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THE ROUNDUP'S
**CHRISTMAS
WISH BOOK**



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The Roundup Celebrates 50 Years Of Publication

By Linda Wells

Researching the introduction of The Roundup has been a story in itself. Luckily, back in 2017 we received an email from Carol (Duncanson) Jolin telling us that she and her husband, Dean, started a shopper called "Sunbeam" in the 1960s in Mott, ND.

"It was very successful so when we sold my father's night club business, we thought it'd be great to duplicate the "Sunbeam" type shopper in Watford City in 1974. We had a typewriter, a Compugraphic and office supplies 1/4 and had everything in the basement of our home, thus the birth of "The Roundup".

Gary and Barbara Tvinnereim purchased the free circulation paper in 1977 and operated the business in their home outside Watford City. The Roundup was being printed at Bowman, ND, at the time. Kathy Berzel, rural Sidney, was The Roundup's advertising representative.

The Tvinnereims sold the 8,700-distribution shopper to BHG, Garrison, ND, in 1989.

Ray Morgan was The Roundup's general manager in 1989. The shopper's office was located in the Professional Building along Hwy. 85 in the southwest quadrant of the city. Linda Steinbeisser, Sidney, became the paper's advertising representative in the Sidney area.

The Roundup was printed at the BHG central plant in Garrison.

Neil Nelson managed The Roundup for three years, from 1990-1992. The Roundup averaged 28-32 pages every week and featured a front-page story on individuals and businesses in Watford City, Sidney and all along the Montana-North Dakota border. Nelson moved The Roundup's office to downtown Watford City and opened an office in Sidney as well. Five paper boy routes were established in Sidney.

After renting the business from BHG for a year, The Roundup was purchased from BHG by Russ Wells, Sidney, in 1992 and continued the circulation to all of Richland County in Montana and all of McKenzie County in North Dakota by free distribution mail and employed carriers in Watford City and Sidney. The Roundup joined the Montana Newspaper Association and changed from a shopper to a newspaper.

The Roundup was family-oriented which included Wells' wife, Linda; his son, Jody; his daughter, Kristi and her six children as carriers.

In 2008, the Wells retired and sold The Roundup to their son, Jody, who is the current owner.

The Roundup has expanded to a yearly "Vacation Guide" with a printing of 4000, which is hand-delivered by the employees and a monthly "Ag Roundup" which focuses on local agriculture.

The newspaper had many homes in Sidney but is currently located at 111 W. Main St. (in the rear of Yellowstone Mercantile building).



August 20, 1975



April 4, 1990



November 2, 1988



September 9, 1992

Border Battle, Christmas Fest This Week at Roughrider Center In Watford City

The Border Battle High School Basketball Showcase to be held at the Rough Rider Center and Watford City High School Dec. 13-14 will include girls' and boys' teams from North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

Teams will include Watford City, Alexander, Belfield, Hazen, New Town, Dickinson Trinity, Ray, South Heart, ND. Joining them will be Terry and Bainville, MT, and Lemmon, SD.

Action starts at 3:30

p.m. on Friday. There will be three games. Saturday's schedule starts at 11:15 a.m. and includes 10 games.

Child passes are: \$8 or weekend \$12. Adult passes \$10 or weekend \$15. Children 2 and under are free.

Celebrate the season on Dec. 14, at the Christmas Fest from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.!

For just \$7 admission, you'll get to snap a photo with Santa, explore the festive Ag Expo Winter Wonderland, and experience Santa's

Workshop with KidStop. Walk through the glowing Candy Cane Lane, and even enjoy some fun in the pool! There will also be a variety of vendors for all your holiday shopping. This is an event you won't want to miss—

bring your friends and family for a day of holiday magic!

Want to be a vendor? Please email Makenzie at makenziec@roughridercen-ter.com or call at 701-842-3665 and ask for one of our event staff!

Participate In Richland County Economic Development Survey

By Leslie Messer, RED Executive Director

Richland Economic Development Corp (REDC) has successfully attained \$145,000 to conduct a county-wide economic development survey to determine what our current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats are.

REDC hired Kadmas, Lee & Jackson (KLJ) to conduct the strategic planning and preparation for the economic diversification and comprehensive economic development strategies. The first stage of the project is to gather information from the residents and the public of

Richland County.

This week, several meetings will be held around the county to attain as many respondents as possible. This will enable KLJ to have the clearest picture of what's happening now, and what the residents of Richland County would like to see in the future.

The community launch meeting will take place Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Richland County Extension building, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. with refreshments served.

Then a series of pop-up meetings will be held around the county on Dec. 11 and 12.

Wednesday Dec 11

6:30 – 9 a.m.- Join us at The Parlour (Sidney) for a free coffee.

6 – 8 a.m. - Join us at the Lambert Senior Citizens building.

Refreshments will be served.

Thursday Dec 12

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. - Join us at Neu's SuperValu in Fairview.

Refreshments will be served.

4 – 6 p.m. - Join us at Valley Fuel in Savage.

One free drink will be offered.

7 – 9 p.m. - Join us for the wrap up meeting at the

Meadowlark (Sidney). First beer free.

This is Richland County's opportunity to have your voices heard, and your priorities identified. You may participate in any or all of the meetings, or simply take the 10-question survey online at your convenience. Simply scan the QR Code and complete the survey.

All information is gathered via Survey Monkey, and results will be compiled, formatted and shared with the community.

Thank you for helping REDC determine the best pathway forward for all of Richland County.

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Lunch Menus!

Sidney School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, onions, mandarin oranges.
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: Biscuits & gravy, fruit cocktail.
Tues., Dec. 17: Sloppy joes, oven wedges, strawberry banana sauce.
Wed., Dec. 18: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, chuck wagon corn, peaches.

Savage School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Club sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, fresh carrots, fruit.
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: Beef & broccoli, brown rice, carrots, pineapple.
Wed., Dec. 17: Christmas dinner: ham, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, fruit, rolls, relish tray, dessert.
Wed., Dec. 18: Chicken BLT wraps, potato soup, veggies, fruit.

