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Sidney Public Schools Launches New CDL Program For Students

By Lisa Gorder

When school is back in session next semester, the Sidney Public Schools is rolling out an exciting new program aimed at providing students with the opportunity to earn their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) as part of their educational experience. The program, which will begin with five to six 18-year-old students, is designed to help meet the growing demand for skilled truck drivers in the region. Thom Barnhart, the school's curriculum director explained that this initiative is funded through a transitional learning grant from the Department of Public Instruction. The grant is designed to offset the cost of the program and ensure that the local workforce needs are met. Barnhart emphasized the importance of the program, saying, "This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience and enter a high-demand career field while still in school. It's an investment in both their futures and the future of our community."

The CDL class will be held during the school day, allowing students to participate without disrupting their regular education. The Richland County Public Works Department has generously partnered with the school district, offering a certified truck driver to assist in teaching the curriculum. Ty Graves, a certified trainer, will be working directly with the students, providing them with valuable insights into



Pictured (L-R) are Josh Johnson, Ty Graves and Thom Barnhart. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)

the profession and practical work experience. In talking with Graves, he emphasized the importance of improving safety and providing better drivers for the workforce in our area. "This is a win-win for all. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the students. It is a great program with great possibilities, and it will have a positive impact on our entire community."

Josh Johnson, Sidney Public Works Department, explained that the county will provide the truck for

in-cab training as well as walk-around sessions to familiarize students with the vehicle's operations. "Once the students get their permit, they will have the opportunity to ride along with our certified trainer, gaining real-world experience," Johnson said "Our goal is to help them get a head start on both their education and their careers. If we at the county have success with this pilot program, we are hoping to possibly help other schools in Richland County with their own program."

The program's organizers included Sidney High School Principal Carl Dynneson, Thom Barnhart, and Vice-Principal Daniel Coryell. The organizers are hopeful that it will not only provide students with valuable credentials but also help address the workforce needs of local businesses that rely on the trucking industry. Principal Dynneson stated "Sidney Public Schools strives to find innovative ways to prepare students for all career pathways. We look forward

to fostering the partnership with Richland County to make this opportunity accessible for future students."

As public works director Johnson put it, "By offering this program and collaborating with the school, we're not only helping students with their careers, but we are also helping our community grow and thrive."

The program looks to bring a positive impact to both the students and the community by addressing a critical need for skilled drivers in the region.



Winter Reading Challenge Is Back At Sidney-Richland County Library For 2025

The Winter Reading Challenge is back for 2025! From Jan. 1-31, readers of all ages can participate on the ReadSquared website or mobile app. The theme is "Game On!" and will highlight the library's growing board and card game selection. Those who complete the program by earning 400+ points through reading, missions, and/or attending events will be entered for a chance to win one of ten food-related prizes!

Registration opened on Friday, Dec. 27. The library will provide free popcorn from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. and librarians will be available to help patrons sign up for the program.

At the start of the new year, the Sidney / Richland County Library will introduce Lit Happens, a fun twist on a book club. With one prompt per month, each is designed to be flexible and approachable for new readers. January's prompt is to read a book with an image, whether it's fully illustrated or just has a map, it counts! Facebook group discussions will be hosted on the 3rd of each month and those who complete all 12 will receive a tote bag at the end of the year!

Other library programs include the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program and the 100 Books Before Graduation. In both programs, each milestone will earn a prize. When participants reach their goal, they receive a certificate and are highlighted in the local newspaper!

To learn more about services and programming at the Sidney/Richland County Library, call 406-433-1917, email srcl@richland.org, or message them on Facebook.

Feds Approve Wildfire Disaster Assistance

By Jeff Beach
North Dakota Monitor
<https://northdakotamonitor.com/briefs/feds-approve-wildfire-disaster-assistance/>

North Dakota is eligible for federal disaster assistance to help recover from historic wildfires in 2024.

President Joe Biden approved a major disaster declaration for North Dakota, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said in a news release Thursday.

FEMA announced that public assistance federal funding is available to the state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to help repair or replace facilities damaged by the wildfires in McKenzie and Williams counties.

Rural electrical cooperatives in McKenzie and Williams counties sustained damage estimated at \$3.7 million during the Oct. 5-6 wildfires, according to the disaster declaration request sent to Biden in November. Federal funding also is available for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Jacob Just, director of communications for the North Dakota Insurance Department, said the agency will work with local fire departments to identify ways to reduce risks and apply some lessons learned from the wildfire response.

Additional designations may come if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments, the news release said.

A total of 190 fires burned 126,273 acres in North Dakota in October, according to the state Department of Emergency Services.

The state fire marshal has ruled that natural gas flares from oil wells combined with high winds and dry vegetation contributed to starting two of the fires.

People affected by wildfires can find financial, mental and physical recovery resources at ndresponse.gov/wildfire-recovery.



A burned power pole sits off 109th Avenue, between Ray and Tioga, N.D., after fires came through the area on Oct. 5, 2024. (Jacob Orledge/North Dakota Monitor/ProPublica)

National Hard Spring Wheat Show Coming Jan. 28

By Katelyn Sponheim
The 72nd Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show will be held Jan. 28, 2025, at the Grand Hotel, Williston, ND. It will start at 7 a.m. with the free Ag Appreciation Breakfast, sponsored by American State Bank, and be followed by a welcome and roll right into their speaker lineup.

First up will be the

"Weather Outlook" with Mark Ewens of Home on the Prairie Weather. Climate crops and change will be discussed. Brian Jenks will follow with his "Weed Control Update". Rob Sharkey, known from his podcast "The Shark Farmer" will give two presentations, one before and one after lunch, with the latter on how to be resilient through farming

struggles, titled "Sharks Don't Swim Backwards". The final speaker before lunch is Dr. Carlos Pires, the NDSU extension's soil health specialist, who will be sharing "How is Soil Organic Matter like Money in the Bank?"

