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## REDC Presents Burgers, Brats and Business Attraction Feb. 13

By Dianne Swanson

Richland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) is making a bold move to rejuvenate their annual meeting this year. Instead of the banquet style event of years past, they are refreshing the method of reporting to their membership and the community by hosting a more casual, fun event.

Please join them on Thursday, Feb. 13 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Richland County Event Center. Music by Judd Burman will provide the perfect atmosphere as you enjoy an adult beverage from The Ranger Lounge and taste the talents of LeRoy Strasheim.

In lieu of the formal presentation of the event, a printed annual report will be

at the tables for participants to peruse.

Later on, REDC is pleased to feature Jaimie Charon, Montana Business Attraction Specialist, in a fireside chat format. The discussion will focus on the various programs that he and Leslie Messer have worked on the past 18 months. Topics include the process of building a better prepared

community, meeting the client's needs, the amount of time that recruitment can take and what has been successful in other Montana communities.

Please plan to attend this interesting event. RSVP to the REDC office at 406-482-4679 by Feb. 5. Tickets are \$25 per person and the event is open to the public.



Jaimie Charon.  
(Photo submitted)



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## Sidney Chamber Annual Meeting

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held their annual meeting at the Richland Co. Extension Office on Jan. 15. Chamber stakeholders gathered to participate in creating vision boards and listen to funding updates from Chamber President, Ryan Kopp.



## McKenzie Co. Sheriff's Office Reopening 2013 Death Investigation Of Duncan Templer

By Matthew Johansen  
McKenzie County Sheriff

On July 27, 2013, the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office received a report of suicide threats for a male individual. The suicidal male was not able to be located on the day of the report. A search for the male was conducted around the last known area. Family had contact with the suicidal male the morning of his disappearance. A search party containing the following agencies were involved: McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Dunn County Sheriff's Office, United States Forest Service, North Dakota Game and Fish, United States Border Patrol, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Civil Air Patrol and the Bismarck Mounted Police.

On Sept. 28, 2013, our office received a call from a hunter who discovered human remains south of Watford City. The remains were later determined to be those of Duncan Templer. The remains of Duncan Templer were transferred to the North Dakota Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy was conducted, ultimately resulting in the manner and cause of death to be undetermined. The origin surrounding the death of Duncan Templer was investigated by the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, however, remained to be undetermined in nature.

On Dec. 20, 2024, the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a family member of Duncan Templer who requested the case be re-opened. The McKenzie County Sheriff's Office has decided to re-open the death investigation case of Duncan Templer. Our goal is to determine the possible cause and manner of death, and to provide the family of Duncan Templer the closure they have been seeking for all these years. We want to reiterate to the public that this is not being considered as an open homicide investigation, rather an open death investigation.

We are asking the public to contact the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office with any information surrounding the death of Duncan Templer. If you do have information regarding this case, please call the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office a 701-444-3654 and request to speak to a Detective within our Investigations Division.

## McKenzie Health Reports 99 Babies Born In 2024

### ConocoPhillips Awards the Benefit Fund of McKenzie Health \$50,000 to Assist with Women's Health Needs – Obstetrics and Gynecology

By Lynn Welker-Fevold,  
MMHC, ACHE

Watford City— Last year, ConocoPhillips generously awarded the Benefit Fund of McKenzie Health with \$50,000 to fund an ultrasound machine that is used by Dr. Carol Uhlman, OBGYN, at the McKenzie Health Center, Watford City. This particular machine is used to confirm pregnancy, determine sex of the baby, and will ultimately reduce the number of trips to the radiology department for women where OBGYNs - Dr. Carol Uhlman, Dr. Andrea DiMichele, Dr. Teinesha

Irvey, Dr. Jenna Sloan - and team can use the machine to gather important information quickly.

Lynn Welker-Fevold, Benefit Fund of McKenzie Health president, said, "ConocoPhillips has consistently supported McKenzie Health over the years from newborn hearing equipment to a sleeping space for providers when faced with inclement weather to construction of our greenhouse at the Good Shepherd Home. Their continued commitment to local healthcare is deeply appreciated!"

Ninety-nine babies

were born in 2024. Dr. Carol Uhlman, Obstetrics and Gynecology, said, "McKenzie Health delivered 66 babies in 2023, now 99 in 2024! We are grateful the community has embraced having this service available locally. We also find ourselves fortunate to have top-of-the-line equipment generously donated. Having a sophisticated ultrasound at the bedside relieves and expedites making a diagnosis as well as a treatment plan. Nothing is more satisfying than seeing a new mom view her baby. It has also allowed us to add gynecological procedures

previously not available in the area. Not only has its availability dramatically improved care but also assisted in recruiting exceptional doctors. Often doctors are reluctant to come to remote areas. Having this level of ultrasound available reveals the dedication of local donors to allow us to provide exemplary services. ConocoPhillips, you have made all the difference! Thank you for supporting our team in our efforts to improve women's healthcare!"

Rachel Logan, ConocoPhillips Stakeholder Relations director, said, "At ConocoPhillips, we're dedicated to building relationships with organizations that serve the communities where we live and operate. McKenzie Health directly addresses the vital needs of our community, and we are very proud to support them."

Pete Edis, McKenzie Health CEO, commented, "While many rural hospitals are moving away from obstetrics, McKenzie Health made the bold decision to develop this essential service in response to com-

munity feedback. Since launching our labor and delivery services in January 2023, we have proudly welcomed approximately 170 newborns into our care. Without our labor and delivery services, local families would face the challenge of traveling 1-3 hours for obstetric care, just as they did for the previous 30 years. By providing accessible, high-quality care close to home, we are not only supporting our current residents but also making our area more attractive to those looking to relocate, which is vital for stabilizing the local workforce. Thank you once again to ConocoPhillips for helping McKenzie Health make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve."

The Benefit Fund of McKenzie Health is extremely thankful for this donation and the opportunity to offer more comprehensive health for women in Watford City. To make an appointment with one of our OBGYN providers, please call 701-444-2235.



ConocoPhillips Team with Dr. Teinesha Irvey. (Submitted photo)

## Sidney Health Center Welcomes Shannon Shepherd, MSN, CNM, FNP To Women's Health Clinic

By Rita Steinbeisser

Sidney, MT— Sidney Health Center is excited to announce the addition of Shannon Shepherd, MSN, CNM, FNP, to its Women's Health Clinic. With over 25 years of experience in women's health, Shannon brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep commitment to providing personalized, compassionate care to women in the Mondak region.

Shannon has dedicated her career to empowering women by listening to their concerns and providing comprehensive care tailored to their unique needs. Over the course of her career, she has delivered approx-

imately 2,500 babies and has developed expertise in a wide range of services, including routine and high-risk obstetric care, gynecological exams, family planning, menopause management, and breast care.

Shannon's journey into women's healthcare was inspired by her own childbirth experiences, which drove her to become a family nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife. Her approach to care emphasizes collaboration and respect, aiming to provide a positive and empowering healthcare experience for every patient.

In her new role at Sidney Health Center, Shannon

will fill the position previously held by Wendy Wiltzen, FNP, who retired in July 2024 after 40 years of dedicated service to the community. She joins the talented team of Dr. Malua Tambi, Dr. Lisa Ross, and Dr. Kristan Adams, working together to meet the evolving healthcare needs of women in the Mondak region.

"Joining Sidney Health Center is an exciting opportunity to continue my passion for women's health," said Shannon. "I look forward to serving this community and helping women navigate all stages of their healthcare journeys."

Outside of work, Shan-

non enjoys traveling, exploring national parks, and spending time with her family, including her beloved 118-lb. Rottweiler. Her adventurous spirit has taken her to 45 states and numerous countries, and she is eager to explore more in the future.

Shannon's arrival marks a significant step in continuing Sidney Health Center's commitment to delivering exceptional, patient-centered care. The clinic is proud to welcome Shannon and invites community members to schedule an appointment to meet her.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Sidney Health Center's



Shannon Shepherd,  
MSN, CNM, FNP  
(Photo submitted)

Women's Health Clinic at 406-488-2577 or visit the organization's website at sidneyhealth.org.

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**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.-Sat. daily at 2 p.m.;  
**Women's Cards:** Wed. & Sat. at 1 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 AI-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. - **AI-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.....1834.3  
 Last Week's Elev. ....1835.0  
 One Year Ago .....1838.0  
 Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....21,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 13	12	-5	0.010
Jan. 14	26	12	0.000
Jan. 15	39	20	0.000
Jan. 16	40	24	0.000
Total 2025 YTD Precipitation	0.15		

# OBITUARIES

## C. John Anderson, 86 Watford City, ND



C. John Anderson

Funeral Services for C. John will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Banks Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND, with Sherri Hesser and Rob Favorite officiating. A luncheon will follow services at Banks Lutheran Church for a time of fellowship and sharing. C. John will be laid to rest at Banks Lutheran Church Cemetery, Watford City, ND. Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Watford City, ND, and one hour prior to services at Banks Lutheran Church. The service will be livestreamed directly on C. John's obituary page. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Carl John Anderson was born on Oct. 28, 1938, to Herman and Anna Anderson. Herman was a childless bachelor of 62 and Anna was a widow in her mid-40s, with eight children of her own when they married. It's safe to say John may have been a bit of a surprise. However, his parents doted on him, completing their newly formed, large family. His eight brothers and sisters eventually scattered throughout the county and beyond, but John grew up and, minus a few years as a young married man, remained on the farm until his final days.

