

# Pole dancing isn't like an Irish Jig?

It would appear that we are being swept up in a wave of physical fitness training here at the office. It seems contained to the female population but there is always the fear these things can spread and reach uncontrollable proportions. So large and powerful, in fact, men, old men, like me, might feel obliged to search the down low for toes, rupturing an aneurism in the tummy roll and then it's all over.

Well, as I explained to the ladies here, I am not interested in becoming the hunk I once was. I still believe it is possible that a ship full of young, Alien Amazon women with many oil wells back on their home planet will swoop down and carry me away from all this. No more seeking golden fleece in the mornings followed by dragon slaying in the afternoon. To repeat a phrase from a friend, "Jeez, you are losing it fast!"

I did see a story in a newspaper reporting that pole dancing is becoming quite popular with ladies as a form of exercise. You can maybe see where some folks could get confused over where they are, that being the gym or the local topless joint. Note. As far as I know, we only have a gym and no topless joints, that era having ended here some years ago. I never visited one but I heard stories. I don't and didn't go to the gym either. I believe that my heart was originally programed for so many beats before it is kaput and I ain't rushing it.

I know a lady, several actually, that lean toward, shall we say, "the armful size." One is a size 16 going on a size 4, she just hasn't got started yet. So, ever there to encourage, I mentioned the pole dancing thing.

She scoffed and said, "I'm a grandmother!" I said, "I'm sure they have some older poles." Well, let me tell you this. I've been thrown out of better places that that!

Years back, there was a country song about a woman who was going to decorate her home to look like a saloon and make a few other changes so her husband could just come home and throw his money away...in



ing home to find a bar along one wall and an aluminum pole, adorned with your wife or other in the middle of the living room. And no, I have no idea what you do with the kids. However, there is usually a less fortunate friend.

I find some of this exercise mania a bit extreme. So, men, if you roll over in bed at 4 a.m. and the wife's side is cold and empty, prior to doing anything impulsive like doing an Irish Jig with more joy than a drunken Leprechaun, remember she may have simply went to the gym in the early hours with the other gals.

Personally, I find nothing wrong with a woman who wants a body so firm you can bounce your change off her. A guy I know was grousing about his wife being gone exercising all the time. I suggested he might want to go along. He said that if she required watching he'd hire an investigator. It is apparent that the two of them looking like Porky and Bess doesn't bother him.

3-13-13. I celebrate that as my "Death Day," the day I checked out and came back. No problem. However, if something were to happen to me, say like the day after this column hits the streets, it might no be an idea to have an investigation and an autopsy. Just in case I offended someone who screamed, "I'll show him where to put that pole!!!"

I shared the pole story only to make a point. Our world changes daily and the weird actions of yesterday, like not eating eggs 'cause they will kill you, seem like Health Guru wisdom today. Pole dancing was once looked upon as a career, and now, apparently, it is better for you than running and eating walnuts, along with a few belts of booze every day. That probably doesn't help your heart but it might,

# TRACKS IN THE SAND Ken Beauchamp

you something to live for. For instance, if I walked into my last wife's living room and saw her working out on a pole, I might decide to hang on a few more years to see how it all worked out.

I'm an optimist but I can see elderly care centers just getting better and better. While the ladies are exercising and getting in shape for the next 30 years, the old guys can sit and talk about how many times they have to get up during the night, possible the only exercise they get.

Got to go! I think I just heard a dragon shuffle by. Chopping up dragons does wonders for a person.

Thank God, I live to serve and gladly keep count as the ladies here crank out 100 seven count pushups to keep alert.

# <u>Hazen's Citywide</u> <u>Rummage Sales</u> <u>Dates</u>

For those interested in having a rummage sale during Hazen's Citywide, the dates have been set.

