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## REDC Brings Coal Tax Dollars To Savage Public Schools

By Dianne Swanson

Richland Economic Development is very pleased to have brought back coal tax dollars which will help Savage Public Schools with badly needed repairs. The school's loss of tax dollars from the Savage Mine has had a devastating effect on their budget and their long-term plans for facility upkeep. The award of \$281,000 from the Montana Coal Board will allow them to continue necessary repairs to the building, including windows, insulation to cinder block walls, siding, soffit and some roof repairs.

REDC Executive Director Leslie Messer explained that the first time she ever submitted a grant application to the coal board was through Richland County last December. The grant was to help fund an Economic Diversification Strategy and a consultant to create that strategy. The dollars were awarded to the county in January. REDC also applied to the EDA and was awarded \$100,000 in August. Messer said that she matched the Coal Board money with the EDA money to hire consultants to complete the strategies. She had never applied to the coal board before because REDC is not directly eligible since they are a non-profit and because she thought the funds had to have a direct impact. However, the coal board has revised the scope of their guidelines,



Necessary repairs to the Savage School progressed this summer with B&B Builders as the contractor. (Photo submitted by Savage School)

allowing for more entities to apply.

Because of Messer's ability to write that grant successfully, the chairman of the coal board reached out to the manager of the Savage Coal Mine and asked him to get in touch with Messer about working with the Savage School on a grant. Messer appeared before the school board in February and offered to assist them with the grant application. As the school worked through the budget process in August, intended repairs were

totaling \$308,000 due to the age of the building, creating a huge hit to the budget. With the grant, and the school's matching portion of \$25,000, the vital work can continue.

Messer and Savage School Superintendent Martha Potter attended the Coal Board meeting on Sept. 12 along with nine other applicants. An interview that is supposed to last about six minutes went on for 22 with the board asking Potter multiple questions including whether the school had es-

ablished good prudence in spending other funds such as ARPA. Messer said her answers were always on point. After the presentations were concluded, the board conducted other business, then awarded the grants. Savage School had its money by 11:45 a.m.!

The total amount requested of the coal board was \$4.3 million with roughly \$3.5 million available. Savage was awarded the full \$281,000 it had requested. In all, seven applications were approved, one with-

drew and two were denied. Other entities that applied were: City of Roundup, Forsyth School, Colstrip School and City of Colstrip, Town of Hysham, and Stillwater, Big-horn and Rosebud counties.

Messer is pleased that REDC and her grant writing skills were able to help the Richland County community. "It was an amazing experience, to bring coal money for a school facing a lot of mounting challenges in their budget," Messer said.

## Pumpkin Palooza/Fall-ooza Fest/Frolic Oct. 5-13, Watford City

By Katelyn Sponheim

This October, the McKenzie County Ag Expo will continue their tradition of providing events for the community to enjoy. Fridays the "Pumpkin Pickin' Palooza" will be open from 3-6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays from 12-4 p.m. Admission on Friday and Sunday is \$5/person, and Saturday is \$10 per person.

Saturday, Oct. 5, the Ag Expo and Rough Rider Center will team up for Fall-ooza Fest! which will feature food trucks, petting zoo, vendors, bounce houses, a train, corn maze and more! The Rough Rider Center is hosting the Fall Frolic 5k. Registration for the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Expo, with the race starting at 9 a.m. Cost to join the Fall Frolic is \$35, and those interested can sign up at [www.roughrider-center.com](http://www.roughrider-center.com). For those looking to compete in a different form, the Fall Fest will also have their first ever pie contest. Pies can be dropped between 10 a.m. and noon for judging.

Every weekend in October will see the Ag Expo offer weekend activities as part of the Pumpkin Pickin' Palooza. They hope offering a local event will save families on traveling out of town for a fall experience. Each weekend will have a different theme, with the 11-13th called "Public Safety" with the Bakken Shootout motorsports event.

Details as available can be found on the McKenzie County Ag Expo facebook page or website, [www.mcag-expo.com](http://www.mcag-expo.com) under their events page.

## Emmaus House Hosting Annual Fall Festival Hoedown Oct. 5

By Robyn Heck

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

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

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

otherwise afford. The 2024 Vision of Hope Scholarship was awarded to Avery Iversen. Avery is attending Minot State University.

