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## Dollar General Coming To Sidney

By Dianne Swanson

Construction on Holly at 9th St. SW will soon bring a Dollar General store to Sidney. According to City Building Inspector/Fire Marshall Kale Rasmussen, the 12,480 sq. ft. building should go up quickly. The company has their own builders, based out of Alabama, that provide a 90- to 120-day normal turn-around time.

The foundation is poured, dirt work is being done and sidewalks are being added along Holly, which Rasmussen said is an awesome addition to the street. "It really helps with foot traffic for people walking along there," he said.

Dollar General is owned by Sidney DG, Vestavia, AL.

### Ag West Expands To Holly St.

In other exciting news, Rasmussen said that Ag West will be breaking ground on its new home across from the Justice Center this summer.



Construction crews pour the concrete foundation and parking for the new Dollar General store on Holly St. in Sidney.

## Bakken Rocks Cookfest Coming To Tioga

TIOGA, ND – The 16th Annual Bakken Rocks CookFest is bringing its festivities to Tioga on July 18. Held each summer in the oil patch, the Bakken Rocks CookFest offers residents the opportunity to get out and learn more about the oil and gas industry, meet some of its players, attend an information session where they can listen to and visit with the experts of the industry, and best of all, eat some of the best BBQ available in western North Dakota.

The CookFest has been a hallmark event of the North Dakota Petroleum Foundation since 2009. Since then, the event has hosted more than 25,000 people in 27 different communities throughout western North Dakota.

"This event remains a favorite among our companies and a favorite among the communities in the west," says Tessa Sandstrom, North Dakota Petroleum Foundation executive director. "The energy industry remains a stronghold for our state, especially western North Dakota. We're excited each year to get out, get to know community leaders who help us organize the event, and celebrate the progress we've experienced through this fun, family-friendly event."

Oil and gas companies will serve ribs, brisket, barbecue, and more to earn the People's Choice and Judges' Choice titles. The oil and natural gas companies cooking this year include: 1st International Bank/Mineral-Tracker, 3 Forks Services, Balon Valves – ONEOK, Bell Supply, Chord Energy, Continental Resources, Enbridge, GO Wireline, Grayson Mill Energy – ChampionX, Hall Trucking, Hess Corporation, Hess Services, Inc., KC Harvey Environmental, Kraken, Marathon Petroleum, Mountain Supply & Service, Murex Petroleum, Nabors, SandPro, Titan Solutions, Well Werks Energy and XTO Energy.

"Bill Falcon and The Good Medicine Band" are slated to provide musical entertainment. There will also be games and activities hosted by the Gateway to Science, a bounce house, and a target-shooting station hosted by the Mule Deer Foundation for kids. All activities are free and open to the public.

The well-attended event typically draws between 1,000 and 1,500 people each year from surrounding communities and counties, says Sandstrom, with many making a long drive to attend.

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## "How Do We Get Rid Of This Stupid Thing?"

### Fairview residents unhappy about potential solar project

By Dianne Swanson

Although some in the crowd stayed silent, the majority of the near-capacity crowd were at least skeptical and at times hostile during the Public Scoping meeting for the Fairview 1 Solar project held Thursday, July 11 at the Senior Citizen Center, Fairview.

The Fairview 1 is a 74.5 MW solar project complemented by a 25MW 4-Hour battery storage initiative. It is strategically situated for interconnection at the MDU/WAPA Fairview West 115kV substation, offering the flexibility for regional Transmission Organization interconnections. The point of interconnection is just across MT Highway 201 from the site. The project will re-purpose approximately 700 acres of grazing land within a total of 1100 acres and is anticipated to generate approximately 350,000 Mwh annually over its estimated 35-year lifespan.

Stellar Renewable Power has full site control

as an option to lease agreement with one landowner in Richland County.

If there is available transmission capacity on the federal transmission system, WAPA provides open transmission access to transmission services so that energy producers can transmit power to their customers. Brian Pauly, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) explained the process the project must go through to get approval since WAPA is a federal agency. The Scoping meeting was just the first step to be completed in the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process. The purpose is to gather written comments from the public, government agencies such as Fish & Wildlife, tribal governments and others to identify issues and alternatives that will help WAPA define the scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA). He explained that WAPA will be working with other state and federal entities during

the scoping process and have boots on the ground evaluating the site, environmental resources, etc. Pauly stressed that local input concerning wildlife and cultural impacts is super helpful and encouraged everyone to submit their written comments before the Aug. 10 deadline.

The EA will be prepared to evaluate the environmental effects of the project. If WAPA finds there are no significant environmental or cultural impacts, they will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and issue a decision. If significant impacts are identified, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be initiated. An EIS provides a more thorough evaluation of impacts and alternatives, as well as a more formal public involvement process.

Liam Gildea, senior manager with Stellar, outlined the scope of the project and provided information about the company which was formed in 2021 as an offshoot of KKR Global Atlantic. He stressed that they had strong funding as well as experience with utility scale solar projects.

After the initial presentation, the plan was to break into groups to discuss the project. However, the crowd insisted on an open discussion. Six families live in the middle of the horseshoe shaped project. The health of people and animals was a top priority. Concerns also included whether property values would decrease, and property taxes increase. Gildea responded that Stellar wants to be a good community partner, providing setbacks from property boundaries and vegetation screening and talking to landowners.

The potential risk of fire

was discussed, including access to Highway 201 for those landowners next to the project and the risk to the town of Fairview since the project is only a couple of miles away. It is windy in northeastern Montana and the risk of solar panels being blown away by high winds and ending up going through someone's windows was brought up. Stellar responded by saying a weather station has been installed on the property which will give them wind speeds and allow them to build accordingly. Oliver Chua, Stellar director of construction, informed the crowd that the pile foundations for the panels will be designed specifically for the site. He added that the foundations run deep saying that if you see 5 feet above ground, that means there's 10 feet of support below ground.

Other concerns included the potential impact on electronics to which Stellar responded that they have not seen any, and whether there would be any impact on the airport. Stellar said they would follow FAA regulations including conducting a glint/glare study.

Questions were asked about whether the solar panels attract tornadoes and hail, and possible snow build-up. Cleanup after the project was decommissioned was also discussed. Stellar responded that the project is not permanent, with a life span of 20-35 years. They said there is no lead or cadmium in the panels, that the steel would be removed and recycled and the entire site would be reclaimed back to its original state. The company will be bonded with the landowner and lenders for the value of decommissioning which would be millions of dollars.



