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## Lighting Of The Fairview Bridge Set For Saturday, Nov. 23



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**By Dianne Swanson**  
Train rides, live reindeer, Santa and of course, those fabulous fireworks! They're all set for Saturday, Nov. 23 at Sundheim Park, Fairview.

"It's been a family tradition since the beginning almost 15 years ago, to have this special experience in the park with our bridge as the backdrop," explained Fairview Chamber of Commerce President Ray Trumppower. "Whether the kids get to play in the leaves or the snow, they love the train rides, the reindeer and a visit with Santa, and everyone, always, enjoys the fireworks. So plan to join us there and get in the Christmas spirit."

The festivities start at 4 p.m., with train rides and live reindeer until 7 p.m. Who knows when the jolly red man himself will show up, but we know he'll be around to hear kids' wish lists; be sure to bring your camera!

Concessions will be available, served up by the local baseball kids for a free



Santa rides the train over the Fairview Bridge during last year's event.

will offering,

The fantastic fireworks show on the historic Fairview

bridge starts at 7 p.m.

The Fairview Chamber of Commerce and Friends of

the Fairview Bridge extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have donated

in any way to make this "kickoff to the season" event possible.

## Salvation Army Begins Red Kettle Campaign

**By Robyn Heck**

The Salvation Army is excited to invite you, your organizations, and your families to partner with them in this year's Red Kettle Campaign. You can give the precious gift of time by volunteering to be a bell ringer, raising funds to provide a hand up to individuals in our community. Kettles will be out in Watford City from Nov. 15-Dec. 20 between 1 and 8 p.m. Kettles will be out in Sidney from Dec. 2-23 between 4 and 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Saturdays.

The funds raised from the Red Kettle Campaign are used year-round to provide temporary, emergency assistance to those less fortunate. 88% of the funds donated stay local. The iconic red kettles and volunteer bell ringers, have become a recognizable part of the Christmas season, representing a spirit of charity, hope, and compassion. It is one of the longest running, and most successful Holiday fundraising efforts in the United States. The tradition dates back to 1891 in California. Originally next to the red kettle was a sign to encourage passersby to "Keep the Pot Boiling". By the early 1900s, the campaign had expanded across America.

If anyone in the Watford City area would like to help out this holiday season by being a bell ringer, please sign up at <https://www.registertoring.com>, or call or email Gene Heck at 701-339-8885, [gheck@ruggedwest.com](mailto:gheck@ruggedwest.com). If anyone would like to mail donations, please send them to: Gene Heck, TSA Red Kettle Coordinator, PO Box 697, Watford City, ND 58854.

Anyone in the Sidney area willing to help please call Bob Burnison at 406-489-1361, or email him at [bob.burnison@richland.org](mailto:bob.burnison@richland.org). If anyone would like to mail donations, please send them to: Sidney Salvation Army, PO Box 76, Sidney, MT 59270.

The Salvation Army's Christmas Bell Ringing Campaign is more than a fundraising effort; it's a symbol of kindness, charity, and community spirit that captures the essence of the holiday season. For over a century, the ringing of bells has brought people together to help those in need, and it continues to inspire people to give back in big and small ways. This enduring tradition reminds us of the power of collective generosity, and the difference, each of us can make during the season of giving. Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone.

## Sidney Chamber Of Commerce & Community Gear Up For Festive Holiday Season

**By Lisa Gorder**

The countdown to Christmas has begun in Sidney, and the community is invited to celebrate with a series of festive events. From free activities to unique dining experiences, there is something for everyone this holiday season.

Festivities start Friday, Nov. 29, with a free Open Skating session from 1-3 p.m. at the Richland Ranger

Hockey Dome. Families can enjoy a fun afternoon on the ice, perfect for all ages. Make sure to grab a hot chocolate and your holiday spirit. It is the perfect start for a fantastic day. After you unlace your skates, head downtown to join Santa for a free movie at the Centre Theatre from 3:30-5:30 p.m., featuring the beloved holiday classic, "The Polar Express". A story of a young boy who

embarks on a train ride to the North Pole to see Santa Claus.

As the sun sets, the grand finale of the day is the annual Parade of Lights that will light up Central Avenue at 6:30 p.m. This year, the parade is shaping up to be the largest ever with close to 100 entries expected! Entries from local businesses, non-profits, school groups, families and

individuals are encouraged to register. Go to <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/sidney-parade-of-lights> or call the Sidney Chamber of Commerce to register. Parade lineup begins at 5:30 p.m. at the South Shopko Parking Lot, inviting families to gather and enjoy the festive display of lights and community spirit.

The Cutting Edge Dance Studio will once again

have the Sunrise City Rockettes performing their entertaining Christmas routine mid-way through the parade. The parade is a historical event in Sidney and it is promising to be a magical night downtown.

For more information about local events and the community calendar, go to the chamber's website, [sidneymt.com](http://sidneymt.com) or visit their Facebook page.

## Watford City Parks Department: Building Towards Bright Future While Enhancing Beloved Spaces

**By Brock White**  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Watford City's vibrant park system is a key quality-of-life feature that draws both newcomers and long-time residents. As the Watford City Parks Department approaches its 100th anniversary in 2026, Superintendent Robin Arndt remains dedicated to preserving its legacy while pursuing ambitious improvements for the future.

**Sunshine Park**

Spring of 2024 saw the completion of a playground addition at Sunshine Park. This new feature expands the offerings of Sunshine Park, alongside an existing basketball court, picnic shel-

ter and more. This project was funded in part by a Rough Rider Fund Community Enhancement Grant. The Rough Rider Fund is a one and a half cent city sales tax that was established in 1998 to support projects that enhance Watford City and the surrounding areas.

McKenzie County Athletic Park (MCAP)

One of the newer, but

arguably busiest parks, MCAP will soon benefit from essential infrastructure upgrades. McKenzie County is securing easements and aims to begin paving 24th Ave SW in spring of 2025 to improve access and safety. Additional plans include parking lot paving to enhance the user experience, with the county leading these projects and Watford

City Parks supporting the funding. Users of the MCAP can also now utilize two Cal-Ripken/Girls fast-pitch softball diamonds, which were also finished in 2024, and ready for use in Spring of 2025.

**Kent Pelton Nature Park**

One of the most exciting projects on the horizon is the future addition of an all-inclusive playground at Kent Pelton Nature Park. This zero-entry, sensory inclusive playground would carry a Badlands theme throughout, with equipment designed to allow children of all abilities the chance to participate, play, and be included. The park, which would feature wheelchair accessible and compatible equipment, is complemented by the ADA parking spaces that were completed fall of 2024 at Kent Pelton Nature Park.

The project, estimated at around \$1.1million, already has an impressive \$700k dedicated towards it, with a Rough Rider Fund grant, Garrison Diversion Project grant, and Park District savings making up the total. A fundraising campaign is expected to begin over the winter of 2024-25, with bids to be solicited in the first quarter of 2025, and construction hopefully underway in spring of 2025.



Kent Pelton Nature Park planned improvements. (Image submitted)

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**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.-Sat. daily at 2 p.m.;  
**Women's Cards:** Wed. & Sat. at 1 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 Al-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. - **Al-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

## SHS Close Up To Hold Cream Puff Volleyball Fundraiser Nov. 19

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney High School Close Up Organization will be holding its annual Cream Puff volleyball game fundraiser Tuesday, Nov. 19. The junior and senior boys will be competing at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The entry fee is \$5 and no activity passes are accepted. There will be concessions available. All funds raised, will go towards taking the students in the club to Washington, DC, in the spring, to learn in about our nation's capital. The Close Up advisor is Brad Faulhaber.

Each male volleyball team is coached by a female athlete. The coaches are Amiya Steinbeisser, Savanna Anderson, Hallie Schantz, Zoey Garsjo, Ave Norby, Izzy Baisch, Emma Walter, and Aiyana Kim.

The bracket will be as follows:  
Junior 1 Team vs. Junior 2 Team  
Senior 1 Team vs. Senior 2 Team  
Loser's game  
Winner's game  
Championship Team vs. the Team Coaches  
Don't miss the entertainment on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

## McKenzie Health Center – Williston Earns ACR Accreditation

By Lynn Welker-Fevold, MMHC, ACHE

Williston—McKenzie Health Center - Williston has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology® (ACR®).

MRI is a noninvasive medical test that utilizes magnetic fields to produce anatomical images of internal body parts to help physicians diagnose and treat medical conditions. The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting specific requirements based on ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported back to the facility and provide the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

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About McKenzie Health Center - Williston  
McKenzie Health Center – Williston provides imaging, orthopedic, family practice, and urgent care services. Patients can now schedule general surgery consultations on Tuesdays from 1-5 p.m. For an appointment, call 701-577-6337.

## Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will host Giving Tuesday Dinner Dec. 3

By Lisa Gordier

Giving Tuesday is an annual event created to foster the spirit of giving in the world. It is touted as a "global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and world".

This year, the Sidney Chamber has chosen to host a progressive dinner to assist our community. Ticket holders will have the choice of starting their journey at either 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. The evening will feature a delicious multi-course meal from various participating restaurants.

