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## Reuter Receives Janae Moore MVP Award



MVP winner  
Kaitlyn Reuter.  
(Photo submitted)

By Mackenzie Hill

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the Moore family was expecting it to be a normal average day in Sidney, Montana. However, they didn't count that July 10 would have changed their lives forever. David Moore was on his way to Lambert for a job when he spotted what looked like a gray pickup a few hundred yards off the road that had rolled. When arriving at the location of his job he calls

his wife, Terri Moore, asking if anyone in the family had spoken to Janae. Expressing how he saw a truck that looked like theirs rolled over on the way to Lambert. After being unable to reach Janae, Terri and her daughter, Jozie, got into a car and drove by where the accident was. Upon seeing the license plate, Terri knew that the rolled over truck belonged to them. Terri drove into the ditch but was stopped by the Sheriff at

the fence. Word no mother should ever hear was "Terri, she's gone."

After her passing, the Moore family created the "Most Valuable Player" award that recognizes young softball players who exhibit the same traits their daughter did when playing, such as good leadership, sportsmanship, and being a team-player. This year's winner was Kaitlyn Reuter. When nominated by her coach Kale Petrik,

who described Kaitlyn as "silent, strong, leader. Positive attitude. Everything you want in a captain and ball player. Took a pitch off the elbow, refused to come out or sit. The next inning she couldn't wing at the bat so I had her bunt, and she turned it into a triple. A stud and my vote for the award." Congratulations to this year's MVP winner Kaitlyn Reuter.

## Ceynar Family Benefit Planned After House Fire On July 7

Two males sustain life-threatening injuries after a residential fire on July 7 at approximately 7:37 p.m. (CDT) the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office responded to a residential structure fire north of Arnegard, ND.

The reporting parties indicated the residence was fully engulfed and two individuals had sustained significant burns to their bodies, while three other family members were able to exit the residence without injuries.

Upon arrival of the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, two males were located and identified as Dustin Ceynar, 48; and Clay Ceynar, 19. Both males were transported to Minneapolis for continued life-saving medical care.

A Ceynar Family Benefit will be held on Monday, Sept. 2 and will include a 50/50 raffle, silent auction & benefit ride. The meeting point for this benefit is Watford City Eagles Club, 1904 Main St., Watford City.

The ride route will start in Watford City then go to Lambert, Fairview, Williston, Alexander and end back in Watford City. The cost for this is \$20 per riders and \$10 per passenger. All bikes, cars and trucks are welcome.

If you have an item(s) you would like to donate to the silent auction you can reach out to Penny Lee Slagle, Tina Johnston or Andrew Steven Noel. For more information or if you have any questions, please call 701-339-1974.

This fire is under investigation by the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division with the assistance of the North Dakota Fire Marshal's Office, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (NDBC) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The McKenzie County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Watford City Fire Department, Arnegard Fire Protection District, McKenzie County Fire Department, Keene Volunteer Fire/Rescue, Alexander Fire Department, Twin Valley Fire Department, McKenzie County Road Department and the McKenzie County Ambulance for their swift response to combat this devastating fire and provide assistance to those injured.

The McKenzie County Sheriff's Office extends our thoughts and prayers to the Ceynar family during this time.

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## McPherson Crowned Miss Montana's Teen 2024



Photo submitted

Savage teen Emma McPherson was crowned Miss Montana's Teen 2024 in Billings at the MSU Billings Petro Theatre on July 13. McPherson is the daughter of Adam and KaCee McPherson and will be entering her sophomore year at Savage School this fall.

McPherson, Miss Richland County's Teen, was crowned the 2024 Miss Montana's Teen by Julia Kunau, the 2023 titleholder. McPherson, who is 15 years old, not only took home the crown but also won the Overall Talent, Evening Gown, and Health & Fitness Awards. Her first runner-up was Gracie Otten, Miss Glasgow's Teen. Emma's talent was a vibrant tap dance to Dolly Parton's "9 to 5," and her Community Service Initiative, "Find Your Voice: Autism Awareness," highlights her dedication to making a difference.

Both Miss Montana Kaylee Wolfensberger and McPherson will proudly represent the state of Montana throughout the year and will head to Orlando, FL, in

January to compete for the titles of Miss America and Miss America's Teen.

As a small child McPherson and her mother, KaCee, loved watching the Miss America Pageant together. She got her start in pageants by entering a kids pageant in Watford City. She then moved on to win the 2021 Miss Montana Pre-Teen Volunteer Pageant.

McPherson owes some of her success to Cutting Edge Dance Studio. "I always give props to Jennifer Carlile, the director of Cutting Edge Dance Studio, because so many girls that have come from her studio have held titles," KaCee stated.

In addition to traveling the state to represent the Miss Montana Teen program, McPherson will be making a difference in other ways. She volunteers at local events, helps to organize fundraisers or lends a helping hand to those in need. She believes in the power of community and the importance of making a positive difference. She

also plans to assist local ROI participants during Helping Fridays.

One of the causes closest to her heart is her Community Service Initiative (CSI) called "Find Your Voice", which focuses on spreading Autism Awareness. This initiative is deeply personal to her because she has seen firsthand the impact that understanding and support can have on individuals and families affected by Autism. Through "Find Your Voice", she aims to educate, advocate and promote inclusivity in our community, ensuring that everyone feels valued and understood.

McPherson's other passions include volleyball, golf, honor band and dance. As an adult she intends to become a speech pathologist. She plans to attend the University of Alabama when she graduates high school. She received a full ride scholarship to the university from the Miss Montana Scholarship Organization by winning the Miss Montana's Teen Pageant.

## Revolving Loan Fund Awarded to Cattlemen's Cafe

Richland Economic Development Corp (REDC) is pleased to announce that the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Committee has awarded its twenty-second loan for the opening of a business in Sidney. Amy & Ira Lake were approved for a loan to open "Cattlemen's Cafe", a diner located at the Sidney Livestock Market Center.

Amy & Ira completed an application in partnership with their lead lender, Veronica Melby, Stockman Bank of Sidney, and presented this project to the RLF committee for review. The funding request was for capital expenditures.

Amy & Ira have a long history of creating great food and customer service. The M & M Café was a family-owned venture, popular in the 70's. The couple have held the best recipes from

the M & M Café and are so excited to carry on the family tradition.

The RLF committee is pleased to assist the Lakes in this business venture. The intent of the RLF is to offer an additional tool to support new business and business expansion projects. Veronica Melby states, "We are so excited to work with the Lakes and the REDC Revolving Loan Committee to get this café off the ground. It's great to have a diner operating from the sales ring again."

REDC encourages existing businesses and new business startup projects to consider the RLF as a resource. The RLF loan pool of \$1,000,000 is not free money, but an investment made by the Richland County Commissioners, to assist in the development of business in our economy.

The application and review process are achievable and done in conjunction with the area financial institutions in

Richland County.

If you or someone you know is thinking of expanding or launching a new busi-

ness in Richland County, contact any of the local financial institutions or REDC today for an application.



## Cattlemen's Café Receives REDC Revolving Loan Award

The Cattlemen's Café is the newest merchant to receive the REDC Revolving Loan Fund Award. Shown are: (L to R) Veronica Melby, Stockman Bank; Amy and Ira Lake, new REDC Revolving Loan recipients, and Leslie Messer, REDC. (Submitted photo)



# Guiding Principles For Mule Deer Management Plan Released For Public Comment

HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is looking for public feedback on work from a citizen advisory council tasked with developing guiding principles for developing a new Mule Deer Management Plan.