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Saturday, Sept. 12

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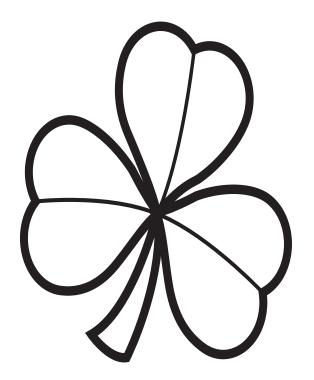


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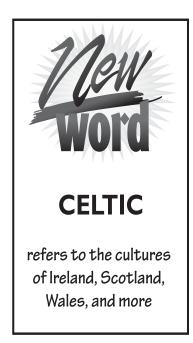




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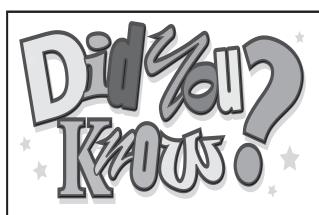
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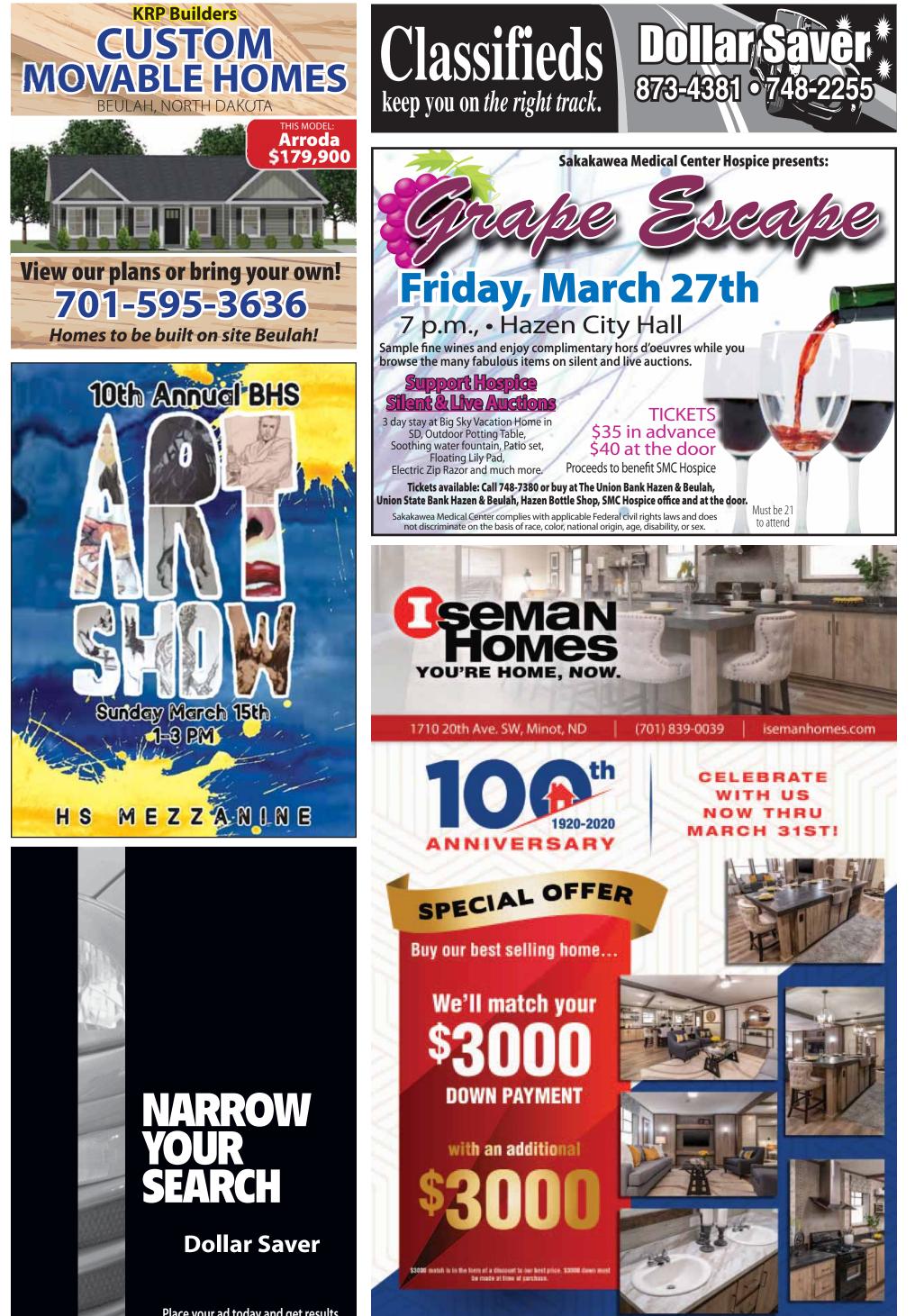
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Jessica Beck and Sean Cheatley are driving forces behind the M&M Pet Rescue benefit on March 15.