Starting at the South 40 for a welcome and cocktails and moving onto the Cattle-ac for hors d'oeuvres and then to the Meadowlark for salad. The Ranger will host the main course and the night will finish at Amy's for dessert. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit local nonprofits, including the Sidney Schools Angel Fund, Kiwanis Coat Drive, Foundation for Community Care, Boys and Girls Club, and Sunrise Women's Clinic.

The evening will be filled with talent from locals, the Riggs Family, Cassidy Wadley, Ryan Olson, and the Sunrise City Rockettes performing. This event is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit with its memorable trek in downtown Sidney. With only 80 tickets available, this event is expected to fill up quickly. The ticket cost is \$50. Get your tickets today online at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/givingtuesdayprogressivedinner> or stop in at the Chamber, Boys and Girls Club, Sunrise Women's Clinic, or the Foundation for Community Care.

It is truly one of the most wonderful giving times of the year!

For more information on this event, visit the Sidney Chamber of Commerce website or follow them on Facebook.

## Richland County Notice Of Taxes Due

2024 Real Property Tax Statements have been mailed and notice is hereby given that the first half of all taxes levied and assessed with be due and payable on or before 5 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2024, and that unless paid prior to that time the amount then due will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid, and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty.

And that the second half of all taxes levied and assessed with be due and payable on or before 5 p.m. on June 2, 2025, and that unless paid prior to that time the taxes will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid, and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty.

Taxes are to be paid at the County Treasurer's Office, 201 W. Main, Sidney, MT.

**EVENTS**  
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**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Now-Sat., Jan. 11**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **34th Annual MDHC Miniature Art Show** - MonDak Heritage Center. 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/>.

**Fri., Nov. 15**  
10 a.m.-Noon & 2-4 p.m. - **Pictures With Santa & Buddy The Elf For Your Christmas Cards** - Families welcome, cookies & hot chocolate with be provided. Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, 302 W. Main St.  
6-10 p.m. - **Eagle Foundation's Turkey Bingo Fundraiser** - Dinner will be available for purchase from Amy's & a full bar hosted by the Cattle-Ac. Yellowstone Mercantile building.

**Sat., Nov. 16**  
1-4 p.m. - **Eric Johnson Artist Relief Print Workshop** - Start by transferring your design onto linoleum, then carve it with tools to form your image. Members: \$40; Not Yet Members: \$50. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

6-11 p.m. - **Sidney Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Annual Fireman's Ball** - Great night of fun, dinner provided, dancing & live music. Richland County Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Sidney Fire Station or by messaging them on Facebook.

**Sun., Nov. 17, 24; Dec., 1, 15**  
1 p.m. - **Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo** - 11 games, winner take all except Game 6: 50% winner & 50% Sidney Moose Lodge & Moose charities. Public welcome.

**Mon., Nov. 18-Mon, Nov. 25, 12 p.m.**  
**National Collection Week - Pack A Shoebox** - Send good news & great joy around the world. Shoeboxes collected at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 211 E. Holly St. until 12 p.m. Nov. 25.

**Mon., Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6, 13, 20**  
4-5 p.m. - **Lego Club** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. For more info call 406-433-1917.

**Tues., Nov. 19**  
6 p.m. - **Sidney High School Close Up Organization Cream Puff Volleyball Game Fundraiser** - The junior & senior boys will be competing in the high school gymnasium. Entry fee \$5, no activity passes accepted. Concessions will be available.

**Thurs., Nov. 21**  
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Cattlemen's Cafe. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.  
5 p.m. - **Sunrise Womens Clinic 2024 Fundraising Gala** - Meet & greet 5 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m. Live auction, silent auction, ultrasound, live music with Mark Schultz. Richland County Event Center. To reserve a seat call 406-433-7772.

**Fri., Nov. 22**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - **Sidney's Soup Kitchen** - All are welcome. Volunteers appreciated to help serve meals. St Matthews Parish Center. For more information call 406-433-2510 or email [stmattd@midrivers.com](mailto:stmattd@midrivers.com).

**Wed., Nov. 27**  
5 p.m. - **6th Annual Ryland Christensen Memorial Cornhole Tournament** - Games start at 7 p.m. 2-people teams, \$25 entry fee per team. Free-will donation chili & cinnamon roll feed. 50/50 tickets, silent auction & full bar. Richland County Event Center, 2118 W. Holly St. To pre-register message on the Facebook event.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**  
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Now - Jan. 4, 2025**  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Onesti Krieger - The 11" X 14" Show** - Krieger is a visual artist working in oil & acrylics & paints abstract expressionistic paintings. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.  
**Wed., Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18**  
6-8 p.m. - **Open Pickleball Nights** - For new or experienced players, \$7 day pass or membership required. Rough Rider Center.  
**Fri., Nov. 15**  
4-5 p.m. - **Christmas Bookmark Craft** - Free event. Age 18+. Create & decorate your own Christmas bookmark. All materials provided. McKenzie County Public Library. For more info call 701-444-3785 or email [librarian@co.mckenzie.nd.us](mailto:librarian@co.mckenzie.nd.us).  
5:30 p.m. - **3rd Annual Charity Fashion Show For A Cause** - Outlaws Ballroom, Watford City. Tickets available for purchase \$40/adult; \$10 children age 3-12. For VIP sponsor table contact Sara to reserve, 507-995-8978. Proceeds go to The Eagles Giving Tree.  
**Sat., Nov. 16 & Dec. 7**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Paint Your Own Pottery Open Studio** - Paint a piece of pottery to be glazed & fired in the kiln. \$25 Pre-registration; \$30 Walk-ins. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit [longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/](http://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/).  
**Tues., Nov. 19**  
2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions or concerns, call 701-444-3244.  
5 p.m. - **Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce Turkey Bingo & 4-H Soup & Sandwich Supper** - Supper 5 p.m.; Bingo 6:30 p.m. Watford City Middle School Commons Area.  
**Thurs., Nov. 21**  
6-8 p.m. - **The Gathering** - Free community event to celebrate Thanksgiving where neighbors & friends can come together, share a delicious meal, give thanks, & enjoy the company of others. Watford City Civic Center.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**  
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Thurs., Nov. 14**  
4-5 p.m. - **Teen Thursday** - Provides an engaging activity geared for teens & teens ages 10-17. Snacks provided. Williston Community Library.  
**Sat., Nov. 16**  
4:30 p.m. - **Williston Trinity Christian Fall Banquet & Auction** - Featuring Tammy Trent & silent & live auctions. 2419 9th Ave. W. Tickets are \$30 & can be purchased in the school office. For more info call/text or email Shayla Bliss, 719-459-8491, [sbliss@wtcsnd.org](mailto:sbliss@wtcsnd.org).  
**Sat., Nov. 23**  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Heritage Crafters Annual Sale** - Selling handmade crafts & baked goods & serving Rommegrot & coffee. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Prairie Rose Fall Finale Craft & Vendor Event** - Game baskets are on deck for the drawings for this event. Raymond Family Community Center.  
**Sat., Nov. 23; Dec. 14, 28**  
7 p.m.-Midnight - **Game Night At The James** - Bring your favorite board, card or RPG games with some friends & snacks, or join in a game with others. All welcome, free & open to the public. James Memorial Art Center. For more info call 701-774-3601.

**DAWSON COUNTY**  
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Sat., Nov. 16**  
4-8 p.m. - **Pint Night For The Cats: Purr-fection In A Pint** - Support Happy Tails Cat rescues & enjoy a Purrfect Pint! Cross Country Brewing, 320 E. Allard St.  
**Sat., Nov. 16, 12-7 p.m. & Sun., Nov. 17** - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Stipek Station Holiday Social** - Enjoy homemade treats & refreshments while you choose a few of your favorite holiday embellishments & possibly shop early for Christmas. Stipek Station, 791 Hwy. 16.  
**Thurs., Nov. 21**  
6 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Teams of 1- 5 players will pay five (\$5) dollars per player. Cross Country Brewing.  
**Tues., Nov. 26**  
6:30-8:55 p.m. - **District II Honor Band & Choir Festival Concert** - Talented high school musicians of Savage High School join forces with the rest of the District II music programs around eastern MT. DCHS.

# MonDak Heritage Center Features Eric A. Johnson Artist Reception & Linoleum Block Printing Workshop Nov. 16

**By Nikki Bailey-Will  
Executive Director  
MonDak Heritage Center**

The MonDak Heritage Center will host a print making workshop and artist reception for master print maker Eric A. Johnson on Nov. 16. Johnson's exhibition, "A Cut Away: Reduction Relief Prints", will be on display until Jan. 13 with an opening reception on Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. Join Eric Johnson to discuss his process, inspiration, and artwork. Johnson states, "These engagements provide a deeper insight into the inspiration and creative process behind my work, fostering a more meaningful connection between the artwork and the visitors."

Over the last 25 years, Johnson has created well

over 225 prints and has exhibited extensively in over 60 regional and national exhibitions, proving to be one of the region's most prolific artists. Johnson's unique use of color, especially apparent in his prints, is one reason his work has received acclaim around the country. In January 2019, Johnson opened "Big Oak Press", his printmaking studio and currently he teaches art and art history at Minnesota State Community and Technical College and Humanities at Mayville State University, is Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists president, and is working on both paintings and reduction relief prints.

