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MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show This Week

The 2022 MonDak Ag Days and Trade Show will be held Tuesday and Friday, March 3-4 at the Richland County Event Center, Sidney.

Events begin on Thursday, March 3 with the opening of the Trade Show at 8 a.m. MT.

Tyler Tjelde will present "Soybean Production in the MonDak" at 9 a.m. followed by Patrick Gilchrist's "Water Outlook in 2022".

From 11 a.m.-12 noon, "Options for Burndown Not Named Glyphosate and Problematic Weeds that are emerging in and around Richland County" by Brian Jenks. Also from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 3 Pesticide Points will be available.

At 1 p.m., Paul Detloff

will present "Water Quality and Herbicide Efficacy" followed by "Soil Health: The Effects of Fodder Removal and Soil Acidity" presented by Ryan Buetow and Chris Augustin from 2-4 p.m. Trade Show closes at 6 p.m.

Friday's activities begin with the Trade Show opening at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by Farm Bureau.

At 10 a.m., "Crop Market Outlook for 2022" presented by Gordon Holt; Dr. Chengci Chen will speak on "Fertilizer and Irrigation; Effects on Sugar Beet Yield and Sugar Concentration". "Range Recovery After Drought and Grazing Strategies" will close out the afternoon.

Trade Show closes at 2 p.m. The Ag Days Pre-Ban-



"Laura and the Soo Valley Boys" will perform during the Ag Days Banquet this Friday. (Photo submitted)

quet starts at 5 p.m. followed by the banquet at 6 p.m.

Banquet tickets are available at the Sidney

Chamber of Commerce and businesses can request to be invoiced if preferred. Tickets will be available at the event and can also be

purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mondak-ag-days-banquet-tickets-200977207237>.



Montana Department Of Revenue Reminds Property Owners Of Upcoming Important Deadlines

Submitted by
Czelsi Gómez,
Montana Department
of Revenue Public
Information Officer

Helena - The Montana Department of Revenue would like to remind owners of real and personal property about these upcoming important deadlines:

April 15

• Property Tax Assistance Program

The Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP) provides property tax relief to anyone who meets the qualifications and there is no age restriction. To qualify for this program, taxpayers must own and occupy their home as their primary residence and meet the income requirements which range up to \$23,385 for a single person and up to \$31,181 for households with more than one owner occupant. Applications are due by April 15 for Tax Year 2022.

• Montana Disabled Veteran Property Tax Relief
Montana Disabled Veteran (MDV) Property Tax Relief helps qualifying 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses

Similar to PTAP, taxpayers must own and occupy their home as their primary residence and meet the income requirements, which range up from \$54,067 for a single person, \$62,385 for a married couple, to \$47,136 for a surviving spouse. Applications are due by April 15 for Tax Year 2022.

For applications and forms, taxpayers are encouraged to go online to MTRRevenue.gov or contact a Department of Revenue field office.

For questions and more information about qualifications, visit MTRRevenue.gov, call us at 406-444-6900, or use the Montana Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.

Big Sky State Ice Hockey Games Come To Sidney, March 18-20

By Anna Dragseth

Montana's Big Sky State Ice Hockey Games will take place at Richland Ranger Arena, Sidney from March 18-20.

Teams of 4 to 8 players are able to register before March 7, with a registration fee of \$400/team. Age groups eligible to play include mites, squirts, pee-

wee, bantam, and high school. Participants must be a resident of Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wyoming.

The event guarantees a minimum of 3 Games or Round Robin. Each game is 25 minutes long (running clock) and will be played on cross-ice. Brackets are available at bigskygames.org/sports/icehockey/.

"It is really fast paced, we had over 100 games in a weekend last year, so there is a lot of hockey going on," said Montana's Big Sky State Games Hockey Commissioner, Dawn Rehbein.

Several volunteers contribute to making the event a success. "We want to thank all of our volunteers. We

could not put this on without my club and everyone signing up to take shifts and volunteering to take concession stands."

When registering teams, every player must provide their USA Hockey Card prior to the tournament -USA Hockey registration is available at www.usahockey.com.

The 2022 Big Sky State Games Open Hockey Tournament follows the age divisions and rules set by the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association.

"I am really excited to bring all of these teams back to Sidney and to have another weekend of Hockey. COVID-19 restrictions are more relaxed this year so

this schedule will be a little different from last year," added Rehbein.

The Richland Ranger Arena will also be hosting the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (NDAHA) Bantam B Silver State Tournament March 11-13.

The Big Sky State Games is set to host a girls' Ice Hockey Tournament in Billings April 22-24. Teams can register now until April 4 for \$400/team.

To register a team or to find more information on the Big Sky Hockey tournaments, visit their website at <https://bigskygames.org/sports/icehockey/indexA.php>.



Photo submitted

Alexander Public School's Lego Teams Capture Honors At Regional Competition

By Anna Dragseth

Alexander Public School's First Lego League (FLL) and Legendary Legos team are capturing awards as they continue to compete at competitions.

Recently, the FLL team won the Core Values award during the Williston FLL Regional competition.

"The Core Values Award goes to a team who displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, knows they can accomplish more together than they could as individuals, and shows each other and other teams respect at all times," said Alexandria Rizzo, Alexander FLL Program head coach.

The FLL team also qualified for the North Dakota State FLL Robotics Competition in Grand Forks.

