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Make Plans To Meet In Watford City For Wild West Weekend!



Photos submitted

By Jessie Veeder Schofield

The McKenzie County Cowboy Association is hosting the 2024 North Dakota Rodeo Association Finals on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28 indoors at the McKenzie County Ag Expo, Watford City. With three rounds of rodeo, a Western art Show and Cowboy Culture Gathering, Kids Cowboy Bootcamp, mechanical bull riding, live entertainment all weekend and two nights of rodeo dancing, there will be fun for the entire family to enjoy!

The Western Art and Vendor show kicks off the weekend on Friday, Sept. 27 from 5-9 p.m. in the Ag Expo Exhibit Hall. Enjoy music by Jessie Veeder starting at 5 p.m. and shop over 20 western artists and vendors specializing in western themes and gear from across the

region. Explore large- and small-scale paintings, glass, leather, woodworking, hats, ropes, boots, boutique clothing, jewelry and more.

Right across the hall the first round of the NDRA Rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m. featuring the state's best cowboys and cowgirls competing in bronc and bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, senior breakaway, calf roping, barrel racing and bull riding. Plus, cheer on the little cowboys and cowgirls in the Mutton Bustin' round and make sure you bring the kids for the boot race!

After the rodeo, stay to dance to "N2Effects DJ" playing your favorite songs and enjoy a cash bar and concessions to finish out the evening. Rocking K Heart Entertainment will have their mechanical bull set up and Saddle Up will have

their roping machine going throughout the night!

The fun continues on Saturday at 9 a.m. with a Bearscat (That's Cowboy for Donut) breakfast and coffee benefitting the local Food Pantry. Contestants will be available at the breakfast from 10-11 a.m. for meet and greet and autograph signing, so make sure you bring the kids. Autograph sheets will be provided.

The Western Art and Vendor show continues in the exhibition hall on Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and then bring your kids for a chance to show their stuff on the mechanical bull. This year, they are hosting two Kids Mechanical Bull Contests! The first starts at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-15. For \$10 per child, they get a fun ride on the bull and everyone gets a prize! The second contest is a bit more serious



riding for a trophy and cash prizes sponsored by the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce. Enter your child in the following age categories 6-8-year olds, 9-12-year olds and 13-15year olds. Entry fee is \$15 and can be done at www. wildwestweekend.com. Then stick around to enjoy the Cowboy Kid Zone where kids can learn to dress like a cowboy, saddle a horse, ride the bucking bull, rope and shop for cowbov essentials

throughout the day.

Next up will be the MHA
Powwow Dancers, hosted by
the Long X Arts Foundation
at 11:45 a.m. Experience the
rich culture and tradition with
these competitive drummers
and dancers from a variety
of styles. You may even be
asked to join in! The Long X
Arts Foundation will also be

offering a free cowboy kid

Then gear up for the next round of rodeo action at 1 n m

at 1 p.m.
After the rodeo, Wyoming-based acclaimed songwriter, storyteller, singer and musician, Kalyn Beasley will be taking the stage in the exhibit hall at 3:30 p.m. Get to know him and his music rich in meticulously crafted narratives, with clever and infectious melodies and hooks before he joins his band for the rodeo dance on Saturday night.

At 4:30 p.m., crafters will want to get in on the Glass Crazy Horse Ornament making class hosted by glass artist Kathy Monti. Kathy will walk you through the techniques needed to work with glass to form the vibrant horse patterns out of color combinations of your choosing. Register for this

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City Of Sidney Adds Hockey Parking Lot Improvements To SLIPA Grant Proposals

By Dianne Swanson

Representatives from Richland Rangers Youth Hockey chose an opportune time to attend the Sidney Council meeting Monday, Sept. 16. Their request to the city was for the repair of the parking lot at the hockey facility which they said, and others agreed, was getting very bad. Public Works Director Jeff Hintz stated that he would look at the lot to see what needed to be done.

A public hearing followed during which there were no comments concerning the proposal of requesting SLIPA grant money for the city shops, and rehab of bike paths and SMV trails. Following closure of the public meeting, the possibility of adding the hockey parking lot to the list was discussed. Council approved combining that project with the city shops as the top priority staying within the dollar amount originally proposed.

The city council awarded the contract for the Anderson Subdivision storm water project to Strata Corporation, Williston. That is expected to be substantially complete by Oct. 11, 2024. Council also approved resolution #3944 detailing the Capital Improvement Plan.

They also approved City Clerk/Treasurer Jessica Chamberlin's request to sign with Clear Gov, an accounting program to be used for operational and personnel budgeting. She explained that the programs will save time, help prevent errors and allow more training opportunities for deputies in the office.

911 Dispatchers Needed To Fill Critical Role In Public Safety

By Dianne Swanson

911 dispatchers provide the critical connection between people in need and the agencies best suited to assist them, including the Richland County Sheriff's office, Sidney and Fairview Police Departments, Emergency Medical Services, all the fire departments in Richland County, and the Montana Highway Patrol.

The job is a rewarding one, knowing that you have helped someone in trouble, and assisted the various agencies in their mission of keeping the community safe. Richland County is currently recruiting for at least three dispatchers to fill open positions and make the 24-hour operation work smoothly. Current dispatchers are working extra shifts, often alone. Sheriff John Dynneson said they are doing a great job of filling in but more dispatchers are desperately needed. Ideally, there would be two people per shift so it's not overwhelming during busy times.

Twenty-year-old Cole Wiidanen has been on the job for just over six months and loves it. He initially applied to expand his portfolio, having done manual labor for a couple of years and wanting to try office work. He said he has gone from not really being a people person to really enjoying talking to them, and helping with their problems. "It's awesome to be there, in their worst

moments, helping solve their problems and keeping them safe," he said. He added that the law enforcement people he gets to interact with every day are amazing people. "Every day people don't realize how important this is, and how much they care about this area," he said. "Believe it or not, I even enjoy the paperwork!" He is thankful to have had great teachers and is headed off to the Law Enforcement Academy the end of October. "I'm ready for that," he said.

Even though Wiidanen says the staff works together really well and things are running smoothly, he really would like to see more dispatchers and encourages people to apply. "This is working really good for me. I really like it. Give it a try," he said.

The starting pay at \$21.13 per hour, is good and the benefits are great. They include a retirement plan, health insurance with options for family coverage, sick leave, \$1200 per year HRA, and paid vacations. "It's a really great opportunity for someone who wants to give back to the community. It's a fulfilling career with good pay and benefits," Dynneson said.

Job requirements are simple with a high school diploma and no felony convictions the two major criteria. Individuals must be at least 18 years old and available to work all shifts. Dynneson



Cole Wiidanen finds his position as a 911 dispatcher for Richland County very satisfying and encourages others to give it a try. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

said they have had some new high school graduates who have done very well. The ability to communicate calmly and clearly under pressure is a definite asset, but that often comes with on-the-job experience. Good computer skills are also beneficial. New dispatchers must attend the Law Enforcement Academy within their first year of employment and are designated Public Safety Officers once

the requirements are met.

Dynneson explained that the job can be intimidating at first but once a dispatcher learns the job, they feel satisfied that they have developed skills that not everyone has. He praised the current 911 dispatchers saying that each one has their own personality, great

attributes and unique style. "They're all good," he said. "It's a great place to work, with everyone getting along well." He wants people to feel comfortable about applying, saying that it's a very satisfying job. "They are the first person on the scene. Law enforcement can't do the job without them. They are an integral part of the organization."

Dynneson stressed that keeping the 911 call center local is also important, saying so many must rely on multi-jurisdictional call centers. "It's nice to call someone who knows Richland County, its towns and communities. We need the local knowledge," he said.

The Richland County dispatch center has up-to-date equipment. However,

Dynneson is working with the state to upgrade to next generation 911 which would provide much more specific location information. Under sheriff Bob Burnison gave an example of the new system saying that next generation 911 would specify the exact apartment a caller is in rather than the current system, which gives the entire building. "Equipment must meet certain requirements to handle next generation," Dynneson stated. "It's a constant process across

the state."

To apply for a great career as a 911 dispatcher, contact Sheriff Dynneson or Janna Vojacek between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Justice

Center in Sidney.

Alexander HS Hosting Golf Scramble Oct. 5

The Alexander High School Student Council will be hosting a 4-person team golf scramble tournament on Oct. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Course, Watford City.

The registration per team is \$500 and includes green fees, carts, and food. Various prizes will also be given. Proceeds will go to hosting school events and purchasing a mascot uniform

Sign-in for teams will be held at 11 a.m. at the golf course and the tournament will begin at 12 p.m.

f you are interested in donating prizes or in registering a team please contact Amber Severson, student council advisor, at 701-828-3334.

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To all our friends and family that organized the benefit at Sidney Livestock Market Center and to all the many people and businesses that attended and donated, Thank You! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help with Randy's continued medical costs.

Forever Thankful, Randy Searer and Family



AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

12 p.m. - Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

12 p.m. - "We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door en

trance, handicap accessible.
7 p.m. - Hope For Today Al-Anon Family Group Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side. 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lu-

theran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane. 8 p.m. - AA Meeting Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663. TUESDAYS: 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie

Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Candlewood

Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228
7 p.m. – **24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663. WEDNESDAYS:

6:45 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Watford City - Assembly of God (1st Wed. of month 6 p.m. Potluck) 7 p.m. - 24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-

7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lu-

theran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane. 7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, Watford City - Presbyterian

Church, 316 4th Ave. NE. 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side

8 p.m. - **NA Meetings, Watford City** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance. 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie

Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

7 p.m. - 24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-SUNDAYS:

1 p.m. - **Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview** - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.

7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrace door, SE side. 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTIC

<u>LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT</u>

	Sakakawea
Current Elevation	1839.0
Last Week's Elev	1839.5
One Year Ago	1840.4
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date		High	Low	Precip.
Sept.	16	85	59	0.000
Sept.	17	92	57	0.000
Sept.	18	73	54	0.430
Sept.	19	71	49	0.000
Sept.	20	78	45	0.020
Sept.	21	65	42	0.000
Sept.	22	73	37	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation7.480				

Richland County Farmers Market - Schedule For **Remainder Of The Season**

By Marley Voll, MSU Richland County Extension

The Richland County Farmers Market is nearing the end of the season. The markets run from the second week in July through the second week in October.

The Thursday Markets, held on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. at the Reynolds Market parking lot, have three markets remaining: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, and Oct. 10. The Saturday Markets have three remaining, as well. The market on Sept. 28 will be moving to the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) sponsored-market from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the TSC parking lot. The Oct. 5 market will be the last regular market at the Richland County Courthouse parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For the final market of the season, the market will be participating in the Sidney Fall Festival, downtown Sidney on Oct.12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Be sure to check out the market in these final weeks

Letter To The Editor

Dr. Kessler offered some opinions on Montana's current Senatorial race between incumbent Tester and Republican Sheehy. While my wife and I are grateful for the excellent and compassionate care we receive in Sidney, we live in Watford City, so Montana's Senator will represent us only indirectly. None the less, I'd like to make a couple observations on Dr. Kessler's remarks.

