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## Out With The Old In With The New

### Alexander's Lewis And Clark Trail Museum Plans To Introduce An Agricultural Education Area To The Museum Grounds



Construction crews work to remove the old Alexander school gym in October. (Photo submitted)

By Anna Dragseth

The Lewis and Clark Trail Museum will be implementing a project, starting this spring. The finished project will give visitors an insight into the type of crops that would have been planted around Alexander when the town was first established.

The idea to start this project was a joint effort between the Williston Research Extension Center staff, the museum board, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service staff.

On the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum grounds, there will be a kiosk containing information on crops that will be planted, which would be durum, spring wheat, barley, oats, canola, peas, lentil, soybean, flax, corn, and sunflower. Natural Resources Conservation Service staff and Cameron Wahlstrom and Meredith Miller (staff at the Williston Research Extension Center) will help plant and harvest the crops.

"The intended purpose is to have demonstration strips that will give museum visitors a visual representation of crops typically grown in North Dakota. There is a large disconnect between people not involved in agriculture and farmers who are currently producing the products we enjoy. The purpose of this project is to show people what their favorite food products look like in the field, and before they are processed," explained Justin Jacobs, an Irrigation Research Specialist at the WREC who is helping plan the project.

Cathy White, the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum Director, said, "Our goal is to encourage visitors to visit the outside of the

museum and look at some of the old farm equipment that will be outside as well. We want to give visitors and people who are new to North Dakota the opportunity to see what type of crops we grow here and to also learn a little bit about them."

White also explained that there would be a cover crop and possibly some trees added to the grassy area outside of the museum. "We were also thinking about possibly putting a bench on the outside area and dedicating it to Alf R. Flaten, who was the Superintendent of the Alexander School in the early days," added White.

The crops will be planted where the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum's Alexander School gymnasium was located. The gymnasium, attached to the original 1914 three-story schoolhouse, was recently taken down due to continuous water issues. These water issues were caused due to the gymnasium being built underground. The gymnasium was built four feet below ground level, the locker rooms were located eight feet below ground level, and the boilers in the boys locker room were placed an additional two feet lower than that, which contributed to all the water damage the building experienced.

Many people who attended community and school events at the gymnasium called the structure a "state of the art building in its day." Even though the building held a lot of sentimental value for many people - everyone is excited to see an agricultural education area put in place of where it used to stand.

THE ROUNDUP'S  
**CHRISTMAS**  
WISH BOOK

Look inside this issue on pages 4 & 10 for featured gift items from local businesses!

## "Giving Trees" Support Boys & Girls Clubs Of the MonDak

It requires a lot of little, and some large, things to keep children active and engaged. Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak is asking the community to provide some of those things this Christmas by bringing items to the Giving Trees located at local financial institutions.

Items needed range from waxed paper and trash bags to a battery powered snow/leaf blower and a vacuum cleaner. Pizza, gas and Visa gift cards are welcome, as well as dodge balls, Jr. golf clubs, swimming toys, modeling clay and ping pong balls. Kleenex, #10 envelopes, tweezers, construction paper, art easels, garden tools, paints, STEM Mechanical Kit, Legos - you get the idea.

For a complete list, stop by a local financial institution and please give generously.

## Change Of Polling Places For Sidney & Fairview In Richland County

The following Sidney precincts have been moved to the Event Center at Richland County Fairgrounds.

Precincts will remain individual precincts.  
Sidney Precincts 1; 2; 3; 4; 8; 9; 22 and 23: Old Polling Place: Assembly of God Multipurpose Room; New Polling Place: Event Center at Fairgrounds

Fairview precinct will move to the new Senior Center in Fairview.

Precinct 12: Old Polling Place: St. Catherine's Church; New Polling Place: Fairview Senior Center

The following precincts will have no changes and will vote at their regular polling places:

- Precinct 5: Savage Senior Center
- Precinct 7: Lambert Senior Center
- Precinct 17: Girard Hall
- Precinct 19: Elmdale Hall

The courthouse is the polling place for absentee voting and late registration. Remember, if you are not a registered voter, you can come to the courthouse and register and vote on Election Day.

We will print reminder notices to put on all of the old polling place in case voters go to their old polling place on Election Day.

We would like to thank the voters of Richland County for all of their cooperation and patience. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Verhasselt, Election Administrator, at 433-1708 or sverhasselt@richland.org.

## Sidney Wrestlers Win Home Tourney

The SHS wrestling team came out on top in both the dual team and individual Eagle Invitational Tournament on Dec. 6 & 7 in Sidney. Individual champions were Dylan Lutz at 160#, Riley Waters at 182# and Jett Jones at 205#. For more photos go to roundupweb.com.



