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Secretary Jacobsen, Land Board approve Missouri Headwaters State Park acquisition

This week, Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen joined her fellow commissioners on the Montana Land Board in unanimously approving an acquisition to the Missouri Headwaters State Park. The Land Board voted 5-0 to approve the acquisition of nearly 26 acres.

The Montana State Parks Foundation purchased the property in Gallatin County and donated it to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). According to FWP, the acquisition will "permanently secure and protect important habitat connectivity and cultural resources and provide additional recreational and interpretive opportunities for park visitors."

The Gallatin, Jefferson, and Madison Rivers merge within the park to form the Missouri River. "Missouri Headwaters State Park preserves much of the region's abundant wildlife, lush, vegetation, and scenic beauty," according to FWP.

Secretary Jacobsen continues to use her position on the Land Board to protect and expand public lands. In December she voted to approve the Owen Sowerwine Conservation Easement in Flathead County, and has voted to increase public access along the Lower Yellowstone River (North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area), in Golden Valley County (Big Snowy Mountains Wildlife Management Area), and in Deer Lodge County (Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area), to name a few.

"I'm proud to support public access and long-term conservation efforts in Montana," said Secretary Jacobsen. "The new addition to the Missouri Headwaters State Park will provide more opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping, picnicking, and other activities."

For more information about the Missouri Headwaters State Park, visit the FWP website.

During March's Land Board meeting, Secretary Jacobsen also voted to approve agenda items that would generate estimated revenue of more than \$2 million, including nearly \$1.5 million estimated revenue for Montana's K-12 schools.

Have you experienced the death of a spouse or life partner?

Would you like the opportunity and space to talk about your experience?

Please consider joining us for a gathering at the Beehive Community Room at 11:00 on Thursday, April 11th.

Together, we will:

- Share a meal
- Discuss the needs that arise from loss, grief
- Explore avenues for healing, and moving forward
- Create a community of kind support and friendship

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UMW and MCH Host 2024 Colt Challenge & Sale

The Annual Colt Challenge and Sale, hosted by the University of Montana Western and the Montana Center for Horsemanship, will take place March 29 and 30, 2024, at the Montana Center for Horsemanship in Dillon, Montana.

Students and colts compete in a series of events that demonstrate their wide range of abilities on the first day, and the following day, a public auction features the colts for sale, with all proceeds reinvested in the program to provide scholarships to Natural Horsemanship majors at the University of Montana Western.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, March 29

Colt Challenge: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 30

Preview: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Sale: 1:00 p.m.

Each colt receives approximately 90 days of Natural Horsemanship training from equine students in the Natural Horsemanship/Equine Studies Bachelor of Science Degree program at Montana Western, under the guidance and leadership of the MCH Natural Horsemanship instructors. This year's event will showcase 22 best-bred colts donated by some of the finest ranches in the region.

The young horses are familiarized with all settings inside and out, including enclosed areas and riding outdoors on the area's many trails and in the surrounding mountains. They are also exposed to a variety of situations including working with cattle and ropes, loading and unloading from trailers, and many other scenarios a horse and rider might encounter in ranch-work or recreational riding. Simultaneously, both students and instructors develop an in-depth feel for each horse, enabling them to accurately convey this knowledge to potential buyers.

The horses and students are featured on Facebook leading up to the main event with information about the colts including their color, conformation, personalities, and skills. More



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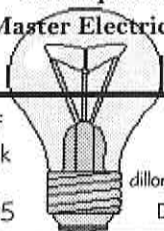
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information about the 2024 Colt Challenge and Sale, including the sale catalog, is available on the University of Montana Western website.

Those interested in attending the auction can do so in person, online, or by phone. To bid online, participants must pre-register at least one day prior to the sale. To pre-register, please visit bid.northernlivestockvideo.com and click "Get Approved to Bid." Participants can then bid online via desktop by visiting www.northernlivestockvideo.com the day of the sale or by downloading the Northern Livestock Auction mobile app.

To bid by phone, pre-register by calling Northern Livestock Video Auction at 866-616-5035 before the sale day to obtain a bid number. Bidders can then phone in the day of the sale by calling 406-245-0889.

