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24th Annual Watford Heritage Day To Be Held Sept. 21

By Katelyn Sponheim

The 24th Annual Heritage Day in Watford City will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the McKenzie County Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum. After the opening ceremony led by Veteran Services Officer Mark Honstein at 11 a.m., The Lingenfelters will perform their musical talents, and food will be served by Slezak BBQ.

At 12:30 p.m., there will be a demonstration of an "Old Time School" lesson, giving children and all attendees a view of what class looked like for previous generations. A sawmill and shingle mill will be demonstrated at 1 p.m., followed by the threshing show. After threshing, they will do a bailing demonstration and coin scramble for the children present. Old fashioned yard games will begin at 3 p.m., and the pie eating contest will begin at 3:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., the day will close with the announcing of the costume contest winners.



Ellis Ross and Titus Stenberg enjoying the 2015 Heritage Day. (Photo taken by April Stenberg)

So be sure to get to 904 2nd Ave SW, Watford City. Wear your best attempt at 'old timer' style, and enjoy the entertainment, educational opportunity, and some great food and music as well!

Williston Police Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation Conclusion

On July 23, 2024, at approximately 12:47 p.m., the Williston Police Department responded to a call near the 1300 Block of 18th St W concerning an individual armed with a knife. The caller reported a man outside an apartment complex, jabbing a knife at his own heart and at others, expressing concern that the individual might kill himself or others.

Due to the severity of the situation, multiple officers were dispatched to the scene. At approximately 12:51 p.m., Williston Police Officer Jason Barten was the first to arrive and located an individual matching the subject's description outside the given location, with a knife visible in his hand. The individual was later identified as 31-year-old, Matthew Austin Gullo.

Officer Barten drew his department-issued weapon and began to give verbal commands to Gullo to put the knife down and stay where he was. However, Gullo ignored these commands and began advancing toward the officer, closing the distance between them. Officer Barten warned Gullo that he would be shot, but Gullo persisted, approaching with the knife in his left hand and his right hand concealed behind his body.

After repeated commands were ignored and Gullo continued his approach, Officer Barten discharged his weapon, striking Gullo. Officer Barten immediately requested paramedics to respond to the scene. In a further attempt to dislodge the knife from Gullo's hand, a second responding officer, Alex Williams, deployed his less-lethal launcher. This measure was taken to ensure the officers' safety and allow them to administer emergency medical aid to Mr. Gullo.

Although the less lethal device made contact with Gullo's hand, the knife remained. His lack of response to the impact led officers to believe he might be unable to attack if approached. Officers approached and manually removed the knife from Gullo's hand. Officers immediately began administering life-saving measures as emergency medical personnel were enroute. Gullo was transported to a local hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the reporting party in the initial call was, in fact, Matthew Gullo

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7th Annual Eastern Montana Out of Darkness Walk To Fight Suicide Set For Sept. 21

By Robyn Heck

The 7th Annual Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide, 2024 will be held in Sidney, at Veterans Memorial Park, on Saturday, Sept. 21. Please support the Eastern Montana Walk to help #stop-suicide.

Events begin at 9 a.m. Come to visit the resource tables, pick up honor beads, participate in a memory activity, and visit the photo booth. The opening program will start at 10:15 a.m., followed by the walk. Come together with us in community to raise hope and awareness for those impacted by suicide.

Nick Kallem and a dedicated team of community members came together to start the Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk. Nick lost his younger sibling Zack at the young age of 20 on Sept. 16, 2011. This

led his family to find a way to help others not suffer the same loss they did. The Kallem family walked in the Missoula Out of the Darkness Walk in 2013, which is when they found out that this was going to be the last suicide awareness and prevention walk in Missoula. Nick and Zack's mom Nancy Yates was able to bring the walk back to Missoula in 2016 and has been leading the walk to continued success. The first Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk was in 2018 and Nick's family has made it their mission to continue to raise hope and awareness that suicide is preventable.

National suicide prevention week is Sept. 8-14. This week serves as a powerful reminder that there are steps, we all must take in looking out for a loved one,

the people in our community, and those who have been impacted by this leading cause of death.

If you have a loved one that is struggling with their mental health, suggestions from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are to pause and listen, tell them that their loved, and share that there's hope.

Join us in our Out of the Darkness Community Walk for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Community walks give people hope, hope that there's help out there. An anonymous participant said, "I walk because it gives me hope that other families can be spared the pain of suicide loss".

To register for the walk go to asfp.org.



The volunteer team from the 2023 Out of the Darkness Eastern Montana Walk. (Photo by Brianna Larson)

Losses After Fire Near Cartwright Sept. 10

By Katelyn Sponheim

The Fairview Fire Department responded to calls on Tuesday Sept. 10 about a semi starting four grass fires along ND Highway 200 due to an unconfirmed mechanical issue. The semi driver continued on his route and was not stopped at any point. Fairview Fire Chief Ryan Taylor was assisted by Sidney Fire Department and Alexander Fire Department in shutting down the fire. He felt Sharbono Creek assisted as a physical barrier in preventing its spread, and if not for the creek's location, they would possibly still be

fighting the flames. In total, 183 acres were burned with Kim and Kent Klose suffering the largest loss, including two out-buildings and a barn. Butch Kuykendall lost a fence line and pasture. McKenzie Electric has been busy replacing power line poles that were damaged.

McKenzie County issued a Fire Emergency Burn Restriction Declaration on March 5 stating due to very dry conditions and significant fuel available for fires, there is a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires,

burning of farm or crop land, and unnecessary off-road motorized travel when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Index is in the Very High or Extreme category and/or a Red Flag Warning has

been issued for McKenzie County. Burn Permits can be issued by the Upper Missouri Heath District once approved by the local fire response authority. McKenzie County Emergency Manage-

ment has applications for burn permits available and can be reached at 701)444-7483. The North Dakota Fire Danger rating map can be found at <https://ndresponse.gov/burn>.



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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. - **Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
12 p.m. - **"We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City** - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.
7 p.m. - **Hope For Today AI-Anon Family Group Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
8 p.m. - **AA Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228
7 p.m. - **24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

WEDNESDAYS:
6:45 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery, Watford City** - Assembly of God (1st Wed. of month 6 p.m. Potluck)
7 p.m. - **24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
7 p.m. - **AI-Anon Meeting, Watford City** - Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side
8 p.m. - **NA Meetings, Watford City** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
1 p.m. - **Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview** - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

Sakakawea

Current Elevation.....	1839.5
Last Week's Elev.....	1839.5
One Year Ago.....	1841.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept. 9.....	95	49	0.000
Sept. 10.....	81	50	0.000
Sept. 11.....	79	52	0.000
Sept. 12.....	76	54	0.120
Sept. 13.....	74	50	0.000
Sept. 14.....	83	50	0.000
Sept. 15.....	89	43	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	7.030		

OBITUARIES

Maxine Brunsvold, 92 Sidney, MT

Funeral Services were Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Maxine was laid to rest in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Trotters, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family.

Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Maxine Marie Brunsvold was born on June 22, 1932 at the family farm near Brockton, in NE Richland County. She was the youngest child born to Clea and Floyd Candee. She attended elementary school at the Armstrong School, and went to Richey High School, graduating from there in 1950. After her high school graduation, she lived in Sidney with her grandmother, where she worked at the telephone office. During this time her good friend, Ruth Pederson, introduced Maxine to Richard Brunsvold. Richard and Maxine were married Feb. 21, 1953, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT.

Richard and Maxine lived in several different places in the area, before making their home at the ranch on Shadwell Creek. It was here that they raised their four children, Dixie Lee, James Richard, Randall Ward, and Douglas Craig. Many good memories and lifelong friends were made in the communities of Shadwell, Squaw Gap, Skaar, and Bennie Pierre. The family attended many dances at Squaw Gap Hall (Richard and Maxine loved to dance), and attended church every Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church, Skaar, ND, (where Maxine was baptized). Maxine wasn't one for joining "clubs", but she did belong to the church's ladies aid, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years.

She would make a complete meal for her family of 6 to contribute to the potluck dinners that were held at Grace Lutheran every other Sunday. Maxine always wanted to be sure she brought enough food for everyone to have enough to eat. Those Sunday mornings, as she would tote casserole dishes, fresh baked buns, canned pickles from her garden, homemade pies, and the 4 freshly scrubbed kids, to the car, Richard would sit in the car and honk the horn! You can imagine how this went over with her?!?!?

In the spring of 1971, the ranch was leased out, and the family made the move to Medicine Lake, MT, where Richard worked as a farm hand. They lived and worked at the Hendrickson farm west of Medicine Lake, until all the kids had graduated from high school. By this time Richard had been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and was unable to continue working. They decided to move back to the ranch where they would live until his death in 1981. After Richard's death, Maxine eventually moved into town, and went to work as a cook at Sidney High School. She made wonderful friends and good memories while working there.

Maxine continued to live in Sidney after retirement, where she was able to enjoy her family. She loved attending music concerts, sporting events, plays, and anything that involved her grandchildren. She was her biggest fan no matter what! Her retirement also gave her time to spend with her very much-loved sister, Doris. They were two peas in a pod and had many hilarious adventures from going to the Casino Royale and drinking coffee while playing Keno, to shopping at White Drug (their favorite store), or the grocery store (where they would examine the contents of each other's shopping cart to decide if the items in it were needed or not!) The two of them gave our family many laughs! Mom wasn't the same after Doris' passing- she missed her partner in crime so very much!

In September 2021, Maxine moved to The Lodge in Sidney. She was hesitant about moving, but once there she LOVED her new home. After all, her goddaughter managed the place, and her "almost daughter" did lots of the cooking. Thursdays were her favorite days at The Lodge, because Jeanie made caramel rolls for the residents that day! From her room she had a beautiful view of Lone Tree Creek. Every season offered her a splendid view of the creek and trees as they changed from winter to spring, and from spring to fall! She loved watching the birds and wildlife from her window. She was a bird lover and collected bird knick-knacks and anything "bird" related. In her spare time, she loved doing jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, reading and embroidery. She kept her family supplied in embroidered dish towels for years. During her time at The Lodge, she was reunited with many old friends from her past and was delighted in having them in her life once again.

After a fall that resulted in a broken hip and several fractures in her back, she was unable to continue living at The Lodge. In November 2023, she moved to Sidney Health Center Extended Care. Once again, she was forced to move somewhere she wasn't sure about, but she made the best of it as she did in every situation in her entire life. She grew to love the staff at EC, who took such wonderful care of her, many of them calling her "grandma", which she loved. She resided there until her death on Sept. 3, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, her son, Douglas, a grandson, Nicolas Skillingberg, her parents, Floyd & Clea Candee, her in-laws, Elmer & Marie Brunsvold, siblings, Russell Candee, Mattie Carlsen, Florence Candee, Les Candee, Doris Fisher, in-laws LeNora Candee, Dean Carlsen, Lillian Candee, and Edgar Fisher. Also preceding her in death were two nephews, Perry Fisher and Archie Fisher, as well as great nieces, Jill Carpenter and LeNora Zymanski, a great nephew, Brian Richards, and a great-great niece, Sydney Hedges.

