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## Ken Babcock Featured On 2024 Old Timers' Festival Button

By Dianne Swanson

To hundreds of Fairview alumni, he will always be "Mr." Babcock. To the community, he has been a staunch supporter of everything Fairview. He is being recognized for that dedication by the Fairview Old Timers' Reunion and Summer Festival committee by being chosen as this year's button honoree.

Babcock was recruited to teach 5th grade by then Fairview Superintendent Joe Kojancek, while still doing his student teaching at Valley City College. "There was a huge shortage of teachers in 1963," Babcock explained. "Plus, he offered \$3500 a year, \$3600 if I would coach 5th and 6th grade basketball. That was more than I could make in eastern North Dakota, and the superintendent would find us housing," he added. After careful consideration, he and his new wife, Carolyn, relocated from southeastern North Dakota with the solemn promise to each other that they would only stay one year.

After that first year, they discussed it again with Babcock concerned about his resume if he left after only one year. They agreed to one more year but only with better housing. There was not too much discussion after that as they got to know

people. The Babcocks purchased their home in 1967, which has always been a favorite trick or treat stop.

Babcock retired after 36 years in the Fairview School system. He taught 5th grade for the first three years, then social studies and P.E. to 7th and 8th graders for the last 33. He also coached mostly 8th grade basketball for a long time. He's also sure most of his students will remember him singing "Check-up Time".

Originally in the old part of the school, which no longer exists, Ken's first 5th grade classroom was right across from the lunch room, a position he credits with putting on a few pounds! After 1 1/2 years, they moved to the new elementary wing.

A favorite memory Babcocks shared, involved their first trip across the Snowden Bridge with Harold and Charlene Helland to celebrate his first paycheck, and being terrified that they were going to be hit by an oncoming train. "We entertained lots of others after that," Babcock said, laughing.

In addition to teaching, Babcock served on City Council for eight years and was a member of the Montana Education Association, and Fairview Lions and Jaycees until both clubs disbanded. He also served on the Zion Lutheran Church

council and was president of the Athletic Club for a time. He is still an Elks Club member.

Ken and Carolyn have been married for 61 years and raised three children in Fairview. "They got a good education in Fairview. They've done well," Ken said proudly.

Lynn received her education degree from Eastern Montana College in Billings, taught for two years in Warwick, ND, then returned to Fairview where she taught at Eastside for 16 years, retired from Westside after 18 more, and recently won election to the school board. She is married to Del Shelmerdine and together they have one daughter, Cattie, and twin sons, Cody and Kyle. By the way, they all graduated from good ol' Fairview High School.

Lori also received her teaching degree from Eastern Montana College, taught for three years in Chester, MT, got married to Greg Adkins and is starting her 33rd year teaching in Kalispell. She and Greg have two sons; Brock who is married to Natalie and resides in Denver, CO, and Mac who will be a sophomore at the University of Arizona this fall.

Steve earned an education degree from Minot State College but it didn't take him long subbing in the Kalispell



area to decide teaching was not for him. He went on to earn his law degree from Grand Forks and is now the head of the Billings Office of Federal Public Defenders. Steve and his wife, Kimberly, have one son, Charlie, and one daughter, Josie. Steve still proudly answers that he's from Fairview even though he hasn't lived there since graduating in 1993!

Last New Year's Eve, Ken and Carolyn became great grandparents for the first time, a huge highlight in their lives! Lynn and Dell's daughter Cattie and her husband Mark Dunaway, Billings, MT, became proud parents to a baby girl, McK-

enzie Cole.

As you can see, to Ken and Carolyn, family is everything and that is what Fairview has always been to both of them...family. Babcock is very humble about receiving the button honor. "It's been great. There are so many good memories," he said of his years in Fairview. "I've had so much support from Carolyn. She held the family together." "I was along for all the fun!" Carolyn said.

Please join in recognizing Babcock for his years of service during the program at the gazebo after the Grand Parade Saturday, July 20.



## Suspect Arrested in High Speed Pursuit



Photo submitted

Submitted by McKenzie County Sheriff Department

43 year-old male arrested after high speed pursuit goes from McKenzie County to Billings County.

On June 27, 2024 at approximately 9:11pm (CDT) a deputy with the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office attempted to conduct a traffic stop near Highway 85 and Zoe Road in McKenzie County, North Dakota. The reasoning for the traffic stop was high speeds.

The gray 2020 GMC Sierra continued southbound on Highway 85 at a high rate of speed, failing to stop, therefore a pursuit was initiated. With all the rain we received prior to this pursuit, it was a nice way for our deputies and surrounding agencies to dry off their vehicles, which didn't take long considering speeds got up to 120 mph.

With the help of surrounding agencies, the vehicles tires were eventually deflated with the use of spike strips near mile marker 84 on Highway 85. It took this driver approximately 55 miles to realize he was being chased by the police. But it doesn't end there...

Alfred Lee Clark (43), exited the vehicle and decided he didn't want to comply with verbal commands. After verbal commands were unsuccessful, Clark was tased and taken into custody.

Clark had an active arrest warrant and was charged with the following;

- Felony DUI
- DUI-Refusal (didn't want to give us a breath sample)
- Reckless Endangerment
- DUS (suspended driver's license)
- Preventing Arrest

Of course Clark is presumed innocent of the above charges until the matter is dealt with in a court of law.

Special thanks to the Watford City Police Department, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Billings County Sheriff's Office and the Dunn County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this pursuit!

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## WREC Field Day Scheduled For July 10 & 11



Charlie Lim



Kyle Dragseth

By Katelyn Sponheim

The Williston Research Extension Center will host their annual Field Days July 10 and 11 at their Williston and Ray locations. The Dryland/Horticulture Tour will start Wednesday, July 10, at 3 p.m. CT with registration, and the welcome and tour starting at 4 p.m. The location for the first tour is 14120 Hwy. 2 W., Williston. The Irrigated Field Day on July 11 will take place at the Nesson Valley Irrigated Research site at 5154 112th Ave. NW, Ray, ND.

Tentatively, stop one on the tour will be "Maintaining Markets with Research Information", and Edson Ncube topic will be "Grain Quality: 2023 DON Levels in Durum and HRSW in Western, ND". Stop two is "Technology and Management", and the new Wintersteiger No Till Research Planter, and its electronic precision and mechanics will be covered. Gautam Pradham will speak on "Feasibility of growing a new oil crop in the MonDak Region," and Justin Jacobs will discuss "Intercropping and managing for In-Field

Productivity." Stop three is "Focusing on the MonDak Region's Contributions to Leadership in Key Oilseeds," with Dr. Rahman presenting on Canola and Flax varieties.

Stop four is "Foundation Seed"; Brian Otteson's topic is "An Advance Look at NDSU varieties to benefit the regions producers," Kyle Dragseth's "Varieties coming forward at the Williston REC," and David Weltkol's "Optimizing WREC Seed Increase Program with commercial technologies." For Stop five, "Protecting from Weed Pressures," Charlie Lim will cover "Kochia and other weeds to monitor and control". Stop six is "Cover Crop: Protecting our Resource Productivity", where Chris Augustin will share "Cover Crop Demonstration" and Keith Brown "Cover Crop Mix Trials." The last stop of the day, stop seven, "Soil Health and Productivity" has Jim Staricka discussing changing conditions that have impacted soil productivity and expected responses to management strategies, and what they

have seen at WREC. Chris Augustin will close with "Lime recommendations for challenged fields."

Also speaking during the Horticulture Field Day will be Dr. Thomas Kalb, Extension Horticulturist and Kyla Splichal, City Arborist; their topics have yet to be announced. Rojee Chipalu-Pradhan, Horticulture Specialist, will have a presentation on Haskaps. After the tour, at 7 p.m., a steak and lamb dinner, sponsored by local businesses, will be served to attendees.

The Irrigated Field Day at Nesson on July 11 will open with Registration at 8:30 a.m., and the tour starting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and is sponsored by Agri-Industries.

Justin Jacobs, WREC Irrigation Specialist, will speak on variety trials and intercropping. Wade Webster, NDSU Soybean Pathology Specialist will cover soybean diseases and Andrew Friskop, NDSU Extension Pathologist, small grain diseases. Discussing weed trials at Nesson Valley, will be WREC extension weed spe-

cialist, Charlie Lim. NCREC Weed scientist Brian Jenks will give his talk on "Managing Resistance Weeds in the Mondak Region". Tyler Tjelde, Irrigation Agronomist will give a Nesson Valley research update.

NDSU Soybean breeder techs Gustavo and Cole will speak on VT's and drought experiments. Rob Proulx, NDSU ABEN, will share information on farm technology. Lastly, Dr. Rah-

man will tentatively be presenting on a flax and canola topic.

The NDSU Development Foundation will be giving out free handouts and door prizes during the tour, and the STOP THE BLEED training will be available to those who registered before the event.

Schedule may be subject to change without notice.

## Kiwanis Pie Social July 12

The Sidney Kiwanis Club will be serving up its delicious pie along with a full meal of burgers and brats with all the trimmings on Friday, July 12 at the Sidney Middle School. Serving times are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy the full meal for only \$12 or a piece of pie for \$5. Whole pies after noon are just \$18 if available. All proceeds go to serving children in a myriad of ways.

Anyone with a large order is asked to pre-order by calling or texting 406-794-2304.