**Sidney Eagle Wrestling Invitational 2019 Results**  
103: Owen Lonski, 3rd Place  
113: Zander Dean, 3rd Place  
120: Kaiden Cline, 2nd Place  
126: Jordan Darby, 4th Place  
132: Everett Jensen, 4th Place  
138: Kolton Reid, 6th Place

145: Aden Graves, 4th Place  
152: Kade Graves, 3rd Place  
160: Dylan Lutz, 1st Place  
182: Riley Waters, 1st Place  
205: Jett Jones, 1st Place  
HWT: Brodey Skogen, 5th Place

### Team Scores Top 5

1. Sidney, MT: 253.0
2. Bozeman, MT: 196.0
3. Rapid City, SD: 152.5
4. Columbia High, ID: 149.0
5. Post Falls, ID: 134.0

### Duals Pool A

- Champions: Sidney, MT  
Second: Post Falls, ID  
Third: Billings SR, MT  
Fourth: Bozeman, MT  
Fifth: Rapid City, SD  
Sixth: Columbia High, ID  
Seventh: David City, NE  
Eighth: Dickinson, ND

### Pool B

Champions: Lake Stevens,

- WA  
Second: Minot, ND  
Third: Billings West, MT  
Fourth: Glasgow, MT  
Fifth: Billings Skyview, MT  
Sixth: Bowman, ND  
Seventh: Williston, ND  
Eighth: Colstrip, MT

### Pool C

- Champions: Glendive, MT  
Second: Miles City, MT  
Third: Hardin, MT  
Fourth: Poplar, MT  
Fifth: Sidney JV, MT  
Sixth: Williston JV, ND  
Seventh: Baker, MT  
Eighth: Dickinson JV, ND

## Lambert School Scoreboard Donation



Stockman Bank and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Sidney recently split the cost to purchase and provide Lambert High School with brand new scoreboards for their gymnasium. Pictured above are (L to R): Jeff Carda, Lambert School Board Chair; Brent Carda, Lambert School Board Member; Gary Kalleiv, Stockman Bank President; Lacey Mullin, Lambert School Board Vice Chair; and Lonnie Swigart, Blue Rock Companies General Sales Manager. (Photo submitted)

## Christmas Cash



Christmas Cash giveaway from the Chamber event went very well. Four winners of \$250 (all but one was present at Reynolds), two winners of the \$500 (one was present at Reynolds) and the \$1,000 winner was also present. Tonya Holthus was the \$1,000 winner in this year's Christmas Cash promotion sponsored by ONEOK. She received her winning ticket when she purchased a new bedroom set at Johnson Hardware and Furniture on Friday, Nov. 29. Pictured is Chamber member Marci Sondeno (right) and Tonya Holthus \$1,000 winner. (Photo submitted)

## Santa Run



The Santa Run took place Saturday, December 7 for the Gifts from the Heart Christmas Coalition. There were 54 runners/walkers and they raised \$1270 for Gifts from the Heart. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time.

# OBITUARIES

## Betty L. Wilson, 84 Sidney, MT



Betty L. Wilson

Funeral services for Betty L. Wilson, 84, of Sidney were held on Wednesday, December 4 at 10 a.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT with Pastor Tony SiFuentes officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, December 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a public family service that started at 4 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Betty Lou Goldsmith Wilson was born February 2, 1935 on Ground Hog's Day to Everett and Ruth (Clark) Goldsmith at home southeast of Fairview, Montana. She only weighed 4-1/2 pounds at birth, and slept in a dresser drawer.

Betty went to grade school in Ridgeland and Crane, and then graduated from Sidney in 1953. After graduation Betty worked at the Co-op Café, babysat for her sister, and then worked at the Snowflake Bakery.

On December 27, 1967 she married LaVern Wilson, and became a housewife on the farm they shared west of Crane. In 1982 they moved to Clarksville, TN, and lived there

awhile. They moved back to Montana and went to work at the Waters Ranch in Richey, MT. Because of health problems, she moved back to Fairview, Montana. In 2006 Betty moved to Crestwood and lived there for 10 years, and then due to declining health she moved to Extended Care in 2016.

Betty loved to play Bingo, crochet, color, draw, do word puzzles, cook, bake, do crafts, and attend class reunion lunches once a month. She will be greatly missed by many.

Betty passed away Friday evening, November 29 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Betty is survived by her children; JoEllen (Perry) Bartles of Sidney, Jim (Connie Kilen) Goldsmith of Dickinson, ND, and Jon (Nora) Wilson of Sidney, her grandchildren Samantha of Billings, Baylee of Fairview & Johna Goldsmith of Hardin, Eric, Kyle & Ashley Wilson, and Josh (Amanda) Bartles all of Sidney, her great-grandchildren Aiden Anderson of Fairview, Malachi Goldsmith and Bo BigHair JR of Hardin, Faith, Hope & Paisley Bartles all of Sidney, her brother John Goldsmith of Great Falls, and sister-in-law Arlene (John) McCordy of Clarksville, TN.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Ruth & Everett Goldsmith, her husband, LaVern Wilson, her sister Jean (Pete) Pfau, her brother, Dick (Mary) Goldsmith, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and other family.

## George Swenson, 91 Sidney, MT



George Swenson

Visitation for George Swenson, 91, of Sidney, MT was held Thursday, December 5 from 2-4 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel. A memorial service is planned for a later date in the spring. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney is caring for the family. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

George passed away early Monday morning, December 2 surrounded by family at Extended Care in Sidney, MT. He and Doris had been married 72 years.