Alexander also has a second team called Alexander Legendary Legos. That team is made up of students in grades 6-8. There are 7 students on that team. They won the Innovation Project

Award at the Williston Regional competition.

The Innovation Project Award goes to the team who utilizes diverse resources for their Innovation Project to help them gain a comprehensive understanding of their problem; has a creative, well-researched solu-

tion; and effectively communicates their findings to judges and the community.

Alexander Public Schools started the FLL program in 2019. It is made up of students in 4th and 5th grade and introduces students to engineering challenges by building LE-

GO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface.

"Each year, they are given a new robot challenge and they have to come up with a solution for the innovation project theme. This year's theme deals with cargo and transportation,"

explained Rizzo.

Rizzo, Erica Turnquist, and Drew LeBrun (former FTC member) all help coach FLL teams.

"It makes me proud of what they have accomplished. They have put in their time and effort into their team, and it shows."



The FTC and FLL teams from Alexander. (Submitted photo)

Rise & Restore Summit April 12, Sidney

Submitted by
Quincy Walter

Statewide, MT - In response to COVID-19, Great Northern Development Corporation has partnered with Headwaters RC&D, America's Small Business Development Center of Montana, Big Sky Economic Development, and the MDT Small Business Enterprise Program to present the Rise

& Restore Small Business Summit. This event will take place on April 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Richland Event Center followed by the Minnow Tank Business Competition.

Nikki Edmondson, creator, and owner of Canty Boots®, will be featured as keynote speaker. Nikki, of (cantyboots.com), disassembles and redesigns standard cowboy boots into

short one-of-a-kind ankle boots with pizzazz. Nikki, together with her husband, raise their four children on a cattle ranch, continuing to access and disrupt the massive western fashion industry all while living in a town without a stoplight.

Canty Boots® is coming up on 12 years building a brand, 3 years with a full retail location and over 12

retailers nationwide. Canty Boots® have been seen on the feet of reality TV stars, athletes, models and singers maintaining a signature look while also evolving and bringing customers back for more. Join us as Nikki shares her trial and errors, getting comfortable with failure, building a brand through storytelling, and business during and after COVID.

Throughout the day attendees will have the opportunity to attend multiple breakout sessions including: Quickbooks, Digital Marketing Strategies, Human Resources, Cash Flow, and Breakeven Analysis. Also, you will hear from a panel of prevalent industries and how they pivoted during COVID.

This free live event will be focused on COVID-19

recovery and where do we go from here. The latest information will always be available at www.gncc.org/roundup. Use the following link to register: <https://mtsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/5213>.

*Advanced registration is required! If you have any questions, please reach out to Quincy Walter at quincy@gncc.org or 406-650-2524.

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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

WEDNESDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
6:30 - p.m. - 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW. Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....1827.7
Last Week's Elev.1827.7
One Year Ago1837.2
Release For Day (C.F.S.)15,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 21	-1	-12	0.012
Feb. 22	-4	19	0.000
Feb. 23	1	-22	0.000
Feb. 24	10	-18	0.010
Feb. 25	21	-15	0.003
Feb. 26	34	7	0.000
Feb. 27	46	19	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....			0.255

OBITUARIES

Jesse "Bubba" LaFountain, 47, Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jesse "Bubba" LaFountain, 47, Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT were held at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Pastor Sione Fungalei, Lonsdale United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Visitation was 11 a.m. to service time, Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022 at the funeral home.

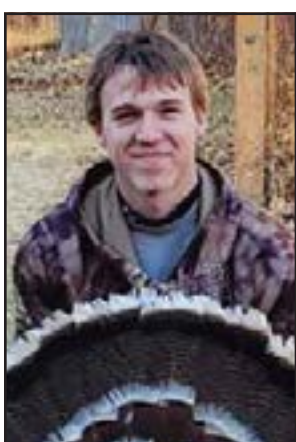
In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Richland County Christmas Coalition, Attn: GFTH-Stockman Bank, 301 W. Holly St., Sidney, MT 59270 or a charity of one's choice.

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

Bubba passed away at his home in Billings, MT on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022.

Garrett R. Basta, 23 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Garrett Basta, 23, Sidney, MT was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney is caring for the family. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Garrett R. Basta

Garret Basta left for better hunting Feb. 18, 2022. Every flush of pheasant, every flock of geese will forever be a memory of Garrett Basta. Every lab bounding through the field will infuse us with a touch of his endless energy.

We do not bid Garrett Basta goodbye, we bid him "Good Hunting"

Garrett lived life at full speed, with an open heart. He greeted everyone warmly, with an energy that just made you happy. You would always see the "Garrett Grin" as soon as you made eye contact. No matter who you were or how long it had been since he'd seen you, he made you feel that you were making his day- just by being there. Making other people feel good is life's best skill and Garrett did it well.

Garrett Basta was born May 30 1998, and thus began the short but amazing life of a young man who treasured every day and everyone.

Garrett was baptized and took confirmation at the First Lutheran Church, Savage. His Pastor called him the "Question Machine" because he never ran out of questions about the Bible.

Some of Garrett's first adventures were as a pee wee wrestler. He didn't win every match, but entered every match with an uncontrolled passion that, just as in life, sometimes gave him great victories, but often surprised him with sudden defeat. Garrett, cried after every match – win or lose. When he lost he felt bad about letting those around him down. When he won, he felt bad for the kid he defeated. He just wanted everyone to be happy.