Driven by a passion for storytelling through visual art, Johnson continues

to evolve and experiment, pushing the boundaries of his chosen mediums. His art not only reflects a profound connection to the world around him but also invites viewers to embark on a visual journey that transcends conventional boundaries. Johnson's work in printmaking primarily focuses on the reduction method of relief printmaking. The reduction method, also known as the subtractive method, was developed by Pablo Picasso along with his master printer, Hildago Amnera. This method uses one block to print a multicolored image instead of using one block for each color.

To experience print making for yourself, register for Eric Johnson's Linoleum

Blocking Printing workshop which will take place before the artist reception at 1 p.m. on Nov. 16. In this fun hands-on printmaking workshop, you will learn the fundamentals of relief printing using battleship linoleum. Johnson will guide you through the entire process of creating a small edition of five original prints. You'll start by



"Pentimento"  
by Eric A. Johnson  
(Submitted)

transferring your design onto linoleum and then carve it using specialized tools to form your image. With guidance from our instructor, you'll learn how to ink your block and create consistent impressions using a small press. By the end of the day, you'll have produced five high-quality prints to take home and the skills to continue exploring printmaking on your own. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Come ready to get creative and leave with your own unique edition of handmade prints! This workshop costs

\$40 for MDHC members and \$50 for not yet members. Stop by the MonDak Heritage Center, call 406-433-3500, or go to <https://mondakmuseum.square.site/> to register! Spots are limited.

Eric Johnson states, "The main focus in my work, throughout my career, has been conceptualizing my personal experience into pieces that the viewer can relate to, regardless of their background or experience into pieces that the viewer can relate to, regardless of their background or experience with the images

presented. As I work, I put myself, if only briefly, into feelings of my audience; this has always been the goal of my work: to provide an escape into a feeling of wonder and miracle from a world that is often full of misery, negative happenstance, and mundane tasks."

The MonDak Heritage Center is located at 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney and is open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. Admission to the MonDak Heritage Center is FREE. For more information call 406 433-3500 or e-mail [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).

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# Pollari Earns NILE Merit Heifer & Montana Hereford Association Heifer

**By Dianne Swanson**

Josh Pollari, a member of the Richland Aces 4-H Club and a sophomore at Sidney High School, is a very busy young man but he found time this summer to complete the lengthy application process for a NILE Merit Heifer. He submitted a 5- to 8- minute video, an essay, and the application in June and was notified in September that he was one of only 12 young people in the western United States to earn a heifer.

The NILE Merit Heifer is part of the Youth in Agriculture program which was created by the recently deceased Bill Pelton. Breeders donate animals which are then provided to the winners. Pollari's purebred Hereford heifer is coming from Beery's

Land & Livestock in Vida, MT, which his dad Andy said is where they buy their bulls so they are delighted. Pollari will not have ownership of the heifer until he fulfills all the requirements including showing it at the 2025 NILE as a bred heifer. Once that is done successfully, the heifer is his.

As a member of the Richland Aces, Pollari has multiple projects including cow/calf pair, shooting sports, outdoor adventure, market steer, and gardening. Accurate records are essential in all 4-H projects and he and his mom, Karen, credit that with part of the reason he was able to earn the NILE Merit Heifer. He will need to keep meticulous feed and expense records for his heifer. If he falters, the heifer

goes back.

In addition to the NILE heifer, Pollari was the only one in the state to receive a Montana Hereford Association grant of \$1000 to put towards the purchase of a purebred Hereford heifer. The grant is intended to help young farmers start their own herd.

The two heifers will need to be kept close by on full time feed, not out to pasture with the rest of the herd. Pollari will be working with Madri Blom to AI the heifers.

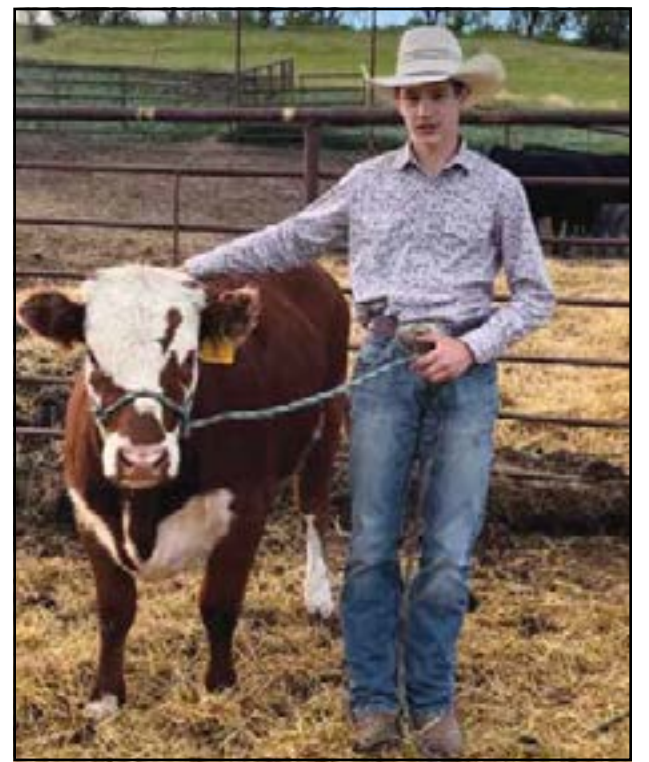
Pollari joined the Junior Montana Hereford Association recently and was elected treasurer. The group is sponsored by the Montana Hereford Association which is working hard to promote the Hereford breed and en-

courage youth involvement.

Pollari is looking forward to attending a large show in Kansas where he can visit with other breeders and learn more about agriculture in general.

In high school, Pollari just finished competing in cross-country, plays trombone in the band, jazz band and with the Sunrise Brass Quintet. He is headed to Minot State for honor band soon and has received superior ratings at music festivals. He is a member of Math Madness, Key Club and American Politics Club and is a Junior Leader in 4-H.

Congratulations Josh on earning your Hereford heifers!



Josh Pollari shows his blue-ribbon Hereford heifer at the 2024 Richland County Fair. (Photo submitted)

## Stellar Renewable Resources Outlines Fairview 1 Solar Project To Richland County Commissioners

**By Dianne Swanson**

Representatives with Stellar Renewable Resources met with Richland County Commissioners on Wednesday, Nov. 6 to discuss the Fairview 1 Solar Project. The financial stability of the project was outlined, explaining that it is backed by KKR, one of the largest private equity companies in the world. The experienced team behind the project was also highlighted, saying that there are over 100 years of combined experience in the field of solar energy and that Stellar currently has 53 solar projects in the lower

48 states.

Garett Klone, Stellar representative, went through the design of the 74.5 MW solar project, complimented by a 25 MW 4 battery storage initiative, explaining that the boundaries had shifted for a variety of reasons including feedback from USFWS/Montana Fish and Game, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, neighbor concerns, etc. It covers approximately 615 acres over an 1100-acre area and is situated for interconnection at the MDU/WAPA Fairview West 115KV substation just across Highway 201.

The project is currently working closely with WAPA as it undergoes NEPA studies including multiple environmental and cultural aspects. Weather stations have been installed to gauge wind speed and other factors which will help determine the actual structure of the project. The design could also possibly change due to pipelines in the area. The men expressed confidence in the environmental assessment process and said they would address concerns such as increased setbacks as needed. A March 2026 to December 2026 time line was given as the earliest possible completion.

The project is expected to create approximately 100 construction jobs and \$40-50 million in tax dollars

to Richland County over its lifetime based on the current mil levy. They did indicate they would be asking for a tax abatement period down the road. One maintenance employee would be full time after construction is completed. No disruption of traffic is anticipated on Highway 201.

Fire concerns were also addressed, saying that the company would not hold landowners liable for a fire that went through their facility, unless it was intentionally set, and that their insurance would cover any damages.

It was emphasized that the company wants to be a good partner to the community, with development done the right way in conjunction with the county and the community.

## MSU Extension Cattle Academy Conference Nov. 19-20

Montana State University Extension is excited to present the Cattle Academy conference in Miles City, MT, Nov. 19-20. Cattle Academy is a regional educational conference that brings together beef cattle producers with the professionals who support them. Cattle Academy aims to educate producers on timely topics, current research from state Extension programs and industry leaders, and innovative technology that relates to beef production and management.

The two-day event is packed with great speakers and topics including Calving Challenges with Dr. Katie Rein and Stella the life-sized cow and calf simulator; Beef Market Outlook; Beef Quality Assurance Certification; Cover Crops and Bale Grazing; Setting Up Newborn Calves for Success; Vitamin A; Range Management; Livestock Water Quality; Optimizing Percent Calf Crop; Estate Planning; and Heifer Development. The Conference will conclude with a dinner and keynote speaker, Taylor Brown from the Northern Broadcasting System.

