

Draft Horse Challenge Returns To White Earth On Saturday

The White Earth Valley Saddle Club will host their annual fall draft horse challenge on Saturday, Oct. 5. This year's event will feature something special for those competing and those attending.

Teams will start registering at 11:00 a.m. with action starting at noon. Like always, the challenge will start with the obstacle course, but this year it will be the 2024 North Dakota Draft Horse Association Obstacle Challenge State Finals.

This first event will also serve as

Qualifying North Dakotans Can Expect To Receive More Assistance To Help With Heating Costs

North Dakota Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will now provide more assistance to qualifying households.

HHS will begin accepting LIHEAP applications on October 1. If approved, program applicants can receive heating assistance from October-May.

In the last year, LIHEAP assisted 14,405 qualifying North Dakota households, providing \$11.2 million in support of their home energy costs.

The new assistance amount will ensure that households do not spend an unsustainable amount of their income on home energy costs. Assistance amounts vary based on the number of people living in the household, total household income, energy source and other factors.

"Utility costs are part of a family's total housing cost," Economic Assistance Director Michele Gee

said. "To help improve overall housing affordability, the new LIHEAP assistance calculation is based directly on income and ensures families will not pay more than 6 percent of their income toward heating their home. Previously, families may have paid up to 14 percent of their income toward heating costs."

Both homeowners and renters can apply for heating assistance.

In addition to heating costs, LIHEAP may also assist with weatherization services and the costs of purchasing or repairing cooling and heating devices such as furnaces or air conditioners.

Individuals can apply for LIHEAP and other assistance online at hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp, locally at a human service zone office, or by mail. For help filling out the application or submitting relevant verifications, North Dakotans can also contact Community Options, a partner agency, toll-free at (800) 823-2417, 711 (TTY).

Confessions of the Dead by James Patterson
Blood in Sweet River by John Shirley, 3rd in a series
By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult
Ozark Dogs by Eli Cranor
This is Why We Lied by Karin Slaughter, 18th in a series
The Journey South by Reavis Z. Wortham, 1st in a series
The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt
Some Die Young by William W. Johnstone, 2nd in a series
Fatal First Edition by Jenn McKinlay, 14th in a series
Really Good, Actually by Monica Heisey
Sleepless City by Reed Farrel Coleman, 1st in a series
Safe Enough by Lee Child
Another Girl Lost by Mary Burton
Ghosts of Honolulu by Mark Harmon
Ashes Never Lie by Lee Goldberg, 2nd in a series
The High Notes by Danielle Steel
Fort Buzzard by William W. Johnstone
The Last Devil to Die by Richard Osman, 4th in a series
Confronting the Presidents by Bill O'Reilly
Honoring Christmas by Linda Byler
The Twelve Books of Christmas by Kate Carlisle, 17th in a series

Tim Erbele, a 33-year member from Streeter, ND, was elected NDSA vice president. Erbele and his wife Ronda have two daughters, Miranda (Andy) Hagen and Addyson. Erbele owns a Salers-Angus-cross cow-calf operation, a 1,200-head permitted feedlot and a Purina feed dealership. Before being elected vice president, Erbele was a District 3 director, the chairman of the NDSA Animal Health Committee and a member of the NDSA Building Committee, No-Posting Committee and Budget Committee.

Ian Hall of Berthold, ND, was elected to his first four-year term in District 6. District 6 is comprised of Bottineau, Burke, Divide, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Renville, Ward and Williams Counties. The nine-year NDSA member raises registered Angus and Simmental seed-

ND Stockmen's Association Elects Officers And Directors At 95th Annual Convention And Trade Show

North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) members elected 21-year member and Rugby, ND, cattleman Randy Schmitt as the organization's president at the NDSA's 95th Annual Convention and Trade Show, "Building for the Future," September 20 in Bismarck, ND. The more than 3,000-member organization tapped Schmitt for its highest post during the closing business session.

Schmitt and his family operate a commercial cow-calf operation using Simmental and Red Angus genetics. The calves are backgrounded and sold off the farm or sold as replacement females. The Schmitts raise their own feed, including alfalfa, cover crops and grain and silage corn. Schmitt and his wife Stacey have four children, Mattie, Lane, Grace (Eddie Swartzentruber), and Ty, and one granddaughter, Rowyn. Schmitt has served on the NDSA Resolutions Committee, Ag Policy Committee, Building Committee and Budget Committee and was a District 6 director and the vice president before assuming the NDSA's presidential post.