George, the second child of Oscar and Iva (Sando) Swenson, was born on February 22, 1928 in Audubon, MN. The Swenson family moved to Sidney, MT in the summer of 1935.

George began his tenure in the Sidney area as he entered the second grade at Sidney Public Schools. He signed up for his social security card in 1937 when he started setting pins at the Sidney Bowling Center at the age of nine. His recollection of one of his first business ventures was borrowing \$25 from the Richland County Cooperators Credit Union at a young age to buy a used bicycle with a 25 cents per week repayment schedule, which was paid off by pedaling a Billings Gazette paper route. George graduated high school in 1946 and enrolled in the School of Engineering at Montana State University that fall. He returned to Sidney and married Doris Obergfell on September 20, 1947.

George started at Holly Sugar in 1947 where he spent most of his years in the accounting department. While at Holly he completed a home study course in accounting through LaSalle University. In 1962, George became the business manager for the Eastern Montana Clinic and the local representative for Blue Shield of Montana. During this time period he played second base for the Sidney baseball team in the summertime, and officiated basketball throughout the area in the wintertime. In 1965, he and his brother Oscar "Doc" started Swenson's Marine, a boat, sport and travel business. George bought an interest in the operating part of Richland Machinery Company in 1969, and started Action Auto Inc., a retail Chrysler, New Holland, and Versatile dealership that he operated until 1985. He continued as the local representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana until his retirement in 2004 at age 76.

George always enjoyed building, whether for himself or his community. Over the years he remodeled, added onto and built several homes and investment properties in the Sidney area. He was on the city council when the new city hall was built, and the new sewer main line was rerouted and installed. He was a member of the building committee when the new People's Congregational Church was built, and on the board of directors during the building of Crestwood Inn. George enjoyed being a part of his community and belonged to numerous service organizations including Richland Economic Development, SHC Clinic Board, Kiwanis, Masons, Shriners, Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge and Toastmasters. He was always willing to lend a hand.

He is survived by his wife Doris, Sidney, MT, daughters Jeri (Rick) Stone, Sidney, MT, Blinda (Erik) Larsen, Sidney, MT, grandsons Mike (Shannon) Stone, Highlands Ranch, CO, Chris Stone, Mendota Heights, MN, Bruce (Heather) Larsen, Houston, TX, Pete (Melissa) Larsen, Katy, TX, great-grandchildren Connor, Alex, Ashlyn, and Jaclyn Stone, Nate, Zach, Sidney, Jenna, and Taylor Larsen, sister Joan Kringen, St Cloud MN, sisters-in-law Joann Swenson, Kalispell, MT, Nancy Obergfell, Sidney, MT, Peggy Zadow, Sidney, MT, brother-in-law Roy Zadow, Sidney, MT and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Iva Swenson, his brothers Marvin and Oscar "Doc" Swenson, sisters-in-law Agnes Yoakam, Dorothy Swenson and Shirley Obergfell, brothers-in-law George Yoakam, Truman Kringen, Gussie and Jerry Obergfell, and Doris' parents John and Beulah Obergfell.

A special thank you to the staff of Angel Avenue for their loving care and support given George and his family. Memorials may be given to Angel Avenue at Extended Care, Richland County Food Bank, or People's Congregational Church UCC.

## Kim Rehbein, 63 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Kim Rehbein, 63, of Sidney were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 10 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Sidney with Pastor David Huskamp officiating.

Interment was in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Visitation was held on Monday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Kim passed away on Thursday, November 28 at University of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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## RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

**Thurs., Dec. 12**

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - **3rd Annual MonDak Ag Research Summit** - Scientists from NDSU, MSU and ARS research facilities in Williston, ND and Sidney, MT along with keynote speakers. Free event, lunch served. Preregister at <https://tinyurl.com/2019agsummit>. For more information contact Beth Redlin, 406-433-9427 or [beth\\_redlin@usda.gov](mailto:beth_redlin@usda.gov). Richland County Event Center, Sidney.

11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Christmas Lunch** - Rod Iron. RSVP by Dec. 11, call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.

4:30-6:30 p.m. - **Classroom Supply Holiday Donation Drive** - Join Sidney Young Professionals for a social at The Depot in Sidney and to drop off donations for classrooms that area teachers would normally pay for out of pocket. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/events/sidney-young-professionals/school-supply-drive/467560047202887/](http://www.facebook.com/events/sidney-young-professionals/school-supply-drive/467560047202887/)

**Fridays, Dec. 13, 20 & 27 & Saturdays, Dec. 14, 21, 28:** 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m., **Sundays, Dec. 15, 22, 29:** 1-2:30 p.m.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak's Escape Rooms** - Room 1: Stranger Things; Room 2: Polar Express. \$20 per person, 6 people to a room, group rate: 6 for \$110. Reservations and pre-payment required, call 406-433-6763, 406-480-5719, stop by the office, 201 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney or visit [richlandbgc.org](http://richlandbgc.org). Escape rooms located at LYREC Lower Yard, 2900 W. Holly Street.