We are excited to bring this conference to the region and hope you will join us in Miles City. For more information and to register, see the website at <https://animalrangeextension.montana.edu/beef/cattleacademy.html/> or call the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

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# Watford City High School Hosts Red Ribbon Week Speaker

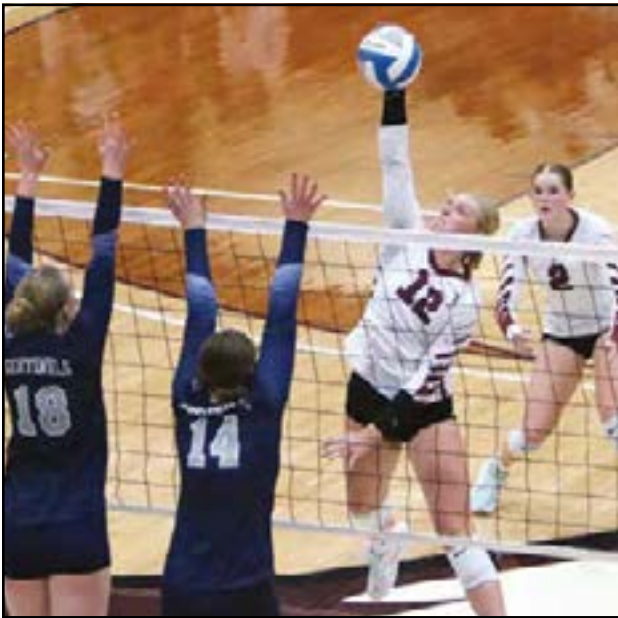
**Submitted Amelia Wisness**  
November 4-8th was Red Ribbon Week at Watford City High School organized by the WCHS Student Against Destructive Decisions Committee. In conclusion to our Red Ribbon Week, Watford City High School had the honor of hosting Shani. Shani discussed how important it is to keep up with your physical and mental health, as well as, looking for the signs of

drug abuse in those around you. Through personal family history, students learned the signs of an overdose and active measures to take in the instance they encounter a friend or family member also being affected by drugs. Shani is the director of Mya's mission along with being on the board directors at the Providence House. Her goal is to provide naran distribution boxes around North Dakota and the first one is going into Jack and

Jill today! For more information visit the Mya's Mission Website: <https://www.providencefoundationnd.org/grant-program>  
The Providence House also invited Mark Carlson, employee at the endeavor sober living facility to share his journey with drug addiction with our students. We are thankful to the generous sponsors and speakers that shared their stories with us.



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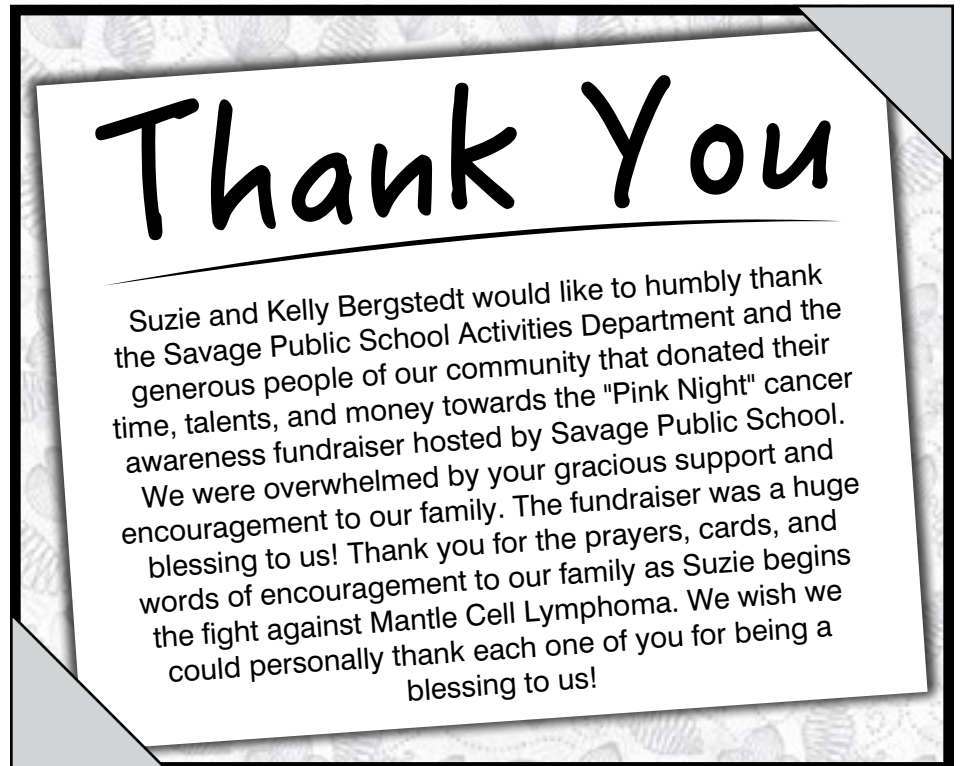
## Watford City Takes on Minot

Adi Schaff, Watford City Wolves, spikes the ball over the Minot blockers for a kill in their last match of regular season play. The Wolves put up a good fight but fell to the Sentinels 3 games to 1. Minot North put an end to the Wolves season defeating them 3-0 in a regional play-in game on Thursday. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



## Bainville Places 3rd at Divisionals

The Bainville volleyball team finished 3rd at the Eastern C Volleyball Tournament last weekend in Sidney. Bainville was defeated by North Country in the 3rd place match in 5 sets. (25-22, 21-25, 23-25, 25-18, 15-13). North Country finished 2nd and the tournament champions were Circle. Above: Lila Butikofer (left) and Chandi Johnson attempt a block against North Country. (Photo by Bethany Wells)



# Thank You

Suzie and Kelly Bergstedt would like to humbly thank the Savage Public School Activities Department and the generous people of our community that donated their time, talents, and money towards the "Pink Night" cancer awareness fundraiser hosted by Savage Public School. We were overwhelmed by your gracious support and encouragement to our family. The fundraiser was a huge blessing to us! Thank you for the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement to our family as Suzie begins the fight against Mantle Cell Lymphoma. We wish we could personally thank each one of you for being a blessing to us!

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# TURKEY BINGO AND 4H SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

Watford City Middle School Commons Area  
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BINGO STARTS AT 6:30PM

## H.L. Pedersen Middle School Wrestling Tournament Results



Max Kleinke, Sidney, gets a pin over Nolyn Lynch (Williston) in :18 at the H.L. Pedersen Middle School Wrestling Tournament in Williston Saturday. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>6th Grade</b>                | - 3rd                            |
| 69-77# - Kannan Hofer - 2nd     | 93-102# - Lincoln Milton - 1st   |
| 76-84# - Ziggy Bailey - 3rd     | 102-109# - Toby Kleinke - 1st    |
| 80-82# - Cormac Reid - 1st      | 120-122# - Nathan Ngeuwoun - 2nd |
| 92-95# - Titus Edinger - 4th    | 121-128 - Case Bradford - 4th    |
| 139-145# - Greyson Gorder - 4th | 132-141 - Anthony Leon - 3rd     |
| 187-201# - Eric Crooks - 1st    | 161-177# - Matthew Allen - 1st   |
| <b>7-8 Grade A</b>              | 201-219# - Jeremiah Hill - 1st   |
| 95-103# - Hazen Foss - 1st      | 229-256# - Toryn Gonzalez - 1st  |
| 95-103# - Henry Maurer - 3rd    |                                  |
| 102-113# - Max Kleinke - 1st    |                                  |
| 135-147# - Yuriah Camacho - 2nd |                                  |
| 187-202 - Isaac Carlsen - 1st   |                                  |
| <b>7-8 Grade B</b>              |                                  |
| 85-89# - Tatum Beiswanger       |                                  |

## Bronco Invite 2024 Results For Sidney Middle School Wrestlers

- The Sidney Middle School wrestlers kicked off their season in Miles City on Friday, Nov. 8. The results are as follows:
- |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 65-71# - Kannan Hofer - 3rd     | - 2nd                            |
| 77-82# - Cormac Reid - 2nd      | 115-120# - Nathan Ngeuwoun - 3rd |
| 83-87# - Ziggy Bailey - 3rd     | 126-135# - Anthony Leon - 3rd    |
| 86-92# - Tatum Beiswanger - 3rd | 130-142# - Yuriah Camacho - 2nd  |
| 91-95# - Henry Maurer - 1st     | 132-140# - Greyson Gorder - 4th  |
| 92-95# - Titus Edinger - 2nd    | 158-173# - Matthew Allen - 1st   |
| 93-102# - Toby Kleinke - 1st    | 178-187# - Isaac Carlsen - 2nd   |
| 94-103# - Lincoln Milton - 1st  | 184-201# - Eric Crooks - 3rd     |
| 96-102# - Hazen Foss - 1st      | 219-225# - Jeremiah Hill - 2nd   |
| 107-110# - Max Kleinke - 1st    | 229-256# - Toryn Gonzalez - 1st  |
| 109-114# - Landon Franck        |                                  |

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The Best Practices Agency designation is awarded to participants in the Best Practices Study, which analyzes and documents the business practices of the industry's highest-performing insurance agencies.

Over 2,600 independent agencies throughout the U.S. were nominated for the selection process. For the 2024 Study year, only 235 independent agencies throughout the U.S. qualified for and retained their status as Best Practices agencies. Seitz Insurance Agency is one of two Montana insurance agencies to receive this recognition.

"We are honored to be recognized again as a Best Practices Agency,

a reflection of our team's hard work, dedication to excellence, and commitment to providing exceptional service to our clients," said David Seitz, president. "This achievement highlights our focus on innovation, continuous improvement, and the unwavering trust our clients place in us."