I've practiced medicine for over 30 years myself, in communities more rural than Sidney, so I'm familiar and concerned about the trends over time. While Tester's prediction that the Sidney hospital would close under Sheehy's watch is certainly over-confident, there have been 138 rural hospital closures in the US from 2010-22. Although none appear to be in Montana during that period, I don't think anyone should be complacent about the same financial pressures that Montana hospitals face. While Sheehy criticizes "Obamacare" for steadily increasing costs, and recently stated that he will .. always protect Montanans with pre-existing conditions", it was Obamacare that provided the first protection for people with "pre-existing conditions" and the Biden administration that finally allowed the Feds to negotiate for lower drug prices. Both these improvements in healthcare policy were staunchly opposed by Republicans and Mr. Trump recently admitted that after 9 years of criticizing and trying to repeal Obamacare, he merely has "concepts" of how to improve it.

Lastly, inflation is a very important factor in our dayto-day lives, but Republicans' focus on this deserves some context. Dr. Kessler is correct to note that the "core inflation rate" does not include food and fuel, but it has not for decades (not some recent distortion). The Consumer Price Index, does include food and fuel and peaked in the US in 2022 at 8%, but was 4% in 2023. Compared to European countries during the same period, England and Germany's CPI peaked at 9%, Spain at 11% and Italy at 12%. Dr. Kessler blames Biden policies for this inflation, but which in particular, and how did Biden policy cause an even higher rate of inflation in Europe? Perhaps, too much "fiscal stimulation" from the COVID regulations providing rent relief and probably contributing to a drop-in child poverty rate from 16.1% in 2020, to 15% in 2022, which is climbing again since these measures have expired?

Sincerely Lyle Best, MD

FWP Seeks Responses To **River Recreation Survey**

HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks would like to hear from the public about their river recreation experience. A survey is available on the FWP website on the River Recreation Advisory Council page.

The rising popularity of river activities in certain areas has led to challenges, such as conflicts among users and different types of recreation. Additionally, FWP has received feedback about congestion on waterways and at access sites. While most agree on the importance of protecting aquatic and terrestrial resources, opinions vary on the best methods for managing river recreation.

Input from this survey, along with feedback received during public workshops earlier this month, will be used by the newly appointed River Recreation Advisory Council (RRAC). The RRAC will hold discussions on managing river recreation opportunities and use information gathered during these discussions to help develop strategies to ensure high-quality experiences for all river users across Montana.

Members of the RRAC were recently selected by FWP Director Dustin Temple. They are Derek Young, Lakeside; Todd Frank, Missoula; Ben Schmidt, Missoula; Abbey Thomas, Gardiner; Andrew Bennett, Dillon; Scott Vollmer, Bozeman; Robert Ray, Helena; Samuel Schmidt, Great Falls; Ross Johnson, Great Falls; Dante Bonanini, Saint Xavier; Jeremy Gilbertson, Billings; and Marcus Strange, Helena.

The council will meet in person for a three-day workshop Oct. 16-18. Additional virtual meetings in October may occur if necessary. The RRAC's final recommendations will be presented at a virtual meeting in early November. All meetings will be open to the public; information about how to join will be posted on the RRAC webpage at a later date.

Wild West Weekend...

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class at www.longxarts.com.

At 5:30 p.m., the Powwow dancers will take the stage once again before the final round of rodeo at 7 p.m. in the indoor arena where the champion cowboys and cowgirls will be determined

After the rodeo, join Kalyn Beasley and the Honkey Tonk Arcade back in the Exhibit Hall. Based out of Red Lodge, MT, the band tours throughout the Mountain West. The Honky Tonk Arcade has opened several shows for Chancey Williams and recently won the 2024 Miles City Bucking Horse Sale Showcase competition. One of the most exciting bands in the Mountain West, The Honky Tonk Arcade delivers an original blend of country, rock and blues with an energetic and engaging live show. Make plans to dance the night away and take a ride or two on the mechanical bull after the rodeo.

Tickets to the rodeo are \$20 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Kids 11 and under are free. The Western Art Show and Cowboy Culture Gathering and Cowboy Kids Zone are free thanks to the Long X Arts Foundation and the McKenzie County Cowboy Association.

Interested rodeo sponsors should contact Eva Hepper at 701-898-9801 or hepperranch@gmail.com. Western Art Show and Cowboy Culture sponsors contact the Long X Arts Foundation at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.co.

To find out more about the rodeo, performers, artists and vendors, community specials and schedule visit www. wildwestweekend.com.



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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT. Wed., Sept. 25

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 43rd Annual Quilt & Needlework Show - Though Oct. 5 - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/. Thurs., Sept. 26, Oct. 3 & Oct. 10

4-7 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market Reynolds Market Parking Lot.

Sat., Sept. 28 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market -

Tractor Supply Company.

Sun., Sept. 29 12 p.m. - Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging Contest - Open to all youth. Novice: 1st or 2nd year & under 9; Junior: 9-13; Senior: 14 & up; FFA members; No entry fee for youth. Adults: 18 & over. (\$20 entry fee, Winner takes the pot) Sack lunch provided. Registration 12 p.m., contest, 1 p.m. Dynneson Feedlot. For more info contact: Richland Co. Extension Office,

montana.edu. 1 p.m. - Bingo - 11 games winner take all except Game 6: 50% winner & 50% Sidney Moose Lodge & Moose Charities. Open to the pubic! Sidney Moose Lodge. Sat., Oct. 5

406-433-1206; marley.voll@montana.edu; jevenson@

7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. – **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland County Courthouse Parking Lot. 4 p.m. - Bryan Cummins Benefit Fairview - Live & silent auction & a meal. Waterhole #3. Any donations can be dropped off at the Waterhole with Kim. 5-9 p.m. - Emmaus House Fall Festival Hoedown -Food, music & entertainment throughout the night. Live & silent auctions. Raffle drawings for: hand made quilt, 15 lbs. of prime rib or Henry 22 magnum rifle. Western attire encouraged. \$5 entrance fee. Sidney Elks Lodge.

Sat., Oct. 5 & Sun., Oct. 6

RCSC Double Pickeball Tourney - All levels pickeball, mixed doubles, mens doubles, ladies doubles, mixed round robin, prizes awarded. Deadline to enter Oct. 3. \$20 per player, contact Terry Roth to enter, text 406-

489-3285. Richland Co. Sports Complex. Mon., Oct. 7 7-8 p.m. - Adult Anxiety & Depression Support **Group** - 1st & 3rd Mondays. Pella Lutheran Church. For more info call Pella, 406-433-3350 or the Health Dept.,

406-433-2207 McKenzie County Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT. Wed., Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20,

27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 6-8 p.m. - Open Pickleball Nights - For experienced or new players, \$7 day pass or membership required. Rough Rider Center.

Thurs., Sept. 26 5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Watford Market** - Kent Pelton Nature Park, 501 7th St. SE.

7 p.m. - Keep It Local - Have A Question On Measure 4? - Ask questions on how eliminating property tax will affect you. Understand the issues & have your voice heard. All welcome to attend. Watford City Intermediate School Media Center.

Thurs., Oct. 3
4-7 p.m. - Petting Zoo - There will be a variety of animals for all to see & and pet. All ages welcome.

McKenzie Co. Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NE. for more info visit https://www.mcagexpo.com/ or call 701-842-EXPO.

Fri., Oct. 4, 3-6 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. &

Sun., Oct. 6, 12-4 p.m.

Pumpkin Palooza -Pumpkin patch, petting zoo,

corn maze, games, pedal cars. Admission Fri. & Sun., \$5/person; Sat., \$10/person. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo. Sat., Oct. 5

8:30 a.m. - 2024 Fall Frolic 5K - Check in 8:30 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. Registration fee: \$35, register at roughridercenter.com. McKenzie County Ag Expo. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Paint Your Own Pottery Open Studio Choose from a variety of different colors & pieces, \$25 pre-registration, \$30 walk ins. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit longxarts.com/classes/. 11 a.m. - Alexander High School Student Council Golf Scramble - Registration 11 a.m., 12 p.m. start, 4 member teams, \$500 entry fee. Food provided. Fox Hills Country Club, Watford City. To donate prizes or register a team contact Amber Severson at 701-828-3334. The proceeds will go to hosting school events and purchasing a mascot uniform.

WILLIAMS COUNTY Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT. Fri., Sept. 27, Oct. 25 & Nov. 22

6 p.m. - Spotlight At the James Open Mic - All ages event designed to celebrate & challenge young performers. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Sat., Sept. 28

8 a.m.-12 p.m. - City of Williston Fall Cleaning - Meet at Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. E. to check in. You can register online at http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston or be assigned a zone on the day of the event. Public Works will provide garbage bags, gloves, & safety vests. In case of inclement weather this event will be held on Oct. 5, watch for change at www.cityofwilliston.com. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Main Street Market - Great shopping with a wide variety of vendors selling homemade and/ or homegrown goods & food plus a sponsored activity & music. Main St. between 1st & 2nd streets east & on the

Tues., Oct. 1 & 8 (2-part class) 4-5 p.m. - Make A Fun Pinch Pot Monster - Grades K-6th. Must preregister at thejamesmemorial.org/ art-classes, \$25 non-member; 20% member discount. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Fri., Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

Hedderich's lot.

6-8 p.m. - Calligraphy Hand Lettering - High school-adult. \$120/student. The James Classroom. To register visit thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes. Sat., Oct. 5

10 a.m. - Annual Fundraiser Pheasants Forever Banquet & Upland Conservation Expo - Raymond Community Center. Upland Conservation Expo, located upstairs, vendors for outdoor enthusiasts, free, open to the community & runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Banquet, located downstairs, open at 3 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$70 & include dinner & a PF membership. New games, live & silent auction items. For more info on purchasing a table call Robert Blanton 661-808-6345 or Shane Mitchell 701-609-0133

1 p.m. - Halloween Pre-Lit Tree - High School & adult. \$65 non-member, members 20% discount. Must preregister at thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W

6 p.m. - Olive Motherhood Foundation Fundraiser Bingo Night - Food, costume contest & more. 18+ men & women. Costumes encouraged. Upper Missouri Valley Fair. For more info visit www. olivemotherhoodfoundation.com/event-details/bingo-

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT. Sat., Oct. 5

9 a.m.-12 p.m. - 8th Annual Lets Get Squished Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run - Race starts at Makoshika State Park group picnic area. Check in 8 a.m.; Walk/Run 9 a.m. For more info call 406-345-8996. Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Glendive/ LetsGetSquished2024. Sun., Oct. 6

11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Junkapalooza Harvestfest - Fun-filled day at the fairgrounds. Outside will be a pumpkin patch, salsa contest, hay bale maze, Keith Clingingsmith antique grinders, apple cider press, corn sand box & more. Inside is shopping galore. Fairgrounds Rd. 2-5 p.m. - Methodist Church Fall Harvest Auction Pie & coffee at 2 p.m., auction at 3 p.m. Methodist Church.

Lambdin Taekwondo Training Seminar Set For Oct. 5 & 6

Sidney Tendo Taekwondo is excited to announce the return of Stephen Lambdin to Sidney, on Oct. 5

Lambdin competed in the 2016 Olympics in Rio, Brazil and was a coach in the 2024 Olympics in France. Today, he is an Olympic Coach of Athletic Development for USA Taekwondo. He will be in Sidney teaching his cutting edge, science-based teaching methods to help athletes build stamina, optimal strength and learn proper training methods. Blending handson training with motivational teaching for success. He ends the session with an indepth Q&A forum to ensure each student leaves feeling empowered and ready to achieve their personal goals. While the bulk of the seminar will center around Taekwondo, there will be a strength & conditioning class that athletes of any kind can participate in.