CJ, C John, or just John, whichever name you wanted to call him, as he answered to all, went to school in Watford City, where he met a young Violet Lucille Johnson. The prom King and Queen seemed destined to be a love story for the ages. After high school, Violet went away to college and started dating a smooth-talking, wanna-be preacher. After receiving a "Dear John" letter from Violet, John knew he didn't want to miss his second chance. When Violet came home for Christmas break, John offered her a ring and a vision of their life. She looked into John's steely blue eyes and the rest was history.

John and Violet were married the next year, on Aug. 30, 1958. The young couple welcomed their first son, Daryl, less than a year later. John and Violet lived in town for a few years with John supporting the family working at several local businesses. But John was a farmer, through and through, and soon the young family moved back to the second-generation farm started by his father in 1907. Daughter Debbie quickly followed into this world, then came two more sons, Doug, and Dean.

Once he was back home, working full-time as a farmer and rancher, he never wanted to be distracted by responsibilities in town. There were always too many projects at the farm, raising kids, cows, and crops. Each season brought new joys but also challenges.

Drive by any McKenzie County farm and you will see a rock pile. Like rocks plaguing the farmers, lean years came to the family from time to time - drought, grasshoppers or low prices. When tough times presented themselves, John's work ethic, ingenuity and lifelong partnership with Violet kept the family together.

In return for John's generosity, others were always willing to lend a helping hand. The year, Violet needed her gallbladder out, John still managed to get the harvest completed while his best helper was convalescing.

John retired from farming full time in 2000, but that didn't slow him down. He worked for the Weed Board, among other jobs, but the farm was never put on the back burner. Probably his most proud position after "retirement" was helping his son, Dean, when he started farming. Always willing to jump in a combine, move equipment from field to field, or give advice (sometimes it was even asked for).

In 2007, John and Violet threw a party celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the farm and burning their mortgage. Because of their love for John and Violet, family and friends came from near and far to party the night away. A few beers were drunk, and a few shots of blackberry brandy were had with John encouraging everyone to have fun. Good timing was inherent in John, planning the party in late July so they could buy clearance fireworks. Thankfully he knew a lot of men on the Fire Department. The fireworks display in the backyard would rival any 4th of July production.

Never a man to sit idle, eventually he started woodworking in his spare time. Many people in town have a picture frame, a step stool, a lefsa stick, or some other item lovingly made by John's hands.

John was generous with his garden when he was unable to farm full time. Growing world class onions, carrots, and potatoes, he shared the bounty with anyone who stopped by for a visit, and gave generously to the food bank in town.

John knew the end was near when he asked to be admitted to the hospital. Always looking out for the family, it was his suggestion, sparing his wife or children that difficult decision. Always thinking of others, he made sure to tell which catalog had the best onion sets and how many to plant. He called all the caregivers by name and thanked them. He may have flirted with a few and made jokes with all. And in the end, with music he loved playing in the background, he went peacefully to sleep.

John was sometimes a man of few words. You knew from a glance if you were mowing his yard in the wrong direction or your vegetable rows were not quite straight, trust us on that one. But one thing he never shied away from was telling those he loved how he felt. "I love you" were words frequently heard by everyone around John. He set the example for his kids and grandkids, for his church family and the community.

C. John Anderson, 86 of Watford City passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at the McKenzie County Hospital, Watford City, ND. John was welcomed at the pearly gates by his parents, siblings, and oldest son, Daryl.

We, his surviving family and friends, hold close to our hearts John's strong faith that there are no rocks in the fields and no grasshoppers to eat budding crops. Soft gentle rains come at the right time and only refreshing breezes blow in heaven. We will miss him with our whole hearts. But find comfort together knowing that we were blessed to have his presence for as long as we did, knowing that he is breathing easy now and reunited with his parents and son to farm each heavenly day wrapped in God's loving arms.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Violet, daughter Debbie (Don and their children and grandchildren), son Doug (Faye and their children and grandchildren), and Dean (Jeni and their children and grandchildren) and daughter-in-law Betsy (along with Daryl's children and grandchildren), and many, many extended family.

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.**  
**Wed., Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26**  
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Community Kitchen** - All are welcome, no charge. Sidney Moose Lodge. For more info contact 406-433-3017.  
**Thurs., Jan. 23**  
 5:30 p.m. - **Fresh Start: Decluttering 101:** Learn about basic decluttering methods & resources to keep you motivated. Sidney Richland County Library.  
**Fri., Jan. 24; Feb. 28; March 14, 28, April 11, 25**  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Sidney's Soup Kitchen** - All are welcome, no charge, & volunteers appreciated. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more info call 406-433-2510 or email [stmattd@midrivers.com](mailto:stmattd@midrivers.com).  
**Fri., Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28**  
 7:30 p.m. - **Volleyball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.  
**Sat., Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22**  
 7 p.m. - **Basketball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.  
**Thurs., Jan. 30**  
 5:30 p.m. - **Heart Health Education** - Learn to take your blood pressure & what the numbers mean, how to read a food label, what are the Whoa, Slow & Go foods, some stress management ideas, how to increase your physical activity without joining a gym. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. To sign up for a full 6-week course contact Heather Nevins, 406-433-2207.  
**Sat., Feb. 1 & Sun., Feb. 2**  
 8:52 a.m. - **RCSC Pickleball Tourny Taylan Hansen Fundraiser** - Richland County Sports Complex, 1281 S. Central Ave. Beginners 2.0 Doubles Division; Mens, Ladies & Mixed Doubles Divisions 3.0 plus. Entry deadline Jan. 29. Prizes awarded. \$20 per player per division. Teams can have 2 or 3 players. For more info DM or text 406-489-3285 or check the Richland County Sports Complex Facebook page or the Pickleball Peep Squad Facebook page.  
**Wed., Feb. 5**  
 5:30 p.m. - **MSU Richland County Extension Soil Blocking Workshop** - Learn the technique of soil blocking to starting seeds & take home your own seeds started in soil blocks. Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N. Central Ave. Call to reserve your spot 406-433-1206.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**  
**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.**  
**Now - Mon., March 3**  
 10 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Greg Walter "Animal Alphabet Alliteration" Gallery Show** - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/events/upcoming-events/>.  
**Wed., Jan. 22**  
 6-8 p.m. - **Watercolor Cardinal Class** - Learn the basics of watercolor by painting bright & cheery cardinals. Beginners class, supplies & materials included. Cost: \$22. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.  
**Fri., Jan. 24, 4-9 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 25, Family 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Adult (21+) 5-9 p.m. & Sun., Jan. 26, 12-4 p.m.**  
**Indoor Mini Golf** - \$10 for 18 holes; \$15 for 36 holes; 9-hole Mini-Mini Course, \$5 person. Rough Rider Center. For more info visit [www.roughridercenter.com](http://www.roughridercenter.com) or call 701-842-3665.  
**Sat., Jan. 25**  
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Knitting 101 Lessons** - Beginner course for those who want to learn how to knit. Cost: \$26. Ages 8+ recommended with adult supervision. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.  
 5 p.m. - **McKenzie County Ag Expo Arenacross** - Practice starts at 8:30 a.m. with heats to follow. Main event starts 5 p.m. Admission prices: Age 11+ \$20; Ages 4-10: \$10; Age 3 & under Free. General admission pit passes: \$35. McKenzie County Ag Expo.  
**Wed., Jan. 29**  
 12 p.m. - **McKenzie County JDA Housing Program Public Input Meeting** - Commissioner's Room McKenzie County Courthouse. For more info visit: <https://econdev.mckenziecounty.net/housing-mtg>.  
**Sat., Feb. 1**  
 7-10 p.m. - **Boot Scootin' Barn Dance** - A fundraiser to benefit Feed My Staving Children Mboilepack. Snacks pop & water for sale, silent auction. Featuring live band: "The Biker & The Bandits" Tickets: \$10/person or \$50/ family. McKenzie County Ag Expo.  
**Sat., Feb. 8**  
**2:30-4 p.m. - Strummin' and Hummin': Beginner Guitar Workshop** - Ages 14+, start with an instrument orientation & tuning course followed by two 30-minute song learning sessions, learning basic chords & strumming. Come away knowing the basics of two songs & song sheets to help keep you practicing! \$35/ person (bring your own guitar); \$45/person (guitar provided for the night). Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**  
**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.**  
**Sat., Jan. 25**  
 2-3 p.m. - **Make a Pinch Pot Monster** - High School & Adult, 2 part clay class. James Memorial Art Center. Registration ends 5 p.m., Jan. 17. \$25: Nonmember; 20% off member discount. For more info visit [www.thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes](http://www.thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes).  
**Sat., Jan. 25, Mon., Jan. 27, Tues., Jan. 28**  
 3-5 p.m. - **Open Ice Skating** - Family fun for all ages. Limited rentals & skating aids for beginners. All ages & abilities are welcome, helmets are encourages. Fees: \$5 Rental; \$4 adult; \$3 Youth; Free Skating aids for beginners. Raymond Center, Pete Conlin Arena.  
**Tues., Feb. 4 & 11**  
 4-5 p.m. - **Bake A Clay Cupcake Trinket Box** - Grades K-6, \$25 Not-Yet Member; \$20 Member. James Memorial Art Center. For more info visit [www.thejamesmemorial.org](http://www.thejamesmemorial.org).  
**Sat., Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10**  
 2-3 p.m. - **History & Nature Lecture Series** - Explore the diverse history & natural environment of Western North Dakota, offering a platform for reenactors, historians, & nature enthusiasts to learn about the region's past & ecosystems. Participants can join as speakers or attendees, either in person or virtually. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Center.