Since 1993, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA or the Big "I") and Reagan Consulting, an Atlanta-based management consulting firm, have joined forces to study the country's leading agencies in six categories.

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"Earning recognition as a Best Practices Agency truly reflects our commit-

ment to excellence," said Cami Skinner, operations manager. "This accomplishment showcases the dedication and hard work of our team in providing outstanding service and reliable guidance to our clients every day while elevating industry standards."

Best Practices agencies retain their status annually during the three-year cycle by submitting extensive financial and operational data for review. 2024 is the third year of the current three-year study cycle.

Seitz Insurance Agency has been a trusted provider of insurance solutions since its organization in 1961. The agency offers a comprehensive selection of insurance products, including personal, commercial, farm, and ranch, group benefits, and surety coverage, tailored to meet the



### Seitz Insurance Agency Named 2024 Best Practices Agency

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For further information, please contact Cami Skinner,

Seitz Insurance Agency at 406 433-1411.



## Celebrating Rural Health: MonDak Family Clinic & Visiting Nurse Services



MonDak Family Clinic (pictured l to r): Ashley Nelson, Jacquelyn Free, FNP, Johnny Bennett, RN and Karrie Lorenz. (Photo submitted)



Home and Community Care Services (pictured l to r): Melissa Kissinger, RN; Penni Case, RN - Care Management Director; Heather Burks, RN; KayLinn Hoffman, Community Health Worker; Sylvia Casarez, CNA; Deysi Alogna, CNA; and Laurie Lovegren, RN - Personal Assistance Director. (Photo submitted)

By Rita Steinbeisser, Sidney Health Center

In recognition of National Rural Health Day this November, Sidney Health Center proudly highlights the MonDak Family Clinic in Fairview, and the MonDak Visiting Nurse Services. These programs are crucial for providing accessible, high-quality healthcare to the rural communities in the MonDak region.

**MonDak Family Clinic: Comprehensive Rural Healthcare**

The MonDak Family Clinic is a cornerstone of rural healthcare in Fairview. as a Rural Health Clinic, it provides comprehensive care to individuals and families, with a strong emphasis on wellness and preventive care. From routine check-ups and immunizations to managing chronic conditions, the clinic is committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents by keeping healthcare accessible and person-

alized.

At the heart of MonDak Family Clinic is its dedicated team, including Jacquelyn Free, FNP; Johnny Bennett, RN; Ashley Nelson, and Karrie Lorenz. With an extensive background in healthcare, Free's expertise ensures that rural residents receive attentive, high-quality care. As a Certified Diabetic Educator, she specializes in diabetic management, working closely with patients to improve their health and well-being.

The team's dedication to patient care is widely recognized by the community. In October 2024, MonDak Family Clinic was named the Best of Richland County Family Practice Office, with Jacquelyn Free honored as the Best of Richland County Health Practitioner and Johnny Bennett as the Best of Richland County Nurse.

**MonDak Visiting Nurse Services: Bringing Healthcare Home**

MonDak Visiting Nurse Services, part of Sidney Health Center's broader Home and Community Care Services, delivers in-home medical care with a focus on personalized support. This program is designed to help patients receive high-quality healthcare in the comfort of their own homes, promoting independence and faster recovery.

The MonDak Visiting Nurse Services encompass a range of specialized care options, including routine health assessments, wound care, medication management, and post-surgical support. By providing skilled nursing

care in a home setting, the program aims to enhance patient comfort while reducing the need for hospital visits.

**A Commitment to Comprehensive In-Home Care**

Sidney Health Center's Home and Community Care Services also offer additional in-home healthcare options, such as:


**Patient Care Management:** Customized care plans for individuals with chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and respiratory issues, focusing on symptom management and preventing complications.

**Remote Patient Monitoring:** Utilizing technology to monitor health indicators in real-time, allowing timely interventions and reducing hospital readmissions.

**Personal Assistance Services:** Providing support with daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, and meal preparation, to promote independence and safety.

**End-of-Life Comfort Care:** Offering compassionate care to individuals with terminal illnesses, focusing on pain management and emotional support while assisting families in navigating end-of-life care.


As we celebrate National Rural Health Day, we honor the dedicated teams at the MonDak Family Clinic and MonDak Visiting Nurse Services. Their commitment to patient-centered care ensures that quality healthcare remains accessible to the rural communities of the MonDak region.



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## Jeremy Dean Collectible Christmas Ornament Features Bank Of Fairview

**By Dianne Swanson**  
 The third in the highly collectible ornament collection by Jeremy Dean is now available! Once again, the stunning ornament features an iconic landmark in Fairview.

"Bank of Fairview was located on the Montana side of Interstate Avenue (State Street) and organized in 1907 by Thomas C. Gardner, Ira M. Alling, Walter K. Adams, Charles J. Hardy and F. M. Schaefer. In 1917, Charles J. Hardy was president and that year deposits were \$142,660.96. A beautiful two-story brick building on the corner of Ellery Avenue and 4th Street was its new location in 1917. Opening day was Oct. 6, which oddly was a Saturday. The total cost of the new building was \$25,000. Sadly, to great surprise, this bank closed its doors in 1924. Through the years, this building has housed many different businesses including another



Photo by Jeremy Dean

bank, Fairview Bank and the Post Office. To this day, the building is still eye-catching driving through town."

Purchase your ornaments at Merchants Bank and other businesses in

Fairview for just \$15. Ornaments will also be for sale at the Silver Bells Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Fairview High School. Call 406-742-5203 today to reserve your piece of history.

## Silver Bells Craft Show Nov. 30 In Fairview

**By Dianne Swanson**  
 Start, or finish up, your Christmas shopping with a visit to the annual Silver Bells Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fairview

High School. With over 30 vendors and counting, the show offers everything from Norwex and Pampered Chef to art by Daphne Johnson Clark and Made in Montana baked goods and jellies by Tammy Baker. Joy Owens will have her famous lefse, Wayward Quilters will be back along with Lindsay Danielson with Side Effects, Jeremy Dean

will be selling the 2025 Ornament, Mrs. Renville will be offering another amazing selection of gift baskets and so much more.

Vendor spaces are still available by texting Faith Oakland at 406-480-1476.

While you're shopping for those tasty treats and unique gift items, the kids can enjoy activities planned just for them. The Art Club is fundraising by offering face painting, plus other fun stuff will keep them entertained.

So, plan to bring the family and enjoy shopping!



## Custer County Speech, Drama & Debate Meet Results at Custer County



Sidney Speech, Debate & Drama Team

Front row: (L to R) Brooke Watson, Cedar Hovde, Elicia Snodgrass, Megan Rachor. 2nd row: (L to R) Bobby Knotts, William Brinker, Tytus Carter, Keaton Burke, Mason Quick, Ian Pust, Oliver Slade, Signe Halvorson, Mackenzie Mumford, Whisper Enriquez, Tyler Frandsen. (Photo by Christy Pierce)



Shown (L-R): Keaton Burke and William Brinker, Sidney, Keaton Burke placed 1st in Extemporaneous Speaking! William Brinker placed 1st in Humorous Solo! (Photo by Christy Pierce)



Fairview Speech, Debate & Drama Team  
 Top of Stairs: Kyra Buckley, Emmalyn Romero, Evie Karren, Griffin Kruse, Abbigayle Carico, Klara Karren, Ivy Slade. (Photo by Christy Pierce)

Submitted by Christy Pierce

The Sidney Eagle Speech Drama & Debate team was at Custer County competing against 16 Class A, B & C. The Drama Team placed 2nd in Class A sweeps with the Speech Team placing 3rd in Class A sweeps.

Keaton Burke placed 1st in Extemporaneous Speaking! William Brinker placed 1st in Humorous Solo! Here is how the rest

of the team did.

Drama:  
 Dramatic Theatre: 2nd Megan Rachor and Mackenzie Mumford  
 Humorous Theatre: 3rd Cedar Hovde and Brooke Watson  
 Dramatic Solo: 4th Luca Verville  
 Pantomime: 4th Ian Pust; 5th Whisper Enriquez

Speech & Debate:  
 Extemporaneous: 4th Elicia Snodgrass  
 Original Oratory: 2nd Tytus Carter; 3rd Bobby Knotts  
 Informative: 2nd Mason Quick; 8th Signe Halvorson; Lincoln Douglas: 3rd Oliver Slade  
 The teams head to Ferguson next week.

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# Energy Roundup



## ELGi & IESS Develop Compressed Air Solution To Help Companies Comply With Natural Gas Flame-Off Ban

The System Uses The ELGi EN Series Air Compressors In Unique Building Structure To Capture & Reinject Natural Gas Into Oil Reservoirs

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Bakken Formation is a region in North Dakota with some of the largest oil and natural gas deposits in the United States — more than 17,000 producing oil wells. Compressed air is essential to companies operating there because it powers natural gas compressors, actuate instruments, and the air supply for oil well applications.

In early 2024, the U.S. government announced a new regulation to ban flame-off applications, the common practice of burning off excess natural gas that is released during extraction. This regulatory change compels companies to upgrade compressed air systems to capture and use this excess gas instead of burning it.