Garrett love playing Cal Ripken baseball with all his buddies and his brother James. He was a natural athlete and adapted to playing whatever position he was asked. Garrett was good on the field, but what he really enjoyed was the people and adventures that came with the game. He enjoyed the 10-hour car rides because they gave him a chance to ask a thousand questions to whomever he was riding with.

Garrett's true passion as a kid was enjoying the wilds of Montana with his family. Whether it was hunting, camping, or fishing, Garrett stretched every day to its limits. The darkness was his enemy. He would exhaust himself in every activity; then battle going to sleep at night by asking questions and telling stories until his tired body faded off to sleep.

When Garrett, was nine, he lost his greatest hunting and fishing partner, his father Mark. Garrett took this devastating loss, determined to enjoy every day and everyone. Hunting and fishing became even more of a passion. Nothing fed his soul more than a day in the field with his first hunting dogs Jesse and Bindy and his Uncle Clay or Grandpa Ed. The hunt gave everyone a reason to gather and tell stories while Bridget created a delicious meal out of whatever had been harvested.

In high school, Garrett met Sarah Toth. She fell in love with the "Garrett Grin" before she fell in love with him. He continued to capture her heart by putting his stinky feet on her books. Sarah became his partner in life and his best friend. They loved each other and all their furry, four legged babies.

After high school Garrett was taught to weld by a great mentor, Elliot Fjell and he did it like he did everything else – full speed. When he talked about work, it was never work, it was another adventure and another story to tell. The tougher the job, the longer the day, the better the story.

To his family, Garrett was that constant connection every family needs. It's amazing how many family conversations started with, "Did you see that picture that Garrett sent?" He kept in contact with everyone through texts, phone calls, videos and pics.

It became apparent to Garrett, that between upland birds, waterfowl, big game and fishing, there were still not enough hunting and fishing seasons; so he taught himself to trap. In addition to work, hunting and fishing, he ran a trap line; sampling the meat from virtually every animal he trapped (beaver anyone).

In the past year, he trained his two newest hunting partners, Lilo and Piper who flushed pheasants and fetched geese until exhaustion for Garrett.

Garrett was preceded in death by his grandmother Patricia Larson; his father Mark Basta and all his maternal and paternal great grandparents.

Garrett is survived by his life's partner, Sarah Toth; mother Bridget Basta; brother James Basta; sister Chayna Basta (Keith Kucera); grandparents Jim & Cathy Basta; grandfather Ed Anderson; grandfather Gary Larson and hundreds of aunts, uncles, cousins, his niece, Karsyn Kucera, and furry babies.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice in Garrett's name.

Correction

In the story Montana U.S. House Candidate Penny Ronning Visits Sidney on page 6A of the Feb. 23, 2022 issue of The Roundup it is stated that Ronning currently serves on the Billings City Council. That should have read she served for four years on the Billings City Council.

EVENTS
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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. **Wed., March 2**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Onesti Krieger Reflections** - On display thru March 26. - **Jennifer & Brian Matthews "Perspectives In Nature" Exhibit** - On display thru April 30. MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/

Thurs., March 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; **Fri., March 4**, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show & Banquet - Richland County Event Center. Trade show free to the public. Social, 5 p.m., banquet 6 p.m. on March 4. Entertainment Laura & the Soo Valley Boys. Banquet tickets available for \$45 at Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce or online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mondak-ag-days-banquet-tickets-200977202737.

Fri., March 4 7:30-9:30 p.m. - **Family Movie Night Back to the Future #2** - Come enjoy a movie in the back room. Free popcorn. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Sun., March 6, 13, 27 8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Sun., March 6, 13, 20, 27 1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Mon., March 7 7 p.m. - **Adult Anxiety/Depression Support Group** - Pella Lutheran Church fellowship hall, east door. For more information call the church office, 406-433-3350.

Tues., March 8 7 p.m. - **Snacks & Chats** - Anxiety & depression support group for teens. Every teen welcome, no requirements, no expectations. Pella Church, not church related. Contact info: Insta: snacks_andchats; FB: snacksandchatsmt or snacksandchats@gmail.com.

Fri., March 11 6:30 p.m. - **Music Night** - Bring your musical instrument or vocal voice & enjoy a night of listening or dancing music! Sidney Moose Lodge.

7 p.m. - **Sidney Gymnastics Club Designer Bag Bingo** - 1st game 7:30 p.m. Sidney Elks Lodge, \$50 ticket includes 1 card for 12 games & 2 drink tickets. Additional cards \$10 each. Purchase tickets at Sidney Gymnastics Club during class times, The Shoppes at Peifer's General Store, Saturdays & at the door day of the event.

Tues., March 15 5:30 p.m. - **5th Annual Fr. Shinnick Memorial Banquet** - Social 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m.; entertainment. Sidney Elks. Tickets (\$30) on sale after Mass & at Tami Maltese CPA, 113 W. Main; Fink Dental, 122 2nd St. SE or from any Shinnick Memorial Foundation board member.

Wed., March 16 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Lambert Blood Drive** - Lambert old gym. Schedule an appointment by calling 406-774-3333 ext. 1123. Blood drive code B745.

Thurs., March 17 11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sunny's Family Restaurant. RSVP by March 16. Call Sylvia, 406-798-3882 or Margaret, 406-488-4613.

Sat., March 19 11 a.m. - **Moose Lodge Meet N Greet** - Public invited to learn about the Moose organization and local Lodge & Chapter. Lunch to follow. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Sun., March 20 8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Fundraiser Breakfast** - 8 years & older: \$10; 4-7 years: \$5; 0-3 years: free. Sidney Moose Lodge. All proceeds donated to Savage Fire Department.