Lunch is sponsored by the North Dakota Wheat Commission and Williams County Farmer's Union.

After lunch, Clair Keene of NDSU will give a Wheat and Durum variety update, followed by Dr. David Weaver of MSU sharing his Wheat Stem Sawfly count. Frayne Olson, NDSU's Crop Economist will give the 2025 Market Outlook to close the day. Pesticide applicator and crop advisor credits will be available to those attendees interested.

12th Annual Cattlemen's Ball Feb. 8

By Dianne Swanson

It's a whole lot of fun, with a mission. The annual Cattlemen's Ball promotes beef and all of agriculture in Richland County, while providing scrumptious food, great music and more. The premiere event of the winter, the Ball takes place on Feb. 8 at the Richland County Event Center with the social at 5 p.m. and a delicious beef dinner at 6 p.m. Kick up your heels until midnight with Kyle Shobe & the Walk 'em Boys.

Proceeds go towards scholarships and providing local beef to area schools. Tickets will be available for just \$50 beginning Monday, Jan. 6 at the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Prewitt & Company.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please call Kristin Larson at 406-480-5139. MNAXLP

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Lunch Menus!

Sidney Schools
Mon., Jan. 6: Chicken patties on buns, wedges, pears.
Tues., Jan. 7: Goulash, green beans, hot rolls, peaches.
Wed., Jan. 8: Chicken gravy over potatoes, corn, dinner rolls, strawberry applesauce.

Savage School
Mon., Jan. 6: Corn dogs, French fries, fresh veggie, fruit.
Tues., Jan. 7: Philly cheesesteak sandwiches, wedges, fruit.
Wed., Jan. 8: Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, veggie, fruit.

Fairview School
Thurs., Jan. 2: Homemade pizza, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Fri., Jan. 3: Orange chicken, rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Mon., Jan. 6: Turkey bacon swiss "Frisco" croissant, Sunchips, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Tues., Jan. 7: Steak street tacos, cilantro lime rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Wed., Jan. 8: Chili, cinnamon rolls, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).

East Fairview School
Mon., Jan. 6: Cheese quesadillas.
Tues., Jan. 7: Taco soup.
Wed., Jan. 8: Hawaiian haystacks.

Alexander School
Mon., Jan. 6: Meatball subs, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
Tues., Jan. 7: Super nachos, fruit & vegetable bar.
Wed., Jan. 8: Hot dogs or brats, macaroni & cheese, fruit & vegetable bar.

Watford City School
Mon., Jan. 6: Crisps or turkey & cheese on bread, veggie, salad bar, fruit, cheddar cheese sauce, Fritos, chips.
Tues., Jan. 7: Bone in chicken wings or deli roll up pin wheels, tater tots, veggie, salad bar, fruit, breadsticks.
Wed., Jan. 8: Taco in a bag or ham & cheese on buns, pico, veggie, salad bar, fruit, Spanish rice.

Bainville School
Mon., Jan. 6: Popcorn chicken bowl, corn, peaches, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 7: Beef tacos, mangoes, pico de gallo, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 8: Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, pears.

Richey School
Thurs., Jan. 2: Street corn, chicken & rice bowls, churros, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 3: Chicken or cheeseburgers, X-cut spuds, fruit, salad bar.
Mon., Jan. 6: Steak or turkey gravy on rice, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls.
Tues., Jan. 7: Tacos, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 8: Tortellini

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1835.3
Last Week's Elev.	1837.5
One Year Ago	1837.9
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 23.....	38	16	0.000
Dec. 24.....	40	25	0.000
Dec. 25.....	41	29	0.000
Dec. 26.....	39	22	0.000
Dec. 27.....	43	32	0.100
Dec. 28.....	39	27	0.000
Dec. 29.....	40	26	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	8.74		

OBITUARIES

Jonathan "Jon" Rudie, 65 Sidney, MT



Jonathan "Jon" Rudie

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Bill Buckley officiating. Visitation was Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, from noon-5 p.m. at Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel and one hour before services at the church. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery, East Fairview, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Jonathan "Jon" Andrew Rudie, 65, Sidney, MT, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center Emergency Room, Sidney, MT.

Jon was born in Sidney, MT, on March 19, 1959, to Carol Ann (Lizotte) and Sigurd Rudie. Jon was the first of two siblings. He moved to Portland, OR, with his parents and brother in 1967. He spent much of his childhood years playing football, soccer, baseball, and even tennis. Jon graduated from Gresham High School, Gresham, OR.

Jon began his adulthood in Fairview, MT, pursuing a career in the oilfield with his brother. They both enjoyed boxing at Fairview Boxing Club. Jon pursued many college pathways and other outlets for higher education every chance he had. His love for automotive continued to grow as he graduated in Idaho with a bachelor's degree in diesel electric. Jon was married two times, to Lisa and Cindy, resulting in his much-loved children Clarissa and Mark.

Once returning to help on the farm in 2002, Jon used his automotive skills to fix, restore, and maintain whatever was needed. Jon took great pleasure in working on his vehicles and on the farm, working in the field with the tractor, and fencing with his pickup. His biggest project and love was his 1971 Buick LeSabre, his baby. Golf was a new hobby for Jon. When he was not working, he spent his time with his girlfriend of 7 years, Tina Nelson.

Jon is survived by his father Sigurd Rudie; stepmother Joyce (Krueger) Rudie; sister Susan (Rudie) Kerbis and her husband Paul Kerbis; his son Mark Rudie and his girlfriend Brandi and her daughters Roxanne and Josi; his daughter Clarissa (Holst) Crowley and her wife Cameron Crowley; his nieces Ellie and Eliza Carico; and his grandchildren Aiden, Jayce, and Timber Rudie, and Harrison Crowley.

Jon is preceded in death by his mother Carol Ann (Lizotte) Rudie and his brother Barron Dean Rudie.

Jon loved his work and his seasonal jobs. He was grateful to positively affect so many people in the community with his love of life, and his comedic laughter. He blessed so many in his life and will be deeply missed. MAAAAAN!!!!!!