“We know how concerned people are with mule deer numbers across the state,” said FWP Director Dustin Temple. “Our focus is developing a new plan that will guide our efforts to manage herds well into the future. The council’s work is a critical first step for our planning process.”

In early 2024, FWP solicited applications from Montana citizens to serve on the Mule Deer Citizen Advisory Council (MDCAC). Composed of 14 members, the MDCAC was selected to develop guiding principles that would inform the development of a new statewide Mule Deer Management Plan.

Montana mule deer populations can change from year to year due to a variety of factors that influence survival and recruitment. Population trends from spring surveys across much

of Montana were mixed this year, with some areas showing improved herd growth and some areas with lower recruitment. Concerns about specific factors outlined by the MDCAC include disease (e.g., chronic wasting disease), habitat quality and availability, effects of weather and climate, predation, and hunting pressure.

The MDCAC met three times this spring to develop mule deer management guiding principles. With attention to tradeoffs among them, the guiding principles include but are not limited to:

- Increasing mule deer populations
- Using best available science to inform management decision
- Managing chronic wasting disease
- Improving the quality of the hunting experience
- Improving landowner relationships
- Maximizing opportunity for public input of all stakeholders in plan development, including hunters, landowners and nonhunting wildlife enthusiasts

Informed by the guiding principles proposed by

the MDCAC, FWP will develop a mule deer statewide management plan that provides management flexibility. Currently, FWP is seeking further public comment on the guiding principles recommended by the MDCAC. The Problem Statement and Guiding Principles can be viewed at [fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission-councils-committees/mule-deer-citizens-advisory-committee](http://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission-councils-committees/mule-deer-citizens-advisory-committee).

The public comment period is open for 30 days beginning July 16. Public comment can be submitted through Aug. 15. The planning process will continue with the additional insights offered by the public in their review of the MDCAC’s guiding principles. Additional opportunities for public engagement during plan development will be publicized by FWP as available. Comments can be submitted online at [fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission-councils-committees/mule-deer-citizens-advisory-committee](http://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission-councils-committees/mule-deer-citizens-advisory-committee) or mailed to FWP Wildlife Division, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

# Sidney’s Tennis Tournament Set For Aug. 11

**By Mackenzie Hill**  
Excitement is in the air as local tennis player Naldy Hans gears up to prepare our community’s tennis players for the upcoming tournament on Aug.

11. The event will take place at the tennis courts near the skate park from 6-9 p.m. Don’t miss out on the action. Naldy is always about quality over anything for his players. He is working on securing sponsors and collaborating with the AAU to not only fix the foundation and mend the cracks in the court but also to provide bleachers and portable restrooms. This will enhance the convenience for the players and spectators who come to support and cheer on their favorite play-

ers during the tournament. Attention tennis enthusiasts! Leading up to the tournament, there are games every Sunday night at the tennis courts beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch the action, whether you’re a dedicated player or just a casual observer. Don’t miss out on the fun! If you wish to learn how to play and join in on the fun, you can reach Naldy at 406-478-4699 to learn more information.

# Aircraft Incident at XWA Airport in Williston

Williston - On July 21, 2024, at approximately 1:28 PM CT, a small single engine aircraft experienced problems with the landing gear upon landing at the Williston Basin Airport. The pilot, Douglas Hilderman, and passenger, Charlyn Hilderman flew into Williston from Regina, SK. Both Douglas and Charlyn exited the aircraft and were evaluated by Williston Ambulance staff. Charlyn sustained minor injuries. The primary runway was reopened at approximately 2:30 PM CT. The North Dakota Highway Patrol, Williston Police Department, and Williston Fire/EMS responded to the scene. The FAA and NTSB were notified and are investigating the incident.

# Reynolds Market Donates \$865 To Boys & Girls Club Of The MonDak



Reynolds Market Store Manager Loren Kutzler proudly presents an \$865 donation to Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak representatives, from left, Janelle Chamberlain and Madison Miller. The funds were raised during the Boys & Girls Club BBQ and watermelon promotion at Reynolds Market during Boys & Girls Club Week June 28. A big thank you to everyone who attended the event and bought watermelon to support the club! (Submitted Photo)

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# OBITUARIES

## Haans Jorgen Halvorson, 38, Sidney, MT

Haans' Funeral Services were Monday, July 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church in Sidney, MT, with Pastor Ben Miller officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Haans will be laid to rest in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 12-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT, and an hour prior to services at the church. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home,



Haans Jorgen Halvorson

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

Haans Jorgen Halvorson was born on Feb., 1986, in Sidney, MT, the third son of Thomas Roger Halvorson and Marilyn Hope (Leastman) Halvorson. He was baptized into Christ on July 27, 1986, at Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church. He was raised with home devotions, Sunday school, church youth group, Eastern Montana Bible Camp, and church services. He was a member of Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church and served there as a sound board operator.

Haans attended Rau Elementary School, Sidney Middle School, and Sidney High School, graduating in 2005. He was a member of concert choir and he sang solos at district music festivals. He played baritone in school bands. In his senior year, he received the Screamin' Eagle award for school spirit in the Pep Band. After high school, Haans attended Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, ND, where he earned an associate in arts degree in American Sign Language. He was a stage lighting operator for the student production of the play, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown". After graduation, he used his sign language skill to sign hymns and patriotic songs for various occasions in various places around Sidney. He served as a sign language interpreter for the Deaf Olympics, Salt Lake City, UT.

After college, Haans worked as grocery store stock man, in hospital food service, and as a cook.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 141, Haans earned the rank of Eagle and was elected to the Order of the Arrow. He remained an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 141 at the time of his death. He was a member of Fort Union Muzzleloaders and a U.S. Park Service Volunteer giving historical interpretation at Fort Union. He was a licensed ham radio operator.

Born with a severe speech disorder, it took Haans several years of speech therapy before people who did not know him could understand his speech. He was always sensitive on behalf of anyone who was misunderstood, left out, or hurting in some way. He had a gift of sympathizing and consoling. He was known at work for greeting his co-workers with a shout of "Good morning, Team Sidney" and brightening the atmosphere throughout his shift. He was quick to befriend new teammates.

Haans died in the Lord on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Haans was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather and grandmother, Oscar Henry Halvorson and Fay Carol (Lufkin) Halvorson; his maternal grandfather, Wallace John Leastman; his paternal uncle, David Phillip Halvorson; and his maternal aunt, Doris ("Mandy") Lynn (Phillips) Leastman.

Haans is survived by his father and mother; his paternal great aunt, Phyllis Elaine Lufkin, Williston, ND; his maternal grandmother Barbara Ann (Testa) Leastman, Gillette, WY; his brother and sister-in-law, Leif Eric Halvorson and Kimberly Adele (Miller) Halvorson, Sidney, MT; his brother and sister-

in-law, Cedric Arthur Halvorson and Megan Ann (Oldynski) Halvorson, Sidney, MT; nieces Signe and Brynja Halvorson (Leif & Kim), and Ezri and Zoe Halvorson (Cedric & Megan), all of Sidney, MT; nephews Garrick Halvorson (Leif & Kim) and Jayden and Kaelis Halvorson (Cedric & Megan), all of Sidney, MT; paternal uncle Richard Nathan Halvorson, Williston, ND; paternal aunt and uncle Cynthia Karen Halvorson and Bernd Waldmann, Hannover, Germany; paternal aunt Deborah Gail Halvorson, Williston, ND; maternal uncle and aunt David John Leastman and Lorayne Adellas (Hayden) Leastman, Carpenter, WY; maternal uncle and aunt Carolyn Faith (Leastman) Wiebe and Joel Sheldon Wiebe, Ranson, WV; and maternal uncle and aunt Wallace Mark Leastman and Linda Lee Leastman, Vancouver, BC.