Kiwanis would like to express its deep appreciation to this year's sponsors: Full Pie: Tri-County Implement, Interstate Engineering, Cape Air and Dasinger Oil Properties. Slice of Pie: Beagle Properties, Stockman Bank, Reynolds Market. Ice Cream Cup: 406 Sprinklers, MonDak Groundskeepers, Wheeler, Bieber & Associates, Netzer, Krautter & Brown PC, Misty the Groomer. Many in-kind donations also make this event possible and Kiwanis thanks everyone for their generosity.



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**Congregate Meals:**  
**Fairview:** Mon. & Wed., 11:30 a.m., 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
**Sidney:** Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
**Savage:** Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980  
**Lambert:** Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Activities/Cards**  
**Fairview: Men/Cards,** Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;  
**Women's Cards:** Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
**Sidney:** Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
**Lambert:** Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Senior Commodity Distribution (Change)**  
 2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

**AREA RECOVERY GROUPS**

**MONDAYS:**  
 12 p.m. - **Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.  
 12 p.m. - **"We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City** - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.  
 7 p.m. - **Hope For Today Al-Anon Family Group Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.  
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.  
 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.  
**TUESDAYS:**  
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.  
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228  
 7 p.m. - **24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.  
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
 6:45 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery, Watford City** - Assembly of God (1st Wed. of month 6 p.m. Potluck)  
 7 p.m. - **24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.  
**THURSDAYS:**  
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.  
 7 p.m. - **Al-Anon Meeting, Watford City** - Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.  
 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.  
**FRIDAYS:**  
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side  
 8 p.m. - **NA Meetings, Watford City** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.  
**SATURDAYS:**  
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.  
 7 p.m. - **24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.  
**SUNDAYS:**  
 1 p.m. - **Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview** - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.  
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.  
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**

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Current Elevation.....1842.1  
 Last Week's Elev.....1841.4  
 One Year Ago.....1839.4  
 Release For Day (C.F.S.).....22,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 24	86	57	0.000
June 25	86	52	0.000
June 26	76	50	0.000
June 27	81	56	0.130
June 28	71	52	0.090
June 29	67	51	0.000
June 30	77	47	0.270
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....			5.910

# OBITUARIES

## Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom), 75, St. George, UT (formerly of Fairview, MT)

Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom), 75, St. George, UT, (formerly of Fairview, MT) passed away Nov. 18, 2023.

He was born in Williston, ND, on March 10, 1948 to Jeannette (Terry) R. Thomas (Taylor) and Gaar M. Thomas, Jr.

Tom spent his early years in Fairview growing up with his two brothers, Dale and Jerry (Dewey). The three brothers were always doing things together like fishing, hiking, swimming, waterskiing; also playing pool, bowling, football, basketball and baseball. He attended Fairview High School participating in numerous sporting activities before graduating in 1966. Following his high school graduation, he spent one year at Eastern Montana College before joining the U.S. Navy and serving his country from 1967-1971. His years in the Navy had him serving on a supply ship bringing critical supplies to our troops in Vietnam.

Following his military service, Tom re-enrolled at Eastern Montana College studying chemistry during the 1973-74 school year before entering the workforce. Upon leaving college he went to work for Conoco Oil, Billings, MT, for two years before leaving to help his brother Dale's hole service business cleaning up after seismograph exploration. Following that, Tom moved on to other various jobs before deciding to "Hit the Road". He would go on many extended travels by car to all parts of the country, working in many part-time jobs, but never staying long before deciding to hit the road again. Although Tom did stay in Oregon long enough to get his college degree in hospitality management. He never wanted to be tied down, he never married, never stayed in one location for very long.

Following his many years on the road he eventually found his permanent home. In 2011, he purchased a condominium in St. George, UT, retired and remained there until his death.

Tom generally enjoyed his many travels, discussing religion and politics with anyone he met during those ventures years. His brothers, Dale and Dewey, would stop and see him during the later years to catch up on the prior year's activities. And, of course resume discussions on religion and politics.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Gaar (2000) and mother Jeanette (2010). He is survived by his two brothers, Dale L. Thomas (Regina) and Jerry S. (Dewey) Thomas, Great Falls, MT.

A graveside service and remembrance will be held at the Richland Memorial Park, south of Sidney, MT, at 10 a.m. on July 19, 2024.



Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom)

## Great Northern Development Corp. Celebrates 30 Years of Economic Development & Community Transformation In NE Montana

Wolf Point – Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC) is proud to announce the celebration of its 30th anniversary. Since its inception, GNDC has been dedicated to fostering economic growth and revitalizing the local economy across the six counties it serves: Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Garfield, and McCone.

Over the past three decades, GNDC has played a pivotal role in transforming the communities within Northeast Montana. Through a variety of initiatives and programs, GNDC has successfully supported small businesses, facilitated job creation, and enhanced the overall quality of life for residents in the region.

**Key Highlights of GNDC's Impact:**  
**Economic Growth:** GNDC has assisted in the birth and expansion of numerous businesses, providing essential support from initial ideas to successful, sustainable operations. Our efforts have led to significant job creation, contributing to the economic vitality of the region.

**Community Revitalization:** By working closely with local governments, businesses, and community organizations, GNDC has been instrumental in various community development projects. These initiatives have improved infrastructure, increased access to essential services, and created vibrant community spaces.

**Business Support:** Our comprehensive services, including confidential business counseling, access to low-interest loans, and technical assistance, have empowered entrepreneurs and small business owners to thrive in a competitive environment. GNDC's support has been crucial in helping businesses navigate challenges and seize growth opportunities.

**Education and Training:** Through programs such as the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Minnow Tank competition, GNDC has provided valuable education and training to aspiring entrepreneurs and established business owners. These programs have equipped participants with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in today's complex business landscape.

As we celebrate this milestone, GNDC remains committed to driving economic development and enhancing the prosperity of Northeast Montana. Our ongoing efforts will continue to focus on fostering innovation, supporting local businesses, and building strong, resilient communities.

"Reflecting on the past 30 years, we are incredibly proud of the positive changes we have made in our communities. Our success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, partners, and the people of Northeast Montana. We look forward to continuing our mission of economic development and community transformation for many years to come," said Tori Matejovsky, Great Northern Development Corporation executive director

For more information about GNDC and our services, please visit [www.gndc.org](http://www.gndc.org) or contact us at 406-653-2590.

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### RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Wed., July 3, 6:30 p.m. & Thurs., July 4, 5 a.m. Lambert's Old Fashioned 4th of July 2024** - July 3: Fun Run/Walk, Street Dance with Midlife Crisis & more. - July 4: Church service, parades, music, BBQ meal, Ping Pong Ball Drop, inflatables/water slide, pie/goodie social, cornhole tournament, bingo, adult softball, fireworks & more.  
**Thurs., July 4**  
 Dusk - **Sidney Chamber of Commerce Presents 4th of July Fireworks** - Fireworks will be blasting off from the Sidney Country Club.

**Mon., July 8**  
 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament** - Sidney Country Club, 2250 W. Holly St.  
 6-9 p.m. - **Orientation for the Hunter-Bowhunter Education Class** - Richland Co. Extension Office. The **Hunter-Bowhunter Education** class will be July 16-19, 6-9 p.m. & field day, July 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration is currently open online at [FWP.mt.gov](http://FWP.mt.gov). Attendance is required for all days. The field day is open to a limited number of online students. Age requirement: 10 years old by July 8 for Hunter Education & 11 years old for Bowhunter Education.

**Mon., July 8-Wed., July 10**  
 6-8:30 p.m. - **Ebenezer Congregational Church Vacation Bible School** - 5 years-6th grade, to pre-register text 406-973-8820, 118 4th Ave. NW.  
**Thurs., July 11**  
 4-5:30 p.m. - **Water Fight Cool Off With The Cops** - Free to everyone. Sunset Village, 1033 6th St. SW.  
**Fri., July 12**  
 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - **Sidney Kiwanis Club Pie Social** - Enjoy delicious pies along with a full meal or burgers & brats with all the trimmings. Sidney Middle School. Meals \$12; piece of pie, \$5. Whole pies after noon \$18 if available. For large orders pre-order by calling or texting 406-794-2304.

**Sat., July 13**  
 4-9 p.m. - **Sunset Fest** - Artists, crafters, pop-up shops, food trucks, small businesses, direct sellers, musicians. Veterans Memorial Park.  
 5 p.m. - **Quick Draw & Art Auction at Sunset Fest** - Veterans Park. This is a chance for viewers to watch art being created right before their eyes. Get a bidder number at MDHC table for the Art Auction at 6 p.m.  
**Saturdays, July 13- Oct. 12**  
 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland Co. Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St NW & 2nd Ave NW. For updates visit the Richland County Farmers Market Facebook page.

**Thurs., July 18, 5 p.m.-Fri., July 19, 1 p.m. 2024 Bordertown Hoopfest - Fairview** - 3 on 3 Tourney. 3rd grade-adult. For more info contact Mel Hurley, 406-480-0184 or Trish Buxbaum, 406-489-0390.  
**Fri., July 19, 5 p.m.; Sat., July 20, 6:30 a.m., & Sun., July 21, 10:15 a.m.**  
**78th Annual Fairview Old Timers' Reunion & Summer Festival** - Sharbono Park unless stated otherwise. July 19: "Hamburgers in the Park", registration of old timers & great entertainment. July 20: Free breakfast, "Car Show" + food & other vendors. "Kiddie Parade" & "Grand Parade". Presentation of button honoree, Ken Babcock. "Ice Cream Social", Senior Citizen's Center. Music & more. July 21: Sunday church service. For more info visit "Old Timers Reunion & Fairview Festival Facebook page."

### McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.  
**Thurs., July 4**  
 10 a.m.-10 p.m. - **Arnegard's 4th of July Celebration** - Parade, run/walk, lunch, vendors, music & more. Fireworks show to follow. Nelson Park.  
**Fri., July 5 & Sat., July 6**  
 7 p.m. - **NTPA Nationals Truck & Tractor Pull** - Featuring top drivers & vehicles of truck & tractor pulling. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo. For more info visit [www.mcgagexpo.com](http://www.mcgagexpo.com).

**Fri., July 5-Sun., Sept. 8**  
 10 a.m. - **Daphne Johnson Clark: Badlands Gallery Show** - Long X Arts Foundation Gallery.  
**Sat., July 6**  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Clay Day** - For seasoned artists or beginners. Cost \$25. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.  
**Mon., July 8-Wed., July 10**  
**Mni-Hota Elite Volleyball Camp at Alexander School** - Grades 7-12: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Grades 4-6 1:30-3:30 p.m. Registration \$50, bring first day of camp. For more info visit <https://www.alexanderschoolnd.us/>

**Tues., July 9**  
 10 a.m. - 2nd-4th grade; 11 a.m. 5th-7th grade - **Ag In The Classroom Stem Classes** - Kids will have the opportunity to learn all about pigs & engage in a hands-on activity! 12880 25th St. NW. For more info visit [www.mcgagexpo.com](http://www.mcgagexpo.com) or call 701-842 EXPO.  
 6-8 p.m. - **Shibori Tie-Dye Patterns & Techniques** - Ages 12+ recommended. Cost: \$22/person Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

**Fri., July 12, 7 p.m. & Sat., July 13, 10 a.m.**  
**Missoula Children's Theater Presents Pinocchio** - Admission: Free will offering. Watford City High School Performing Arts Center, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway.  
**Sat., July 13**  
 8 a.m.-2 p.m. - **McKenzie County Annual Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Collection Event/New Ag Collection Event** - Open to all McKenzie County residents, no business, commercial, or oilfield waste will be accepted. McKenzie County Public Works, 1300 12th St. SE. For more info call 701-586-3445.  
**Sat., July 13 - Watford City Homefest**

Events at Tourist Park unless otherwise listed. Homefest Run - Register at [roughridercenter.com](http://roughridercenter.com). - COED 4s Mud Volleyball Tournament to register visit [watfordcityparks.com](http://watfordcityparks.com). - Art In The Park - Art vendors at the park & First International Bank Gallery all day. - Baby Pageant: "Under The Big Top" - For more info contact Beaver Creek Kids, 701-495-2480, [beavercreekcreations@gmail.com](mailto:beavercreekcreations@gmail.com). - Art In The Park Foam Party - Music, dancing, games & a sea of foam bubbles. - Talent Contest - For more info call 701-770-8659 or email [longxart@gmail.com](mailto:longxart@gmail.com) or visit <https://longxarts.com/event/homefest-talent-contest-2024/>. - Cornhole Tournament - Watford City Main St. Pre-registration only [watfordcityparks.com/events](http://watfordcityparks.com/events).

**Tues., July 16**  
 2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. Fore more info go to McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page, for questions or concerns call 701-444-3244.

### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.  
**Thurs., July 4**  
 6:30-9:30 p.m. - **2024 Williams County Parks Summer Concert Series "Jossey & The Whalers" At Blacktail Dam Campground** - Free concert open to the public. Restrooms available, bring your own snacks & chairs.  
**Thurs., July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
 5-9 p.m. - **Summer Nights On Main** - Come to downtown Williston for incredible live music, amazing food, drinks, kids' activities & more.  
**Mon., July 15 & Aug. 19**  
 6:30 p.m. - **Draggin' Main Mondays** - A night of cruising Main St. start at the old Red Rock Ford lot, 2nd St. E., & ending with a car show & food trucks at the Soda Shack/ ACE Hardware parking lot. Bring a chair.

### DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Thurs., July 4**  
 10-11 a.m. - **July 4th Parade Followed by "Summer of Freedom" Trump Rally** - Parade down Merrill Ave. The Trump Rally at EPEC. Potluck dinner, greet the Donald Trump impersonator & more.



# Montana State's Eastern Ag Research Center Blends High-Tech Analysis With Diverse On-Farm Explorations

**By Reagan Cotton, MSU News Service**  
 BOZEMAN — Eastern Montana may be typecast for its sparse population and rolling landscape, but its vast expanses make it an optimal region for the state's largest

industry. Along the Yellowstone River near the North Dakota border, Montana State University's Eastern Agricultural Research Center serves 13 counties that produce nearly three quarters of Montana's

pulse crop acreage, which leads the nation, and almost half its wheat.

Serving such a wide area can be a tall order for a facility with less than 200 acres for both dryland and irrigated research. By collaborating with producers to conduct off-station experiments, the EARC team is building on decades of crop research to ensure that eastern Montana remains the breadbasket of the state, a leader in pulse crop production and a testbed for emerging agricultural technology and alternative and specialty crops.

"Eastern Montana has diverse climate, soil, crops and production systems, which makes research in the region uniquely challenging," said Chengci Chen, EARC superintendent. EARC is one of seven facilities in MSU's Department of Research Centers overseen by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station.

The agricultural industry around Sidney has historically been dominated by sugar beets, and EARC scientists have conducted variety selection and testing at the station as well as on farmers' fields to maximize sugar content and yield, with long-term success.

Chen, an agronomist who has been EARC superintendent for nine years, estimated that over the past decade, average sugar beet yield has improved by 0.8 tons per acre each year, along with a small annual increase in sugar concentration — both critical metrics. He also led a project funded by a USDA Western Sustainable Research and Education grant to study the feasibility of no-till planting for sugar beets. The project showed that no-till led to similar yield and sucrose concentration but cost less compared to conventional

tillage.

While sugar beets remain an important crop in the region, the closure of a large local beet processing facility in 2023 changed regional needs, and EARC research adapted. As producers have begun growing more soybeans, dry beans, canola and corn, EARC scientists are testing to select adaptable, high-yielding varieties for the region, as well as studying optimal fertility management strategies.

"With the crop species and production systems shifting from sugar beet to other alternative crops, new agronomic technology, including cultivar selection, seeding date and rate, fertility, weed and disease management needs to be developed," said Chen.

When it comes to dryland research, Chen and William Franck, EARC research scientist, continue to lead the statewide pulse crop variety testing program. They collaborate with plant breeders and other research centers at MSU, North Dakota State University, the USDA and private companies to test pea, lentil and chickpea varieties across Montana. Chen said the work has led to the release of several new crop varieties and contributed to pulse crops' expansion in Montana — increasing from less than 50,000 acres harvested annually two decades ago to leading the nation with over 1 million acres.

Chen's team also conducts variety trials for wheat, barley and durum at the research center and on farmers' fields in four eastern Montana counties.

"Testing new crop species and varieties is important for innovation, but adapting and establishing a new crop industry takes a persistent and long-term effort," he said.

Chen is also exploring another frontier of crop research with a project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Led by Chaofu Lu in the College of Agriculture's Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology, the project is examining camelina's potential as a source of oil for industrial and bioenergy uses.

EARC serves more than 30,000 square miles of Montana, and producers around the region have long been its partners, volunteering test plots on their own land for research projects. Some of the partnerships have been going strong for 40 years or more, said Chen, allowing EARC to test new crops and varieties in various environments for adaptation and performance.

The center is also home to a unique plant pathology research program led by associate professor Frankie Crutcher, who conducts both molecular and field-scale research on various plant diseases.

One such disease, Fusarium head blight, also known as wheat scab, is affecting cereal crops nationwide. It's a high-priority target for research because of its potentially disastrous impacts on yield, said Crutcher. Because of ongoing work at EARC in collaboration with MSU's wheat breeding program, Montana's first spring wheat variety with some demonstrated scab resistance was released in 2021, named MT Sidney for EARC's hometown, followed by a second variety that showed some resistance, MT Dutton.

"Although developing resistant varieties is an incredibly important part of what we do, it can't replace the outreach component of our program," said Crutcher. "Effective management of Fusarium head blight starts

before the crop is even in the ground, and educating farmers on an integrated approach has been a major focus since I started at the EARC in 2016."

Nearly 175,000 acres of chickpeas were planted in Montana in 2023, and the primary limiting factor in chickpea yield is a disease called Ascochyta blight, said Crutcher. EARC scientists are doing laboratory research on disease resistance in chickpeas while studying a possible management technique for reducing the disease: growing chickpeas alongside another crop, a practice called intercropping. They are examining the effects of growing chickpeas and flax together to reduce the number of fungicide applications needed and decrease disease pressure on chickpea plants. The project, supported by the Western Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program, may provide an immediate option for producers, particularly those in organic systems, until resistant chickpea varieties can be developed.

EARC has a 12-person staff and, like all seven of MSU's research centers, is overseen by an advisory committee of local producers, industrial representatives and MSU Extension agents.

"I am so grateful for the strong support from local communities, businesses and producers to EARC," said Chen. "The EARC office building and greenhouse was built with support from local businesses and the public, and every year local businesses sponsor our field day. The staff of EARC are honored to work here to serve producers and the public in the region."