**Fri., Dec. 13** 12-6 p.m. - **Gifts From The Heart Donation Drop Off Time** - Masonic Lodge, West Main Street, Sidney, MT. For more information about donations or volunteering call Jakkie Waller, 406-480-9117.

**Sat., Dec. 14** 7 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Gifts From The Heart Shopping Day** - No children allowed. To be a recipient you must live in Richland County and the child ages 0-18 must reside in your home. Masonic Lodge, West Main Street, Sidney, MT. For more information call Jakkie Waller, 406-480-9117.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Pet Photos With Santa** - Bring your dog or cat to have a picture taken with Santa, Tractor Supply Company, 302 E Holly St., Sidney. \$10 per printed picture. Proceeds benefit The Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Family Freedom Festival with Santa at VFW Post #4099** - Members and non-members welcome. Games, cookie decorating, visit with a soldier, learn about the VFW Post and what's available to Veterans of Foreign Wars. Have your picture taken with Santa and decorate cookies with Mrs. Santa. Soup and sandwich luncheon.

**Sun., Dec. 15** 11:30-2 p.m. - **Annual Elks Christmas Dinner** - Free will donation Christmas dinner. Santa from 12-1 p.m. Sidney Elks Lodge 1782, 123 3rd St. SW, Sidney.

1:30-3 p.m. - **MonDak Christmas** - Celebrating Danish heritage at the MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney, MT. Bake sale, photos with Santa, make and take art projects, entertainment, check out the gift shop for last minute gifts. 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney, MT, 406-433-3500, [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org).

**Mon., Dec. 16** 6:30 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.

**Thurs., Dec. 19** 8-9 a.m. - **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting** - The meeting is open to the public. Sidney Chamber Office, 909 S. Central Ave.

**Wed., Dec. 25** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Sidney Knights of Columbus Annual Community Christmas Dinner** - Free will offering. St. Matthew's Parish Ned Shinnick Hall, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, MT. Everyone invited, volunteers welcome. Call 433-2510 for delivery.

## McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

**Wed., Dec. 11 - Jan. 6** **Candy Cane Lane Light Park Fundraiser for Make-A-Wish ND** - Open to the public through Jan. 6 to drive through and view at McKenzie County Fairgrounds.

**Wed., Dec. 11** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Art and Play by Long X Arts Foundation** - Make art while your kids play on the playground. Preregistration not necessary but helpful. Drop-ins welcome. \$5 recommended donation to Long X Arts Foundation. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. For more information contact Jessie, 701-770-8659 or [longxart@gmail.com](mailto:longxart@gmail.com).

**Thurs., Dec. 12** 6:30-9:30 p.m. - **Door 204 Open Mic Night** - Calling all poets, storytellers, musicians and players! Have something to say, sing read or play? Sign up at Door 204 for a slot or call 701-842-6441. Door 204, 204 N. Main St., Watford City. Hosted by Long X Arts Foundation.

**Sat., Dec. 14** 2-4 p.m. - **Winter Snow Garden Workshop** - Kids, come and create a mini winter wonderland snow garden! \$30 per garden, everything will be provided. Rough Rider Center, Watford City. For more information contact Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email [longxart@gmail.com](mailto:longxart@gmail.com).

**Sun., Dec. 15** 4-6 p.m. - **Pictures With Santa & Mrs. Claus at Alexander City Park Gazebo** - Hot cocoa, cider and cookies will be available under the covered patio and photos in the gazebo. The FTC Robotics Team will be accepting donations at the event to help defray cost and raise money for expenses.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

**Wed., Dec. 11 - Tues., Dec. 31** 5:30-9:30 p.m. - **Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - Enjoy thousands of holiday lights in over 60 displays nightly, \$5 per car, Williston.

**Fri., Dec. 13** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Confluence Sewing & Quilting** - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch. This event continues on Dec. 14. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

6:30 p.m. - **An Acoustic Christmas** - Featuring talented performers from The Williston Eleven Lounge's "Acoustic Friday Night" to help raise money for The James Memorial Art Center. Tickets \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Silent auction at 6:30 p.m., performance at 7 p.m. Refreshments served at intermission. For more information call 701-774-3601, visit [www.thejamesmemorial.org](http://www.thejamesmemorial.org) or email [jmps@nemont.net](mailto:jmps@nemont.net).

**Sun., Dec. 15** 1-5 p.m. - **Christmas at the Confluence** - Featuring the Sunrise Brass Band, Jim and Cheryl Lingenfelter, and more. Santa at 3 p.m. Visitors can create their own craft projects with the provided materials, and refreshments will be served. Free will donation. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

**Wed., Dec. 18** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Changing Dirt Into Soil: Soil Health Workshop** - Williston NDSU Research Extension Center, 14120 Hwy 2, Williston, ND. Topics: Manage for Soil Carbon; Loyal to the Soil; Web Soil Survey and Soil Health Investment and Intercropping Research Update. Lunch provided. Call Williams County SCD office by Dec. 16 to RSVP, 701-572-6729 Ext. 3.