Brian Pauly, WAPA, pictured right, listens as Liam Gildea, Stellar Renewable Power senior manager, answers a question from the crowd at the Public Scoping meeting July 11 in Fairview. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

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**Senior Center Events**

**Congregate Meals:**  
**Fairview:** Mon. & Wed., 11:30 a.m., 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
**Sidney:** Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
**Savage:** Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980  
**Lambert:** Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Activities/Cards**  
**Fairview: Men/Cards,** Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;  
**Women's Cards:** Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
**Sidney:** Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
**Lambert:** Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Senior Commodity Distribution (Change)**  
 2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

**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**

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Current Elevation.....         | 1843.0 |
| Last Week's Elev. ....         | 1842.9 |
| One Year Ago .....             | 1841.2 |
| Release For Day (C.F.S.) ..... | 22,000 |

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

| Date                              | High  | Low | Precip. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|---------|
| July 8 .....                      | 87    | 52  | 0.000   |
| July 9 .....                      | 89    | 53  | 0.000   |
| July 10.....                      | 95    | 58  | 0.000   |
| July 11 .....                     | 97    | 63  | 0.000   |
| July 12.....                      | 100   | 59  | 0.000   |
| July 13.....                      | 86    | 62  | 0.000   |
| July 14 .....                     | 95    | 55  | 0.000   |
| Total 2024 YTD Precipitation..... | 6.400 |     |         |

# OBITUARIES

## Robert Earl Walker Jr., 59 Rawson, ND

Robert E Walker Jr., 59 passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at the McKenzie Co Healthcare Hospital, Watford City, ND, with family by his side.

No services are planned at this time. 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](http://www.fulkersons.com).

## Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom), 75, St. George, UT (formerly of Fairview, MT)

Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom), 75, St. George, UT, (formerly of Fairview, MT) passed away Nov. 18, 2023.

He was born in Williston, ND, on March 10, 1948 to Jeannette (Terry) R. Thomas (Taylor) and Gaar M. Thomas, Jr.

A graveside service and remembrance will be held at the Richland Memorial Park, south of Sidney, MT, at 10 a.m. on July 19, 2024.

## Dean "Marlow" Iversen, 87 Sidney, MT

Dean "Marlow" Iversen, 87, peacefully passed away on Sunday July 7, 2024 at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, with family by his side.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Savage, MT, with Pastor Tim Tharp officiating. Lunch will follow immediately after the service.

Marlow will be laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Monday July 15, 2024 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT.

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

# GNDC Celebrates Awarded \$530,000 Grant From Montana Department of Commerce

Wolf Point, MT – The Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC) is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$530,000 grant from the Montana Department of Commerce under the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Grant Program. This grant will provide crucial support for businesses in the GNDC region, enabling opportunities for operational enhancements, updates, and startup ventures.

Executive Director Tori Matejovsky expressed her appreciation, stating, "We are honored to receive this grant, which will significantly contribute to our mission of driving economic growth and supporting local businesses in our community. This funding will help us create more opportunities and ensure a prosperous future for Montanans."

These funds are available to any business looking to start, expand, or develop their operations or storefront. Individuals interested in accessing these funds are encouraged to visit GNDC's financing page to learn more about the loan process and to obtain a loan application.

# Midland Empire Moose Legion 38

Midland Empire Moose Legion 38 is composed of Moose Legionnaires from six Moose Lodges, that are in Billings, Colstrip, Glendive, Harlowton, Lewistown and Sidney.

The Moose Legion and Women of the Moose Chapter are the Higher Degrees of The Moose.

The Moose has three primary missions. They are Mooseheart Child City & School, Moosehaven City of Contentment, and making our communities a better place to live.

Mooseheart Child City & School is located 40 miles west of Chicago and they raise children in need from infancy through high school.

Moosehaven City of Contentment is a retirement home for Moose members located in Orange Park, FL.

For more information on the Moose visit their website [www.moosintl.org](http://www.moosintl.org) or join the Moose at [Beamoose.org](http://Beamoose.org).

# Bakken Rocks Cookfest..

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The CookFest has been held in Belden and Killdeer (2009); Tioga and New Town (2010); Crosby and Watford City (2011); Ray and Belfield (2012); Powers Lake and Parrshall (2013); Kenmare and Dunn Center (2014); Alexander and South Heart (2015); Mandaree and Stanley (2016); Westhope and Medora (2017); Grenora and Twin Buttes (2018); Bowman and Van Hook (2019); and, Arnegard and Mohall (2021); and Trenton and White Shield (2022); and back in Killdeer (2023).

Details About The Event:  
 July 18 – Tioga  
 2:30-4 p.m. CDT Bakken Basics Education Session, Tioga Community Center, 410 6th St NE  
 Welcome – Ron Ness, President, North Dakota Petroleum Council

Drilling, Geology and Energy of the Future - Kathy Neset, NESET Consulting Services  
 Oil & National Gas Production and Transportation Overview - Justin Kringstad, ND Pipeline Authority

From Emissions to Opportunities: CO2 Capture, Utilization and Storage in ND - Bethany Kurz, Director of Subsurface Characterization and Community Engagement, Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)  
 4-7 p.m. CDT Free BBQ, games, activities for kids, and music by "Bill Falcon and The Good Medicine Band" – Tioga Park, 5th St. NE

6:45 p.m. CDT Awards presented for Judge's Choice & People's Choice  
 For more information about the CookFest, visit:  
<https://ndpetroleumfoundation.org/event/bakkenrocks-cookfest/>

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## RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Wed., July 17**  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Kathleen Frank High Country West Exhibit** - through Aug. 3. - **"Capturing the Past" Exhibition Leah Olson** - through Aug. 31.  
 - **"Celebrating the Essence: Exhibition Morgan Wagner** - through Aug. 31. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.  
**Thurs., July 18, 5 p.m.-Fri., July 19, 1 p.m.**  
**2024 Bordertown Hoopfest - Fairview** - 3 on 3 Tourney. For more info contact Mel Hurley, 406-480-0184 or Trish Buxbaum, 406-489-0390.  
**Fri., July 19, 5 p.m.; Sat., July 20, 6:30 a.m., & Sun., July 21, 10:15 a.m.**  
**78th Annual Fairview Old Timers' Reunion & Summer Festival** - All events take place in Sharbono Park unless stated otherwise. July 19: "Hamburgers in the Park", registration of old timers & great entertainment. July 20: Free breakfast & registration at 8 a.m. "Car Show" at north end of the park + food & other vendors. "Kiddie Parade" followed by "Grand Parade". Raising of the flag, national anthem & presentation of this year's button honoree. "Ice Cream Social" at Senior Citizen's Center. Music in downtown Fairview & more. July 21: Sunday church service. For more info visit "Old Timers Reunion & Fairview Festival Facebook page."  
**Saturdays, July 20-Oct. 12**  
 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland County Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St NW & 2nd Ave NW. Watch the Richland County Farmers Market Facebook page for updates.  
**Mon., July 22-Thurs., July 25**  
 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **Sidney Public Schools Back To School Registration** - Grades K-12 registration, Central Elementary School, 200 3rd Ave., SE.  
**Wed., July 31 - Sat., Aug. 3**  
**2024 Richland County Fair & Rodeo Back Roads & Tractor Shows** - Free entertainment, carnival, food & free shows daily. PRCA Rodeos, Rodney Atkins Concert with special guest Jerrod Niemann, Aug. 3.

## ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Events in Froid unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Sat., July 27**  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Big Sky Renovisions 2nd Annual Car Show** - 202 Main St., Froid. Registration begins 9 a.m. To preregister call or text 406-787-7788 for Austin or email at [bigskyrenovisions@gmail.com](mailto:bigskyrenovisions@gmail.com).

## McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.  
**Now Through Sun., Sept. 8**  
 10 a.m. - **Daphne Johnson Clark: Badlands Gallery Show** - Long X Arts Foundation Gallery.  
**Sat., July 20**  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Paint Your Own Pottery** - Paint a piece of pottery to be glazed & fired in the kiln. Cost \$25 pre-registration, \$30 walk-ins. Free glazing. All materials provided. Long X Art Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.  
**Sat., July 22**  
 6 p.m. - **Clays & Conservation**- Come on out to shoot some clays, meet the chapter, & hear what you can be a part of! McKenzie County Sportsman's Club.  
 7-8:30 p.m. - **Let Your Hair Down: A Yoga Paint Party** - Learn to let go of your need for perfection, brief meditation & create artwork. Cost \$50. Rough Rider Center Silver Room. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.  
**Tues., July 23 -Thurs., July 25**  
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Summer Art Camp: Imaginary Creatures** - Camps projects may include ceramics, painting, sculpture, fiber arts, printmaking & more. Cost \$90. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.  
**Tues., July 30**  
 6-8 p.m. - **Ceramic Lace Plate Class** - Ages 8+. No experience necessary. Cost \$26, free glazing. All materials provided. Long X Art Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.  
**Thurs., July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
 5-9 p.m. - **Summer Nights On Main** - Experience incredible live music, amazing food, drinks, kids' activities & more in downtown Williston.  
**Fri., July 19**  
 7-9 p.m. - **2024 Williams County Parks Summer Concert Series "The Bluestems" At Epping/Springbrook Dam** - Free concert open to the public. Restrooms available, but bring your own refreshments & chairs.  
**Mon., July 22**  
 8:30 a.m. - **Weeds Day** - Come check the experiments on crop safety & weed efficacy of new & existing weed tools. Williston Research Extension Center.  
**Wed., July 24-Sun., July 28; Thurs., Aug. 8-Sun., Aug. 11**  
 6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Roller Skating AKA SK8 NITE** - All ages & abilities welcome, helmets encouraged. Limited rentals & skating aids for beginners, or bring your own skates or blades. Raymond Center, Pete Conlin Arena.  
**Fri., July 26; Aug. 23, 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.  
**Mon., July 29 & Aug. 5**  
 4-5:30 p.m. - **Dragon Eye Art Class** - 2-Part Class, oil pastels & polymer clay. \$35 members; \$40 not-yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info or to register visit [thejamesmemorial.org](http://thejamesmemorial.org).  
**Tues., July 30**  
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Connecting Communities Free BBQ** - Open to the public, live radio broadcast, giveaways & much more. Davidson Park.  
 6-7:30 p.m. - **Watercolor Butterflies Class** - Ages 6-10, \$15 members; \$20 no-yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info or to register visit [thejamesmemorial.org](http://thejamesmemorial.org).  
**Wed., July 31**  
 4-5:30 p.m. - **Shrinky Dinks & Beads Class** - Ages 8-12, \$15 members; \$20 no-yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info or to register visit [thejamesmemorial.org](http://thejamesmemorial.org).

## DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Sat., July 20**  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Bell Street Bridge Day Celebration** - Spend the day at Bell Street Bridge/Eyer Park. Featuring yard games, live performances, vendors & more.  
 4 p.m. - **Frontier Gateway Museum 60th Anniversary Celebration With Jessie Veeder** - Jessie Veeder book reading & signing, Glendive Public Library 4-5:30 p.m. Music at the Museum 7-8:30 p.m. Food trucks available.  
**Sat. July 20, 27**  
 8:30-10:30 a.m. - **Paleo Experience** - Includes a visitor center tour, paleo lab tour, & interpretive hike. \$10 per person. RSVP your spot by calling 406-377-6256. Makoshika State Park Visitor Center.  
**Sun., July 21**  
 2 p.m. - **69th Annual Richey Rodeo** - Richey Saddle Club Grounds. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 students.  
 9 p.m. - **Full Moon Hike** - Free event. Hike under the Makoshika night sky. Caprock Trailhead.  
**Wed., July 24**  
 8 a.m.-5:50 p.m. - **Dawson County Fair Open Horse Show** - Open to all breeds of horses & levels of showmanship. Dawson County Fairgrounds.  
 8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Richey Schools Sports Physicals** - Grades 5-12, Cost: \$50. Richey High School office.  
**Thurs., July 25, 8 a.m.-Sat., July 27, 11:55 p.m.**  
**Dawson County Fair** - Rodeos, concerts, magicians, street dancing & more. For more info visit <https://dawsonfair.com>.

# Sidney City Hall Undergoes Indoor Transformation

By Dianne Swanson

It would be completely understandable if you haven't noticed any changes as you drive by City Hall on 2nd St. S.E., Sidney. The exterior remains the same other than new treatment covering the doors of the old fire hall. Step inside, and the change brought about by B&B Builders and mostly local sub-contractors in just a few months, is remarkable.

Over \$1.6 million in ARPA (federal American Rescue Plan Act) funds allowed the City of Sidney to expand City Hall and bring it into the 21st Century. Secretary-treasurer Jessica Chamberlin explained that every local government received money through the plan without having to apply for it. The City received the dollars in 2021 but sat on it, as some rules changed and they wanted to make sure they spent it in the right way. Since the city was receiving Infrastructure grants as well, they determined that the remodel was the right way to spend the money. Total cost of the project was between \$1.8 and \$1.9 million with the extra funding coming from dollars in a capital improvement fund the city had set up about seven years ago using excess oil and gas money. Those oil and gas dollars also fund the fire department and parks so the remodel was not a top priority until the ARPA grant money came through. The project actually came in under budget but fixing some drainage issues with the parking lot and/or new garage doors are possibilities for using the remaining funds.

The last time the building was remodeled was in 1963, with only minor updates since then. It was not ADA-compliant, the electrical and H-Vac systems were sadly out of date and there was limited space for staff or storage. Chamberlin explained that a top priority was to make the entire building ADA accessible. "You never know when you might have an employee, a council member or a member of the public who needs that accessibility," she said.

A new front door, including a push button opener if needed, leads to a larger entryway and an angled front counter which allows for social distancing. The hallway naturally flows from there to the new back offices and storage area as well as the rest of the building. The counter also features lower windows which the kids like because they get a sucker!