The Emmaus House is a nonprofit organization based in Sidney.

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

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

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

Currently, raffle tickets are being sold for a handmade quilt, 15 lbs. of prime rib, and a Henry

22 Magnum rifle. Tickets can be purchased at [www.emmaus-house.co](http://www.emmaus-house.co). Raffle winners will be announced

at the event on Oct. 5. Need not be present to win.

"Join us for a fun night that you won't want to miss.

We encourage you to wear western attire," said committee member, Jen Vaira.

## Benefit For Stephanie Friend To Be Held Nov. 2

By Dianne Swanson

Stephanie Hostetler Friend, Fairview, is battling breast cancer at just 39 years old. To help her through this rough time, there will be a benefit on Saturday, Nov. 2 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Waterhole #3, Fairview. A free-will donation meal of taco in a bag and a variety of desserts will be served. Both a silent and a live auction will also take place.

Since her diagnosis in early June, Friend says has given her life a 360-degree turn. She has gone on a strict diet, giving up sugar and flour and more, exercising and has stopped drinking and smoking. She is working with naturopaths in Ohio to

build up her immune system and will then be doing low-dose chemotherapy.

"I know I'm coming out the other side and God will produce good fruit out of this."

Friend is married to Troy and has two small children. She works from home for Ferrellgas while Troy works for PlumbRite. She said she feels so honored and filled with gratitude for the whole community and overwhelmed by all the support she has received.

To donate an item for the silent or live auctions, please call Alysia at 406-480-9643, Nicole at 406-489-1255 or Jenny at 406-478-9097. And plan to attend the benefit on November

2nd to help out this young family.



Photo submitted

## Savage Community Blood Drive Set For Oct. 24

The Savage Community will be holding a Blood Drive at First Lutheran Church of Savage in their fellowship hall, 298 4th Ave. on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 12-5 p.m.

To make an appointment call 406-776-2218 or sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Sponsor code: savage.

Treat yourself. Come give blood in October for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card, there will be 3 lucky winners! Terms apply: [rcblood.org/treat](http://rcblood.org/treat).

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**Thank You**

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

**Forever Thankful,**  
**Randy Searer and Family**

**AREA RECOVERY GROUPS**

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

**Sakakawea**

Current Elevation.....	1838.7
Last Week's Elev. ....	1839.0
One Year Ago .....	1840.4
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	14,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept. 23.....	71	46	0.000
Sept. 24.....	80	45	0.000
Sept. 25.....	93	48	0.000
Sept. 26.....	86	49	0.000
Sept. 27.....	88	38	0.000
Sept. 28.....	88	40	0.000
Sept. 29.....	94	47	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	7.480		

# OBITUARIES

## Robert G. Candee, 82 Richey, MT formerly of Fairview, MT

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Pastor Sione Fungalei officiating. Robert will be laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was held, Tuesday Oct. 1, 2024, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 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).



Robert G. Candee

Robert "Bob" Candee was born on May 23, 1942, in Fairview, MT. He was the youngest child of Alfred and Fay Candee. He graduated from Sidney High School and then attended Montana State University-Billings studying History. After college, Bob went back to his roots, returning to his parent's farm to start his career and life farming and ranching. Bob eventually started his own farm just north of Richey, MT, and was very involved in the Richey High School FFA chapter, donating his time and money to make sure there were resources available for young farmers. The FFA building at the Richey High School was named in his honor and he will continue to provide scholarships for local students in his memory.

Bob's passion for farming also inspired him to run for U.S. Senate in 2002 to protect the farmers and rural communities of Eastern Montana.

In 1963, Bob married Judy Roberts and together they started a family, having three children: Tanya, Bryan and Boyd.

Bob passed away peacefully on September 26, 2024, at the age of 82 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive, Montana with family by his side.

Bob is survived by children Tanya (Gene Asbeck) and daughters Monica, Melissa, and Kathryn; Bryan (Lynsay Candee) and daughter Tysan; Boyd (Jamie Candee) and children Milo and Maeve; and sister Charlotte (Jim Kennedy) and children Jason Scott Hukill and Tracy Rude. He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Fay Candee.