## Richland Co. Senior Athletes Of The Year



The Roundup and Sidney Kiwanis Club honored Richland County's best athletes at the Sidney Kiwanis meeting last Thursday. Chosen Girl Athlete of the Year was Brooke Reuter, Savage, and Boy Athlete of the Year was Landen Thompson, Fairview. Shown (left) is Linda Wells, The Roundup, presenting Brooke Reuter with her Athlete of the Year award.



Kiwanis & The Roundup also awarded Landen Thompson, Fairview, with the Boy Athlete of the Year award. (Photos by Bethany Wells)



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# OBITUARIES

## Garry Dean Steinley, 78 Sidney, MT

Memorial Services were Thursday June 27, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Valley Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Garry will be laid to rest at the Richland Memorial Park, Sidney, MT. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship. Military Honors were presented by the VFW Post 4099, Sidney, MT, and representatives from the U.S. Army Funeral Guard. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Garry Dean Steinley

It is with deep sorrow and profound love that we announce the passing of Garry Dean Steinley, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, who was called to his eternal home on June 23, 2024, at the age of 78.

Garry was born on Aug. 6, 1945, to William and O'Linda (Lorenz) Steinley, Sidney, MT. This was the same day the Hiroshima atomic bombings took place, and his father joked that this was what finally shook him loose. He spent his childhood growing up in both the Fairview and Sidney areas. According to many stories, his favorite pastime was to drive his mother crazy and cause his father to scold him, but sometimes there was a wink to follow. Not quite finishing high school, Garry left during his junior year and went to work as a hired hand. In August 1962, he enlisted in the National Guard with two of his partners in crime, Harold Schlothauer and Jim Bieber. His shooting skills were put to good use, and he was listed as a qualified sharpshooter with Rifle M1 and Carbine M1, but his primary job was driving truck. He was discharged in May 1966. Shortly after his return, he met the love of his life, Janet Ochsner. After a whirlwind courtship of only five months, they were married at the Ebenezer Congregational Church on Nov. 5, 1966. They settled in the apartment that Jan had in Sidney for a few short months until moving to the Fairview area where they lived and farmed until they moved to their very own farm in 1977, located by Richland Park. During these years, Garry spent many long days farming, raising sugar beets, corn, many different grain crops, cattle, and driving truck to fill in when times were lean.

Garry was always very civic-minded. He was involved with Jaycees, Sidney Moose Lodge 856, Sidney Elks Lodge BPOE 1782, and he was a founding member of the Cedar Creek Grazing Association located in Glendive. He served on the Montana Dakota Beet Growers Association numerous times over the years, as well as selling Dekalb corn and alfalfa seed. Garry was a member of the Shepherd of the Valley Church, Sidney, MT. It was in recent years during his ongoing health issues that caused him to spend a long spell in the hospital and nursing home, that Pastor David became a faithful visitor. They shared many discussions that deepened Garry's faith, which he cherished.

A man with strong convictions and a heart full of grace, Garry was also known for his outspoken nature. He never hesitated to voice his thoughts and stand up for what he

believed in, whether it was supporting his fellow farmers, teaching his children a valuable lesson, or engaging in spirited discussions with the locals over coffee at The Depot. His words were always guided by a deep sense of pride, and a sprinkle of sarcasm and humor.

Garry's love for his family was unparalleled. Growing up as an only child, all he ever wanted was a big family. He was a devoted husband to Jan, his wife of 57 years, whose unwavering support and love were the bedrock of his life. Together, they raised three children, Tamara, Dean, and Todd, instilling in them the same values of faith, hard work, integrity, and compassion that defined Garry himself. He was a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren, who were the light of his life and brought him endless joy. Garry was known to demand a kiss on the cheek from each of them anytime they should visit, and they all know that the basement doors had better not be slammed no matter how much fun was happening. Garry was also blessed with great-grandsons whom he enjoyed visiting with on FaceTime and brought him so much joy.

Garry is survived by his wife, Jan; his children, Tamara (Larry) Crowder, Dean (Christie) Steinley, and Todd (Jennifer) Steinley; his grandchildren Kody (Jessica) Boyer, Allie (Cy) Williams, Ella (Connor) Crowder, Danielle (James) Steinley, Mattie (Scott) Sarver, Bill Steinley, and Jacob Crowder; his great-grandchildren Cru and Colt Williams and Logan and Everett Sarver; special daughter Sherri Hardy and her daughters - Kaitlyn and Hannah; in-laws Gary and Diana Ochsner, Sue and Larry Caddell, and Darlene Ochsner; as well as his niece and nephews, cousins, and friends. Garry was welcomed into his eternal rest by his loving parents, many dear family members and friends, and is dancing with his special granddaughter Alyx.

## Boyd Hardy, 88 Fairview, MT

Funeral Services were Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church, Fairview, MT, with Pastor Tim O'Shields officiating. A luncheon followed the service. Boyd was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, ND. Visitation was Friday, June 28, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Boyd Hardy

Boyd Arlen Joseph Hardy, a resident of Fairview, MT, peacefully passed away on June 23, 2024, at Sidney Health Center. He was surrounded by the love of his life of 67 years, Shirley Joy Hardy (Foss), and granddaughter, Hannah Joy Hardy.

Boyd was born on Dec. 12, 1935, to Merle Amanda Hardy (Sanderson) and Charles Benoit Hardy, Fairview, MT. During his early years, he went to a one-room schoolhouse in Fairview and had a passion for chess, tennis, golf, and horse riding. He attended Fairview High School, graduating in 1953. While he was there, he not only excelled in track and field but also played basketball. He held the Montana state record for discus for over 25 years. Boyd had a hand in almost every agricultural undertaking too. Boyd was, as his youngest brother, Sam, puts it, "the president of everything, Mr. Popular, and a ladies' man to boot!"

From that point, Boyd joined Montana State University in Bozeman, where he continued his athletic journey by participating in hurdles, discus, track, and basketball. Boyd became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho in 1954 and was initiated into the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honors society. It was during a fraternity

gathering in his junior year of college that he first met Shirley, who would go on to become his wife. On June 13, 1957, he completed his studies at Montana State University and the following day, he married his beloved wife, Shirley.

Due to his involvement in the ROTC at MSU-Bozeman, they relocated to Virginia Beach, VA, in late 1957 for six months of military duty. From there, they moved home to their cherished Montana. Boyd served in the U.S. Army Reserve and retired as a captain after 12 years.

Boyd and Shirley started their life's work by purchasing his parents' family home. Despite starting with only a handful of cattle and a potato farm, they managed to establish one of the most diligent and hardworking operations in the region. Their first son, Timothy Wade Hardy, was born on Nov. 10, 1961, and their second son, David Eugene Hardy, arrived on Dec. 15, 1962. Boyd was a business-oriented man and when asked what words of wisdom Boyd gave to his sons, they said the most common phrase was... "Suck it up, are you coming to work today?"

In 1971, Boyd and Shirley set their sights on sugar beets and worked tirelessly to develop the main ranch. They transformed pastures into irrigated farmland, constructed roads, and cleared the land for sugar beet cultivation. Throughout this period, Boyd was involved in many community activities.

Boyd retired from sugar beet farming in 1999. With the help of his long-time friend and favorite cowboy, Gary Malsam, he managed the cattle side of the business until 2020. At that point, his son, David, assumed control.

Boyd and Shirley found pleasure in their travels. Their time abroad included visits to Paris, Rome, Australia, Tahiti, and India. Within the United States, they took golf trips to Florida and Hawaii with his brother, Sam. Each year, they would commonly go on long drives to North Carolina and California to visit family members. Boyd loved his four granddaughters to no end, and he and Shirley played an integral part in raising each of them as they grew into the adults they are today.

Boyd is survived by his wife, Shirley; children: Tim (Lucas) Hardy and David (Kelly) Hardy; siblings Charles and Sam (Janice); grandchildren Kaitlyn, Hannah, and Finley; and great-grandchildren Iselyn, Scarlett, Ford, Hayes, and Hutch.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Merle; sister, Shirley; and granddaughter Alyx.

## 101st Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede Set For July 10-13

By Katelyn Sponheim

The 101st Annual Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede will start Wednesday, July 10, and runs through Saturday, July 13 at the Marvin Brookman Stadium, Wolf Point. Each night will see a Wild Horse race, and there will be a carnival all four days. This year's Grand Marshal is 58-year-old Don Whitmus, who serves on the Wild Horse Stampede Committee.

On Wednesday, the stampede kicks off with a Pitchfork Fondue from 4:30-6 p.m., with the Wild Horse Ranch Rodeo following, and a Breaking Eight concert to close the evening. The PRCA Rodeo will take place Thursday-Saturday night, starting at 7 p.m. Children 6 and under are free to attend, and don't forget to wear pink on Thursday for "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night, which raises awareness for those affected by breast cancer and funding for research towards a cure. Miss

Rodeo Montana will host the Kids Stick Horse Rodeo.

The Stampede parade theme is "Montana Roots and Cowboys Boots," and will take place Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. An all-class reunion, Stampede Fun Run, Catholic Hamburger Stand on Main Street, and Museum Pancake Breakfast will make the Stampede Week an event full of community pride.