City of Watford City Roughrider Fund Community Enhancement Grant Application Window Now Open

By Nicole Morton
Community Development Admin. Asst.

The creation of The Roughrider Fund was approved by the voters of the city in 1998 to support the projects that enhance Watford City and make it a great place to live and visit. The one and a half cent city sales tax has supported many projects since then. Some of the most notable projects supported include the construction of the Wild West Water Park, McKenzie Health medical complex, and The Roughrider Center.

Key projects approved by The Roughrider Fund Committee in 2024 include:
 Business Startup & Expansion Forgivable Loan Program:

Mabes Flower Market-Retail Expansion, GM Appliance & Repair-Business Expansion, Revival IV & Wellness, PLLC-Business Startup, Innovative Health-Business Expansion, City Bar-Business Expansion, Escape Beauty-Business Startup, Rip N Stitches-Business Startup, Language Explorers Academy, LLC

Licensed Childcare Renewal Grant Program:
 Janice Clifford-in Home Daycare, Wolf Pup Daycare, Wolf Pup Learning Center, Wolf Pup at Fox Hills Daycare, Bright Minds, LLC, Catuli Academy.

Build project funding in 2024:
 Long X Visitors Center-Renovation & Expansion, Best of the West Ribfest-Sponsorship, Watford City Park District-Contribution to Kent Pelton Park Inclusive Playground, WSC-SBDC Services-Budget Contribution, My Town 2025 Docuseries Season 2.

Micro-Business Mini Match:
 Ambers Esthetics
 Community Enhancement Grant:

One of the fund's favorite programs supported 38 local events and community programs in 2024, enhancing the livability and quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The committee is preparing for the 2025 grant round and hopes to see even more events and community programming supported, to further enhance Watford City and the surrounding area. If you are an organization that has an event or programming for public benefit you are hosting in McKenzie County in 2025, the committee encourages you to apply today. The window for the 2025 Community Enhancement Grant opened Dec. 9, 2024 and officially closes on Jan. 13, 2025.

Applicants with questions regarding the process or eligibility are encouraged to visit The Roughrider Fund page on our city website, or reach out to Vawnta Best, Community and Business Development Director at 701-580-1862 or by email at vb@nd.gov.

Print and fill application can be found at: Rough Rider Fund - Watford City, ND-Official City of Watford City Website -<https://cityofwatfordcity.gov/documents/community-enhancement-grant-application-fillable/>.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
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Fri., Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 7:30 p.m. - **Volleyball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

Sat., Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
 7 p.m. - **Basketball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

Mon., Jan. 6 & 20
 7-8 p.m. - **Adult Anxiety & Depression Support Group** - 1st & 3rd Mondays. Pella Lutheran Church, 418 W. Main St. (east entrance, church library) For more info call Pella, 406-433-3350 or the Health Dept., 406-433-2207.

Thurs., Jan. 9
 5:30 p.m. - **Meet Your Richland County MSU Extension Agents** - Marley Voll, Agriculture Extension Agent; Josie Evenson, 4-H & Youth Development Extension Agent & Stephanie Reynolds, Family & Consumer Sciences & Community Vitality Extension Agent. Learn about all they do to build our communities. Sidney Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW.

Fri., Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 28; March 14, 28, April 11, 25
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Sidney's Soup Kitchen** - All are welcome, no charge, & volunteers appreciated. St Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St SE, Sidney, MT. For more info call 406-433-2510 or email stmattd@midrivers.com.

Sun., Jan. 19
 2-4 p.m. - **Game Night Gala At Savage Sunrise Manor** - All ages welcome. Enjoy a fun filled afternoon of games, friends & treats. Hot cocoa, apple cider & popcorn provided. Bring your favorite games to share & ours will be set up. Savage Sunrise Manor, 407 S. St.

Tues., Jan. 21
 6:30-7:30 p.m. - **Sidney Book Club** - The Book Club meets the 3rd Tues. of each month at The Meadowlark.

Thurs., Jan. 30
 5:30 p.m. - **Heart Health Education** - Learn to take your blood pressure & what the numbers mean, how to read a food label, what are the Whoa, Slow & Go foods, some stress management ideas, how to increase your physical activity without joining a gym. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. To sign up for a full 6-week course contact Heather Nevins, 406-433-2207.

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

Fri., Jan. 3
 6-8 p.m. - **Wintering Well Session 2 "Slow Down & Savor"** - Join together as a community & discover the secret to wintering well while reconnecting with the old fashioned life. Bring your current projects or a crochet hook & some yarn & get started on a new project. No charge for classes but donations will be accepted. McKenzie County Heritage Park.

Fri., Jan. 10, 10 a.m. - Mon., March 3, 6 p.m.
Greg Walter "Animal Alphabet Alliteration" Gallery Show - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/events/upcoming-events/>.

Sat., Jan. 11
 1-4 p.m. - **Nerf Wars** - Ages 6 & up, fee \$7 a person. Rough Rider Center. Bring your own gun; ammo will be provided. (Limited quantity of Nerf Guns can be provided. For more info visit www.watfordcityparks.com.

Tues., Jan. 14
 6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Beginner Dot Mandala Painting** - Learn how to paint a mandala with a simple technique. Cost: \$30. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

Fri., Jan. 17
 5 p.m. - **McKenzie County Soil Conservation District Present Cowgirls 'n Conversation Rural Rendezvous** - Social 5 p.m., supper, 5:30 p.m. McKenzie County Ag Expo. For more info or to register <https://www.mcagexpo.com/events>

Sat., Jan. 18, & Feb. 8
2:30-4 p.m. - Strummin' and Hummin': Beginner Guitar Workshop - Ages 14+, start with an instrument orientation & tuning course followed by two 30-minute song learning sessions, learning basic chords & strumming. Come away knowing the basics of two songs & song sheets to help keep you practicing! \$35/person (bring your own guitar); \$45/person (guitar provided for the night). Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Sun., Jan. 5, Mon., Jan. 6, Tues., Jan. 7, Sun., Jan. 12, Mon., Jan. 13, Tues., Jan. 14, Mon., Jan. 20, Tues., Jan. 21, Sat., Jan. 25, Mon., Jan. 27, Tues., Jan. 28
 3-5 p.m. - **Open Ice Skating** - Family fun for all ages. Limited rentals & skating aids for beginners. All ages & abilities are welcome, helmets are encouraged. Fees: \$5 Rental; \$4 adult; \$3 Youth; Free Skating aids for beginners. Raymond Center, Pete Conlin Arena.