Participants have the choice of attending the full seminar catered to Taekwondo students or attending only the strength and conditioning portion of the seminar. Whether you are wanting to improve your Taekwondo techniques or trying to improve athletically, this seminar can help. For the full seminar, the cost of attendance is FREE to any Taekwondo student and \$25 for only the strength and conditioning portion of the

seminar. Event apparel is available for pre-order only at the time of sign-up.

Contact the Sidney Chamber of Commerce for help registering or online at: https://www.eventcreate.com/e/stephenlambin

For any other questions, contact Jerrold Baxter at 406-239-1242.

This seminar was made possible by Wild Cat Trucking, F&F Sprinklers, Sage Trucking, Kraken Resources, Hurley's Oil, Tri County Implement, Town & Country Repair Inc, North Star Auto Sales, Rimrock Cabinet Company, Nortana Grain, TBID, LYREC, and Western



Rathbun Equipment Services LLC Celebrating First Year In Business Sept. 27

By Dianne Swanson

Join in the fun from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27 as Rathbun Equipment Services expresses its heartfelt appreciation for your support, and celebrates its first anniversary. Rathbun will have pancakes ready at 8 a.m. and will serve up lunch as well. A food truck will also be on site for those who don't like his cooking! He is very excited to have the Sidney VFW do the flag raising at 10 a.m. Register for door prizes and join in some fun games.

For the past year, Rathbun Equipment Services LLC, Fairview, has been providing much needed repair services to farmers in the area. Owner Will Rathbun says he works mostly on John Deere equipment but will work on anything. With his extensive tooling, he repairs engines, power trains, hydraulics, electronics and more. His only limitation is new technology that requires proprietary dealer software. He also does some truck repair, mostly for farmers who have had equipment repairs done. "They're repeat customers, I must be doing something right," Rathbun said. He provides both inhouse and mobile service to customers in Daniels, Roosevelt and Richland counties in Montana plus Williams and McKenzie counties in North Dakota.

As an authorized sales and service dealer for Blue Diamond Attachments, Rathbun offers top of the line, U.S. engineered and manufactured ag and industrial products from brush mowers to rock grinders. A two-year warranty comes with every purchase.

Rathbun grew up in Hingham, MT, where he graduated high school, then went off to college to get a degree in diesel mechanics with the plan of returning to farm with his dad. An internship and ensuing job offer from a company in Washington changed his career trajectory and he spent the next 20 years in the equipment industry in mechanics, sales and management. Upon his return to Montana, he spent three years in ag sales in Williston but became frustrated with the little guy (customer) being left behind and decided to open his own business to serve them. He lives in Bainville with his wife, Munee, and has a 22-yearold daughter, Allison.

Rathbun is anticipating growing into the retail side of his business. To help him

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determine which products are most needed, attendees are asked to submit their ideas in the suggestion box at the Open House.

Rathbun Equipment Services is located at 504 N. Interstate Ave., Fairview. Call 406-790-0866.

Sidney Bible Baptist Church To Hold Evangelistic Meetings Sept. 29-Oct. 4

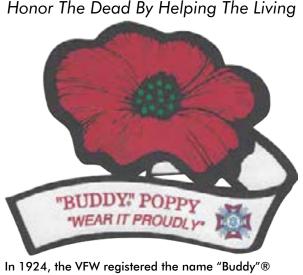
Sidney Bible Baptist Church, 502 S. Central Ave., will be having evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Dwight Smith starting Sunday, Sept. 29 and running through Friday, Oct. 4. Meetings on Sunday will be at 11 am. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday they will be

Smith is a gifted speaker and musician. He has preached in 49 different states and 22 foreign coun-

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Reynolds Market Customers Raise \$11,050 **Emmaus House**For Out Of Darkness Walk **Hosting Annual**

By Robyn Heck

Over 200 people participated in the 7th annual Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Veterans' Park in Sidney.

Reynolds Market was the team that raised the most funds this year and they had the honor of leading the walk. Reynolds goal was to raise \$11,000 and they were able to raise \$11,050 all thanks to their loyal customers who donated in May during mental health month, and again in September. "Our customers were amazing and a big thank you goes out to our cashiers for promoting the fundraising campaign", said Reynolds Marketing Director Libby Berndt.

The Rush on Wheels was also at the event and were walking for team Kyle.

One dollar of every coffee bought was donated to the event.

Nick Kallem and his dedicated team would like to thank their sponsors: Reynolds Market, Hurley Enterprise, Guardian Flight, Oneok, Sidney Health Center, Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc., Tri County Implement, and Continental Resources.

Individual teams that raised over \$500 were:

Reynolds Market, Dare to Rise, Fighting Darkness, Team Blake, and Team Todd.

This year, the Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk raised almost \$30,000 for the prevention of suicide. "Thank you, Eastern Montana for your continued support to raise hope and awareness that suicide is preventable," said Nick

Red Cross Blood Drive Set For Oct. 22

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from noon to 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. Please make an appointment in advance as there is limited availability for walk-ins

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

Emmaus House Hosting Annual Fall Festival Hoedown Oct. 5



Pictured are Con and Lynn Donvan enjoying the 2023 Emma's House fall fundraiser. (Photo submitted)

By Robyn Heck

In a spirited evening filled with generosity, laughter, and community, the Emmaus House will be hosting their Annual Fall Festival Hoedown on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 5-9 p.m. at the Sidney Elks Lodge. The Elks building is located at 123 3rd St. SW.

There will be food, dancing, and live and silent auctions, all for the great cause of supporting the educational dreams of local students through the Vision of Hope Scholarship.

The Vision of Hope Scholarship is open to young adults in the Richland County area who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The scholarship aims to provide financial support to deserving students in the community who are pursuing higher education. These scholarships have made a significant impact over the years, enabling young scholars with autism to attend colleges and universities they might not otherwise afford. The 2024 Vision of Hope

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and get the word out about your business!

Other events going on in the week:

Thursday 10/3 Girls volleyball home vs. St. Mary's
Coronation 10/4 - In the theater @ 5:30 pm

• Homecoming football game 10/4 WCHS football field

Watford City Hall of Fame Inductees:

Inductees will be grand marshals of the homecoming parade &

will meet at WCHS at 3:00 to get on the parade float.

Inductee's pictures will take place at the Rough Rider Center

right after the parade.

Induction is at halftime during the homecoming football game.

Awards and Reception following the game at the Rough Rider

Center convention hall. 9:00-12:00 pm

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Scholarship was awarded to Avery Iversen. Avery is attending Minot State University.

The Emmaus House is a nonprofit organization based in Sidney.

The mission of the Emmaus House is to create a community that embraces the rule of Saint Benedict; to model a servant posture of prayer, simplicity, ministry, hospitality, contemplation, and balance, in order to set the world on fire with the love of God.

The Fall Festival Hoedown will cost \$5 to enter the event. There will be food available for purchase, music, and entertainment throughout the night and also both live and silent auctions.

This event serves as a major source of funding for Emmaus House, and a celebration of the community's commitment to education.

Currently, raffle tickets are being sold for a handmade quilt, 15 lbs. of prime rib, and a Henry 22 Magnum rifle. Tickets can be purchased at www.Emmaus.nouse.co. Raffle winners will be announced at the event on Oct. 5. Need not be present to win.

"Join us for a fun night that you won't want to miss. We encourage you to wear western attire," said committee member, Jen Vaira.



The Reynolds Market team led the 7th annual Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, Sept. 21. Reynolds made the largest donation of \$11,050 all thanks to their customers. Pictured (L to R): Deon Cameron, Nicole Mossmayer, Tammie Wicorek, Libby Berndt, Sara Berndt, and Ashley Gross. (Photo by Robyn Heck)



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Economic Development, Small Business Development Center Recognize 2024 Award Winners

By Barbara Peterson

Williston, ND - Williston **Economic Development** (WED) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) held their annual awards banquet on Friday, Sept. 13 at the Grand Williston Hotel and Conference Center, Williston. About 170 people attended the celebratory event.

Each year, the offices of WED and SBDC select finalists for a minimum of nine different categories. Members of the Williston STAR Fund Board of Directors, Williston City Commission, and the Western Region **Economic Development** (WRED) Board of Directors vote on the nominees and the winners are recognized at the awards banquet.

The following were recognized for their contributions to the Williston trade

region's quality of life and business community.

SBDC Woman-Owned Business of the Year

Coyote Pups Learning Den represented by Kenzi Brown, Williston, ND **SBDC New Business of**

the Year

The Galvan's Bakery represented by Alberto Galvan, Williston, ND

SBDC Existing Business of the Year

Cottonwood Forest represented by John Cecil, Williston, ND (not present) **SBDC Lender of the Year** Marcus Boykin, Gate

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resented by Janie Cox, Williston, ND

WED Icon of the Year B&G Oilfield represented by Britney Kilgore and Angelica Alexandrou, Williston ND

WED Agriculture Project of the Year

ND Malting & Hops represented by David Anfinson and Paul Weyrauch of Williston, ND

WED Ambassador of the Year

Cyndy Aafedt, Williston, ND

Cyrena Weeks, SBDC business advisor, and Williston State College's Dr. Zahi Atallah presented the SBDC awards, Anna Nelson, Williston Economic Development's newly appointed executive director, and Weeks presented the WED awards.

The City of Williston's partnership with the SBDC dates back to 2015, when the Center for Development opened at 113 4th St. East (the former Hess building). WED and the SBDC share office space with the planning and zoning and building safety departments, the Williston Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Tri-County Regional Development Council.

Weeks said the collaboration between WED and the SBDC has been successful and has made both offices some of the highest-volume agencies in the state. She stated that the estimated year-to-date totals for the Williston STAR Fund were as follows: 64 applications, \$1.67 Million in STAR Fund committed dollars, \$2.16 million in Bank of North Dakota matching Flex PACE funds, and \$34.9 million in private investments

The STAR Fund is a voter-approved 1% city sales tax through June 30, 2030. Of the proceeds, 75% is dedicated to infrastructure debt relief with the remaining 25% dedicated to jobs creation and community development. The jobs creation and community development portion of the STAR Fund is governed by a seven-member board of directors.

Aafedt, who accepted the Ambassador of the Year award via pre-taped video, said she was amazed at the opportunities for entrepreneurs in Williston.

"I've lived in a lot of places and let me tell you there are more opportunities for someone involved in the (Williston) community than I have seen in any size town. It's those opportunities that brought me to this place

tonight. I encourage each one of you to seek out these opportunities. Take advantage of these opportunities. Act on these opportunities. And if you have a dream,

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NDPC Annual Meeting

The North Dakota Petroleum Council held their 43rd annual meeting in Watford City Sept. 17-19. Pictured above: Leading the discussion on a new vision for skilled workforce is Dr. Steve Holen, Superintendent of Watford City Public Schools and The Bakken Area Skills Center, Brent Sanford, Bismarck State College and Kenley Never, Executive Director, TrainND Northwest. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Anna Nelson Named New Williston Economic Development Executive Director

Submitted by **Barbara Peterson** Marketing and **Business Development** Coordinator City of Williston,

Economic Development WILLISTON - The Williston City Commission has approved hiring Anna Neison as the new Williston **Economic Development** executive director. The confirmation was given on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the commission meeting. Nelson will officially begin her new role on Monday, Sept. 9.

Nelson, 34, will take over for Shawn Wenko, who served as the executive director since 2014 Wenko was promoted to city administrator in May 2023. The search for a new executive director was launched in January 2024

"The City of Williston conducted an extensive search that yielded several qualified candidates. In the end. Anna stood out as the next one we felt could move the office in the right direction," explained Wenko. "The definition of economic development has significantly changed over the years with the focus not only on primary sector but also on quality of life, childcare, and small business. Anna's experiences and connections during her time with the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce are the perfect fit."