The former council chambers have been transformed into offices for the public works director and the fire marshal, plus a small conference room. Chamberlin said that the conference room is invaluable during events such as conference

calls on bonding issues when privacy is a must. It can also be used for one-on-one meetings with employees or when a few employees need to meet. Tons of storage space, needed to hold files which are required to be kept for several years, was also created in that area.

The central office area on the other side of that angled counter now features designated spaces for employees who previously had floating spaces. Electrical cords are now in walls instead of on the floor and the beautiful cabinetry provides ample storage.

What used to be four offices has been transformed into two, one for Mayor Norby and one for the compliance officer. Chamberlin's space is now about three feet wider. "Just enough for two more file cabinets," she said, laughing. Her sliding glass doors have been changed to a partial wall and huge window with blinds that can be closed for privacy when needed, but enable her to see the front area and assist when necessary. Her favorite acquisition is the standing desk which she employs frequently.

City hall and the old fire hall are now internally connected. The fire hall kitchen became a break room with an ADA compliant kitchen which can be used by the public if they use the council chambers for an event. New bathrooms were also built in that area.

The new council chambers are stunning. The first thing you notice is the amazing artwork created by Stephanie Ridl, city parks and rec manager, which hangs above the council members' seating area. The piece depicts the Badlands of eastern Montana and the Yellowstone River as the sunrise emerges on the horizon. She created the piece entirely of trees removed from city property, and rock collected from the banks of the Yellowstone River. The Sunrise Rays are American Elm from the last standing elm in the Sidney Park System. It was removed due to Dutch Elm disease. The Eye of the Sunrise is made from a cedar tree that was removed from City Hall during the renovation. The Badlands are Russian Olive from a limb that failed after storm damage along the Sherry Arnold Fitness Trail. The river banks are from a Cottonwood which was removed from Carpenter Park along Lone Tree Creek due to severe storm damage. Ridl is also the featured artist for this year's Sunset Festival on July 13.

Where the old chambers could only seat about 30 guests, and was impossible to use during COVID, the new room can accommodate approximately 100 and

allow for social distancing if needed. "We had to move city council meetings into the fire hall and do call-ins during COVID," Chamberlin said. "It was not professional or convenient."

Fully teched out with a sound system, mics, 3 TVs connected to cameras, and Zoom, the space is designed to provide the best possible experience for everyone. The Williston city attorney, or the planner from Billings, as well as members of the public, can join council meetings, confident in the connections. For in-person attendees with hearing difficulties, battery packs are available to connect to hearing aids via Blue Tooth.

Chamberlin said she used to have to use massive quantities of paper printing out spreadsheets, etc. Now she shows the data from her computer on the TV screens. Instead of rough estimates of the results of potential changes to the budget, she can pull up the actual work book and provide accurate numbers, saving money and valuable time for everyone involved. When a particular city department or a member of the public makes requests for dollars for a project, it's now easy to give immediate figures.

The TVs are also handy for presentations such as solicitations from consultants who prepare a power point which was previously printed out on paper. The presentations are now seen as they were meant to be.

The additional space was intentionally designed with the chamber, bathrooms and kitchen included in an area which can be locked separately from the remainder of the building, because the city wants the public to use the space and its technology. Safety meetings, training sessions and so much more, could be efficiently accommodated. Use of the space is free of charge.

Some less visible but essential upgrades were made to the building. The H-Vac system, which was insufficient long before COVID, has now been changed to four systems throughout the complex, creating much more efficiency. Additional supports have been put in the basement which is used for paper storage. The remodel provided staff with the opportunity to completely re-configure the space and reorganize and alphabetize the contents. At the fire department's request, a smoke hatch was installed which allows them to remove smoke from the basement and get to a fire more safely.

The curb entrance to what used to be the fire hall provides additional public parking on 2nd and will contain some handicap parking spaces which could be used

for access to downtown areas.

The security system has been upgraded and cameras have been installed

inside and out. The exterior cameras with their view of Central Avenue could provide valuable information to the police department. The

city is also working on installing cameras in the parks and at the swimming pool for the safety of everyone.



The remodeled front entrance to City Hall allows for social distancing, an even flow of traffic and the lower windows accommodate kids or adults. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

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# Tombre Receives Carolyn Grace Prigan-Neckels Scholarship

Cade Tombre, Savage, has been named valedictorian of the 2024 Savage High School senior class and the Carolyn Grace Prigan-Neckels Memorial Scholarship recipient. The scholarship was created to honor a Savage High School graduate who has exemplified an unwavering commitment in their pursuit of academic excellence. The scholarship was created in memory of Carolyn Prigan-Neckels, Savage High School class valedictorian of 1962, passionate about education and supporting young people.

Tombre, the son of Tyler and Chandie Tombre, will

receive the \$1,000 award recognizing and encouraging students who achieve exceptional academic achievements and leadership qualities. Tombre has excelled academically and is a three-sport athlete at Savage High School. He earned Academic All-State in all three sports all four years of high school and was National Honor Society President. Recently, he was one of six male athletes nominated for Richland County's 2024 Male Athlete of the Year. He was named to the second-team All-Conference basketball team, earned second-team all-defensive

honors in basketball, and qualified for three events for State in track. He earned both All-Conference and All-State football honors in six-man football. Cade played in the 2024 All-Star Game, earning MVP Defensive Player. He also broke three individual school records with tackles in a game, tackles in a season, and rushing touchdowns in a game.

Tombre's remarkable achievements, both in academic records and extracurricular activities, demonstrated his commitment to excellence and to positively impacting the communities. Reach Higher Montana

and the Carolyn Grace Prigan-Neckels Scholarship are incredibly proud of the academic caliber and student leadership showcased by this year's scholarship recipient. He will attend Rocky Mountain College this fall to play football while earning his business degree.

Your charitable contributions to the scholarship account support students like Tombre. You can make a difference by sending a charitable donation to Reach Higher Montana, Attn: Steven Coop (Prigan-Neckels scholarship), PO Box 5209, Helena, MT 59604.



Photo submitted

## Sidney Girls To Participate In Miss Montana Volunteer Pageant In Glendive July 18-20

By Ric Holden, Volunteer

Once again for the 4th year the Miss Montana Volunteer Program will take place at the Dawson County High School Auditorium on July 18-20 at 7 p.m. nightly. Rhett Rossol and MaKayla Sparks, Sidney, will be among the 9 Miss Montana Volunteer contestants hailing from across the state from Helena, Billings, Chinook, Laurel, Bozeman, Sidney, and Glendive.