Rau School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, potato chips, carrots, grapes.
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: Sweet & sour chicken, stir fry veggies, rice, apples.
Tues., Dec. 17: Fish sticks, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn.
Wed., Dec. 18: Hot ham & cheese, broccoli salad, peaches.

Froid School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Pizza, lettuce mix, fruit, dessert, salad bar
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: French toast sticks, sausage patties, hash browns, go-gurts, apple juice, salad bar.
Tues., Dec. 17: White chicken chili, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Dec. 18: Christmas dinner, dessert, salad bar.

Bainville School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Hot ham & cheese, tomato soup, mandarins, salad bar.
Fri., Dec. 13: Tortellini, zucchini, apples, salad bar.
Mon., Dec. 16: Chicken drumsticks, tropical fruit, baby bakers, salad bar.
Tues., Dec. 17: Super nachos, pineapple, mini peppers, salad bar.
Wed., Dec. 18: Pizza, Caesar salad, applesauce, salad bar.

Richey School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Meatball or turkey subs, coleslaw, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: Christmas dinner, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Dec. 17: Tacos, frijoles de olla (pot of beans), fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Dec. 18: Chicken strips, Spanish rice, corn, fruit, salad bar.

Culbertson School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Teriyaki chicken & rice bowl, side salad (3-5); salad bar (6-12).
Fri., Dec. 13: Hot dogs, baked beans, side salad (3-5); salad bar (6-12).
Mon., Dec. 16: Chicken nachos, no salad bar.
Tues., Dec. 17: Pulled pork, baked beans, no salad bar.
Wed., Dec. 18: Turkey with baked potato, no salad bar.

Lambert School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Super potato oles, fresh veggies, fruit.
Fri., Dec. 13: Italian dunkers, fruit, green beans.
Mon., Dec. 16: Beef stroganoff, pasta, corn, fruit.
Tues., Dec. 17: Chicken fried steaks, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.
Wed., Dec. 18: Christmas dinner.

Fairview School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Chicken tacos, Spanish rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: Sloppy joes, fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Tues., Dec. 17: Tacos, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Wed., Dec. 18: Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, veggies, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).

East Fairview School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes.
Fri., Dec. 13: No school.
Mon., Dec. 16: Nachos.
Tues., Dec. 17: KFC bowls.
Wed., Dec. 18: Chicken pot pie.

Alexander School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Popcorn chicken or finger steaks, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit & vegetable bar.
Fri., Dec. 13: Slush burgers, sun chips, fruit & vegetable bar.
Mon., Dec. 16: Teriyaki or orange chicken, fried rice or noodles, fortune cookies, fruit & vegetable bar.
Tues., Dec. 17: Build your own pizza, fruit & vegetable bar.
Wed., Dec. 18: Super nachos or tot-cho, fruit & vegetable bar.

Watford City School
Thurs., Dec. 12: Deluxe cheeseburgers, or pizza lunchables, baked beans, crinkle fries, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Dec. 13: Chicken nuggets or Smucker's Uncrustables, garlic bread, macaroni & cheese, fruit, salad bar.
Mon., Dec. 16: Chicken Alfredo or Smucker's Uncrustables, garlic bread, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Dec. 17: White cheddar chicken macaroni & cheese bowl or dell roll up pin wheels, honey biscuits, cookies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Dec. 18: Deluxe chicken burgers on buns or turkey & cheese on bread, baked beans, fruit, salad bar.

OBITUARIES

Janet E. Stanford Croxton, 74, (formerly of Sidney, MT), Dallas, TX



Janet E. Stanford Croxton

No memorial service is planned currently. Next summer, the family intends to honor Janet and her late husband's last wishes to have their ashes spread across Montana's Big Sky Country

Janet E. Stanford Croxton, 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Nov. 26, 2024, in Dallas, TX. Born on Aug. 19, 1950, in Sidney, MT to Harold Stanford and Rosella Gunderson, Janet spent her educational years at Sidney Public Schools. She married Melvin Croxton in 1978 and they made their home in Montana until 1986 when they moved to Decatur, TX, and then later settled in Bowie, TX.

Janet devoted much of her professional life to customer service, working at the Triangle Night Club, in Sidney, the Homestead, in Sidney, the Hallmark Store in Decatur, and most recently at the Star Travel Center in Bowie as office manager.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Janet, affectionately known as Meme, thoroughly enjoyed quilting. She crafted numerous special quilts for her family members, weaving love and care into every stitch.

Meme cherished time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cherished road trips and family visits, frequently traveling to Montana to see family and to Las Vegas to visit her brother Jeff. Her love for travel and family gatherings highlighted her caring and adventurous spirit.

In 2009, she was diagnosed with PBC, a rare autoimmune liver disease. For 14 1/2 years she successfully managed this terrible disease, until 8 months ago.

She silently dealt with so many obstacles and symptoms because she was never one to complain or burden other people with her needs.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered as a loving mom, Meme, sister, and friend.

Janet is survived by her son, Waylon Olsen, Sidney, MT; daughters Carol Olsen Jackson, Irving, TX; Michelle Croxton, Bowie, TX; sons Jackie Croxton, Nocona, TX; Donald Croxton, Bowie, TX; and daughter Sheila Owens, Wichita Falls, TX. She also leaves behind three sisters, Carol Struckman, Savage, MT; Mona (Ron) Bailey and Sheila (Mike) Blohm all of Laurel, MT; and a brother, Pete (Joyce) Sifers, Sidney, MT. Janet's extended family includes 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews and an aunt, Lois Olson, Sidney, MT;

She is preceded in death by her husband of 42 years; her parents; stepmother, Chris Stanford; sisters, Kay Price and Calena Anderson; and brothers, Ron Stanford and Jeff Sifers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Liver Foundation at liverfoundation.org, honoring Janet's memory.

Arrangements entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home, Bowie, Texas.

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

By Nicole Morton
 Community Development Admin. Asst.