**DAWSON COUNTY**  
**Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.**  
**Sat., Jan. 25**  
 6-10 p.m. - **38th Annual Farm & Ranch Appreciation Banquet** - Eastern Plains Event Center, 313 S. Merrill Ave.  
**Sat., Feb. 1**  
 5:30 p.m. - **Glendive Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet** - EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave. Trips for auction: Africa Hunt; Tuscany Italy & Caribbean; plus special edition firearms. For more info contact Derek Reitz, 406-939-3486.

# Close-to-Home Eye Care For Montana: Modernizing Optometry Laws To Improve Access

By Dr. Haley Menge, Dr. Jon Kolstad and Dr. Kristen O'Brien

For Montana's elderly citizens, nursing home residents, and others who struggle to travel long distances for medical care, access to trusted eye care close to home is essential. Yet, outdated laws in Montana restrict highly trained doctors of optometry from performing certain in-office procedures that could safely and effectively be done in their offices. It is time to modernize these regulations to ensure Montanans can receive timely, high-quality care without the burden of traveling hundreds of miles.

Montana's optometrists are often the first resource for patients' vision and eye health. However, current state laws limit their ability to fully utilize their extensive education and training. These restrictions prevent optometrists from performing in-office procedures that they are qualified to provide, such as laser treatments for glaucoma, minor post-cataract surgeries and others—procedures that have

been safely performed by optometrists in other states for decades.

The lack of access to local care disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including seniors and those living in rural or underserved areas. For many, traveling to urban centers for basic procedures is not just inconvenient but a significant barrier to receiving necessary care. By passing the Optometry Bill 2025, Montana can eliminate these barriers and bring modern, patient-centered care closer to home.

### Proven Safety and Trust

The evidence is clear: Optometrists in 12 states, including Wyoming, South Dakota, and Colorado, safely perform these procedures. Data shows over 146,000 laser treatments performed by optometrists without unforeseen complications. Moreover, 94% of Americans trust optometrists as reliable sources of eye health care, underscoring their critical role in managing patients' vision and overall health.

Montana's optometrists are equipped to meet these

standards. They complete nearly 10,000 hours of education and training, manage thousands of patient cases before practicing independently, and pass rigorous board exams. Their expertise ensures these in-office procedures can be done safely and effectively.

### Tangible Benefits for Patients

Updating Montana's optometry laws will have a profound impact on patients across the state:

**Improved Access:** Rural and underserved communities often face long waits and costly travel to see specialists. Allowing optometrists to perform these procedures locally eliminates unnecessary referrals, saving patients both time and money.

**Enhanced Care:** By enabling optometrists to use the tools and techniques they are trained for, Montanans can receive high-quality, timely eye care close to home, reducing delays in treatment that could compromise health outcomes.

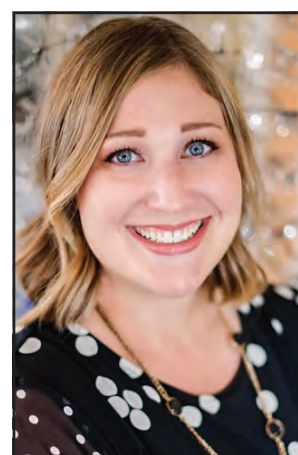
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We urge lawmakers to support this legislation to guarantee that all Montanans, especially our elderly and underserved populations, can access the eye care they need—close to home, safe, and trusted. Let's modernize Montana's optometry laws and improve healthcare for everyone in our state.

The Authors: Dr. Haley Menge, Dr. Jon Kolstad and

Dr. Kristen O'Brien are doctors of optometry practicing in Montana. Dr. Menge has been serving the Glasgow community for the past 11 years after returning to her rural, northeastern Montana roots. Dr. Kolstad also practices in rural northeast Montana, where he has supported clinics in Glasgow, Scobey and Wolf Point for the past 23 years. Dr. Kristin O'Brien is in private practice in Sidney and serves patients in a roughly 100-mile radius.



## Fairview Basketball Teams Score Wins Over Poplar Indians

Left: Kendal Vitt drives in to take a shot against Poplar. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Both the Fairview Warriors Boys and Girls teams were successful and won their games against the Poplar Indians on Jan. 18. The Warriors will travel to Wolf Point to play the Wolves on Friday, Jan. 24 and then play the Glasgow Scotties at home on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Boys: Fairview 62-Poplar 51; Girls: Fairview 44, Poplar 33

Right: Troy Karst steps in quick and passes the ball. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

## Keene Fire/Rescue Dept. Receives RDFC Grant Award

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tric's service area are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$3000 for community-based projects.

RDFC has recently granted \$2,400 to the Keene Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department, a local department where Eric Hellandsaas, a McKenzie Electric lineworker, is the Keene Fire/Rescue Department assistant fire chief. The volunteer fire department is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of its resident providing prompt and efficient support to the community. The grant funds will be used to help defer the costs associated with bringing power into the new fire hall facility, scheduled for completion in the first part of this year.



Accepting the gran on behalf of the Keene Volunteer Fire Department is volunteer firefighter, and department secretary Shaun Rink. (Facebook photo)



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# OBITUARIES

## Jeanette Anderson, 62 Watford City, ND

Memorial Services for Jeanette Anderson, 62, Watford City, ND, were held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND, with Garrett Gudmunsen and Matthew Rolfsen officiating. A luncheon followed the burial at The American Legion Carl E Rogen Post 29 for a time of fellowship and sharing. Jeanette will be laid to rest at Silent City Cemetery, Keene, ND. In lieu of flowers please send a donation to the Wilmington Lutheran Church Sunday School. The service will be livestreamed directly on Jeanette's obituary page on our website: [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Jeanette Anderson

Jeanette K. Anderson, 62, Watford City, ND, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at the McKenzie County Hospital, Watford City, ND, leaving behind a legacy of love and kindness.

Jeanette was born Dec. 10, 1962, in Watford City, ND, to Norman and Loretta Anderson. In her younger years, she lived in Keene and then moved to Watford City with her parents and 2 sisters. She attended Watford City High School in the graduating class of 1981.

In 1987, Jeanette met the love of her life, Charles Ceynar. They have been lifelong partners up until the day she passed away. With this union, Charles and Jeanette had one son, Marc Ceynar. She also had 2 stepdaughters, Tanya and Janelle. She refused to be called a stepmom, "I came into your life after you were born but that doesn't matter. You girls are my daughters." She had incredible love for her family.

Jeanette worked at Schafer SuperValu from 1980-1983. When Susan and Mike Tschetter bought the grocery store and renamed it Mike's SuperValu, she became one of the longest employees of 30 years. Her dedication to the many customers and co-workers is still remembered 12 years after her retirement.

Jeanette had many passions, and she put her whole heart into each one. First and foremost, she was a devoted grandmother. She proudly referred to herself as "Head Granny at Granny's Daycare". Owen, Colton, Liam, Levi, Jayden and Austen will never forget her love, dedication and how she made each one feel special. The boys are truly blessed. She also loved her fur babies: Eddie, Skippy, and Sami.

Another passion of Jeanette's was quilting. When she completed one, it was a creative piece of art that was shipped all across the United States. Any time there was a fundraiser, auction, benefit supper or raffle, Jeanette always donated one of her unique, one-of-a-kind quilts.

Jeanette was also an avid coin collector, phenomenal cook (the best meatballs and prime rib!) and photographer.

Volunteering her time and helping coordinate events were truly important to her. From the VFW Auxiliary, Legion Auxiliary, Boy Scout Troop 382 Treasurer, Silent City Cemetery Secretary/Treasurer and President of Friendly Fifteen Homemakers were just a few. She enjoyed every moment of putting her time and effort into these organizations.

Jeanette had such a wide-spread, amazing impact on the community. She was kind, dependable, and fiercely loyal.

Jeanette is survived by her son, Marc (Jeana) Ceynar; daughter, Janelle Ceynar; life partner, Charles Ceynar; mother, Loretta Anderson; grandchildren: Colton and Owen Ceynar, Liam Hersch, Austen and Jayden Huckaba, and Levi Wilson; sisters, Roxanne Anderson, Carla Anderson; brothers-in-law, Bruce Ceynar and Brad Ceynar; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Norman Anderson; daughter, Tanya Ceynar; beloved dog, Sami; brother-in-law, Keith Ceynar; her grandparents, along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## Marvin Larry Strasheim, 82 Sidney, MT

Funeral Services were Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Marvin will be laid to rest in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, from 12 p.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).



Marvin Larry Strasheim

Marvin "Bop" Larry Strasheim passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of Jan. 14, 2025. He was born on May 4, 1942, in Sidney, MT, to Conrad and Helen Strasheim, and was the youngest of their five children.

Marvin grew up in Sidney and attended school until the age of 15. At that time, he began farming independently to help his family after his father underwent surgery and a lengthy recovery. In 1966, Marvin married his wife of 58 years, Toni. Together, they purchased the family farm and made it their lifelong home. The couple had two children, Danny (born 1966) and Kim (born 1970).