Nelson has been the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce president for the past two years. Previously, she worked in the television industry as an anchor and producer and in the fashion sector as the lead sales representative for a prominent showroom and an apparel buyer for an elite boutique.

Nelson has lived in Oregon, Oklahoma, California, and Alaska, but most of her formative years were spent in Rolla, ND. She moved to Williston in 2021 and immediately felt connected to the community.

"This community quickly stole my heart with its warm, friendly people, small-town feel, and vibrant economy," she said.

Nelson said she is looking forward to the transition to economic development.

"I am grateful to be able to continue serving the community and its business-



Anna Nelson.

es while helping to ensure the economic landscape remains one that fosters continued growth in Williston and the surrounding region," Nelson said.

of Science degree in retail merchandising with minors in business administration and psychology from North Dakota State University and a Master of Business Administration with a certificate in marketing.

on this story, please get in touch with Barbara Peterson at 701-577-8110 or barbp@ ci.williston.nd.us.

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nomic Development on Facebook (@cityofwilliston), Instagram (@willistoneconomicdevelopment), and LinkedIn.

For more information, please visit www.cityofwilliston.com, call 701-577-8110, or stop by 113 4th St. E., in Downtown Williston.



The McKenzie County Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum held their 24th annual Heritage Day on Sept. 21 in Watford City. Pictured above: Heritage Day attendees watch the threshing demonstration.

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Chanelle Hayden

Stockman Bank Announces **Staff Promotions**

Sidney - Chanelle Hayden has recently been promoted to operations officer for Stockman Bank. Her responsibilities include coordinating, overseeing, and supervising all operations-related functions for Stockman Bank, Sidney, as well as supervising the teller lines at both Sidney locations. She will also assist in the implementation and enforcement of bank-wide policies, practices, procedures, and assist in business development.

Hayden has been with Stockman Bank since 2014, starting as a CSR and most recently serving as teller supervisor. Her experience in the Sidney market will be a continued asset to Stockman Bank and the community.

Misty Anderson has been promoted to Eastern Montana Cash Management officer for Stockman Bank. Her responsibilities include providing assistance to customers and continuing development of Stockman Bank's eBiz/cash management online banking services, which are designed to assist businesses in managing their funds more effectively.

Anderson, who started with Stockman Bank in 2016, is a native of Savage, and active in community and bank events. Her area roots and experience will be an asset to Stockman Bank and help enhance their cash management services. Anderson is located at 301 W Holly St. and can be reached at 406-433-8611.

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Williston Basin Speedway Fall Roundup Racing Results

Williston Basin **Speedway Fall Roundup** Racing Results, Sept. 14 **IMCA Hobby Stocks**

A Feature 1

1st Place: Taylor Heaton, Baker, MT, 11H 2nd Place: Kyler Satran, Minot, ND, 22

3rd Place: Caleb Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16C 4th Place: Ethan Neu, Fairview, MT, 51E

5th Place: Sage Borud, Williston, ND, 6B

6th Place: Kaiden Tuchscherer, Estevan, SK, 91T 7th Place: Shawn Daleske, Sidney, MT, 59D 8th Place: Brian Reid,

Williston, ND, 8 9th Place: Matt Sorenson, Williston, ND, 110

IMCA Modifieds A Feature 1

1st Place: Travis Hagen, McGregor, ND, 14T 2nd Place: Turnbull, Estevan, SK, 10

3rd Place: Marcus Tomlinson, Turtle Lake, ND, 5T 4th Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F

5th Place: Justin Bieber, Fairview, MT, 89 6th Place: Chris Schroeder, Williston, ND, 6

7th Place: Joey Galloway, Arcola, SK, 01 8th Place: Kyler Jeffrey, Williston, ND, 72X

9th Place: Tate Johnson, Medicine Lake, MT, 413 10th Place: Jeremy Sorenson, Williston, ND, 1J 11th Place: Jake Nel-

son, Williston, ND, 10J 12th Place: Philip Keller, Sidney, MT, 9 13th Place: Tommy Lee,

Williston, ND, 17X 14th Place: Justin Medler, Minot, ND, 75M 15th Place: Chris An-

derson, Minot, ND, 57

16th Place: Brandon Bjella, Williston, ND, 99X 17th Place: Troy Girolamo, Williston, ND, 2G

18th Place: John Flory Jr, Williston, ND, 18 19th Place: Jeff Bieber, Fairview, MT, 12

20th Place: Brian Berasi, Salmon, ID, 52 21st Place: Rick Stiyer,

Williston, ND, 15S **IMCA Northern Sportmods**

A Feature 1 1st Place: Darren Schatz, Williston, ND, 29 2nd Place: Tim Goodwin, Williston, ND, 89

3rd Place: Keenan Glasser, Estevan, SK, 22 4th Place: Dave Rivinius, Minot, ND, 35

5th Place: Kelly Henderson, Minot, ND, 24H 6th Place: Ed Conlin, Williston, ND, 4

7th Place: Terry Faul, Minot, ND, 88 8th Place: Brandon

Bjella, Williston, ND, 23 9th Place: Cody Hulse, Dickinson, ND, 69 10th Place: Justin Fichter, Estevan, SK, 13

11th Place: Luke Asselin, Williston, ND, 09 12th Place: Dennis Chapman, Minot, ND, 27

13th Place: Rich Bohl-

man, Tioga, ND, 4B 14th Place: Nathan Buchmann, Williston, ND, 406 **IMCA Stock Cars** A Feature 1

IMCA Stock Car driver Joren Boyce (67), Minot, has a close finish ahead of Troy Heupel (4T), Williston, on night one of the Williston Basin Speedway Fall Roundup Sept. 14.

1st Place: Joren Boyce, Minot, ND, 67

2nd Place: Troy Heupel, Williston, ND, 4T 3rd Place: Joe Flory,

Williston, ND, 20 4th Place: Kyle, Lampman, SK, 2

5th Place: Will Matejovic, Burlington, ND, 88 6th Place: Mike Hagen,

Williston, ND, 27X 7th Place: Adam Goff, Minot, ND, 30A

8th Place: Jason Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16 9th Place: Jordan Durward, Trenton, ND, 2D **Junior Slingshots**

A Feature 1 1st Place: Brogan Wag-

ner, Weyburn, SK, 30 2nd Place: Gunner Raynard, Lampman, SK, 50 3rd Place: Cashton Schroeder, Williston, ND, 16 4th Place: Weston Uranker, Williston, ND, 31X Williston Basin

Speedway Fall Roundup Racing Results, Sept. 15 **IMCA Hobby Stocks** A Feature 1

1st Place: Kyler Satran, Minot, ND, 22

2nd Place: Taylor Heaton, Baker, MT, 11H 3rd Place: Ethan Neu, Fairview, MT, 51E

4th Place: Kaiden Tuchscherer, Estevan, SK, 91T 5th Place: Sage Borud, Williston, ND, 6B

6th Place: Caleb Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16C 7th Place: Donavon Sorenson, Williston, ND, 110 8th Place: Shawn Daleske, Sidney, MT, 59D

IMCA Modifieds A Feature 1

1st Place: Travis Hagen, McGregor, ND, 14T 2nd Place: Tyson Turn-

bull, Estevan, SK, 0 3rd Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F 4th Place: John Flory,

Williston, ND, 19 5th Place: Justin Bie-

ber, Fairview, MT, 89 6th Place: Justin Medler, Minot, ND, 75M

7th Place: Tate Johnson, Medicine Lake, MT, 413 8th Place: Kyler Jeffrey, Williston, ND, 72X

9th Place: Chris Schroeder, Williston, ND, 6

10th Place: Philip Keller, Sidney, MT, 9 11th Place: Tommy Lee, Williston, ND, 17X

12th Place: Jake Nelson, Williston, ND, 10J 13th Place: Brandon Bjella, Williston, ND, 99X

14th Place: Bland Bohannon, Williston, ND, 87X 15th Place: Joey Galloway, Arcola, SK, 01

16th Place: Kendal Thomas, Tioga, ND, 711 17th Place: John Flory Jr, Williston, ND, 18 18th Place: Jeff Bieber,

Fairview, MT, 12 19th Place: Brian Berasi, Salmon, ID, 52 20th Place: Rick Stiyer, Williston, ND, 15S

21st Place: Bob Dechandt, Minot, ND, 57

IMCA Northern Sportmods A Feature 1

1st Place: Kelly Henderson, Minot, ND, 24H 2nd Place: Darren Schatz, Williston, ND, 29

3rd Place: Tim Goodwin, Williston, ND, 89 4th Place: Justin Fichter, Estevan, SK, 13

5th Place: Keenan Glasser, Estevan, SK, 22

6th Place: Dave Rivinius, Minot, ND, 35

7th Place: Brandon Bjella, Williston, ND, 23 8th Place: Doug Green, Alexander, ND, 88X 9th Place: Cody Hulse, Dickinson, ND, 69

10th Place: Dennis Chapman, Minot, ND, 27 11th Place: Kenneth Prentice, Williston, ND, 24 12th Place: Luke As-

selin, Williston, ND, 09 **IMCA Stock Cars** A Feature 1

1st Place: Mike Hagen, Williston, ND, 27X

2nd Place: Joren Boyce, Minot, ND, 67 3rd Place: Joe Flory, Williston, ND, 20

4th Place: Troy Heupel, Williston, ND, 4T

5th Place: Jason Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16 6th Place: Will Matejov-

ic, Burlington, ND, 88 **Junior Slingshots** A Feature 1

1st Place: Weston Uranker, Williston, ND, 31X 2nd Place: Brogan Wagner, Weyburn, SK, 30 3rd Place: Cashton Schroeder, Williston, ND, 16

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Eagles Beat Buildogs

The Sidney High School football team hosted Hardin on Sept. 20. The Eagles

came out on top 27-20 over the Bulldogs for their first win of the season. Pictured is Jarret Averett #7 with yards after the catch in the 3rd quarter. (Photo by Kaci Dean)





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"It's bigger than sports" – McPherson Helps A Patient In Need

By U of M Montana Sports Information

Back in June, Montana junior defensive linemen Sloan McPherson did something not many of us would these days: answer a phone call from an unknown number.

Fast forward to the last week of August, just as he and the Grizzlies were preparing to take on Missouri State in the season opener, he did something else not many would. And he did it for a good cause.

McPherson put the chance to play in one of the few games a college football player gets in life on hold for an opportunity to save someone's life. Someone he doesn't even know.

Earlier this summer he was flagged as a potential match for a patient in need of stem cells through the National Marrow Donor Program's "Be the Match" registry, an annual drive Grizzly Football has held each spring for the last five years. He was just one of the 235 new potential donors from the University of Montana community to sign up that day in April. And in June, his number was called.

Then last week, right before the first game of the season – a game he and his teammates work toward year-round – McPherson set football aside, flew to Boise, and donated stem cells. Potentially missing the home-opener to help

save a life.

"At first, I was a little nervous for it, but when you think about it, it's just a great opportunity to change someone's life. It's bigger than sports to have a chance to save someone. So, I was really honored by it," said McPherson.

"I just figured, I signed up for it, so I made a commitment to that person and that organization, and I just wanted to be able to help out. It didn't take much thought. I just knew I was going to do it right away."

The native of Savage, got word that he was a match just as the Grizzlies were getting ready for their 4th of July break in the summer workout schedule. That's when the nearly two-month long process of becoming a donor began.