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

Key projects approved by The Roughrider Fund Committee in 2024 include:

Business Startup & Expansion Forgivable Loan Program:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RICHLAND COUNTY
 Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Now-Sat., Jan. 11
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **34th Annual MDHC Miniature Art Show** - MonDak Heritage Center. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.
Fri., Dec. 13, 27; Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 28; March 14, 28, April 11, 25
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Sidney's Soup Kitchen** - All are welcome, no charge, & volunteers appreciated. St. Matthew's Parish Center. For more information call 406-433-2510 or email stmatt@midrivers.com.
Sat., Dec. 14
 1 p.m. - **Learn To Spin Yarn With Pam Shelmidine** - Learn how to spin fiber on a Turkish Spindle. Members: \$30; Not Yet Members: \$40. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.
 1-3 p.m. - **Santa At Ace Hardware** - Bring your camera & smile. Shops at Fox Run, 500 N. Central Ave.
 1-5 p.m. - **Pet Photos With Santa** - All well behaved pets & children are welcome. Photos \$10 each or \$15 with decorated frame. Tractor Supply, Sidney.
 5-6:30 p.m. - **Miss Montana's Teen Emma McPherson Send Off Party** - Celebrate Emma as she will be competing at Miss America's Teen in Orlando. Get a preview of her wardrobe & talent & enjoy refreshments. Sidney Elks Lodge 1782, 123 3rd St. SW.
Sun., Dec. 15, Mon., Dec. 16, Wed., Dec. 18, Fri., Dec. 20, Sat., Dec. 21, & Sun., Dec. 22
 7 p.m. - **Parables Of Jesus** - Live drama. Limitless Church, 414 E. Main St.
Mon., Dec. 16
 6:30 p.m. - **"Jingle Bell Jukebox... The Flip Side"**, **Savage** - A presentation of Holiday Hits by Savage Elementary School. Savage High School Gymnasium.
 7 p.m. - **2024 Christmas Concert Fairview Grades 6-12** - South gym. Following the Elementary concert the Junior High & High School bands & choir students will take the stage.
Tues., Dec. 17
 7 p.m. - **2024 Savage 6-12th Grade Winter Concert** - Enjoy an evening of music by talented music ensembles of Savage Public Schools 6-12th grade students. Savage High School, 368 Mesa Ave.
Thurs., Dec. 19
 2-3:15 p.m. - **East Fairview School Science Fair** - Judging from 10:30 a.m.-3:20 p.m., Awards at 3:20 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 25
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner** - Free will offering & deliveries are available by calling the parish center 406-433-2510 on Christmas morning. St. Matthew's Parish.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
 Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thurs., Dec. 19
 6:30-7:30 p.m. - **Elementary Christmas Concert K-5 Culbertson Parade of Lights** - Parade will travel down Main Street immediately following the Concert.

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

Sat., Dec. 14
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Christmas Fest** - Food, vendors, fun, Santa. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Dan Parkway.
 4:30 p.m. - **2024 Annual Arnegard Christmas Tree Lighting** - Enjoy community, candy, Christmas cookies, hot cocoa & Santa. 400 Main St. Arnegard.
 5:30-7 p.m. - **Strummin' and Hummin': Beginner Guitar Workshop** - Ages 14+, Come away knowing the basics of 2 songs & song sheets to help keep you practicing! \$35/person (bring your own guitar); \$45/person (guitar provided for the night). Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.
Sat., Dec. 14, 21, 28
 11 a.m. - **Saturday Morning Christmas Classics Food Drive** - Christmas classics on the big screen. 2 canned goods = free movie ticket. 6 Shooters Showhall & Cafe.
Tues., Dec. 17
 2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page or call 701-444-3244.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
 Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Now-Tues., Dec. 31
 5:30-9:30 p.m. - **Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - Enjoy thousands of holiday lights in over 75 displays from inside your vehicle. Tune to 107.1 for holiday music. Entry fee \$5 vehicle. For more info visit <https://visitwilliston.com/events/2024-spring-lake-park-holiday-lights-drive/>

Fri., Dec. 13
 3-5 p.m. - **Williston Economic Development & Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau Holiday Open House** - Holiday goodies, register for door prizes, & celebrate the season with friends & colleagues. 113 4th St. E., downtown Williston.
 4-7 p.m. - **Williston Police Department 2nd Annual Blacklight Snowball Fight** - Free event where kids (12 & under with adult supervisor) can battle their parents or member of the WPD in a fake snowball fight under blacklight. Raymond Family Community Center.
 5-7:30 p.m. - **Williston Basin School District #7 2nd Annual Holidays Around The World** - Open to everyone. Cultural booths, live performances, door prizes. Williston High School Commons (Doors 1 & 9)
 6 p.m. - **Williston Downtowners Holiday Stroll** - Downtown Williston. Take a hayride down Main St., photos with Santa, extended hours from retailers & holiday sales & more. For event updates visit Williston Downtowners Facebook page.
Sat., Dec. 14
 10 a.m. - **Winter Wonderland Vendor & Craft Show** - The Williston ARC, 822 18th St. E.
Sun., Dec. 15
 1 p.m. - **Christmas At The Confluence: A Taste Of Frontier Christmas** - Free event with live music; Frontier Christmas skit; "Twas The Night Before Christmas" interactive reading; snowshoeing nature walks; Victorian crafts; indigenous ice gliding game; & refreshments.
 1-3 p.m. - **Kids Christmas Party** - Open to the public. Bring your kids & your camera to get pictures with Santa. There will be games & activities for the kids. Williston Moose Lodge #239.
 2 p.m. - **Christmas Close Up Bingo** - Bingo games with a holiday twist. Free will donations go to kids in CloseUp! Williston High School door 9.
 6-8 p.m. - **Skate With Santa** - \$5 Rental; \$4 Adults; \$3 Youth. Raymond Center. For more info visit willistonparks.com/2024-12-17-skate-with-santa.
Mon., Dec. 23
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Santa At Grandma Sharon's Family Restaurant** - 1501 16th S. W.

