes are \$20. Tickets may be purchased at Creative Solutions , Boys and Girls Club, The Sidney Herald, Stockman Bank, Tri-Fecta and BGCRC President, Tim Fine (489-1914) On the day of

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