## Florence Linder, 93 Sidney, MT

Funeral services were Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor John Baseley officiating. Interment was in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Friday, July 19, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Florence Linder

Florence Linder, 93, peacefully passed away on July 12, 2024, at Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

Florence Katherine (Riegel) Linder was born on April 5, 1931, in Werner, ND, to Leo and Louise (Frank) Riegel. She was baptized on May 14, 1931, and confirmed on July 23, 1944, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Halliday, ND. She graduated from Halliday High School in 1949. She loved being the big sister to her younger siblings, Delores and Loretta.

Florence married Ray Mohl in Halliday on Sept. 27, 1949, and the couple had two sons, Lynn and Barry. The family moved to Sidney, MT, in 1955 and tragically lost Lynn in an automobile accident in September 1967. In 1969, they purchased the Sidney Green House and owned and operated it until 1978. Ray lost his battle with lung cancer and passed away in September 1982. Barry was later married to Gayle Beckman and together they had Brandon, Florence's only grandchild. Barry passed away from cancer in October 2005.

Florence married Marvin Linder in 1991 and became the stepmother to stepsons Bill and Bruce Linder and stepdaughter Carla (Tom) Verhasselt. In 1995. She and Marvin began spending winters in Arizona where those new found friends became her second family. Marvin passed in September 2004.

Florence was a people person, enjoying conversations with friends and strangers and their various personalities. She received great pleasure in cooking, entertaining, gardening and nature. She traveled to 45 states and enjoyed many island cruises and trips to other countries, learning much about each new place she visited.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and her church family meant much to her. She always felt that the support she received from them and the Sidney community during her many trials was more than anyone could imagine and hope for.

Florence worked for Chad's Furniture as a clerk and bookkeeper for 30 years and as a clerk at John Stockhill Jewelers for 7 years. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

While she slept peacefully, a glorious band of angels came to escort Florence to her heavenly home. She loved the Lord and took comfort in knowing that she would be reunited with her family in Heaven.

Florence is survived by her grandson, Brandon (Erin) Mohl and their two children Leilah and Bayler, Kent, WA; daughter-in-law Gayle Mohl, Missoula, MT; stepson Bill Linder, Sidney, MT; stepdaughter Carla Verhasselt, Sidney, MT, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by the loves of her life, husbands Ray Mohl and Marvin Linder; sons Lynn and Barry; sisters Delores and Loretta and her parents Leo and Louise.

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## North Dakota Bait Regulations

Live white suckers are not legal baitfish in North Dakota, except in the Bois de Sioux and Red rivers.

Anglers can use live white suckers on the Bois de Sioux and Red rivers, and tributaries up to the first vehicular bridge; however, they are illegal elsewhere. Fathead minnows, sticklebacks and creek chubs are the only legal live baitfish outside of the Bois de Sioux and Red rivers.

The transportation of live white suckers, other than in Richland, Cass, Traill, Grand Forks, Walsh and Pembina counties, is illegal.

In addition, it is illegal for anglers to import minnows and other forms of live aquatic bait, such as leeches and frogs, into North Dakota.

When purchasing live aquatic bait, anglers must buy from a licensed North Dakota retail bait vendor. Bait vendors can properly identify species and ensure all bait is clean of any aquatic nuisance species.

For more information, refer to the 2024-26 North Dakota Fishing Guide, available at license vendors or online at the state Game and Fish Department website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

## Boat North Dakota Course

North Dakota state law requires youth ages 12-15 who want to operate a boat or personal watercraft by themselves with at least a 10-horsepower motor must pass the state's boating basics course.

The course is available for home-study by contacting the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300, or [ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov). Two commercial providers also offer the course online, and links to those sites are on the boat and water safety education page on the Game and Fish website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

While the home-study course is free, there is a fee to take it online. The online provider charges for the course, not the Game and Fish Department. The fee remains with the online provider.

The course covers legal requirements, navigation rules, getting underway, accidents and special topics such as weather, rules of the road, laws, life saving and first aid.

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## Monster Catfish Roundup

The 16th Annual Monster Catfish Roundup was held July 20 at the Sidney Bridge along the Yellowstone River. Pictured above are first place winners (L-R) Nathaniel Lyman and Peter Bushman. The duo weighed in with a total of 33.58 lbs. with five fish.

Peter Bushman (pictured right) was the big fish winner for the tournament with his scarred catfish weighing 12.86 lbs.



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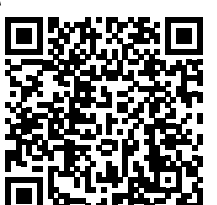


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 THE MCKENZIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 201 5th St. NW, Watford City, North Dakota, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Dakota Data Diggers LLC. The Applicant requests Conditional Use Permit #10-24 to open a Data Center on a portion of Parcel # 490000775, S-07, T-145N, R-103W east of Flat Rock Rd. The provisions regarding Conditional Use Permit requests are contained within the McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at [www.McKenzieCounty.net](http://www.McKenzieCounty.net). The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until **Friday, August 9, 2024** at 12:00 PM at the office of the McKenzie County Planner, 1300 12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to [CandyLundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us](mailto:CandyLundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us). You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions. Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Planning and Zoning Board may change the date or time of a meeting by a motion made and passed in advance of the meeting to resolve calendar conflicts. In the event a scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 4:00 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. McKenzie County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the American with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed at the McKenzie County Auditor's Office. Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 17th day of July, 2024  
 CandyLundgren-Planner  
 McKenzie County Planning & Zoning Department  
 Attest: Sandee Kimpel  
 Planning Director

Representative  
**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **DONALD DALE GARNESS**  
 Deceased.  
 Probate No. DP-42-2024-0000055-IT  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to BOBBE GARNESS, C/O BERRY LAW PLLC return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1620, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the Laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 12 day of July, 2024, at Sidney, Montana. BOBBE GARNESS, Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Dale Garness, deceased.

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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
 In the Matter of the Jill Ronan Irrevocable Trust, Petitioner,  
 vs  
 Nicholas Portra, Heirs of Jill Ronan, Ilyse Smith, Taylor Peters, and all other persons who claim or may claim an interest in said Trust, Respondents.  
 CAUSE NO. DP-42-2024-0000052-TR  
**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 1. TO: Nicholas Portra, Heirs of Jill Ronan, Ilyse Smith, Taylor Peters, and all other persons who claim or may claim and interest in said Trust, Respondents.  
 2. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in the that the 27th day of August, 2024, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., at the courtroom of said Court at the Law and Justice Center, at 300 12th Ave. NW, Sidney, Montana to answer the Petition filed with the Court. Copies of the petition may be obtained from the court.  
 3. Objections and responses to the petition, must be filed with the court at or before the hearing.  
 4. Failure to respond or appear at the hearing may subject

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any claim you may have to default judgment in favor of the petitioner.  
 5. The respective parents of the purported heirs of Jill Ronan, namely Ilyse Smith and Taylor Peters, are specifically notified that pursuant to §72-38-303(6), MCA they may appear and act as the representative of their respective child.  
 Date: July 12, 2024  
 Janice Klempel  
 Clerk of District Court  
 By: Laurel Molden