Tues., March 22 12-6 p.m. - **Sidney Community Blood Drive** - St. Matthews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. To make an appointment call American Red Cross, 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org & enter sponsor code Sidney.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone **Weds., March 2, 9, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27**

4:30-5:30 p.m. - **After School Art: 3rd-6th Grade** - Hands-on art class that incorporates various mediums & lessons about techniques & famous artists. Rough Rider Center. \$15 per class. COVID guidelines followed. For more information call Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.

Sat., March 5 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Nerf Battle Fundrasier Hosted by Alexander Comets FTC Robotics Team #9963** - Open to the school & public at Alexander Public School gymnasium. Cost \$5 per person or \$30 for a team of 7. Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds split with a local kindergarten student diagnosed with Leukemia & the FTC program.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Watford City WiffleBall World Series** - Rough Rider Center. \$50 team, age 16+, max 5 players per team. Registration deadline March 4. To register visit watfordcityparks.com.

Tues., March 8 7-8 p.m. - **Talks on Tuesday** - Explore innovative ideas with others in the community. No charge to attend. Rough Rider Center coffee shop.

Thurs., March 10 & 24 2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

Tues., March 15, 2-4 p.m. 2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone. **Sun., March 6**

2 p.m. - **Confluence History & Nature Lecture Series** - The Smoke and Mirrors: Why Fort Union really is nationally significant. Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. For more information call 701-572-9034.

Sat., March 12 7:30 p.m. - **Sip & Paint Night** - Open to the public. We're painting gnomes! Williston Moose Lodge #239. \$40 per person, prepay & sign up before March 9. Email mooselodge239@gmail.com for more information on how to sign up.

Sun., March 13 2 p.m. - **Pub to Pit Fun Run** - 5K timed run or 1 mile walk start & ends at Busted Knuckle Brewery, 213 11th St. W. \$40 registration, \$20 age 12 & under. Music by Ted & Kari, costume prizes. Registration forms at Pit 105 & Busted Knuckle Brewery.

Thurs., March 17 7 p.m. - **Confluence History Book Club** - Join other history buffs for a discussion of this month's book, "The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic" by Steven Johnson. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call 701-572-9034.

Sat., March 19 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - **Historic Sewing, Textiles & Projects** - All ages & experience levels welcome to learn historical sewing techniques. Personal projects welcome. Limited number of ongoing projects available. Bring your own lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call 701-572-9034.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone **Fri., March 4**, 4-8 p.m. - **Sat., March 5**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;

Sun., March 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Glendive Gun Show** - The EPEC building, 313 S. Merrill. For more information call Ernie, 406-377-3969.

Gummy Games Softball Camp Held Feb. 20-21

By Jaymi Mozeak

On Feb. 20, 21 girls took part in something new to the softball world, the world's first Gummy Games Softball Camp at the Sidney High School gym.

Softball coach Terry Roth said in his Jan. 5 blog post, on his website, www.urastarsports.com, "a ball-player struggles with simple things in games and practices, the more complex things like game situation and focus become even more difficult. As a coach, I see the struggles all the way up to the high school level. What has come to my

realization is there needs to be a better way to practice the basic skills."

He decided to take it upon himself to develop a way for young ballplayers to practice the basic skills needed in baseball or softball on their own or while attending camps. He came up with Gummy Games Softball Camps.

The girls that attended were each given Softball Gummy Games booklets. After an introduction and explanation of how to play it, they were asked to start the first game. It was a simple toss and catch game for

individuals to improve hand-eye coordination and focus. The second game involved throwing the ball against a wall. The third game required a little more action from the girls and involved them protecting an area from balls rolled at them by the coaches. The fourth game required the girls to join up into two teams and toss the ball back and forth to each other. Their scores were kept in the booklets with stickers. At the end of the games, gummy bear bags were handed out and the participants were allowed to eat one gummy bear for

each sticker they had and were instructed to continue to do the games in the booklet if they wanted to eat the rest. They needed it as the next day, Feb. 21, Sidney Summer Softball signups for girls aged 5-18 started and will continue through March.

Roth said in his post "My mission is to help young ballplayers gain self-confidence so that they will continue playing the great sports of softball and baseball. That will also be the goal for the Gummy Games booklets and Camps." While the first camp was indoors, Coach Roth is planning to hold out-

door camps starting in May.

Coach Roth had a lot of help in making this camp a reality. He wanted to express his appreciation to Julio Lopez for taking pictures and helping with organization, Jozi Moore for also taking pictures and helping to coach, Travis Rosaaen for helping to coach, Allison Thiel, Amyia Steinbeisser, Keira Rains, and Jayla Huft for assisting and handing out stickers. He also wanted to thank the local Reynolds Market and Builders First-Source for their donations, as well as, Maria Neff with

Sidney Public Schools for the use of their high school gym.

He also wanted to add, "Thank you all for helping make the first ever Gummy Game Softball Camp a huge success! If anyone (business or individual) would like to become a sponsor for a camp please let me know! Check out my website for more information about me, some awesome softball stuff, and Gummy Game Softball Camps at urastarsports.com. Terry Roth, cell 406-489-3285; email, urastar@midrivers.com."