DAWSON COUNTY
 Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thurs., Dec. 12
 7 p.m. - **Suzie Claus Story-Time** - Cookies & milk. Glendive Public Library.
Sat., Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. & Sun., Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Last Chance Gift Show - Great place to get your last minute Christmas Shopping done! Giveaway at each vendors table. Santa visiting Sun., 1-4 p.m. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave. For more info call Barb Polette, 406-377-3602.
Thurs., Dec. 19
 6 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Get your team together & come test your knowledge, enjoy a brew & support your library. Up to 5 people at a table, \$5 per person. Cross Country Brewing.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation	1836.0
Last Week's Elev.	1836.4
One Year Ago	1839.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
 Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 2	16	1	0.000
Dec. 3	36	7	0.000
Dec. 4	36	6	0.000
Dec. 5	30	8	0.000
Dec. 6	42	18	0.000
Dec. 7	46	32	0.000
Dec. 8	45	25	0.010
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation	8.470		

The Great String Showdown - A Musical Adventure For a Magical Montana Christmas Held at Richland County Event Center



The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held The Great String Showdown at the Richland County Event Center Dec. 7. The Great String Showdown is a thrilling dueling string act led by Greg Byers and Mike Lauer. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)

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OBITUARIES

David Henry Thiessen, 92 Waite, Park, MN

David Henry Thiessen was welcomed into the loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 2024, at the age of 92. He passed away in his sleep at his home in Waite Park, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held for David Henry Thiessen, 92, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 at Calvary Community Church, St. Cloud, MN. Visitation was from 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 at Benson Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be in North Star Cemetery.



David Henry Thiessen

David was born Dec. 29, 1931, to Henry and Katherine Thiessen, The Dalles, OR. He lived in Oregon until the age of 9, at which time his father, Henry, moved the family back to the original Thiessen homestead outside Lambert, MT. In Montana, he met the love of his life, Darlene Petrik and married her on April 1, 1953. They chose the Bible verse, Psalm 34:3 as the focus of their life together. "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together."

He attended Wheaton College in Illinois from 1949 to 1951 then moved to Minneapolis, MN, to finish his degree in business administration, graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1954. After college, he took employment with Northwestern Bell, moving between Minneapolis, Hibbing, and Duluth, MN. During that time, he and Darlene had five children together. In 1967, he purchased a ServiceMaster franchise in St. Cloud, MN, where the dynamic duo of David and Darlene settled for the remainder of his life. They put down deep roots in the St. Cloud area and became respected members of the community. He was actively involved in

leadership at Calvary Baptist (Community) Church, a local business owner, a private pilot, and heavily involved in creative missions work abroad (particularly missions aviation).

He was a man of unshakable faith in Christ Jesus. He owned and read an extraordinary number of books. He was generous and loved people. Seeing potential in every person that he met, he eagerly poured the full measure of his energy and wealth into each person God brought across his path. He was remarkably good at remembering names, from his multitude of grandchildren to the wait staff at his favorite restaurants, to the many caretakers and medical professionals who cared for him in recent years. He loved a good joke and was a legendary prankster. He was always quick to make a wisecrack, and even quicker to crack a smile. He was a lifetime student (and teacher) of God's Word and endeavored to follow Jesus in every aspect of his life. He was marked by joy and genuine gratitude for the people in his life and for the gifts of his Heavenly Father. He will be dearly missed by his family and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Names were particularly important to David, so we have chosen to list out the names of his entire family that survived him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene (Petrik) Thiessen; his 5 children, Deborah (and Jon) Crabtree, Kathy (and Roger) Gillson, David Wayne (and Kathy) Thiessen, Kerri

(and Duane) Olson, Jerold (and Tamara) Thiessen; his 22 grandchildren, Nate (and Annie) Crabtree, Rebecca (and Travis) Mummey, Sarah (and Eric Gates), Angelina Crabtree, Rowan (and Jocelyn) Gillson, Kirsten Gillson, Micale Gillson, Kennan Gillson, Elise (and Greg) Lawrence, Toria (and Jordan) Marsh, Lauren (and Michael) Tiemann, Lindsey (and Graham) Johnson, David Michael (and Maggie) Thiessen, Craig (and Allison) Thiessen, Katelyn (and Jacob) Mozeika, Kendra (and Tristan) Cortez, Darby Olson, Delaney Olson, Zachary Olson, Kelly (and Reagan) Anderson, Ryan (and Samantha) Thiessen, Abbey Thiessen; and his 31 great-grandchildren, Hannah Crabtree, Noah Crabtree, Josie Crabtree, Brodie Gates, Logan Gates, Porter Gates, Piper Gates, Lewis Gillson, Henri (Harry) Gillson, Calvin Lawrence, Merryn Lawrence, Sylvie Marsh, Lincoln Tiemann, Pax Johnson, Titus Johnson, Nova Johnson, Theo Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Henry (David) Thiessen, Martha Thiessen, Joseph (Thatcher) Thiessen, Iris Thiessen, Jude Thiessen, Olive Thiessen, Shyra Mozeika, Kato Mozeika, Aliyah Mozeika, Tizah Mozeika, Hobbes Mozeika, Finnigan Thiessen, Lucy Thiessen (and three more on the way!).

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Joseph Thiessen.

In lieu of flowers and in keeping with the generous heart of Dave please give to a worthy charity.

Jill Staffanson Thom, 62 Sidney, MT

Jill Staffanson-Thom, 62, Sidney, MT, passed away Nov. 11, 2024.

Jill's Celebration of Life Services are planned for the spring of 2025. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family.

Jill Staffanson Thom was born March 9, 1962, to Ramona and Leroy Staffanson, Sidney, MT. She attended Sidney High School,



Jill Staffanson Thom

graduating in 1980.

Active in 4-H during high school, at home Jill also showed mechanical aptitude while enjoying helping her dad in the shop. During high school and after graduation, she was employed at Sidney Hardees - a position she enjoyed a great deal.

In September 1984, Jill welcomed her daughter, Megan Claire into her life. After the birth of her daughter, Megan, Jill accepted a position at Sunshine Bakery. She later transitioned to Reynold's Market. In all of Jill's work positions, a common thread evolved - she enjoyed customers and, as a result, made many long-term friends.

Jill relocated to Glendive in 2000 to attend Dawson Community College, working at the local Reynold's there at the same time. Graduating from the community college with an associate of science degree in medical transcription, Jill accepted a position at Glendive Medical Center's medical records department.