**Thurs., Dec. 19** 7 p.m. - **Confluence History Book Club** - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "The Lost Treasures of Montana: Missouri Country" by Peter Netzler. Free refreshments. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

## DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

**Tues., Dec. 17** 7 p.m. - **Suzie Claus Story-Time** - Come join us for an evening of entertainment and Christmas magic. Christmas stories, milk and cookies and pajamas are welcome. Glendive Public Library, Glendive, MT.

**Wed., Dec. 18** 12-1 p.m. - **Lunch 'n' Learn "Sounds of the Season"** - Join the Red Top Singers as they sing in the season with four-part acapella harmony. Tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch. Glendive Public Library Community Room. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr>.

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- Jim and Rhonda Hunter

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**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**  
Sakakawea

Current Elevation	1839.1
Last Week's Elev.	1839.1
One Year Ago	1840.2
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	24,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
December 2	47	19	0.00
December 3	45	27	0.00
December 4	51	24	0.00
December 5	35	16	0.00
December 6	39	17	0.00
December 7	42	23	0.00
December 8	39	-6	0.15
Total YTD Precipitation			21.575

# OBITUARIES

## Manuel Maldonado, 67 Sidney, MT

Arrangements for Manuel Maldonado, 67, are pending under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Manuel passed away December 4 at his home in Sidney, MT.

## Marlene Kordonowy, 82 Sidney, MT

A private family service for Marlene Kordonowy, 82 of Sidney was held Tuesday, December 10 at 2 p.m., under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Marlene Kordonowy

Marlene J. (Gross) Kordonowy was born on March 9, 1937 in Glendive, MT to Michael and Cecile (Copper) Gross. She grew up and attended school in Glendive, graduating from Dawson County High School. On January 17, 1956, she was united in marriage to Raymond William D. Kordonowy at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Following their marriage they made their home in Sidney, MT, where they started their family and raised five children, Terry (Chuck) McLeod, Donita Kordonowy, LouAnna (Mike) Schaefer, Trena Rowe and Ray (Jodi) Kordonowy. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Marlene enjoyed ceramics, crocheting, garage sailing, volunteer work and visiting with anyone. She enjoyed children, so playing Santa for the Sidney Chamber of Commerce for a number of years was something she really enjoyed.

She was preceded in death by her parents Michael and Cecile Gross, her sister Mikalene Gross and brother Rodger Gross.

Marlene is survived by her husband of 63 years Raymond W. Kordonowy, her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marlene passed away early Friday morning, December 6 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, Sidney, MT.

## Randall "Randy" Haber, 63 Fairview, MT

Funeral services for Randy Haber, 63, of Fairview were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 6 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Fairview, MT with Father Jim O'Neil officiating. Visitation was Thursday, December 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT, and a prayer service was held Thursday at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Fairview. Interment in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, MT under the care of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Randy Haber

Randall Ray Haber was born April 20, 1956 in Sidney, MT to Don Haber and Barbara Heacock. He attended Sidney High School and graduated in 1974.

On December 30, 1976 he married the love of his life, Stephanie Deming, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Fairview, MT. They made their home in Sidney where Randy worked for Martini Steel, later becoming a Cement Foreman. In a few short years, they moved to Fairview where they enjoyed the next 35 years. Family meant everything to Randy. He cherished his relationship with his wife of 42 years and his daughters, AnnDee and Tori. His daughters meant the world to him and he was never shy about talking about them. He enjoyed being involved in their many activities. This would involve refereeing their many games and offering a little sideline advice, which they took with a smile.

In 1984, Randy started work for Western Welding, later acquired by Praxair. He ended his career as a Territorial Manager which was a job he thoroughly enjoyed until his health kept him from performing the work up to his standards. He treated his co-workers and customers like family, sharing stories and memories over the years they worked together.

In his spare time he would work with Stephanie at Judy's Catering. He enjoyed the socializing but sometimes needed to be reminded he was there to work. He always said he did it for the "food".

Being a grandpa was the best and most rewarding job Randy had. Each of his grandkids knew they were special and how much they meant to him. He enjoyed the phone calls, videos and pictures, along with several trips to Fargo just to visit and see their smiling faces. He wasn't one to stay home for a relaxing weekend, and would much rather be on the go with his "kids".

Randy and Stephanie enjoyed numerous trips with family and friends. Randy was always trying to plan the next one, sometimes before returning home from the last one. If you knew Randy, you were invited to join us. He was a people person. The last trip that Randy and Stephanie took was to the Grand Canyon in October.

Randy passed away peacefully Sunday morning, December 1 at his home in Fairview, MT. He will be missed.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Stephanie; daughters AnnDee (Matt) Erickson, Tori (Clayton) Weisbeck; and grandchildren Adrianna Braun, Katlyn, Brody, Kacey, Payton Erickson and Treyson Weisbeck.

He is preceded in death by baby son Steven, mother Barbara Heacock, brother Rick, and in-laws James and Marjorie Deming.