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"Tommy Moose" Doll Presentation



Richard Garcia and Adam Stevens (Moose members) presenting Tommy Moose to SHC Emergency Room employees. (Submitted photo)

Submitted by Rita Rehbein

"Tommy Moose" is one of the "Heart of the Community" Programs by Moose International that Sidney Moose Lodge 856 and Chapter 761 participate in. They recently donated one case of "Tommy Moose" to the Sidney Health Center Emergency Room and Richland County Ambulance Service. Other organizations having "Tommy Moose" are the Sidney Police Department, Richland County Sheriff Department, Richland County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Matthew House, and Richland County Fire

Departments.

"Tommy Moose" is a soft, cuddly Moose doll. It is given to children who are experiencing stressful or traumatic situations. It calms them and takes their attention away from the situation. Sidney Moose Lodge and Chapter has donated the "Tommy Moose" coloring books to children attending our Annual Treasure Egg Hunt in September and Halloween Bags at our Annual Halloween Carnival. Local libraries have received "Tommy Moose" bookmarks. Remember to look for "Tommy Moose" at the Annual Parade of Lights in November.



Lana Watson, Richland County Ambulance Service Co-Director receiving Tommy Moose for Richland County Ambulance Service. (Submitted photo)

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OBITUARIES

Albert H. "Bud"

Groskinsky, 89, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Albert H. "Bud" Groskinsky, 89, Sidney, MT are at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with John Carey and Pastor Audrey Rydbom officiating. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church. Masonic Service will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Albert "Bud" Harry Groskinsky was born in Sidney MT to parents Albert and Marie (nee Klempel) Groskinsky on Sept. 30, 1932. Bud's brother, William "Bill" Grover Groskinsky joined the family, 2 1/2 years later. The brothers attended the Anderson school near Crane until moving into Sidney. Bud's mother passed away unexpectedly when he was 15. Thankfully, the Cenex café provided a more balanced daily diet for their lunch, as his dad's one specialty was steak in a cast iron skillet.

Bud graduated in 1951 from Sidney High School,



Albert H. "Bud" Groskinsky

achieving the American Farmer Award in FFA. He farmed for the next four years, until he met Anne Lynde. Following her graduation, they were married June 1, 1955, and began a 66-year journey of love, learning, and laughter. Bud and Anne attended college together, first in Bozeman, MT, then moving to Rocky Mountain College, Billings, MT. Bud graduated with a degree in chemistry, while Anne graduated with a degree in medical technology, and they were life-long supporters of RMC. St. Louis, MO was their next destination for a year of advanced medical school.

Each summer between semesters, Bud and Anne returned to Sidney to help on his family farm. Farming proved to be his true calling, and thus they returned to Sidney and stewardship of the land they love and nurture to this day. Bud worked at Sidney National Bank, as a loan officer, then as president until his retirement, in addition to being a bank board director. During these years, in addition to Bud's banking duties, they farmed each summer and enjoyed traveling to different countries during the winter. They explored 34 different countries, learning their cultures while meeting a variety of people along the way in their quest of nature and adventure. Excellent photography became an integral part of these trips, (before digital), which they lovingly shared with the community. For many years, Bud successfully raised registered oats and wheat, in addition to other crops and wildlife plantings. Bud continued adapting and implementing the newest technology in farming, with research and a life-long pursuit for improvement. He served on the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project board for 24 years. He helped Dr. Jimmie Ashcraft break ground on the fitness center at Sidney Health Center in 1985. He is a founding member and board member emeritus of Foundation for Community Care, supporting their goal of keeping good affordable healthcare in our community. Bud and Anne became ham radio operators, and each were licensed pilots, flying their Piper Cub and Skylane airplanes for many years, with their black Labs at their side. Bud and Anne spent numerous hours improving the Eastern Montana Bible Camp property near Lambert, MT. They established the Groskinsky Foundation, providing

scholarships to deserving area graduates for many years, assisting with their college expenses. The Foundation also donated to local projects including the Richland Ranger Hockey building, and a final donation from the Foundation was to the Boys and Girls Club new facilities, annexed to the Methodist Church. Bud and Anne shared their love of nature, exploring the Badlands of Montana and North Dakota, while introducing this beauty to friends, on outdoor adventures, and with many gorgeous photographs, in addition to Go-pro videos in recent years.

Bud is survived by his loving wife, Anne; sisters-in-law Elaine Lynde Emly and Anna Schmoll Lynde; nieces Vicky Groskinsky (Mateel Todd), Brenda Groskinsky (daughters Kacy Link and Lexi Brady), Nancy Groskinsky Schwartz (husband Clay and son Dieter), Rita Emly Huether, Annie Lynde, Ruth Lynde Moore (husband Dennis and children Brandon and Nicole); and nephews Larry Lynde (Shirley) and Jerry Lynde (Aleeshia Viktora); great nephew (Ronald James' son) Mikel Campbell (wife Melissa and daughter Kaira Lynn Campbell).

Bud was preceded in death by his parents Albert P. and Marie Groskinsky; grandparents Carl William and Christine Hoelzel Groskinsky, and Hugo Otto and Johanna Siebert Klempel. Brother William "Bill", and Bill's wife Yvonne Stone Groskinsky. Nephews Ronald James Groskinsky, William Randall Groskinsky, Annie's husband Dave Kimble and Rita's husband, Arnie Huether. Brothers-in-law Ralph (Anna) Lynde, Harold Emly, husband of Elaine Lynde Emly, Harold Lynde and his wife Elaine Harris Lynde.