In response, Industrial Equipment Sales &

Services (IESS) designed and implemented the "Air Source One" package currently being used in the Bakken Formation. This system incorporates the ELGi EN Series rotary screw compressors, which are installed in a 6 ft x 12 ft enclosure that includes an integrated heater and ventilation system. The compressors are compact enough to enable a regenerative air dryer to be mounted directly on the compressor tank. This system then compresses and re-injects excess natural gas back into the oil reservoir. This combination provides a compact and durable all-in-one package that allows placement near oil well sites.

IESS selected the ELGi EN Series compressors for the task because of their compact size, serviceability, and the ability to mount a dryer package directly on the

compressor, which saves already limited space. The selected compressors range in power from 4 hp to 20 hp, with a capacity of up to 150 psi. A duplex compressor can also be used for redundancy. This is important, considering their remote locations that don't allow for quick maintenance.

"With the new regulations, our Air Source One system with ELGi air compressors becomes critical for companies to continue to operate efficiently, while following environmental standards," said Randy Schlossin, sales representative at IESS.

### Always better

IESS says the EN Series is easy to maintain making them more suitable for oil field applications. The side panels can be quickly and easily removed, providing straightforward access for

servicing, while preventative maintenance parts can be replaced with minimal effort. Belt drives have a 10,000-hour life expectancy. The EN Series is backed by ELGi's industry-leading warranty, including a six-year air end warranty and a five-year package warranty.

"With the field-proven quality of ELGi EN Series air compressors, we can provide end-users with the most economical and reliable dry air from the most remote locations," Schlossin said. "This capability extends to supporting flame-off operations and beyond, ensuring continuous, dependable service no matter the environmental conditions or operational demands."

### Reliable partnership

Over the past few years, IESS and ELGi have developed a long-term relationship based on trust

and reliability. IESS supports the installation of new compressed air systems, provides field service, and maintains a parts inventory. ELGi's experienced technical support team helps with troubleshooting, maintenance, and the assurance of optimal performance of IESS's compressors. The two teams collaborate to ensure quick response time and minimal downtime for customers.

"Our whole foundation is built on service and keeping everyone up and running," said Schlossin. "The ELGi support team brought in years of expertise to respond to our needs very nicely and steer us in the right direction. Together, we are positioned to respond to the customer's needs."

### About ELGi North America

ELGi North America,

headquartered in Charlotte, NC, is a subsidiary of ELGi Equipments Limited, a leader in compressed air solutions for over 60 years. Established in 2012, ELGi North America, in conjunction with its subsidiaries, Pattons, Pattons Medical, and Michigan Air Solutions, offers a comprehensive range of compressed air products and services. Our product offering includes oil-lubricated and oil-free rotary screw and reciprocating compressors, dryers, filters, and ancillary accessories. ELGi and its subsidiaries serve multiple industry verticals spanning medical applications, pharmaceuticals, food & beverage, construction, manufacturing, and infrastructure. For further information, please visit <https://www.elgi.com/us/>.

## Covia Energy & Black Mountain Sand Combine To Create Iron Oak Energy Solutions, Leading North American Proppant Supplier

Combined Company To Benefit From Expanded & Diversified Geographic Footprint To Better Serve Customers & Meet Increasing Demand For Proppant Across North America

HOUSTON/PRNews-wire/ -- Covia Energy LLC ("Covia Energy") and Black Mountain Sand Holdings LLC ("Black Mountain Sand") has jointly announced the closing of a definitive agreement to merge in an all-stock transaction. The combined company, which now operates under the name Iron Oak Energy Solutions LLC ("Iron Oak Energy" or the "Company") is a leading diversified proppant supplier in North America with an active annual production capacity of approximately 30 million tons of sand. The Company's assets include strategically located in-basin sand mines in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale, as well as premium Northern White Sand facilities with an extensive logistics network.

President and chief

executive officer of Covia Energy, Michael Segura, will serve as Iron Oak Energy president and chief executive officer. Chief executive officer of Black Mountain Sand, Scott McNeill will join the Board of Iron Oak Energy and serve as a strategic advisor. Key commercial, operational, and administrative roles will be filled by management of both companies. Iron Oak Energy will be headquartered in Houston, TX, and will maintain a corporate presence in Fort Worth, TX.

"This combination creates a leading proppant provider across the most active oil and gas shale basins in North America, and with a debt-free balance sheet, Iron Oak Energy is well positioned to pursue further mergers and acquisitions,"

said Segura. "The scale and reach of the combined company are unmatched and allow us to better serve our existing customers' needs across multiple basins and capture new opportunities. Further, our diversified network of production facilities and significant storage position in the Permian Basin provide the scale, reliability, and deliverability of volumes required to meet the increasing proppant demands of longer-lateral, higher intensity completions."

McNeill added, "We are excited to enter this new chapter and form Iron Oak Energy in partnership with Covia. As we look forward, we are eager to combine our operations, where our respective employees share a similar culture of safety, customer service, and op-

erational excellence and will have exciting opportunities inside a larger organization. I look forward to working closely with the management team as we enhance the value of our combined businesses and continue to build on the expanded platform this merger creates."

Iron Oak Energy supplies quality frac sand to the Delaware and Midland Basins with three large-scale facilities in Winkler County, TX, and one facility in Crane County, TX. The plants supply multiple products from high-quality reserves in the Permian Basin and have over 16 million tons of annual production capacity and a combined total of over 100,000 tons of storage. The Company's two Eagle Ford facilities, located in Atascosa County,

TX and Dimmit County, TX, are leading in-basin plants located in close proximity to prime areas of drilling and completion activity.

Northern White Sand is mined from superior deposits and delivered to multiple oil and gas shale plays. Iron Oak Energy operates a premier Northern White Sand mine, located in Wedron, IL, with over seven million tons of annual production capacity and connections to multiple Class 1 railroads. The Company also operates the technologically advanced, highly reliable Northern White facility in Tunnel City, WI. Both facilities offer direct access to major producing basins including the Marcellus, Utica, Bakken, and DJ Basin. Iron Oak Energy couples these mines with an extensive network of

strategically located in-basin terminals which are unit train capable and equipped with storage and high-speed loadout facilities.

Covia Energy was separated from Covia Solutions on July 1, 2024. Covia Solutions, a leading provider of minerals solutions for industrial markets, is not a party to the merger.

TPH& Co., the energy business of Perella Weinberg Partners, acted as financial advisor to Covia Energy LLC. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP acted as legal advisor to Covia Energy LLC. Vinson & Elkins LLP acted as legal advisor to Black Mountain Sand.

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As required by § 7-8-2301(2), MCA, prior to entering an order of disposal of any of the lands, the Board of County Commissioners determined and fixed the price of each parcel to be sold, as stated in the listing below; and the sale may not be made for a price less than the sales price determined and fixed by the Board.

As required by § 7-8-2302(2), MCA, the fair market value of the lands as determined and fixed by the Montana Department of Revenue is stated in the listing below.

All sales are subject to the following repurchase rights pursuant to § 7-8-2303, MCA: At any time up to 24 hours before the time fixed for the sale, the taxpayer or the taxpayer's successor in interest or legal representative may repurchase the property from the county, subject to the reservations provided for in § 7-8-2305, MCA, by payment to the county of the full amount of the taxes, assessments, penalties, and interest due on the land at the time of taking the tax deed plus interest on the full amount at the rate provided for in § 15-16-102, MCA, from the date of the tax deed to the date of repurchase as well as the costs of the county in taking the tax deed and additional taxes or assessments due, if any, at the time of repurchase.

Pursuant to § 7-8-2305(2), MCA, the county will reserve 6¼% royalty interest in the oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, and minerals produced from each of the lands.

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**List of Lands to Be Sold**  
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**NOTICE OF TAXES DUE**

2024 Real Property Tax Statements have been mailed and notice is hereby given that the first half of all taxes levied and assessed with be due and payable on or before 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2024 and that unless paid prior to that time the amount then due will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid, and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty. And that the second half of all taxes levied and assessed with be due and payable on or before 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2025, and that unless paid prior to that time the taxes will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid, and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty.

Taxes are to be paid at the County Treasurer's Office, 201 West Main, Sidney, Montana.

Amy Metz  
Richland County Treasurer

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**00 00 20 - Bid Advertisement**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:** Sealed bids will be received by the RICHLAND CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, Sidney, Montana in the Commissioners' Office at 201 W. Main, Sidney, Montana, until **Monday, November 18, 2024 at 11:00AM MST** for the construction of **Richland Co. Courthouse Sidewalk Updates** in Sidney, Montana. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

**STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTE COMPLIANCE:** Each bidder will comply with all fair labor practices and state statutes.