The sale order will be posted on Friday, March 29 by 5:00 p.m. on the Montana Western Colt Challenge and Sale website and Facebook page.

The Annual Colt Challenge and Sale corporate sponsors include CHS Inc., New Generation Supplements, Rocky Mountain Supply, and Zinpro Performance Minerals in partnership with the University of Montana Western and the Montana Center for Horsemanship. Saturday's complimentary lunch is sponsored by Beaverhead Motors. Thank you to American National Insurance for sponsoring this year's saddle for the Colt Challenge winner. We wish to thank our sponsors for their generous support of the event and the students in the program.

The Equine Studies Department at the University of Montana Western offers the nation's only Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Horsemanship with options in management, psychology, science and instruction, and was ranked among the "Best Equestrian Colleges" by ThoughtCo.com.

The Montana Center for Horsemanship is the first and only equine center in the United States that is devoted expressly to promoting natural horsemanship. With its stables, arenas, riding areas, and instructors, the center serves as the primary facility and progressive teaching resource for Montana Western's Natural Horsemanship BS curriculum.

The MCH teaches the 'La Cense Method,' which was developed under William Kriegel, owner of Haras de la Cense in France. Mr. Kriegel is also co-founder of MCH, and he has been involved in Natural Horsemanship for many years. The La Cense Method is a progressive, step-by-step process that blends the best of traditional horsemanship training with the art of training and riding horses—all in a manner that works with a horse's behavior, instincts, and personality. Taking a positive and respectful approach, the La Cense Method gradually builds trust, and frees the horses to be confident in all they are asked to perform.

For more information about the Colt Challenge and Sale, please contact Head Natural Horsemanship Instructor, Eric Hoffmann: eric.hoffmann@umwestern.edu or 406-925-1499.

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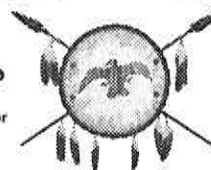
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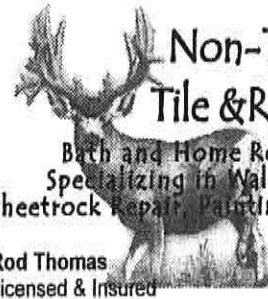
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Commission amendment proposed for April agenda item

A proposed amendment for an item on the April 17 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting agenda is available for public review and comment online.

The amendment, proposed by Commission Vice Chair Patrick Tabor, would establish catch-and-release fishing for both cutthroat and rainbow trout on the Swan River and require single-pointed hooks only from Piper Creek Bridge downstream to Swan Lake.

To see the proposed amendment, click here. Other commission amendments may be announced prior to the April 17 meeting. To see the topics the commission will consider.

Comments on commission amendments can be emailed to the commission at this address: FWComm@mt.gov. Written comments will be accepted through April 11; comments will also be taken virtually during the meeting. The commission will meet virtually April 17 at 8:30 a.m. A Zoom registration link will be posted on the FWP website at a later date.

Montana Western Glass Club Invites Community to Open House on Wednesday, March 27

The University of Montana Western Glass Club would like to invite the community to an Open House event on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the UMW Emerick Art Studio located on the corner of Poindexter and Atlantic Street.

The Open House will feature a live hot shop demonstration from Glass Club students as they construct glass mushrooms to be hidden treasures for this year's Annual Beaverhead Treasure Hunt.

The Annual Treasure Hunt is an event hosted by the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and the University of Montana Western Glass Arts Program where glass art figures are hidden in the shops of Bannack, Dillon, Lima, Dell, Grant, Jackson, Wisdom, Wise River, Dewey, and Glen. Participants are invited to find these "treasures" from Memorial Day to Labor Day for a chance at winning prizes donated by the Chamber.

For more information on the Open House, please contact UMW Glass Club President, Heather Reedy: heather.reedy@umwestern.edu.