Paul Dean Quilling, 69 Sidney, MT

Paul Dean Quilling aka "Smiley or Papa Paul" was born July 22, 1952 to Gordon and Nadine Quilling. He was raised a Sidney Eagle graduating in 1970. Paul grew up in a sports family and was a very talented athlete competing in football, basketball, track and baseball. The long jump was his favorite or broad jump as he referred to it. He was very humble about his athletic accolades. He attended the University of Montana Western on a football scholarship.



Paul Dean Quilling

His sophomore year of high school, a girl from Hardin moved to Sidney and stole his heart! Paul and Susie dated all through school and married in 1972. They were blessed with two children; Chad and Kari. Paul devoted his whole life to his family. He was the proudest husband, dad and papa. He spent his free time following Sidney sports. The stands won't be the same without him. Papa was hard to miss in the stands whether it was his loud, honest, grumbly voice or just seeing his larger than life badass handle bar mustache and beard. He traveled many miles to different states, even boarding a bus or two and never complained once! If he wasn't at a sporting event, he was out hunting with his friends and family. He also enjoyed collecting rocks and trapping. Paul was a hard worker. His first year after college he worked on the drilling rigs in many states with his brother Doug. Later in life, Paul worked at Sidney Sugars where he was a knife setter, a job he excelled at and enjoyed. Paul also roofed with his son Chad and son-in-law Darold for 14 years. After his roofing days ended Paul found his dream job, one that was his favorite and fit him perfectly. Paul ran the sweeper for the City of Sidney for the past seven years and truly enjoyed going to work and mingling with his fellow city workers. The streets of Sidney will not be the same without him driving his sweeper around.

Paul knew the secret to life and happiness long before it was the "buzzwords" it is now. His greatest times were times spent with his family. From baking cookies with his wife Sue, going on drives with her, traveling to sporting events, which included the bonus of going out to eat. He embodies being present and intentional with his time. He would drop anything to help, even if it was just supervisory help. He loved going to the cabin at Blacktail and playing washers and cornhole. He was a diehard Minnesota Vikings fan and he and Kari took a bucket list trip to watch his beloved football team at the new US Bank Stadium.

He was the best storyteller and he enjoyed coming up with tall tales just to see if you would take the bait! He could nap anywhere and his loud obnoxious snore was unforgettable.

He will be missed by any who were lucky enough to know him.

Paul passed away on Feb. 20 at Sidney Health Center surrounded by his family due to COVID complications. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon & Nadine Quilling; his two older brothers Doug and Steve Quilling; nephew Shane Quilling and George Groesbeck; father & mother-in-law Ray & Rose Rumpfelt.

Paul is survived by his wife of 49 years Sue Quilling; his son Chad (Melissa) Quilling; daughter, Kari (Darold) Jones; sisters, Jan (Jim) March, Colette (Gerry) Yeager and Kim (Greg) Yeager; sister-in-law's Tammy Quilling, Diane (Lynn) Marty; grandsons Gresh (Taylor) Jones, Tyler (Taylor) Quilling, Trace, Jett, Cash & Grady and his first great grandson due in May; Aunt Trudy Nevins; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and life-long friends; his bonus family Vince, Pam, Quinn, Dawson & Cooper McGlothlin; and all of the athletes that he supported and knew him as Papa Paul.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be announced in the summer. Because of Paul's love of sports and the Sidney Eagles, the family will be setting up a Scholarship to be awarded to a deserving student athlete from SHS. Donations can be made to Paul Quilling Memorial Scholarship, 623 5th ST SE, Sidney MT 59270.

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MT Dept. of Revenue: Keep Your Address Current

By Czelsi Gómez, Montana Department of Revenue Public Information Officer

Helena - The Montana Department of Revenue has an important message to income tax filers: Keep your mailing address current with the department.

This is especially true for anyone filing a Montana income tax return for the first time. That's because the department sends refunds to first-time filers only as paper checks – not by direct deposit – due to our security measures to combat fraud. And, the Post Office will not forward your refund check to your new address.

That means that if the department has an incorrect address, your refund could be delayed.

Other taxpayers who change their address should also keep the department updated, because the department may attempt to contact you by mail if there are questions about your filing.

Changing your address with the Montana Department of Revenue is easy. You can download a change-of-address form at MTRRevenue.gov or request one from our Call Center at 406-444-6900.

Montanans who haven't filed state returns in three years or more will also receive any refund on a paper check.

Remember, it could take up to 90 days to receive your refund. You can check the status of yours in our TransAction Portal at <https://tap.dor.mt.gov>.

Jack Ballard Ends U.S. Congressional Campaign

Red Lodge, MT – Jack Ballard, candidate for the Second Congressional District covering eastern Montana, issued the following statement on Feb. 24:

"I'm ending my campaign for Montana's Second Congressional District. To be bluntly honest, we've failed to raise the financial resources necessary to realistically keep paying campaign staff

and fund travel, advertising, materials and other basic expenses through the primary."

"I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Montanans across the state who have supported my campaign, from Broadus to Libby, and from Glasgow to Dillon. I had many strong supporters – Democrats, Republicans and independents - who believe in the mes-

sage that Montana needs a representative in Congress who looks out for workers, farmers and ranchers, our priceless public landscape and the infrastructure needs of local communities."

"It was an honor to get out to places throughout the eastern district and meet Montanans. I visited not only the bigger population centers, but also rural commu-

money in the process.