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that County Commission of Richland County, MT, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1:30 PM at the Richland County Commissioners office at the Richland County Courthouse, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana. This public hearing is to review, examine, and approve or deny the 2024 update to the Richland County Subdivision Regulations. If the public wishes to review the 2024 Subdivision Regulations

update, please contact the County Planner by email at [planner@richland.org](mailto:planner@richland.org) or call (406) 433-6886 to obtain the full Richland County Subdivision Regulation document. If you wish to submit written comments to the board, please do so by 4:00 PM on August 6, 2024, to the County Planner. To request an accommodation for a disability, please contact the County Planner. Dated at Sidney, Montana this 12th day of July, 2024.  
 Rachel Laqua  
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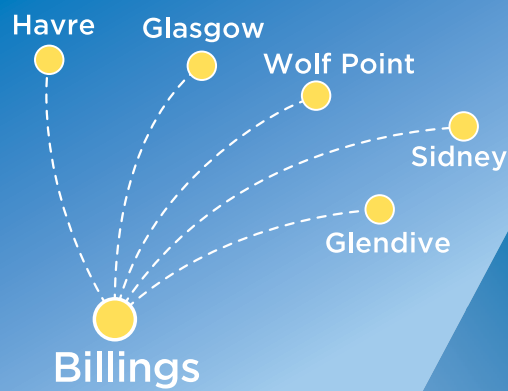


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**By Dianne Swanson**  
The Richland County Fair is famous for a lot of reasons, including providing great entertainment.

Free entertainment abounds on the Richland County Fair & Rodeo grounds. Take a break from the heat and enjoy the antics of David Lichtenstein three times per day, all four days, in the old commercial building. He specializes in western comedy featuring his character, Leapin' Louie. As a virtuoso of new vaudeville and alternative circus, he is a master of physical comedy, trick roping, fancy whip cracking, juggling and unicycling. Lichtenstein has performed all over the United States and 26 different countries.

Tables and chairs to seat approximately 100 people will be set up in the old commercial building, so grab a tasty treat, relax and enjoy the show.

Keep an eye out for Rollo, one of the most unique and innovative strolling acts in the country, three times a day, all four days of the fair. He uses comedy routines, magic, tap dancing, rope jumping and even shrinks his body down. His interactive presentation is a crowd favorite everywhere he goes. He's guaranteed to put a smile on your face!

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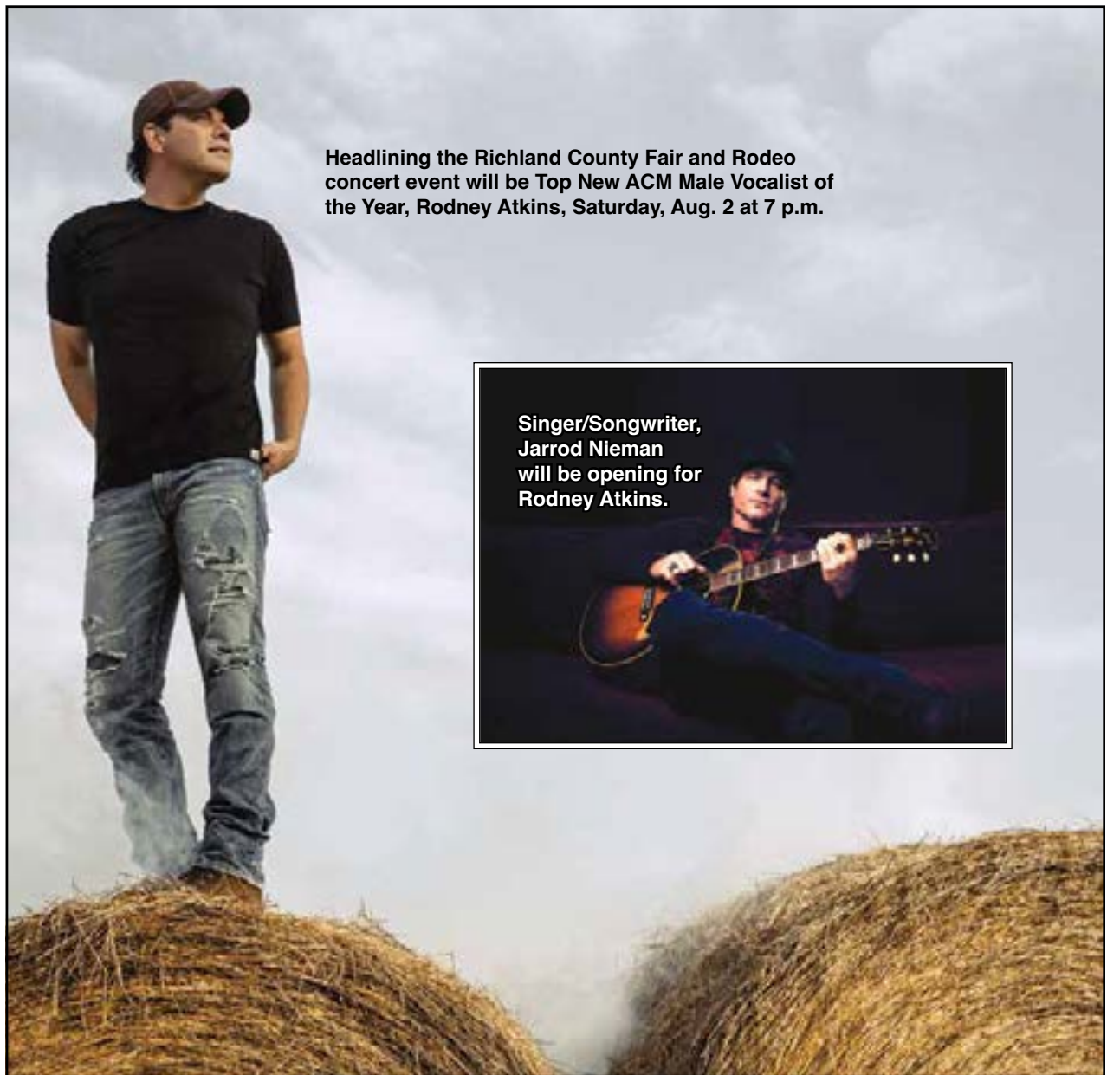
history of dairy farming. The exhibit also features an all-day petting zoo and pony rides!

Catch all the action at the PRCA Rodeo Thursday and Friday nights beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday night is "Heroes" night while Friday features "Tough Enough to Wear Pink".

The headliner for this year's Saturday night concert is one of Country Music's biggest stars, Rodney Atkins. He has been named the Top New Male Vocalist at the ACM Awards, seen his single "Watching You" become the #1 Song of the Decade according to Country Aircheck, and earn the songwriter a BMI "Million-Air" Award.

With six #1 singles, eight Top 5 singles, and 3.8 billion career streams, Atkins continues to be recognized as one of the most powerful voices in country music and was the second most played male artist of the decade overall. He has also sold over 11.4 million units and earned ten career Gold, Platinum and Multi-Platinum RIAA certifications to date, including his latest Gold-certified single, "Caught Up In The Country" (featuring The Fisk Jubilee Singers) which also set a record for longest-running single (at the time) in Billboard Country Airplay history at 57 weeks.

Jerrod Niemann, who is described as "a little edgier, a little cooler, maybe just a bit off-center in the best possible way, will open for Atkins Saturday night. He hit the ground running with hits including "What Do You Want," "One More Drinkin' Song", "Drink to That All



Headlining the Richland County Fair and Rodeo concert event will be Top New ACM Male Vocalist of the Year, Rodney Atkins, Saturday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

Singer/Songwriter, Jarrod Nieman will be opening for Rodney Atkins.

Night" and "A Little More Love" with his friend and sometimes touring partner Lee Brice.

