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9/1 – Part 2 of 2. Lon Waid says they still need about \$100,000 in funding to finish the new Chuckwagon building. A lot of that is for their planned commercial kitchen, which can be used by the community for other events.

9/2-9/3 – Hill County Commissioner Mark Peterson says the East Fork Fire has prompted the Commissioners to sign an emergency declaration, asking Governor Bullock for funding help. He outlines the area the fire is burning in and what the immediate threats are.

9/4 – Jody Olson says Havre Pride Town Wide is again a week-long event to get the town cleaned up before Festival Days. They will have dumpsters at the 1st St and 5th Ave and at the Zip Trip in Highland Park. Garbage bags are available at the Chamber Office.

9/5 – Bob Jones with the BIA was at the meeting at Havre's High School about the Fire burning south of town. Most of the questions he's heard are why they couldn't stop the fire earlier. Jones says no one would have been able to stop the fire once it was established.

9/6 – Clive Rooney, area manager for DNRC, has been assisting with the East Fork Fire. He says that once the fire is more contained, the Type 1 incident management team will move on to another fire and a local Type 3 team will take over command of the fire.

9/7 – Part 1 of 2. Havre's City Council met twice this week to discuss their yearly budget. City Finance Director Doug Kaercher says the budget is over \$18 million dollars, but only about \$2 million comes from taxes.

9/8 – Part 2 of 2. Kaercher tells us where some of the other budget funding comes from. He says this budget is down a little from last year, mostly due to large infrastructure projects nearing completion and needing less funding.

9/9-9/10 – Command for the East Fork Fire has been moved to a local Type 3 Incident Management Team. Incident Commander Don Pyrah says they are confident that the fire lines will hold, but there is still pockets of unburned fuel that is starting to burn.

9/11 – Part 1 of 2. Congressman Greg Gianforte recently finished a state-wide tour of all 56 counties where he spoke with locals and visited 5 fire sites around the state. He said people were worried about the fires and drought, but also about federal overreach.

9/12 – Part 2 of 2. Gianforte met with local farmers in Box Elder. He toured grain elevators, spoke to county commissioners, and toured a water plant in Chinook. He says in D.C. they plan on working on tax reform soon.

9/13 – Deputy Incident Commander for the East Fork Fire Nick Ostrom says on Friday the fire broke containment lines and is now 90% contained. He says the extremely dry weather, with little nighttime humidity recovery, wind and warm weather caused sparks from the fire to make it across the fire line.

9/14 – Havre Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jody Olsen tells us about the Festival Days Celebrations starting on Friday. They have the Quilt Show, the car show, the Pancake Breakfast, the Parade, a demolition derby and more.

9/15 – Deputy Commander for the East Fork Fire Nick Ostrom says the fire is about 97% contained after the cooler weather and rains over the weekend. They didn't receive a lot of precipitation, but it was enough to take the heat out of most of the fire area, especially where they were having difficulty getting water.

9/16-9/17 – Part 1 of 2. Beaver Creek Park Superintendent Chad Edgar talked about the results of the East Fork fire on the park during their monthly meeting. They lost 5 cabins and 5 outbuildings. Many buildings were saved by firefighters, and others that were saved by the efforts the cabin owners took to prevent spreading the fire.

9/18 – Part 2 of 2. Chad Edgar continues telling us about what happened at their meeting and how the East Fork Fire affected Beaver Creek Park. He says cabin owners can visit their cabins between 7AM and 7PM and the road is open south of Taylor Road. The park is still closed to recreation.

9/19 – MSU-Northern Stockgrowers are hosting a fundraiser to help raise money for those affected by the East Fork Fire. Barry Francis says the money will be split between the producers and the fire departments. They will be serving burgers and chips and will have silent auction items and a goodwill donation box.

9/20 – Part 1 of 2. Bob Sivertsen held a meeting on MSUN campus to talk about the East Fork Fire and to talk to ranchers and those who fought the fire. Sivertsen says he will continue visiting with people and plan to make changes so that the problems that were had with this fire don't happen again.

9/21 – Part 2 of 2. The biggest issues that people talked about at the meeting was the lack of communication and the policies of the DNRC that hindered the firefighting efforts. Sivertsen says the issues people heard about the Reservation turning volunteers away or letting the fire get worse appear to not be true and were likely the result of poor communications.

9/22 – The Harlem Civic Association is hosting their annual Harlem Fall Festival. VP of the Civic Association Kayla Hudon says they have a 5K at 2 and the Festival starts at 4 PM with sloppy joes and the Stonebroke String Band will be playing.

9/23-9/24 – Part 1 of 3. Coordinator for Havre Public Schools Community Education Classes Tiffany Olsen talks about some of the classes they have available this fall. Classes starts on Monday and people can register for classes up to a week before it starts.