The TETWP Golf Tournament also takes place Thursday, and anyone interested in joining can call 406-653-1460 for more information. Saturday, Art in the Park will run all day. There will be even more town-wide special events for Stampede week. Tickets went on sale June 24. They can be ordered by calling 407-653-1770, or purchased at the Main Street ticket booth in Wolf Point. If you have questions about any aspect of the Stampede, contact the Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce at 406-653-2012.

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# Area 4th Of July Activities Promise Fun For Everyone

## Lambert, MT

The festivities in Lambert kick off at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 with a Fun Run/Walk for all ages (1 or 2 miles) at the Sports Complex, followed by the Street Dance beginning at 8 p.m. with music by Midlife Crisis. The Lion's Den, CQ Bar/Grill and vendors will be open.

Thursday, July 4th gets off to an early start with the wake-up call at 5 a.m. and a Praise non-denominational church service at the Lambert Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. Line up your entries at 10:30 a.m. at Nortana as the crowd enjoys the music of Troy Holzworth. Area kids will show off their decorating skills during the bike parade at 10:50 a.m.

A military flyover sponsored by Bryan Prevost is tentatively planned for 11 a.m. along with the singing of the National Anthem and the parade down Main Street.

The Lambert Fire Department will serve up its usual delicious BBQ beef/pork meal at noon on Main Street. By 12:30 p.m., the inflatables and water slide will be ready for action in the park, sponsored by local donors. A Ping Pong Ball Drop, sponsored by Bryan Prevost and Blue Rock will also take place at that time.

If you're craving dessert and some shade, head to the

Lambert Senior Center at 1 p.m. for pie and goodies plus music by Garrett Cayer and Crew.

At 2 p.m., take your pick of the cornhole tournament west of the CQ, or bingo in the back room of the CQ. The games continue with adult softball by the north discus ring at the Sports Complex beginning at 6 p.m.

The main attraction (fireworks) will begin at dusk, sponsored by the Lambert Fire Department.

The Lion's Den (serving nachos) and the CQ Bar/Grill will be open all day along with other food and drink vendors on Main Street.

Vernon's DJ and Karaoke will be playing outside the CQ in the evening.

As always, the Lambert community is excited about this year's celebration and hopes to see everyone there!

## Sidney, MT

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will blast off Fireworks at the Sidney Country Club at dusk, approximately 10 p.m.

## Arnegard, ND

Arnegard continues its tradition of hosting an all-day 4th of July event with fun, food and fireworks. All times are

Central Daylight.

Start the day with the 5K run/walk. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Nelson Park with the race starting at 9 a.m.

Registration for the parade takes place from 9-10:45 a.m. at the fire station with the parade beginning at 11 a.m.

Immediately after the parade, head into the park for a delicious, good will offering, BBQ lunch. The Military Appreciation will be held at 1 p.m. followed by the Tractor Pull at 1:30. Be sure to check out all the vendors as well.

Fireworks will finish off the day at 10 p.m. at the ball diamonds.

## Williston, ND

Josey & The Whalers will be performing at Blacktail Dam from 6:30-9:30 p.m. CDT on July 4th, as part of the Williams County Summer Concert Series. Throughout the summer, each concert is being held at a different campground in Williams County. There are bathroom facilities at each site. Bring your own seating and refreshments.

Visit the Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau website for more information.



## Breaking Ground: Women Pioneering In North Dakota's Oil Fields

### Williston Wire

In a bold move towards gender diversity, TeraFlex Group, a prominent civil construction company operating in North Dakota's oil patch, is breaking barriers by actively recruiting and retaining women in traditionally male-dominated roles.

Founded by Andy Brown and his son Zachary Brown, TeraFlex Group has been a fixture in western North Dakota since 2011, specializing in commercial site development, oilfield services, grading, and utility work. Despite its established

presence, the company has faced ongoing challenges in finding skilled workers, prompting a rethink of their recruitment strategies.

"We started this about three to four years ago," Andy Brown shared. "The leadership team thought, wouldn't it be cool to have an all-woman crew out in the field working? And we started trying people out."

The initiative has borne fruit, with TeraFlex currently boasting a crew of five women who are making significant contributions on-site. Recently, the team complet-

ed a large project southwest of Williston, moving 85,000 yards of dirt—a feat that underscores their capability and dedication.

"We are very pleased with our women employees," Brown remarked. "They just work, they do a very meticulous job, and the machines are clean and taken care of. It's been really eye-opening for us."

Among the women making waves in this traditionally male domain are Paris Kerns, Alucetia Stoker, Catina Stoker, Talesha Jackson, and Emma Poser.

Their roles span from operating scrapers to managing motor graders and bulldozers, crucial positions typically held by men.

"This can set me up for life," said Kerns. "I want to be able to run all of the equipment within the next five years. This is an amazing opportunity for women!"

For Catina Stoker, the appeal lies in the hands-on nature of the work and the camaraderie among colleagues. "I love to build stuff and it's just a big toy. I really enjoy myself and have fun, and when a project is done,

we can step back and say we did that!"

Alucetia Stoker, Catina's mother, relocated from Beaumont, TX, to join her daughter at Teraflex. "I've been here almost a year; I followed my daughter for this job."

Talesha Jackson highlighted the thrill of learning and growing within the company. "Moving the dirt is fun, learning the dozer was a great opportunity, and we have a lot of opportunities to move up and learn more. Emma Poser echoed these sentiments, urging more

women to consider careers in male-dominated fields. "Everything is hands-on, and everyone is really willing to teach new skills. I think more women need to try! You don't see many women out here, and just seeing the crew we have here, I'm loving it and love to see it."

TeraFlex Group continues to seek an all-woman crew. They are 67% there and with women like Paris, Alucetia, Catina, Talesha, and Emma paving the way, the future looks bright for that happening.

## Enverus Releases Top 100 Private E&P Operators List Strategic Developments, Mergers & Acquisitions, Continue To Shape Rankings

AUSTIN, TX, June 25, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Enverus, the most trusted energy-dedicated SaaS and generative AI company, has released its annual list of the most prolific 100 private oil and gas producers in the U.S. based on gross operated production, well count and rig movements. Continental Resources and Ascent Resources remain in the top two positions on the list, with Aethon Energy moving up to the third position, according to Enverus.

"Merger and acquisition activity, particularly those involving public buyers and private sellers during 2023, have reshuffled our rankings," said Justin Lepore, lead consultant. "Inventory count and quality has also significantly driven private operator valuations, and in many cases, there has been

a goal of growing production to become more attractive to takeover targets."

"Regionally we see shifts too. In Appalachia, the acquisition of Rockcliff Energy by TG Natural Resources combined their positions into one, creating space for a new entrant onto our list. Chesapeake's asset sales in the Gulf Coast led to Wildfire and INEOS Energy joining the list this year as well. In the Bakken, asset sales by Oviniv and Crescent Point resulted in significant upward moves for Grayson Mills and Kraken, while a Permian acquisition by VTX Energy and the entry of public-Civitas into the Permian reshuffled the list, with Tap Rock assets moving down and Hibernia being removed. Overall, it might be Rockies-weighted operators who saw the big-

gest shift as they now make up a lesser proportion of the top 20 names on the list, with new additions from Permian and Mid-con operators filling that gap," Lepore said.

"A list like this also shows the contribution from private operators, which accounted for approximately 36% of Lower-48 oil production in 2023, with around 70% of this volume coming from the Top 100 on the list. Production is increasingly held by large, public operators," Lepore said.

The list utilizes data from Enverus Foundations® and Activity Analytics and includes a breakdown of liquids and gas production, total company well counts, recent rig programs and comparison to the previous year. The list was featured in Upstream Pulse, a bi-monthly report that covers explo-

ration and production, deals and capital markets for the North American and global

oil and gas sector.

To request the list, visit <https://www.enverus.com/fin-the-enverus-oprivate-top-100-operators-upstream-pulse/>

## 44th Annual API Golf Tournament Scheduled July 11-12

The 44th Annual API Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12 at Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Williston, which is one of two major fundraisers of the Williston Basin API Chapter. Proceeds from the event will be used to pay for scholarships to active members students, as well as donations to local charities and non-profits to make an impact on the community where they live and work.

Returning teams and vendors must have a mem-

bership in good standing to be eligible for play. For a practice round contact Eagle Ridge Golf Course to reserve a tee time.

Registration, check-in and social will be held from 4-7 p.m. All teams must check in before play.

Food and Hole Setup start at 8 a.m. at Eagle Ridge Golf Course Thursday and Friday, July 11-12. Team meetings commence at 8:45 a.m. with the shotgun starts scheduled for 9 a.m. Score cards need to be turned in by 4 p.m. with Flight and Hole

prizes awarded at 5 p.m. each day.

A Driving Range Social with dinner, drinks, music and fireworks will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday.

There will be special parking both days.

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# Missouri River Country Receives Regional Assistance Program Grant

Missouri River Country Tourism Corp. has been able to accomplish amazing things with very little money. Their task of promoting tourism in northeastern Montana was made a bit easier with the announcement on June 24 of a Regional Assistance Program Grant for up to \$334,282 from the Montana Department of Commerce. According to the announcement, the grant is 'to help regional non-profit tourism corporations and convention and visitors' bureaus build additional capacity, coordinate with the Montana Department of Commerce Destination Montana Division on tourism strategies, develop and enhance rural and under visited tourism opportunities, increase visitor commerce and generate community revenue for the benefit of local economies.'