It started locally, having blood tests done in late July to make sure that he was, indeed, a match, and his stem cells would, indeed, help a patient suffering from life-threatening diseases like leukemia and sickle cell anemia.

Then in August, just as he and the Grizzlies were wrapping-up fall camp, he was scheduled to fly to Boise the next week and began a five-day series of injections and medicine cycles to prepare his body in between the team's rigorous routine.

He didn't miss a beat.

"Finding time to do it in the schedule was tough,

working around practice and meetings and all that, but Coach (Bobby) Hauck was super understanding about it. I felt a little tired during fall camp but other than that it wasn't bad," McPherson added

"The process was a lot of reading emails trying to figure out the details, but just talking with the coaches, they were good with everything and supported me in what I wanted to do."

On Sunday, Aug. 25, six days before kickoff, he boarded that plane for St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, not knowing if he would be physically able to play on Saturday. Monday was donation day, and he flew back to Missoula on Tuesday.

"They hooked me up and I sat there for six hours running blood out of one arm, through a machine that took out stem cells, and putting it back in the other arm. You get kind of sore from sitting in the chair for so long and it's a little bit uncomfortable, but it was nothing that hurt," he said.

"I definitely didn't want to miss a game. But like I said earlier, it's bigger than sports sometimes. And luckily, I made it back. I didn't feel too bad afterwards."

As the week went on and kickoff drew closer, McPherson felt better and better, eventually coming to the conclusion that he wanted to suit up against Missouri State. No one doubted he

"All the coaches just kept checking up on me, checking how my recovery was going, making sure I was feeling good. I was a little behind on some of the film and all that stuff, but I worked and got caught back up," said McPherson.

On Saturday night he



Savage native Sloan McPherson. (Photo submitted)

ran out of the tunnel and took the field with his teammates. Hauck was impressed.

"I just think it shows what a quality human being he is. There's a lot of guys in our locker room that would make that same decision because they're caring people," he said.

"Sloan had to decide whether he was going to play in the first game or go donate and save a life. He chose to help someone. He missed two practices, but he came back and actually felt good enough to play, which shows his mental toughness as well."

Hauck and the Grizzlies have been supporting the NMDP "Get in the Game" program since he returned to coach Montana in 2018. It's a cause that was brought to his attention by friend and former Villanova head coach Andy Talley who partnered with the organization to help use the power of college football to increase the global donor pool and potentially

help save more lives.

Since the team's first drive in 2019, Montana has helped register over 800 fellow Grizzlies around campus, soaring past the team's goal of 70 new signups each year. But the team has a longer history of helping out than that.

In 2013, running back coach Justin Green donated blood platelets and helped save the life of a nine-year-old girl. Former Grizzly wide receiver Ryan Burke also helped save a life by donating bone marrow in 2014.

In 2023, defensive end Henry Nuce, Kalispell, donated stem cells and other members of the campus community have been selected to donate as well. In early 2024, track and field athlete Brooke Stayner, Missoula, donated marrow to save the life of a 47-year-old woman with leukemia.

All told, six donors from UM have been called upon to help save a life. McPherson makes seven.

"They do a great job with this program, but when it comes down to it and you're an actual donor - rather than just trying to register people - that gets real," said Hauck.

"You're faced with tough decisions, and Sloan made the right one. It just shows what a good and decent person he is."

McPherson doesn't know who the recipient of his stem cell donation will be. There's a good chance he may never know. That's not the point.

The point for him – someone who put his personal goals and ambitions aside – was to simply abide by the golden rule.

"I just knew that it was the right thing to do. I hope that if I was in the same situation, someone be willing to do it for me. Even if I never meet him, just knowing that I could help someone out in that way is big deal to me."

The world could use a bit more of that.



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Sidney Cross Well In Dickinson

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney Cross Country team traveled to Dickinson Friday, Sept. 20, for a meet. Coming in first for the Eagle boys was Carter Heggum who placed ninth overall, and for the Eagle girls was Ryleigh Kleinke who placed sixth overall. Cameron Franck took first place in the middle school girls' race, Kenzie Koch took 3rd, and Paisley Obergfell took 5th.

The team score results showed the Sidney varsity boys in 11th place, the Sidney varsity girls in 5th place, the middle school boys in 8th place, and the middle school girls in 2nd place.

Individual results were: **Boys Varsity-**

9. Carter Heggum 17:14. 21 49. Dyson Romo 19:00. 77 74. Rhys Larson 20:08. 44 80. Josh Pollari 20:19. 20 100. Isaak Lassey 21:54. 19 103. Jhonatan Delgado

Left: Carter Heggum finished 9th overall at the Cross - Country meet in Dickinson. (Photo by Stacey Collins)

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- Girls Varsity-6. Ryleigh Kleinke 20:42. 82 33.Morgan Kindopp 23:18.
- 40. Layla Petrik 24:55. 06 48. Mariyah Bauer 26:36. 73 52. Molina Sandratska 27:49.52
- 53. Dylan Edd 27:49. 90 Boys JV-

35. Levin Dunn 25:42. 36 7/8 Grade Boys-

- 70. Garrick Halvorson 14:49.
- 75. Case Bradford 15:45. 20
- 76. Garrett Partin 15:47. 80 79. Paytton Miner 16:20. 00 85. Ziggy Bailey 17:11. 86
- 7/8 Grade Girls-1. Camryn Franck 12:52. 86 3. Kenzie Koch 13:10. 89
- 5. Paisley Obergfell 13:29. 23. Kailee Nunn 14:33.84
- 25. Rowan O'Brien 14:36.53 28. Maysen Petersen
- 33. Zoey Buske 15:14.36 39. Harper Danielson
- 15:40.21 45. Ally Dignana 16:06.83
- 48. Ella Laqua 16:16.24 49. Ella Buske 16:22.61

Next up for the cross country high school team is a meet in Missoula on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Sidney Eagle Golf Teams Travel To Country Teams Score Miles City, Billings & Laurel Sept. 16-20

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney High School golf team began their week with the junior varsity team traveling to Miles City for the Miles City JV Invitational on Monday, Sept. 16.

This nine-hole event consisting of 44 boys and 16 girls had five schools partic-



Danica Denowh hits an approach shot on hole nine at the Billings Central Invite on Thursday, Sept. 19. (Photo by Ben Berg)

ipating: Sidney, Glendive, Lockwood, Billings Central, and Miles City.

There was no team scoring. Complete individual results were:

Boys JV:

- 2. Dresden Wesley 43 T4. Matt Savage 48 T20. Rylan Johnson 55 T25. Paul Gonzales 57 T 27. Grayson Morrill 59 Girls JV
- 3. Payton Bauer 56 4. Cambree Denowh 62 5. Myli Josephson 65
- 7. Brynja Halvorson 69 12. Olivia Sverdrup 72

On Thursday, Sept. 19, the varsity team traveled to Billings to participate in the Billings Central Invite at the Peter Yegan Golf Club.

Both boys and girls placed third in the team event. The boys shot their season best with a 317. Brady Collins led the Eagle boys shooting a 77 which tied him for seventh place in the individual standings. The girls had three players in the top 15. Their team score was 393 and it was led by Izzy Baisch and McKenna Tiesen who both tied for 11th shooting a 93. Mercedes Lamb tied for 15th shooting a 96.

Complete results were: **Boys Varsity:**

T7. Brady Collins 77

9. Kaleb Price 78 T12. Jared Anderson 80

T15. Blake Johnson 82 T25. Tanner Tiesen 86

ALT. Conner Price 85 **Girls Varsity:**

T11. Izzy Baisch 93 T11. McKenna Tiesen 93 T15. Mercedes Lamb 96 T29. Zayda Wesley 111

42. Danica Denowh 131

The varsity golf team traveled to Laurel Friday, Sept. 20, for the Laurel High School Invitational. The boys took third as a team led by Brady Collins who shot an 80 and the girls took second as a team led by Izzy Baisch who shot a 90.

> Complete results were: **Boys Varsity:**

T10. Brady Collins 80

T17. Jared Anderson 84 T20. Kaleb Price 86

27. Tanner Tiesen 89 T35. Blake Johnson 96

ALT. Conner Price 89 Girls Varsity:

6. Izzy Baisch 90 9. McKenna Tiesen 96 12. Mercedes Lamb 101 T18. Zayda Wesley 108

41. Danica Denowh 138 Next week the Eagles take on the Eastern A Divisional Tournament in Laurel. Good luck Eagles!





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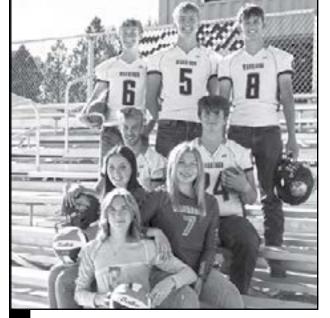
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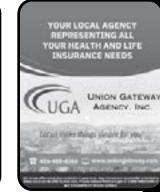


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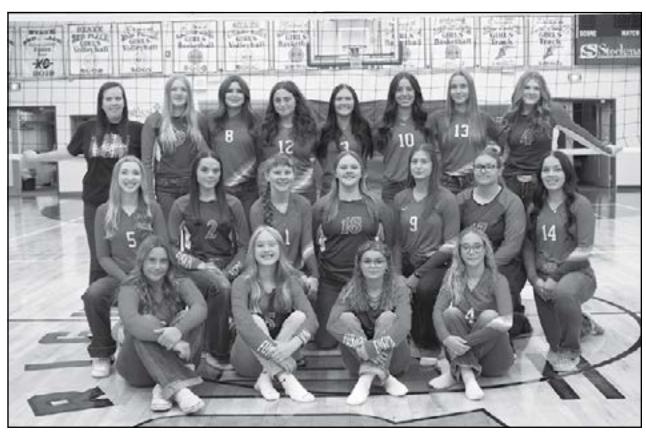
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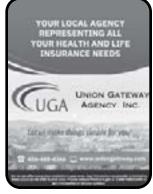


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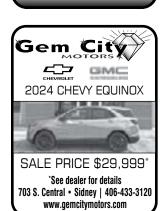




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Montana's Top Cop Has Failed

By Ben Alke, Candidate, **Montana Attorney General 2024**

The Attorney General is Montana's chief law enforcement officer and leads the Montana Highway Patrol. The person who holds that position should know how to protect Montanans, support officers and understand our constitutional rights.

Austin Knudsen has proved, once again, that he is not the right person for the job.

An internal survey of the Highway Patrol revealed serious problems with Knudsen's leadership. Montana is in the middle of a drug crisis and almost half the troopers are not optimistic about the leadership or direction of the agency. According to one trooper, the "organization is a sinking ship caused by the Attorney General micromanaging the MHP." Another commented that Knudsen "has no clue how to run the agency." The report made several recommendations to improve leadership and performance.

An effective leader would have implemented those recommendations and made the document available to the public. The report was paid for with public funds, does not contain sensitive personal information and is a public document under Article II, § 9 of the Montana Constitution, which provides:

No person shall be deprived of the right to examine documents or to observe the deliberations of all public bodies or agencies of state government and its subdivisions, except in cases in which the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure.

But Knudsen is not an effective leader. He responded by ignoring the recommendations and trying to cover up the report. He even terminated a respected highway trooper for sharing the report with colleagues.