9/25 – Part 2 of 3. Olsen continues telling us about what classes are available this fall. They have a paint and pour class, speedy baby class, health and fitness classes, outdoor classes, computer classes and many others.

9/26 – Part 3 of 3. Olsen finishes up talking about the classes that are available. They have the Hear the Elk Call outdoor class, they have Mexican cooking classes, pickling classes. Classes can be viewed at www.blueponyK12.com and Olsen tells us how people can get signed up.

9/27 – Part 1 of 2. Superintendent of Havre Schools Andy Carlson tells us about the initial enrollment numbers in the district. Enrollment numbers are down a little more than they expected, particularly in the Middle School.

9/28 – Part 2 of 2. Carlson says they have implemented new emergency protocols; lockdown, evacuate, hold, lock out and shelter. They could be used for a medical emergency or natural disaster. He tells us about some upcoming school events.

9/29 – Jaycee Crowley is an RN and a Diabetic Educator with the Rocky Boy Health Clinic. This weekend they are hosting a Diabetes bike ride. Registration starts at 8 at the Eagles Campground in Beaver Creek Park and they will serve lunch. They will have a 12-mile ride, a 20-mile ride and a 3-mile walk available.

9/30-10/1 – Joe Dooling is a consultant looking at creating an irrigation district from Tiber Reservoir to Big Sandy. They will be holding a meeting on Monday at the Big Sandy High School to gauge how much interest there is in the project.

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8/1 – The 53rd annual Rocky Boy Pow Wow kicks off this week. Organizer Elinor Nault Wright tells us about the agenda. There will be a youth Pow Wow on Thursday, a Sobriety Walk on Friday morning and a total of 5 grand entries over the weekend.

8/2 – The Phillips County Fair starts this weekend and Secretary Treasurer for the Fair Sue Olson tells us about what to expect. The Locash Concert will be on Friday night. Saturday they will have AMX races and a Demolition Derby. On Saturday they will have a new event called an Indian Horse Relay Race.

8/3 – Great Northern Fair Board Member Tyler Smith tells us about a meeting the Fair Board held after this year's Fair. They received good feedback about the carnival and inflatable fun zone. He says they held an open rodeo as opposed to a PRCA rodeo because of the cost involved.

8/4 – New Hill County Ag Extension Agent Shylea Wingard started the week before the 2017 Great Northern Fair. She's worked as an Ag Lender for many years and is excited to start this new job.

8/5-8/6 – Caleb Hutchins with the Vacant Property Ad Hoc Committee to look into what can be done with crumbling vacant properties. They are talking about adding a vacant property registry with a fee in order to push owners to sell or upgrade the buildings so they can be put into use.

8/7 – Hill County Public Health Director Kim Larson tells us about their Lil' Shots Carnival to encourage parents to get their kids vaccinated before school starts. They will also have carnival games and snow cones. You can make an appointment between 9-5 that day.

8/8 – Christy Edmonds is coordinating a Back to School Bash this weekend to provide needy children with backpacks, shoes and haircuts. It will be held in Pepin Park this Saturday from 11am-3 PM. Salvation Army will be providing backpacks and school supplies. ID's for guardians and children are needed.

8/9 – Executive Assistant Tina Hawkins at Bullhook Health Center says they are kicking off National Health Center Week with a Color Run and Barbeque this Saturday. There is a 1 mile and a 5K and people can run or walk.

8/10 – Part 1 of 2. Havre Salvation Army Social Services Director Trina Crawford will be providing backpacks and school supplies to needy children as part of Christy Edmonds Back to

School Bash. The Salvation Army has been handing out backpacks and school supplies for several years, but this year they have joined with a larger event to help kids even more.

8/11 – Part 2 of 2. Trina Crawford continues telling us about their backpack program. Adults need ID's for themselves and the children, as well as proof of income and proof of residency. Crawford says they still need volunteers and supplies.

8/12-8/13 – Part 1 of 2. Montana Representative Greg Gianforte visited Chinook as part of his state tour. The Chinook Mayor invited him to come and look at their new USDA building. Gianforte has been traveling the state and talking to people.

8/14 – Part 2 of 2. Greg Gianforte says he's been visiting areas affected by fires and drought. He talks about getting a FEMA disaster designation. Even though we had only lost a handful of houses, many other buildings, pastures and crops have been burned.

8/15 – Havre City Council added a streets mill levy to November's ballot at their last meeting. Councilmembers Matt Boucher and Andrew Brekke talk to us about the meeting. The streets mill levy is half of the amount they tried to pass during last year's elections. They are also looking at adding a few animal cruelty ordinances.