Marvin had a deep passion for sports, and his love for the game was evident as he cheered for his children and grandchildren at their games throughout the years. He and Toni also enjoyed many family trips, creating lasting memories with their children and grandchildren. The whole family was fortunate enough to have made it to Disney one last time this past May.

Each winter, Marvin and Toni would spend a couple of months in Dallas, TX, visiting their daughter Kim and her family. Their son Danny and his wife LeeAnn live just down the road, so he received daily visits from Danny and great-grandkids at Bop's house.

Marvin's talents included gardening and woodworking. He created many special projects for his family over the years such as hutches, baby doll cribs, and seasonal decor. He actually cut the tip of his pointer finger off while making the ladies of the family some cute wooden snowmen and reindeer.

Marvin cherished his daily coffee gatherings with friends at Sunny's and The Depot. He found great joy in spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him endless happiness.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Toni; children Danny (LeeAnn) Strasheim and Kimberly (Gary) Netz; grandchildren Chelsea (Shay) Steinbeisser, Cade (Alex) Strasheim, Carlee (Aaron) Entz, Ashleigh (Seth) Jones, Alleigh Netz, Zach Netz, and Sara (Dan) Gordon; and great-grandchildren Cambri, Tatum, and Briar Steinbeisser, Freya Strasheim, Oakland Entz, Alaina and Charlotte Gordon, and Christopher Netz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Conrad and Helen Strasheim, and his siblings, Donald Strasheim, Harold Strasheim, Dorothy Marker and Caroline Kling.

## Larry Ray Miller, 59 Puyallup, WA (formerly of Savage, MT)

Larry Ray Miller, Puyallup WA, formerly of Savage MT, passed away unexpectedly at his home in the early morning hours of Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024.

Larry was born on July 2, 1965 to Orvil "LeRoy" and Carol Reynolds Miller, Sidney MT. Larry grew up in Savage and attended the Savage Public School until he graduated in May 1983. He went on to college at Eastern Montana College, Billings, MT, until transferring to the North Dakota State School of Science, Wahpeton ND.



Larry Ray Miller,

After college, Larry moved to Washington State, to begin working home construction. After many years and acquiring a variety of trades he started his own company, Chardonnay Homes. He built anything from beautiful million dollar show homes to your basic remodels. He loved the trade and was an expert craftsman.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles, was an avid Seahawks fan and one of his greatest joys was finally getting to take his mom to a game. He had a stubborn streak a mile long but the patience of a saint. Larry never knew a stranger, if you were friends, it was forever. He had an easy-going laid back demeanor, was never afraid to strike up a conversation or lend a helping hand to those in need.

Larry had two children Olivia and Blake Miller from his second marriage. He took great pride in his kids' accomplishments and wasn't shy to boast about them.

In February 2012, Larry met the love of his life, Teresa Velgersdijk. The two of them enjoyed life, and together they spent a lot of time traveling, riding their motorcycles up and down the West coast and building a life they both came to love.

Larry is survived by his "ride or die" Teresa Velgersdijk, Puyallup WA.; his children Olivia Miller, Lexington KY; and Blake Miller, Whittman, AZ; his mother, Carol Miller, Savage MT; brother, Jim and Rebecca Miller, Lambert MT; sister, Michelle Miller and Jason Morgan, Savage MT; nephews Brock Miller, Lambert MT; Trael Smith, Savage MT; Tucker Morgan, Libby MT; and nieces Brittany and Grant Christopherson, Saco MT; Raigan Smith, Savage, MT, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Larry was preceded in death by his dad LeRoy, his uncle Ray "Bronc" Miller and uncle Duane "Chuck" Reynolds.

There will be a Celebration of Life this spring in Savage, date and location will be posted at a later time. There will also be a memorial ride taking place in Washington June 28, 2025.

## Guest Opinion:

### Keep Montana Judicial Elections Non-Partisan

By Joel Krauter

As the Montana Legislature meets again, a handful of Republicans are promoting bills to change the way that Montanans elect our judges. These Republicans want to change judicial elections from non-partisan to partisan because they don't like the way judges across Montana have struck down a handful of previously passed bills as unconstitutional.

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts noted in his "2024 Year End Report on the Federal Judiciary" that: "tension between the branches of the government is inevitable and criticism of judicial interpretations of the people's laws is as old as the Republic itself." Roberts referenced Alexander Hamilton's Federalist Paper No. 78 that stated: "there is no liberty, if the power of judging be not separated from the legislative and executive powers."

In our hyper-politicized world, forcing judges to align with and campaign on a partisan political ticket would further undermine public confidence in judicial rulings.

If our judges were aligned with a political party, a person involved in a case may rightfully wonder if his or her particular judge's decision was based on the law and facts of the case or by a worry about keeping the local Republican or Democrat Central Committees happy. A losing litigant might claim, "I would have won that case except the judge was of the opposite political party than I am, so was biased."

What have been the reports from states that have tried partisan judicial elections? In 2019, then Republican Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court Nathan Hecht called partisan judicial elections "among the very worst methods of judicial selection."

One may not agree with every court decision and that's why there's an appeals process. But disagreeing with a court decision does not mean the court isn't doing its duty as an independent branch of government tasked with interpreting laws and upholding constitutional rights, regardless of what's politically popular in the moment.

Standing with the Constitution and for maintaining the checks and balances that have allowed our country to be the most prosperous country in the history of the world and protecting liberty from the tyranny of mob rule is patriotic. The alternative is being with those who are pursuing a radical partisan political agenda or more political power at any cost.

Contact your legislators and let them know we need to keep judicial elections non-partisan.

Joel Krautter lives in Billings and is a Montana attorney, former State Representative and a co-founder of Friends of the Montana Constitution.

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# OBITUARIES

## August A. Lindecker, 86 Alexander, ND

August A. Lindecker, 86, Alexander, ND, peacefully passed away on Wednesday Jan. 8, 2025, at the Mountrail County Medical Center, Stanley, ND, with family by his side.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday January 22, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Minister Bill Buckley officiating. A luncheon will follow the service. Visitation was Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. August will be laid to rest in the Yellowstone Point Cemetery, Cartwright, ND. Military honors will be presented by the United States Army Funeral Guard and the Carl E Rogan Post 29, Watford City, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

August was born on June 15, 1938, in Charbonneau, ND, to Earnest and Mary Lindecker. After finishing school, August spent his time working on the family farm.

In 1958, just shy of 20 years old, August enlisted in the Army National Guard of Montana. He went on to serve nine years in the army before being honorably discharged in August 1967.

After his time in the army, August did many different things to keep himself busy. He farmed, was a trucker, hauled hay, and enjoyed playing the guitar and singing. August taught himself how to play the guitar and to sing on his own and enjoyed performing in front of other people. He performed at many nursing homes, Big Opening, and really wherever they would let him. There were many nights of jam sessions held at his house where he would simply play guitar and sing for hours. He truly had a passion for the art of music.

August was a jack of all trades and picked up many different hobbies and traits over the years. Not only was he good at performing and a hard worker but he also learned welding, was a mechanic, and enjoyed trail riding on horseback. August was a proud member of the Moose Lodge and a lifetime member of the NRA. If there was one thing August would let you know right away, it was that he was not a big fan of children. He loved his nieces and nephews but never cared about having any children of his own. August will remain in our hearts forever, and we will cherish the memories that we were able to share with him for an eternity.

August is survived by his brother, George Lindecker; nephew, George Walker; nieces, Mary Erickson, Karen Schaffer, Dorothy Johnson, Myrtle Olive, Vera Boyle, and Selma Lane; along with numerous great nieces and nephews.



August A. Lindecker

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Mary; sister, May (Art) Olson, Annie (John) Walker; nephews, John Walker, Steve Lindecker, great-grand nieces, Angela Thunker, Jacquelyn Erickson.

## Elmer Christensen, 82 Sidney, MT

Funeral Services for Elmer Christensen, 82, Sidney, MT, will be held Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. A luncheon will follow the burial at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church for a time of fellowship and sharing. Elmer will be laid to rest at Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT, and one hour prior to services at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. The service will be livestreamed directly on Elmer's obituary page on our website. 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).

Elmer Carl Christensen, 82, peacefully passed with family by his side on Jan. 14, 2025. Elmer endured 23 years of battling cancer from kidney, lung and throat which lead to other medical issues.

Elmer Carl Christensen was born on July 2, 1942, to Albert Carl Christensen and Magdalena (Maggie) Hauck Christensen at Sidney Memorial Hospital. This firecracker was a very busy young boy/man living in the Crane community for most of his adolescent years. He joined a brother (Dick) and sister (Barb) at that time and later a brother Larry. At 8 years old, he started driving a John Deere M tractor to help with the field work, which little did they know would become a start of many years of driving massive equipment. Since farming and chores consumed much of his time, including learning to milk cows at a very early age, he had very little time to play sports but truly loved all of them - always ready to play a game of basketball or to run around the track.

Not quite finishing high school, Elmer left during his sophomore year and went to work as a hired hand. In 1959-1963 he enlisted in the National Guard. He completed his GED in 1965. During this time, he met his future wife, JoAnne Maschera at an ice-skating party on the river. On Oct. 15, 1961, they became husband and wife. To this union came Vicki, Cheryl and Greg. They started their life in Savage, MT, before moving to what they would call home, Sidney, MT, to start a new business with his brother Dick.