## Ronald Stover, 71 Lambert, MT

There will be no services for Ronald Stover, 71, of Lambert, MT and cremation has taken place under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

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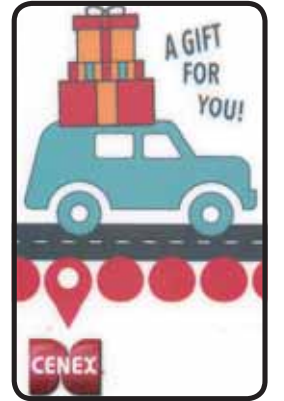


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# Bayless Named Assistant Manager at Builders FirstSource

Sidney women are making inroads in the male dominated world of the lumber business, starting with the promotion of Teresa Mannix to store manager of UBC – ProBuild in 2006 when she was one of only two female managers out of 400 nationwide. Now, Katey Bayless is continuing that trend with her promotion to assistant manager of the Sidney store.

Bayless joined Builders FirstSource in 2014 as assistant to the office coordinator. After just six months she transferred to that position as well as keeping her former duties. She has handled accounts receivable, accounts payable and managed the office to keep it functioning as a whole.

General manager Mike Rogers first approached her about the assistant manager position almost a year ago when her initial reaction was No. However, the idea started to grow on her and she finally accepted the job. She has been doing on-line training within the company to help fulfill her new duties. A lot of those duties are in line with what she has already been doing but now she is working into ordering inventory, building the budget, managing reports and making sure the facility functions as a whole. She said that a good thing about the company is that they are willing to promote within since there are many retirements coming in the near future, leaving room for new,



Left to right: Teresa Mannix, retired general manager; Katey Bayless, assistant manager and Mike Rogers, general manager, Builders FirstSource.

younger people to step up. "Five years ago when I started this job, I didn't expect this promotion," she said.

Mannix said she is incredibly proud of Bayless. "I watched her from her first interview and saw her confidence bloom. There have been a lot of changes in five years. I almost think this promotion is more rewarding to me than Katey. It's great to be in her life." It was definitely a challenge for Mannix when she became store manager but she was determined not to be defeated. She says Bayless is the same way. The two women worked closely together until Mannix retired a year ago. "She's my mentor," Bayless said of Mannix.

Store manager Mike Rogers is also proud of Bayless and appreciates her dedication to the customers and the company. "I couldn't be happier," he said. "Mike and I work well together and compliment each other," Bayless commented.

He knows it's tough for women in the lumber business but things are gradually changing. There were 10 females at the most recent managers meeting. With women entering the work force two to one compared to men, he said companies have to move forward. He added that Builders FirstSource is always looking for quality people.

Bayless is a Sidney native, the daughter of Gordy and Kelly Rau. She graduated from Sidney High School and worked at the Richland Motor Inn for a year before attending the College of Technology in Helena where she graduated with an associates degree in office administration in 2007. After working as a receptionist for a pediatric clinic in Helena for seven years, she returned to Sidney. She is married to Zach and has a daughter Clementyne.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak Escape Rooms are back for the month of December; Fridays and Saturdays at 6:30 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Themes this year are Stanger Things and Polar Express. No prior knowledge is necessary to complete the escape rooms.

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# Montana FSA: USDA Has Opened Signup For Conservation Reserve Program On Dec. 9

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture is opening signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on December 9, 2019. The deadline for agricultural producers to sign up for general CRP is February 28, 2020, while signup for continuous CRP is ongoing.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant

species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

"The Conservation Reserve Program is one of our nation's largest conservation endeavors and a critical tool to help producers better manage their operations while conserving natural resources," Secretary Perdue said. "The program marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and we're

hoping to see one of our largest signups in many years."

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres. This means farmers and ranchers have a chance to enroll in CRP for the first time or continue their participation for another term.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. The program was originally primarily intended to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity

prices by taking marginal lands out of production. This Farm Bill program has evolved over the years, providing a variety of conservation and economic benefits from coast to coast. CRP has:

- Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;
- Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;
- Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;
- Created more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times; and
- Benefited bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds

By enrolling in CRP, producers are improving water quality, reducing soil erosion, and restoring habitat for wildlife. This in turn spurs hunting, fishing, recreation, tourism, and other economic development across rural America.

CRP Enrollment Options General Signup

CRP general signup will be held annually. The competitive general signup will now include increased opportunities for enrollment of wildlife habitat through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

**Continuous Signup**  
While some practices under SAFE will remain available through continuous signup, CRP continuous signup will

focus primarily on water quality within the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative. The 2018 Farm Bill prioritizes water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands and a new prairie strip.

USDA will also be working with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) partners to relaunch CREP continuous options in each state under new statutory provisions. CREP will continue to target high-priority local, state or regional conservation concerns.

**Grasslands Signups**  
CRP Grasslands signup helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. A separate CRP Grasslands signup will be offered each year following general signup. The sign-up period for CRP Grasslands in 2020 runs from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

**Pilot Programs**  
Later in 2020, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will roll out pilot programs within CRP: CLEAR 30, which allows contracts expiring with CLEAR practices to be re-enrolled in 30-year contracts and in the Soil Health and Income Protection Program (SHIPP) in the prairie pothole region. More information on these programs will be announced in the new year.