His hits include "Lover, Lover", plus "Ghost Rider" and "Tequila Kisses" from his new "Lost and Found" project. Jerrod's songs have been recorded by Blake

Shelton, John Anderson, Jamey Johnson and Colbie Caillat among many others, and he was invited to write three singles for Garth Brooks, including the chart-topping "Good Ride Cowboy".

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Saturday night. Tickets

are on sale now. Purchase a red ribbon package which includes two nights of rodeo action plus general admission to the concert for just \$80 or reserve your seats for all three for \$90. Concert tickets are \$55 for general admission or \$60 for reserved seating. Those prices

will increase to \$60 and \$65 respectively on July 29. Rodeo tickets are \$15 per night which will increase to \$17 on July 29. Kids 6-12 years of age pay only \$5 per night while kids under 5 get in free.

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By Dianne Swanson

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"I'm looking forward to seeing our members at the fair to say 'Hi' and thank you for their support of not just us but all the co-ops in the area," Breuer said.

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# Boy Scout Troop 141's Fair Booth

**By Mackenzie Hill**  
 Boy Scout Troop 141's contribution to the Richland County Fair began with a modest portable structure, measuring just 8x6 feet with a 6-ft. ceiling. The troop would set up the booth for the fair's four days and then would haul it away until the following year. Despite its humble beginnings, the menu was initially tiny, limited to candy, pop, and popcorn due to the building's size. However, in 1993, everything changed thanks to the generosity of former member Cliff Larson, who provided the necessary seed money to pour concrete and enable the troop to build a permanent structure where it now stands, greatly expanding the possibilities for what they could offer at the fair. One of the features that makes the booth unique compared to other booths is its double-sided serving window. There is a serving window not only on the grandstand side but also on the midway side, providing easy access for both grandstand and midway traffic. With the unwavering support of several dedicated parents,

including Ron Gebhardt, Jay Pfau, Russ Markwald, Stan Rosaaen, Brad Carroll, and Larry Garman, as well as the dedicated Boy Scouts, led by Shawn Markwald, Chris Barone, Craig Gebhardt, Nick Gebhardt, Erik Carroll, Jeremy Pfau and Travis Rosaaen, a permanent structure took shape. This team effort transformed the modest booth into the substantial building that it is today, showcasing the community's spirit and commitment to excellence. Over the years since 1993, the structure has seen a few changes and additions that have shaped it into the impressive building it is today. In 1998, cotton candy was added to the menu, providing attendees with a delightful treat. In the early 2000s, Sidney Sugars began generously donating locally grown sugar to the troop, allowing them to proudly say that all cotton candy was sourced from local sugar. The Boy Scouts are grateful for Sidney Sugars' consistent donations over the years and extend a heartfelt thanks for their support. For Boy Scout Troop 141,

the fair booth is of utmost importance as it is the sole source of income for the entire year. The revenue earned through the booth eliminates the need for the troop to solicit donations from local businesses or engage in any other fundraising efforts throughout the year. The current menu offers a variety of delectable items, including all-beef hot dogs, nachos, pop, lemonade and tea, popcorn, and the ever-popular cotton candy. The dedicated members of Boy Scout Troop 141 spin approximately 1,200 lbs. of sugar each fair and sell an astonishing 4,000 bags of cotton candy over the course of the four-day Richland County Fair! The booth is open from 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. each night, and the entire troop, alongside some extremely committed parents and siblings, works tirelessly to ensure that fair-goers enjoy the best cotton candy and food the fair has to offer. This booth wouldn't be possible without the invaluable effort and hard work from everyone involved. With Scoutmaster David



Christensen and Assistant Scoutmasters Leif Halvorson, Cedric Halvorson, and Casey Christensen at the helm, Boy Scout Troop 141 stands strong under their leadership. A dedicated Troop Committee supports the troop in their endeavors. If you know of a boy between the ages of 12 and 17 who is interested in joining, don't hesitate to contact David Christensen at 406-489-7502.



Boy Scout Troop 141 members are shown with Scoutmaster David Christensen and his wife Jody, far right.

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# New Richland County Fair Building Doubles Event Space

**By Dianne Swanson**

In the style of the new cattle barn and the 4-H and school exhibit buildings, the new addition to the Event Center has the look of a barn on the outside. "It has the feel of the ag style, not industrial. It feels like a county fair," Richland County Fair Manager Pam Shelmidine explained. With B&B Builders as general contractor, and using local sub-contractors where ever possible, the addition was built using county oil and gas money, with no additional taxpayer funding.

Exhibitors at this year's fair will relish the air conditioning, as they show off their

flowers, culinary skills, needlework, photography and fine arts as well as those famous community booths and seed pictures! New displays are being built for exhibits and old ones repainted to make them look a lot more at home. "Everything's getting a face lift," Shelmidine said. She added that they hope to have some tables and chairs available to give visitors a break as well.

The 20,000 sq. ft. building has the same capacity as the event center in a more-square configuration. It features a huge open area which cannot be divided, with overhead doors at each end you could drive

a combine through. Entry doors on the north and south side feature a vestibule with air locks to prevent heat or cooling to escape. Be sure to look up when you walk in – the lighting is stunning! The cove lighting around the perimeter even changes color.

Three meeting rooms along the east side can be used for a multitude of events. One of those rooms is equipped for audio-visual presentations, making it a great choice for meetings. The other two are multi-purpose and could be used for birthday parties, showers, or as a staging area for caterers. "They have endless possibilities," Shelmidine

said. There is also ample storage for tables, chairs and exhibit displays.

The spacious bathrooms, which are ADA compliant, feature troughs with two faucets and a hand dryer in each. Changing tables are included in both the men's and women's bathrooms.

Twenty-two-foot overhangs on each end of the building provide a lot of exterior space for vendors or a place to just get out of the weather. Dumpster enclosures have also been built to accommodate both buildings and keep trash from public view.

The building does not have a kitchen, but the one

in the Event Center can be rented along with the east room for extra space. That would also give access to all the bathrooms, tables and chairs. The entire complex could be opened up to allow big fundraisers to accommodate more people. Shelmidine said both spaces are already booked for two conventions and hopes it will attract more. "It helps the restaurants, hotels, gas stations. It benefits the whole community. We all work together," she stated.

Shelmidine is also excited about the new extra-wide sidewalk which will run from the parking lot directly to the grandstand. Unfortunately,

the sidewalk will not have lights for this year's fair but those will be installed as soon as possible. "The sidewalk will provide for better handicap access to all events, including the fair," Shelmidine said. "Everyone should feel included when it comes to the fair,"

The white gate which guarded the entrance to the fairgrounds for decades will find a new home at the end of the sidewalk on the west side of the Event Center.

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This drone photo shows the new Event Center addition on the right side of the old one and the new sidewalk to the left.