The Miss Montana Volunteer Program has been working hard to get the word out across this vast state about the great scholarship opportunities that they provide. Our reigning titleholder, Grace Peoples, Wibaux, has been traveling around promoting her SERVE Project to young kids. Grace traveled to Jackson, TN, for the Miss Volunteer America Pageant at the end of June. She had a great experience and is looking forward to crowning her successor in just one short week. There are some very strong and talented contestants that will arrive in Glendive on July 14 to spend the week rehearsing and learning new

skills. The Miss Montana Teen Volunteer Program, the Miss Montana Little Miss and Miss Montana Pre-Teen pageants will take place at the same time. The teen contestants will arrive on Sunday, along with the Miss Montana Volunteer contestants. The Little Miss and Pre-Teen contestants will arrive on Wednesday morning to begin their preparations for the competition which starts on Thursday night with the crowning of the Miss Montana Little Miss. These seven little girls from the ages of 8-10 1/2 will compete in a personal interview, on-stage question, evening wear and fitness. At the end of the night on Thursday, we will crown a new Miss Montana Little Miss 2025. On Friday night we will crown a Miss Montana Pre-Teen 2025 as well as Miss Montana Teen Volunteer 2025. Both the newly crowned Little Miss and the Pre-Teen titleholders will be given the opportunity to be a national princess at the Miss Volunteer America Pageant in Jackson, TN, in June 2025. The newly crowned Miss Montana Teen Volunteer will go to the national competition in Jackson in early March.

As the final culmination of the exciting week, on Saturday July 20, we will crown Miss Montana Volunteer 2025. Please come and enjoy any and all of the shows. Tickets are available at Hello Beautiful, at the door and online at missmontanavolunteer.com.

On Saturday July 20 at 10 a.m. at the Dawson County High School, we

will be having a Crown Hole a fun tournament of Crown Hole and meet and mingle with all the contestants.

## Montana State University Awards Norby 2024 Presidential Scholarship

From the MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — Montana State University's most prestigious scholarship has been awarded to 21 high school graduates from across the nation and world, including Ella Norby, Sidney.

Norby, a graduate of Sidney High School and planning to pursue a degree in finance, has served as captain of her basketball, golf and drill teams. She is a nationally recognized dancer for Cutting Edge Dance Studio and spent her summers swimming for the Sidney Tiger Sharks. Alongside her athletics, she also was president of the Math Madness Club, Close Up and National Honor Society. She was also an officer for American Politics Club and the Montana High School Association Student Advisory Council. She was chosen to represent Sidney High school at the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and was nominated to represent Montana and serve as a senator in Washington, DC, at ALA Girls Nation. Her parents are Jeremy and Lorilee Norby.

The MSU Presidential Scholarship is awarded based on scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership and exemplary public service. Students receive an annual stipend plus a tuition waiver. The scholarship is for four years if the students maintain a superior academic standing at MSU.

"MSU continues to attract exceptional high school scholars," said MSU President Waded Cruzado. "We are excited that these students have chosen to attend Montana State University, and we can't wait to welcome them to campus this fall."

The scholars were selected from a pool of approximately 1,350 applicants, according to Durward Sobek, interim dean of the MSU Honors College.

"We are immensely proud of these outstanding students who have demonstrated unparalleled academic excellence, exceptional leadership and deep commitment to community service," Sobek said. "Their achievements embody the core values of our university and set a high standard for their peers."

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Watford City Parks & Recreation is celebrating Park and Recreation Month, an initiative of the National

Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), by inviting our community to share their experiences and tell us how Parks and Recreation has positively impacted their life.

Krystal Picklesimer, Watford City Parks & Recreation recreation manager, stated "NRPA's theme for Park and Recreation Month is "Where You Belong", and we believe that's very representative of the mission of Watford City Parks & Rec. From our youth sports leagues to STEAM camps and more, along with our in-

credible variety of parks, we strive to create a welcoming atmosphere for all segments of our community, and hopefully they feel like they're included and represented through our programming and in our spaces."

NRPA and Watford City Parks & Recreation encourages everyone who supports park and recreation to share how it has fostered belonging, as well as why their local park and recreation professionals are important to them, on social media with #WhereYouBelong.

Watford City Parks & Recreation is actively planning a variety of interactive activities for July that will encourage the community to get out and enjoy our vast network of parks and playgrounds, and encourages everyone to follow their social media accounts for more information.

To learn more about Park and Recreation Month, visit [nrpa.org/july](http://nrpa.org/july). For more information on Watford City Parks & Recreation, please visit [www.watfordcityparks.com](http://www.watfordcityparks.com).

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The Sidney High School Class of 1994 will be holding a class reunion event Friday, Aug. 2 at the Sidney Country Club.

The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour, followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. and live music from 7-10 p.m.

Dinner options are prime rib or grilled chicken. Please RSVP by Facebook to Sarah LaFountain-Faiman, Kim Lange-Bright, Karmen Lange-Schmierer, Jody Wells or Kristi Stouf-Barnett with what you and your date plan to eat.

Saturday, Aug. 3, a tour of Sidney Senior High School is scheduled from noon-2 p.m. followed by a yardy from 2-5 p.m. at Sarah's house.

We will provide light snacks, water, Capri Sun, soda and some fun '90s mixed drinks at the yardy. Please bring any beer or special drink of your choosing. Families are welcome and we have a variety of yard games, bounce house, play house, sandbox, swings, etc. for entertainment.

## Williston Research Center Weeds Day Set For July 22

By Mackenzie Hill

The 2024 Weed Control and Crop Safety event "Weeds Day" will open at the Williston Research Extension Center, 14120 HWY 2, Williston, Monday July 22, starting at 8:30 a.m. Attendees will be greeted with donuts and coffee, followed by an update on weed control from Dr. Brian Jenks at 9 a.m.

From 9:30-11 a.m., participants will have the opportunity for a self-guided tour of the weed trials. The event will conclude with a provided lunch at 11:30 a.m.

2024 is shaping up to be an exciting year for crop safety and weed control. Researchers are currently conducting experiments to test the efficacy of both new and existing weed control tools.

Learn the new updates on the latest breakthroughs in crop protection technology, as we help farmers keep their crops healthy and productive.

## A Closer Look At The Snowberry



Photo submitted

By Andy Kuester  
Handy Andy's Nursery

It's hot! Summer is "getting on" and we've seen some of our favorite plants arrive, perform, and finish their display of blooms in our landscape. The season of Late July through September is often considered by many the "dog days" of summer. We often think that many of our opportunities for performance in our landscape have passed us by. Nothing could be further from the truth! In a series of articles, we'll share with you some of our favorite shrubs for "late summer" interest.

While a likely unknown shrub candidate, Snowberry or Symphoricarpos are native plants throughout the central and eastern United States. They have since been distributed and introduced into nearly all of the fifty states.

Useful as a low hedge or border, Snowberry often do best in areas of plentiful moisture, and yet areas that drain well. These shrubs also benefit from some afternoon shade. Great locations for these would be under trees or along the East side of a building or fence where they will likely receive a break from the hot afternoon sun.