In his acceptance remarks, Schmitt credited former NDSA Presidents Jack Reich and Jason Zahn for encouraging him to get involved in the organization.

Stock and farms. He also clips cattle and markets real estate. He and his wife Morgan have two daughters, Ryan and Jacey.

Other members of the NDSA Board of Directors and Executive Committee include the following: District 6 Directors Kevin Hansen of Ryder, ND, Chase Jacobson of Columbus, ND, and Gary Martens of Ross, ND.

NDSA officers serve up to two one-year terms. Directors serve up to two four-year terms.

NDSA members interested in running for a leadership position should notify their district's respective Nominating Committee members. The Nominating Committees traditionally name their candidates in June.

Memorials are greatly appreciated and may be mailed to Box 743, Stanley, ND 58784.

Memorials Received By Stanley Rural Fire Department

In memory of Louis Kuster, Charles Juma, Franklin Martens, Milfred Thompson, and Clint Lindberg from Brian and Diane Hollinger.

In memory of Charles Juma from Roger and Darlene Vesey.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please send checks to Stanley Rural Fire Dept. at PO Box 926, Stanley, ND 58784.

Memorials Received By Mountrail County Health Foundation

In memory of Charles Juma from Gordon and Sharon Aas.

In memory of Linda Rystedt, Charles Juma, Tammy Hamers and John Hagey from Steve and Cathy Springan.

Memorials and donations are always appreciated and may be dropped off at the health center or mailed to Mountrail County Health Foundation, PO Box 522, Stanley, ND 58784.

Time For The Rivalry Game! There will be a NDSU Bison/UND Fighting Hawks Party at the Prairie Rose Golf Course in Stanley on Saturday, Oct 5 starting at 1:30 p.m. There will be food and drink specials! Anyone can come watch the game with us!

Come Out and Support The Crazy Cat Crew Animal Rescue

Oct 12, 2024
At the Pines Building located at
440 Reservoir Road
Stanley, ND

-Information on the Cat Crew and all the work they do and sign up for upcoming spay and neuter clinics

-Vendor Show 10-3p
-Lunch being Served 11a-1p (free will offering)

*Accepting donations for the rescue- litter, hard and soft cat food, blankets/beds, cat bowls, toys, collars, ect...
For vendor info and registration form contact: Sarah 701-202-9110

NDSU Extension To Host Medicare Open Enrollment Webinar

North Dakota State University Extension is hosting a free webinar focused on Medicare open enrollment, a yearly period when Medicare beneficiaries can review and change their health and prescription drug plans for the upcoming year. The 2024 open enrollment period is October 15 through December 7.

The webinar will be October 9, 10-11:30 a.m. CDT via Zoom. Current Medicare beneficiaries, those new to Medicare, family members, caregivers and others interested in learning more are invited to attend.

Attendees will learn how Medicare Part D coverage works and the differences between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans. Other topics include upcoming Medicare changes for 2025 and important factors Medicare beneficiaries should consider when reviewing their plan options. Attendees will also learn how to protect themselves against Medicare open enrollment fraud.

Presenters are Stefanie Fogel with the North Dakota Insurance Department and Brenda Munson with the North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol project.

Spill Reported in Mountrail County

The ND Department of Mineral Resources was notified of a produced water release occurring on Friday, September 27, 2024, at ERIE SWD 5793 11-12, approximately 10 miles NW of Ross in Mountrail County.

Falcon Midstream Services, LLC reported the spill of approximately 468 barrels of produced water. The incident was due to an equipment failure. The incident was contained onsite, and clean-up is underway.

At the time of reporting 460 barrels of produced water had been recovered.

A state inspector has been to the location and will monitor any additional cleanup required.

Federal and state laws require federal and/or state agencies be notified in the event of accidental spillage of any materials that may pollute water, air or soil.

More information about notifications and the public access tool can be found on North Dakota's Unified Spill Reporting System page at spill.nd.gov.