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# "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" Celebrates 17th Year At The Richland County Fair & Rodeo



Bareback rider Tucker Zingg, Sidney, finishes his ride at the 2023 PRCA Rodeo. (Photo by Ellen Wznick)

**By Ellen Wznick**  
Sidney, MT – "The Tough Enough To Wear Pink" (TETWP) campaign was founded in 2004 by Terry Wheatley, a cancer survivor and the wife and mother to PRCA cowboys Jim and Wade Wheatley, and Karl Stressman, the former commissioner of the PRCA and former director of special events for Wrangler. The idea was to challenge the tough rodeo contestants

to wear pink at one of the NFR performances in support of families facing breast cancer. The event was an instant hit with cowboys and fans wearing pink. The 2024 National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in December marks the 20th anniversary of the campaign. "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" has raised over \$41 million! All funds raised have stayed in the local communities," said Lacey Wheatley, TETWP

Campaign Manager. In 2007, the Richland County Fair & Rodeo brought the TETWP campaign to its rodeo. That first year, the fair and Pearl Development raised just over \$1,400, which was donated to the Montana Breast & Cervical Cancer Awareness Program. The next few years saw Blue Rock Beverage Co., Mitchell's Oilfield Service, and the Lucky Buckle (Continued on next page)

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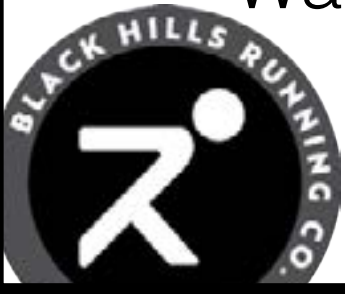
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become sponsors. In 2014, Williston State joined the other three, with the money donated to the Cancer Coalition. In recent years, Prairie Electric, Duane & Sherry Mitchell, and Sidney Health Center's Cancer Center joined forces with Blue Rock Beverage Co., and the money went to the Cancer Coalition and the Foundation for Community Care. In 2021, a record \$6,428 was collected,

with an estimated \$83,000 collected since 2007.

"Tough Enough To Wear Pink" returns to the fair Friday night for its 17th year at the Richland County Rodeo. This year's TETWP sponsors, Blue Rock Beverage Co., Duane & Sherry Mitchell, Prairie Electric, and Sidney Health Center's Cancer Center, encourage fans and contestants to wear pink and be counted. Each sponsor donates \$1 per person who wears pink

to the Friday night rodeo. It would be special if the sellout crowd attending the Richland County Rodeo wore pink, achieving a new donation record to top off the upcoming 20th anniversary of TETWP! So, the question is, are YOU "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" in support of breast cancer?

Tickets purchased the week of the fair cost \$17 for adults, \$5 for children aged 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.



Barrel racer Rayna Rice, Sidney, competes during the 2023 PRCA Rodeo. (Photo by Ellen Wznick)

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# 4-H Members To Participate In Richland County Fair & Rodeo

By Josie Evnson

The 2023-2024 4-H year, thus far, has been extremely successful for the 240 4-H members and 82 adult volunteers in the ten active 4-H clubs in Richland County.

4-H focuses on growing confident, capable, and caring youth through science, citizenship and healthy living projects that provide hands on learning and engagement in their home and community. In 4-H youth partner with caring adults that prepare them for their future and aid them in being ready for a career of their choosing. 4-H offers a wide variety of projects including animal science, aerospace, robotics, woodworking, entomology, shooting sports, sport fishing, babysitting, sewing, quilting, gardening, leathercraft, photography, cooking, leadership and many more. Along with the projects, 4-H members attend events and activities that have an emphasis on citizenship, service learning and leadership. All the members in Richland County practice service learning by completing community service projects at the club and county level. Youth also attend local, regional, state, and national workshops and events that aid them in learning and developing leadership skill throughout the 4-H year.

This year at the 2024 Richland County Fair and Rodeo, 4-H members will be showcasing all that they have learned and accomplished during the 4-H year, which runs from October to September. Member's projects will be on display from Wednesday July 31 at 1 p.m. to the conclusion of the Fair on Saturday Aug. 3. We invite all to check out the indoor exhibits, walk through the livestock barns and chat with 4-H members as they work the 4-H Food Booth.

The horse show will be on Monday July 29 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We would like to invite all to attend the horse show and cheer on the members for all their hard work this year. We also invite all to come and watch the poultry and rabbit shows on Tuesday July 30 starting at 2 p.m. The livestock shows will begin on Wednesday July 31 at 8:30 a.m. and continue Thursday beginning at 8 a.m. On Thursday members will be showing their cats and dogs and competing in small animal round robin. On Friday Aug. 2 the members will be competing in large animal round robin, as well as participating in the Cloverbud animal parade. In addition, the market livestock program will be holding their annual sale on Friday Aug. 2 at 3 p.m. at the 4-H arena. The sale will be following the 4-H award ceremony starting at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday Aug. 3, the 4-H members and alumni will be participating in a cornhole tournament at 10 a.m. We invite everyone out to the Fair to watch the 4-H shows, participate in the events and celebrate the many accomplishments of the 4-H program.

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### 4-H Calendar of Events of 2024 Fair

- Monday, July 29, 2024**
- 8:30 a.m. – Horse Show Fair Grandstands
- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Indoor Interview Judging – 4-H Exhibit Building
- Tuesday, July 30, 2024**
- 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Entry of Hogs, Sheep, Goats, Beef, Dairy, & Alpacas
- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. –

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2 p.m. – Judging of Poultry (includes Cloverbuds) - 4-H Arena

5 p.m. – Judging of Rabbits (includes Cloverbuds) – 4-H Arena

### Wednesday, July 31, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4-H Livestock Judging of Swine, Sheep, Goat, & Alpaca– 4-H Arena

12 p.m. – Lunch Break

1 p.m. – 4-H Judging of Dairy and Breeding Beef – 4-H Arena

5 p.m. – 4-H Market Beef Judging – 4-H Arena

### Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024

8 a.m. – 4-H Showmanship (Sr., Jr. & Novice) Hog, Sheep, Goat, Alpaca, Llama & Beef – 4-H Arena

4 p.m. - Judging of Dogs, Cats – 4-H Arena

6 p.m. - Small Animal Round Robin – 4-H Arena

Friday, Aug. 2, 2024

9 a.m. – Large Animal Round Robin (Sr. & Jr.) – 4-H Arena

1 p.m. – Cloverbud Animal Parade – 4-H Arena

1 p.m. – Trophy & Awards Presentation and Senior Recognition – 4-H Arena

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Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024