## Kutzler Named To SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH -- Hayley Kutzler, Sidney, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

## Former Pastor Jordan Hall Sentenced For Embezzlement

Jordan Hall, former pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Sidney, received a three-year deferred sentence on felony embezzlement charges. He must also pay restitution of over \$15,000 to the church. Hall must meet regularly with a probation officer, abstain from any drugs or alcohol, have no weapons in his possession, and not enter any bars or casinos. If he complies with all conditions, his felony conviction will be erased.

Hall was pastor of the church from 2008 until he was ousted by the congregation in 2022.

## Sidney High School Powder Puff Football Scheduled for Oct. 13

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney High School Close-Up Program will be hosting their annual Powder Puff flag football game fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 13. The kickoff is at 5:45 p.m. at the Swanson football field.

Admission fee is \$5. There will also be concessions and a bake sale. "This game is a fundraiser for the Close-Up Organization. We use the funds to take a trip to Washington, DC, to use our nation's capital as our classroom. We can't wait for the game. We hope to see you there to support all the hard work these participants have put into it," said Close-Up member and junior coach Kalen Price.

This is the 21st annual Close-Up Powder Puff fundraiser. The Close-Up adviser is Brad Faulhaber.

The senior girls will play the junior girls in a competitive flag football game. Each female team is coached by a male athlete. Teams have been practicing for weeks to get ready for the game. Junior coach, Parker Verhasselt said, "I'm confident we'll get it done out there and win this game."

The senior girls disagree. The seniors are going for a sweep of their opponents. They are hoping to be only the second class to win both games their junior and senior years.

Don't miss the entertainment on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 5:45 p.m.

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### RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Wed., Oct. 2**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **43rd Annual Quilt & Needlework Show** - Through Oct. 5 - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.  
**Thurs., Oct. 3 & Oct. 10**  
4-7 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Reynolds Market Parking Lot.  
**Sat., Oct. 5**  
7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland County Courthouse Parking Lot.  
4 p.m. - **Bryan Cummins Benefit Fairview** - Live & silent auction & a meal. Waterhole #3. Any donations can be dropped off at the Waterhole with Kim.  
5-9 p.m. - **Emmaus House Fall Festival Hoedown** - Food, music & entertainment throughout the night. Live & silent auctions & raffle drawings. Western attire encouraged. \$5 entrance fee. Sidney Elks Lodge.  
**Sat., Oct. 5 & Sun., Oct. 6**  
**RCSC Double Pickleball Tourney** - All levels pickleball, mixed doubles, mens doubles, ladies doubles, mixed round robin, prizes awarded. Deadline to enter Oct. 3. \$20 per player, contact Terry Roth to enter, text 406-489-3285. Richland Co. Sports Complex.  
**Mon., Oct. 7**  
7-8 p.m. - **Adult Anxiety & Depression Support Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. Pella Lutheran Church. For more info call Pella, 406-433-3350 or the Health Dept., 406-433-2207.  
**Thurs., Oct. 8**  
5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Estate Planning Presentation** - Learn about strategies to help achieve your financial goals. MSU Extension Building, 1499 N. Central Ave. Refreshments & light snacks will be served. To join call 406-433-7980 by 10/01/24.  
**Sat., Oct. 12**  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - The market will be participating in the Sidney Fall Festival, downtown Sidney.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Fall Festival Downtown Sidney** - Hay maze, food trucks, 5K run & 2K walk, kids fall baking championship, vendors, kids activities, week-long shop small scavenger hunt, MonDak Mayhem, lantern tours, chili cook-off & more.  
1-3 p.m. - **Fall Festival Build-A-Board** - Fun, interactive FALL Build-A-Board Charcuterie Class. Mimi's Kitchen, 106 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW. Cost \$60/person. Register on Mimi's website.  
**Sun., Oct. 13**  
5:45 p.m. - **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Close-Up Powder Puff Flag Football Fundraiser** - Admission \$5. Concessions & bake sale will also be available. Swanson Field, Sidney High School.

### McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.  
**Wednesdays, Oct. 2 - Dec. 18**  
6-8 p.m. - **Open Pickleball Nights** - For experienced or new players, \$7 day pass or membership required. Rough Rider Center.  
**Thurs., Oct. 3**  
4-7 p.m. - **Petting Zoo** - All ages welcome. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo. For more info visit <https://www.mcagexpo.com/> or call 701-842-EXPO.  
**Fri., Oct. 4, 3-6 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 6, 12-4 p.m.**  
**Pumpkin Pickin' Palooza** -Pumpkin patch, petting zoo, corn maze, games, pedal cars. Admission Fri. & Sun., \$5/person; Sat., \$10/person. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo.  
**Sat., Oct. 5**  
8:30 a.m. - **2024 Fall Frolic 5K** - Check in 8:30 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. Registration fee: \$35, register at [roughridercenter.com](http://roughridercenter.com). McKenzie County Ag Expo.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Paint Your Own Pottery Open Studio** - Choose from a variety of different colors & pieces, \$25 pre-registration, \$30 walk ins. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW. For more info visit [longxarts.com/classes/](http://longxarts.com/classes/).  
11 a.m. - **Alexander High School Student Council Golf Scramble** - Registration 11 a.m., 12 p.m. start, 4 member teams, \$500 entry fee. Food provided. Fox Hills Country Club, Watford City. To donate prizes or register a team contact Amber Severson at 701-828-3334.  
**Sat., Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Lil B's Pumpkin Patch** - Furry friends, photo props, treats, pumpkins. 137 E. Highland. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/lilbspumpkins/>.  
**Fri., Oct. 11**  
7-9:30 p.m. - **Comedy Cafe** - Family fun with headliner Bob Smiley & opener Kevin Burckhard. Watford City High School Theater, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info <https://longxarts.com/event/comedy-cafe-3/>.  
**Fri., Oct. 11, 3-6 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 13, 12-4 p.m.**  
**Pumpkin Pickin' Palooza** - Corn maze, train rides, pedal cars, pumpkins. Public safety Sat. Admission Fri. & Sun., \$5/person; Sat., \$10/person. McKenzie County Ag Expo, 12880 25<sup>th</sup> St. NW.  
**Sat., Oct. 12**  
11 a.m. - **Bakken Shootout** - Slingshots, Legends + Kart Race. Tickets \$20/person; \$10 kids 10 & under. Main Event starts 3 p.m. McKenzie County Ag Expo, 12880 25<sup>th</sup> St. NW.

### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.  
**Sat., Oct. 5**  
10 a.m. - **Annual Fundraiser Pheasants Forever Banquet & Upland Conservation Expo** - Raymond Community Center. Upland Conservation Expo, located upstairs, vendors for outdoor enthusiasts, free, open to the community & runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Banquet, located downstairs, open at 3 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$70 & include dinner & a PF membership. New games, live & silent auction items.  
6 p.m. - **Olive Motherhood Foundation Fundraiser Bingo Night** - Food, costume contest & more. 18+ men & women. Costumes encouraged. Upper Missouri Valley Fair. For more info [www.olivemotherhoodfoundation.com/event-details/bingo-night](http://www.olivemotherhoodfoundation.com/event-details/bingo-night).  
**Thurs., Oct. 10**  
4-5:30 p.m. - **Halloween Pottery Open Studio** - Grades 3-8. \$20 non-member, members 20% discount. Must preregister at [thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes](http://thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes). James Memorial Art Center, 621 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W.  
**Sat., Oct. 12**  
1-4 p.m. - **First Annual Hotdish Fest** - Who's ready to show off their best hotdish recipe. Old Armory. For more info visit <http://www.willistondowntown.com/hot-dish>.  
**Sun., Oct. 13**  
1-4 p.m. - **Fall Festival by Olive Motherhood Foundation** - We will be pairing our well loved sensory bins for this event that your littles can create, & take home! Keel Boat, Spring Lake Park.  
**Mon., Oct. 14**  
5:30 p.m. - **Conversations Beyond Life Celebrating Death** - Explore the myriad of ways death is celebrated across the world. Williston Community Library.

### DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.  
**Sun., Oct. 6**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Fall Dinner** - Free will offering. Sacred Heart Catholic Church School Cafeteria.  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Junkapalooza Harvestfest** - Fun-filled day at the fairgrounds. Outside will be a pumpkin patch, salsa contest, hay bale maze, Keith Clingsmith antique grinders, apple cider press, corn sand box & more. Inside is shopping galore. Fairgrounds Rd.  
2-5 p.m. - **Methodist Church Fall Harvest Auction** - Pie & coffee at 2 p.m., auction at 3 p.m. Methodist Church.  
**Sat., Oct. 12**  
1-3 p.m. - **National Fossil Day** - There will be several fossil & paleontology activities for all ages. Makoshika State Park Visitor Center.

# Sidney Volunteer Fire Department Fireman's Ball Set For Nov. 16

By Dianne Swanson

It's time to get dressed up and have a ball at the second annual Fireman's Ball Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Richland County Event Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., with a social followed by a fantastic dinner prepared by the firemen, who are great cooks! Then rock the night away to the country and rock sounds of "Plowed Under Band". The silent auction closes and the live auction begins at 8:30 p.m. Other activities include the floating polaroid cameras for on-the-spot photos, and prizes for such things as best dressed male and female. Dress up in some fire fighter gear and

have fun in the photo booth or get your picture taken in front of the sponsorship banner.

Sidney wrestlers will be serving the meal while Savage fire fighters will be helping at the doors. "They love to come," Sidney fireman Brandon Roth said. "They want it to succeed as much as we do."

Firemen Jake Carlsen and Roth explained that the purpose of the ball is to get people involved in the community. "We want to get people engaged in volunteerism," Roth said. "We want to encourage community engagement, and get people involved in the community and help people."

Generous auction donations are being received from businesses and individuals, and sponsorships are also available. All proceeds from the live and silent auctions and any other activity that evening go towards the Fallen Volunteer Heroes Scholarship. The scholarship was started last year in honor of firefighters who died before their time.

The scholarship is primarily to support students who are entering college for a career in Fire Science or

Emergency Services. It is also open to those going into a medical field and students with a high amount of volunteer hours. The scholarship not only supports local students, but also raises awareness for residents to support their community, and promotes and rewards volunteerism. The 2023 scholarships were awarded to a student from Fairview and one from Lambert who are both in nursing programs. The firemen would love to see others go into EMS programs and are hoping their scholarship will help to promote that.

Roth and Carlsen both praised the wives of the fire fighters who are helping make the ball a reality, with decorating, making centerpieces, providing desserts, and doing ticket sales. "The spouses see our passion and love helping out," Roth stated.

Proceeds from the breakfast hosted by the firemen in the spring go towards fire department operations. Proceeds from the ball go to the scholarship. "We are not trying to double dip," Roth said. "We are so blessed to live in this community and have such wonderful support. We're



Members of the Savage and Sidney Fire Departments gather in front of the sponsorship banner at last year's Fireman's Ball. (Photo submitted)

(Sidney, Fairview, Savage and Lambert) at our highest efficiency ever. We're very fortunate."

Tickets for the event are \$50 each and available now by calling Carlsen at

406-480-2173. Roth at 406-478-4748, or contacting Kale Rasmussen at the fire hall, 406-433-1122. Follow Fireman's Ball on Facebook. Tables are also available at \$400 for a table for six or

\$500 for a table for eight. The men said their goal is for everyone to have fun and encourage everyone to come out and support a cause near and dear to a fireman's heart.

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### Sidney Eagles Volleyball vs Glasgow

The SHS volleyball team hosted Glasgow Sept. 27. Sidney won in 3 sets: 25-9, 25-19, 25-23. Pictured is #10 Hallie Schantz and #11 Maliya Nguewoun with the double block in the 3rd set. (Photo by Kaci Dean)



### Bennion Travels to Washington, DC

Annika Bennion, Sidney, along with nearly 750 cancer patients, survivors, and advocates from across the country, united in Washington, D.C., for the annual American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Leadership Summit and Lobby Day Sept. 17. Pictured above: Sidney resident, Annika Bennion, second from right, with Team Montana and MT Sen. Jon Tester. (Photo by Shawn O'Neal)



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## Savage Homecoming Highlights

Savage Public School held their homecoming festivities last week. Pictured above is the Savage Class of 1974 float in the homecoming parade. The class is celebrating its 50th Class Reunion. Pictured right is the 7th Grade Class Float (Photos by Toni Zieske)



Savage Homecoming 2024 King Sayer Erickson & Queen Mya Jorgensen. (Photos by Toni Zieske)



Pictured left: Savage's Sayer Erickson looks to pass the ball in the Warriors' Homecoming game vs. Bainville. Savage fell to Bainville 25-46.