Missouri River Country Chairman Ray Trumpower said the group has lots of ideas on how to best use the money but three projects have priority at this time.

Talking Trail, which provides a narrated trip through 41 sites throughout northeastern Montana plus the Fairview Bridge, Fort Union and Fort Buford in North Dakota, has been a success. However, it can be bigger and better, partly with a brochure to help people understand the concept and how best to utilize it.

Beyond the 49th Parallel is an international partnership between Missouri River Country and Canada South Saskatchewan Ready, which encourages curious travelers to explore the two captivating countries. The website is now up and running and states the collaboration provides inspiration, itineraries, and international planning support to help travelers seize the chance to experience both of these awe-inspiring places in a single trip. A portion of the grant money will go towards enhancing the web site.

Trumpower said that executive director Carla Hunsley has worked tirelessly for Missouri River Country for 20 years, doing full time work on a part time salary. Grant money will be spent on hiring an assistant for her with the goal of that person eventually taking over the director position when Hunsley wishes to retire.

Other projects will be taken on as dollars allow but Trumpower explained that the group can't take on more projects than the limited staff and volunteer board can handle.

The grant dollars basically came from the bed tax which has been redistributed several times since its inception about 30 years ago. The big tourism areas of Glacier and Yellowstone Parks want to curtail visitor number at this point while other regions such as Missouri River Country struggle to get enough money to promote their regions. This grant cycle is the latest attempt to get dollars to areas that need it.



# Important To Test For Nitrates In Forages

By Marley Voll, MSU  
Richland County Extension

As the time to harvest your cereal grain crops for forage approaches, it's time to consider testing them for nitrates prior to cutting. Nitrates can accumulate not only in cereal grains, but also in sorghum, sudan-grass, millet, corn, and many weed species. Any forages containing these species should be tested for nitrates.

Nitrate is a form of nitrogen which is essential for the growth and development of plants, and it is the form that is taken up by the roots

of the plant. When growing conditions are normal, plants convert this nitrate into amino acids to build proteins. However, under some conditions, nitrates are taken up faster than the plant can convert to proteins. Factors that impact nitrate accumulation in the plant include soil fertility, part of the plant, maturity, and growing conditions. Any condition that stresses the plant can cause the plant to increase nitrate accumulation. Even under ideal conditions, the level of nitrates in the plant is unpredictable. Testing prior to cutting is important,

as this gives you a chance to delay harvest and wait for nitrate levels to decrease if they happen to be elevated.

When nitrates are ingested by ruminant livestock, they are converted to nitrite by the microbes in the rumen, then into ammonia, and that ammonia is used as protein for the microbes. When there is a large influx of nitrates into the rumen of the animal, they accumulate faster than they can be converted, and the nitrite is absorbed into the bloodstream and reduces the blood's oxygen carrying capacity. This can lead to many com-

plications, including death.

There are limited treatments for nitrate toxicity. Prevention is key, and it starts by testing your forages prior to cutting. The Richland County Extension Office offers a free in house semi-quantitative nitrate test that provides same day results. Remember to gather a representative sample for testing by collecting plants from around the field and cutting them at harvest height. If you have any questions or need to have a nitrate test done, stop by the office or call 406-433-1206.

# Williston Basin Speedway Racing Results

Williston Basin Speedway Racing Results June 29; June 28: Rain Out

## IMCA Hobby Stocks A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Ethan Neu, Fairview, MT, 51E
- 2nd Place: Brennor Grinstead, Stanley, ND, 51X
- 3rd Place: Taylor Heaton, Baker, MT, 11H
- 4th Place: Aiden Paul, Dickinson, ND, 27A
- 5th Place: Kyler Satran, Minot, ND, 22
- 6th Place: Connor Hanson, Torquay, SK, 15
- 7th Place: Caleb Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16C
- 8th Place: Rany Zufelt, Williston, ND, 88R
- 9th Place: Alec Canady, Tioga, ND, 66
- 10th Place: Jonathan Taylor, Tioga, ND, 5
- 11th Place: Jay Larsen, Williston, ND, 2L

## IMCA Modifieds A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Caden Roberts, Dickinson, ND, 14
- 2nd Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F
- 3rd Place: Tommy Lee, Williston, ND, 17X
- 4th Place: Chris Schroeder, Williston, ND, 6
- 5th Place: Travis Hagen, Williston, ND, 14T
- 6th Place: Chris Tuschscherer, Burlington, ND, 73T
- 7th Place: Bland Bohannon, Williston, ND, 87X

- 8th Place: John Flory, Williston, ND, 19
- 9th Place: Tate Johnson, Medicine Lake, MT, 413
- 10th Place: Brady Bjella, Williston, ND, 99
- 11th Place: Justin Medler, Minot, ND, 75M
- 12th Place: Jake Nelson, Williston, ND, 10J
- 13th Place: Philip Keller, Sidney, MT, 9
- 14th Place: Jeremy Sorenson, Williston, ND, 1J
- 15th Place: Jeff Bieber, Fairview, MT, 89
- 16th Place: Chris Anderson, Minot, ND, 57
- 17th Place: John Flory Jr, Williston, ND, 18
- 18th Place: Austin Caruthers, Williston, ND, 28C
- 19th Place: Kendal Thomas, Tioga, ND, 711
- 20th Place: Eric Mason, Williston, ND, 28E

## IMCA Northern Sportmods A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Darren Schatz, Williston, ND, 29
- 2nd Place: Ed Conlin, Williston, ND, 4C
- 3rd Place: Dave Rivinius, Minot, ND, 35
- 4th Place: Keenan Glasser, Estevan, SK, 22
- 5th Place: Dustyn Mayer, Frobisher, SK, 11
- 6th Place: Brandon Bjella, Williston, ND, 23
- 7th Place: Lance Loch-

- thowe, Minot, ND, 5
- 8th Place: Alex Basher, Williston, ND, 8B
- 9th Place: Stan Mayer, Frobisher, SK, 7M
- 10th Place: Doug Green, Alexander, ND, 88X
- 11th Place: Macaulay Nelson, Williston, ND, 125
- 12th Place: Bruce King, Minot, ND, 2A
- 13th Place: Logan Larsen, Williston, ND, 2L
- 14th Place: Luke Asselin, Williston, ND, 09
- 15th Place: Kenneth Prentice, Williston, ND, 24
- 16th Place: Nathan Buchmann, Williston, ND, 406
- 17th Place: Rich Bohman, Tioga, ND, 4
- 18th Place: Zack Nelson, Williston, ND, 306
- 19th Place: Briggs Christensen, Williston, ND, 615

## IMCA Stock Cars A Feature A

- 1st Place: Joe Flory, Williston, ND, 20
- 2nd Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F
- 3rd Place: Corey Hemphill, Yuma, AZ, 16L
- 4th Place: Troy Heupel, Williston, ND, 4T

- 5th Place: Dustin Frank, Raleigh, ND, 454
  - 6th Place: Mike Hagen, Williston, ND, 27X
  - 7th Place: Jordan Durward, Trenton, ND, 2D
  - 8th Place: Adam Goff, Minot, ND, 30A
  - 9th Place: Joren Boyce, Minot, ND, 67
  - 10th Place: Casey Binstock, Dickinson, ND, 21
  - 11th Place: Jason Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16
  - 12th Place: Jevin Damm, Epping, ND, 6T9
- ### Junior Slingshots A Feature 1
- 1st Place: Sladen Pfeifer, Bowbells, ND, 11
  - 2nd Place: Caiden Davenport, Bismarck, ND, 29C
  - 3rd Place: Jacob Campbell, Watford City, ND, 99
  - 4th Place: Weston Uranker, Williston, ND, 31X
  - 5th Place: Cashton Schroeder, Williston, ND, 16
  - 6th Place: Gunner Raynard, Lampman, SK, 50
  - 7th Place: Zack Campbell, Watford City, ND, 15
  - 8th Place: Jack Coughlin, Williston, ND, 114
  - 9th Place: Hudson Mann, Estevan, SK, 195

# Correction

In the story, Sidney Will Be "Bakken" With Fun At The Bakken Barrel Daze June 29-30, that ran in the June 19 edition of The Roundup on page 12A, it said that the photos were taken by Trista Mantelli when it should have said that the photos were taken by Kyla Hatch.

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# Guardian Flight Offers Tips For Safe Fourth Of July

## Fourth of July Celebrations Pose Risk of Injuries and Fires

(SIDNEY, Mont.) – For many, the Fourth of July presents an opportunity to gather with loved ones to celebrate our nation's independence with food, fun and fireworks. Guardian Flight wants to remind residents of Sidney and the surrounding area of the importance of holiday safety while celebrating.

"Fourth of July brings a lot of fun and enjoyment, from outdoor grilling and water activities to fireworks displays and celebratory parades," said Matt Strauss, Guardian Flight regional director. "No matter your family's plans, it is essential to make sure everyone stays safe during this year's festivities."

**Fireworks Safety**  
"Permissible" fireworks are legal for personal use in Montana. There is a list of permitted fireworks on the City of Sidney website. Please consider the below tips for the use of approved fireworks.

Follow all instructions on the packaging.

Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby as a precaution.

Wear eye protection. Never use fireworks while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Ignite only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight duds.

Do not aim, throw or

point fireworks at people, animals, vehicles or structures. Never give children fireworks.

**Grilling Safety**  
Make sure to store perishable foods at the proper temperature until you are ready to begin cooking.