Something unique about snowberry is the color and time period of the fruits. Blooming in early July, these plants have gray-green foliage atop often wiry stems; the plants in this Genus vary in height and spread. The white or pink flowers begin to develop in late June or early July. They are born in groups or in long clusters depending on the Species. The flowers then mature to attractive clusters of fruits in mid to late August. Varying in color by species, the fruits are often white, pink, or red. The color on these fruits is often held until well into September. The color can begin to fade when the snow sometimes arrives. The fruits are often a food source for birds and other wildlife.

Some Snowberry are taller and more upright while others are shorter and have a more sprawling habit. Whether upright or creeping, they all have a light tendency to sucker and run. While not dramatically quick, they can "naturalize" if they are not paid attention to.

A smart trick we like for shrubs and perennial plants that can be "friendly" is to bury them in a larger nursery container. If you leave the lip of the container just above the soil level, it can be hidden with mulch or rock. This plastic nursery container will help to create a barrier and reduce the plant's ability to sucker to areas where it is not desired. Always be sure that the container you choose has adequate drainage and ability for water to disperse into the soil around it.

As you may have guessed, the best time to prune this shrub would be in the fall after it has lost its leaves. Removing around 20% of the largest, thickest stems in the fall will help to create room for fresh young growth to appear from the root system. This will help to promote more flowers and fruits to develop. The leaves, while attractive gray-green have little to no fall color or interest to them. Though what the leaves lack, these plants make up for in the fruit. We're always here for your plant questions. Let us know how we can help you make YOUR yard one you'll love to come home to!

## Summertime Area Events



The production of "Pinocchio" was one of the highlights of Homefest. The Missoula Children's Theatre, along with 60 local kids put on "Pinocchio" after rehearsing all week. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



2024 1st Place Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Ag Golf Tournament winners on July 8 include (L to R): Kyle Cayko, Rob Breuer, and Tim Cayko. Not pictured: Todd Cayko. (Photo submitted)



Lincoln Bruins enjoying a foot-long hot dog during the Long X Posse Foundations Dog on the Deck event July 11 at Kent Pelton Nature Park in Watford City. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Martin Morales Sr. won 1st place with his 2015 Chevy Camaro Predator at the Richland County Sportsmen's Club Car Show on July 13.



Pictured is Tommy Lee Kostad enjoying Watford City's Foam Party during Art in the Park at the 2024 Homefest celebration July 13. (Photo by Snapping Turtle Photography)



Cool Off With Cops event took place on July 11 at Sunset Village, Sidney. Pictured is Brett Norby and Haley Hinton. (Photo by Mackenzie Hill)



Ada Aamodt, Watford City, enjoys her hot dog at Art in the Park during Watford City's Homefest Saturday, July 13. (Photo by Alex Aamodt)



Sidney Chamber held their Sunset Festival Saturday, July 13 at Veterans' Memorial Park. Kids in Business Competition winners were (L to R): Emma Karren, Highest Earner & Grand Champion; Collin Coryell, Best Sales Pitch; Zane Perrault, Creative Product; Jaylee Mulkey, Letty Buxbaum and Jace Mulkey, Customer Service.

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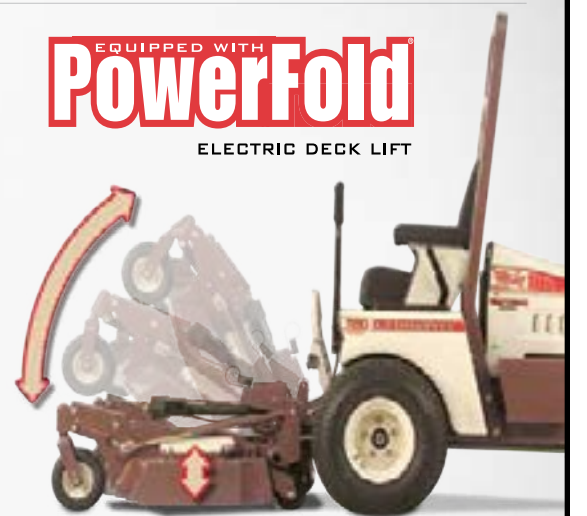
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# Look Out For Harmful Algal Blooms When Recreating This Summer

## Reporting Suspected Blooms Helps Alert Others

HELENA—When recreating on Montana's waterbodies, be on the lookout for harmful algal blooms (HABs) that can occur on Montana's lakes and reservoirs. HABs can release toxins that can impact human and animal health. Report suspected HABs at [HAB.mt.gov](http://HAB.mt.gov) to help alert others and prevent illness.

**How to identify a HAB:**  
 A coloration or scum in the water that can look like spilled paint, pea soup, or grass clippings.  
 Often blue, green or red in color.

HABs can occur when certain water conditions (nutrient levels, sunlight and temperature) cause a rapid overgrowth of blue-green algae, also called cyanobacteria. Blue-green algae are native organisms and commonly occur at low, safe densities in Montana's lakes, streams, and reservoirs. Blue-green algae are often confused with green algae since both can produce overgrowths (blooms) that can affect recreation, cause odor issues, and reduce oxygen in the water. However, green algae do not produce harmful toxins.

HABs can release harmful toxins in the water that may cause skin irritation, sicken humans and even kill pets or livestock if ingested. HABs do not always release toxins. Water sampling is the only way to determine if toxins are present.

When in doubt, stay out. Do not drink, swallow, or swim in water that shows signs of a HAB and keep kids, pets and livestock out. Direct contact, ingestion, or inhalation of the toxins may irritate the skin, eyes, nose, throat and respiratory system, or cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or liver and kidney damage. If you suspect a HAB-related illness in a person or animal, call your health care provider or veterinarian immediately.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) maintain a website where people can submit and view reports of suspected HABs at: [HAB.mt.gov](http://HAB.mt.gov). Recreationalists may check the website and view the map of reported blooms, associated health advisories and information associated with reports. The site also has photos and information on how to identify a HAB. If you suspect a HAB, submit a report to [HAB.mt.gov](http://HAB.mt.gov). State agencies will then work with the local jurisdiction to sample for the presence of toxins and monitor the incident. These reports are important for the health and safety of recreators and water users in the state, and they also help state agencies track where nutrient pollution may be an issue.

Nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus fuel algae growth and potential HABs. Actions you can take to reduce nutrient pollution in Montana's waters include:  
 Reduce your use of lawn or crop fertilizers.  
 Landscape with native plants that don't need fertilizers.  
 If you live alongside a stream or lake, restore and protect native woody vegetation, plants, and grasses because they help filter pollution and stabilize land.  
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# Fairview Old Timer's Festival Special Section



## Fairview Is THE PLACE TO BE July 18-21



The FHS Class of 1983 float during the 2023 Fairview Old Timers' Reunion and Summer Festival parade. (Photo by Jaymi Loobey)

**By Dianne Swanson**

The Fairview Old Timers' Reunion and Summer Festival Committee has an entire weekend full of activities for everyone planned for July 18-21. It's a weekend of class and family reunions and so much more with the theme of "Old Times, New Celebrations". Events take place at Sharbono Park unless specified elsewhere. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Buttons featuring this year's honoree, Ken Babcock, are available now at Fairview merchants while Festival T-shirts are on sale at Neu's SuperValu and Waterhole #3.