Elmer worked MANY jobs in his lifetime: from the Coal Mine, to owning a motorcycle shop, to paving many streets in Sidney and the surrounding area. This soon led to his many years in the oil industry: driving water truck, hot oil truck, setting up tanks and finally finding his home as the



Elmer Christensen

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proud owner of Landtech Corporation, a saltwater disposal refinery. Over the course of 30 years, he was proud owner of 3 of the 13 saltwater disposals that he was influential to have started, completed and managed in Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota. In 2005, he sold Landtech claiming he was going to retire. In 2012, he constructed Monkota Salt Water Disposal in North Dakota. In 2016, he finally entered retirement.

What did retirement hold for Elmer... Many years of mowing lawn, gardening, snow removal, and started working on projects that he had forgotten that he loved so much - woodworking. Many remember Elmer at Christmas time for the helicopter and star on his roof and his many outdoor Christmas displays. The other holiday the neighborhood will never forget is the 4th of July. This day always started with a huge barbeque, hours of opening up fireworks to be ready to go and finally igniting the fireworks. The duals between him and his good neighbor Wayne Reid which sometimes lead to water gun fights will always be cherished memories.

Elmer will be remembered for his strong work ethic as many past employees can attest. He was a proud member of the Elks, Moose, API, Lower Yellowstone Masonic Lodge, and the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. He was a strong supporter of his kids' many activities from football, wrestling, basketball, band concerts to being one of the instrumental groundbreaking members of the Sidney Eagle CANNON crew for football. He spent countless hours on gym time, bleacher time, and travel time. It was nothing for him to drive to Sheridan to enjoy a football, volleyball or basketball game and even a dance recital for Letty. Elmer and JoAnne had the pleasure of taking many trips together, which included the PBR yearly, Branson, Nashville, Alaskan cruise with all the family, Panama Canal cruise and Hawaii. He took pride in being the head usher for many years at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with his dedicated helper, Roger Marker.

Elmer is survived by his wife of 63 years JoAnne; his children Vicki Criswell, Cheryl (Clay) Moran and Greg (Susan) Christensen; his grandchildren Lacey (James) Meissel, Caitlyn Moran (Trevor Brien), Colton Moran (Cassy Schumacker), Colin Moran, Shayla Christensen, Jordan Christensen, Parker Christensen, Crystal Moran (Jason) Coen, Cody Moran, and Kyle Moran; his great grandchildren Letty and Ryker Meissel, Jacob and Allie Coen, and Konnor Moran and Asa Burres; siblings Larry Christensen and Barb Sanders; sisters-in-law Emagene (Chuck) Quinnett and Patti Schwenke; as well as nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Elmer was preceded in death by his loving parents, sibling Dick Christensen, brother-in-law Kelly Sanders, sisters-in-law Renee Christensen and Louise Christensen; in-laws Alvie and Ruth Maschera, brothers-in-law Dick Maschera and Bob Schwenke and son in law, Dave Criswell.

How do you sum up 82 years into a short story? We asked the family to describe dad (grandpa) in one or two words. Here is their story: grit, generosity, determined, stoic, hardworking, dedicated, influential, resilient, loving, headstrong, devoted, driven, prankster, supportive, passionate and self-taught. All of these words sum up the man that we so looked up to daily and who will always be our hero.

The family would like to thank the medical staff of Sidney Health Center and the Cancer Center for the dedicated medical attention they provided for our loved one.



# Wish Of A Lifetime

## By Jodi Berry, Richland County Council On Aging

The New Year is a time for new dreams and revisiting old ones. How would you like a hand in making those dreams come true for someone in 2025? If you've ever heard a loved one, say that there is something they wish they would have had a chance to do - or if you've said it yourself - the "Wish of a Lifetime" program may be able to help.

The program does exactly what its name suggests; it grants wishes to seniors who have a desire to do something they can't achieve on their own. The program has already granted more than 3,000 wishes and is looking to fulfill even more. Through granting "wishes" the program is redefining aging in America by improving the quality of life and overall emotional health of those age 60 and over.

As a charitable affiliate of AARP, "Wish of a Lifetime" does not pay for vacations but grants life-changing wishes to improve the quality of life for our most distinguished population. Granted wishes have included everything from skydiving to walking the red carpet at a movie premier as the guest of a major star. Wishes can also be simple, like the lady who wanted to see the ocean for the first time or the woman who never got a chance to visit a theme park. "Wish of a Lifetime" has a special spot for veterans and has granted many of their wishes to reconnect with someone they served with or to experience how technology has changed since their days of service.

To become a Wish recipient, you must be at least 60 years old, physically capable of taking part in your wish, and unable to make your wish come true on your own.

The application process is simple, and nominations can come from yourself or someone else you know. Applications are available on the "Wish of a Lifetime" website at [wishofalifetime.org](http://wishofalifetime.org).

The wish process is surprisingly easy, once an application is received,

it is screened to see if it meets the above criteria and then assigned to a Wish specialist. The Wish specialist will then call and "interview" the nominator and the nominee to get additional information for his/her report. Once the report is finished, it is submitted to the Wish

Board for approval.

If a Wish is approved, your Wish specialist will contact you and discuss the best time to travel and determine if you will need any special accommodation. They will then take care of all the travel arrangements, trip details, and reservations. All

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**LEGALS**  
**MEETING NOTICE**  
The Yellowstone Township Zoning board will have a meeting Jan 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm, at the East Fairview boardroom. If you have any questions please call Vicky at 406-489-1228.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE**  
This is to notify all interested parties that Richland County Transit (RCT) is applying for \$238,395.95 under the Montana Department of Transportation's Operating Grant Program. Funding will be used for operating expenses associated with providing transportation services to the general public, elderly, and persons with disabilities within Richland County. The application is on file at 2190 West Holly St, Sidney. If requested, a Public Hearing will be held and public notice indicating the location, date, and time of the hearing will be provided. For more information or for those who require accommodation for disabilities, contact Richland County Transit, Jodi Berry-Manager, at the address above or call (406) 433-7433 or the Department of Transportation, Helena at (406) 444-9192 (voice).

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**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License**  
BAINVILLE REALESTATE LLC (JESSE FRICKLE, Owner(s)) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 17-999-6973-001 to be operated at STATELINE RESTAURANT BAR & CASINO, 2 Us Highway 2, Bainville, Roosevelt County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law. **Who can protest this transfer?** Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Roosevelt County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

**What information must be included?** Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 17-999-6973-001 and the applicant's name BAINVILLE REALESTATE LLC; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter. **What are valid protest grounds?** The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

**How are protests submitted?** Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before February 8, 2025. **What happens if the transfer is protested?** Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Bainville. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

**How can additional information be obtained?** The cited MCA statutes are online at [leg.mt.gov/bills/mca\\_toc/](http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/). Questions may be directed to Kelsey Verbanac or Witt Williams, Compliance Specialists for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-3016 or 406-444-3505 [kelsey.verbanac2@mt.gov](mailto:kelsey.verbanac2@mt.gov) and [Witt.Williams@mt.gov](mailto:Witt.Williams@mt.gov).

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**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License**  
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**RICHLAND COUNTY CALL FOR BIDS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, on **Monday, the tenth (10th) day of February, 2025, at 11:00am,** in their office at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, will publicly open sealed bids for the purchase of one:

**NEW 165-BBL ALUMINUM VACUUM TRAILER**  
A detailed list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the Richland County Public Works office at 2140 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270 (406.433.2407); or send email to [countyworks@richland.org](mailto:countyworks@richland.org).

Requests for ADA/EEO accommodations or information should be directed to Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708 (phone), by noon on February 5th, 2025. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request.

No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing a complete copy of the bid proposal, bidder's certification and specifications clearly marked:

**NEW 165-BBL ALUMINUM VACUUM TRAILER**  
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the

right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County. Dated at Sidney, Montana, this 6th day of January, 2025.

Stephanie Verhasselt  
Richland County Clerk & Recorder

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning), **Richland County Landfill** has filed on or about **January 14th, 2025** an application for a conditional air quality open burning permit from the Air, Energy & Mining Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant seeks approval of its application to open burn trees, shrubs, branches, leaves, etc. **At the Richland County Landfill located in Sec. 9, T24N, R58E; approximately 13 miles northwest of Sidney and 11 miles east of Fairview near the intersection of MT HWY-16 and MT HWY-201.**

Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at 1520 East Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59260-0901, phone (406) 444-3490.

Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:

When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by the Department's decision may request, within 15 days after the Department renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The Department's decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of a final decision by the Board.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**  
Separate sealed bids for the **Richland County, Montana Road Improvements - 2025 Project** will be received at the office of the Richland County Commissioners Attn: Clerk and Recorder, 201 W Main St, Sidney, MT 59270, until 10:45 a.m. (Mountain Time), January 27th, 2025. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Project consists of:

**Chip sealing, overlaying, paving, full reconstruct and other road maintenance on various roads in Richland County and the Town of Lambert.**

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.interstateeng.com](http://www.interstateeng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$37.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number **9489309** on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). Bidders must download the bidding documents from QuestCDN to be a registered bidder and receive addenda. Bidders obtaining copies of the bidding documents from other sources do so at their own risk. The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at Interstate Engineering, Inc., 2177 Lincoln Ave, SE, Sidney, MT 59270. For

additional information, contact Mr. Ryan Kopp, Interstate Engineering, Inc. (406) 433-5617.