Pictured right: Cambry Conradson digs up the ball in the Savage Homecoming game vs. Bainville. Savage beat Bainville 3 sets to 0. (Photos by Toni Zieske)





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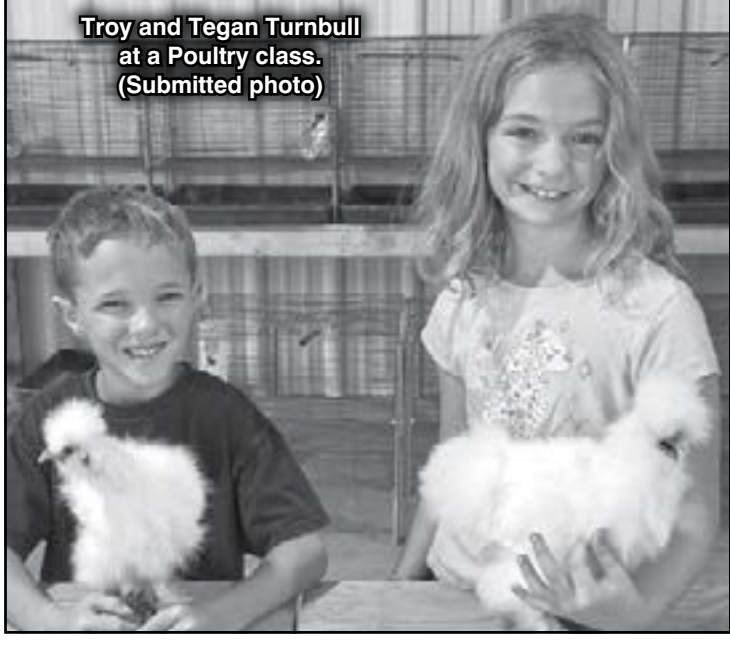
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# OBITUARIES

## Bethine "Beth" D. Sperry, 91, Sidney, MT formerly of Beach, ND

Celebration of Life Services will be at 11 a.m. (MST) on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Beach, ND, with Rev. Anthony Ahrendt officiating. Inurnment will be at 3:00 p.m. (MST) on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, at Sunnyside Cemetery in Trotters, 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).



Bethine Sperry

Bethine "Beth" D. Sperry, 91, Sidney, MT, formerly of Beach, ND, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care, surrounded by her family. She was born in Beach, ND, on July 16, 1933, to Kyle and Lillian (Russell) Sperry. She rode horses with her sisters to CS Divide School through 8th grade and graduated from Beach High School.

Bethine began her professional career working at the ASCS Office in Beach. From there, she moved to Kansas City, KS, and began working for the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. She was then recruited to work at the National Association of Wheat Growers in Washington, DC and resided in Alexandria, VA. Bethine travelled internationally representing the interests of the nation's wheat growers. Through that process, she was part of the Accounting Team as an auditor.

When she grew tired of big city life, she moved back to Beach and worked as an accountant for Brengle's Ford Motor Company. She worked for a time as a receptionist at the Beach Medical Clinic and as a pizza maker/waitress for Nikki Heckaman. Later, she worked in the kitchen and activities areas for the Beach Manor doing what she could to make residents comfortable.

Following a brief illness, Bethine moved into the Sidney Health Center Extended Care in February 2019, where she

resided until her death.

Bethine is survived by her sister-in-law, Marcia Sperry, Trotters, ND; nephews and nieces, Eugene (Karen) Smith, Bismarck, ND; Patti Hutchinson, Lovell, WY; Tara (Edward) Skaar, Sidney, MT; Anna Marie (Ross) Fleming, Klamath Falls, OR; Mike Uetz (Nick Rave), Chicago, IL; Alan (Deb) Uetz, Horace, ND; Lynne (Rob) Bath, Douglas, WY; Mark Kronschnabel, Las Vegas, NV; Russell Sperry, Rising Star, TX; and Robert (Tamra) Sperry, Trotters, ND; and many great nephews and great nieces.