The Attorney General is now trying to bully the press in a clumsy effort to hide his incompetence. The Daily Montanan, an online news outlet dedicated to fair and independent news coverage, published a copy of the report on its website. The Attorney General's office recently sent a "cease and desist" letter to the Daily Montanan, threatening it with legal action for making a public document available.

Knudsen's conduct is embarrassing and dangerous. The Attorney General cannot use his position to silence or intimidate reporters. In addition to Montanans' constitutional right to examine public documents, the First Amendment protects the freedom of the press, which helps ensure the government is held accountable to the people. The people of Montana have a right to know that the Attorney General is mismanaging the Highway Patrol.

The Attorney General should defend our constitutional rights-not violate them. Our upcoming election will afford Montana voters the chance to go in a different direction. Let's turn the page from Knudsen, away from the culture war nonsense and toward a serious commitment to common sense government with a focus on the issues that matter, like protecting the safety of Montanans and promoting access to public lands.

I'm a husband, father of four, fourth-generation Montanan, and an experienced attorney committed to fighting crime, supporting law enforcement and taking on drug traffickers. And I promise you, if I receive recommendations about improving law enforcement and supporting the highway patrol, I will not try to hide the report from the public or

Letter To The Eaitor

As I returned home from my eighth swing through the many small communities of eastern Montana, I was disappointed to learn from the PBS-YPR-Lee Newspapers debate coordinator that Commissioner Downey had not responded to staffing coordination requirements such that the big debate scheduled for Oct. 3 has been cancelled. That's unfortunate for eastern Montana's voters. I was looking forward to a cordial exchange of views. From my many visits in eastern Montana it's become clear to me that people want candidates to make an extra effort on their behalf. I would have gladly enjoyed responding to the generous offer by some of our principal news media to present this forum for exchanging ideas. After all that is exactly what will be expected of those who Montana sends to represent us in the United States Congress.

John B Driscoll, Candidate U.S. Congress Eastern Montana

Mid-Rivers Pays Out More Than \$1 Million in Capital **Credits**

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., recently released a payment of capital credits to the Cooperative's members and patrons, with a capital credit retirement totaling \$1,134,545.95. The 2024 retirement includes a portion of the 1996 patronage allocation and portion of the 2023 patronage allocation.

Retirement and payment of capital credits is made only if the financial condition of the cooperative permits, as determined by the Board of Trustees.

For the first time, Mid-Rivers was able to apply the retirement amounts as credits on active patron accounts this year, in response to requests from many patrons during previous years' retirements. All active patrons received their full capital credit retirement as a credit to their September bill, allowing every dollar of the retirement to go back to patrons rather than being lost in the mail or misplaced. The 2023 allocation amount is also printed on active patrons' September billing statement.

Checks to inactive patrons for the 2024 retirement will be mailed Aug 30, 2024.

Cooperative businesses are owned and democratically controlled by their members. Receiving a capital credit retirement is one of the many benefits of utilizing the services of a cooperative. Any profit is distributed to patrons in proportion to their use, or "patronage," of the cooperative's services. Mid-Rivers uses both the "first-in, first-out" and the percentage methods of distribution, allowing both new and past patrons the opportunity to share in the benefits of the cooperative by receiving capital credit payments.

Including the 2024 payment, Mid-Rivers has returned over \$57 million in capital credits to its patrons.

Guest Opinion: Scientists Seek Balance Between Crop **Production & Protecting Environment**

By Maribel Alonso

Scientists at the US-DA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPARL), Sidney, completed a study that shows the use of continuous cropping systems can better sustain crop yields while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in semi-arid regions.

NPARL research scientists Upendra M. Sainju, Brett L. Allen, and Jalal D. Jabro evaluated the effect of three long-term (34-year project) dryland cropping systems on GHG emissions and crop yields in the U.S. northern Great Plains. The objective was to evaluate improved cropping systems like continuous cropping, which involves growing crops annually and eliminating the summer fallow (unplanted field) period, for GHG emissions and sustainable crop yields in dryland

"The study revealed that long-term no-till continuous cropping systems can reduce GHG emissions while sustaining crop yields compared to the conventional till crop-fallow system, which is the traditional two-year crop rotation of dryland farming in the Northern Great Plains," explained Sainju.

As the demand for agricultural production increases, it is becoming more important to mitigate GHG emissions from croplands. Certain cropping systems, management practices, and use of nitrogen-based fertilizers add to the total emissions of N2O (nitrous oxide) and CH4 (methane) that contribute to the approximate 10% of the total GHG emissions coming from the agricultural sector.

Implementing innovative agricultural strategies that can maintain or increase crop yields while reducing GHG emissions has become critical. This is especially important in arid and semi-arid regions, which make up one-third of the global arable land and account for a significant portion of GHG emissions coming from crop

Scientists conducted the study on three different dryland cropping systems that had been producing crop yields and affecting soil health for 34 years. The three systems included notill continuous spring wheat. no-till spring wheat-pea, and conventional till spring wheat-fallow. The study tested N2O and CH4 gas emissions twice a week to once a month throughout the year and analyzed carbon sequestration rates from 2012 to 2019 and crop yields, GHG balance, and yield-scaled GHG balance from 2016 to 2018.

Overall, the no-till continuous cropping systems reduced net GHG balance by 66-149% compared to the conventional till crop-fallow

In looking at the two no-till continuous cropping systems studied, Sainju noted, "Although the notill continuous nonlegume cropping increased carbon sequestration rate and reduced GHG balance and

yield-scaled GHG balance, it reduced crop yield due to increased weed and pest pressure and enhanced soil acidity compared to the no-till legume-nonlegume rotation. Therefore, no-till legume-nonlegume rotation is an ideal cropping system to enhance crop yield and reduce GHG emissions compared to no-till continuous nonlegume cropping system in dryland cropping systems of the U.S. northern Great Plains."

The study is part of USDA-ARS ongoing longterm research on dryland cropping systems. Details about the latest study can be found in the Journal of Environmental Quality.

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Dickinson State University Agriculture Club Presents Educational Excursion To Japan To North Dakota Soybean Council

DICKINSON, ND - The Dickinson State University (DSU) Agriculture Club participated in study abroad this past May to Tokyo, Japan, and surrounding areas, where they had the chance to broaden their understanding of agriculture on a global scale. The primary goal of the trip was to compare agricultural practices in western North Dakota and eastern Montana with those in Japan, offering students a unique perspective on international systems.

Victoria Moreno, an active student in DSU's Agriculture Club, participated in the trip to Japan. She went into the trip with an array of topics to cover such as animal systems, automated farming, economic principles, and comparing Japanese culture to American culture. Moreno was able to learn more on these subjects, and how the practices are done in Japan compared to the United States. Moreno described the practices such as cattle branding as "grossly different". A striking difference between the aqriculture communities was that cattle ranchers in Japan do not brand their livestock, which is common practice in Western culture.

This educational opportunity expanded far bevond the goal of gaining agricultural knowledge. The students observed cultural practices firsthand. Moreno described the "small vet noticeable" difference between the two countries. The students learned new cultural norms, such as no

tipping for services, especially at restaurants. They observed that simple daily tasks are different in Japan, such as walking and driving, because they occur on the left side of the road instead of the right. Another concept the students experienced was that Japanese culture prioritized modesty when selecting their clothing. "We learned so much about opening our minds to practices around the world and how they affect products and services from the U.S." stated Moreno.

Moreno and her fellow Agriculture Club members felt their education benefited from this opportunity. To wrap up the experience, students who participated in this opportunity shared their findings with the North

Dakota Soybean Council (NDSC) in Fargo. The main topics of this presentation focused on the opportunity to meet with the USDA Japan Branch, the United States Meat Export Federation, and the United States Soybean Export Council. The experience of traveling to Japan for the DSU Agriculture Club would not have been possible without the generous contributions from the NDSC.

Members of the DSU Agriculture Club are thankful to everyone who contributed to making this trip a reality and are eager for more opportunities to explore agriculture on a global scale.

For more information on Dickinson State's agriculture programs, please visit dickinsonstate.edu/ag.









Arcand Search Continues

Submitted by **Badlands SAR**

Anyone that may frequent the Yellowstone River in Dawson and Richland County, Montana, or the Missouri River to Lake Sakakawea in North Dakota are being reminded to be on the lookout for a missing woman or anything that may be related to the case.

Missing since June 28, 2023, Renee Arcand, 34, of Wisconsin, was last known to be camping at the Fish Intake Campground in Dawson County, MT, along the Yellowstone River, 18 miles north of Glendive. The river at the time was at a high flow stage and water was present throughout all channels of the river valley. Her vehicle was with a companion camping with her at the time as were two small dogs. One dog also remains unaccounted for.

Search efforts performed since her disappearance have yielded no clues or evidence. The river basin in itself is challenging and vast with large swaths of deadfall, flood debris, caving

banks, and ever-changing topography of the river through the seasons.

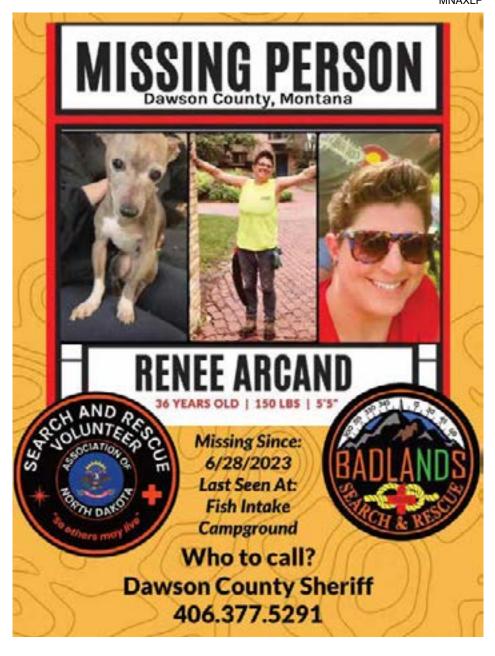
Ground and water searches have been done throughout Dawson County involving search and rescue personnel, K9s, watercraft. aircraft, and aerial drones along the river as well as roadways north and east of Glendive and while there was no witness to her disappearance, the likelihood that the river is involved has been the main focal point throughout the case.

The Dawson County Sheriff's Office and Dawson County SAR continue to collaborate and work in unified effort with Badlands SAR to search the many channels, sandbars, debris fields, and log jams for any clues related to this case. The river along this stretch has vast portions that are not frequented by humans most of the year, especially along the eastern side. There are also many islands that require watercraft to access.

On 8/22/2024, Badlands SAR continued with their assistance to Dawson County with aerial sUAS flights as they checked the area for a ground and water search to take place in the near future involving trained SAR teams. Authorities are asking that anyone fishing, boating, hunting, rockhounding, or otherwise in the area remain vigilant and given anything that seems unnatural or out of place a closer

Anyone that sees or locates anything they believe to be related to this case is asked to call 911 immediately and to not disturb or otherwise alter what is found. Leave it in place, as found. If possible, be sure to mark it by digital GPS as well as photograph or video the findings so that authorities can be given that to review upon responding given the likely challenging access to locations.