Tues., Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28
 11-11:30 a.m. **Toddler Time** - Ages 2 & 3. Read stories, sing songs, dance, play games, & engage in social play. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Tues., Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Thurs., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
 11-11:30 a.m. **Baby Time** - Ages 2 & 3. Read stories, sing songs, dance, play games, & engage in social play. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Wed., Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
 9:25-9:45 a.m. - **Sensory Story Time** - Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Thurs., Jan. 9
 5-7 p.m. - **Free Winter Safety Event Community Training** - All are welcome. Learn essential tips to keep you & your family safe on ice roads. Event highlights: Safe winter driving tips; Car seat safety; Traffic Rules. Williston State College - Teton Lounge, 1410 University Ave.

Thurs., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
Clay Camp - Youth grades K-6. Class 1 Jan. 9: 4-5 p.m., Pinch Pot Monsters; Class 2 Jan. 16: 4-5:30 p.m., Glaze your monsters & make coil snails; Class 3 Jan. 23: 4-5:30 p.m., Glaze your snails & make high five hands; Class 4 Jan. 30: 4-5 p.m., Glaze your hands. Feb. 6: pick up projects, 3-3:30 p.m. \$80, 20% member discount. Cost includes all classes & supplies. Must attend all classes. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Register online at thejamesmemorial.org. Registration ends 3 p.m. Jan. 9.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Tues., Jan. 14
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Money for MonDak - Funding Workshop** - Are you a small business owner or producer in Eastern MT or Western ND looking to expand your value-added agricultural operation; improve the energy efficiency of your building; or add renewable energy but not sure how it fits into your business or ag operation? Join the experts to learn how to access USDA grant programs that may benefit your operation! Glendive Chamber of Commerce, 808 N. Merrill Ave. For more info & to register visit www.glendivechamber.com/communityeventscalendar/money-for-mondak.

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Wintering Well Session 2: Slow Down & Savor, Jan. 3, Watford City

The holidays are such a lovely time, but they can also be the time of year where you just can't add one more thing! So in light of that, we wanted to slow down and savor this time of year by gathering for a cozy Hygge style evening together, Friday, Jan. 3, 6-8 p.m., McKenzie County Heritage Park, 904 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, ND.

Come with your current projects, whether it is crochet or knitting or embroidery, or start a new one! And if you aren't confident in your skills yet, we will have peo-

ple here that can help you. We also want to gather your input for our future topics so please come and give your requests! Relationship and community are some of the best gifts that we have to offer each other so don't miss out on the opportunity to join us for a special evening together! Expect cozy snacks and good conversation!

For generations, we passed down our old-fashioned crafts and vintage skills to the next generation. But with the onset of the industrial revolution, factories were able to replace

these age-old crafts and the craftspeople who practiced them. We believe that these old-fashioned skills are best learned from one another!

Who is it for? Do you need community? Are you up for learning an old fashioned skill? Then this series is for you! While the classes are geared toward adults, "twins who want to learn are welcome to come with their parents!

Supplies needed: Bring your current projects! Or a crochet hook and some yarn and we can start you on a new project!

We are a nonprofit so while we won't charge for the classes, we will happily accept your donations! A light snack will be served.

Please come ready to learn!

Let's join together as a community and discover the secret to wintering well as we reconnect with the old-fashioned life!



McKenzie County Heritage Park. (Photo submitted)

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When: Friday, January 10, 2025, from 4-8 p.m.

Where: The Ranger Lounge, Sidney, Montana

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LEGALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City/County Planning Board of Richland County, the City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00PM at the Interstate Engineering Offices, 2177 Lincoln Ave SE, Sidney, Montana.

The meeting agenda is published below. Contact the County Planner by email at planner@richland.org or call (406) 433-6886 to obtain further information. If you wish to submit written comments to the board, please do so by 4:00PM on January 7, 2025, to the County Planner. To request an accommodation for a disability, please contact the County Planner.

City/County Planning Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
7:00 PM

Interstate Engineering Building
2177 Lincoln Ave S.E., Sidney, MT

7:00 pm – Meeting Call to Order – President Trumpower

1. Roll Call: Verify Quorum
2. Election of Officers: President:

Vice-President:
Sidney Jurisdictional Area “Standing” Committee Chair:

Fairview Jurisdictional Area “Standing” Committee Chair:
Executive Secretary:

3. Approval of preceding meeting minutes:
a. October 1, 2024 minutes
4. Petitions and Communications

from audience (Public Comments):

5. Public Hearings: none
6. Regular Business/Action Items:

a. Approve quarterly meetings for 2025 (January 7th, April 1st, July 1st and October 7th of 2025)

b. Introduction of new or reappointed Board Members

c. Discuss and review updates to the Growth Policy

7. Written Communications: none

8. Reports from Planning Board Committees: none

9. Staff Reports: none

10. Discussions on land use issues in Richland County, City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview: none

11. Adjourn:
Next Board meeting: April 1, 2025

Rachel Laqua
Richland County Contract Planner

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scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the scheduled meeting and the Planning Director will cause notice of the postponement to be posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Planning and Zoning Website.