Start off with the 3-on-3 Bordertown Hoops for 3rd graders to adults on Friday and Saturday at the north end of Sharbono Park. Prizes will be given for top teams. Please contact Mel Hurley at 406-480-0184 or Trish Buxbaum at 406-489-0390 for more information.

Friday, registration of Old Timers begins while you enjoy Hamburgers in the Park starting at 5 p.m. It's the perfect spot for class reunions to meet up, have a great meal and relax to the music of "Midlife Crisis" from 5:30-9 p.m. Some vendors will be set up so be sure to check them out too. Head downtown afterwards for more visiting with classmates and friends.

Junior High students have a glow party at the pool from 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Saturday starts off with the 5K Color Race at 7:20 a.m. This great family event begins and ends at the park and features some rough terrain. Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is encouraged. Last minute registration takes place from 6:20 - 6:50 a.m. There is also a one-mile Warrior Walk

for small kids and families with strollers which will start at 7:30 a.m. Kids 10 and under walk or run for free. Wear white and get in on all the fun!

Registration of Old Timers begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, along with a delicious FREE complete breakfast prepared by the Fairview Fire Department and served by the 2023 State Champion Warrior Football team until 10 a.m.

The car show will be ready for visitors at 9:30 a.m. Thirty vendors have signed up to be in the park during the day and then some will move downtown to the street dance area for the evening. With nine food vendors and 21 craft vendors, you're sure to find a great treat.

Kids need to register for the Kiddie Parade at 10 a.m., with the parade starting at 10:30, and kids can bounce on the water inflatables from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for just \$15. Bring your swimsuit! There's also open swim from 1-5 p.m.

The Grand Parade lineup is from 10-11:15 a.m. on State Street (Interstate Avenue) and the big event starts at noon. The Festival Committee asks that you please register and line up early so the parade can begin on time.

Head to the gazebo after the parade for the flag raising by the American Legion, followed by the national anthem and program which includes recognizing this year's button honoree Ken Babcock. Babcock positively impacted students in the Fairview School system for 36 years teaching and coaching basketball. As a city councilman, Lion, Jaycee, Montana Education Association, Zion Lutheran Church council and Athletic Club member, Babcock

also dedicated his time and talents to the Fairview community.

Dunk a local celebrity and help pay for school lunches for Fairview kids at the Dunk Tank from 1-5 p.m. next to the Hotel Albert. Fairview FFA will host a Cornhole tournament starting at 2 p.m. at the north end of the park.

Others can head over to the Senior Citizen Center from 2-4 p.m. to visit, absorb some local history hosted by Debbie Crossland and enjoy an Ice Cream Social sponsored by Merchants Bank. Margaret Flynn will have an entire button collection from 1956 to the present on display, along with many duplicates. If you're looking for a special person, building or event that was featured on a button, Margaret is the person to talk to.

The popular Explore America Duck Race starts at 4 p.m. at the canal bridge.

Visit with friends and family and support your local merchants downtown at the Street Dance with music by "Sideways" from 8-midnight and be sure to check out the vendors, you might find something you've never tried before!

Finish off the weekend at the Sunday church service in the park, hosted by WCAG.

For more information, check the old timers' reunion FB page, or call Dennis Trudell at 406-478-2431 or Marion Kittleston at 406-489-9286.

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# Ken Babcock Featured On 2024 Old Timers' Festival Button

By Dianne Swanson

To hundreds of Fairview alumni, he will always be "Mr." Babcock. To the community, he has been a staunch supporter of everything Fairview. He is being recognized for that dedication by the Fairview Old Timers' Reunion and Summer Festival committee by being chosen as this year's button honoree.

Babcock was recruited to teach 5th grade by then Fairview Superintendent Joe Kojanek, while still doing his student teaching at Valley City College. "There was a huge shortage of teachers in 1963," Babcock explained. "Plus, he offered \$3500 a year, \$3600 if I would coach 5th and 6th grade basketball. That was more than I could make in eastern North Dakota, and the superintendent would find us housing," he added. After careful consideration, he and his new wife, Carolyn, relocated from southeastern North Dakota with the solemn promise to each other that they would only stay one year.

After that first year, they discussed it again with Babcock concerned about his resume if he left after only

one year. They agreed to one more year but only with better housing. There was not too much discussion after that as they got to know people. The Babcocks purchased their home in 1967, which has always been a favorite trick or treat stop.

Babcock retired after 36 years in the Fairview School system. He taught 5th grade for the first three years, then social studies and P.E. to 7th and 8th graders for the last 33. He also coached mostly 8th grade basketball for a long time. He's also sure most of his students will remember him singing "Check-up Time".

Originally in the old part of the school, which no longer exists, Ken's first 5th grade classroom was right across from the lunch room, a position he credits with putting on a few pounds! After 1 1/2 years, they moved to the new elementary wing.

A favorite memory Babcocks shared, involved their first trip across the Snowden Bridge with Harold and Charlene Helland to celebrate his first paycheck, and being terrified that they were going to be hit by an oncoming train. "We entertained lots of others after that," Babcock

said, laughing.

In addition to teaching, Babcock served on City Council for eight years and was a member of the Montana Education Association, and Fairview Lions and Jaycees until both clubs disbanded. He also served on the Zion Lutheran Church council and was president of the Athletic Club for a time. He is still an Elks Club member.

Ken and Carolyn have been married for 61 years and raised three children in Fairview. "They got a good education in Fairview. They've done well," Ken said proudly.

Lynn received her education degree from Eastern Montana College in Billings, taught for two years in Warwick, ND, then returned to Fairview where she taught at Eastside for 16 years, retired from Westside after 18 more, and recently won election to the school board. She is married to Del Shelmerdine and together they have one daughter, Cattie, and twin sons, Cody and Kyle. By the way, they all graduated from good ol' Fairview High School.

Lori also received her teaching degree from East-



ern Montana College, taught for three years in Chester, MT, got married to Greg Adkins and is starting her 33rd year teaching in Kalispell. She and Greg have two

sons; Brock who is married to Natalie and resides in Denver, CO, and Mac who will be a sophomore at the University of Arizona this fall.

Steve earned an education degree from Minot State College but it didn't take him long to decide teaching was not for him. He went on to earn his law degree from Grand Forks and is now the head of the Billings Office of Federal Public Defenders. Steve and his wife, Kimberly, have one son, Charlie, and one daughter, Josie. Steve still proudly answers that he's from Fairview even though he hasn't lived there since graduating in 1993!