Any tips or information may also be reported to the Dawson County Sheriff's Office at 406.377.5291 or to your local law enforcement

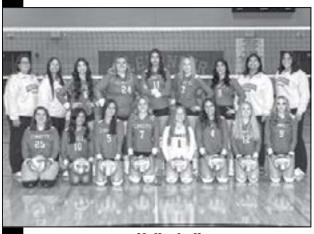


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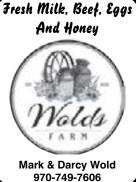
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(L-R): Back row: Max Hanson, Josh Chavez, Hunter Erwin, Kollin Klang, Aidan Pelton. Front row: Adi Schaff, Kari Hepper, Hope Cross, Fallon Sampsel Not Pictured: Addison Georg



Football:

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Apply today online at www.NDCF.net/McKenzie-County ("Apply for Grant" tab then "Apply Here" button). Applications are due by Sept. 29, 2024. The Foundation advisory committee will discuss the applications and determine grant awards shortly after the deadline.

The MCCF is a permanent endowment from which the local Advisory Committee takes applications, reviews, and grants out annual earnings based on the most pressing needs of the community, helping improve the quality of life in McKenzie County.

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Grant Administrator at Nicole@NDCF.net. We are here to serve you for the betterment of OUR community!

The McKenzie County Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides all forms of charitable services for the community such as committee training, marketing, endowment management, gift planning, annual audit, gift and grant processing: so that committees can focus on building the fund, making it a significant resource for the community.

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Tues., Oct. 1: Cold turkey or ham sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks,

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pears. Wed., Oct. 2: Chili, cinnamon rolls, mandarin or-

anges. Savage School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Tostados, refried beans, fresh veggies, fruit.

Fri., Sept. 27: No school. Mon., Sept. 30: Pizza pasta, cottage cheese, fresh veggies, breadsticks, pineapple.

Tues., Oct. 1: Slush burgers, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit.

Wed., Oct. 2: Breakfast for lunch.

Rau School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Chili, cinnamon rolls, pineapple tidbits.

Fri., Sept. 27: No school. Mon., Sept. 30: Chicken patties, loaded mashed potatoes, carrots, apples.

Tues., Oct. 1: Stroganoff, peas, mandarin oranges, dinners rolls. Wed., Oct. 2: Crazy chicken

casserole, garden salad, pears, biscuits.

Froid School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Sloppy joes, baked beans, macaroni salad, fruit, salad bar. Fri., Sept. 27: No school. Mon., Sept. 30: Teriyaki chicken rice, egg rolls, veggies, fruit, salad bar.

Tues., Oct. 1: Spanish rice, refried beans, chips/cheese, fruit, salad bar.

Wed., Oct. 2: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, veggies, buns, fruit, dessert,

Bainville School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Turkey sandwiches, apples, carrots, celery, salad bar. Fri., Sept. 27: Spaghetti, green beans, grapes, salad

Mon., Sept. 30: Chicken nuggets, tropical fruit, green beans, salad bar.

Richey School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Meatloaf, cross-cut potatoes, dinner rolls, oatmeal crisp, fruit, salad bar.

Fri., Sept. 27: Taco in a bag, pico de gallo, guacamole, fruit, salad bar.

Mon., Sept. 30: Ham, dinner rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, fruit, salad bar.

Tues., Oct. 1: Beef or chicken fajitas, bell peppers & onions, fruit, salad bar. Wed., Oct. 2: Tortellini soup, corn salad, pumpkin

bars, fruit, salad bar, Culbertson School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Turkey salad sandwiches, corn,

Fri., Sept. 27: Riblet sandwiches, baked beans, peaches.

Mon., Sept. 30: Hot dogs, fries, pears.

<u>Lambert School</u>

Thurs., Sept. 26: Quesadillas, fries, fruit. Fri., Sept. 27: Lunch in

Richey, taco in a bag. Mon., Sept. 30: Super potato oles, fresh veggies,

Fairview School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Teriyaki chicken, lo mein noodles, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).

Fri., Sept. 27: No school. Mon., Sept. 30: Corn dogs, potato wedges, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).

Tues., Oct. 1: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).

Wed., Oct. 2: Chef salad, garlic toast, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).

East Fairview School Thurs., Sept. 26: Hawaiian haystacks. Fri., Sept. 27: No school.

Mon., Sept. 30: Macaroni & cheese. Tues., Oct. 1: Street tacos.

Wed., Oct. 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes.

<u>Alexander School</u>

Thurs., Sept. 26: Build your own sandwiches, soup, fruit & vegetable bar. Fri., Sept. 27: No school.

Mon., Sept. 30: Build your own pizza, macaroni & cheese, fruit & vegetable

Watford City School

Thurs., Sept. 26: Chicken drumsticks or pepperoni pizza, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad bar, fruit, dinner rolls, chicken gravy.

Fri., Sept. 27: Garlic cheese French bread pizza or Smuckers uncrustables, veggie, salad bar, fruit, cookies.

Mon., Sept. 30: Oriental bowls or deli roll up pin wheels, veggie, salad bar, fruit, fried rice, egg rolls, fortune cookies.

Tues., Oct. 1: KFC spud bowls or corn dogs, veggie, salad bar, fruit, honey biscuits.

Wed., Oct. 2: Super beef nachos or ham & cheese on buns, pico, veggie, salad bar, fruit, cinnamon sugar churros, cheddar cheese sauce.

Bryan Cummins Benefit Set For Oct. 5 By Dianne

Swanson

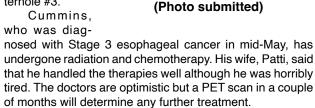
There will be a benefit for Bryan Cummins on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Waterhole #3 in Fairview. The silent auction runs from 4-7 p.m. with a free-will offering meal being served at 5 p.m. A live auction will follow at 8 p.m. Donations for the auctions may be dropped off with Kim at the Waterhole #3.

Cummins served as the mayor of Fairview for 32 years, had a long career as an electrician, and added a meat cutting business in the early '90s until an explosion destroyed the business. He had recently been cutting meat at Neu's Super Valu but had to give that up the beginning of August.

Patti said Tim has been great throughout this tough time. for their support. "We've had lots of support. This is a good



Bryan Cummins.



She also expressed their deep appreciation to everyone community," she said.

benefit on Saturday, Oct. 5.

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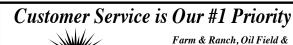




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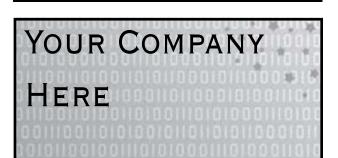






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The provisions regarding Recreational vehicles (4-11) and work force housing (4-6) are contained within the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance. The Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at www.McKenzieCounty.net. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until Friday, October 4, 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 Candy Lundgren at clundgren@ co.mckenzie.nd.us. You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions.

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Planning and Zoning Board

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at the Auditors Office. Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 11th day of September, 2024

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

MNAXLP

(Publish September 25 and October 2, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The McKenzie County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 7, 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 an application #14-24CUP to bring an existing fresh water depot into compliance. The property is located in S-33, T-149N, R-103W Parcel #26-00-01300.

The provisions regarding Fresh Water Depots (4-7) are contained within the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance. The 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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Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 11th day of September, 2024

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

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(Publish September 25 and October 2, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE THE MCKENZIE COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 Permit #13-24CUP submitted by Central Specialties INC. for installation of 15,000-gallon propane tank for shop use. The property is located at: S-07, T-149N R-98W, Parcel #633000900 and address of 12562 Zoe Rd in McKenzie County, ND.

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. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

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Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 5th day of September, 2024

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The McKenzie County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 7. 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 preliminary plat subdivision, #01-24SUB, per ordinance 5-10-3 of the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance to bring the Ag Expo into compliance. The property is located in S-34, T-150N, R-99W Parcel # 110012700.

The provisions regarding Sub-divisions regulations are contained within the McKenzie County Land Development 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. 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, October 4, 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 Candy Lundgren at clundgren@ 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 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 on the McKenzie County Website and at the Auditors Office. Dated at Watford City, North

Dakota, this 11th day of September, 2024 Candy Lundgren-Planner

McKenzie County Planning & **Zoning Department** Attest: Sandee Kimpel Planning Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MCKENZIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY. OCTOBER 7, 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 Rough Rider Operating LLC. The Applicant requests Conditional Use Permit #12-24 to bring an existing laydown yard in the Agricultural Zone into compliance This laydown yard is located in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4. Section 17, T-151N, R-98W, PID # 640008900, in McKenzie County, ND.

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. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

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LEGALS 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, October 1, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Interstate Engineering office, 2177 Lincoln Ave S.E., 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 Tuesday, October 1, 2024 to the County Planner. To request an accommodation for a disability, please contact the County Planner.

City/County Planning Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 7:00 PM

Interstate Engineering Office 2177 Lincoln Ave S.E., Sidney,

- 7:00 pm Meeting Call to Order
- President Trumpower 1. Roll Call: Verify Quorum
- 2. Approval of preceding meeting minutes:
- a. July 2, 2024

Items:

- 3. Petitions and Communications from audience (Public Comments):
- 4. Public Hearings: none 5. Regular Business/Action
- 6. Written Communications:
- 7. Reports from Planning Board
- Committees: None 8. Staff Reports: None
- 9. Discussions on land use issues in Richland County, City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview: None

10. Adjourn: Next Board meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 Dated at Sidney, Montana this

20th day of September, 2024 Rachel Lagua Richland County Contract Planner

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In re Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment

Docket 2024.09.092

September 18, 2024 **Notice of Application and** Intervention Deadline

1. On September 9, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU") filed its annual Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change ("Application") with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission"). MDU's Application requests adjustments to its current natural gas cost, the unreflected gas cost, and the deferred Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC") and Commission taxes, pursuant to its Rate 88 tariff. According to MDU, its requested adjustments will result in the following net rate changes: an increase of \$0.201/ dekatherm ("dk") for Residential & General Service customers; an increase of \$2.091/dk for Optional Seasonal customers; a decrease of \$0.153/dk for Contracted Demand customers; and an increase of \$0.096/dk for Small & Large Interruptible customers. MDU requests the adjustments become effective for natural gas service provided on and after October 1, 2024. 2. A copy of the filing is publicly available at the Commission's business office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, and online at the Commission's

website (psc.mt.gov) under Docket No. 2024.09.092. A copy of the filing may also be available at the office of the MCC, which represents consumer interests before the Commission, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 444-2771. Interested parties can register on the Commission's website to receive notice of filings in this docket. Instructions for subscribing to notices of filings are available at psc.

mt.gov/reddi-help. 3. The Commission invites any interested party affected by MDU's filing to intervene in this docket. To intervene, a party must file a petition to intervene with the Commission no later than October 4, 2024. A party seeking intervention must file an electronic petition on the Commission's website at reddi.mt.gov. All filings must be made in REDDI and hard copies are not required. A party seeking intervention must also mail a copy of the petition to MCC at P.O. Box 201703, Helena, MT 59620, and to MDU's attorneys, Michael Green and Madison Tyson, Crowley Fleck PLLP, 900 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 200, Helena, MT 59601.

4. The Commission invites members of the public who do not wish to formally intervene to submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620, or by email to pschelp@mt.gov. Public comment may also be submitted in REDDI. Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help (select 'Submit a Public Comment"). All comments received will be public records. Personal or private information should not be included in comments.

5. The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided in Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana Code Annotated: Title 38, Chapters 2 and 5 of the Montana Administrative Rules; and any prior orders of the Commission relevant to the issues presented.

DONE and DATED September 18, 2024, by the Montana Public Service Commission through delegation to staff.