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Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 16th day of December 2024

Candy Lundgren-Planner
McKenzie County Planning & Zoning Department
Attest: Sandee Kimpel
Planning Director

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The provisions regarding Zone Change requests are contained within the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance. The Land Development Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner’s Office during office hours, as well as online at www.McKenzieCounty.net. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Alexander Public School District has one (1) manufactured home (Serial Number #RED363951MNAB) available for purchase through sealed bidding. The minimum bid for this home is: **Reasonable Offer**. Interested parties may submit a qualified bid by delivering a sealed envelope conspicuously labeled “Sealed Bid – House Sale” containing a cashier’s check made payable to “Alexander Public School District” in the amount of the bid. Bids must include the bidder’s name, phone number, address, bid amount, and bidder’s signature. Bids must be hand delivered or mailed to

Alexander Public School District
601 Delaney Street
PO Box 66
Alexander, ND 58831

and must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. on 01/08/2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the 7:00p.m. APS School Board meeting on 01/08/2025.** Any bids that do not comply with the foregoing may, at the District’s sole discretion, be rejected and returned to the bidder. Any bids that are not accepted by the District shall be returned to the bidder.

The home is located at the following address: 518 Comet Street, Alexander, ND 58831. Public inspection of the home may be arranged by calling 701-828-3334 to set up an appointment for viewing. The District is selling the structure, not the real property. The home is sold AS IS, and the District makes no warranty of the condition of the home. Each bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition and accuracy of the home prior to submitting a bid.

The successful bidder must move the home off the premises on or before May 15, 2025, transport the structure in manner that complies with applicable law, and transport the structure to a location authorized by law. Upon compliance with the foregoing, the District shall deliver one or more documents to the successful bidder conveying the District’s right, title, and interest in the home. If the successful bidder does not comply with the foregoing, without limiting the District’s available remedies, the District shall have the authority to retain all right, title, and interest of and to the structure and/or use all the funds submitted by the bidder to remove, transport, store, sell, and/or otherwise dispose of the structure. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that, in the event the bidder fails to comply with its obligations, the District’s use of the bid amount is fair and reasonable under the circumstances including the actual damages likely to be suffered by the District if the bidder fails to perform. The bidder further agrees bid amount will not be disproportionate to damages that could reasonably be anticipated by the District if the bidder fails to perform.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in a bid received, to hold bids for a period of 30 days, and to accept that bid which appears to be in the best interests of the District.

Alexander Public School District
Leslie Bieber, Superintendent
Dated: 11/20/2024

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MSF Announces Winners In Cattle Drive Contest

**By Cheyenne Leach
MSGA Communications
and Program Coordinator**
HELENA, MT – Montana Stockgrowers Foundation's (MSF) Cattle Drive Program continues to grow and is quickly becoming the premier feed out contest in the state of Montana. The Cattle Drive Program allows producers and supporters to donate a steer, or the value of a steer, and watch that

donation grow. Donors also receive data on the growth and performance of that steer.
MSF is proud to announce that the 2023 Cattle Drive program raised over \$220,000. The funds raised will be invested in educational programs, scholarships, leadership development and conservation programs.
Donated steers were placed on contest on Feb.

20, 2024. In order to ensure the highest quality beef to program purchasers, each steer was harvested when they were at their optimum weight. Average daily gain was calculated based on the number of days between those dates.
The winners for the 2023 Cattle Drive Program are as follows:
Top three steers in the average daily gain category

First Place: Merck Cattle Animal Health (steer purchased from Veseth Cattle Co.)
Second Place: David Schuett, Schuett Farms, Dillon
Third Place: Dale and Janet Veseth, Veseth Cattle Co., Malta
Following harvest of the steer, each carcass was graded and using the Steer of Merit program evaluation process, a carcass value was determined for each steer.

Top three steers in the carcass value category:
First Place: Jim Steinbeisser, VS Inc., Sidney.
Second Place: Kerry Erickson, Ismay.
Third Place: Katelynn Larson and Alexis Dynneson, Dynneson Ranch, Sidney.
New this year, an overall champion steer was awarded. This steer placed highest in both contest categories:

Overall Champion Steer: Kerry Erickson, Ismay
MSF and Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) would like to thank the 2023 Cattle Drive Program donors and sponsors. The 2024 Cattle Drive is currently accepting donations. To participate in the 2024 program, contact Heidi Kool at foundation@mtbeef.org or 406-442-3420.

Should Livestock Farmers Buy A Surplus Of Hay For Next Year?

Nutrient content should be the number one consideration when purchasing hay.

**By NDSU Agriculture
Communication**
Most of North Dakota received good moisture over the growing season, producing ample hay availability. As a result, the hay market has slowed and prices have dropped, indicating a buyer's market. This has some livestock growers speculating whether they should purchase hay now to create a carry-over surplus as a forage insurance policy if forage supplies are tight in 2025. Considering moisture conditions across the state since July have been low and spring moisture conditions are unknown, North Dakota State University Extension forage crops specialist James Rogers says they should buy, provided some caveats be met.

This year, due to good spring moisture, hay harvest was often delayed, increasing plant maturity and lowering nutrient content.
Reviewing the results from several hay forage tests submitted from the 2024 crop, Rogers sees that a portion of the 2024 hay crop has crude protein levels that dipped down into the 5-6% level and total digestible nutrients (TDN) level below 55%. Hay of this type requires both crude protein and energy supplementation which is a cost that should be added back to the cost of the hay. On the other hand, forage test results also reveal there is plenty of hay from the 2024 crop that is high in nutrient content and therefore requires no supplementation depending on the class of livestock it will be fed to. There is no other way to know this without having it tested.

ground leading to dry matter loss when stored outside; this is simply unavoidable.
The longer outside storage goes on, the higher the loss, which can reach 50% levels at a year or longer. For long term storage considerations, bales should have a good round shape and are dense with a good wrapping. Storage areas should be well-drained with minimal ground contact if possible. The ultimate long-term storage would be in a barn. If bales are maintained in good condition during storage, little change in nutrient content will occur.
Is it a good idea to purchase hay during a down hay market? Rogers says it very well can be if the following is true:

First, Rogers advises producers to determine whether the price is good by looking at their own cost per bale of production. Per bale production costs are determined by yield, input costs, machinery and labor. The higher the yield, the lower the per bale cost.
It is difficult to produce a typical 1,500-pound bale of hay at a cost less than \$40/bale, and depending on crop input costs and yield, per bale cost can go over \$100/bale. If the cost of a bale is equal to or less than the cost of production, does that imply it's a good buy? Maybe, says Rogers, but bale weights and dry matter content are other key factors. It is best to purchase hay on a per ton dry matter basis. Assuming 100% dry matter, a 1,200-pound bale at \$40/bale is \$0.033/pound. (\$66/T) compared to a 1,500-pound bale at \$40/bale is \$0.027/pound (\$54/T).