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TRACK & FIELD: The Montana Western track & field team continued their outdoor season last week with numerous Bulldogs competing at the Al Manuel Invite in Missoula, Mont.. Numerous Bulldogs earned top ten placings in their events, with Justene Santi finishing in fifth in the women's 3000m steeple with a 13:24.66 for one of the top placings from the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs will return to competition this week for the Yellowjacket/Battlin' Bears Open in Lockwood, Mont.. Event schedule will be released soon.

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Updated Guidance for COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV
 The Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a press release on March 1, 2024 with updated guidance on control measures and prevention for respiratory viruses in the general community. This guidance applies to COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and other viral respiratory conditions. COVID-19 remains an important public health threat, but it is no longer the emergency that it once was, and its health impacts increasingly resemble those of other respiratory viral illnesses, including influenza and RSV. Because of this, CDC updated guidance proportionate to the current level of risk COVID-19 poses while balancing other critical health and societal needs. These include:

- Fewer hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 due to the effectiveness of protective measures and high degree of population immunity.
- Vaccines and treatments that decrease risk of COVID-19 severe disease is widely available.
- More than 98% of the U.S. population now has some degree of protective immunity against COVID-19 from vaccination, prior infection, or both.

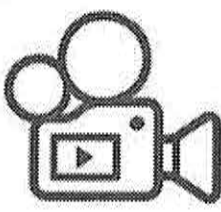
The updated guidance on steps to prevent spread when you are sick reflects the reality that many people with respiratory virus symptoms do not know the specific virus they are infected with. Countries that have shortened recommended isolation times have not seen increased hospitalizations or deaths related to COVID-19. The CDC will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the guidance and update it as new evidence emerges.

The updated respiratory guidance recommends people with respiratory virus symptoms that are not explained by another cause, stay home and away from others until at least 24 hours after both resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, AND overall symptoms are getting better. This is the period of greatest infectiousness and highest viral load for most people which is typically in the first few days of illness and when symptoms, including fever, are worst.

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masking, distancing, increasing air quality, etc. to reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19 to people of high risk of severe disease. Some people with weakened immune systems can actually infect others for an even longer time. Though COVID-19 is specifically mentioned, it is also important to note that this risk is also true for influenza and other viruses. These precautions are especially important when coming in contact with high-risk individuals, such as those aged 65 + and those who are immunocompromised. The press release can be found at CDC.gov under CDC Newsroom Releases.

Beaverhead County Public Health stresses that prevention is the best way to avoid getting sick and continue to encourage recommended vaccinations and proper hygiene measures. Adults 65 + are eligible to receive an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Anyone who has not received a COVID-19 booster is still encouraged to do so. Please call 406-683-4771 for more information or to make an appointment. The immunization clinic is every Wednesday afternoon starting at 1pm. Public Health is newly located at 327 East Helena street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 28, 2024 9:00 AM

1. Approval of March 2024 Claims
2. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not on The Agenda And Within The Jurisdiction of The City
3. Adjournment

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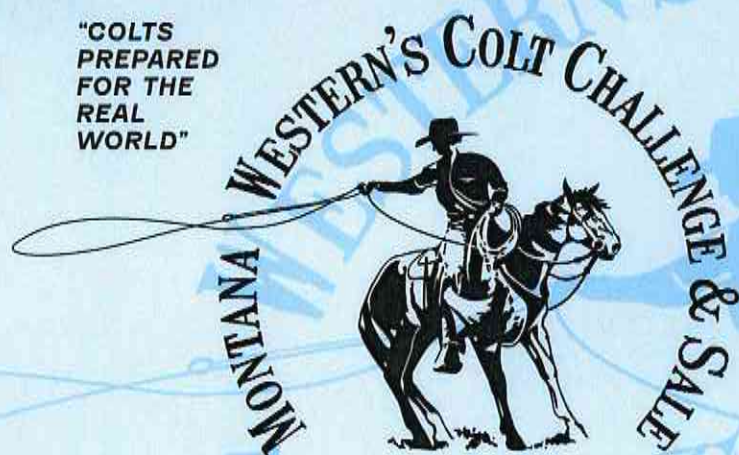
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COLT CHALLENGE: 9 AM

SATURDAY

PREVIEW: 10 AM

LUNCH: 11:30 AM

PROVIDED BY BEAVERHEAD MOTORS

SALE: 1 PM

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BY CALLING (406) 925-1499



PREVIEW THE COLTS: [f](#) @COLTCHALLENGEANDSALE

You are invited to the 2024 Montana Western's Colt Challenge & Sale!