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**Tues., Nov. 19:** Beef tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, seasoned tots, fruit cocktail.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Chicken alfredo over pasta, steamed broccoli, stuffed breadsticks, pineapple tidbits.  
**Savage School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Fish tacos, cowboy caviar, chips, slaw, mandarin.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** No school.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Butter chicken, brown rice, broccoli, carrots, fruit.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Thanksgiving dinner, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, stuffing, green beans, fruit, relish tray, dessert.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Barber poles, fries, baked beans, fruit.  
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**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Chili, cinnamon rolls, pineapple tidbits.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** No school.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Hot dogs, potato chips, peas, bananas.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, applesauce.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Goulash, garden salad, mixed fruit.  
**Froid School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Riblets on buns, fries, veggies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** No school.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Hot dogs on buns, macaroni salad, veggies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Vegetable beef soup, roast beef sandwiches, fruit, salad bar.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, fruit, dessert, salad bar.  
**Bainville School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Sloppy joes, delicata squash, fries, bananas, salad bar.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** Soup & bread day, celery & carrots, kiwi, salad bar.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Chicken wings, carrots & celery sticks, tropical fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Miah Pippenger Day! Taco in a bag, broccoli, vanilla ice cream, salad bar.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Sub sandwiches, apples, baby bakers.  
**Richey School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Fish sticks, potatoes, banana pudding, fruit, salad bar.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** No school.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Corn dogs

or hot dogs on buns, carrots/celery sticks, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner rolls, fruit, salad bar.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Tacos, refried beans, fruit, salad bar.  
**Culbertson School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, veggie.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** Chicken burgers, veggie, fruit.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Chicken noodle soup, wheat rolls, fruit.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Spaghetti, breadsticks, fruit.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, veggie, fruit.  
**Lambert School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Enchiladas, fresh veggies, fruit.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** Soup & sandwiches, fruit.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Chicken bacon ranch hotdish, corn, fruit.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Chicken a la king, salad, fruit.  
**Fairview School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Crispy chicken wraps, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** No school.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** BBQ chicken flatbread, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Loaded breakfast, tots, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).  
**East Fairview School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** BBQ chicken, baked potatoes.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** Sloppy joes, chips.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** Pulled pork.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Nacho bar.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Teriyaki chicken, rice.  
**Alexander School**  
**Thurs., Nov. 14:** Zoo nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** Beef or chicken stroganoff, green beans, dinner rolls, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Mon., Nov. 18:** BBQ or breaded drumsticks, baby baked potatoes, corn, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Tues., Nov. 19:** Build your own pizza, macaroni & cheese, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Wed., Nov. 20:** Spaghetti or alfredo, broccoli, garlic toast, fruit & vegetable bar.

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# OBITUARIES

## Cameron Schuetze, 27 Watford City, ND

Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at 12 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church, Watford City, ND, with Pastor John Brady officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Following the luncheon, Cameron will be laid to rest beside his dad, Gregg Schuetze, in McKenzie County, ND. 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).



Cameron Schuetze

Cameron LeRoy Schuetze, 27, Williston, ND, went to be with Jesus on Oct. 25, 2024.

Cameron was born on April 18, 1997, in Kennewick, WA, to Gregg Schuetze and Linda Kueneman. Big brother, David Kueneman (11) and big sister Christina Richter (6) were so happy to welcome Cameron! In 1999, Linda and the kids moved to Glendale, AZ. In 2000, Michael Thomas married Linda Cramer and became stepdad to David, Christina and Cameron. Cameron met his childhood best friend, Santiago Pedrego in their neighborhood and they had many adventures together. Santiago's mom was an extra mom to Cameron. Cameron attended school in Glendale, AZ.

Cameron always admired and looked up to his big brother, David. Whatever sports team David liked, was Cameron's team too. It wasn't until Cameron was an adult that he decided he liked the Arizona Cardinals better than the New England Patriots. Cameron loved his big sister Christina. Cameron and Christina could push each other's buttons, but they made up and had fun together. Thanksgiving 2007 Cameron and his siblings spent with Daddy Gregg in Kennewick, WA. David, Christina and Cameron were all in the wedding party welcoming Melody as their stepmom that weekend. Cameron would spend summers with his dad and Melody. Cameron would work with his dad on vehicles and construction projects, he had his dad's mechanical proficiency. In June 2010, while in Washington, Cameron was in the hallway of the hospital to hear his little sister Shylee's first cry, the same hospital he had been born in 13 years prior.

Cameron became an uncle in 2009 to Zachary Ritcher. In 2011, Cameron became an uncle again to Lucy, with whom he had a special bond. When Hayden was born to Christina, she honored Cameron by giving his nephew LeRoy for a middle name. In 2015, Cameron became an uncle to Harley and McKenna when Tanya came into David's life. Cameron worked several different jobs in Arizona including a convenience store.

In April 2020, Cameron moved to Watford City, ND, and stayed with his dad, Gregg and stepmom, Melody and younger siblings Shylee (9), Lizzy (3), Caleb (2) and Carson (11 mo.) Schuetze. Cameron worked with his dad renovating the family's home which included laying composite flooring, learning to make and apply stucco late into the night for many days. Cameron used leftover lumber to build a playhouse for his siblings that they still enjoy playing in. Cameron went to work doing carpentry, a job that he really enjoyed and learned a lot in. Cameron became friends with Luigi Palacios in 2022. The two were like brothers and became roommates. Recently, Cameron was enjoying working at the Williston Walmart. Cameron, his smile, and caring heart will be dearly missed.

Cameron is survived by his stepparents Michael

(Tabitha) Thomas, Glendale, AZ; and Melody Schuetze, Watford City, ND; brothers David (Tanya) Kueneman, Glendale, AZ; and Caleb and Carson Schuetze, Watford City, ND; sisters Christina Richter, Glendale, AZ; and Shylee and Elizabeth Schuetze, Watford City, ND; nieces Harley and Makenna Cramer and Lucy Johnson; nephews Zachary and Hayden Ritcher; grandmother Donna Petersen, Billings, MT; and Robert and Mary Ann Whitehead, Colstrip, MT; and other family members.

Cameron was preceded in death by his father, Gregg LeRoy Schuetze; his mother, Linda Lou Kueneman; grandparents, Larry LeRoy Schuetze, Fred and Margaret Klaas, Eugene Petersen, Fred and Karen Thomas, and C.O and Elaine Irish; and other family members.

## Janice Kay Kunda, 74 Sidney, MT

No services will be held at this time. A family gathering will be held at a later time.

Janice Kay (Anderson) Kunda earned her heavenly wings on Oct. 15, 2024.

Janice was born on Jan. 25, 1950, to Daniel M and Vera E (Lamphier) Anderson, Sidney, MT. She was born the 3rd of 6 children; 3 brothers and 2 sisters. They grew up on the family farm in Brorson Community northwest of Sidney.

Janice attended Haycreek School and Brorson School and graduated from the 8th grade from Brorson School. She then continued her education at Sidney High School and graduated with the class of 1967.

After graduation, Janice completed a correspondence course to become a flight attendant. She finished her finals in Las Vegas, NV, but returned home and began her career as a Certified Nurse Assistant at Sidney Hospital.

Her daughter, Malissa Marie Hams, was born on Dec. 6, 1972. Janice continued to work as a caregiver as she raised her daughter.

Janice married Richard Kunda on Dec. 20, 1983. On Dec. 20, 1985, her son, Michael Richard Kunda, was born.

Janice raised her children with love and pride. She loved watching her son, Mike, play hockey and other sports and traveled many miles supporting him over the years. She also enjoyed watching her granddaughter, Hailie, grow up. They had many adventures together.

She loved animals and was especially fond of her dogs Pepper, Katie, and Joey. They brought her great joy. Some of her favorite hobbies were putting puzzles together, doing crosswords, and playing Bejeweled Blitz and Candy Crush on her iPad. She also enjoyed listening to her records on her record player. At Christmas, she got joy from decorating the Christmas tree and watching "The Grinch" cartoon.

Janice returned to her calling in healthcare as a CNA and in home health care until her retirement. Janice is remembered for her compassion and kindness by many in the Sidney area who were her patients.

Her health began to decline and she was moved to the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home, Plentywood, MT, in 2021 where she was taken care of the way she took care of so many others throughout her life. Many people remarked about her beautiful smile when we would visit.

Janice is survived by her husband, Richard, Sidney, MT; daughter, Malissa (Vince) Stenson, Williston, ND; son, Michael (Kayler) Kunda, Sidney, MT; granddaughter, Hailie Larson, St. Petersburg, FL, and grandson, Easton Kunda, Sidney, MT. She is also survived by her brothers; Gary (Linda) Anderson, Miles City, MT; Duane (Linda) Anderson, Sidney, MT; and sisters; Patricia (Patrick) Micheletto, Savage, MT; and Debbie Kunda, Sidney, MT; and many nieces

and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Vera Anderson, and her brother, David Anderson.

## Marlo "Piker" Salsbury, 64 Fairview, MT

Memorial services were Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Bill Buckley officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. 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).



Marlo "Piker" Salsbury

Marlo (Piker) Ray Salsbury was born May 5, 1960, in Sidney, MT, to Loyd & Myrl (Lyon) Salsbury. Piker grew up and lived on the family farm in the Girard Community, Fairview MT. Piker attended Fairview Schools and Wahpeton College for a couple of years.

Piker and his father owned Salsbury Well Drilling and worked together until Loyd's death. Piker continued the business for many years after. Piker farmed his whole life and loved it. Was especially excited to see this year's crop put "into the bin". If he couldn't get in the tractor, he often would cook a meal for the guys.

Piker enjoyed fishing weekends at Tobacco Gardens and entertained many friends and family there. Oh, the stories that cabin could tell! He loved kids, especially teasing them. Piker continued his mother's love for animals and almost always had a dog at his side.

Piker was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Montana and North Dakota Water Well Drillers Associations, the Elks, and was a former member of the Moose Lodge.