**CONTRACTOR** and any of the **CONTRACTOR's** subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734. **CONTRACTOR** is required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project and must have registered prior to execution of the Construction Agreement. All laborers and mechanics employed by the **CONTRACTOR** or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at the Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. The **CONTRACTOR** must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to Richland County, Montana, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. There will be no pre-bid conference for this project. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids, which is **10:45 a.m.** local time, January 27th, 2025.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the best interests of the **OWNER**.

The Contractor is required to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**RICHLAND COUNTY CALL FOR BIDS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, on **Monday, the third (3rd) day of February, 2025, at 11:00am,** in their office at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, will publicly open sealed bids for the purchase of one:

**NEW 30-TON DIESEL POWERED, HYDRAULIC, TRACK EXCAVATOR**

A detailed list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the Richland County Public Works office at 2140 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270 (406.433.2407); or send email to [countyworks@richland.org](mailto:countyworks@richland.org). Requests for ADA/EEO accommodations or information should be directed to Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708 (phone), by noon on January 29th, 2025. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request.

No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing a complete copy of the bid proposal, bidder's certification and specifications clearly marked:

**NEW 30-TON DIESEL POWERED, HYDRAULIC, TRACK EXCAVATOR**

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County.

Dated at Sidney, Montana, this 6th day of January, 2025.

Stephanie Verhasselt  
Richland County Clerk & Recorder

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**LEGALS**

**RICHLAND COUNTY LANDFILL SCALE & MAINTENANCE BUILDING RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that Richland County will receive separate sealed bids for the construction of **Richland County Landfill Scale and Maintenance Building** project until **Monday, January 27, 2025 at 11:00 am**. No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the bid opening. Bids must be addressed to and delivered by one of the following methods:

**A. Delivered to the office of the Owner: Richland County Commissioners, 201 W Main St, Sidney, MT 59270**

All Bids will be opened and publicly announced by the **County Commissioners at the Richland County Commissioners Office on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 11:00 am** Local Time).

**A. BASE BID:**

1. The work generally consists of:  
a. **Site Work: dirt work (clearing/grubbing, topsoil removal and storage, grading, subgrade prep), removal of old container site, construction of new container site, facility water well installation, asphalt and concrete paving, fence installation, and seeding.**

b. **Landfill Scale: scale foundation & scale installation, setup, and staff training.**  
c. **Maintenance Shop: building subgrade preparation, footings and foundation installation, building erection, interior fixtures & finish.**

**B. ADD ALTERNATE 01:**

1. The work generally consists of:  
a. **The addition of radiation detection panels to the scale structure.**

The contract may be awarded based on the OWNER's best interests. The award will be based on the lowest cost combination of responsive, responsible bids, on the Base Bid and various Schedules, Alternatives, and Additive Alternates, as applicable, selected by the OWNER.

**Contract Time:**

**A. BASE BID and ADD ALTERNATE 01:**

1. All construction schedules shall be substantially complete and ready for OWNER's use and pre-final inspection by **Friday, December 5, 2025.**

B. All construction schedules shall be finally complete and ready for final payment within (30) calendar days of Substantial Completion.

**Liquidated Damages:**

A. The CONTRACTOR shall pay the OWNER \$1,750, for each calendar day or part of a day that expires after the time specified for Substantial Completion of any construction schedule(s) until the Work is substantially complete.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.interstateeng.com](http://www.interstateeng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$37.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering the Quest Project Number **9466708** on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com).

The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at the office of Interstate Engineering located at **2177 Lincoln Ave. SE (P.O. Box 648) Sidney, Montana 59270**. For technical questions or inquiries on obtaining paper copies (\$150.00 non-refundable) of bidding and contract documents please contact the office of record at

**(406) 433-5617 Sidney MT. Bidders must download the bidding documents from either QuestCDN or receive paper copies from the office of record to be a registered bidder and receive addenda and any other information issued by the ENGINEER or OWNER. Addenda and other information will not be sent to Bidders that obtain copies of the bidding documents from other sources.**

CONTRACTOR and any of the CONTRACTOR's Subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the **Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)**. Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry at **P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011**. **Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734.** CONTRACTOR is required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project and all laborers and mechanics employed by the CONTRACTOR or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by the Laws of the State the work is being performed. The CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than **ten percent (10%) [MT]** of the total amount of the bid. Successful bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a labor and materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent

(100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. The bid bond, a copy of the CONTRACTOR's license or certificate of renewal, and applicable funding requirement forms shall be included with each bid of proposal. All bids must be sealed.

**Pre-bid conference information:**

**B. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference held at the office of Interstate Engineering, Inc. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm Local Time. Interested Contractors are required to attend in order to submit a bid proposal. Acknowledgement of pre-bid conference notes shall be submitted with the bid. (PRSP)**

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The OWNER reserves the right to hold all bids and bid securities for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days and to hold the three low bids and bid securities for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening. The OWNER may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the Bid security prior to the end of these periods, waive any informality in any bid, and to reject the bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in the performance of any former contract with the OWNER.

**Richland County** is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**Lunch Menus**

- Sidney Schools**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Chicken alfredo, broccoli, stuffed breadsticks, strawberry banana sauce.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Corn dogs, chips, apricots.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Hamburger gravy over potatoes, corn peaches.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Chicken taco salad, refried beans, mandarin oranges.
- Savage School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Tater tot hotdish, green beans, bread, fruit.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Chicken enchilada bake, Mexi-rice, veggie, fruit.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Spaghetti, breadsticks, cottage cheese, veggie, fruit.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Baked potato bar, dinner rolls, fruit.
- Rau School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Drumsticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, biscuits.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Chicken alfredo, breadsticks, broccoli, apricots.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Sloppy joes, potato wedges, baked beans, spiced apples.
- Froid School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Beanie weenies, cornbread, fruit, salad bar.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Breakfast burritos, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash brown patties, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Beef strew, cheese sticks, buns, fruit, salad bar.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, buns, veggies, fruit, dessert, salad bar.
- Bainville School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Meatball subs, roasted carrots, grapes, salad bar.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** Chicken alfredo, broccoli, peaches, salad bar.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** No school.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Indian tacos, applesauce, corn, salad bar.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Trevor Robertus Day! Chicken pot pie, biscuits, Caesar salad, grapes, dirt cake, salad bar.
- Richey School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Corn dogs or hot dogs on buns, macaroni & cheese, pickled beets, fruit, salad bar.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** French dips, California veggies with cheese sauce, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Lasagna, salad bar, garlic toast.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Sloppy joes, corn, fruit, salad bar.
- Culbertson School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Pulled pork, baked beans.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** Hard shell tacos, fruit.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Taco bag (Frito).  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Cowboy chili, veggie.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Chicken & rice hotdish.
- Lambert School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, fruit.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** Fajitas, fresh veggies, fruit  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Sloppy joes, chips, fruit.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, fruit.
- Fairview School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Pizza pasta, veggie, fruit, garlic bread, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Taco soup, chips, salsa, cornbread, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** BBQ bacon cheese chicken burgers, fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
- East Fairview School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Chicken nuggets.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Hot ham & cheese.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Cheesy chicken noodle casserole.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Corn dogs, chips.
- Alexander School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Hot ham or turkey on buns, tomato or chicken noodle soup, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, carrots, dinner rolls, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** Hot beef or hot pork on bread, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Baked chicken breasts or fish, rice pilaf, cheesy broccoli, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Build your own burgers, curly fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
- Watford City School**  
**Thurs., Jan. 23:** Pepperoni pizza or ham & cheese on buns, veggie, salad bar, fruit.  
**Fri., Jan. 24:** Grilled cheese sandwiches & tomato soup or pizza lunchables, veggie, salad bar, fruit, crackers.  
**Mon., Jan. 27:** BBQ rib sandwiches or turkey & cheese on bread, sour cream fries, veggie, salad bar, fruit, sidekick.  
**Tues., Jan. 28:** Quesadillas or Smucker's uncrustables, veggie, salad bar, fruit, Spanish rice.  
**Wed., Jan. 29:** Two soft shell beef tacos or ham & cheese on buns, pico, refried beans, veggie, salad bar, fruit, mini donuts.

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### Watford City Hockey Action



Watford City Oilers goalie, Sierra Blegen makes a kick save in Tuesday's match up against Bismarck Legacy JV. The Lady Oilers recorded 4 wins last week defeating Legacy 6-4, Sidney 6-1, Langdon 3-2 and Bottineau 4-1. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Kollin Klang takes a shot on goal for the Watford City Oilers during Saturday night's home game against the Langdon Blades. Langdon defeated the Oilers 6-2. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

### Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Winners

Sidney - Saturday, Jan. 4



8-9 Girls: 1st-Tess Carpenter, Plentywood; 2nd-Stori Murphy, Sidney.



8-9 Boys: 1st-Tenzin Gonzales, Wolf Point; 2nd-Kase Schlepp, Sidney.