If using a cooler, make sure you pack plenty of ice or freezer packs.

Never leave a barbecue unattended while lit.

Select a location away from children, pets or flammable objects.

Keep the grill clean by removing excess grease and residue.

Keep a fire extinguisher close by.

Use long-handled tongs and spatulas with heat-resistant handles.

**Heat Safety**  
Exposure to excessive heat can quickly lead to dehydration. Remember to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, and avoid beverages with caffeine, sugar or alcohol.

During the hottest hours of the day, stay indoors. If your home is not air-conditioned, look for nearby cooling shelters, or spend the day in a cool public space like a library, community center or local shopping mall.

Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing and don a hat and sunglasses to protect yourself from the sun's rays. Apply sunscreen

to exposed skin and be sure to reapply it every two hours.

Try to limit physical activities to the coolest parts of the day, like morning and evening hours. Make sure to take frequent breaks and stay hydrated.

Do not leave children, elderly persons or pets in cars. In under three minutes, the interior temperature of your vehicle can soar from 78-100 degrees, putting children, the elderly and pets in danger of hyperthermia or heat stroke. If you see a child, an older adult or an animal left in a hot car, call 911 immediately.

**Water Safety**  
Never swim alone.

Only use approved flotation devices; do not rely on toys or inner tubes.

Don't take chances by overestimating your swimming skills.

Swim only in designated swimming areas.

Watch small children near water.

Never dive into rivers or lakes; each year, nearly 3,000 people are paralyzed as a result of diving into shallow water or hitting an unseen underwater obstruction.

Guardian Flight is committed to the health and well-being of the communities it serves. Our first responders promote safety and preparedness to save lives and prevent both injury and disability.

For more holiday safety tips, visit [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org).

## Richland County Farmers Market Is Back

The Richland County Farmers Market is back for the summer! The market will be hosted on Saturday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Richland County Courthouse parking lot on the corner of 2nd St NW and 2nd Ave NW, Sidney. Vendors often run out quickly, so don't wait too long to get there. The market will be held from the second Saturday in July through the second Saturday in October; July 13-Oct. 12.

The Richland County Farmers Market features a variety of handmade items and crafts, produce, and food products. Individuals interested in becoming a vendor can contact the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

By sure to stop by the courthouse parking lot to take in the first market on July 13 starting at 7:30 a.m. and watch the Richland County Farmers Market Facebook page for updates.

# THE RACING ROUNDUP

## Flory Family Racing



Dalton Flory zooms past the competition to take first place during the "Tougher Than Dirt Tour" race on June 10, 2022 at Williston Basin Speedway.

**By Katelyn Sponheim**

The Flory family has been involved with the Williston Basin Speedway since its earliest beginnings, and their grandfather was the head flag man until his passing. Today, Dalton Flory, along with his father, uncle and cousin, all share the dirt track in their stock and mod cars and have taken turns on the board as well.

Dalton's grandparents purchased Beeline Services

in the '70s and his uncle, John, operates it now. Dalton races both a stock and modified car, and his father, Joe, races a stock car. Dalton loves the heat of competition and the constant hunt for an edge to improve every race. The "thrill of driving", a love for working on his vehicles, and an inner push to be the best you can be brings him back to the track every week, ready for more.

Without a board to op-

erate it or helping hands to keep equipment and the track up to par, the speedway wouldn't be possible, and Dalton and his father, uncles, and cousin have certainly filled those shoes. His uncle, Jerry Flory, served as president for several years, as has his cousin, Dustin. His Dad has served on the board, and Dalton served as vice president for two years. They help with equipment care and weekly track prep,

working towards a consistently smooth, fast, and safe racing surface.

Dalton would like to see multiple lanes of racing at the Speedway, giving spectators the best bang for their buck, and hopefully, a full grandstand. With races through September, there's plenty of time to enjoy some of the action at the Williston Basin Speedway, and maybe catch a Flory in victory lane!

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# Hintz Fixer Upper Project



**By Mackenzie Hill**

Sidney has its very own Joanna Gaines (Magnolia Network) in town with Cathy Hintz and her family. This family heard from their local neighbors that there was a home going up for auction. The neighborhood was in the hope someone

would buy it in order to make some improvements on the eyesore.

Cathy and her husband, Jeff, bought the house with the intent to flip the home. Adding their own experience to updating their own home, they were excited about the project. Cyrus,

their son, took on 90% of the work since both his parents worked full-time jobs. He also oversaw everything that was done to the fixer upper.

However, it was not an easy project for any time you get a fixer upper. First thing you have to do is a major cleaning and clearing

everything out, such as appliances. When they went to redo the floor plan, there was some issue the family ran into.

They had to re-do the plumbing and electrical as well. Not to mention replacing the roofing and siding; Updating the cabinets and counters; Redoing all the fixtures of the home. There were even cracks in the foundations. As well as removing some trees that were dead or too close to the home, which would be a hazard in a heavy storm, Cathy and her family put in

their best effort to ensure that the home was like a new build and completed it correctly. Although they couldn't have done it all by themselves. They have some advice from Tony Hanson, Hanson Independent; Mitch Shirk; M&S Builders; and Roger Byer; B & B Builders. For getting the right improvements to their fixer upper, they enjoyed doing business with Builders First-Source, Rimrock Cabinet Co., Sidney Paint & Glass, Johnson's Hardware, Ace Hardware, Ken's Heating, Prairie Electric and C M Built

doors. Cathy's advice to anyone who wants to do home improvements, whether it be to their own home or buying a fixer upper, she said, "If someone is looking to remodel, I would encourage them to do as much of the work as they can themselves as it gets expensive to hire work done. I would also suggest they keep close track of their spending and try to watch for deals on paint, flooring etc. If you can anticipate what you need and watch for deals, it really helps."



## Watford City Art In The Park Seeking Artists, Crafters, Food Vendors July 13

The Long X Arts Foundation is hosting Art in the Park at the Watford City Tourist Park on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This family-friendly event has become a community tradition that features booths and shopping by local artists and crafters, food by McKenzie County Parks and Recreation, free art activities for the kids, face painting, a talent show, a baby pageant, and quality entertainment by nationally touring juggler, Acrobat and Aerialist, Laura Ernst. This year, for the first time ever, the event will also host two foam parties that families can enjoy for free!

In addition to activities and shopping at the Tourist Park, artists and makers will also be set up in the Gallery of First International Bank and Trust on Main Street during the day.

Beaver Creek Kids will be hosting the ever-popular Baby Pageant at 11 a.m. to help kick off the event. Enter your 0-23-month-olds for prizes for a \$10 registration fee.

"This is always such a fun way to celebrate our young community. The families really get creative and every baby gets a prize!"

At 2 p.m., Long X Arts will host the Homefest Tal-

ent Contest on the Tourist Park stage sponsored by the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce. Participants can enter in four different age groups: Kids-0-8, Youth-9-12, Teen-13-18 and Adult 19 +. Prizes will be awarded to all and the top winner in each age category will be chosen to perform at Ribfest on Aug. 9.

"The best part of this event is that there is creativity and activity around every corner," said Long X Arts Foundation Director Jessie Scofield. "The Tourist Park is a beautiful, shady space to enjoy the day with the family, complete with a playground for the kids. The day will be

full of fun ways to interact with your neighbors and the gallery show on Main Street is just another reason to head up town to shop before enjoying the street dance on Saturday."

In order to make this event a success, Long X Arts is seeking artists, makers, crafters and food vendors who are interested in showing and selling their work. Registration is also open now for the Baby Pageant and the Talent Contest.

Find the full schedule and registration information on <https://longxarts.com/events/artinthepark/> or contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.



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In the Matter of the Estate of RUSSELL CARLSEN Deceased.

**CASH FOR Mobile Homes**  
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Probate No. DP-42-24-27  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent 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 Dewaine Carlsen and/or L.W. Bill McLouth, the Co-Personal Representatives, in care of MARKETTE LAW OFFICE, 601 S. First Street, P.O. Box 515, Hamilton, Montana 59840, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct. Dewaine Carlsen I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct. L.W. Bill McLouth  
MARKETTE LAW OFFICE  
By David T. Markette  
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

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(Publish July 3, 10, and 17, 2024)

**AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT**  
An audit of the affairs of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4, Richland County, MT has been conducted by Wheeler, Bieber & Associates, PC Certified Public Accountants. The audit covered the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Section 2-7-521 MCA, requires that the public be made aware that the Audit Report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the Lambert Public Schools and that the Lambert Public Schools will send a copy of the Audit Report to any interested person upon request.