**Land Transition**  
The CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP) is an option for producers interested in transitioning land to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group to return land to production for sustainable

grazing or crop production. CRP contract holders no longer need to be a retired or retiring owner or operator to transition their land. TIP participants may have a lease less than five years with an option to purchase, and they have two years before the end of the CRP contract to make conservation and land improvements.

**Previously Expired Land**  
Land enrolled in CRP under a 15-year contract that expired in September 2017, 2018 or 2019, may be eligible for enrollment if there was no opportunity for re-enrollment and the practice under the expired contract has been maintained.

**CRP Rates and Payments**

FSA recently posted updated soil rental rates for CRP. County average rates are posted on the CRP Statistics webpage. Soil rental rates are statutorily prorated at 90 percent for continuous signup and 85 percent for general signup. The rental rates will be reviewed annually. Under continuous signup, producers also receive incentives, including a signup incentive payment and a practice incentive payment.

**More Information**  
CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and FSA will continue to highlight the impacts of the program that was created in 1985 and the many stewardship-minded farmers, ranchers and landowners who have participated over the years.

To enroll in CRP, contact your local FSA county office or visit [fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://fsa.usda.gov/crp). To locate your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator).

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## Positive Influenza Cases In Richland County

**Submitted by Julie Brodhead, RN, RCHD Communicable Disease Surveillance Nurse**

Richland County's flu season has begun with five positive Influenza B cases tested locally in the last five weeks. The result was confirmed by MT State Public Health Lab showing Influenza B. The ages range from 1 to 62 years old. One was hospitalized. None of them were vaccinated for this influenza season.

The symptoms of influenza are sudden onset of fever, chills, fatigue, body aches, headache, chest discomfort and a cough. A person may experience all or most of these symptoms. You may catch influenza or the "flu" when you breathe in the virus from someone else's cough or when you touch a surface with the virus on it (such as a phone or faucet) and then touch your nose, mouth or eyes. The risk of infection from influenza is

higher in crowded public areas and living quarters. Persons begin to show symptoms within a week of being exposed to the virus.

Richland County Health Department wants residents to know there is time to get a flu shot from the health department, local healthcare provider or pharmacy.

Vaccination remains the best prevention for influenza and influenza related complications. Influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone from ages 6 months and older. Persons who have any chronic health condition (diabetes, heart disease, cancers, immune suppressed, pregnant, have compromised lung/respiratory diseases, etc.) are at higher risk of complications from influenza illness and are strongly urged to get yearly influenza vaccinations. Most of the Influenza vaccine for this 2019-20 season covers two Influenza A strains (Seasonal

H3 and 2009 H1N1) and two influenza B strains (Phuket-Yamagata lineage; and Colorado-Victorian lineage.)

In addition to vaccination please take precautions to limit the spread of disease, including:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently;
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
- Stay home from work, school, daycare and large gatherings when you're sick;
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This camper trailer, with kitchen and restroom amenities will be remodeled to have a briefing room, communications center, rehabilitation, and classroom space. Having the kitchen and restroom features will also make this the prolonged mission unit for obvious reasons with those two features alone.

The BSAR team is once again very thankful to the McKenzie County Board of Commissioners and McKenzie County's Emergency Management Director Karolin Jappe, for their steadfast and very beneficial assistance with these donations. As BSAR is a private, nonprofit group that

receives no tax dollars for funding and relies solely on donations of this type in order to procure the needed gear and equipment to use. BSAR was established in 2018 and functions as a regional team to assist at the request of government agencies, usually law enforcement. BSAR also is the team for responses and search/rescue missions within the boundaries of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in partnership with the National Park Service.

For more information on how to donate equipment or monetary funds or join the BSAR team, interested persons can email the team at badlandssarnd@gmail.com.

## Sidney's Drama Team Came Out On Top, December 7, Hardin

Submitted by Christy Pierce

The Sidney High School Speech, Drama & Debate team travelled to Hardin competing against 20 Schools. The Drama Team came out on TOP! The Drama Team is now 5-0 and they are halfway through the season. Speech & Debate placed 3rd. This was the first time the entire team travelled together.



**Sidney High School Speech, Drama & Debate team traveled to Hardin Saturday, December 7. Pictured are front row, Christine Turek, Madi Brost, Autumn Davidson, Abby Kyhl, Isaac Quiroz, Alexa Iverson; second row: Garrett Dodds, Chloe Go, Josie Yockim, Madison Jasin, Emma Cundiff, Krystan Jasin, Noah Kyhl, Jade Emily, Lorraine Coronato; third row, Colten Dahl, Kaileigh LaRoche, Daniel Schneider, Shea Roberts, Sean Earle, Kodi Schulz, Wyatt Reid, Sam Stephenson, Brandon Smith. (Photo by Christy Pierce)**

Speech Results:  
Memorized Public Address: Christine Turek 2nd, Shea Roberts competed  
Impromptu: Colten Dahl 6th, Garrett Dodds competed  
Informative: Chloe Go 4th.