In 2005, Jill met the love of her life, Glenn Thom. The two dated briefly and would have married sooner than they did, were it not for the local Episcopalian priest insisting they complete marriage classes first. Thus, they were married on Nov. 19, 2005.

Those who are aware of Jill's medical history, know that, back in 1994, she was diagnosed with Stage IV parotid gland cancer. She had surgery and radiation treatment at Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN. Being the scrapper she was, Jill went through it all and came out of it with radiation burns to show for the stay.

While Jill received a clean bill of health for her cancer, the long-term effects of the radical treatment were yet to materialize. But it wasn't until Jill and Glenn had been married for some years that Jill's health began a slow but steady decline. In 2012, Jill and Glenn sold their antique and collectibles business and moved a new home to Jill's birthplace south of Sidney.

Jill and Glenn were together at Jill's passing, with Glenn taking wonderful care of her during her deteriorating health. Jill went to her awaited home in heaven on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024.

Jill was very creative - she could sew, knit, crochet anything you could imagine. She was also adept at playing enjoyable table games such as pinochle and 1000-piece puzzles. Jill also had a fondness for things Disney - especially Mickey Mouse. She loved the rulers of her home - basset hounds, mostly taken in as strays.

Jill always made herself available for her children and grandchildren. While she could, she made it to sports games, performances, holiday programs - of whatever they were a part.

Surviving Jill are husband Glenn; daughter Megan (Butch) Berreth; stepchildren Jesse (Jodi) Thom and Melanie Travis (Tim Schnarrs); Jill's brother Scott and his wife Gail; grandchildren Boss Berreth, Zoe and Vincent Thom, and Bailey Berreth; and special cousins Vicki Vaira and Elaine Gregory.

Jill was preceded in death by her mother Ramona, father Leroy, and her dear cousin Karla Brown.

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Polar Plunge Held in Sidney




The Special Olympics Polar Plunge was held Dec. 5 at the Elks Lodge in Sidney. The Polar Plunge is a Law Enforcement Torch Run signature event. The money raised supports Special Olympics Montana athletes. Pictured is Sidney Volunteer Fire Chief Adam Smith taking the plunge.

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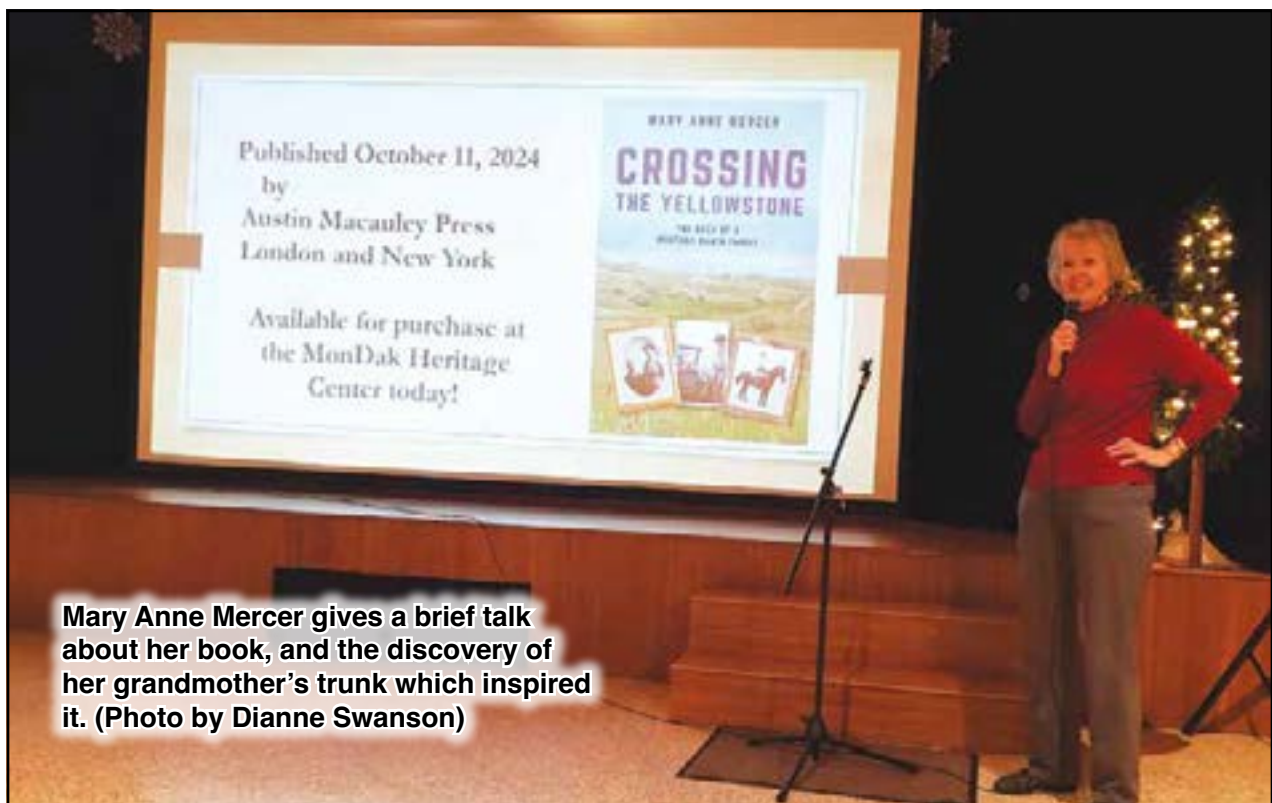
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MonDak Heritage Center Celebrates Christmas



Mary Anne Mercer gives a brief talk about her book, and the discovery of her grandmother's trunk which inspired it. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

By Dianne Swanson
The MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney, hosted its annual Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 8 with delightful entertainment, crafts, tasty treats and Santa Claus.