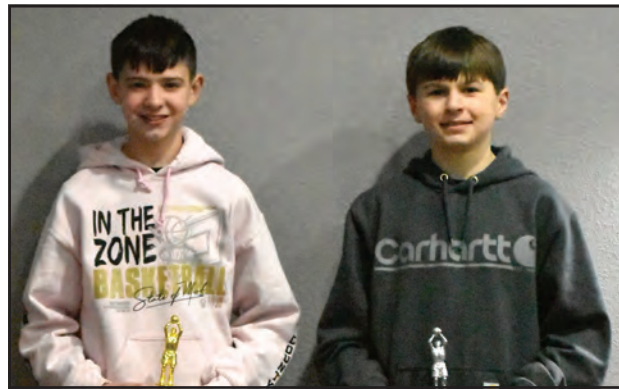
10-11 Girls: 1st-Kori Hentges, Wolf Point; 2nd-Natalie Brubaker, Sidney.



10-11 Boys: 1st-Kase Staiger, Sidney; 2nd-Logan Aashein, Plentywood.



11-12 Girls: 1st-Sophia Ricker, Wolf Point; 2nd-Alaina Rivas, Sidney.



11-12 Boys: 1st-(Tie)-Huntley Tommerup, Plentywood; Maverick Murphy, Sidney; 2nd-Kayto McKenzie, Wolf Point. (Photos by Tonya Schoepp)

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# OBITUARIES

## Wanda J. Tofte, 81 Sidney, MT

Memorial Services will be Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Peoples Congregational Church in Sidney, MT with Pastor Si-one Fungalei officiating. A luncheon will follow services at the church for a time of fellowship and sharing. The service will be livestreamed directly on Wanda's obituary page on our website. 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).



Wanda J. Tofte

Wanda J. Tofte was born on Dec. 8, 1943, in Glendive, MT. She was the youngest of four children born to Wilbur (Hoot) and Celia (Olson) Gibson. She was raised in Richey, MT, where she was confirmed at the American Lutheran Church and graduated from high school in 1961.

After high school graduation she attended Dickinson State College and graduated with a standard degree (2 years) in teaching. She taught 2nd grade in Sidney at Central Elementary for 6.5 years. Wanda was always so happy to run into previous students she taught and would frequently talk about "her 2nd grade students".

She met her husband, Alan Tofte, while teaching with her roommate and good friend, Arlene Hueth. Alan and Wanda were married at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney on Aug. 12, 1966. To this union, Alan and Wanda had 2 wonderful kids: DeAnn born on Dec. 24, 1970 and Casey born on Feb. 22, 1974.

She and Alan purchased Gall's Conoco Station in 1969. They renamed it Al's Conoco and operated the station until 1989. They also purchased the Conoco bulk plant and renamed it Tofte Oil. Through Tofte Oil, they started delivering fuel to farmers in the area, and Al drove the gas bulk truck. Wanda was the bookkeeper for both businesses. She did payroll for the "station guys". Throughout their years working for Conoco, they were able to travel along with their good friends to Acapulco Mexico, Las Vegas, and Lake Havasu, AZ.

After both businesses closed, she worked a few summers for the Migrant program. In 1991, Wanda went to work as a substitute teacher for Sidney Public Schools. This led her to a job she loved: being a speech therapist aide, which she did until she retired in 2013.

One of Wanda's favorite past times was supporting her grandchildren, Toree, Peyton, and Parker at their school and sports activities. She spent many hours at swim meets, wrestling tournaments, football games, and hockey tournaments. She loved supporting them whether it was in Sidney/Savage or out of town. Grandma was always up to travel to support her grandkids. Toree's daughter, Paislee (4) was pure joy to Wanda. Every time Paislee was present, Wanda was smiling. She loved every minute she was able to spend with Paislee. She often called her "her little sweetheart".

She also loved spending time with her friends. When she and Alan were first married and for many years after, they were part of a couple's card club, and Wanda was also part of ladies' card club. Even though they haven't met for years to play cards, they have met throughout the years for breakfast and lunch to celebrate birthdays and visit. Many of her card group friends have been friends of Wanda's for over five decades.

She had a very special relationship with her cousins, Linda Benedict and Gloria McKinley. She and Linda referred to each other as "Sister". They took several trips together and always loved any time they were able to spend together.

Wanda loved family time. She especially loved playing card and board games with family. Her only request for her 80th birthday was for all her family to play "Phase 10", so we ended up playing for 10 hours on her birthday! She absolutely loved family time when DeAnn and Casey were growing up at Flathead Lake. Later after retirement, Wanda and Alan purchased a cabin at Blacktail Dam in North Dakota, and Wanda loved weekends and the 4th of July at the cabin. She especially loved taking boat rides on the pontoon with the family and the dogs. She loved having a place where her kids and grandkids could all be together.

Anyone who knew Wanda knows she was an avid reader, often exchanging books with friends and family. But she really loved playing her computer games daily and keeping up with family and friends on Facebook.

She and Alan would plant many flowers every spring, and took pride in the flowers they would have in the yard every spring and summer. Wanda loved the vibrant colors, and the compliments they would receive.

Wanda was a proud member of People's Congregational Church. Her kids were baptized and confirmed at People's. She taught Bible School and Sunday School for several years. She held numerous council positions, and very much enjoyed her Ladies Church Group. She loved getting together for coffee or lunch with her church friends. She made many lifelong friends through her involvement in the church.

Wanda had a very close relationship with her sister, Ardelle Vaira, even though they had a nineteen-year age difference. In later years, they were neighbors in Sidney and spent many hours together once Ardelle moved "into town from the farm".

Wanda passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2025, at St Vincent Hospital, Billings, MT. She was surrounded by her family who will miss her dearly.

Wanda is survived by her husband Alan of 58 years, daughter DeAnn (Lorin) Cates, Billings, MT; son Casey (Rita) Tofte, Sidney, MT; granddaughter Toree Tofte (Brad Reinhart), Sidney, MT; grandsons Peyton Tofte (Mariel Warren) and Parker Tofte, Bozeman, MT; great-granddaughter Paislee Tofte, Sidney, MT; her sister-in-law, Betty Ann Cayko, Billings, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. She is also survived by her dogs that she loved very much, Allie and Koko.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wilbur and Celia, father and mother-in-law Peter and Mary Frances Tofte, brother Wallace Gibson, brother and sister-in-law, Julian and Emma Gibson, sister- and brother-in-law Ardelle and Paul Vaira, nephew Collin Vaira, great niece Angela Vaira, great nephew Chase Vaira, great nephew Chase Wassman, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Wanda will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

# Watford City Hosts Family-Friendly Barn Dance Fundraiser & Silent Auction To Support 6th Annual Watford City MobilePack For Feed My Starving Children

By Angie Hartel  
Watford City MobilePack Coordinator

Watford City, ND – The Watford City community is rallying to make a difference in the fight against global hunger! Join us for an Alcohol-Free Family-Friendly Barn Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 7-10 p.m. at the McKenzie County Ag Expo, as we prepare for the 6th Annual Watford City MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

This barn dance and silent auction filled with music, dancing, and fun for all ages, will raise funds to cover the cost of food supplies for the packing of over 170,000 life-saving meals at the MobilePack event scheduled for March 27-29, at the Rough Rider Center, Watford City.

The Power of 2 Hours: Turn Hunger Into Hope With Your Own Two Hands

Organizers are calling on the community to consider donating just two hours of their time to volunteer at the Watford City MobilePack event in March. In that short amount of time, each volunteer can hand-pack enough meals to feed a child for nearly an entire year.

Volunteering for just two hours at the MobilePack is incredibly impactful. You literally turn hunger into hope with your own two hands. It's a powerful experience to know that your time is directly saving lives and giving people a future.

Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization, provides specialy formulated MannaPack meals that are packed by volunteers and distributed to people affected by abject poverty in over 100 countries. This March, the Watford City MobilePack will bring together volunteers of all ages (5 and up) to help meet this critical need.

Make an Impact: How to Get Involved

Attend the Barn Dance Fundraiser: Mark your calendars for Feb. 1 and bring your family and friends for an evening of fun and purpose. Admission is \$10/person or \$50/family.

Volunteer for 2 Hours at the Watford City MobilePack: Whether it's a morning, afternoon, or evening shift, giving just two hours of your time between March 27-29 will help save lives.

Donate: Can't attend? Every \$106 raised provides 400 meals to hungry children around the globe.

Details at a Glance  
Barn Dance Fundraiser: Family-Friendly, Alcohol-Free Barn Dance, Saturday, Feb. 1, 7-10 p.m., McKenzie County Ag Expo. To raise funds for the Wat-

ford City MobilePack event. Watford City MobilePack Event: Packing 170,000 meals for children in need, March 27-29, Rough Rider Center, Watford City. Anyone aged 5 and older can volunteer.

Why It Matters  
Hunger is a reality for millions worldwide, but the Watford City MobilePack offers a tangible way for the local community to help. With just two hours of your time, you can make an enormous

difference—providing nutritious meals that will change lives and give children the opportunity to grow, thrive, and dream.

Volunteering at the Watford City MobilePack isn't just about feeding others; it's about giving hope. This is an experience that stays with you long after you've packed the meals, because you know you've been part of something truly meaningful.

Join Us

For more information

## FWP Seeks Applicants For Southeast MT Citizens Advisory Council

By MT FWP

MILES CITY – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking applicants to fill volunteer positions on the Region 7 Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) in southeast Montana. The CAC is a general advisory body that provides input, guidance, and feedback to FWP on a variety of issues - from wildlife and fisheries management, to access, state parks, outdoor recreation, and law enforcement.