Surviving Maxine are her children, Dixie Skillingberg (David), Jim Brunsvold (Janet), Randy Brunsvold (Stacy), grandchildren Mark Skillingberg, Eric Skillingberg, Casey (Hank) Mackert, Marcy (Blaze) Kleinjan, Shelby Brunsvold, Andrea Brunsvold, Lexie Brunsvold (Steve Kimble); great grandchildren Jonah, Natalie and Brinley Skillingberg, Briggs Mackert, as well as many very, very special nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews. She loved them all, unconditionally, with her entire heart!!

Maxine lived a long, wonderful life. It was filled with many friends, many loved ones, wonderful fun times, but also much heartache, many hard times, many disappointments. Through it all she continued to have faith that God would never give her more than she could handle! She was such an inspiration to her family! She loved us all unconditionally! We always told her we loved her, and her answer was always "I love you more!!!"



Maxine Brunsvold

EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Sept. 18
1 p.m. - **Randy Searer Benefit Auction** - "Calf Roll Over Auction". Donations of any size will be accepted. Sidney Livestock Market Center. If you would like to make a contribution an account has been set up at Richland Federal Credit Union, Sidney.

Wed., Sept. 18
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **43rd Annual Quilt & Needlework Show** - Through Oct. 5 - MonDak Heritage Center. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Thurs., Sept. 19
10 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic** - Bring your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid cards, cash or check. Adults only. Richland County Fire Hall.

Sat., Sept. 21
9 a.m. - **2024 Eastern Montana Out Of The Darkness Community Walk** - On-site registration 9 a.m., program 10:15 a.m. Veterans Memorial Park, 501 S. Central Ave. For more info contact Nick Kallem, 406-670-5739 or nick.kallem@gmail.com or visit www.afsp.org/easternmt.

5 p.m. - **Pat Hardy Benefit Fairview** - Chili dinner 5 p.m.; silent auction, 5-7:30 p.m. & live auction 8 p.m. Double Barrel Saloon, Fairview. Donations can be dropped off in Fairview at MonDak Family Clinic with Jacq or Horizon Resources with Mel; in Sidney at Thrivent with Jessica or Franz with Kimberly.

Sat., Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5 & 12
7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland Co. Courthouse parking lot. Watch the Richland Co. Farmers Market FB page for updates.

Sun., Sept. 22, 29
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - 11 games winner take all except Game 6: 50% winner & 50% Sidney Moose Lodge & Moose Charities. Open to the public! Sidney Moose Lodge.

Tues., Sept. 24
7 p.m. - **Monster + Farmers A Frankenstein Tale** - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tickets available at the door: adults/\$20; seniors/\$18; students/\$15, season tickets also available.

Sun., Sept. 29
12 p.m. - **Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging Contest** - Open to all youth. Novice: 1st or 2nd year & under 9; Junior: 9-13; Senior: 14 and up; FFA members; No entry fee for youth. Adults: 18 & over. (\$20 entry fee, Winner takes the pot) Sack lunch provided. Registration 12 p.m., contest, 1 p.m. Dynneson Feedlot, 35157 CR 129. For more info contact: Richland County Extension Office, 406-433-1206; marley.voll@montana.edu; jeverson@montana.edu.

Sat., Oct. 5
4 p.m. - **Bryan Cummins Benefit, Fairview** - Live & silent auction & a meal. Waterhole #3, 416 S. Ellery Ave. Any donations can be dropped off at the Waterhole with Kim.

5-9 p.m. - **Emmaus House Fall Festival Hoedown** - Food, music & entertainment throughout the night. Live & silent auctions. Raffle drawings for: hand made quilt, 15 lbs. of prime rib or Henry 22 magnum rifle. Western attire encouraged. \$5 entrance fee. Sidney Elks Lodge. Proceeds benefit Emmaus House Ministries & Vision of Hope: Autism Scholarships.

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

NOW - Sat., Nov. 2, 5 p.m.
10 a.m. - **Beneath These Western Skies Exhibit** - Featuring art of Afton & Trish Stevenson - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

Wed., Sept. 18
6-8 p.m. - **Sunflower Watercolor Class** - Learn the basics of watercolor. All supplies & materials included, no experience necessary. Cost \$18. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/>.

Thurs., Sept. 19, 26
5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Watford Market** - Kent Pelton Nature Park, 501 7th St. SE.

Sat., Sept. 21
10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Open Studio: Plaster Succulent Planter** - All ages welcome. Create & carve plaster in this class. Cost \$25, come anytime for sign up for your slot to reserve a space. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/>.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Heritage Day** - Music by the Lingenfelters, food by Slezak BBQ, old time school, sawmill & shingle mill, threshing show, bailing & coin scramble, old fashioned yard games & pie eating contest. McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave. SW.

Wed., Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18
6-8 p.m. - **Open Pickleball Nights** - For new or experienced players, \$7 day pass or membership required. Rough Rider Center.

Thurs., Sept. 26
7 p.m. - **Keep It Local - Have A Question On Measure 4?** - Ask questions on how eliminating property tax will affect you. Understand the issues & have your voice heard. All welcome to attend. Watford City Intermediate School Media Center.

Thurs., Oct. 3
4-7 p.m. - **Petting Zoo** - There will be a variety of animals for all to see and pet. All ages welcome. McKenzie County Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NE. for more info visit www.mcagexop.com or call 701-842-EXPO.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Sat., Sept. 21
10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Extreme Machines** - Family fun free event. Free pizza & candy, 13267 56th St. NW, 1 mile E. of 85 on 56th. Exhibitors/vendors call 701-651-5022.

5-9 p.m. - **Cher'Lee Woodward Breast Cancer Benefit** - Live & silent auction, free will taco bar & cash bar. Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds: Beer Gardens.

Sat., Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association Annual Military Collectors Show - Admission \$5. Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds. For more info contact Ben Gjorven: 701-770-8143.

Fri., Sept. 27, Oct. 25 & Nov. 22
6 p.m. - **Spotlight At The James Open Mic** - All ages event designed to celebrate & challenge young performers. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W.

Sat., Sept. 28
8 a.m.-12 p.m. - **City of Williston Fall Cleaning** - Meet at Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. E. to check in. You can register online at <http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston> or be assigned a zone on the day of the event. Public Works will provide garbage bags, gloves, & safety vests. In case of inclement weather this event will be held on Oct. 5, watch for change at www.cityofwilliston.com.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Fri., Sept. 20, 4-8 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun., Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Glendive Gun Show - Eastern Plains Event Center, 313 S. Merrill Ave. Cost \$4 a day. Free admission for current WCSM members. For more info contact Lowell Burke, 406-941-1222.

Wed., Sept. 25
6-7 p.m. - **Cultivating Careers** - Bringing together 9th-12th grade students from Circle, Lambert, Richey, Savage, Terry & Wibaux High Schools plus all middle & high school students 9th-10th grade from Glendive Schools. Students can explore different career paths, meet professionals & start thinking about their future. Dawson Community College Campus.

Sat., Sept. 28
1-3 p.m. - **National Public Lands Day Event** - Seeking volunteers for a public lands cleanup day at Black Bridge Fishing Access site. Learn about natural resource management issues & participate in litter pick-up.

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Bryan Cummins Pat Hardy Benefit Sept. 21 At The Double Barrel Saloon & Casino Benefit Set For Oct. 5

By Dianne Swanson

There will be a benefit for Bryan Cummins on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Waterhole #3 in Fairview. The silent auction runs from 4-7 p.m. with a free-will offering meal being served at 5 p.m. A live auction will follow at 8 p.m. Donations for the auctions may be dropped off with Kim at the Waterhole #3.



Bryan Cummins. (Photo submitted)

Cummins, who was diagnosed with Stage 3 esophageal cancer in mid-May, has undergone radiation and chemotherapy. His wife, Patti, said that he handled the therapies well although he was horribly tired. The doctors are optimistic but a PET scan in a couple of months will determine any further treatment.

Cummins served as the mayor of Fairview for 32 years, had a long career as an electrician, and added a meat cutting business in the early '90s until an explosion destroyed the business. He had recently been cutting meat at Neu's Super Valu but had to give that up the beginning of August.

Patti said Tim has been great throughout this tough time. She also expressed their deep appreciation to everyone for their support. "We've had lots of support. This is a good community," she said.

Your continued support is encouraged by attending the benefit on Saturday, Oct. 5.

By Dianne Swanson

Fairview -- A benefit for 25-year-old Fairview native Pat Hardy and his wife Salina will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Double Barrel Saloon & Casino, Fairview. The evening begins with a chili dinner at 5 p.m. and silent auction from 5-7:30 p.m., followed by a live auction at 8 p.m. Donations for the auctions may be dropped off with Jacq Free at MonDak Family Clinic or Mel at Horizon Resources in Fairview. In Sidney, Jessica at Thrivent Financial and Kimberly at Franz Construction are collecting items.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, the FHS Class of 2017 is hosting a Pickleball Tournament at Sharbono Park beginning at 2 p.m. The two-player team entry fee is \$50. Concessions will be available with all proceeds from the tournament and food going to Pat and Salina. Call Jenna Bieber at 406-489-1828 to sign up.

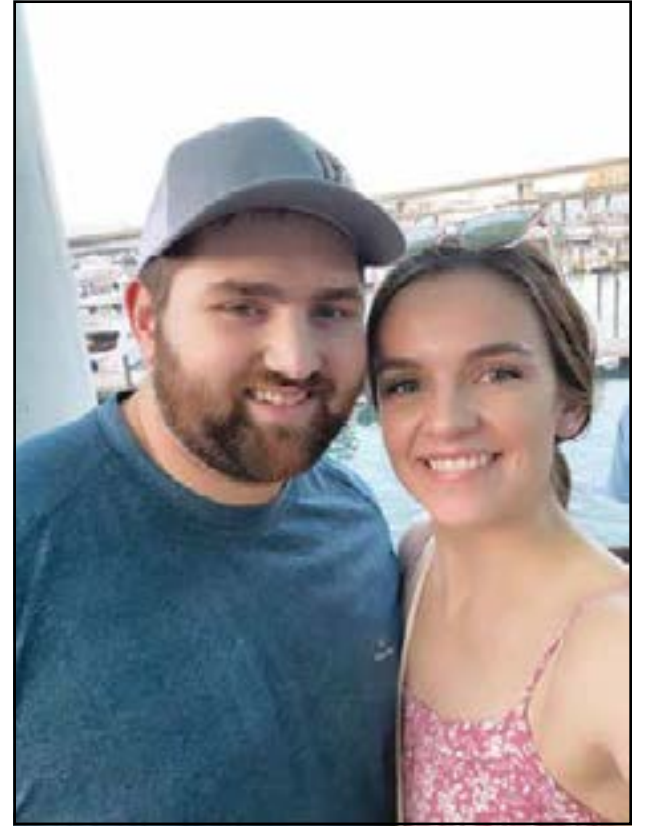
There is also an account set up at Merchants Bank, Fairview, for those who wish to donate.

The son of Jim and Mary Hardy, Pat graduated from Fairview High School in 2017 where he played football and basketball and ran track for the Warriors. He attended Minot State University, where he also played football. He is in his second year of teaching and

coaching football and girls' basketball at Bishop Ryan.