Mary Anne Mercer kicked off the festivities with a talk about her new book, "Crossing the Yellowstone, The Saga of a Montana Ranch Family". MonDak executive director, Nikki Bailey-Will, described the story this way. "Books like Crossing the Yellowstone are important for preserving not only the history but also the culture of Eastern Montana and the MonDak area. While the hardships and triumphs of homesteading families can be told across much of the west, family stories like this tale of the Mercer family showcase the specific grit and courage it took to truly survive and thrive in the MonDak." Reading like a novel, the story follows Mercer's grandfather from his home state of Missouri to settling in Eastern Montana and building a legacy which continues to this day. The story continues with her father and mother, into the 1940s. Mercer grew up on the family ranch, then pursued an academic career in international health. She and her husband divide their time between their home in Seattle and a small ranch near Red Lodge. This fascinating book is available at the MonDak Heritage Center and would make a great gift for the history lovers on your list.

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Cayla Norby holds Mia Wulf as Santa snuggles in for a memorable Christmas photo. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)



Jazmine Sommerfeld helps her daughters Kit, Wrenlyn and Aurora create a sparkling snowflake during the MonDak Christmas celebration. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

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Above: Macy Tjelde drives in and makes 2 for Fairview. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Right: Gabe Callender gets up and scores 2 for Fairview. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

The Fairview Warriors traveled to Culbertson for their first (non-conference) basketball game of the season.

Fairview girls worked hard and came out ahead at the end of the game with Fairview 53 to Culbertson 33.

Fairview boys ran out of time and came up short with the score Culbertson 43 to Fairview 37.

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Bantams Start League Play With A Win



Cooper Thiel during the Dickinson game on Dec. 8. (Photo submitted)

Submitted by Brenda Filler
The Richland Ranger Bantams traveled to Dickinson, ND, on Sunday, Jan. 8 for their 1st league game of the season. The Rangers faced off against the Outlaws defeating them 4-1. This coming weekend the Richland Ranger Bantams will head to Grand Forks, ND, to play in the B-Dubs Shootout Tournament.

Ag Lease Considerations

By Marley Voll, MSU
Richland County Extension

If you are looking to get started with a new lease, re-negotiate one that has expired, or review lease rates, Montana State University Extension has resources to assist you whether you are the landlord or the tenant.

There are four main types of ag leases, including cash leases, flexible cash leases, crop share leases, and pasture leases. A cash lease tends to be the simplest option, as the tenant pays a flat fee for the use of the land for a specific period. A flexible cash lease is an agreement that

is drafted to vary depending on prices and yields. A crop share lease is where both parties share the profits and the expenses. Pasture leases have many methods for determining their rate, including rate per acre, rate per animal unit month (AUM), rate per pound of gain, and a rate based on a contributions approach, among others.

There are no legal requirements for an agricultural lease to be in writing, however, if a lease term is longer than one year, it must be in writing in order to be enforceable. It is recommended to have leases in writing in any situation,

as this can lead to less disagreement and misunderstanding between parties.

The Richland County Extension office has resources for you as you navigate lease considerations, as well as resources to assist in establishing a lease rate. These resources include MontGuides on different types of leases, access to example lease agreements and wording, a contributions approach to pasture leasing calculator, and access to data such as the average cash rental rate for the county and average grazing fees for the state.

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Sidney Wrestlers Place 2nd at Home Invite



The Sidney wrestling team had a stellar finish to their first tournament of the year. The Eagles placed 2nd at the Eagle Invitational tournament in Sidney last weekend. The team finished 9th in the dual tournament held on Dec. 6. Above: The team poses with the 2nd place plaque on Dec. 7.



Sidney's Tyson Syth gets a reversal on Gage Loftin, Post Falls, ID. Syth won by fall in 1:22 to place 1st at 110 lbs.



Sidney's Reece Graves settles in to get the pin over Dawson County's Gresyn Hostetler in 1:11. Graves finished 1st at 150 lbs.

<p>Sidney Eagle Invitational 2024 Results for Sidney Varsity</p> <p>103- Eli Lonski (4-2) placed 4th and scored 17.0 team points.</p> <p>110 - Tyson Syth (3-0) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points.</p> <p>138 - Brenner Mullin (3-2) placed 7th and scored 13.0 team points.</p> <p>144 - Aaron Schmitz (3-1) placed 2nd and scored 24.5 team points.</p> <p>150- -Reece Graves (4-0) placed 1st and scored 32.0 team points.</p> <p>175 - Ty Schepens (4-1) placed 2nd and scored 27.0 team points.</p> <p>215 - Thor Fulgham (4-2) placed 5th and scored 15.0 team points.</p> <p>Junior Varsity</p> <p>132- Yuriah Camacho (5-1) placed 3rd.</p> <p>157 - Jason Sorteberg (4-0) placed 1st.</p>	<p>157 - Lance Allen (5-1) placed 3rd.</p> <p>165 - Cody Crooks (4-0) placed 1st.</p> <p>165 - Trayden Mckee (3-3) placed 6th.</p> <p>190 - Shane Georgan (0-3) placed 8th.</p> <p>190 - Cooper Fulgham (4-1) placed 3rd..</p> <p>215 - Waylon Schieffer (3-1) placed 2nd.</p> <p>HWT - Stetson Armes (2-1) placed 2nd.</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>110 - Melonie Crooks (0-3) placed 8th.</p> <p>130 - Marley Idland (0-2) placed 7th.</p> <p>135 - Mackayla Dewitt (3-1) placed 3rd.</p> <p>155 - Karen Rosales (2-3) placed 4th.</p> <p>Team Scores</p> <p>1 Post Falls 240.0</p> <p>2 Sidney 156.5</p> <p>3 Lockwood 146.5</p> <p>4 Laurel 138.5</p> <p>5 Huntley Project 131.0</p>	<p>6 Williston 129.5</p> <p>7 Lake Stevens 109.5</p> <p>8 Minot 100.5</p> <p>9 Glasgow 100.0</p> <p>10 Hardin 88.5</p> <p>Sidney Eagle Duals 2024 Results</p> <p>1st Place - Post Falls</p> <p>2nd Place - Lake Stevens</p> <p>3rd Place - Dickinson</p> <p>4th Place - Laurel</p> <p>5th Place - Williston</p> <p>6th Place - Oak Harbor</p> <p>High School</p> <p>7th Place - Rapid City Central</p> <p>8th Place - Glasgow</p> <p>9th Place - Sidney / Fairview</p> <p>10th Place - Lockwood</p> <p>11th Place - Huntley Project</p> <p>12th Place - Adams City</p> <p>13th Place - Hardin</p> <p>14th Place - Mead</p> <p>15th Place - Minot</p> <p>16th Place - Custer Co. (Miles City)</p>
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By Pam Elliott, Administrator James Memorial Art Center
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By Kara Haff, Public Information Officer
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Experience holiday traditions from the 19th century and enjoy festive activities for all ages. Listen to live music, learn the history of snowshoeing in our area with guided tours, and try your hand at classic frontier crafts and homesteading practices. Join in on an ice gliding game, an outdoor winter game inspired by Indigenous traditions. Watch a fun and interactive retelling of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with historical twists. Santa arrives at 4:20 p.m. to visit and distribute complimentary treat bags to children.