The final consideration is storage and feeding waste. If hay is purchased now, what condition will it be in six months to a year from now when it is fed? Round bale dry matter loss increases linearly with spoilage depth. A round bale that is 6 feet in diameter with a 2-inch spoilage loss around the bale has lost 10% dry matter. At 4 inches this increases to 20% and at 6 inches 30%.

- A comparison can be made between on farm cost of hay production and purchase hay cost.
- The bale weights and dry matter are known and can be purchased by the ton rather than by the bale.
- It has a forage test so that it can be purchased based on cost per pound of crude protein and energy content.
- The forage test shows no anti-quality issues such as nitrates or heat bound protein.
- It can be stored long-term to minimize storage loss. It is always a good idea to have a surplus on hand as long as it is taken care of during storage.
- Feeding losses can be minimized.

Loss due to spoilage is often unaccounted for. If a 1,500-pound bale priced at \$0.027/pound loses 20%, or 300 pounds, the financial loss is \$8.10 a bale. Round bales wick moisture from the

ServSafe Food Safety Manager Course Available

**By Stephanie Ler, RS, MPH Environmental Health
Director Richland County Health Department**
An 8-hour Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) ServSafe course will be held Jan. 17, at the Dawson County Courthouse, Glendive. The course is taught by former Registered Sanitarian Kevin Pena.
The cost of the course is \$160, which includes a textbook and answer sheet to complete the CFPM exam on that same day. Participants must register and pay no later than Jan. 3 when registration ends. Registration caps at 35 people. Lunch will be on your own, but some snacks and beverages will be provided.
To register for this course, contact Kevin directly at kevin.pena@gmail.com, or by phone at 406-939-3133.

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Sidney Gymnastics Results

Julie Ziegler Memorial 2024, Dec 14-15, Bismarck, ND

Bronze Team 4th Place
 Aveline Roth: Vault 8.8, Bars 8.8, Beam 9.1, Floor 8.9, AA 35.6 7th
 Harlee Vance: Vault 9.55 1st, Bars 9.0, Beam 9.15 4th, Floor 8.9, AA 36.6 2nd
 Ivy Winter: Vault 8.05, Bars 7.4, Beam 9.15 4th, Floor 9.15 1st, AA 33.75
 Mallory Harling: Vault 8.35, Bars 8.75, Beam 8.75, Floor 8.95, AA 34.8
 Molly Hartsock: Vault 9.35 3rd, Bars 8.3, Beam 8.6, Floor 3T, AA 35.25
 Sophia Ogbonna: Vault 9.3 4th, Bars 9.2 4th, Beam 7.9, Floor 9.0 3T, AA 35.4

Silver Team 2nd Place
 Allie Franzen: Vault 9.1 3rd, Bars 9.5 1st, Beam 8.8, Floor 9.25 1st, AA 36.65 3rd
 Bentley Messer: Vault 9.2 2T, Bars 8.85 5T, Beam 8.15, Floor 8.55 6th, AA 34.75 6th

Gold Team
 Malia Larson: Vault 8.85 3rd, Bars 9.5 1st, Beam 8.85 2nd, Floor 9.05 3rd, AA 36.25 2nd
 Paisley Obergfell: Vault 9.1 1st, Bars 8.9 3rd, Beam 9.05 1st, Floor 9.35 1st, AA 36.4 1st

Dullum Qualifier, Dec 8, 2024, Dickinson, ND

Bronze Team 1st place
 Aveline Roth: Vault 8.55, Bars 8.9, Beam 9.1, Floor 8.9 5th, AA 35.45 4th
 Harlee Vance: Vault 8.75, Bars 8.7, Beam 8.6, Floor 9.0 3rd, AA 35.05 5th
 Ivy Winter: Vault 6.9, Bars 7.5, Beam 8.35, Floor 8.45, AA 31.2
 Lucille Harris: Vault 8.7, Bars 7.9, Beam 8.05, Floor 8.85 6th, AA 33.5
 Mallory Harling: Vault 8.35, Bars 8.35, Beam 9.25 2nd, Floor 8.6, AA 34.55
 Molly Hartsock: Vault 9.25 3rd, Bars 7.65, Beam 8.9, Floor 9.1 1st, AA 34.9
 Sophia Ogbonna: Vault 8.6, Bars 9.05, Beam 8.4, Floor 8.5, AA 34.55