According to Mary, he was golfing with friends when he started having severe headaches. Against the advice of Salina and Mary, he drove himself to the hospital in Minot where testing showed a brain bleed due to a fuscular AVM, a tangle of blood vessels that creates irregular connections between arteries and veins in the brain. He was life-flighted to Sanford Regional Medical Center, Fargo, on Aug. 16 and underwent a 12-hour surgery on the Aug. 18. After several days spent in ICU, Pat entered a rehab facility where he underwent intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy. Physical therapy discharged him on Saturday, Aug. 31 and Pat and Salina headed home to Minot.

Although physically Pat is doing well, Mary said he has a long road ahead with out-patient occupational and speech therapy which will only be partially covered by his insurance. She said he has aphasia where he knows what he wants to say but can't come up with the words and apraxia where there is a disconnect between the brain and the muscles in the mouth, tongue and face. The hope is that speech therapy will help Pat regain his full speaking abilities. The couple will



Pat and Salina Hardy. (Photo by Katie Hurley)

head back to Fargo the end of September for a repeat angiogram to determine his condition, a process that will be repeated at six months, one year, and so on. AVM is a congenital condition and Pat had one episode which was treated with radiation surgery while he was still in high school. It is not connected with his years as an athlete.

Pat's family is extremely grateful for the outpouring of

support from the community. "It's wonderful that people are doing this benefit for him," Mary said tearfully. "The people in the community are just amazing." They are also very appreciative of the support from the Minot and Bishop Ryan community. "They have all been so supportive," Mary said.

Join your friends and neighbors in supporting this young couple Sept. 21 and 22.

Alexander HS Hosting Golf Scramble Oct. 5

The Alexander High School Student Council will be hosting a 4-person team golf scramble tournament on Oct. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Course, Watford City.

The registration per team is \$500 and includes

green fees, carts, and food. Various prizes will also be given. Proceeds will go to hosting school events and purchasing a mascot uniform.

Sign-in for teams will be held at 11 a.m. at the golf

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Williston Police Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation Conclusion...

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himself. Unknown to dispatch and responding officers at the time, Gullo was describing himself and his own actions, as if he was an uninvolved bystander. Officers responded to the report that was given, that there was an active and dangerous situation, involving an individual threatening himself and others with a knife.

As standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting, Officer Barten was placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

A comprehensive review process was completed to ensure the integrity of the investigation. The Williston Police Department conducted its own internal investigation to assess compliance with departmental policies and procedures. Additionally, the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to independently review the use of force involved in the incident.

To maintain impartiality, the Williams County State's Attorney's Office requested that the case be reviewed by an external prosecutor. The State's Attorney's Office of Divide County conducted this review to eliminate any potential bias.

Following a comprehensive review, Divide County State's Attorney Seymour R. Jordan found that Officer Barten's conduct was justified, and no charges were filed by the State's Attorney's Office. Officer Barten acted in compliance with local laws, as well as department policies regarding the use of deadly force. He has been reinstated to full duty without restrictions.

The Williston Police Department remains committed to providing the highest level of service in partnership with the community and appreciates the continued support. The loss of life is always tragic, and we send our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Matthew Gullo during this difficult time.

The Williston Police Department will not be sharing the dashcam or body cam videos publicly, however, the video has been released via a records request to outside sources required by law. No further information is available at this time.

OBITUARIES

Julia G. Kuykendall, 80 Cartwright, ND

Julia G Kuykendall, 80, peacefully passed away on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Billings, MT, with family by her side.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Lutheran Brethren Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Ben Miller officiating. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Julia will be laid to rest at the Fairview Cemetery, East Fairview, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Julia Gertrude Kuykendall was born April 2, 1944 in Sidney, MT, to parents Lars and Marie Leivestad. She grew up on a farm in Savage, MT, with her parents and four siblings. Julia loved to be the big sister and enjoyed being left in charge of her siblings. She learned to play piano and discovered a talent for playing by ear. Singing and playing piano was something that she loved her whole life.

After graduating from high school, she began to work at the Wheel Inn. She loved making their special chocolate drop frosted cookies. It was while working that she caught the eye of Ronald Brown. So began their love story. They were married on April 28, 1963. Soon after, Ron requested that she make bread. Julia's mother had tried to teach her, but she had insisted that she would never need to know how. She would buy bread. Julia tried and ended up calling her mother, who taught her how. She continued to make bread every Saturday for years. Ron and Julia were blessed with six children. They were a close family who could often be found singing together. Julia always said that she wanted a dozen children. Her wish was finally granted when all of her children were married! In 2003, Julia lost her beloved Ron. They had been married for 40 years.



Julia G Kuykendall

Julia and Butch built their dream home with a wrap-around porch. They hosted family and friends from everywhere, including Norway! Grandchildren loved spending the night. Julia played with her grandchildren with a boundless energy. Julia and Butch were married for 17 years.

Accepting Jesus as her Lord and Savior, Julia spent her life witnessing to others and being a wonderful example to everyone who knew her. She was a founding member of the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church. She also served as the Sunday School Superintendent. She was a wonderful baker and cook who always had homemade treats waiting for her kids when they got off the school bus. Julia loved sewing matching outfits for her children. She loved gardening and canning. She led a full life that included not only being a stay-at-home mom but later she worked at the grain elevator as a bookkeeper and sold Avon, Watkins and FullerBrush. Julia loved writing and receiving letters. She was known to be the family historian and had a wonderful memory. She always had time to listen and gave the best advice. She enjoyed visiting and was very sociable. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will always cherish their special time with her.

Julia passed away on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, surrounded by her family, listening to a song that she loved to dance to.

Julia is survived by her husband, Butch Kuykendall, Cartwright, ND; sons, Larry (Lynn) Brown, Casa Grande, AZ; and Wade (Jenny) Brown, Cartwright, ND; daughters, Debbie (Ron) Norby, Fairview, MT; Anita (Justin) Karst, Fairview, MT; Wanda (Travis) Menefee, Centennial, CO; and Wendy (Chad) Sundheim, Fairview, MT; grandsons, Dillon (Helen Soh) Karst, Chandler, Michael and Tony Norby, and Gavin Brown; granddaughters Desiree and Cali Norby, Amy and Ashley Karst, Courtney and Lauren Menefee, Emily, Hannah and Sophie Sundheim, and Brielle Brown; great-grandsons, Leo and Liam Balcer; brother, Jerry (Cindy) Leivestad; sisters, Helen Conradsen and Lori Sabol; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents Lars and Marie Leivestad, her husband Ronald Brown, and brother Elvin Leivestad.

She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Michael VanDyke, 66 Upton, WY formerly of Watford City, ND

Michael VanDyke, 66 unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday Aug. 28, 2024 at his home in Upton, WY.

Graveside Services will be Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Good Hope Cemetery, Keene, ND, with Pastor Peder Stenslie officiating.

A procession will begin at the Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, at 9:30 am. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family.

Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

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J.K. Ralston's Painting, "General Sully At The Yellowstone" Preservation Efforts Underway

By Nikki Bailey-Will
Executive Director

MonDak Heritage Center

Montanans hold their history close. They take pride in the stories of how their families came to this land. The hardships that they endured and the accomplishments made. J.K. Ralston was an artist committed to painting these stories. With painstaking detail, he captured the struggle, the joy, the determination, the sadness of that time and told the stories of what it was like for the pioneers and the native peoples and land. Born in Choteau, MT, in 1896, he knew the stories first hand. Ranching in Richland County and traveling the state, he witnessed the end of the open range and he listened to the old timers' tales. His passion to preserve these stories is the mission of the newly forming nonprofit the J.K. Ralston Preservation Committee. This committee is dedicated to preserving the paintings and murals of this great artist and historian. In the fall of 2023, a 33-foot long by 4-foot wide mural of his was destroyed in the fire at the Jordan Hotel, Glendive, MT. The mural served as a bar back and depicted cowboys driving a herd of longhorns across the Yellowstone River. The loss was devastating. Never again will one be able to witness the power, danger and determination of the cowboys

and their horses. Fueled by this loss, the J.K. Ralston Preservation Committee decided to move full steam ahead with preserving other important Ralston paintings starting with a large mural in Richland County!

The committee in collaboration with the Richland County Commissioners and the MonDak Heritage Center engaged in the removal, restoration and preservation of the Ralston mural located in the old post office, now known as the Nutter Building, in Sidney. This 5' by 12' mural, *General Sully at the Yellowstone*, tells the story of General Sully bringing his men and wagon trains into the Montana Territory to meet up with the paddle boats on the Yellowstone River near Sidney. Preservation efforts are currently underway to preserve this iconic Ralston painting. In June, thanks to funding from the Richland County Commissioners, the large oil painting was carefully cleaned, stabilized and removed from the wall in the Nutter Building by a crew of conservators from Colorado Art Restoration Services. A crew of four art restoration specialists spent three days cleaning the oil painting and stabilizing it for removal from the wall. The art conservators tested each color on the canvas and surface-cleaned every inch of the painting with small brushes and Q-tips. They then applied a protective

paper to the front to stabilize the oils and add structure to the 82-year-old canvas. Scaffolding and a hanging system were constructed to support the massive canvas and eventually the painting was carefully removed from the wall. It was then packaged and transported back to Colorado to the environmentally-controlled workrooms of the Colorado Art Restoration Service for further cleaning, restoring, and framing.

To clean, restore, and preserve *General Sully on the Yellowstone* the MonDak Heritage Center is partnering with the J.K. Ralston Preservation Committee to raise funds for the final phases of the project. We are asking for community support for the completion of phases three and four. Phase three which will begin early this fall will cost \$30,000. This will cover the cleaning, restoration, and the framing of the mural. Phase 4 will bring the mural back to Montana in early spring to be placed on permanent display at the MonDak Heritage Center. The estimated cost for this phase is \$10,000. The estimated total cost of the final phases is \$40,000. Please consider donating to this important project at the MonDak Heritage Center by mailing a check labeled for the "Ralston Preservation Project" or by coming into the MonDak Heritage Center at 120 3rd Ave. SE and dropping off your donation.



Preparing "General Sully on the Yellowstone" for Transport. (Photo submitted)

Your generous donation will ensure that the stories captured by Ralston will be here for future generations. The stories that shaped the people and landscapes of Montana and the Old West

will not be forgotten. These stories are who we are, where we came from and how the times shaped our values. The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Fri-

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Local Edward Jones Client Support Teammates Qualify For Recognition Conference

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Nick Lonski has announced that his client support team professionals will attend the invitation-only Pinnacle conference, Edward Jones' premier recognition conference for client support teams. The conference, in Scottsdale, AZ, from Sept. 16-19, will bring together 200 top client support teams (or 1.25%) from the firm's nearly 16,000. Qualifying branch teams were judged on the success of their branch, client feedback and more. The Pinnacle conference for financial advisors was held in April, which Lonski attended.