Citizens Advisory Council members have no formal decision-making authority on issues involving FWP. Rather, a CAC comprised of engaged citizens helps FWP by providing information, ideas, and identification of emerging trends in a welcoming forum of diverse interests, and serving as ambassadors who help to inform the broader public. This forum should identify opportunities, potential conflicts, management choices, and tradeoffs involving public trust resources.

CAC members' roles are to:

Help promote Montana's strong hunting, fishing, trapping and recreational traditions;

Help FWP personnel be more available and responsive to the public;

Help FWP identify issues before they become problems;

Provide advice and perspective on important resource issues;

Assist FWP with crafting local, sustainable solutions to both regional and statewide issues.

FWP provides members with up-to-date information about the work FWP is doing, and in turn relies on members to take information back to their neighbors. In addition, FWP seeks feedback on what CAC members are hearing to better enable the agency to manage resources for the public.

Applicants must live in FWP Region 7, which includes the counties of Custer, Garfield, Rosebud, Treasure, Powder River, Carter, Fallon, Wibaux, Dawson and portions of Richland. The council is designed to have a membership that represents a variety of southeast Montana communities and natural resource interests. FWP welcomes applications from hunters, anglers, landowners, nongame advocates, trappers, outfitters and guides, state parks and tourism advocates, campers and other outdoor recreationists, and anyone with an interest in natural resource issues.

The panel typically consists of around a dozen volunteers and has two to three week-day or evening meetings a year. Meetings are open to the public. Occasionally members will tour an FWP-affiliated site in the region. Members should make a commitment to attend meetings, offer thoughts and ideas, communicate with others in a respectful manner, and share information about the work of the CAC within their communities. Terms are two years and may be extended. Travel expenses are provided, along with meals if appropriate.

Applicants will be asked to provide an overview of their interests and involvement in natural resource issues and write a few sentences on why they are interested in serving on the CAC.

To request an application form, email Marla Prell at [mprell@mt.gov](mailto:mprell@mt.gov) or call 406-234-0926. Please provide a return email address and phone number.

Completed applications must be received or mailed by Friday, Feb. 7. FWP personnel will then review applications and select the new members. FWP will retain applications for those not selected for possible future openings.

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## Soil Blocking Workshop – Feb. 5

By Marley Manoukian Voll, Agent  
MSU Richland County Extension

MSU Richland County Extension will be hosting a soil blocking workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N Central Ave., starting at 5:30 p.m.

Inga Hawbaker, MSU Daniels County Extension Agent, will be presenting information on the soil block technique to starting seeds.

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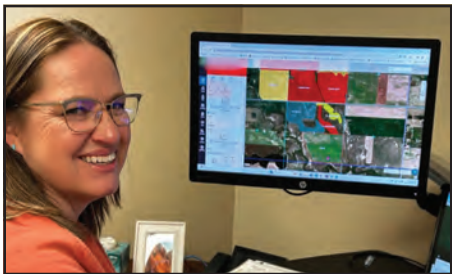
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## SHS Wrestlers Compete in Miles City



Sidney's Ty Schepens works to turn Thunder Basin's Drayden Johnson during the consolation rounds at the Cowboy Tournament in Miles City Jan. 18. Schepens won 11-2 and ended the tourney in 4th place at 175#.

### 2025 Sidney Eagle Cowboy Wrestling Results

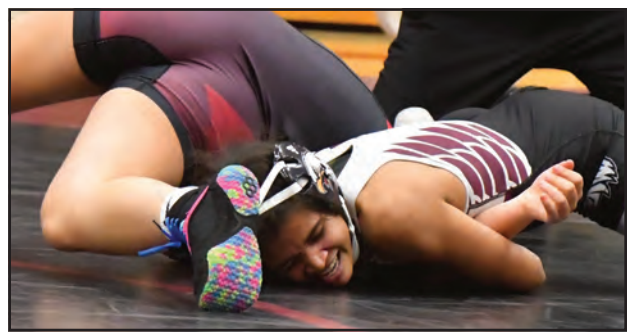
Jan. 17-18, 2025  
Miles City, MT  
Varsity  
103# Eli Lonski, 7th  
132# Brenner Mullin, 5th  
138# Aaron Schmitz, 2nd  
144# Reece Graves, 1st

150# Brody Keysor, 2nd  
175# Ty Schepens, 4th  
Girls

135# Makayla Dewitt, 7th  
Team Results  
1. Billings West  
2. Laurel  
3. Huntley Project  
4. Thunder Basin (Gillette)  
5. Sidney

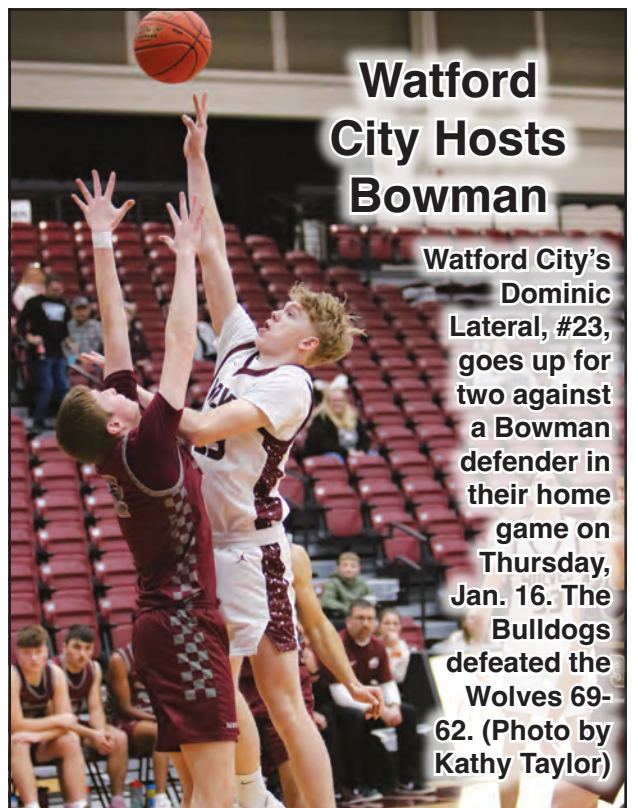
## Sidney Wins Brawl Of The East

Left: Cy Faulhaber scores with a layup during the Brawl Of The East Jan. 15. (Photo by Bethany Wells)  
Below: Sidney's Isabelle Doty drives in for 2 points against Glendive Jan. 15.



Sidney's Marley Idland pinned Glendive's Irelyn Peoples in 1:10 at 125# in Sidney Jan. 16.

The Sidney wrestling and basketball teams beat Glendive 3-2 in the Brawl Of The East Jan. 16 in Sidney. The girls basketball team won 41-35. The SHS varsity wrestling team won 59-12. The boys basketball team lost 40-59.



### Watford City Hosts Bowman

Watford City's Dominic Lateral, #23, goes up for two against a Bowman defender in their home game on Thursday, Jan. 16. The Bulldogs defeated the Wolves 69-62. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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## Richland Ranger Bantams – Determined to Succeed

By Brenda Filler  
You may ask yourself, what is helping to guide this small but amazing team of 11 to success? Well, it just may be their incredible teamwork, maybe it is their dedication to hockey or perhaps it is the astonishing 106 years of combined hockey experience between them. Whatever it may be that is driving them, it is working! The Bantams fought their way to another 4 wins this past weekend.

On Friday, Jan. 17, the Bantams played the Minot Wolves. The Rangers started out a little slower this game with only 2 goals in the 1st period and another 2 goals in the 2nd but then dominated the 3rd with 7 additional goals giving them an 11-2 win over the Wolves.

Saturday, Jan. 18, the Ranger Bantams faced off against two Bismarck Capital teams – Red & White. Throughout both games the Bantams proved to be unbeatable yet again and secured another 2 wins for the Rangers. Winning 8-2 against Bismarck Red and 7-1 against Bismarck White.

Sunday, Jan. 19, they faced the third Bismarck Capitals team – Blue. It was this game that allowed the Bantams to secure their 4th win of the weekend, ending in a shut out of 7-0 over the Capitals.

Q&A with Ranger Bantams players:

1. What is your favorite part of playing hockey?  
Winning – Dresden



Lohan Letherman vs. Minot on Jan. 17. (Photo by Brenda Filler)

Wesley  
"Getting to travel all over and play in new places" – Avery Schantz  
"My team" – Hitch Horschburgh  
2. What is your favorite hockey memory?  
"Playing state in Crosby and staying together as a team as everyone cheered against us" – Conner Price  
"Hanging out with Coach Kindopp and their team in Crosby last year at state" – Paxton Berry  
"Getting elbowed in the teeth playing knee hockey at a Bozeman tournament & knocking on a med student's door for help" – Wyatt Conn  
3. What is the most important thing hockey has taught you?  
"Be Humble, Be a leader" – Cooper Thiel  
"It has taught me how important mentality is in a

sport" – Aspen Jackson  
"To be able to be a team player" – Jake Schlothauer  
4. What is your favorite rink to play on and why?  
"Ranger Rink because it is close to my house" – Chloe Harmon  
"Watford City Hansen Rink – nice and cool, not too hot" – Lohan Letherman  
The next 3 games for the Bantams will be:  
Friday, Jan. 24, away game at 6:30 p.m. in Crosby  
Saturday, Jan. 25, a non-league home game against Watford City's Bantam A team at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 26, home against Dickinson at 12 noon.  
Please come down to the hockey arena to support the Rangers, watch some great hockey and enjoy some amazing food.