The Annual Colt Challenge and Sale hosted by the University of Montana Western will take place Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th at the Montana Center for Horsemanship.

Students and colts will compete in a series of events that demonstrate their wide range of abilities on Friday, judged by Jodi Miner and Dori McNeill. The following day, a public auction held in our arena features the colts for sale, with all proceeds reinvested in the program. Thanks to the generosity of Beaverhead Motors, Harrington Pepsi, and Reminisce Angus, we are able to provide a **COMPLIMENTRAY LUNCH** prepared by Engine 18 and served by our students on Saturday right before the sale. Come support our students, enjoy a delicious meal, and shop our vendors!

Schedule of Events:

Friday, March 29th

- Colt Challenge: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 30th

- Preview: 10:00 a.m.
- Complimentary Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
- Sale: 1:00 p.m.

This year's event will showcase 22 colts donated from all over the country and some from right here in our county! We appreciate our colt donors: Cal and Brooke Erb, J2 and Megan Bridges, Shirley Harrington, Mark and Barb Harrington, Fred and Lynn Hirschy, Koy and Denise Holland, Verna Holland, Jacob Christenson, Mike and Eva Hollenbeck, Roaring Springs Ranch, Stan and Nancy Weaver, and Greg Goggins.

The Annual Colt Challenge and Sale corporate sponsors include CHS Inc., New Generation Supplements, Rocky Mountain Supply, and Zinpro Performance Minerals in partnership with the University of Montana Western and the Montana Center for Horsemanship. We wish to thank our sponsors for their generous support of the event and the students in the program.

Those interested in attending the auction can do so in person, online, or by phone.

More information about the 2024 Colt Challenge and Sale can be found on the school's website: <https://www.umwestern.edu/colt-challenge-sale/> and on Facebook by searching: Montana Western's Colt Challenge and Sale. You can also reach out to Eric Hoffmann at (406)925-1499. We hope to see you all there!

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Classification: Full Time Seasonal (June-August)
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YMCA job application may be picked up at 75 Swenson Way, Dillon, Montana.
This position oversees the development and operations of summer camp, its staff and programming. Candidate must possess the ability to design and teach camp activities that promote a safe, enjoyable, and positive environment. See full job description at www.swmtf-ymca.org.
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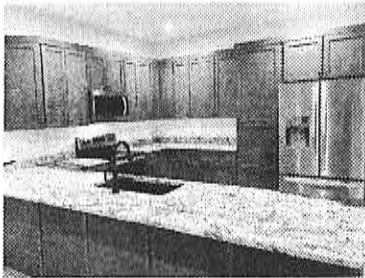
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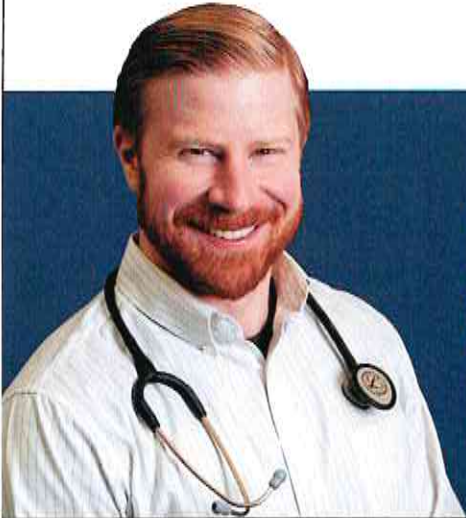
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NATHANIEL READAL, MD, UROLOGY

Dr. Readal is board certified in urology by the American Board of Urology. He completed his medical school training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, and a Urologic Surgery residency at the Brady Urologic Institute at Johns Hopkins. He is one of only a few urologists in Montana who treats children for urologic issues. Dr. Readal has provided care to the people of Southwestern Montana since 2015 and joined Barrett Hospital & HealthCare in 2024.