JAMES BROWN, President JENNIFER FIELDER, Vice President

TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner

DR. ANNIE BUKACEK, Commissioner

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MONTANA SEVENTH **JUDICIAL** DISTRICT COURT,

RICHLAND COUNTY PROBATE NO. DP-42-2024-0000074-IT IN THE MATTER OF THE **ESTATE OF**

DENNIS LLOYD SCHEETZ, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the abovenamed estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed

to EMILYN SCHEETZ, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at The Savage Law Firm, PO Box 1105, Sidney, Montana 59270 or filed with the Clerk of the aboveentitled Court.

DATED this 17th day of September, 2024. **EMILYN SCHEETZ**

Personal Representative

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CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

The following is the complete text of Constitutional Initiatives No. 126, No. 127, and No. 128, which will be submitted to the voters of the state of Montana at the November 5, 2024, General Election. The text is being published per the requirement of 13-27-311 Montana Code Annotated.

THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 126 (CI-126)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Article IV of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 9 that reads:

Section 9. Top-four primary election for certain offices. (1) As used in this section. the term "covered office" means the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States senator, and other offices as provided by law.

(2) The election for a covered office must consist of a primary election followed by a general election in which each of the four candidates for a covered office who receive the most votes in the primary election, and only those candidates, shall appear on the general election ballot. (3) In an election for a covered office, the following conditions

(a) All candidates, regardless of political party preference, affiliation, nomination or lack of political party preference, affiliation, or nomination shall appear on the same primary election ballot separated by office.

(b) Qualified electors, regardless of political party preference or affiliation or a lack thereof, may participate in the primary election for each covered office for which they are eligible to

(c) Each qualified elector may vote for no more than one candidate for each office in the primary election.

(d) If it cannot be determined which four candidates received the most votes in the primary election because two or more candidates are tied, the tie shall be broken as provided by law. (e) If four or fewer candidates for a covered office quality for the primary election ballot, a primary election is not required and all candidates shall appear on the general election ballot.

(f) A space for write-in candidates may appear on the primary election ballot as provided by law.

(g) A candidate may not be required to obtain the endorsement or nomination of any political party or organization in order to qualify for the primary election ballot.

(h) If the legislature requires candidates to obtain signatures to qualify for the primary election ballot, the number of signatures required may not exceed 5% of the total votes cast for the candidate elected for the same office in the last general election for that office.

(i) A candidate may choose to have displayed next to the candidate's name on the ballot the candidate's preference for a political party or that the candidate prefers no political party. The format options must

be as follows: "Party Preference

or "No Party Preference." (i) The ballot may not indicate that a candidate has been endorsed by or nominated by any political party.

(k) Each ballot must include a clear and conspicuous statement informing voters that a candidate's indicated political party preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political party or that the political party approves of or associates with the candidate.

(4) This section may not be construed to amend, repeal, or modify Article VI, section 2 of the Montana constitution.

(5) This section does not apply to special elections for covered offices.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications. NEW SECTION. Section 3.

Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2025. NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies to elections for covered offices as defined in [section 1] held on

or after January 1, 2025. THE COMPLETE TEXT OF **CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE** NO. 127 (CI-127)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Article IV, section 5 of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended

Section 5. Result of elections. (1) As used in this section, the term "covered office" means the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States senator, and other offices as provided by law.

(2) In all elections held by the people for an office other than a covered office, the person or persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(3) In all elections held by the people for a covered office, the person receiving a majority of votes as determined as provided by law shall be declared elected. If it cannot be determined which person received a majority of votes because two or more persons are tied, the elected person shall be determined as provided by law.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Severability. If part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2025. NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies

to elections held on or after January 1, 2025. THE COMPLETE TEXT OF **CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE**

NO. 128 (CI-128) Article II of The Constitution of The State of Montana is amended by adding a new

section 36 that reads: Section 36. Right to make decisions about pregnancy.

(1) There is a right to make and carry out decisions about one's own pregnancy, including the right to abortion. This right shall not be denied or burdened unless justified by a compelling government interest achieved by the least restrictive means. (2) The government may

regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability provided that in no circumstance shall

the government deny or burden access to an abortion that, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or health of the pregnant

patient.

(3) The government shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against a person based on the person's actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes. The government shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against a person for aiding or assisting another person in exercising their right to make and carry out decisions about their pregnancy with their voluntary consent.

(4) For the purposes of this section:

(a) A government interest is "compelling" only if it clearly and convincingly addresses a medically acknowledged, bona fide health risk to a pregnant patient and does not infringe on the patient's autonomous decision making.

(b) "Fetal viability" means the point in pregnancy when, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

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CALL FOR BIDS - GRAVEL CRUSHING - 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the thirtieth (30th) day of September at 11:00 a.m., in their office at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the crushing of gravel in various gravel pits within the county. Specifications may be obtained by contacting Interstate Engineering in Sidney at 406-433-5617 or by emailing ryan.kopp@interstateeng.com. No bids shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of no less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing the complete bid specification and marked "GRAVEL CRUSHING - 2025".

This material procurement solicitation is intended to be offered in accordance with Section 18-4-303 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 2.5.602 and any such statute, rule or regulation relating to non-discrimination. It is the vendor's obligation to comply with these requirements. Late delivery due to mailing services will not be accepted; or electronic submittals.

Accordingly, the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and further to waive defects or irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County. Dated at Sidney, Montana this 9th day of September, 2024 Duane Mitchell, Chairman, Richland County Commissioners.

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Daniel Eakin Eakin & Berry, PLLC d/b/a 406 Law 609 S. Central Ave., Suite 16 Sidney, Montana 59270 Telephone: 406-694-3174 Attorney for the Petitioner **MONTANA SEVENTH**

JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, **RICHLAND COUNTY** IN THE MATTER OF THE

ADOPTION OF: E.Y.C., a Minor Child,

JASMIN and WILLIE TOLER, Petitioners. Cause No. DA-42-2024-1

Judge Katherine M. Bidegaray NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND TO TERMINATE ANY **BIOLOGICAL FATHER'S** PARENTAL RIGHTS:

TO: Robert Alvin Carr: Please take notice that at 9:00 a.m., October 2, 2024, in the Richland County District Court courtroom, Richland County Law and Justice Center, 300 12th Avenue NW, Sidney, Montana, 59270, the Petitioners will bring for hearing their Petition to adopt the above-named minor child and terminate your parental rights as the biological father. The Court's phone number is 406-433-5939. The child was born on October 7, 2013, and her mother is Bre'ana Lynette Carr. The Petitioner's attorney is Daniel Eakin, whose mailing address is 609 S. Central Avenue, Suite 16, Sidney, Montana 59270; and whose phone number is 406-694-3174. Failure to respond to this notice or appear at the hearing will constitute a waiver of your interest in the minor child and result in the Court's termination of your parental rights to the child and the granting of the Petition for adoption. Responses to this notice may be filed with the Richland County Clerk of District Court's office.

Dated: September 2, 2024 Daniel Eakin

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Lee E. Armstrong ARMSTRONG LAW OFFICE, P.C. P.O. Box 1327 212 South Central Avenue Sidney, Montana 59270 Telephone (406) 433-7700 Fax (406) 433-7720 ATTORNEY FOR CO-**TRUSTEES**

MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST UNDER THE LAST WILL AND **TESTAMENT OF** HENRY ELM, Deceased. Probate No. DP-42-1949-

0001547 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR **APPOINTMENT AS**

CO-TRUSTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HANNA JEPSEN, Petitioner, has filed herein his Petition for Appointment as Co-Trustee of the Trust under the Last Will and Testament of Henry Elm, deceased, which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of the above Court. A hearing on the Petition will be held and conducted in the Courtroom of the aboveentitled Court, located at the Law and Justice Center, 300 12th Avenue NW, Sidney, Richland County, Montana, on Wednesday, the 16th of October, 2024, at 11:00

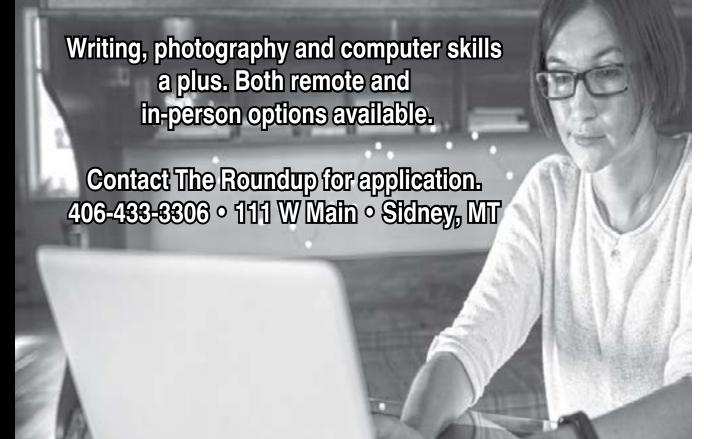
The Court is asked to settle and approve the Petition. Any objections or exceptions thereto must be filed with the Clerk of said Court on or before the date of hearing. DATED this 26th day of August, 2024.

By Janice Klempel Clerk of District Court

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Freelance Writing **Opportunity** For **Watford City McKenzie County Areas**



Fairview Warriors Top Broadus Hawks 61-0 At Homecoming Friday

By Keri McPherson Homecoming in Fairview was another successful

game on the gridiron. The Warriors jumped out to an early lead and didn't look was 34-0 and expanded to

The first quarter score

54-0 at halftime. After another quick score in the third quarter making the score 61-0, the JV unit finished the game.

Tyler Loan was 9-10 passing for 220 yards and 3 touchdowns while adding 93 yards on the ground and two more touchdowns on two carries. He also intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown. Add to that, seven PAT kicks and the Homecoming King had a night to remember! Wyatt McPherson had a rushing and receiving touchdown, Troy Karst had a rushing touchdown, Keegan Skogas and Ryan Lustig each had a receiving touchdown and Lustig took the opening kickoff 68 yards for a touchdown.



Homecoming Queen Kambre Kloker and King Tyler Loan wave during the parade. (Photo by Keri **McPherson Photography)**

The Warrior defense was once again very stout keeping the Hawks out of the end zone. The varsity unit has only given up 18 points in four games. Next week, the Warriors travel to Plentywood.

In volleyball action Fairview went 3 for 3 Over MonDak Thunder Saturday, Sept. 21. 25-18, 25-14, 25-8.



Fairview's Keegan Skogas breaks through tackles before being pushed out of bounds by Broadus. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Fairview's Macy Tjelde gets the kill against MonDak Thunder. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

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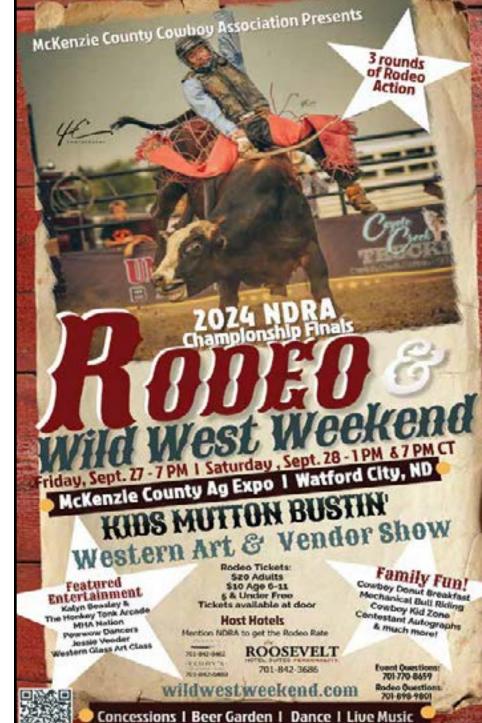


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