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*Many thanks to writer **Alex Ross** of the **Havre Daily News** for permission to reprint following article:*

Rocky Boy Eagle Staff Event Set to Right Meth

The White Sky Hope Center and other health and wellness programs on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation will be taking part in an Eagle Staff Run and Walk Wednesday morning.

Emery Nault, a preservation specialist with the White Sky Hope Center, a substance abuse treatment center on [Rocky Boy](#), said the Walk and Run is meant to honor those who have been lost to substance abuse and protect the reservation community from the ravages of methamphetamine and opiates.

White Sky, along with Healthy and Safe Choices, the [Chippewa Cree](#) Housing Authority and Sustainable Trauma-Informed Care are hosting the event.

The eagle staff, which is wrapped in bison fur and blessed by spiritual leaders, is a sacred symbol akin to a flag that is often present at tribal ceremonies. It will be passed between reservations, each tying feathers to it representing their tribes and Native people.

Nault said combating addiction is not only physical and emotional, but spiritual, too. He said that for both Natives and non-Natives, faith helps addicts through the recovery.

Dr. Kenny Ryan, a member of a tribal committee tasked with developing in-patient treatment services on Fort Peck Indian Reservation, was among those who presented members of the [Chippewa Cree](#) with the eagle staff at a meth symposium in Billings in May.

Ryan said the eagle staff was given to members of the [Chippewa Cree](#) Business Committee and employees from the White Sky Hope Center because [Rocky Boy](#), in November, was the first reservation in Montana to hold a meth symposium.

Runners will meet and begin the event at 8:30 a.m at the Small Communities in the Parker's School area on the reservation and carry the eagle staff to Box Elder School. Nault said he is still looking for at least six runners and those interested should show at that time.

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“Scotty Pride: Community Policing on the Hi-Line”

-Jennifer Fuller, PFS Prevention Specialist, Glasgow Police Department, Glasgow, MT

The Glasgow Police Department has for the better part of the last three decades served as an example for criminal justice reform when most did not believe that community policing principles had a place in law enforcement. With the current, unsettled atmosphere between police and communities across the nation, a positive police/public interaction is more imperative than ever.

The Glasgow Police Department takes a synergistic three-pronged approach to policing in our community. We are a victim-centered force, with concentrated resources diverted to community outreach and education and a cornerstone of accountability.

With these ideals in mind, our Partnership for Success grant program has provided the impetus to bring further focus to our role and presence in the community.

This spring and summer we have worked closely with our school district to prepare for the summer. We have had a multi-media advertising campaign directed toward underage drinking at graduation, prepared for the fall Red Ribbon Week with our local elementary school and researched and purchased the Project Northland evidence-based curriculum for our middle school students relating to underage drinking and drug use.



We have teamed up with a newly created Valley County CARE health coalition to generate a coordinated effort for data and contact sharing and collection. We also applied for and received a SAMHSA Town Hall Grant to assist the coalition in disseminating the data from their recent Community Health Assessment. We have created a feedback form for their meeting to more effectively measure volunteer participation and project success and our prevention specialist will be presenting local underage drinking statistics, as well as an engaged, police department presence at their town hall meeting.

The PFS grant program has allowed for the payment of overtime to officers for foot and DUI patrols at large community events, as well as party patrols during our holiday weekends. We have also been able to provide officer presence and participation at school events this spring. The officers have received training on communication skills and child development to strengthen their professional effectiveness at all levels. Being able to provide supportive student interactions, education and communication has been vital to creating our positive community thumbprint.

The most exciting thing that we have discovered through this spring and summer is the opportunity that the PFS grant has provided the department to springboard our efforts in community policing and prevention activities. While we have been working towards a full circle approach to community policing, this increased attention and funding has provided a missing link in our holistic approach. With the PFS grant and the increased education, research and data that a local prevention specialist brings to the table, we are excited for what lies in store for our community in our continued paradigm-shifting adventures.



Rocky Boy's Eagle Staff Event in July—White Sky Hope's Prevention Supervisor Emery Nault is standing to the right of the Eagle Staff



Pictures courtesy of Prevention Specialist Kaylene Big Knife. Great shots Kaylene!



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Community members are invited to gather on Magnolia Street in Sunnyview Village near Stone Child College at about 11 a.m. and walk with the runners for the final 2.2 miles of the route. "That last leg, if they want to run it and they feel up to it that is fine, too, but for the community we just want them to walk that last 2.2 miles," Nault said.

Nault will drive alongside the runners in a vehicle to ensure their safety. Once the crowd reaches Box Elder School, there may be some speakers and appreciation will be expressed for those who take part. The staff will then be driven to Fort Belknap where they are scheduled to present the staff to members of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes on Fort Belknap Indian Reservation at 2 p.m.

They will have the staff for a period of time during which they will attach two blessed feathers, one for the Gros Ventre Tribe and one for the Assiniboine Tribe, before it is taken back to Fort Peck. Ryan said he hopes the eagle staff can be taken to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, which will be holding a meth symposium Monday, so the Blackfeet can attach feathers to it.

Two days after the event, a follow up article was written:

Rocky Boy residents honor drug victims

A group of [Rocky Boy's](#) Indian Reservation residents took part in a spiritually infused walk and run Wednesday morning to honor those who have died as a result of substance abuse and to rally the community against the problem. Mike Geboe, a program director with Smart and Healthy Choices, a wellness organization on the reservation, said that he thinks generations of American Indians were punished for taking part in cultural practices and stripped of their culture. This has contributed to the prevalence of drugs in reservation communities.