Silver Team 1st Place
 Allie Franzen: Vault 9.15 1st Bars 9.65 1st, Beam 8.15, Floor 9.3 1st, AA 36.25 1st
 Bentley Messer: Vault 8.7 6th, Bars 8.7, Beam 8.85 5th, Floor 9.15 3rd, AA 35.4 5th
 Eden Fisher: Vault 8.55, Bars 9.25 2nd, Beam 8.65, Floor 9.15 3rd, AA 35.6 4th
 Hadley Leintz: Vault 8.35, Bars 8.35, Beam 7.7, Floor 8.75 4th, AA 33.15
 Jud Rehbein: Vault 9.05 2nd, Bars 9.4 1st, Beam 9.15 2nd, Floor 9.25 2nd AA 36.85 1st
 Kambree Wheeler: Vault 9.25 2nd, Bars 8.5, Beam 8.8 5th, Floor 9.35 1st, AA 35.9 4th
 Kenzie Jaquith: Vault 8.85, Bars 9.3 1st, Beam 8.85 3rd, Floor 9.05 3rd, AA 36.05 3rd
 Lena Leintz: Vault 8.95 3rd, Bars 8.95, Beam 9.35 1st, Floor 8.0, AA 35.25 3rd
 Lily Tollett: Vault 8.15, Bars 8.75, Beam 7.25, Floor 8.5, AA 32.65
 Olivia Lacey: Vault 9.05 4th, Bars 9.0 5th, Beam 8.35, Floor 9.0 4th, AA 35.4 6th
 Rikki Elenberger: Vault 9.1 1st, Bars 9.25 2nd, Beam 8.95 4th, Floor 9.3 1st, AA 36.6 2nd
 Skye Alvstad: Vault 9.2 3rd, Bars 9.15 3rd, Beam 8.65 6th, Floor 8.65, AA 35.65 5th
 Zuri Kortess: Vault 8.95 1st, Bars 9.2 1st, Beam 8.95 1st, Floor 9.2 1st, AA 36.3 1st


Gold Team 2nd Place
 Adriene Leintz: Vault 8.55 5th, Bars 9.05 1st, Beam 8.65 4th, Floor 9.2 4th, AA 35.45 3rd
 Camryn Franck: Vault 9.15 3rd, Bars 8.85, Beam 8.3, Floor 9.05 5th, AA 35.35 6th
 Hallie Bergstedt: Vault 9.0 4th, Bars 9.25 4th, Beam 8.6, Floor 8.9, AA 35.75 4th
 Malia Larson: Vault 8.85 5th, Bars 9.45 1st, Beam 8.7 6th, Floor 9.35 4th, AA 36.35 3rd
 Kenzie Koch: Vault 9.3 1st, Bars 8.65, Beam 7.7, Floor 9.3, AA 34.95 6th
 Paisley Obergfell: Vault 9.45 2nd, Bars 9.05 6th, Beam 9.25 1st, Floor 9.4 3rd, AA 37.15 1st

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Here Are Some Helpful Tips From The IRS:

- Don't count on receiving a refund by a certain date. Some refunds are required to be held until after late February.
- Track your refund on IRS.gov or the IRS mobile app, IRS2Go.
- All IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) are by appointment only. Don't wait until it's too late to ask questions! However, Most questions can be resolved on the IRS.gov website without visiting a TAC.
- There are tools, filing options and other services and resources available on www.IRS.gov.



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Energy Roundup



Final Major Permit Issued For Cerilon GTL North Dakota

Calgary, Alberta (December 23, 2024) – Cerilon is pleased to announce that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has issued a North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) Permit for Cerilon GTL North Dakota. This is the final major permit required for the project.

"We've designed the project with a focus on minimizing impacts on both the community and the environment and have worked hard to meet the State's high expectations. Receiving this final major permit means we've successfully delivered on a project design that meets or exceeds these expectations," said Ron Opperman, CEO of Cerilon GTL. "In addition to producing valuable products, the project will also contribute to energy security in North Dakota by reducing reliance on energy imports."

The NDPDES program was developed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and is the program through which the NDDEQ

regulates discharges of pollutants from point sources into the state's water bodies. Any facility – or point source – that discharges wastewater must have a permit to comply with State and Federal regulations. Cerilon GTL North Dakota is designed to treat any water used in the GTL process to be of the same or better quality than the river water and, since the process generates water, the facility is returning approximately the same amount to the river as is used.

"Water is an important part of energy production processes, and we take its management very seriously," said Rochelle Harding, Director of Sustainability and Engagement. "The facility is designed to essentially have no impact on water quality or quantity, which reflects our company's belief in the importance of environmental stewardship."

Cerilon GTL North Dakota at the forefront of driving the energy transition and enhancing energy security.

Cerilon has proposed an innovative gas-to-liquids (GTL) facility to transform natural gas into unique, high performance synthetic products. These products include industry-leading Group III-base oils, ultra-low sulphur diesel, and naphtha. The site, near Williston, North Dakota, was selected for several reasons, including its proximity to abundant natural gas supplies, access to road and rail transportation, proximity to suitable geology for carbon sequestration, and existing local infrastructure. It also has access to sufficient electrical power for startup and interconnection to the power grid which will enable it to produce and supply excess electricity to the state once the plant is fully operational.

Cerilon GTL North Dakota will be the first large-scale, natural gas-fed GTL facility in North America. It will also feature carbon capture and sequestration, making this nominally 24,000 barrel-per-day facility the first of its kind in the world and the lowest carbon foot-



File photo

print GTL facility.

Cerilon is an international, privately held corporation, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta. The company is focused on developing and offering a portfolio of energy transition, chemical and professional services companies. An unwavering sustainability focus, long-term partner-

ships, strategic agility and the ability to rapidly integrate technological advancements enhance project replicability, speed-to-market and return on investment. Cerilon is

well-positioned to provide energy transition solutions and expertise that can help create a better future.



Gravity Agrees to Sell Water Midstream Business to Delek Logistics



HOUSTON, Dec. 12, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Gravity Oilfield Services Inc. ("Gravity" or the "company"), a growth-oriented water and power infrastructure company backed by affiliates of Clearlake Capital Group, L.P. ("Clearlake"), announced today that it has agreed to sell its Gravity Water Midstream division to Delek Logistics Partners, LP (NYSE: DKL) ("Delek Logistics"). Gravity Water Midstream provides gathering, transportation, recycling, storage, and disposal solutions for produced water in the Midland Basin in Texas and the Williston Basin in North Dakota.