Humorous Oral Interp: Abby Kyhl competed  
Debate Results:  
Lincoln Douglas: Lorraine Coronato 3rd, Alexa Iverson 4th

Public Forum: Sam Stephenson & Brandon Smith 5th, Sean Earle & Jade Emily 7th, Madison Jasin & Krystan Jasin 8th

Drama Results:  
Dramatic Solo: Autumn Davidson 2nd, Daniel Schneider 6th, Madi Brost competed  
Humorous Solo: Kodi Schultz 3rd

Humorous Duo: Josie Yockim & Laileigh Laroche competed  
Classical Theatre: Noah Kyhl & Isaac Quiroz 1st, Emma Cundiff & Wyatt Reid 4th.

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# Changing Dirt Into Soil – Soil Health Workshop, Dec. 18, Williston

Producers across northwestern North Dakota and north-eastern Montana who are interested in soil health are invited to participate in a workshop on “Changing Dirt in Soil” on December 18, 2019 at the Williston Research Extension Center. The workshop, which will start at 8:30 a.m. Central time, is being sponsored by the Williams County Soil Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

One of the featured speakers for the workshop will be Jay Fuhrer, Soil Health Specialist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

On a Soil Health Tour this summer to Brown’s Ranch, Menoken Farm and Dakota Lakes Research Farm that was sponsored by several of the Soil Conservation Districts in northwestern North Dakota, one of the common messages was the importance of increasing the amount of carbon in the soil to improve soil health. Jay will talk about the carbon cycle and how to increase carbon in the soil.

Jay is widely recognized for his work on soil health principles and has been boots on the ground for many years working with cropping systems, grazing systems, cover crops and gardens. However, this may be one of the last opportunities to hear Jay speak as after 40 years of working for NRCS, he has announced his plans to retire in January of 2020.

Another featured speaker will be Derek Axten. Axten and his wife, Tannis operate a diversified farm near Minton in southern Saskatchewan. Located not far from the Montana and North Dakota borders with Canada, the Axten face the same challenges with the shorter growing season and routine lack of

moisture as producers in this area.

Since learning about soil biology and how soil functions, the Axten’s have become “Loyal to the Soil” and have implemented innovative ideas to improve their soil health and regenerate their farmland. Derek will talk about the systems approach they have used to improve the sustainability, profitability and productivity of their farm using practices such as no-till, intercropping, cover crops and livestock integration.

Keith Brown, Williams County SCD Soil Health & Cropping System Specialist, will walk participants through the Web Soil Survey. The Web Soil Survey provides useful soil data and information that can be accessed by anyone with a computer and Internet access. It is operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He will also talk about tracking soil health to document improvements for potential paybacks.

One of the five soil health principles is plant diversity. A strategy to add more diversity that some producers are exploring is intercropping. Justin Jacobs, Irrigation Research Specialist with the Williston Research Extension Center will provide an update on intercropping research being conducted at the WREC.

Lunch will be served following the workshop. To participate in the lunch please call the Williams County Soil Conservation District at 701-572-6729, extension 3 by December 16. The Williston Research Extension Center is located west of Williston at 14120 Hwy 2. For more information on the workshop, please call the Williams County NRCS and SCD office or contact Keith Brown at 701-648-9841.

# New Year’s Resolution

Submitted by Jacklyn Damm

Every year, millions of people make New Year’s resolutions, hoping to spark positive change. The recurring themes each year include a more active approach to health and fitness, improved finances, and learning new things for personal and professional development. Among the top ten most common New Year’s resolutions is to quit smoking or using other forms of tobacco.

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# Tester Urges USDA To Act On Northeast Montana Wheat Crisis

## Senator: Recent, heavy snow qualifies Northeastern Montana farmers for WHIP+ assistance

(U.S. Senate) – Following two weeks of heavy snow in Northeast Montana, U.S. Senator Jon Tester urged Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to reconsider his decision not to extend disaster assistance to the region’s wheat farmers who were forced to leave their crop in the ground or were left with unsellable product due to excessive moisture this harvest season.

“In the last two weeks, Northeast Montana received more than a foot of heavy, wet snow... The Additional Supplemental Appropriators for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (H.R. 2157) extends the [Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus] to expenses related to losses of crops as a consequence of ‘hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, and wildfires.’ The language in this bill could not be clearer, and as such I urge you to act on it immediately and extend WHIP+ assistance to these producers.”

In September, Senator Tester sent Secretary Perdue a letter asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to clarify that the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) includes value and quality losses, and that farmers in Northeast Montana facing those losses were eligible for the program. Nearly eight weeks later, USDA finally responded that they would not provide WHIP+ assistance to Montana farmers.

“I am extremely disappointed in your decision to exclude Montana farmers from the WHIP+ program for quality loss related to excessive moisture,” wrote Tester in his letter this week. “In a time of extreme market volatility and trade uncertainty, USDA’s mission is to ‘mitigate the significant risks of farming.’ In Northeast Montana, USDA is failing to deliver that objective for struggling farmers.”

As the only working farmer in the U.S. Senate, Tester has been a champion for farmers and ranchers across the country. Earlier this year, he introduced his Seeding Rural Resilience Act to help combat rising rates of farmer suicide, and The Trump Administration recently adopted his Restoring Rural Resiliencies Act into a rule change to bring more medical professionals into rural hospitals.

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