# **M&M Pet Rescue benefit** set for March 15

BY MICHAEL W. SASSER

The Sunday, March 15 event Pancakes for Paws benefitting M&M Pet Rescue is the brainchild of Beulah's Jessica Beck.

The idea stemmed from Beck's love of animals and a recent case in which a mother dog and one of her puppies were shot and abandoned, and the animals ended up rescued by and in care of Mercer County's M&M Pet Rescue.

"When I saw the story on Facebook, I stewed over it," Beck said. "I can't foster a dog and I am limited in what I can do."

Beck began brainstorming and came up with the idea of a benefit for the pet shelter. She subsequently engages the support of Sean Cheatley, president of the Fire & Iron club, West River crew, a motorcycle enthusiast group made up of emergency responders, station 162.

Thus was the fundraiser idea born.

"I wanted to help as best I can," Beck said.

Cheatley said that the event is all about the pets and for the community. "That's what Fire & Iron is all about."

Fire & Iron has helped numerous organizations and individuals in need. Still, Cheatley credits Beck for

"There is no overhead." Beck said. "This is a tightknit community. Mercer County comes together."

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the initiative.

"This is Jessica's idea," he said.

Still, Cheatley, an avowed animal lover, was touched by the cause. "My first dog after I was diagnosed with PTSD after my military and fire service was very important," he said.

Cheatley has been an enthusiast since, knows Beck and was motivated be social media postings.

"It really touched my heart," he said.

Beck said the fundraiser has strong community support and that everything from the pancakes and sausage to auction items have been donated.

"The community has been very supportive," she said. All proceeds benefit M&M Pet Rescue.



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# **Umbrella Word Find**

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# **2020-22 fishing regulations set**

North Dakota's 2020-22 fishing proclamation is set, with regulations effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. Anglers are reminded new fishing licenses are required April 1.

The 2020-22 North Dakota Fishing Guide has a new look. The 52-page document offers the same information, but in a much more user-friendly format. Anglers can find the guide online at the state Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov, or in mid-March at Game and Fish Department offices and license vendors throughout the state.

Noteworthy regulation changes include:

\* Lake Ashtabula and Whitman Dam are added to the list of waters where darkhouse spearfishing is not allowed.

The smallmouth bass daily limit is increased from 3 to 5 in the Missouri River and lakes Sakakawea, Oahe, Audubon, Darling, Ashtabula and Heart Butte.

\* Area and time for paddlefish extended snag-and-release days is expanded.

\* Fish may be filleted for transport, unless size limits apply, under the following conditions:

- Each individual portion of the meat removed from a fish is considered a fillet (fish cheeks and pectoral girdles

(wings) are not considered as fillets and are legal to transport),

- Two fillets are counted as one fish, and

- The packaging of fish must be done in a manner so that the fillets can be readily separated and counted. If fillets are frozen, they must be packaged so that the fillets are separated and thus can be easily counted without thawing.

The 2020-21 fishing licenses can be purchased online by visiting the Game and Fish website. Resident licenses are available March 15, while nonresident fishing licenses are available April 1.

In addition, Senate Bill 2293, passed by the 2019 state legislature, created an aquatic nuisance species program fund in the state treasury. Along with an ANS fee on motorized watercraft that went into effect Jan. 1, this state law also establishes a \$2 surcharge on each resident fishing license and combination license, exception for the resident 65 years of age or older license, permanently or totally disabled license, or a disabled veteran license; and establishes a \$3 surcharge on each nonresident fishing and each nonresident waterfowl license. The ANS surcharge on licenses is in effect with the 2020-21 license.

NONRESIDENT ANY-DEER

BOW LICENSES

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will have 780 any-deer bow licenses available to nonresidents in 2020.

Applicants can apply online beginning March 15 on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd. gov. The deadline for applying is April 15.

