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See it All at the MATE Show and Home & Health Expo

BILLINGS, MONT.-The 34th annual Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show) and the Home & Health Expo is scheduled for February 18-20 at the MetraPark in Billings. Thursday and Friday visitors can attend the show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday doors open at 10 a.m. with the event ending at 5 p.m. Free tickets are available in advance at all show exhibitors and at First Interstate Banks. Admission at the door is \$7.00.

“The shows continue to grow with a tremendous amount of exhibits to look at,” explains Justin Mills, NILE General Manager. “The MATE Show will feature the latest in farming, ranching, and livestock equipment, while the Home & Health Expo will offer a variety of exhibitors focusing on personal health and home products.”

Two grand prizes will be given away during the show. Featured this year is a CASE IH Scout utility vehicle, sponsored by Torgerson’s and a Finnleo personal health Sauna, sponsored by Montana Hotspring Spas. Both prizes will be drawn on Saturday afternoon and attendees can register for the prizes with the show ticket.

New this year, the Home & Health Expo will feature CPR Saturday on Feb. 20th, which will offer free CPR training classes in the Montana Pavilion. Classes will be offered throughout the day between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Certification courses will be offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for a \$40 fee.

Attendees are also encouraged to participate in the MATE Theater where seminars will occur throughout the day. Presentations will be offered by Multi-Farming Systems which holds the Guinness Book of World Records for the most acres seeded in a 24-hour period with a no till drill; MSE Extension Services on Mountain Pine Beetles and Grasshoppers; and Local Livestock on their web based livestock market graphing and charting information.

Enjoy the Northern Rodeo Association Finals each evening after the show in the Rimrock Auto Arena. Cowboys and cowgirls from around the state will entertain crowds as they battle for championship titles. As a bonus, all tickets holders have the opportunity to stay after the rodeo performance for a free concert..

For more information about the MATE and the Home & Health Expo visit www.thematshow.com or call 406-651-0440.

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The Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show) and the Home & Health Expo are owned by the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). The MATE is held the third week of February and has a three day attendance of over 14,000 people. The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit www.thenile.org.