8/16 – Part 1 of 2. Chouteau County Fair Office Manager Shirley Embleton tells us about the fair this weekend in Fort Benton. The Fair starts Friday morning and pig wrestling that evening. They will have Heritage Happenings, a phenominist, Marcus the Funny Man and other events.

8/17 – Part 2 of 2. Shirley Embleton says on Saturday, they will have the Truck and Tractor Pull and Sunday will be the Demolition Derby, along with a Herbie Derby and a Chain N Go event. They will also have a paintless paintball course and inflatables for the kids.

8/18 – Havre State Representative and Hill County Democratic Committee Chair Jacob Bachmeier says they are hosting their second Politics in the Park event. It started last year as a public lands event, but this year they decided to rotate issues. This year they decided to focus on LGBT issues in Montana.

8/19-8/20 – Senator Jon Tester attended the groundbreaking for the new Rocky Boy Water Treatment Plant near Tiber Reservoir. Tester says this plant has been in the works for over 20 years and it would help get water to Rocky Boy as well as many communities in north central Montana.

8/21 – Part 1 of 2. Dustin White with the Rocky Boy Tribal Water Resource Department tells us about the groundbreaking for the new water treatment plant near Tiber Reservoir. He says they will be operating the plant once it's up and running. It will supply water to the reservation as well as much of north central Montana.

8/22 – Part 2 of 2. Dustin White says they've received \$80 million, but they still need about \$289 million to finish the project. Until the new plant is built, however, White is having difficulty getting funding to fix the existing problems on the reservation.

8/23 – President of Havre Trails Lindsey Bennett says they will be hosting their first summer Brewfest on Saturday to raise money for their projects. They will have live music, at least 3 food trucks, many different beers and a demonstration by the Hill County Homebrewers.

8/24 – Chouteau County Fair Office Manager Shirley Embleton says their 105th annual fair went over well. The night shows were well attended, even setting an attendance record during the pig wrestling event.

8/25 – Havre City Councilmember Andrew Brekke addresses Havre City Judge Virginia Siegel's questions about whether or not the new animal control ordinances were necessary. Brekke says the animal control officer has not been writing certain citations because of holes in the laws. They also approved four resolutions to levy fees on Havre citizens for some city services.

8/26-8/27 – Part 1 of 2. Janet Trethewey is the Cardiac Ready Communities Program Manager for EMS and Trauma Services for the State DPHHS. She says the state has three new trucks that allow people to practice medical procedures on high-tech mannequins. The trucks have a section set up like an ER and an area that looks like an ambulance.

8/28 – Part 2 of 2. Trethewey says the truck will be on the MSU-Northern Campus Tuesday evening for community members and medical personnel to check out. She says these trucks will help people practice medical emergencies that are uncommon, but it is critical that they know what to do.

8/29 – Part 1 of 2. Hill County Public Health Director Kim Larson says there is a Harmful Algal Bloom at First Lake South of Havre. The algae is there and it has the potential to create toxins that are harmful to people, pets and livestock.

8/30 – Part 2 of 2. Larson says the algae is likely to stay around through the rest of the summer. Even the algae and the bacteria itself can create skin and respiratory problems. If the toxins do form, it can cause gastrointestinal problems and even seizures. There are no confirmed cases in Montana, but there are some unconfirmed animal cases.

8/31 – Part 1 of 2. Hill County 4-H recently tore down their old Chuckwagon building to make room for a new one. Chuckwagon Committee Chair Lon Waid says the old building is down and they are prepping the site for the new building, which is on site.

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7/1-7/2 – President of Harlem's Civic Association, Rod Becker tells us about their annual 4th of July Celebration. It starts at 4 PM with a parade followed by a pot luck barbeque picnic at the City Park at 5. They will also have water games for the kids, chicken bingo, and they're running a food drive.

7/3 – Vice President of Agriculture for MSU Charles Boyer about the Northern Ag Research Center Field Day. They have several tours highlighting resource management, livestock and crop producers and other things that they've learned through their research.

7/4 – MSUN Chancellor Greg Kegel talks to us about how their Diesel building is coming along. They are on schedule and hope to move in next spring. He also talks about how he contacted the Department of Justice to do an assessment for the university after racist comments were made in April.

7/5 – Woody Woodwick is one of the founders of the annual 4th of July Festival. It's the first time they've held the event since his brother, Vince passed away. They held a flag ceremony and free barbeque, followed by several live bands.

7/6 – Barry Jacobsen is the Associate Director of the Agriculture Experiment Stations and the Head of the Department of Research Centers. He tells us about some of the research they presented at the NARC Field Days. They're are looking at using pulse crops and cover crops to help producers.