Up to five hunters can apply together as a party. A lottery will be held if more applications are received than licenses available. A total of 1,209 people applied in 2019.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15 percent of the previous year's mule deer gun license allocation.

Pronghorn hunting season statistics

Hunter success during last fall's pronghorn hunting season was 74 percent, according to statistics provided by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Game and Fish issued 1.324 licenses (877 lottery and 447 gratis), and 1,167 hunters took 859 pronghorn, consisting of 786 bucks, 59 does and 14 fawns. Each hunter spent an average of 2.7 days afield.

The 2020 pronghorn hunting season will be determined in July.

# White Shield moves to four-day school week

Once approved by the state, White Shield school will August.

After a survey of parents, trips to other four-day schools, a school board unanimous vote and a community meeting, Superintendent Wayne Fox filed the request of the state Feb. 27. The deadline to file with the state is this week.

White Shield will join 12 other schools in the state who are on a four-day work week. In South Dakota, 34 schools - or 23 percent of the districts - are on a fourschool week. In Montana, there are 62 school districts on the four day school week, or 13 percent.

Six school districts were on the four-day week before this school year: three in McKenzie County - East Fairview, Horse Creek and Alexander; Invitation Hill Adventist School in Stark County and Dunseith Public Schools and **Turtle Mountain Community** High School in Rolette County. This year, six more tried it for the full year or joined partway through this school year: Marmath, Billings, Halliday, Marmot, Wing and Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock. Fox said, "White Shield has gone to great lengths to change." He said test scores are up and instructional methods continue to focus on how to provide students a good education. After a team of administrators visited Alexander, Dunseith and Belcourt, they learned that it was worth tak-

I think there is a potential for some really good things to happen, just in terms of how education is delivered. It's a big change." Counselor Joel Cote-Kanning

ing a look at.

"Let's try something new, to keep ourselves relevant,' he said. He said the change doesn't

come without awareness that there will be some challenges

Students will be required to be at school at 8, instead of 8:25. School will dismiss at 3:40, instead of 3:15. That combination gives the required instructional minutes

half hour to teach language and culture for the whole week," he said. "That's not enough time to focus on that," Fox said.

He said the plan is to have "enrichment" on Friday mornings and then a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club in the afternoon.

Fox hopes it helps to attract teachers to the district. "Being in a small rural area, we have a hard time

BY JILL DENNING GACKLE

move to a four-day week in

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set by the state.

Joel Cote-Kanning, counselor at the school, said longer class periods may seem counter intuitive to learning, but he said the longer periods will provide a greater chance to engage the students in their learning.

Fridays will be a catch up, one-on-one instructional time for struggling students.

Fox said the school district will work with the local Boys and Girls Club to provide Friday activities, which would lessen the burden on parents needing daycare.

He said he hopes the district will follow other state's schools and have special activities on Fridays, like STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities and language and cultural training.

"Currently we only have a

retaining our teachers and recruiting some of our teachers," he said."We thought this would be a main attraction for some."

He said other schools are reporting application numbers are up under the fourday school week.

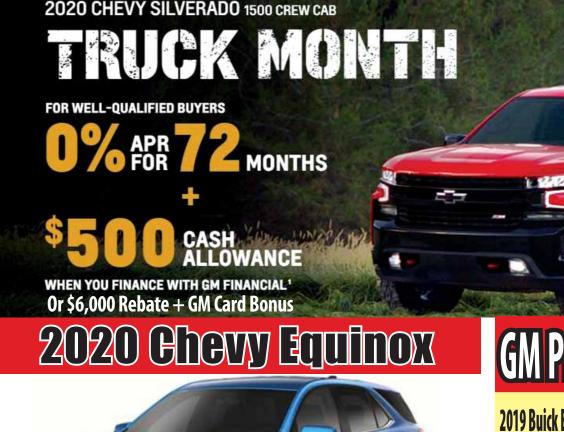
"We found this would be a main attraction for some teachers to come teach at White Shield," he said.

He also said there has been an increase in enrollment in some of those schools.

Fox said teacher contracts will not be impacted because they will still have to work the required number of minutes.

"It really doesn't affect our teacher contracts," he said.

The bottom line for Fox and his team of administrators is how to positively impact students.





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