Last New Year's Eve, Ken and Carolyn became great grandparents for the first time, a huge highlight

in their lives! Lynn and Dell's daughter Cattie and her husband Mark Dunaway, Billings, MT, became proud parents to a baby girl, McKenzie Cole.

As you can see, to Ken and Carolyn, family is everything and that is what Fairview has always been to both of them...family. Babcock is very humble about receiving the button honor. "It's been great. There are so many good memories," he said of his years in Fairview. "I've had so much support from Carolyn. She held the family together." "I was along for all the fun!" Carolyn said.

Please join in recognizing Babcock for his years of service during the program at the gazebo after the Grand Parade Saturday, July 20.

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 6th Place: Tim Ward, Harcourt, IA, 4TW  
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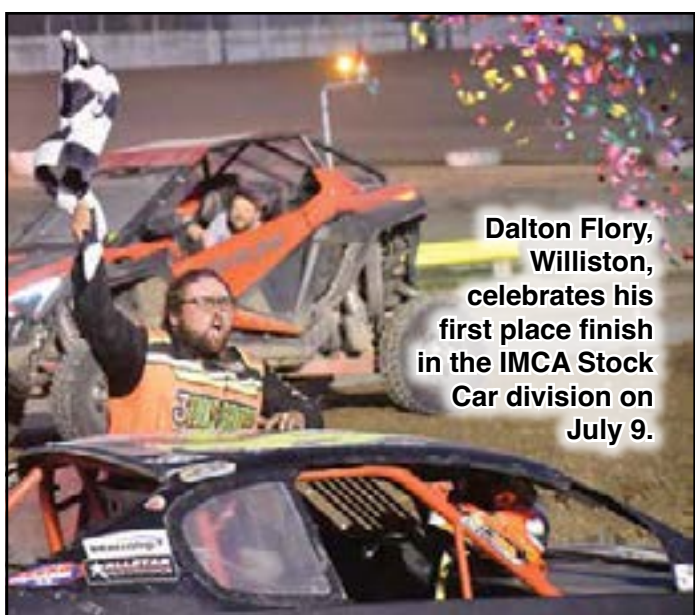
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 3rd Place: Troy Morris III, Bakersfield, CA, 07X  
 4th Place: Travis Hagen, Williston, ND, 14T  
 5th Place: Jason Wolla, Ray, ND, 27W  
 6th Place: Ricky Alvarado, Hotchkiss, CO, WW1  
 Top 6 transfer  
 7th Place: Randy Shafer, Vacaville, CA, 25G  
 8th Place: Jeff Odden, Relies Acres, ND, 0  
 9th Place: Tyler Staruiala, Red Deer, AB, 84  
 10th Place: Marcus Tomlinson, Turtle Lake, ND, 5T  
 11th Place: Talon Seckerson, Jamestown, ND, 45  
 12th Place: Jeremiah LaDue, Trenton, ND, 57  
**IMCA Modified B Feature 2**

1st Place: Jerry Flippo, Bakersfield, CA, 13  
 2nd Place: Andrew Pearce, Oakley, CA, 15P  
 3rd Place: Eric Mass, Rapid City, SD, 44  
 4th Place: John Flory, Williston, ND, 19  
 5th Place: Corey Seckerson, Fargo, ND, 77  
 6th Place: Kyler Jeffrey, Williston, ND, 72X  
 Top 6 transfer  
 7th Place: Dexter Saxson, Lampman, SK, 12  
 8th Place: Bland Bohannon, Williston, ND, 87X  
 9th Place: Justin Bieber, Fairview, MT, 12B  
 10th Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F  
**IMCA Stock Cars A Feature 1**  
 1st Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F  
 2nd Place: Shelby Williams, Bonham, TX, 82  
 3rd Place: Cameron Starry, Corpus Christi, TX, 8JS  
 4th Place: Dan Mackenthun, Hamburg, MN, 92

5th Place: Rob VanMil, Barnesville, MN, 40  
 6th Place: Brendon LaBatte, Weyburn, SK, 57  
 7th Place: Brody Carlrud, Moorhead, MN, B1  
 8th Place: Hunter Domagala, Mandan, ND, 97  
 9th Place: Gabriel Deschamps, Bottineau, ND, 21  
 10th Place: Kyle Scholpp, Lampman, SK, 2  
 11th Place: Mike Hagen, Williston, ND, 27X  
 12th Place: Todd Carter,

Lisbon, ND, 19  
 13th Place: Bill Brack, Mead, CO, 19B  
 14th Place: Joe Flory, Williston, ND, 20  
 15th Place: Brennan Borg, Harwood, ND, 52  
 16th Place: Troy Heupel, Williston, ND, 4T  
 17th Place: Chase Davidson, Estevan, SK, 21C  
 18th Place: Alex Braun, Dickinson, ND, 11B  
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Logan Blair Wilson was born June 2, 2024 to Eric ad Tess Wilson, Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Janae Finnicum, Sidney, MT. Paternal grandparents are Jon and Nora Wilson, Sidney, MT. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Weston Joe Gibbs was born June 17, 2024 to William and Krysta Gibbs, Plentywood, MT. Maternal grandparents Scott and Patti Gibbs, Plentywood, MT. Paternal grandparents are Richard Boggess and Joy Powers, Seeley Lake, MT. Brother: Remington. He weighed 6 lbs. 12.2 oz.

Hannah Marie Lucas was born June 17, 2024 to Geoff and Kaitlin Lucas, Williston, ND. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Shella Zuther, Williston, ND. Sister: Zoey. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Briggs Jackie Bice was born June 20, 2024 to Bobby and Jennifer Bice, Scobey, MT. Maternal grandparents are Brian and Jessica, Plentywood, MT. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Debra, Westby, MT. Brother: Hayes. Sister: Peyton. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Palmer Lynn Christensen was born June 21, 2024 to Tyler and Nichole Christensen, Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents are Duane and Maria Peters, Sidney, MT. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Tami Christensen, Sidney, MT. Brother: Boyd. Sisters: Everly and Ellis. She weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz.

Ellie Mae Eisel was born June 22, 2024 to Jason Eisel and Raineey Fry, Sidney, MT. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Boston Stryker Stone Aldridge was born June 24, 2024 to Logan Aldridge and Kylla Lakin, Fairview, MT. Maternal grandparent is Kathleen Kylo, Fairview, MT. Paternal grandparent is Kim Aldridge, Gillsville, GA. Brother: Boone. Sister: Adilyn. He weighed 7 lbs. 7.7 oz.

Quincy Mae Simonis was born June 25, 2024 to Mitch and Karissa Simonis, Plentywood, MT. Maternal grandparents are Brian and Melanie Rodgers, Idaho City, ID. Paternal grandparents are Neal Simonis and Vanessa Bennett, Richland, OR. Sister: Oakley. She weighed 7 lbs. 5.1 oz.

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