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**MODEL DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY RESOLUTION**  
WHEREAS, Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, provides in pertinent part: (1) Whenever the trustees of a district determine that a site, building, or any other real or personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district, the trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of the district real or personal property. If a decision to sell or dispose of property is made, the trustees shall adopt a resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of the district real or personal property because it is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district. (2) The resolution may not become effective for 14 days after the notice required in subsection (3) is made. (3) The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution in the manner required for school elections in 20-20-204.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, the Board of Trustees of Lambert School District, has found the attached items obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lambert School District, shall place the following real property on the open market, advertise the real property as being for sale and sell the same if a qualified buyer makes an acceptable offer to the District:  
14 Various HP Laptops w/cords, Tech  
4 HP All In one Touchscreen Desktops, Tech  
1 Linksys wireless router, Tech  
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2 CPS Response Systems, Tech  
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2 Brown Sofa Chairs (Student Lounge), Furniture  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with District practice and as required by Sections 20-6-604 and 20-20-204, Montana Code Annotated, this Resolution shall be posted in three different places in the district and published in The Roundup, the newspaper of general circulation in the District. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after said publication and posting if, in accordance with Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, no taxpayer appeals this Resolution prior to July 10, 2024, by filing a verified petition with the Clerk of the District Court setting out in detail the objections to the adoption of the Resolution or the disposal of the property and serving a copy of such petition upon the School District. DATED this 24th day of June, 2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Lambert School District  
By Lacey Mullin, Chairperson of the Board  
ATTEST:  
Sammie Nelson, Clerk of the Board

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(Publish July 3, 2024)

**PUBLIC INPUT ENCOURAGED!**  
Public comments are sought to define the scope and alternatives for an Environmental Assessment (EA) to obtain environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act for a proposed solar energy facility in Richland County, west of the Town of Fairview, Montana. The

proposed project, known as Fairview I Solar Project, involves the proposed construction of a 74.5 megawatts solar energy generating facility. Additional project components include a 25-megawatt, four-hour battery storage initiative, overhead transmission line connecting to the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) transmission system, and internal access roads. The project is planned to interconnect at the Montana-Dakota Utilities Company/WAPA's Fairview West 115-kilovolt substation. Construction of the Fairview I Solar Project is proposed to begin in spring 2026. WAPA will hold a public scoping meeting in an open-house format to provide an opportunity for the public, adjacent property owners, and other interested parties to discuss the project with project developers, WAPA staff, and resource specialists, and to submit comments. The meeting will be held on July 11, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time, at the Fairview Senior Center in the Town of Fairview, in Richland County. To learn more about this project and to share your ideas, join us at: TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time DATE: July 11, 2024 LOCATION NAME: Fairview Senior Center LOCATION ADDRESS: 217 West 5th Street, Fairview, Montana, 59221

*Comments may be submitted in*

*the following ways:*  
• By mail to: Western Area Power Administration Attn: Mr. John Russell 2900 4th Avenue North, 6th Floor PO Box 35800 Billings, MT 59107-5800  
• By fax to: (406) 255-2900  
• By email to: nepa@wapa.gov with "Fairview I Solar Project Comment" in the subject line Comments should be postmarked no later than August 10, 2024.

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We will be closed Thursday & Friday, July 4th & 5th.

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Have A Safe & Happy Weekend!



# Fairview Is THE PLACE TO BE July 18-21

By Dianne Swanson

The Fairview Old Timers' Reunion and Summer Festival committee has an entire weekend full of activities for everyone planned for July 18-21. It's a weekend of class and family reunions and so much more with the theme of "Old Times, New Celebrations". Most events take place at Sharbono Park. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Buttons featuring this year's honoree, Ken Babcock, are available now at Fairview merchants while Festival T-shirts are on sale at Neu's SuperValu and Waterhole #3.

Start off with the 3-on-3 Bordertown Hoops for 3rd graders to adults on the Thursday and Friday at the north end of Sharbono Park. Prizes will be given for top teams. Please contact Mel Hurley at 406-480-0184 or Trish Buxbaum at 406-489-0390 for more information.

Friday, July 19, registration of Old Timers begins while you enjoy Hamburgers in the Park starting at 5 p.m. and relax to the music of "Midlife Crisis" from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Head downtown afterwards for more visiting with classmates and friends.

Junior High kids have a glow party at the pool from 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Saturday, July 20 starts off with the 5K Color Race at 7:20 a.m. which will begin and end at the park and features some rough terrain. Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is encouraged. Last minute registration takes place from 6:20 - 6:50 a.m. There is also a one-mile Warrior Walk for small kids and families with strollers which will start at 7:30 a.m. Kids 10 and under walk or run for free. Wear white and get in on all the fun!

Registration of Old Timers begins at 8 a.m. along with a delicious FREE breakfast prepared by the Fairview Fire Department and served by the 2023 State Champion Warrior Football team.

The car show will be ready for visitors at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to check out all the great vendors in the park during the day and then downtown in the evening.

Kids need to register for the Kiddie Parade at 10 a.m., with the parade starting at 10:30, and kids can bounce on the water inflatables from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for just \$15. Bring your swimsuit! There's also open swim from 1-5 p.m.

The Grand Parade line-up is from 10-11:15 a.m. on State Street (Interstate Avenue) and the big event starts at noon. Head to the gazebo after the parade for the flag raising

by the American Legion, followed by the national anthem and program which includes recognizing this year's button honoree Ken Babcock.

Dunk a local celebrity and help pay for school lunches for Fairview kids at the Dunk Tank from 1-5 p.m. next to the Hotel Albert.

Fairview FFA will host a Cornhole tournament starting at 2 p.m. at the north end of the park while others can head over to the Senior Citizen Center from 2-4 p.m. to visit, absorb some local history and enjoy an Ice Cream Social sponsored by Merchants Bank. The popular Explore America Duck Race starts at 4 p.m. at the canal bridge.

Visit with friends and family and support your local merchants downtown at the Street Dance with music by "Sideways" from 8-midnight.

Finish off the weekend at the Sunday church service in the park, hosted by WCAG.

For more information, check the old timers' reunion FB page, or call Dennis Trudell at 406-478-2431 or Marion Kittleson at 406-489-9286.

## Burns Creek Inn Warrior 3 on 3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament



Active Shooters won the Teen Bracket Championship at the Burns Creek Inn Warrior 3 on 3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament held in Savage. Pictured are Hunter Sanders, Adden Erickson, Zane Pilgeram and Sayer Erickson.



BBG won the Youth Bracket Championship at the Burns Creek Inn Warrior 3 on 3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament held in Savage, June 29. Pictured are George Candee, Barrett Jorgensen and Boden Jorgensen. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos.



Iron Chapel won the Adult Bracket Championship at the Burns Creek Inn Warrior 3 on 3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament held in Savage last weekend. Pictured are Seth Amunrud, Chris Reynolds, Braden Ler and Wyatt Hagler.

Right: Seth Amunrud, Bozeman, won the 3-point contest at the Burns Creek Inn Warrior 3 on 3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament held in Savage. Seth made 12 3-point shots during the shoot-out. (Photos by Toni Zieske)



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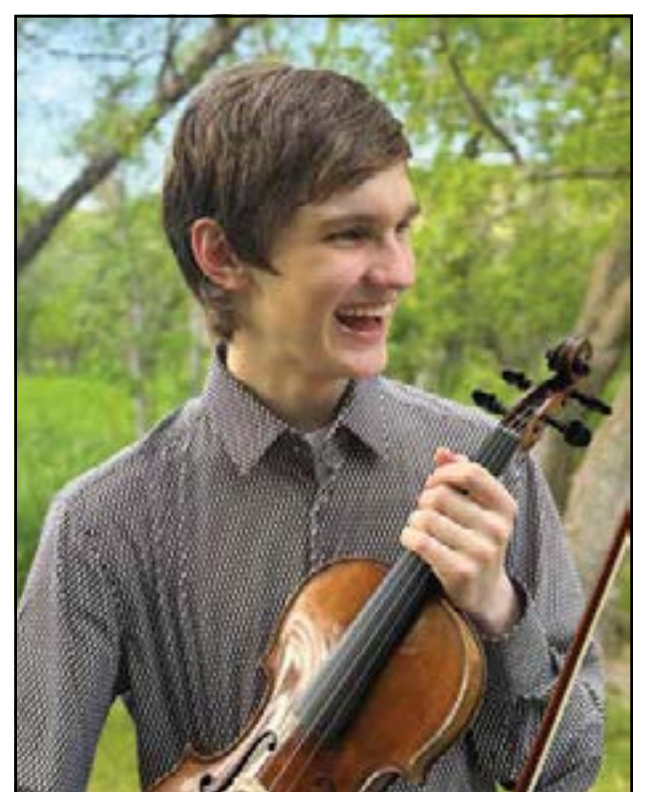
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## Tarquin "Glissando" His Way To Success



Tarquin Bennion. (Photo submitted)

By Mackenzie Hill

Tarquin Bennion, Sidney, is one of the few selected students to be offered a full merit ride to the Interlochen summer program. A program that is a 6-week extensive summer program that prepares young adults for playing in orchestras and quartets. There are currently 48 violinists there, with Tarquin learning alongside them. The Interlochen camp welcomes 3,000 students and not only offers programs for music but also theater as well. The program changes assistant concertmasters each day and he has already served assistant concertmaster for the day.

He is planning on auditioning for Carnegie Hall next year. If Tarquin is accepted, the orchestra will offer him the opportunity to go on tour to five different locations, including ones in Europe. Tarquin has been taking part in a program in high school that helps students get a jump on college credits and has already obtained 33 credits so far, making him a sophomore in college before he is even 18. He has also won 5 out of 5 in the Saint Patrick Chess opening with the help of his Hungarian teacher. He learned to play the violin at five from his mother, who was self-taught at 37. When the kids were not home, she would make time to practice. Although that isn't all that Tarquin knows but also knows how to play the fiddle, guitar, and piano. It's to say the least that Tarquin is accomplishing many amazing things at his age that most teenagers are not even considering. Most teenagers around his age are more consumed with video games or social media. However, Tarquin is a fine example of what happens when you put your heart and soul into something you love and work hard to achieve.

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