For more information, contact Cheyenne Teal at 701.572.9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CT; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. CT; and closed Monday-Tuesday. Fort Buford is currently closed. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

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Enjoy thousands of holiday lights Nov. 30-Dec. 31, in over 75 displays every evening, 5:30-9:30 p.m. from inside your vehicle. Tune to 107.1 for holiday music! Entry fee is \$5 per car.

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Check out the lighted photo op shots throughout the park. If in use, be courteous! Wait for the party to finish before approaching.

Plan to come often? Buy a book of 10 single use passes for \$40 (a \$10 savings) from the Visitors Center, 212 34th St W or call us at 701-774-9041. Punch cards are available at the gate house while supplies last. You can also fill up your Holiday Lights Drive punch card and get an additional night free.

Activity nights include: Dec. 13: Swiftie Celebration; Dec. 16 & 17: Reindeer Night; Dec. 19: Selfies with Santa; Dec. 20: The Polar Express; Dec. 22: Luminary Sunday; Dec. 23: Cookie Decorating; Dec. 26: The Great Elf Send-Off; Dec. 27: Unicorn Night; and Dec. 30: Unicorn Night.

For more info visit <https://visitwilliston.com/signature-events/spring-lake-park-holiday-lights-drive/>.

Williston's "12 Days of Shopping" Holiday Retail Campaign

By Brookelle Otte
Williston, ND—The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce is introducing a new way to shop locally this holiday season. Dec. 1-12, the "12 Days of Shopping" Holiday Retail Campaign features more than 44 businesses where you can shop locally for this Holiday Season.

Additionally, every participating business will have a raffle box where shoppers can enter to win a raffle prize. There are lots of great prizes to win, so be sure to enter to win at each participating business. The announcement of winners will take place at the Williston Downtowner's Holiday Stroll on Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the dining area of Thai Tasty. Must be present to win.

For a full list of the participating businesses, visit www.willistonchamber.com/holiday-retail-campaign.

NEW Chamber Bucks
Chamber Bucks are new and improved! Instead of having a physical "Buck", shoppers have the opportunity to purchase digital Chamber Bucks, where they can use their Chamber Bucks Digital Gift Card at any participating Chamber location. Backed by Mastercard, this new system is safe, seamless, and ensures an immediate sale from the customer to the business. Chamber Bucks make the perfect gift this holiday season! To purchase and see a list of participating stores visit app.yiftee.com/gift-card/williston.

Get Spotted Wearing Chamber Buttons
Designed by Cadence Jacobs a student at Williston High School, the Official Holiday Retail Campaign Button will be available at the following locations: Williston ARC, Williston Community Library, James Memorial Art Center, and the Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Chamber Ambassadors will be out and about looking for shoppers wearing the official Holiday Retail Campaign Buttons. If shoppers "get caught" by our elves, they'll have the opportunity to win Chamber Bucks.

Participating Businesses
Participating Businesses as of Nov. 23 include:
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Notice to Water Users
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Remarks
Important Information:
• During the Public Notice of a new Reserved Water Use Authorization application, objections may be submitted for a 30-day period to the Conservation District using Objection to Application for Reserved Water Use Authorization, Form 107. Objections received outside this period will not be accepted or considered valid.

Name: The Lauri & Larry Handy Trust c/o Lauri & Larry Handy, Trustees
APPLICATION NO: RI-036M
DATE FILED: 4/3/2024
INTERNAL PRIORITY DATE: 7/1/1985
WATER SOURCE: Missouri River
TOTAL AMOUNT: 368 AF
PERIOD OF APPROPRIATION: 4/1/10/31
DIVERSION POINT: SESW SEC 27, 27N 51E Richland County
DIVERSION MEANS: Cornell 5RB Pump
USE: Irrigation

PLACE OF USE: 158 acres in the E2 SEC 28, NW SEC 27, L1 SEC 21, L5 SEC 22, all in TWP 27N RGE 51E
COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS to the issuance of an authorization under this application must be received by the Richland County Conservation District, 2745 W Holly ST, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-433-2103 x 3, on or before January 10th, 2025. Objection forms are available from the Richland County Conservation District.

The Conservation District will review this application and any objections at their January 10th, 2025, meeting at 4:00 PM, at the district office. Assistance or questions regarding this application should be directed to the Richland County Conservation District, 2745 W Holly ST, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-433-2103.

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Name: Patrick Colgan
APPLICATION NO: RI-034M
DATE FILED: 4/17/2023
INTERNAL PRIORITY DATE: 7/1/1985
WATER SOURCE: Missouri River
TOTAL AMOUNT: 294 AF
PERIOD OF APPROPRIATION: 4/1/10/31
DIVERSION POINT: L5 Section 27, 27N 51E Richland County
DIVERSION MEANS: Cornell 6H 100 HP Pump
USE: Irrigation

PLACE OF USE: 122 acres in the N2 Sec 34, 27N, 51E and S2SW Sec 27, 27N, 51E
COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS to the issuance of an authorization under this application must be received by the Richland County Conservation District, 2745 W Holly ST, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-433-2103 x 3, on or before January 10th, 2025. Objection forms are available from the Richland County Conservation District.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Town of Fairview, Montana, will on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Fairview Senior Center, 217 W 5th Street, Fairview, Montana, hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting public input on the issue of amending the Town of Fairview 2023-2024 budget for increased electrical expenditures for Residential Lighting Fund 2410, \$207.88. The Town of Fairview Has sufficient cash reserves to cover these unforeseen expenditures. The budget amendment has been placed on file and is open to inspection at Fairview Town Hall. Any taxpayer or resident may appear at the public hearing and be heard for or against any part of the budget amendment.