7/7 – Public Information Officer Hailey Graf tells us about some priorities for the July Fire. The fire has burned about 9,000 acres south of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, near Zortman and Landusky. Landusky was evacuated.

7/8-7/9 – Project Manager for the Milk River Irrigation Project Joint Board of Control Jennifer Patrick tells us about a small leak that was discovered in the system near St. Mary's/Babb area. The leak is in a buried syphon. They hope they can continue moving water through this dry season, and will fix the leak after.

7/10 – Part 1 of 2. President of the Blaine County Fair Board Don Richman tells us about this year's Blaine County Fair. They have a kid's rodeo, the Bear Paw Roundup, the demolition derby and a pig wrestling event.

7/11 – Part 2 of 2. Richman says they will have a brand-new surprise event this year. They will have Cale Moon performing, paintball and three more carnival rides than last year.

7/12 – President of Rodeo Committee Justin Simenson says this is the second year they are holding their Bear Paw Roundup PRCA rodeo during the Blaine County Fair. It kicks off at 7 pm Thursday and Friday nights.

7/13 – Part 1 of 3. Havre City Court Judge Virginia Seigel updated the Havre City Council on court happenings. She talked about the stay that was issued on implementing Marsy's Law and about some trends that she's seen since she's taken the seat.

7/14 – Part 2 of 3. Judge Seigel talks about their staffing problem and how they are trying to make her office more efficient. Her office has also been working on updating and organizing old files.

7/15-7/16 – Part 3 of 3. Judge Seigel says that she's seen reduced recidivism, fewer citations and higher revenues due to more restoration and fines paid.

7/17 – Part 1 of 3. Great Northern Fair Manager David Brewer talks to us about the fair coming up this week. They will have 18 carnival rides, with 8 designed for adults. They will also have a bounce house/obstacle course with a zipline.

7/18 – Part 2 of 3. Brewer says much of this year's Fair was planned by the Fair board as they have been struggling to keep a Manager over the past few years. He hopes they can raise money to get a metal roof installed over the eating area to save the money and time it takes to set up the canopy now.

7/19 - Part 3 of 3. Brewer says he's trying to buy tools so they can do more repairs on their own, rather than hiring others. He says many people around town are helping to make the Fair. They are having wiring issues with some of the camping spots.

7/20 – This year's Great Northern Fair will be the last for their old chuckwagon. 4-H member Lue Waite says the building is set to be torn down after the fair. They opened a wall between the chuckwagon and an exhibit building. They are also asking people to write 4-H memories on the wall.

7/21 – Chairman of Chuckwagon Committee Lon Waid says the old chuckwagon will be torn down soon. The new building will be just over twice the size of the old building. They plan on making a commercial kitchen so the building can be rented out for other events.

7/22 – New Executive Director of the Havre area Chamber of Commerce Jodi Olson recently started her new job after Debbie Vandenberg left after 20 years in the position. Olson likes interacting with the public and would like to make changes in the future.

7/23 – Part 1 of 2. Milk River Indian Day Celebration will kick off this Thursday on the Fort Belknap Reservation. 2017 Pow Wow Secretary Treasurer Loretta Kirkaldie tells us about this

family- friendly event. The youth Pow Wow starts on Thursday and they will have 4 grand entries over the weekend.

7/25 – Part 2 of 2. Kirkaldie says they will have a variety of vendors at the event. The Social Security Administration will have a booth to provide information. This cultural event has been going for 53 consecutive years.

7/26 – HRDC Energy Specialist Sarah Solomon talks about the Energy Share program. It's an interest-free emergency loan program that runs year round to help people with their energy bills. People are asked to pay back the loan over time, and once it's paid back, people can get another loan if necessary.

7/27 – Part 1 of 3. Great Northern Fair Manager David Brewer talks to us about the Great Northern Fair. Overall, he says they seem to be up a little bit, but not as much as they hoped. He's already planning on how to make next year's fair even better.

7/28 – Part 2 of 3. Brewer says that the website and Facebook page that he set up have been really helpful this year, particularly when it comes to renting out the campground at the Fair Grounds. He also handed out dozens of surveys to vendors and other people there to see how the fair went.

7/29-7/30 - Part 3 of 3. Brewer says that they don't have final numbers in yet, but he believes that they fair went well. He does plan on shrinking the handicap parking area and adding a drop off area to avoid some confusion that happened in the parking lot this year.

7/31 – Havre Police Sergeant Ryan Pearson says their 6th Annual National Night Out will be held on the MSU-Northern campus again. They will have a BBQ, a dunk tank, a DJ and hopefully a helicopter. The event is meant to bring the public and law enforcement together in a positive situation to reduce crime and drug abuse in our area.