Piker was a talker; he could visit with anybody. Joking and teasing were his specialties. He was kind and giving, donating to the food bank, benefits and other charities.

Piker passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at St Vincent's Hospital, Billings, MT, with family by his side.

Piker is survived by his sister-in-law, Pam Kilen, Fairview, MT; brothers-in-law, Randy Davis, Sidney, MT; and Jerry Whiteman, Richey, MT; nephews and nieces Marlon Kilen and Kenny (Connie) Kilen, Fairview, MT; Jana (Harley) Olson, Richey, MT; Janette (Sione) Tulimaiau, Billings, MT; and Jamie (Leslie) Whiteman, Sidney, MT; numerous great nieces and nephews, long-time family friend, Bill Lewis, and special friend, Rhoda Lyon.

Piker is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, brother Marvin Kilen, sisters Janis Whiteman and Myrna Davis, and best friend Tim (Tim-Bob) Dolney.

## Ruth Miller, 92 Sidney, MT

Funeral services are Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor John Baseley officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. After the luncheon, Ruth will be laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, ND. Visitation is Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 5 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).

Ruth Naoma (Danielson) Miller, 92, Sidney, MT, passed away from natural causes on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

# Sidney Chamber of Commerce Encourages Community To Shop Small & Attend Christmas Crawl

**By Lisa Gorder**  
In the heart of Sidney, we are preparing for our annual Shop Small Saturday on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This year promises

## Watford City Parks ...

(Continued from page 1)

Those looking to help fundraise or make a donation are encouraged to visit <https://www.watfordcityparks.com/About/Foundation> to get involved.

### Hunters Run

A new four-acre park is set for the Hunters Run subdivision, with initial groundwork scheduled for 2025. Planned amenities include a playground, picnic shelters, a basketball court, baseball backstop, and potentially a sledding hill. The project will also involve relocating the bike pump track from Bolken Park. Design and engineering are already underway, with construction expected in 2026-27 as funds and work progress.

### Parks Department Maintenance Shop Relocation

Currently, the Watford City Parks Department runs their maintenance and operations out of a shop located near Badlands Elementary School and Wild West Water Park. While Watford City Parks owns the building; McKenzie County School District #1 owns the land. The current lease is set to expire in 2030. The school district has expressed that they wouldn't be interested in a long-term lease as they evaluate their growing needs, leaving the parks department on the hunt for a new home. Preliminary discussions have taken place regarding moving the Parks Department operations to the old McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Potential ideas include retaining the parking lot for Tourist Park along with the RV dump, continuing to use the parking lot as a bus pickup location for Johnson's Corner Christian Academy, all while expanding the footprint of the shop. A second outdoor hockey rink could be added to the location, and a zamboni could be centrally located at the potential new site that would service the new rink and the existing rink at Bolken Park. The potential new space at the old fairgrounds could also see a lengthening of the disc golf holes, an enhanced bike pump track and skate park, and future collaborations with the school for competition sized tennis courts. Discussions between the entity that owns the land, the McKenzie County Fair Board, and Watford City Parks, are ongoing, with no definite decisions made yet.

### How The Community Can Help

Watford City's parks thrive thanks to community support. Contributions to the Watford City Parks & Recreation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, are tax-deductible and directly fund park expansions and improvements. "We're fortunate to have a community that values the parks and steps up to support them," says Superintendent Arndt. "Healthy, active parks mean a strong, growing population, and we're excited to bring these projects to life with everyone's help."

to be extra special, with approximately 40 local vendors setting up shop along West Main Street and inside the Yellowstone Mercantile, each one bursting with holiday spirit and unique gifts just waiting to be discovered. From handmade ornaments to artisanal sourdough and cookies, each vendor will highlight their finest wares, inviting all to step inside and experience the magic of small business shopping. This event encourages residents to support local businesses while children may also participate in a Lego contest sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club allowing

attendees to vote for their favorite design. There are six categories with a \$100 cash prize for each category. No pre-packaged themed Lego kits can be used, and all designs must begin with a base provided. Stop by the Boys and Girls Club to enter. All entries are due Friday, Nov. 22.

The day of shopping downtown has been re-branded "The Christmas Crawl" and it promises an afternoon and evening of merriment from noon-8 p.m. Shoppers are invited to purchase a \$5 lanyard and shop at participating businesses in downtown

Sidney. Those who complete visiting all the merchants on the lanyard will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win \$500. Lanyards are available for purchase at the local establishments. Included in the Christmas Crawl is a Christmas Cocktail contest. Participants will eagerly anticipate the chance to indulge in signature holiday cocktails or mocktails specially crafted by local bartenders for the event. We invite everyone to vote on their favorite signature drink. With lanyards in hand and the open container ordinance waived, folks will be allowed to carry their

drinks in the designated area between 2nd St. SE and 2nd St. NW. For those that need landmarks it is from the South 40 to Mimi's Kitchen on the north and from VFW to the Merge on the south.

The town will be ready to celebrate the holiday spirit and shop the day away in style. Shop Small Saturday is a national event created to encourage customers to shop in person and support our local businesses. We hope everyone enjoys this very busy Christmas shopping day in Sidney.

# Menards Hosting Toy Drive Through November

By Dianne Swanson

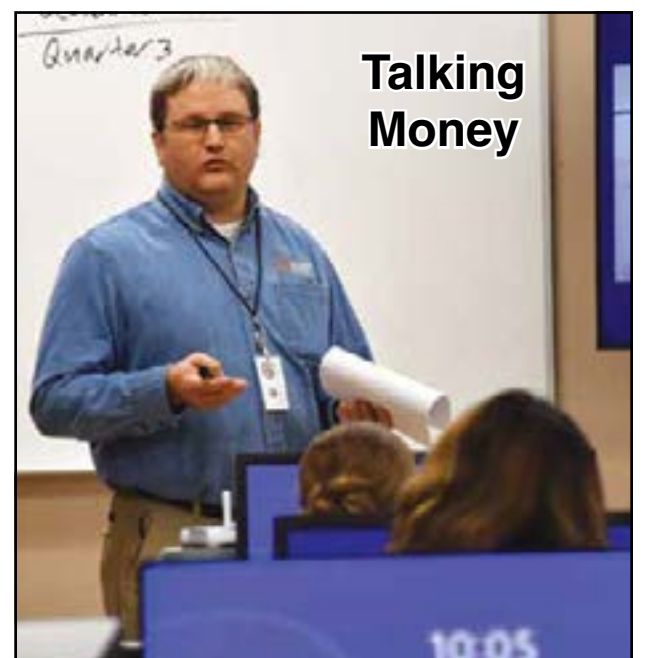
In the spirit of Christmas, local Menards home improvement stores are proudly serving as a Toy Drive drop site. "We're excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity to put smiles on the faces of less fortunate children in the community," they stated.

The Salvation Army will be the recipient of toys collected by the Williston Menards store. Assistant Manager Brad Rech said the store always has an excellent selection of toys for customers to choose from, with even more for the Christmas season. "We have gifts for everyone in the family," he stated.

A convenient drop box for the new, unwrapped toys is located at the exit door of the store.

A perfect way to get into the holiday spirit might be a visit to the Enchanted Forest at Menards. Kids of all ages will be fascinated by the beautifully decorated trees, colorful lights, wonderful displays and Christmas décor that make up the Enchanted Forest.

The Williston Menards store is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. CST Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays for your shopping convenience. Take advantage of the 11% rebate sale which is on now through Nov. 27. Menards will be closed Thanksgiving Day but you can still take advantage of the sale on line on Thursday, Nov. 28.



**Sidney CPA Cory Wheeler, Wheeler Accounting, PC, spoke to Sidney High School students from Amber Foust and Russell Biniak's classes on Nov. 5. Wheeler spoke about his career path, education and life experience leading to his career in accounting. He also reviewed the skills necessary for the occupation and various career roles in the field. Currently, there is a nationwide shortage of accountants.**

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### Fairview Warriors Continue Winning



Trace Bain works to get to the quarterback before he can throw the ball. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

The Fairview Warriors kept their winning streak going as they dismantled the Choteau Bulldogs in the quarter-finals Saturday, Nov. 9 at Starr Field.

Wyatt McPherson took the second play from scrimmage 57 yards for a touchdown to get the scoring started early. Tyler Loan ran a 30-yard touchdown and followed that up with 2 touchdown passes to Deacon Gackle one from 40 yards and the other from 41 yards. He then scampered to the end zone from his own 2-yard line resulting in a 78-yard touchdown. The Warriors capped off their scoring in the first half with a 35-yard touchdown pass from Loan to Troy Karst making the halftime score 41-0 in favor of the Warriors.

After a defensive stop to start the second half, McPherson once again found room as he ran for a 60-yard touchdown stretching the score to 48-0. Gavin Callendar intercepted a pass in the end zone to secure the shutout and the JV squad closed out the game.

The Warriors play Scobey in a semi-final rematch of a conference matchup that saw the Warriors win 28-20. Game starts at 1 p.m. at Starr Field on Saturday, Nov. 16.

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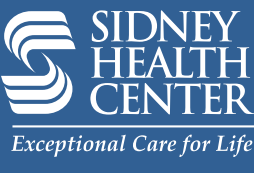
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