Contact the Fairview Town Clerk, Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box 426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, Montana 59221; by email at townoffairview@midrivers.com ; or call 406-742-5616 during business hours to obtain further information or request an accommodation for a disability. Dated at Fairview, Montana, this 4th day of December, 2024.
Norma F Carlson,
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Attorneys for Personal Representative
MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
PROBATE NO. DP-42-2024-0000102-IT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KELLY ANN DEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (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 KATHY GAIL JOHNSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at The Savage Law Firm, PO Box 1105, Sidney, Montana 59270 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2024.

KATHY GAIL JOHNSON
Personal Representative

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Attorney for Personal Representative

MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, RICHLAND COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of John (Jack) Henderson, Deceased.

CAUSE NO. DP-24-42-2024-0000099-II

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be mailed to Sherill Terry Henderson, return receipt requested, at c/o Donald L. Netzer, Netzer, Krautter & Brown, PC, 1060 South Central Ave., Ste. 2, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above-named Court. DATED this 20th day of November, 2024.

Sherill Terry Henderson,
Personal Representative

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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 Request for Approval to Update Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 93 and Net Billing Option Rate 94
Docket 2024.10.108
December 2, 2024

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

1. On October 21, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU"), filed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Request for Approval to Update Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 93 and Net Billing Option Rate 94 ("Application").

2. MDU Rate 93 is a standard rate tariff available to qualifying facilities ("QFs") that produce three megawatts or less in nameplate capacity. In its Application, MDU proposes changes to its differentiated energy purchase rates under its Rate 93 Tariff to use real-time hourly energy prices in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") market as the price to purchase energy from a QF. MDU proposes that the real-time energy prices will be determined on an hourly basis, and any payment will be included in the customer's subsequent billing period. MDU also requests to increase its metering charge rates.

3. MDU states will be able to meet MISO resource adequacy

requirements through 2030. As such, the capacity payment rate included in the Rate 93 tariff is the highest of the summer and winter MISO capacity auction through 2030. The capacity payment rate for year 2031 and beyond is the levelized capital cost of a simple cycle combustion turbine. As a result MDU requests to decrease its monthly capacity payments to QFs from \$10.3679 per kilowatt ("Kw") to \$9.427 per Kw, starting in 2031 and applicable for the remainder of the terms of the contracts MDU has entered.

4. In its Application, MDU asserts that changes to Rate 94 are necessary because of the changes in methodology to Rate 93. MDU Rate 94 is a tariff that concerns a net billing option for purchases of energy. MDU proposes to include a standard avoided cost energy payment rate when a QF's energy sales to MDU exceed the QF's use for the month in Rate 94. If MDU's Application is approved, for energy sales from a QF to MDU, a QF will have the option of contracting for either the "Standard Payment Option" or the Rate 94 "Net Billing Option".

5. A copy of the Application is publicly available at the Commission's business offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601, and online at the Commission's website (<http://psc.mt.gov>) under Docket No. 2024.10.108. A copy of the Application may also be available at the office of the Montana Consumer Counsel ("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 in contested cases are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help.

6. The Commission invites any interested party affected by MDU's Application to intervene in this docket. To intervene, a party must file a petition to intervene with the Commission no later than **December 18, 2024**. A party seeking intervention must file an electronic petition on the Commission's website at <http://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 the address stated above, and to MDU's attorney, Michael W. Green, Crowley Fleck PLLP, 900 N. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 200, Helena, MT 59601.

7. 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 Ave., P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620 or by email to pschelp@mt.gov. Public comments may also be submitted online in REDDI. Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help.

8. 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 this 2nd day of December 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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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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

Alexander Public School District
601 Delaney Street
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Alexander, ND 58831

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

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

The successful bidder must move the home off the premises on or before May 15, 2025, transport the structure in manner that complies with applicable law, and transport the structure to a location authorized by law. Upon compliance with the foregoing, the District shall deliver one or more documents to the successful bidder conveying the District's right, title, and interest in the home. If the successful bidder does not comply with the foregoing, without limiting the District's available remedies, the District shall have the authority to retain all right, title, and interest of and to the structure and/or use all the funds submitted by the bidder to remove, transport, store, sell, and/or otherwise dispose of the structure. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that, in the event the bidder fails to comply with its obligations, the District's use of the bid amount is fair and reasonable under the circumstances including the actual damages likely to be suffered by the District if the bidder fails to perform. The bidder further agrees bid amount will not be disproportionate to damages that could reasonably be anticipated by the District if the bidder fails to perform. The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities in a bid received, to hold bids for a period of 30 days, and to accept that bid which appears to be in the best interests of the District.

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

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Tara Lee Hill
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 211
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Attorney for the Personal Representative

MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DIANNE KAY ETZEL, Deceased.
Probate No. DP 42-2024-0000072-II

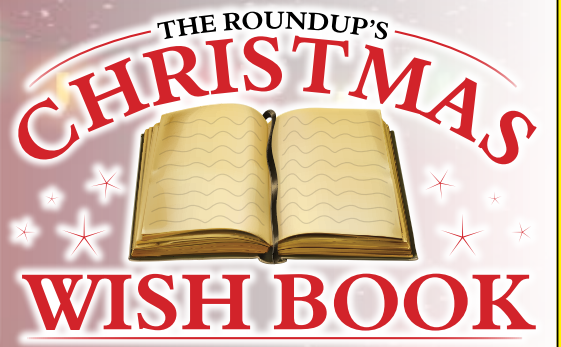
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Debra Peck, Co-Personal Representative, or Karen Magone, Co-Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 1575 10th Ave SW, Sidney, MT 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 29th Day of August, 2024, at Sidney, Montana.

Karen Magone
Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Dianne Kay Etzel, Deceased
Debra Peck
Co- Personal Representative of the Estate of Dianne Kay Etzel, Deceased

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