Fogel is a Medicare State Health Insurance Program counselor with over 23 years of experience within the health insurance industry. She works with the North Dakota State Health Insurance Assistance Program to help people understand Medicare and the different options available to them. She also advocates when people are having problems with their insurance and guides them on how to rectify their situations.

Munson is the project manager and complex issues specialist with the North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol project at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University. She supervises all activities associated with Medicare fraud outreach and education and assists beneficiaries with Medicare fraud-related issues. Munson has worked with Medicare fraud for the last 15 years.

"We are excited to partner with the North Dakota Insurance Department and the North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol to offer this educational opportunity on such an important and complex topic impacting the health of older adults," says Jane Strommen, North Dakota State University Extension gerontology specialist.

For more information on how to join the webinar, visit nds.uag/medicare.

Mountrail County Historical Society Meeting

The Mountrail County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m. on the upper level of the Memorial Building. The public is welcome.

Golden Age Club News

Friday, October 4th: Dinner of brats, beans, salad and dessert served at 12:00 p.m. Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Bravera.

Sunday, October 6th: Tupperware bingo from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7th: Dinner of taco hotdish, mixed fruit, salad and dessert served at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9th: Dinner of chicken and dumplings, beets, salad and dessert served at 5:30 p.m.

Stanley Public Library News

Stanley Public Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Patrons may call the library (628-2223) or send an email to www.stanleyndlibrary@gmail.com to renew materials.

The Friends of the Library offer Senior Book Delivery to senior citizens, including a selection of large print and audio books. Call Kelly at the library, 628-2223, to sign up to have library books delivered to your home once a month.

The library is offering "eco-friendly" book bags for sale for a fee each. These bags may be used each time you visit the library or for other shopping. This allows patrons to recycle regular plastic bags and support the library by purchasing one of the book bags. The Friends of the Library Stanley playing cards are available for a fee per deck. These cards make a great souvenir or gift.

Find more Stanley Library information online, including the online card catalog and the Libby App by visiting www.stanleyndlibrary.com.

Some of the new books at the library include:

Hard to Kill by James Patterson, 2nd in a series

Fearless by M.W. Craven, 1st in a series

JFK, Jr. by Rosemarie Terenzio

A Match in the Making by Jen Turano, 1st in a series

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 5th Annual Meeting of the R&T Water District will be held at the Ray Auditorium, 215 Main Street, Ray, ND

Monday, October 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is strictly a business meeting. No meal will be served.

Door prizes will be awarded. All participating members are invited to attend.

Zoom link to join the meeting will be available at www.rtwatersupply.com



ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Applications and Absent Voters' Ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election are available at the Mountrail County Auditor's Office, PO Box 69, Stanley ND 58784-0069, phone (701) 628-2145. A request for an application can be made by contacting the Auditor's Office or by e-mail to stephp@co.mountrail.nd.us.

The application form is also available on the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov.

A reminder, ballots must be postmarked prior to the day of election in order to be counted, so if you are voting absentee, please make your request for an absentee ballot as soon as possible so the deadline date can be met.

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor

Plaza First Lutheran Church Annual Fall Supper & Bazaar
Sunday, Oct. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m.
Pork Roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, bun, dressing, coleslaw, cranberries, pickles, rommegrout, lefse and pie
Ages 12-Adult: \$15; Ages 5-11: \$5; Preschool: Free
Takeout Available. All Are Welcome!
(\$2 added to each plate for takeout)

It's Time To Take Care of You! Time For Your Flu Vaccination!
Upper Missouri District Health Unit
WALK IN FLU SHOT CLINICS!
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY
Stanley UMDHU Office
18 2nd Ave SE, Stanley
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9 and 16:
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Plaza Senior Center,
308 Covell St., Plaza
Friday, Oct. 4: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
* Cost for a flu shot is approximately: \$65 and High dose (65 years and older) \$115 payable at the time of service.
* We will bill BCBS, Sanford, United Health Care, Medica, Meritain, Medicaid, and Medicare Part B. Please bring insurance card.
* Ask us about RSV, Shingles and other immunizations.
* Covid vaccinations will also be available as supplies last.
For more information, please visit our website www.umdhu.org.

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