10 a.m. – Member & Alumni Fun Event

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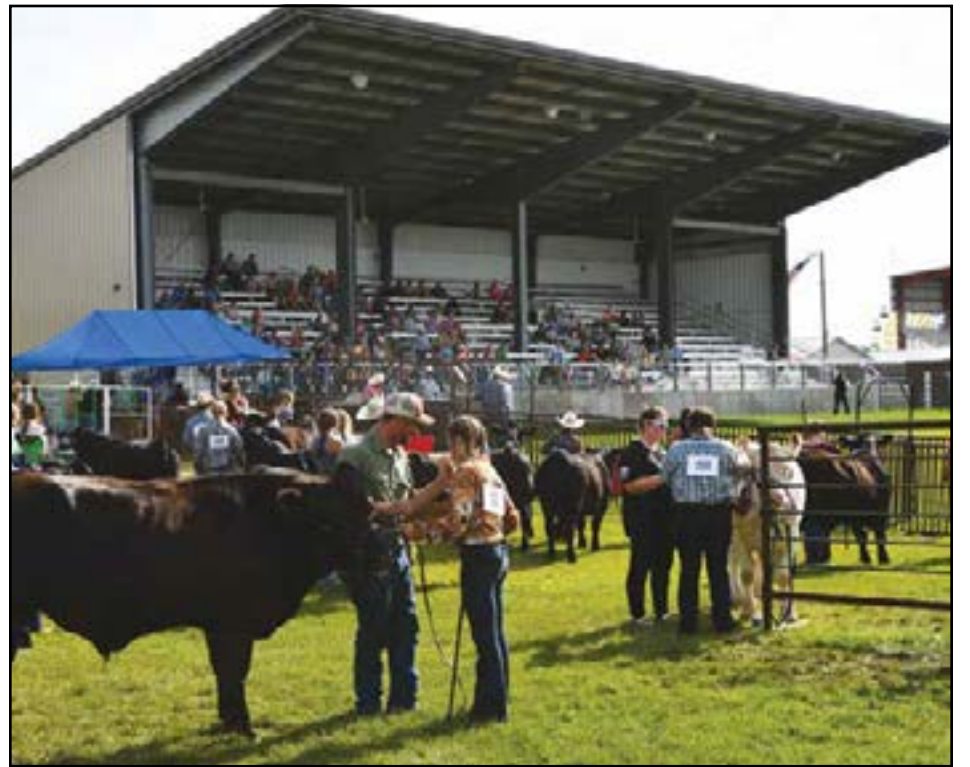
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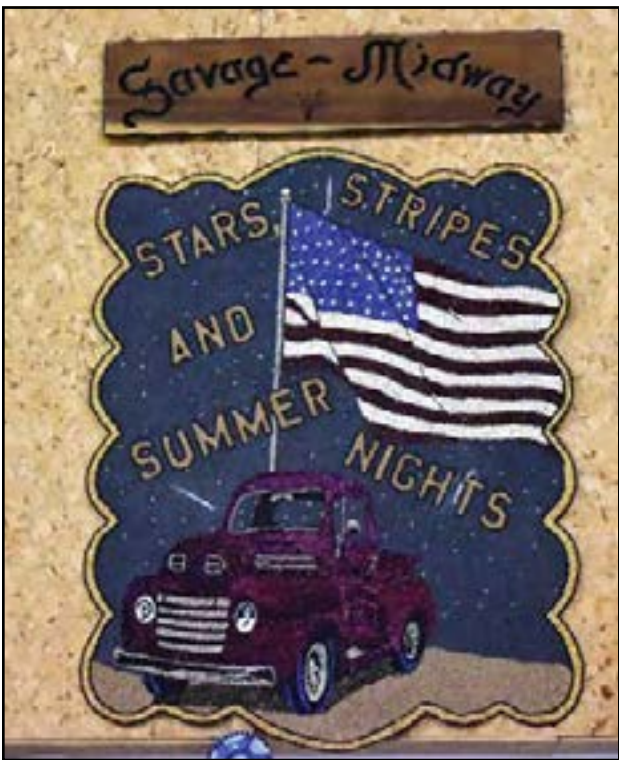
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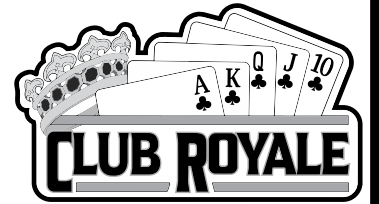
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## Marett Schieber; This Year's 4-H Senior

By Katelyn Sponsheim

Marett Schieber, one of Richland County's graduating senior 4-H members, knows the power of consistency. In her novice years, she earned the title for the Richland County Fair's Grand Champion Market Hog, but overall is extremely proud to have always been "in the blue" with her ribbons.

Starting with lambs, Marett had her own breeding ewe group at one point but has since moved onto steers and has shown them for the last 7 years. This year, she will have a market steer and possibly a breeding heifer to

show at the Richland County Fair.

The daughter of Gary and Laura Schieber, Marett is also a 4-H Ambassador and Junior Leader. She competes on the Richland County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, and one of her high points was qualifying at 4-H Congress for the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, CO. She has also competed with her teammates at open livestock judging competitions, recently winning the Richland County Livestock Judging. Last October, the team won the NILE Livestock Judging Competition in Billings, with

Marett placing 8th individually.

Outside of livestock, Marett enjoys sewing and quilting, and has completed three quilts throughout her years in 4-H. She will be entering a t-shirt quilt as her indoor project for the fair.

After graduation, Marett plans on attending Northwest College, Powell, WY, and will continue to compete on their livestock judging team while working towards a degree in ag business.

**Marett Schieber with her 2023 Richland County Fair steer. (Submitted photo)**



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# Corbin Steinbeisser Sidney 4-H Senior

**By Katelyn Sponsheim**

In between running a tractor, feed truck, or managing livestock while working on his parent's farm and ranch operation, Corbin Steinbeisser manages to raise a quality 4-H steer, and helps his younger siblings with theirs, as much as they allow him to, that is. In his first year of showing, he won Reserve in Novice Showmanship with his market steer, so he certainly knows how to get one in the winner's circle. Maintaining a reliable feed schedule and lots of time are his keys to a good animal to present at the Richland County Fair.

The son of Jim and MayAnn Steinbeisser, Sidney. Corbin also enjoys shooting sports and wood-

working projects.

He earned Best of Fair with a potato battery several years ago, and last year won Judges Choice for his display of different shotgun ammunitions and their uses. Two years ago, Corbin attended 4-H Congress after winning his division at Richland County 4-H Speech and Demonstration Day, and greatly enjoyed the experience. He and other 4-H members were able to observe a cannulated cow; which is a cow that has a surgically installed port-hole device through which their stomach can be studied. The dance was also a highlight of his Congress trip.

Corbin in the past has competed on the Richland County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, and in his time on

it they won the Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging.

Montana State University, Bozeman, is Corbin's destination this coming fall, with a degree in farm and ranch management in mind. He hopes his years in 4-H have him well-prepared for the courses and knows the value of Parliamentary Procedure in future leadership roles. He would like to eventually join the Montana Stockgrowers Association and plans to continue his (family's ranch and farm operation.

**Corbin Steinbeisser with his steer for the Richland County Fair. It is the result of crossing a Black Angus/Hereford cow on a Charolais bull. (Submitted photo)**



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# Richland County Fair & Rodeo Adds 8 New Vendors

By Mackenzie Hill

The annual county fair is just around the corner! Kicking off on Wednesday, July 31 and running through Saturday, Aug. 3 this year's event is set to be bigger and better than ever before. With eight exciting newcomers joining the roster of vendors, fair-goers can look forward to a range of new offerings, while still enjoying the classic favorites they've come to love. From the always-popular Sons of Norway Viking meatballs to the richly-flavored Mafia Pizza, there's something for everyone to relish.

Get ready for a unique experience this year at the Richland County Fair, as we welcome some truly talented

newcomers. GYS Gourds will be showcasing their incredible gourd artistry, while Sheephead Entertainment will be bringing their flair for upcycling furniture, wood art, and resin art.

But that's not all! You can also check out Below Zero Dairy Goats for their delectable soaps and lotions, indulge in some delectable fudge and snack crackers by The Fudge & Snack people, and immerse yourself in the world of board games with Ultimate Games.

Firewick Soy candles is not only known for its delightful soy candles but also offers a line of refreshing room sprays. For those looking to add a touch of style to their wardrobe, Juneberry



"The Fudge & Snack People" will be one of eight new vendors at this year's Richland County Fair & Rodeo Aug. 1-3. (Photo submitted)

Avenue has you covered with their collection of trendy clothing and accessories. Let's not forget Jayddoo,

who will be tantalizing taste buds with their flavorful adobo seasoning and spicy hot sauces.

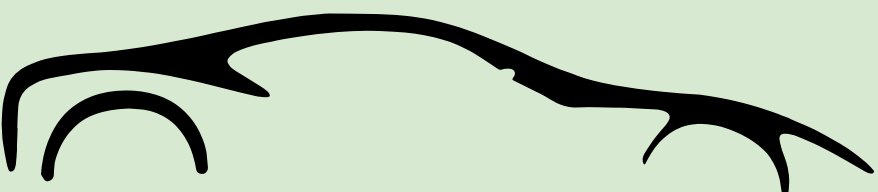


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Above: The culinary fair entries on display in the old commercial building

Right: Fairgoers enjoy free root beer floats during Co-op Day at the 2023 Richland County Fair.