Nick Lonski.
(Photo submitted)

Attending the Pinnacle conference from the branch are Associate Financial Advisor Beth Verhasselt and BOAs Ashley Anvik, Ashley Volkman, and Janelle Jensen. "I'm so proud of our team. They have an incredible work ethic, a dedication to the success of our clients and contagious enthusiasm," Lonski said. "The outstanding skills and support they provide is paramount to the level of success that qualified us to attend the Pinnacle conferences."

The Pinnacle conferences are held to recognize and celebrate a high level of success in sustaining a successful practice, leadership and top-notch client service. Over three days, the high-achieving client support teammates from the U.S. and Canada who attend Pinnacle will interact with firm leaders and one another, sharing ideas and feedback on

how the firm can continue to grow its impact for its clients, colleagues and the communities it serves.

"Our client support teams are at the heart of our deep trusted relationships with clients, which is a hallmark of our approach to doing business," said Kelly Crisp, Edward Jones principal, who leads Client Support Team Advancement. "By bringing our Pinnacle client support team professionals together at a conference uniquely designed for them, we have the opportunity to recognize their successes, learn from their best practices and offer new insights that can further enhance them in their roles. I'm excited to spend quality time with these energetic and impactful professionals."

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Apply today online at www.NDCF.net/McKenzie-County ("Apply for Grant" tab then "Apply Here" button). Applications are due by Sept. 29, 2024. The Foundation advisory committee will discuss the applications and determine grant awards shortly after the deadline. The MCCF is a per-

manent endowment from which the local Advisory Committee takes applications, reviews, and grants out annual earnings based on the most pressing needs of the community, helping improve the quality of life in McKenzie County.

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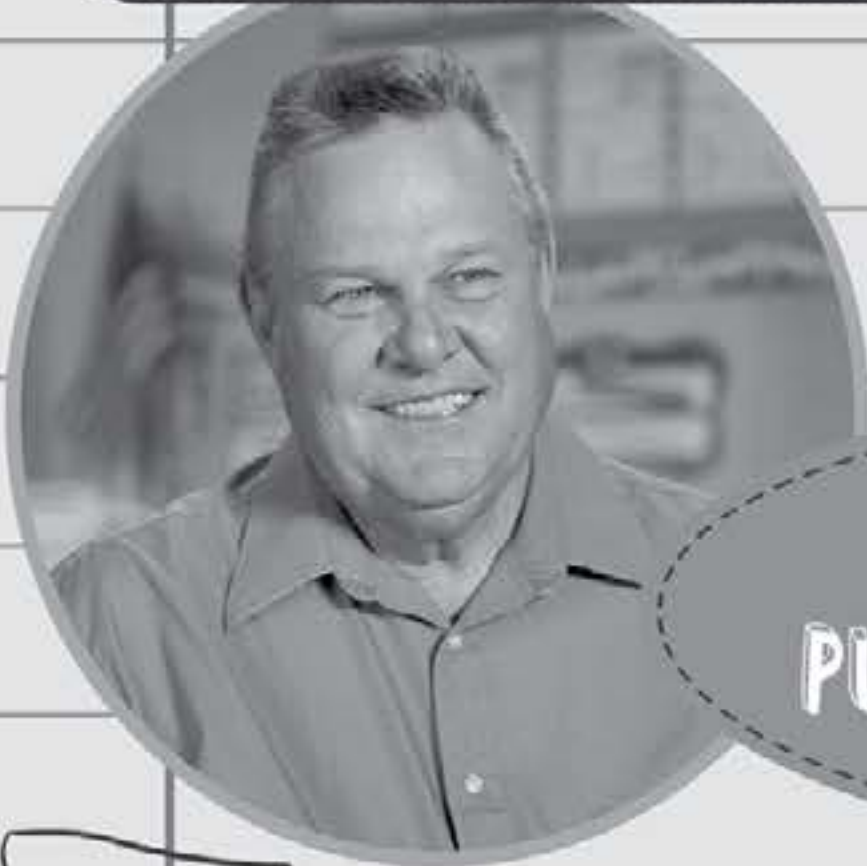
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Above left: Dylan Klasna walking through cows and calves.
Above middle: Kim Klasna delivering a harvest supper to Tim on combine cutting winter wheat.
Above right: Dylan Klasna picking up swathed oats.
Right: Tim Klasna picking up swathed oats.
 (Photos by Whitney Klasna)



By Katelyn Sponheim
 Tim Klasna and his son, Dylan, closed out another successful harvest this fall on their dryland farm 25 miles northwest of Lambert. They raise wheat, oats, and triticale (a wheat/rye hybrid forage or grain crop) to feed the cattle portion of their operation. Oats can be purchased from Klasnas by the bag or truckload. They bale the straw from their winter wheat and oat fields to bed their cattle, and save some of the triticale seed to plant the following year. Their combination of crop rotations work well to keep soil nutrients and quality optimal as well as a way to control pests and disease. This year saw no major crop transitions or changes for Klasnas. Each year presents its own growing challenges, and this year saw a lack of moisture and the extreme June heat negatively affect their harvest. Their spring

wheat saw a lower yield, and over all the crop was short of expectations though adequate for their needs. The Klasnas run a Her-

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Biebers Expand With Texas Red Ag Services

By Dianne Swanson
 Jeff Bieber, Fairview, is a life-long farmer and has been a seed dealer most of his adult life. His son, Justin, joined him in the business in 2015 when they added Pioneer corn, soybean, canola, sunflowers and forage products to their seed line. In 2022 he also brought in Westbred spring and winter wheat seeds.

Now the duo is expanding even further with the

creation of Texas Red Ag Services in an effort to better serve their customers. With a commercial seed treater, additional sales agent, new products, new partners, and a corn grain drier, Texas Red Ag Services is positioned to help your farm from the bag to the bin.

Parker Westgard will cover the northern region from the Canadian border south and from Malta to Crosby. Westgard, who is

from Westby, brings a lot of knowledge and experience. Jeff said Westgard, who has an ag-based degree and previously worked for a co-op, has more experience with crops such as canola which is fairly widely grown in that area. Texas Red Ag Services will be offering a new Pioneer canola seed which is priced competitively and has excellent production and shatter resistance. "Field tests show that it's

as good or better than any product on the market," Jeff stated.

Texas Red Ag Services added a commercial seed treater last spring to treat spring wheat, soybeans, peas and lentils. "We learned a lot last spring. The treater has given us the opportunity to work with some great products and people; TerraMax inoculant, Lumovia and the rest of the Bayer and Corteva seed treatment portfolio. Having seed treating experts from Pioneer and Westbred a phone call away helped us get up to speed right away," Justin said.

In addition to seed treatment, Texas Red Ag Services has access to crop protection products includ-

ing insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. "We have partnered with additional Pioneer agencies which helps us offer hard to get products at very competitive pricing," Jeff said.

Partnering with Brandt Nutrition gives Texas Red Ag Services access to a wide range of products from EnZUP to Smart Trio. EnZUP is zinc chelate that can be added to any liquid starter and Smart Trio is a mix of nitrogen, sulfur, boron, manganese and zinc to add in with your herbicide pass to make sure your corn has the essential nutrients it needs.

A corn dryer is also available this fall for custom drying to help customers get the crop out of the field and help maximize the short

growing season. Texas Red Ag Services is running a number of trials including in-furrow treatments, population and fertility treatments this year. To find out the results, or see some of the trials for yourself, reach out to them to set up a meeting, or follow along on Facebook at Texas Red Ag Services.

The team at Texas Red Ag Services would like to wish everyone a safe and successful harvest and thank their customers for allowing them to be a part of their operation.

Contact Jeff at 406-489-3452, Justin at 406-489-2188 or Parker at 406-385-7006.



Texas Red Ag Services has a corn dryer available this fall for custom drying to help customers get the crop out of the field. (Photo submitted)

Forage Testing & Hay Prices

**By Marley Voll, MSU
 Richland County
 Extension**

A question we commonly get here in the Extension Office is, "What is hay worth?" The answer to this question usually is, it depends. The price of hay depends on multiple factors including cost of production and quality.

Hay quality varies based on management, storage, and type of hay. Different forage types will be higher in protein or energy, and this greater quality is worth more than other forage that is low in protein or energy. Hay high in nitrates would be worth less than hay that is not. These quality factors can only be determined by having a forage analysis done at a lab. Here at the Extension Office, we have a hay probe for you to check out and use and we can give recommendations on how to get the best sample. We will also help you select a lab test and interpret the results when you get the analysis back. Whether you are selling or buying hay, it is best practice to understand the quality before doing so. If you are selling hay, it

is necessary to know your cost of production. This includes your rental and irrigation costs, if any, fertilizer, fuel, and cost of running your swather, rake and baler, etc. If it costs you \$25,000 to put up 200 tons of hay, your cost of production is \$125/ton. As a producer, you'd need to set your price higher than \$125/ton in order to profit.

Whether you are buying or selling hay, it is also best practice to know how much your bales weigh. Hay is typically sold on a per ton basis, and this is the only way to fairly compare costs of different hays, whether you're looking to buy or looking to set a price to sell. Bale weights can differ dramatically between different balers (bale size and pressure), forage moisture content, and between forage types.

The Richland County Extension Office is always available to assist you in forage testing or determining hay prices. Knowing hay quality, cost of production, and bale weight will help set or determine the value of the hay you are buying or selling. Contact the office for more information, 406-433-1206.

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Make Plans To Meet In Watford City For Wild West Weekend!

By Jessie Veeder Schofield

The McKenzie County Cowboy Association is hosting the 2024 North Dakota Rodeo Association Finals on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28 indoors at the McKenzie County Ag Expo, Watford City. With three rounds of rodeo, a Western art Show and Cowboy Culture Gathering, Kids Cowboy Bootcamp, mechanical bull riding, live entertainment all weekend and two nights of rodeo dancing, there will be fun for the entire family to enjoy!

The Western Art and Vendor show kicks off the weekend on Friday, Sept. 27 from 5-9 p.m. in the Ag Expo Exhibit Hall. Enjoy music by Jessie Veeder starting at 5 p.m. and shop over 20 western artists and vendors specializing in western themes and gear from across the region. Explore large- and small-scale paintings, glass, leather, woodworking, hats, ropes, boots, boutique clothing, jewelry and more.

Right across the hall the first round of the NDRA Rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m. featuring the state's best cowboys and cowgirls competing in bronc and bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, senior breakaway, calf roping, barrel racing and bull riding. Plus, cheer on the little cowboys and cowgirls in the Mutton Bustin' round and make sure you bring the kids for the boot race!

After the rodeo, stay to dance to "N2Effects DJ" playing your favorite songs and enjoy a cash bar and concessions to finish out the evening. Rocking K Heart Entertainment will have their mechanical bull set up and Saddle Up will have their roping machine going throughout the night!

The fun continues on Saturday at 9 a.m. with a Bearscat (That's Cowboy for Donut) breakfast and coffee benefitting the local Food Pantry. Contestants will be available at the breakfast from 10-11 a.m. for meet and greet and autograph signing, so make sure you bring the kids. Autograph sheets will be provided.