"I think it is all just having a cumulative effect," he said. The race is part of a larger push by some to try and revive those cultural and spiritual traditions. Throughout the walk, one participant would carry an eagle's staff, a sacred symbol similar to a flag that often appears at cultural events. Two feathers blessed by tribal elders were attached to the staff to honor and invite protections upon the [Chippewa Cree](#) Tribe.

The walk's route stretched 19 miles, from communities in the Parker School area in the reservation's mountains down to Box Elder School. The participants were then joined by 12 other people who walked the final two miles. Five runners began the run at 8:30 a.m. Each took turns running with the staff for three miles, while the others followed behind in a vehicle.

When they reached the Sunnyview village near Stone Child College, others then joined the walk. The staff was presented to representatives of the [Chippewa Cree](#) at a methamphetamine symposium in Billings in June by the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

After the race, the Eagle staff was then taken to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, where the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes will attach their feathers. It then will be returned to Fort Peck. It will later be presented to the Blackfeet tribe, which will be holding a meth symposium in Browning later this month.

From the Prevention Resource Center

Stopping DUIs Before They Start Conference:

On behalf of the Interagency Coordinating Council for State Prevention Programs work group, we are thrilled to be able to host a fall conference from **September 19th-21st at Fairmont**. The purpose of the training is to bring together DUI Task Forces and local preventionists working on substance use prevention with a lens to underage drinking, binge drinking, impaired driving, etc. and ultimately “stopping DUIs before they start”. This conference is about developing community engagement and strategic prevention efforts to one of our state’s most critical issues.

We have secured Dr. David Hawkins to spend September 20th with us and would like to extend an invitation to Interagency Coordinating Council Work Group Members, Alternate Members, and statutory members (so please share up with your state agency leadership). Dr. Hawkins is one of the authors of the attached paper – which you all have seen before.

We have made arrangements to have additional seating to hear Dr. Hawkins as his presentation will focus on *Unleashing the Power of Prevention*. There is NO cost to attend, and lunch will be provided at no charge, but registration through the website below is required. Hotel and travel are not provided. The full agenda and Dr. Hawkins bio can be found on the registration site:

http://revenue.mt.gov/home/liquor/liquor_education#Conference-Registration-1462

You are very welcome to attend all three days, just indicate so on the registration. Also, the MTUPP Fall Conference starts on September 21st at Fairmont, so we hope the timing will be conducive for both events to be well attended.

This event is being made possible through several state agencies coming together by the way of the ICC Work Group.



Community Engagement Conference

“Stopping DUIs Before They Start”
September 19 – 21, 2016

Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda, MT

Registration is now open:

Register at www.AlcoholServerTraining.mt.gov.
Click on the ‘Conference Registration’ tab.
For questions,
Kenzie Antila, mantila@mt.gov



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SAMHSA Releases New Resources To Engage Youth in Underage Drinking Prevention

Watch the Webinar and Get the New Guide on Engaging Youth in Underage Drinking Prevention

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Resources To Support Underage Drinking Prevention

The following free resources are available from the federal government:

- [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) goes into effect across the country from August 19 to September 5
- Get the new report [A Day in the Life of College Students Aged 18 to 22: Substance Use Facts](#).

Great online pre-recorded seminars and resources...and they are free!

Putting Research Into Action on the CADCA YouTube site – these were just posted:

- Conversation with Dr. Sandra C Jones – discusses parental perceptions associated with their provision of alcohol to underage youth. Starts at 6 minutes into the Youtube...so you will want to slide the “timing” bar to the right in order to skip the first 6 minutes of “blank” time. Interesting – a study done in Australia – and then what they have done to target messages to mum’s and dad’s and the perceptions each has, and then implementing successful strategies. At times the presenter’s accent is strong, so you will have to listen carefully! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vtclDNDXyw>
 - ⇒ Dr. Madras discussed the importance of using science to inform the public about marijuana’s harm – the slides have been available for awhile, and now the presentation is available – every preventionist should watch! I have mentioned this presentation before, and now that the presentation is available for viewing...show it to your local prevention coalitions!
 - ⇒ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGbvY4LLSVY>
 - ⇒ Presentation slides in pdf to follow along are located: <http://www.cadca.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/trainings/nationalleadershipplenarymadras.pdf>
 - ⇒ Password to open is: nlf2016

From the DEA:

DEA Intelligence Brief: Counterfeit Pills Fueling U.S. Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis

For the full report "**Counterfeit Prescription Pills Containing Fentanyls: A Global Threat**" click [here](#)

<https://www.dea.gov/index.shtml> - on the main home page “roller” click on the DEA Safety Officer Safety Alert - Fentanyl Roll Call Video for Law Enforcement

Barbara's Book Report Corner

A New Feature Beginning Next Month...

Or, we'll build upon this month's long list of excuses for why it wasn't turned in on time such as rodeos, out of state conferences, cat fishing, and my horse ate my lap top.



Barrel Racing Grade: A+

Featured Book to be reported on:

"Preventing Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People"

Initial Book Report Grade:

No Data Available

Even More From the Prevention Resource Center

It's always a good idea to check in with the [Prevention Resource Center](#) for the latest resources, taped webinars, upcoming training /events/conferences and the latest news about what's happening prevention wise in Montana.

- ◆ Kenzie discovered an interesting app for underage alcohol prevention she wanted to share with you all: <http://www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov/educators/alcoholfx.aspx>
- ◆ There's also this: http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/report_2404/ShortReport-2404.html - released earlier this week...Marijuana Use and Perceived Risk of Harm from Marijuana Use Varies Within and Across States