In Montana, various contractual arrangements are recognized, and these transfers take effect upon a person's death. Some of these arrangements could be beneficiary designations on an insurance policy and pensions plan, along with many others.

With a Payable on Death (POD) designation, you are able to name the beneficiary of your checking, savings, and other accounts. With the POD, you still keep control of your money during your lifetime. The beneficiary of these accounts does not have ownership over these accounts until you die then; the balance of these accounts passes to the POD beneficiary. If you decide you want to change your POD beneficiary, you can fill out a new form with your bank or credit union. Your POD form should also be reviewed periodically and updated as circumstances change (birth, marriage, death, etc.).

A Transfer on Death Registration (TOD) is similar to POD. However, it is used to designate beneficiaries of stocks, mutual funds, and

bonds. The TOD beneficiary does not have ownership rights over your funds while you are alive. Upon your death, these securities are transferred to your designated beneficiary. You can also change who your beneficiary is by filling out a new form.

Both the POD and TOD are ways to transfer accounts or funds to a beneficiary without going through the probate process. Even though probate can be avoided with these contractual arrangements,

the assets passed to beneficiaries are still subject to creditors claims against the deceased's estate. Planning ahead can help your heirs avoid the probate process helping save the estate money.

To get the "Non-Probate Transfers" and "Designating Beneficiaries through Contractual Arrangements" MontGuide and other estate planning MontGuides, contact Carrie Krug at the MSU Extension Richland County office at 406-433-1206 or find them online here <https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/eppublications.html>.

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Hunting & Fishing License Year Began March 1

By Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks

The 2022 license year opened March 1, which means you can buy new hunting and fishing licenses and begin applying for permits and special licenses. The deadline to apply for deer and elk permits is April 1.

Applications for most species – deer, elk, antelope, deer B, elk B, antelope B, moose, sheep, goat, bison, bear, turkey – can now be done.

This spring Fish, Wildlife & Parks will be launching the new MyFWP mobile app that will store and display licenses, permits, and digital carcass tags, known as E-Tags, which can be

used in the field without cellular service. The new app will be released soon with more information on how to download and use it. To use the app, hunters and anglers will need a MyFWP account, which is a secure and convenient digital profile that stores licenses, permits and related information.

To create a new account, visit fwp.mt.gov. Users need to make sure to link their ALS number to the MyFWP account to ensure their hunting and fishing licenses are attached to their MyFWP account.

Hunters will also still have the option to print copies of licenses they purchase online or at FWP offices.

Also new for the 2022

license year:

- Hunters have the option to donate their drawing refund to the block management program.

- Bonus points can now only be purchased by applicants that are eligible to apply for licenses (bonus points can no longer be purchased by youth less than the age of 12).

- Preference points fee for nonresidents is now \$100 instead of \$50.

- A nonresident planning to hunt with an outfitter can purchase a second preference point for the Nonresident Combo drawing. Remember to have your outfitter information with you at the time you apply.

- Applicants purchasing a conservation license can now opt out of donating 25c of that fee to Search and Rescue.

Hunters and anglers can buy licenses and apply for permits on the FWP

website beginning at 5 a.m. on March 1; simply click on "Buy and Apply." Most FWP offices will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If people have questions, the FWP licensing call center will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. from March 1-April 1; after April 1, the hours will return to 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The call center can be reached at 406-444-2950.

Remember, if you're applying for a special license or permit, you will need to have a valid email address.

Upcoming Programs At Fort Buford & The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

State Historical Society of North Dakota

Williston, ND – The public is invited to these upcoming events at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston. All events are free and open to the public. All times are Central times.

March 6: Confluence History and Nature Lecture Series, 2 p.m. The Smoke and Mirrors: Why Fort Union Really is Nationally Significant, presented by Fred MacVaugh, curator, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.

March 17: Confluence History Book Club, 7 p.m. Join other history buffs for a discussion of this month's book, "The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic" by Steven Johnson.

March 19: Historic Sewing, Textiles and Projects, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. All ages and experience levels are welcome to learn historical sewing techniques from Yvette Bachmeier. Personal projects are welcome, and participants should bring their own supplies if possible. A limited number of ongoing projects for the facility are available as learning projects. Bring your own lunch.

March 20: Historic Games, 2-4 p.m. at Fort Buford Barracks. Participate in games that may have been played at the fort long ago such as cribbage, cards, and checkers.

For more information, contact Joe Garcia at 701-572-9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Hours for the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center are Wed.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m.; closed Mon.-Tues.. Fort Buford is open by appointment. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

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7:30 pm..... North Country vs. Fairview

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FAIRVIEW



Front (L-R) Gabe Callender, Trent Karst, (name not available), Curt Rice Jr., Nathan Turnbow, Gavin Callender. Middle (L-R) Wyatt McPherson, Bridger Free, Trace Bain, Tyler Loan, Dylan Lorenz. Back (L-R) Deacon Gackle, Hunter Sharbono, Canyon Taylor, Jace Vitt, Landen Thompson, Jeff Tjelde.

GIRLS, THURSDAY

12 pm..... Plentywood vs. Circle
1:30 pm..... Culbertson vs. Scobey
6 pm..... North Country vs. Froid/Lake
7:30 pm..... Nashua vs. MonDak

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Front (L-R) Manager Keira Stentoft, Briar Grainger, Lilly Johnson, Avery Johnson, Brooklyn Nordwick, Addison Elvsaas, Sadie Ullmer, Alexa Nelson, asst coach Kylie Hendrickson. Back (L-R) managers Jordyn Breuer and Isabelle Nordwick, Jaeleigh Davidson, Baylee Davidson, Dasani Nesbit, Carolyne Christoffersen, Missouri Kalal, Mara Salvevold, Meg Ator, Head coach Lance Brekke, asst coach Grant Salvevold.