The Western Art and Vendor show continues in the exhibition hall on Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and then bring your kids for a chance to show their stuff on the mechanical bull. This year, they are hosting two Kids Mechanical Bull Contests! The first starts at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-15. For \$10 per child, they get a fun ride on the bull and everyone gets a prize! The second contest is a bit more serious as the contestants will be riding for a trophy and cash



Photos submitted

prizes sponsored by the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce. Enter your child in the following age categories 6-8-year olds, 9-12-year olds and 13-15-year olds. Entry fee is \$15 and can be done at www.wildwestweekend.com. Then stick around to enjoy the Cowboy Kid Zone where kids can learn to dress like a cowboy, saddle a horse, ride the bucking bull, rope and shop for cowboy essentials throughout the day.

Next up will be the MHA Powwow Dancers, hosted by the Long X Arts Foundation at 11:45 a.m. Experience the rich culture and tradition with these competitive drummers and dancers from a variety of styles. You may even be asked to join in! The Long X Arts Foundation will also be offering a free cowboy kid craft throughout the day.

Then gear up for the next round of rodeo action at 1 p.m.

After the rodeo, Wyoming-based acclaimed songwriter, storyteller, singer and musician, Kalyn Beasley will be taking the stage in the exhibit hall at 3:30 p.m. Get to know him and his music

rich in meticulously crafted narratives, with clever and infectious melodies and hooks before he joins his band for the rodeo dance on Saturday night.

At 4:30 p.m., crafters will want to get in on the Glass Crazy Horse Ornament making class hosted by glass artist Kathy Monti. Kathy will walk you through the techniques needed to work with glass to form the vibrant horse patterns out of color combinations of your choosing. Register for this class at www.longxarts.com.

At 5:30 p.m., the Powwow dancers will take the stage once again before the final round of rodeo at 7 p.m. in the indoor arena where the champion cowboys and cowgirls will be determined.

After the rodeo, join Kalyn Beasley and the Honky Tonk Arcade back in the Exhibit Hall. Based out of Red Lodge, MT, the band tours throughout the Mountain West. The Honky Tonk Arcade has opened several shows for Chancey Williams and recently won the 2024 Miles City Bucking Horse Sale Showcase competition. One of the most exciting

bands in the Mountain West, The Honky Tonk Arcade delivers an original blend of country, rock and blues with an energetic and engaging live show. Make plans to dance the night away and take a ride or two on the mechanical bull after the rodeo.

Tickets to the rodeo are \$20 for adults and can



be purchased at the door. Kids 11 and under are free. The Western Art Show and Cowboy Culture Gathering and Cowboy Kids Zone are free thanks to the Long X Arts Foundation and the McKenzie County Cowboy Association.

Interested rodeo sponsors should contact Eva Hepper at 701-898-9801

or hepperranch@gmail.com. Western Art Show and Cowboy Culture sponsors contact the Long X Arts Foundation at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.

To find out more about the rodeo, performers, artists and vendors, community specials and schedule visit www.wildwestweekend.com.



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Special Request - Survey of Kochia Herbicide Resistance In NE Montana

By Marley Manoukian
Voll, Agent
MSU Richland County
Extension

This fall, 2024, the agricultural weed management group at Montana State University is conducting a survey of Kochia herbicide resistance in the northeastern corner of Montana. The

objective of this study is to collect kochia seeds this fall and test them for herbicide resistance this winter. The study is seeking producers willing to participate in this screening. Do you have some fields with kochia populations? Would you like those kochia seeds tested for resistance? If so, you can get your

name on the list by calling the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206. By signing up for this screening, the crew from MSU will reach out to you and stop by your place and collect the seeds later in September. The focus area for this study is the areas north of Sidney to the Canadian border and west to Glasgow.

Background

Kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) is one of the most problematic weeds in Montana's cropping systems. Management is complicated by the evolution of resistance to herbicide in many populations across Montana. Kochia herbicide resistance has been documented in Montana since the 1980s, especially in the northern and eastern parts of the state. We will test and screen them

for herbicide resistance to develop a better picture of resistance in Montana.

What to Expect

We aim to collect seed primarily from crop fields (all row crops, wheat, barley, pulses) and non-crop fields (examples include roadsides, shelter belts, and fallow). In September we are most likely to find plants with seeds in fallow.

We need mature kochia seeds that are brown to blackish in color. Seed should have matured in the field. We need some information about the population:

1. Location (we prefer GPS coordinates), but descriptions that help define the location will be accepted.
2. Crop rotation history for the last three years, and herbicide information.
3. Contact information (if

you would like to hear about the results), name, and email are most important.

In the fall of 2024, we will grow plants from seed in the greenhouse and then spray them with herbicides, focusing on important active ingredients for Montana's

crop production.

Please contact Tim Seipel, Assistant Professor, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT at timothy.seipel@montana.edu; 406-994-4783, or your local extension office in Richland County; 406-433-1206.



Richland County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Sept. 19

The Richland County Farm Bureau will host its annual meeting and member appreciation dinner on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Elks Lodge in Sidney. The event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and the official meeting at 6 p.m.

This year's guest speaker is Brendan Beatty, Montana Department of Revenue director, who will discuss important tax topics affecting local farmers and ranchers. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to network, learn about key issues, and develop policy that will shape the future of agriculture in Richland County and the state of Montana.

For more information, contact Richland County Farm Bureau President, Canyon Rehbein at 406-480-4623.

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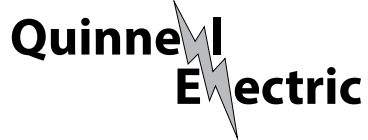
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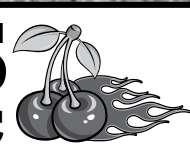


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Sidney Tractor Supply Unveils Major Remodel

Rural lifestyle retailer has transformed the shopping experience by improving convenience, expanding product assortment and upgrading in-store technology

SIDNEY, MT – Tractor Supply has announced the completion of an exciting remodel of the entire store at the Sidney location that will transform the shopping experience for local customers.

The enhanced store features an improved layout for convenient and accessible shopping as well as a new Customer Service Hub with upgraded digital tools to help customers find what they need. Additionally, customers can now shop from an expanded assortment of apparel, tools, hardware, pet food, animal feed and more.

“At Tractor Supply, we constantly work to improve the customer experience, from product offerings to in-store features. These exciting upgrades have completely transformed our store, making it an even better option for customers shopping for Life Out Here,” said Misty Klindt, Sidney Tractor Supply store manager. “We are excited for customers to visit our new space that now features more products than ever before, including our new apparel department, expanded feed and food

selection and broader tool assortment. We know that customers will love these upgrades as much as we do, and we hope to share them with both familiar and new faces from the Sidney community.”

With these enhancements, the Sidney Tractor Supply continues to serve the needs of homeowners, livestock and pet owners, gardeners, hobby farmers, ranchers, tradesmen and others. Tractor Supply customers can shop from a wide range of products including workwear and boots, equine and pet supplies, zero turns and riding mowers, pet food, lawn and garden supplies, power tools, fencing, welding and more.

The Sidney Tractor Supply store, at 302 E. Holly St., keeps regular business hours from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. To learn more about Tractor Supply Company, visit TractorSupply.com. For information on Tractor Supply’s Neighbor’s Club loyalty program, please visit NeighborsClub.com.

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As of June 29, 2024, the Company operated 2,254 Tractor Supply stores in 49 states. For more information on Tractor Supply, visit www.tractorsupply.com.

Tractor Supply Company also owns and operates Petsense by Tractor Supply, a small-box pet specialty



supply retailer providing products and services for pet owners. As of June 29,

2024, the Company operated 205 Petsense by Tractor Supply stores in 23 states.

For more information on Petsense by Tractor Supply, visit www.Petsense.com.

MSGA Launches Fire Relief & Recover Hub For Producers In SE MT

By Raylee Honeycutt

HELENA, MT – In response to a need identified by Remington Fire community partners during a roundtable hosted by Governor Gianforte, the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) has developed a one-stop resource for ranchers and landowners recovering from the devastating effects of fire in Southeast Montana. The webpage brings together forms, fact sheets, and contact information for programs relevant to producers from county, state, and federal entities. This new resource can be viewed at <https://mtbeef.org/>

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“Rebuilding from a fire is a labor-intensive process made more strenuous by the copious amounts of required paperwork,” shared Raylee Honeycutt, MSGA Executive Vice President. “MSGA seeks to alleviate a portion of the burden on producers by making it simple to find and submit all necessary information.”

On a local level, this webpage includes contact information for supply coordinators, producer grant opportunities, and fencing coordinators. It also includes the damage assessment form for producers, which

is crucial to trigger specific programs. Affected producers and landowners of the Remington Fire should fill out the damage assessment form as soon as possible.

The webpage also provides information from USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Bureau of Land Management with USFS information coming soon. MSGA will remain in contact with all relevant agencies and continue to update the site as new information becomes available.

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Montana State Doctoral Student Uses AI To Help Farmers In The Field

By Skip Anderson, MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — Artificial intelligence seems to be everywhere these days, from social media apps to the laboratories of Montana State University. Now, thanks in part to a doctoral student in MSU's Gianforte School of Computing, it's in the state's agriculture fields helping farmers take the guesswork out of maximizing crop yields.

To a layperson, one field of winter wheat might look just like the one adjacent to it. However, Giorgio Morales, an MSU Ph.D. student from Peru, has the data to show that soil conditions and other variables can change significantly not just from field to field, but also in the span of just 10 meters. Morales is leveraging artificial intelligence to crunch thousands of data points to help farmers maximize their crop yields and profits while potentially lowering the amounts of fertilizers they use.

Morales is developing AI methods to determine how combinations and quantities of variables such as soil nutrients, nitrates, humidity and precipitation influence a particular outcome — in this case, crop yield. It's part of a practice in farming called precision agriculture, in which novel technologies are integrated into production systems.

"We can collect data from the soil, and also, we can use aerial images and satellite images to monitor the fields. All of that data can be combined to understand the behavior of the fields themselves," said Morales, who is expected to graduate from MSU with a Ph.D. in computer science in 2025. "We can use that information to predict what's going to happen during the harvest."

Armed with this highly detailed information, farmers can adjust the amount of seed, water or fertilizer they need to apply in specific places to maximize their profit and minimize the guesswork.

But, for Morales, his dissertation is only indirectly about maximizing crop yields and minimizing

wasted seed and fertilizer. His primary objective is to develop computer models of data-crunching techniques that utilize a powerful subset of AI called neural symbolic regression. It may sound like a biological function within the human brain, but it's actually a highly complex computer process that transforms the data into a mathematical function that, thanks to AI, is highly adaptable to different settings or projects. Neural symbolic regression is a new field of study, he said, with the first academic paper on the subject published in 2021.

"In the history of scientific discovery, it took a lot of trial and error to obtain mathematical laws that explain certain phenomena, but they were limited to very specific situations," he said. "When you move away from that situation, even just a little bit, that equation doesn't explain the phenomena anymore, so you have to come up with another equation."

"But if we have data and observations about the world, is there a way to simply train a model using

artificial intelligence to tell us this is the equation that explains the phenomenon that you're observing?"

It's that potential adaptability, made possible by AI, that is the subject of Morales' dissertation. He's using data gathered on winter wheat farms near Billings and Great Falls to develop models that could one day be adapted to industries beyond this data-driven method of farming.