# 2023 Richland County Fair Highlights



Saddle bronc rider Sage Newman, Melstone, MT, rides a bronc in Friday's rodeo. (Photo by Ellen Wznick)

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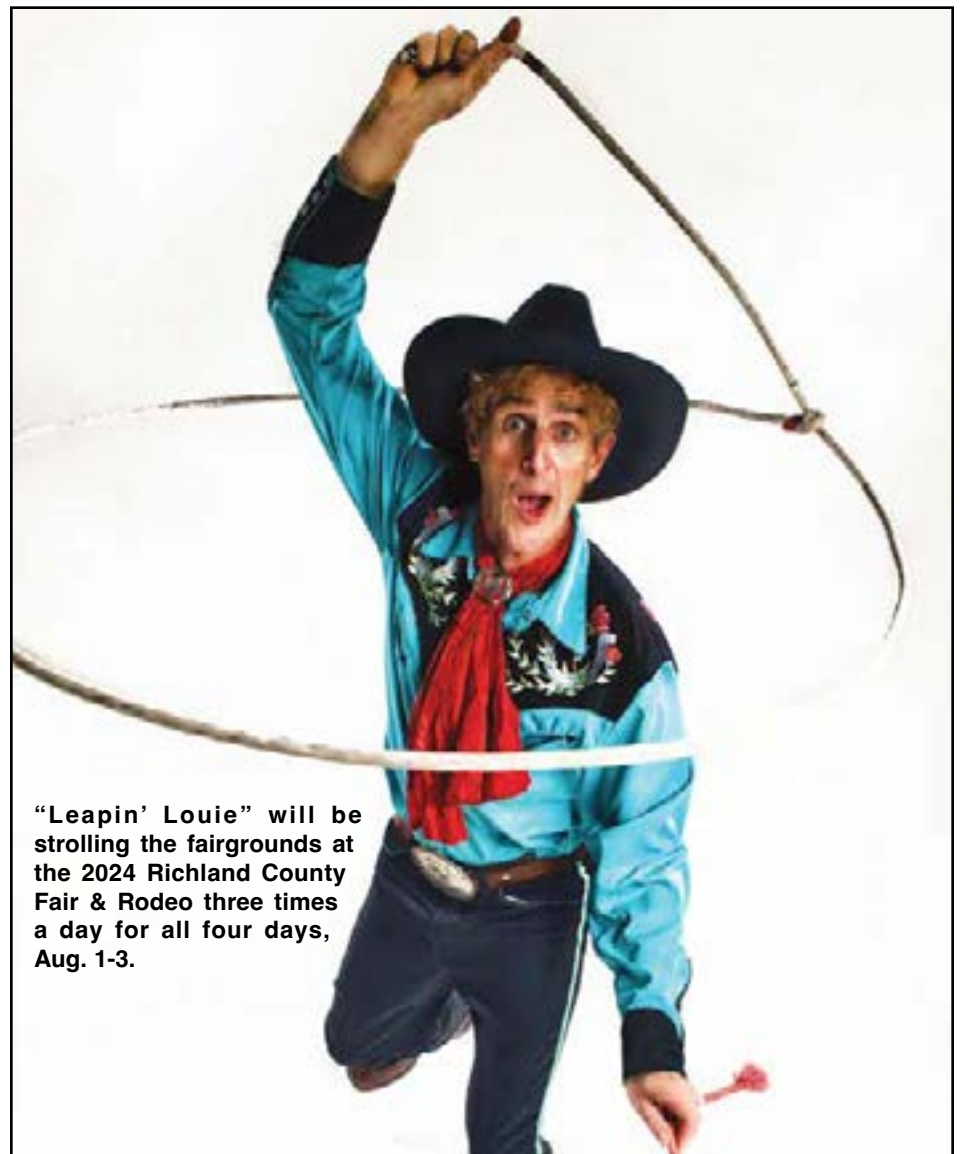
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Left: "Rolo", a unique strolling act, will be featured at this year's Richland County Fair & Rodeo three times a day all four days.

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# It's A Family Tradition – Brookman Rodeo, LLC



Kenton Barringer, left, and Dave Wieferich share a moment during a rodeo. (Photo by Tesa Wieferich)

Like Hank Williams, Jr.'s song "Family Tradition," rodeo runs deep in the Wieferich family, Sidney. Dave and Cathy Wieferich officially took over the family business in 2002 when Marvin Brookman, Cathy's grandfather and founder of Brookman Rodeo Company, suffered a stroke. They continue Marvin Brookman's legacy since his death in 2006 and have been producing the Richland County Fair & Rodeo since 2009.

Marvin started Brookman Rodeo in 1936 at the age of 23 when he joined the Cowboys Turtle Association, a precursor to the PRCA rodeo association. He began with 150 buckers culled from his father's herd of 500 horses, focusing on bucking stock and establishing the "Born to Buck" breeding program.

Rodeo is ingrained in the Brookman family. Marvin's daughter, Reita, and her husband Jim Reinhart were integral to the ranch and rodeo operations. Reita timed rodeos and was active until her passing in May 2007, while Jim continued to reside at Buzzards Glory Ranch near Wolf Point and supported Brookman Rodeo until his health declined. Jim passed away in July 2019.

The family legacy continues with Dave and Cathy

at the helm, supported by their children, LaTasha (Trey) Sheets, Tesa Wieferich, and Tate Wieferich. Raised in the business, their children have grown up caring for animals and working in the arena during the shows. Tate, under Dave's and Kenny Barringer's guidance, learned the art of flanking horses and made his NFR debut in 2022. Kenny Barringer, considered family, as the bull partner for the company he is an indispensable part of the rodeo organization. They cherish the camaraderie of traveling across the U.S. to 25+ rodeos including Pendleton, OR, and the NFR, meeting old friends and making new ones – a testament to rodeo's tight-knit community.

Brookman Rodeo returns for its 15th year producing the Richland County Fair's PRCA Rodeo on Aug. 1 & 2. Over the years, they have enhanced the entertainment value and stock quality, incorporating superior sound and video replay to captivate the sellout Sidney audience. Some renowned horses like Kid Rock, Smiling Bob, Joe Dirt, Risky Business, Rude Roommate, Lunatic Bait, Flirtatious and Famous Dex have showcased their skills at both the NFR in Vegas and the local Richland County Fair.

Dave and Cathy uphold Marvin's "Born to Buck" breeding program, considering Brookman horses as part of their extended family. From their birth on the ranch, the Wieferichs have witnessed their horses' journeys from unknowns to stars in the arena. A couple of favorite horses went on to greener pastures, including Kid Rock and Famous Dex. Kid Rock's last rodeo was at the Sidney fair which Tanner Butler won, Kid Rock then retired to the ranch in 2023 and passed away this January at 27, epitomizing his journey. Similarly, Famous Dex, a rising star at 9, tragically passed away on the Sidney Ranch after an injury at the 2022 Pendleton Round-Up, leaving a hole in the hearts of everyone who loved him. He was named the 3rd top PRCA bareback horse that same year. While these losses hurt, the Wieferich family is excited about their horses and the new and old stars of the arena.

The PRCA rodeo has been a cornerstone of the Richland County Fair since 1960, celebrating its 64th year in 2024. The rodeo spans two nights – Thursday, is Hero's Night, and Friday, dedicated to Tough Enough to Wear Pink. Both nights start at 7 p.m.



Kenny Barringer, left, and Tate Wieferich check the stock behind the chutes. (Photo by Tesa Wieferich)

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