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Alexander's FTC Robotics Team Continues To Have A Successful Season



Three of the FTC team members speaking with Representative Keith Kempernik at the Cyber Madness Competition, Bismarck. (Submitted photo)



The FTC team at the State competition final round. (Submitted photo)

By Anna Dragseth

The Alexander Comets FTC Robotics Team #9963 started off the year with what has become the norm for the program, a successful season.

On Jan. 7, the team traveled to Fargo to compete against 12 teams and won the 1st place Connect Award, the 2nd place Inspire award and the 2nd place Motivate award.

The team also competed at the Dakota Adventist Academy Bismarck Regional competition, competing against 18 teams, and taking home the 1st place Motivate award and the 3rd place Innovate award.

At the FTC State Championship on Feb. 5, 12 robotics teams competed at the Bismarck Career Academy and the Alexander Public School's robotics team won the 1st place Motivate award, 1st Place Promote Award, 2nd place Inspire Award, 2nd Place Think Award, 2nd Place Connect Award, and the Finalist Alliance 1st team selected Award.

The team hopes to advance to other competitions including a Maryland Tec Invitational. The FTC team will apply to attend the MTI at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, MD, on June 24-26.

"This competition is all about the Robot," added Alexander Robotics Team mentor/coach, Cathy White.

The team is also looking to return to the National Advocacy Conference, Wash-

ington, DC, in June.

"This event is for the purpose of advocating for STEM and Robotics in Education across the country. We will specifically be speaking to our own ND Legislators about the importance of STEM and Robotics in education and building the foundation of skills students will need to be successful in the future," explained White.

"The FTC team is always looking for mentors from the engineering and technology world. We are also looking for additional sponsors for our team and the events we would like to participate in."

The team hosted a scrimmage, inviting teams from Tioga, Minot, and Bismarck to come to Alexander and work together to show Gracious Professionalism.

"Answering questions and helping each other is how FTC teams work together," said White.

On March 5, the team is hosting an additional event this year called a Nerf Battle. It is a fundraising event that will be open to the school and public in the Alexander Public School gymnasium. There will be teams formed, set match times, practice round, and free-for-all. The cost for the event is \$5 per person or \$30 for a team of seven. Concessions will be available to purchase throughout the day.

This event is a fundraiser to help support the FTC program - the proceeds will be split with a local kindergarten student that was

diagnosed with leukemia in August 2021.

For more information check out the FTC team on social media by searching Alexander Comets FTC Robotics Team #9963.

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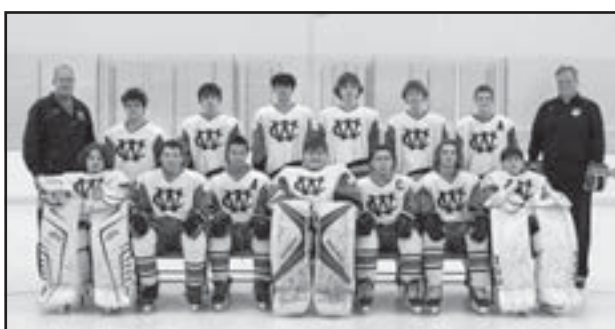
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The MonDak Heritage Center Announces "Reflections" – Onesti Krieger Exhibition

Submitted by
Joe Bradley,
MonDak Heritage Center
Board President

The MonDak Heritage Center announces "Reflections", an exhibition of Art by Williston, ND artist Onesti Krieger on display through March 26, at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney.

Onesti Krieger is an abstract painter, working mostly in oils and acrylics.

Her love for the arts, colors, mediums, textures, culture, all appeared early in her life. The thing she likes best about abstract art is that everyone consumes their experience individually and it gives the viewer their own relationship to the artwork. She believes people need to think and see for themselves, not to be told what to see or think, hence her love for abstract.

Krieger attended Moor-

head State University, as an art major, and Williston State College. She currently holds an executive position on the board with North Dakota Council on the Arts. She also works with several local committees to bring more public art into all areas of North Dakota and plays an active part in Williston Area Visual Artists, WAVA.

Krieger resides in her hometown Williston, ND with her husband and two children. She owns and operates a professional interior painting business, Transition Painting.

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Onesti Krieger, Winter Fly Away (Submitted photo)

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Submitted by
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- There are tools, filing options and other services and resources available on www.IRS.gov.

Consumer Alerts on Tax Scams

Note that the IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
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Class A Divisional Basketball Action

The Sidney Eagles were at divisional basketball last week in Billings. The girls won their first game against Park 35-30. They lost their second game to Billings Central 43-74. They won their third game against Dawson County 52-37 and lost their fourth game to Laurel. The boys played Hardin their first game and lost 47-58 and played Custer County their second game and lost 31-51.



Taylan Hansen dribbles around an opponent at the tournament last weekend in Billings.

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Braylon DiFonzo shoots a basket at the tournament last weekend in Billings.



The Eaglettes perform during half time at the tournament last weekend in Billings.



The crowd cheers on the team at the tournament last weekend in Billings. (Photos by Tonya Schoepp)