"Artificial intelligence is a topic of study throughout MSU's computing labs," said John Sheppard, a Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering Distinguished Professor of Computer Science who is also Morales' Ph.D. adviser.

"MSU is very active in several funded projects that involve artificial intelligence and machine learning," Sheppard said. "For example, in addition to the Data Intensive Farm Management project that Giorgio is working on, work is under way with the U.S. Navy developing methods for risk-based predictive maintenance for fighter aircraft, among many other projects."

Other AI initiatives include an NSF-funded EP-SCoR project called SMART FireS, a collaborative ven-



Montana State University graduate student Giorgio Morales. (MSU photo by Colter Peterson)

ture with the University of Montana in which researchers are using AI and machine learning to extend the Navy work to do probabilistic risk assessment of prescribed burns. The objective is to use AI methods to optimize the location and extent of the burns to reduce wildfire risk.

While at Montana State, Morales has been lead author of 11 papers and co-author of another three. He recently gave a presentation on his most recent accepted, peer-reviewed paper at the European Conference

on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases in Vilnius, Lithuania.

"The fact that different communities and groups are recognizing Giorgio's contributions is a clear indication of the quality and potential impact of his research," Sheppard said. "There is no doubt that to succeed in the AI space requires working hard, and Giorgio does that. There is no doubt that he has the inspiration to motivate and drive that hard work."

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Randy Searer Benefit Auction Scheduled For Sept. 18

By Katelyn Sponheim

On September 18th, Sidney Livestock Market Center will host the Randy Searer Benefit auction, which will feature a calf roll-over auction after lunch. All are invited to enjoy lunch at Sidney Livestock's newly opened restaurant, Cattleman's, and then attend the auction. A calf

roll-over auction is when a calf is auctioned off, "sold", and then auctioned off again and again until everyone present who would like to donate has gotten a "winning" bid. When it's clear all who would like to have been able to win and donate, the calf will be sold to an actual buyer. All proceeds will go towards Randy's

medical and travel expenses. His wife Patti is currently with him, and between time off and travel costs, every donation is something they are thankful for. If you cannot attend the auction, a donation account has been set up at the Richland Federal Credit Union as well, and Miles City Livestock will be holding their own online auction with donated items online. From the Montana High School Rodeo State Finals in Baker, to the Richland County Fair in Sidney, to the sale barns of South Dakota, the voice of Randy Searer has made its way into the hearts and minds of youth, many of which he could name on sight, and adults for over 20 years. Whether he was announcing a rodeo, introducing 4-H members with their livestock animal, or auctioneering, Randy made his impact in the community

both in word and deed.

This spring Randy began experiencing water retention and not feeling himself, and after extensive tests, Billings Clinic diagnosed him with end stage liver failure. He was connected with a doctor and the transplant center in Denver, CO. After a visit to the Sidney ER on August 20th, he was airlifted to Denver, and remains in their excellent care until he receives his transplant. Just weeks before, he had announced every 4-H member who sold an animal in the Richland County Fair and was extremely proud to have been able to do so despite his illness. Currently he has passed his tests to officially be on the transplant list!

Randy has long been dedicated to youth in Richland County and beyond, and not just in the rodeo and agricultural circles. His children Kayleen, Jaycee, and Taylor participated in gymnastics, and hockey as well as 4-H and rodeo, and he still enjoys cheering for and sharing his wisdom with youth. More than a few have become almost family for Searer's and he continues adding boards to his bench to include others. Even after graduation, Randy has had a hand in guiding youth at the Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, MT.

"Never weaken" has long been Randy's motto and it holds strong for him in this

season. He's used to a fast pace, and that is hard to maintain in a hospital, but he knows it's the best place for him and he is humbled by all the support he and his family have received. Used to giving help and not being the one to ask for it, his spirits have been boosted immeasurably by those that have reached out and helped in any way. His daughter Jaycee Cook, said, "We take being busy for granted, and he can't be, and that just makes you really grateful for the busy." Randy continues to share his wisdom from Denver, and will find a way to make the best of this experience, as he always has.



Randy Searer (left) with Miles City Livestock owner Bart Meged. (Photo submitted)



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Fairview Warriors Down Culbertson Cowboys 47-18

Tyler Loan breaks through 3 Culbertson players and surges over the goal line for a 15 yard touchdown for Fairview, (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

By Keri McPherson

The Fairview Warriors travelled to Culbertson Friday night to play the #8-ranked Cowboys.

Fairview scored first with a short pass from Tyler Loan to Deacon Gackle for an 8-yard TD. Culbertson answered with a score of their own, but the PAT was blocked by Keegan Skogas making the score 7-6 in favor



of the Warriors. Loan and Gackle connected again for a 28-yard touchdown with Gackle outjumping the defender in the end zone to make a spectacular catch.

The first quarter ended with the Warriors up 14-6. The second quarter saw the momentum switch to Culbertson as Loan threw an interception that was returned for a TD and after a 4th down

stop, the Cowboys scored again to take an 18-14 lead. Fairview responded with a 7-yard run by Loan to take a 21-18 lead and scored again right before half on great execution of a screen pass from Loan to Wyatt McPherson for 20 yards.

The halftime score was 27-18 Warriors. The Warriors scored on a McPherson 5-yard run in the third quar-

ter and added two more runs by Loan in the fourth quarter making it 33 unanswered points. The final score was 47-18.

Keegan Skogas added a blocked punt and 9 total tackles to his earlier blocked PAT. It's Homecoming week in Fairview as they play Broadus on Friday night.

Watford City Falls to Grand Forks Red River

Trysten DeVries, Watford City, hits the hole and gets a first down for the Wolves. The Wolves played a tough Grand Forks team for their home opener. Grand Forks Red River defeated the Wolves 46-6. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



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Bolster Heart Health With The Flu Shot

By Stephanie Ler
A growing body of evidence shows that getting your annual flu shot, the vaccine meant to protect you against the seasonal influenza virus and serious complications related to influenza infection, can lower your risk of heart attack and stroke.

A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2018 found that the inflammation that occurs during a case of the flu can trigger a heart attack. More recent evidence suggests that the widespread inflammation can rupture the buildup of cholesterol in the vessel walls, which can cause the formation of a blood clot, leading to heart attack or stroke. These studies showed that even a mild flu translated to a doubled risk of heart attack and stroke in the two weeks following diagnosis, and

a quadruple risk in those patients already diagnosed with heart disease.

All of this evidence points clearly to the benefits of receiving the annual flu shot, especially for those who suffer from heart disease and other cardiovascular conditions, like high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

The Richland County Health Department will be holding its annual drive-thru mass flu shot clinic at the Richland County Fire Hall in Sidney on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Drive-Thru Clinic will serve adults only, and offers both regular and high-dose flu shots. No other shots will be given during the clinic. No COVID-19 vaccine will be given. No appointment is needed. Flu shots cannot be given to those who have animals in their vehicles. Children may be in the ve-

hicle, but may not receive flu shots. Private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid will be billed for those who bring their insurance cards. Follow traffic signs to enter the Fire Hall from the North side.

Flu shots are available for those 6 months and older at the Richland County Health Department during normal clinic hours by appointment, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Additional clinic hours are the second Wednesday until 6 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. by appointment. Check the Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment for changes to regular clinic hours. For further information or to inquire about group billing, contact the Richland County Health Department at 406-433-2207.

Fort Buford Military Collectors Show, Sept. 21-22 Williston

The Fort Buford 6th Infantry will host its 7th annual Military Collectors Show Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22 in the multi-purpose building at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, Williston. The show is a fundraiser for the Fort Buford 6th Infantry which is a living history group portraying the Fort Buford soldiers in the 1870s. This fundraiser will help them continue to provide valuable insights into the history of Fort Buford and the area through events including the Living History Encampment held each July.

The Military Collectors Show draws about 20 collectors and vendors each year with most of the merchandise from WWI through the Vietnam War. All eras are welcome however. Military

gear of all kinds, including firearms, badges, ribbons and much more are available to browse through and purchase. A special display this year will be the emplacements of American and German machine guns. Admission is only \$5

per person with free admission for children, six and under. Hours for the show are Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Set-up is Friday from noon-9 p.m. Contact Ben Gjørven at 701-770-8143 for more information.

OBITUARIES

Karen Faye Wurgler, 73

Watford City, ND

Karen Faye Wurgler, 73, unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday Sept. 11, 2024 at her home in Watford City, ND. Celebration of Life Services will be Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church, Watford City, ND, with Pastor John Brady officiating

Light refreshments will be served after the service for a time of fellowship. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Richland County Solid Waste District will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, September 26th, 2024 at 3:00PM at the Richland County Public Works Office located at 2140 W Holly, Sidney, MT 59270.
The meeting agenda is published below. Contact the Richland County Public Works Director by email at joshua.johnson@richland.org or call 406.433.2106 to obtain further

information. If you wish to submit written comments to the Board, please do so by 5:00 pm on September 23, 2024 to the Public Works Director. Richland County Solid Waste District Board Meeting Agenda DATE: SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2024 @ 3:00 PM LOCATION: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE 2140 WEST HOLLY, SIDNEY, MT 59270
1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:00 pm
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7. Adjournment

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CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES
The following is the complete text of Constitutional Initiatives No. 126, No. 127, and No. 128, which will be submitted to the voters of the state of Montana at the November 5, 2024, General Election. The text is being published per the requirement of 13-27-311, Montana Code Annotated. **THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 126 (CI-126)**
BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
NEW SECTION. Section 1. Article IV of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 9 that reads:
Section 9. Top-four primary election for certain offices. (1) As used in this section, the term "covered office" means the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States senator, and other offices as provided by law.
(2) The election for a covered office must consist of a primary election followed by a general election in which each of the four candidates for a covered office

who receive the most votes in the primary election, and only those candidates, shall appear on the general election ballot. (3) In an election for a covered office, the following conditions apply:
(a) All candidates, regardless of political party preference, affiliation, nomination or lack of political party preference, affiliation, or nomination shall appear on the same primary election ballot separated by office.
(b) Qualified electors, regardless of political party preference or affiliation or a lack thereof, may participate in the primary election for each covered office for which they are eligible to vote.
(c) Each qualified elector may vote for no more than one candidate for each office in the primary election.
(d) If it cannot be determined which four candidates received the most votes in the primary election because two or more candidates are tied, the tie shall be broken as provided by law.
(e) If four or fewer candidates for a covered office qualify for the primary election ballot, a primary election is not required and all candidates shall appear on the general election ballot.
(f) A space for write-in candidates may appear on the primary election ballot as provided by law.
(g) A candidate may not be required to obtain the endorsement or nomination of any political party or organization in order to qualify for the primary election ballot.
(h) If the legislature requires candidates to obtain signatures to qualify for the primary election ballot, the number of signatures required may not exceed 5% of the total votes cast for the candidate elected for the same office in the last general election for that office.
(i) A candidate may choose to have displayed next to the candidate's name on the ballot the candidate's preference for a political party or that the candidate prefers no political party. The format options must be as follows: "Party Preference" or "No Party Preference."
(j) The ballot may not indicate that a candidate has been endorsed by or nominated by any political party.
(k) Each ballot must include a clear and conspicuous statement informing voters that a candidate's indicated political party preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political party or that the political party approves of or associates with the candidate.
(4) This section may not be construed to amend, repeal, or modify Article VI, section 2 of the Montana constitution.
(5) This section does not apply to special elections for covered offices.
NEW SECTION. Section 2. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid

part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.
NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2025.
NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies to elections for covered offices as defined in [section 1] held on or after January 1, 2025.
THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 127 (CI-127)
BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
Section 1. Article IV, section 5 of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:
Section 5. Result of elections. (1) As used in this section, the term "covered office" means the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States senator, and other offices as provided by law.
(2) In all elections held by the people for an office other than a covered office, the person or persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.
(3) In all elections held by the people for a covered office, the person receiving a majority of votes as determined as provided by law shall be declared elected. If it cannot be determined which person received a majority of votes because two or more persons are tied, the elected person shall be determined as provided by law.
NEW SECTION. Section 2. Severability. If part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.
NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2025.
NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2025.
THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 128 (CI-128)
Article II of The Constitution of The State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 36 that reads:
Section 36. Right to make decisions about pregnancy. (1) There is a right to make and carry out decisions about one's own pregnancy, including the right to abortion. This right shall not be denied or burdened unless justified by a compelling government interest achieved by the least restrictive means.
(2) The government may regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability provided that in no circumstance shall the government deny or burden access to an abortion that, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient.
(3) The government shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against a person based on the person's actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy

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outcomes. The government shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against a person for aiding or assisting another person in exercising their right to make and carry out decisions about their pregnancy with their voluntary consent.
(4) For the purposes of this section:
(a) A government interest is "compelling" only if it clearly and convincingly addresses a medically acknowledged, bona fide health risk to a pregnant patient and does not infringe on the patient's autonomous decision making.
(b) "Fetal viability" means the point in pregnancy when, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

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CALL FOR BIDS – GRAVEL CRUSHING – 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on **Monday, the thirtieth (30th) day of September at 11:00 a.m.**, in their office at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the crushing of gravel in various gravel pits within the county. Specifications may be obtained by contacting Interstate Engineering in Sidney at 406-433-5617 or by emailing ryan.kopp@interstateeng.com. No bids shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of no less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing the complete bid specification and marked "GRAVEL CRUSHING - 2025". This material procurement solicitation is intended to be offered in accordance with Section 18-4-303 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 2.5.602 and any such statute, rule or regulation relating to non-discrimination. It is the vendor's obligation to comply with these requirements. Late delivery due to mailing services will not be accepted; or electronic submittals. Accordingly, the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and further to waive defects or irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County. Dated at Sidney, Montana this 9th day of September, 2024
Duane Mitchell, Chairman, Richland County Commissioners.

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(Publish September 11, 18, and 25, 2024)

NOTICE
Notice is Hereby Given the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana will on Monday the 23rd day of September, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Chambers in the Richland County Courthouse, 201 West Main, Sidney, MT, meet for the purpose of approving the budget

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and making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The proposed budget has been placed on file and is open to inspection in the office of the Richland County Clerk & Recorder. Any taxpayer or resident may appear at the meeting for or against any part of the proposed budget. Contact Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main, Sidney, Montana 59270; or call 406-433-1708; or by email at sverhasselt@richland.org to obtain further information or to request an accommodation for a disability. Dated this 6th day of September 2024.

Stephanie Verhasselt
Clerk & Recorder
Richland County, Montana

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
E.Y.C., a Minor Child,
by
JASMIN and WILLIE TOLER, Petitioners.
Cause No. DA-42-2024-1
Judge Katherine M. Bidegaray
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND TO TERMINATE ANY BIOLOGICAL FATHER'S PARENTAL RIGHTS:
TO: Robert Alvin Carr:
Please take notice that at 9:00 a.m., October 2, 2024, in the Richland County District Court courtroom, Richland County Law and Justice Center, 300 12th Avenue NW, Sidney, Montana, 59270, the Petitioner's attorney is Daniel Eakin, whose mailing address is 609 S. Central Avenue, Suite 16, Sidney, Montana 59270; and whose phone number is 406-694-3174. Failure to respond to this notice or appear at the hearing will constitute a waiver of your interest in the minor child and result in the Court's termination of your parental rights to the child and the granting of the Petition for adoption. Responses to this notice may be filed with the Richland County Clerk of District Court's office.
Dated: September 2, 2024
Daniel Eakin

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OPEN POSITION NOTICE
The following board has an open position. If interested in serving please send a letter to the County Commissioners to be considered for appointment. All letters can be dropped off at the Clerk & Recorder's office or mailed to 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT 59270.
1-Airport County position

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LEGALS
RICHLAND COUNTY
ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION
STRATEGY &
COMPREHENSIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 This project will hire an experienced consultant (s) through a competitive bid process to prepare two planning documents that will assist Richland Economic Development Corp (REDC) in developing an Economic Diversification Strategy and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in efforts of diversifying and stabilizing the economy of Richland County and the surrounding area that has been dependent on coal mining, power generation, and Ag processing.
 Deadline for all submissions is Monday, September 30 at 5:00 PM.
 Please see www.richlandeconomicdevelopment.com for the full proposal details.

TESTAMENT OF HENRY ELM, Deceased. Probate No. DP-42-1949-0001547
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS CO-TRUSTEE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HANNA JEPSEN, Petitioner, has filed herein his Petition for Appointment as Co-Trustee of the Trust under the Last Will and Testament of Henry Elm, deceased, which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of the above Court. A hearing on the Petition will be held and conducted in the Courtroom of the above-entitled Court, located at the Law and Justice Center, 300 12th Avenue NW, Sidney, Richland County, Montana, on **Wednesday, the 16th of October, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**
 The Court is asked to settle and approve the Petition. Any objections or exceptions thereto must be filed with the Clerk of said Court on or before the date of hearing. DATED this 26th day of August, 2024.
 By Janice Klempel
 Clerk of District Court

Lewis N. Stoddard, Bar No. 60723896
 Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
 300 W. Main Street, Suite 150
 Boise, ID 83702
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 Facsimile: 801-328-9714
 lewis@hwmlawfirm.com
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 HWM File Number: MT21456
MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT RICHLAND COUNTY
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,
 v.
 Unknown Heirs and Devises of the Estate of Robert F. Litten Jr.; and Unknown Parties in possession of or with an interest in the real property commonly known as: 621 2nd Ave. SE, Sidney, MT, 59270,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Case No.: DV-42-2023-0000044-FO
 Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above-entitled action on July 24, 2024, I am commanded to sell at public auction all of Defendants' rights and interest to the below described property:
 The Southerly one-half of Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 59, Kenoyer's First Addition to Sidney, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Richland County, Montana.
 With a property address of: 621 2nd Ave SE, Sidney, MT 59270
 Notice is hereby given that on September 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. on the front steps of the Richland County Courthouse, 201 W Main St., Sidney, MT 59270 the above-described property will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy Plaintiff's judgment, with interest and costs.
 Date: August 9, 2024.
 Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff of Richland County, State of Montana
 By John K. Dynneson
**** WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ANYONE INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON ANY PROPERTY NOTICED FOR SALE RESEARCH THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY THOROUGHLY PRIOR TO BIDDING****

HWM File Number: MT21399
MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT RICHLAND COUNTY
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,
 v.
 Unknown Heirs and Devises of the Estate of Angela Vaira; and Unknown Parties in possession of or with an interest in the real property commonly known as: 2330 3rd Street Northwest, Sidney, MT, 59270,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 CASE NO.: DV-42-2024-0000009-FO
 Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above-entitled action on August 1, 2024, I am commanded to sell at public auction all of Defendants' rights and interest to the below described property:
 Unit numbered C-2 of the Westwinds Condominium located on the following described premises: Lot 1 Amended of Block 1, according to the Amended Plat of Lot 1, Block 1, and the unplatted area designated in the Final Plat of Hilltop Enterprises Subdivision, (Phase 1), Sidney, Montana, on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Richland County, Montana, filed as Document Number 384618; Together with an undivided .04166 interest in the General Elements are defined, described and established by Amended Declaration for the Westwinds Condominium dates December 28, 1982, and recorded in Book E-178, page 432.
 Deed Reference: A152/867 Indexed as A152/876.
 With a property address of: 2330 3rd Street Northwest, Sidney, MT 59270
 Notice is hereby given that on September 23, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. on the front steps of the Richland County Courthouse, 201 W Main St., Sidney, MT 59270 the above-described property will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy Plaintiff's judgment, with interest and costs.
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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION(S)
 Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the Federal General Election(s) to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, will close at 5:00 p.m., on October 7, 2024.
**NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote in the election by showing up at the county election office before 8:00 pm on Election Day.*
 All active and inactive**electors of Richland County are entitled to vote at said election.
 ** Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.
 Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration form and submitting it to the county election office.
 DATED this 28th day of August 2024.
 Stephanie Verhasselt
 Richland County Election Administrator

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Robert J. Savage
THE SAVAGE LAW FIRM
 116 3rd Ave. SW
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 Telephone: (406) 433-9770
 Fax: (406) 433-9771
 Attorneys for Personal Representative
MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
 PROBATE NO. DP-42-2024-0000069-IT
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARY K. THIEL, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to JOY FOLSTAD, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at The Savage Law Firm, PO Box 1105, Sidney, Montana 59270 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 27th day of August, 2024.
 JOY FOLSTAD
 Personal Representative