"The acquisition of Gravity Water Midstream by Delek Logistics creates a path to continue to build incredible scale in our wa-

ter midstream platform in the Midland Basin," said Rob Rice, CEO of Gravity. "I am thankful to the employees of Gravity for their focus on service and dedication to building one of the largest commercial water management platforms in the Midland and Williston Basins. Building this water midstream platform would not be possible without the incredible support and partnership of Clearlake. I am excited to welcome in this new era for water management in the Midland and Williston Basins under the capable leadership of Delek Logistics."

While Gravity is divesting its water midstream assets, the company will retain ownership and operation of its power infrastructure assets, continuing its com-

mitment to providing critical power generation offerings.

Clearlake and Gravity partnered in 2017 to pursue produced water midstream opportunities. Over the last several years, Gravity has focused on organically growing its water infrastructure business to support producers in the Midland and Williston basins, and its water business segment has quickly grown into one of the largest commercial operators of disposal wells in the Midland Basin. Gravity Water Midstream developed a system comprised of 200+ miles of permanent pipeline, 46 SWD facilities, and 14 fresh water facilities with over six million barrels of storage capacity, all of which form an extensive and interconnected network.

"We valued the oppor-

tunity to partner with the Gravity team as they executed a vision to build a leading water midstream platform in the Midland and Williston Basins," said José E. Feliciano, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, and Colin Leonard, Partner and Managing Director, of Clearlake. "We'd like to thank Rob and the entire Gravity Water Midstream team for their hard work and commitment to growing the business organically over the last several years."

Piper Sandler & Co served as exclusive financial advisor and Vinson & Elkins LLP served as legal counsel to Gravity in connection with the transaction.

Summit Midstream Corporation Completes Acquisition of Tall Oak Midstream III

HOUSTON, Dec. 2, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Summit Midstream Corporation (NYSE: SMC) ("Summit", "SMC" or the "Company") announced that it and its wholly owned subsidiary, Summit Midstream Partners, LP (the "Partnership"), received shareholder approval and has completed the previously announced acquisition of Tall Oak Mid-

stream Operating, LLC and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Tall Oak" or "Tall Oak Midstream III") from an affiliate of Tailwater Capital LLC ("Tailwater Capital") for \$155 million of cash, 7.5 million common units of the Partnership and associated 7.5 million shares of SMC Class B Common Stock (the "Equity Consideration"), and up to \$25 million contingent

consideration in cash over certain measurement periods through March 31, 2026. This strategic acquisition marks a significant milestone in Summit's growth strategy, rebalancing its portfolio to approximately 50% natural gas-oriented drilling activities and increasing scale in a credit and value accretive manner. Pro forma for the transaction,

SMC's total leverage ratio, as of September 30, 2024, is approximately 3.8x.

On November 29, 2024, SMC held a virtual special meeting of its stockholders via live audio webcast to vote on the proposed equity to be issued for the acquisition (the "Special Meeting"). Approximately 76.7% of the shares of common stock en-



titled to vote as of the record date for the Special Meeting were represented in person or by proxy at the Special Meeting, and approximately

99.8% of the total votes cast were in favor of the proposal.

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North Central Food Safety Extension Network To Offer Free Webinar Series For Entrepreneurs

NCFSEN will present about food entrepreneurship and safety.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication
The North Central Food Safety Extension Network will present a trio of webinars about food trends for entrepreneurs.

This free series is designed to answer questions from food entrepreneurs about food safety. Each webinar is from 11 a.m. to noon. "Through the power and popularity of social media



This free series is designed to answer questions from food entrepreneurs about food safety. (Pixabay photo)

and farmers markets, some home chefs are choosing to use their skills to sell food items following the requirements in their states," says Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU professor and Extension food and nutrition specialist. "This webinar series is designed to provide information for food entrepreneurs to help them safely prepare foods for sale or home use."

The courses will be taught by experts around the region.

The first webinar, Best Practices for Food Entrepreneurs, will be held on Jan. 28. The speakers are Garden-Robinson and Karen Blakeslee, Extension associate.

The second webinar, Freeze Drying Foods: Science, Safety, and Cottage Industry, will be held on Feb. 4. This session will cover the science and food safety aspects involved in producers

freeze-drying foods for sale to consumers. Mary-Grace Danao, research associate professor at University of Nebraska – Lincoln's Food Processing Center, will speak.

The final webinar, Sourdough Starters: Care, Safety, and Preservation, will be held on Feb. 11. Caitlin Clark, a food scientist at Colorado State University Spur, will speak. This course will cover the basics of sourdough, its makeup and benefits and how to stay safe when preparing and preserving it.

Register for any of the webinars at https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25HYHf7viiNyage. Registrants will be emailed a Zoom link to participate.

Read the NDSU Extension publication "Food Safety Best Practices for Local Food Entrepreneurs" for more information about preparing food for sale.



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Josie Evenson



Stephanie Reynolds

Come to the Sidney Richland County Library on Thurs., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m., to meet your Richland County MSU Extension Agents and learn about all they do to build up our communities!

Marley Voll, Agriculture Extension Agent, Josie Evenson 4-H and Youth Development Extension Agent and Stephanie Reynolds, Family & Consumer Sciences and Community Vitality Extension Agent.



Marley Voll (Photos submitted)

Calendars Available As Fundraiser To Support 4-H Youth Programs



From the MSU News Service
Jane Wolery,

Montana 4-H Foundation executive director BOZEMAN — Calendars featuring drawings by artist Don Greytak are available from the Montana 4-H Foundation as a fundraiser to support 4-H youth programs.

The Montana 4-H Greytak 2025 calendar features the artist's pencil drawings of agricultural life in Montana and has been a traditional fundraiser for more than 30 years.

Calendars cost \$15. They are sold by 4-H members and are available at most Montana State University County Extension offices across the state. They can also be purchased directly from the Montana 4-H Foundation online or by calling 406-994-5911.

Proceeds from the calendar sales benefit Montana 4-H clubs and their members. Montana 4-H is the youth development program of MSU Extension and serves nearly 17,000 individuals each year.