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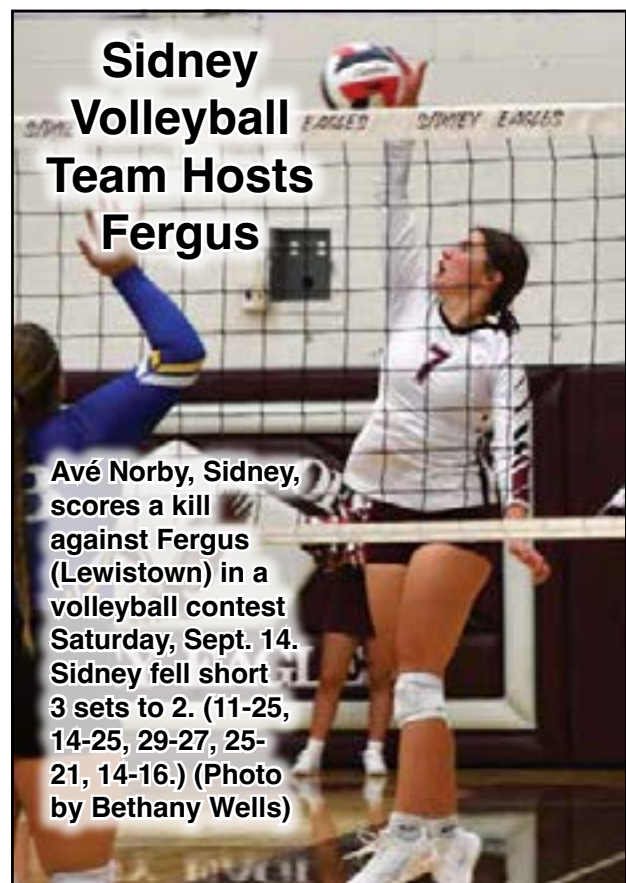
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Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439
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Women's Cards: Wed. & Sat. at 1 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
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Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439
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Lunch Menus!
Sidney School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, grapes, carrots, dinner rolls.
Fri., Sept. 20: No school.
Mon., Sept. 23: Lasagna roll ups, tossed salad, garlic breadsticks, fruit.
Tues., Sept. 14: French toast, sausage links, hash browns, fruit, juice.
Wed., Sept. 25: Hot dogs on buns, potato salad, fruit.
Savage School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Beefaroni, breadsticks, cottage cheese, green beans, fruit.
Fri., Sept. 20: No school.
Mon., Sept. 23: Chicken drumsticks, potato salad, carrots, bread, fruit.
Tues., Sept. 24: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, cooked veggie, bread, fruit.
Wed., Sept. 25: Egg salad/tuna salad sandwiches, macaroni salad, fresh veggies, fruit.
Rau School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Pepperoni or cheese pizza, garden salad, mixed fruit, ice cream.
Fri., Sept. 20: No school.
Mon., Sept. 23: Soft shell tacos, black bean salad, oranges.
Tues., Sept. 24: Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, peaches, dinner rolls.
Wed., Sept. 25: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, grapes.
Froid School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Polish dogs, chips, beans, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Sept. 20: No school.
Mon., Sept. 23: Pork chop Johns, scalloped potatoes, buns, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Sept. 24: Shepherd's pie, buns, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Sept. 25: Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggies, fruit, dessert, salad bar.
Bainville School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Meatball subs, broccoli, bananas, salad bar.
Fri., Sept. 20: Cordon bleu pasta, peas, peaches, salad bar.
Mon., Sept. 23: Chicken drumsticks, baked potatoes, tropical fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Sept. 24: Taco in a bag, oranges, corn, salad bar.
Wed., Sept. 25: Tally Berwick Day! Cheeseburgers, fries, Caesar salad, kiwis, brownies, salad bar.
Richey School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peach cobbler, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Sept. 20: No school.
Mon., Sept. 23: Chicken & waffles, roasted vegetables, kolaches, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Sept. 24: Lasagna, garlic bread, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Sept. 25: Hamburger gravy on rice, mixed vegetables, biscuits, fruit, salad bar.
Culbertson School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Turkey noodle soup, wheat rolls, pears.
Fri., Sept. 20: Cheeseburgers, broccoli, applesauce.
Mon., Sept. 23: Fish, coleslaw, mandarin oranges.
Tues., Sept. 24: Hot hamburger with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans.
Wed., Sept. 25: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, breadsticks.
Lambert School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, fruit.
Fri., Sept. 20: BLT or chicken wraps, chips, fruit.
Mon., Sept. 23: Beef stroganoff, pasta, corn, fruit.
Tues., Sept. 24: Enchiladas, fresh veggies, fruit.
Wed., Sept. 25: Chicken parmesan, pasta, green beans, fruit.
Fairview School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Homemade pizza: pepperoni/cheese (K-5); specialty pizzas (6-12), fresh veggie, fresh fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Fri., Sept. 20: Picnic style lunch in cafeteria K-5; 6-12 Grab & Go Sack Lunch.
Mon., Sept. 23: Hot ham & cheese, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Tues., Sept. 24: Tacos, refried beans, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Wed., Sept. 25: Burgers, fries, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
East Fairview School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Chili, cinnamon rolls.
Fri., Sept. 20: Subs, chips.
Mon., Sept. 23: Cheesy chicken noodle casserole.
Tues., Sept. 24: PB & J, chicken noodle soup.
Wed., Sept. 25: Orange chicken & rice.
Alexander School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
Fri., Sept. 20: No school.
Mon., Sept. 23: Street tacos or burrito bowls, cilantro-lime rice, fruit & vegetable bar.
Tues., Sept. 24: Build your own burgers, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
Wed., Sept. 25: Cavatini, corn, garlic toast, fruit & vegetable bar.
Watford City School
Thurs., Sept. 19: Pepperoni pizza or beef & bean burritos, seasoned potato rounds, veggie, salad bar, fruit, cheddar cheese sauce.
Fri., Sept. 20: Quesadillas or Smuckers uncrustables, refried beans, veggie, salad bar, fruit, Spanish rice.
Mon., Sept. 23: Crisпитos or corn dogs, veggie, salad bar, fruit, cheddar cheese sauce, fritos, chips.
Tues., Sept. 24: Bone in chicken wings or deli roll up pin wheels, tater tots, veggie, salad bar, fruit, breadsticks.
Wed., Sept. 25: Tacos in a bag or ham & cheese on buns, pico, veggie, salad bar, fruit, Spanish rice.

Freelance Writing Opportunities For Community Newspaper

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Sidney Volleyball Team Hosts Fergus



Avé Norby, Sidney, scores a kill against Fergus (Lewistown) in a volleyball contest Saturday, Sept. 14. Sidney fell short 3 sets to 2. (11-25, 14-25, 29-27, 25-21, 14-16.) (Photo by Bethany Wells)

Sidney Eagle Golf Team Hosts Dual & Tournament

By Robin Heck
The Sidney Eagle varsity golf team hosted the top ranked team in the state, the Laurel Locomotives, for a dual on Thursday, Sept. 12. Due to lightning, thunder, rain, and winds the players were called off the course twice, and therefore play was suspended for the day. Only two Sidney players were able to finish all 18 holes. Brady Collins came in first place for the Eagles golfing a 76 and Tanner Tiesen came in second golfing an 88. With nine-hole scores only, due to weather, Caleb Price and Jared Anderson both shot a 42, Blake Johnson shot a 45, and Beckett Norby shot a 47. The Laurel Locomotives did not field a girls' team so the Lady Eagles played stroke play instead of match play. The girls were also called off the course due

to weather, so their scores were nine holes only. Izzy Baisch shot a 48, Zayda Wesley shot a 50, Mercedes Lamb shot a 51, McKenna Tiesen shot a 56, and Danica Denowh shot a 62. Total points for the dual were Sidney 5.5 and Laurel 12.5. Laurel won the match play. On the very windy day of Friday, Sept. 13, the Eagle golf team hosted the Sidney Invitational at the Sidney Country Club. The boys' varsity team placed third overall. They were led by Brady Collins, who tied for second place shooting a 78. Kalen Price tied for sixth shooting an 82, Tanner Tiesen shot an 87, Jared Anderson shot an 89, and Blake Johnson shot a 100. For the boys' JV team Matt Savage and Dresden Wesley shot an 89, Connor Price shot a 92, Beckett Norby shot a 101,




Kalen Price hits his chip on hole 8 on Friday, September 13th at the Sidney Invitational. (Photo by Ben Berg)

Rylan Johnson shot a 105, Grayson Morrill shot a 112, Jade Stefen shot a 116, and Eli Lonski shot a 138. The girls' varsity team took third place overall led by Izzy Baisch, who placed fourth overall shooting a 96. Mercedes Lamb placed seventh overall shooting a 98, Zeta Wesley shot a 125, and Danica Denowh shot a 132. For the girls' junior varsity team, Mylie Josephson and Peyton Bauer each shot a 138, Cambree Denowh and Brynn Halvorson shot a 140. The regular golf season wraps up with tournaments in Billings on Thursday, Sept. 19 and Laurel on Friday, Sept. 20.

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SHS Cross County Teams Travel To Beulah Sept. 13

By Robyn Heck
The Sidney Eagle cross-country team traveled to Beulah, ND, for the Beulah-Hazel Invitational meet on Friday, Sept. 13. Congratulations to Carter Heggum who placed first in the competition for the varsity boys, and to Ryleigh Kleinke who placed second for the varsity girls. Dyson Romo also placed 10th in the varsity boys and Morgan Kindopp placed 12th in the varsity girls. In the middle school competition, Camryn Frank placed 2nd and Kenzie Koch placed 3rd. Complete results were:

Boys' varsity team - 3rd place

1. Carter Heggum 17:16.06
10. Dyson Romo 18:43.50
30. Rhys Larson 20:14.18
37. Isaak Lassey 20:39.03
41. Jonathan Delgado 20:55.97

45. Josh Pollari 20:57.88
65. Dayton Brower 23:24.84

Girls' varsity team - 2nd place

2. Ryleigh Kleinke 20:35.94
12. Morgan Kindopp 22:42.91
29. Mariah Baisch 27:20.28
31. Polina Sandratska 28:13.53
32. Ivy Cross 28:21.03
28. Levin Dunn 14:44.47
38. Garrick Halvorson 15:33.47
43. Garrett Partin 15:43.22
52. Payton Miner 17:06.06
53. Case Bradford 17:17.62
57. Ziggy Bailey 18:11.91

Girls' junior varsity & middle school teams - 1st place

2. Camryn Franck 13:25.50
3. Kenzie Koch 13:32.09
12. Maysen Petersen 14:52.97
13. Rowan O'Brien 14:53.88
25. Zoey Buske 16:01.44

29. Harper Danielsen 16:24.59
31. Kailee Nunn 16:37.47
33. Elle Buske 16:45.15
34. Ally Dignan 16:45.53
37. Ella Laqua 16:52.50



Four Sidney Eagles placed in the top 15 at the cross-country meet in Beulah, ND, on Friday, Sept. 13: Carter Heggum, Dyson Romo, Ryleigh Kleinke, and Morgan Kindopp. (Photo by Stacey Collins)

Sidney Resident Joins Wave Of Cancer Advocates In DC

Advocates Ask For Increased Cancer Research Funding and a Pathway to Improved Access to Cancer Early Detection

Submitted by Shawn O'Neal
SIDNEY, MT -- Annika Bennion, Sidney, along with nearly 750 cancer patients, survivors, and advocates from across the country, will unite in Washington,

D.C., for the annual American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Leadership Summit and Lobby Day. ACS CAN volunteers will urge lawmakers to take certain steps to end a disease that still kills roughly

1,676 people a day in the United States. Bennion, who lost her uncle to cancer, will discuss federal funding of cancer research for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and prevention programs. She will also ask lawmakers to support legislation for Medicare coverage of new multi-cancer early detection tests, once they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). "Over 30% of people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime," Bennion said. "Our goal is to make cancer research and prevention a top priority for lawmakers." After meeting with their representatives, volunteers will gather at the Constitution Gardens in Washington, D.C., to honor cancer survivors and remember those lost during the annual Lights of Hope ceremony. Illuminated bags, decorated with the names of those affected by cancer, will be displayed as a powerful message of hope.

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11:30am ...Music By The Lingenfelters & Food Serving Begins
12:30pmOld Time School
1pmSawmill & Shingle Mill
1:45pmThreshing Show
2:15Bailing & Coin Scramble
3pmOld Fashioned Yard Games
3:30pmPie Eating Contest
4pmCostume Contest Winners & Closing Ceremony

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October 12 Pumpkin House



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September 21

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