## Karen Donna Denowh, 81 Sidney, MT

Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Tim Sharp officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation was Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 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).



Karen Donna Denowh

Karen Donna Denowh was born on April 27, 1943, in Sidney, MT, to Thomas "Red" Biehl and Emily "Emy" (Welke) Biehl. She grew up in Fairview, MT, where her dad was a ditch-rider. During the winter, the family lived in town directly across the street from her future husband. Eventually, they moved out to a house at 4-Mile. With three siblings, the country life was fun. At 8 years old, she fractured her left elbow which resulted in two operations in Billings. Karen graduated from Fairview High School in 1961. On Oct. 27, 1962, she married the boy from across the street, Keith Severance. They had 2 children, Kelly Jo and Kip Allen. While living in Powell, WY, Keith was diagnosed with a rare disease and passed away at the age of 24. Karen moved back to Sidney, where she was reacquainted with her prom date from her junior year, Larry Denowh. They were married on Nov. 8, 1969. He adopted Kip and Kelly and four years later, Jeffrey Julius was born.

Karen helped at The Electronics shop and then at Advanced Communications. In the back room, she was busy

making quilts (over 50 denim quilts given as gifts), painting signs, and knitting. If she gave you a dishcloth or a scrubber, it was knit with love. She enjoyed writing letters and usually composed two a day. Karen baked cookies for Angel Court while her mother resided there. She was a devoted Christian woman who was an active member of Pella Lutheran Church. She was the president of Mary Martha Circle for years, taught Sunday School, and helped serve communion. Karen was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in her late 60s. She battled through until she turned 81.

Karen ended her battle with Alzheimer's on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024. She passed away peacefully at home with her husband by her side.

She is survived by her husband Larry Denowh; their daughter Kelly Evenson (Tom and bonus grand-daughter Ryanne Elizabeth Joy Evenson); their sons Kip Denowh and Jeffrey Denowh; her brother Tom Biehl (Janice); sister Beverly Reichenbach; as well as many loving family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Thomas "Red" Biehl and Emily "Emy" Biehl; her first husband Keith Severance; in laws Fern Severance and William "Bill" Severance; her sister Bonnie Heinle and brother-in-law Arvin Heinle; in laws Eugene Arnold Denowh and Stella Evangeline Denowh; brother-in-law Gerhard "Gerry" Reichenbach; sister-in-law Beverly (Denowh Walberg) Otto; her brother-in-law Duane Walberg; sister-in-law Mary Denowh; nieces Lori and Lisa Reichenbach; and nephew Matthew Biehl.

## Williams County Fatal Crash Sept. 25

On Sept. 25 at approximately 10 a.m. CT a 2007 Peterbilt truck driven by a 29-year-old Briot Nehring, Williston, ND, was northbound on 130th Rd. NW just north of the intersection of 48th St. NW. The Peterbilt drove off the roadway right and steered left in attempt to correct back onto the road. The vehicle rolled multiple times and came to rest on its top. The driver sustained serious, life-threatening injuries and was transported to CHI Williston by Williston Ambulance Services. Nehring was later flown to Trinity Health in Minot where he succumbed to his injuries.

The agencies who responded to the crash were North Dakota Highway Patrol, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williston Ambulance Service, Williston Fire Department, Williston Rural Fire Department.

At the time of the crash the road conditions were good and dry and the weather was clear.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.



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R&L held their homecoming festivities last week. Pictured left is Lambert King Bobby Knotts and Queen Jayla Huft during the Homecoming Coronation at half time of the homecoming game against Plevna on Sept. 28 in Richey.

The R&L volleyball team hosted Scobey during homecoming on Sept. 27 in Richey. Pictured right is Kally Strohm tipping the ball over the net to score in the first set. R&L fell to Scobey 3 sets to 0. 22-25, 18-25, 15-25



Richey-Lambert played Plevna during their homecoming game on Sept. 28 in Richey. Pictured is R&L's Quaid Marshall runs past a Plevna defender to score a touchdown in the first quarter. R&L beat Plevna 52-6.

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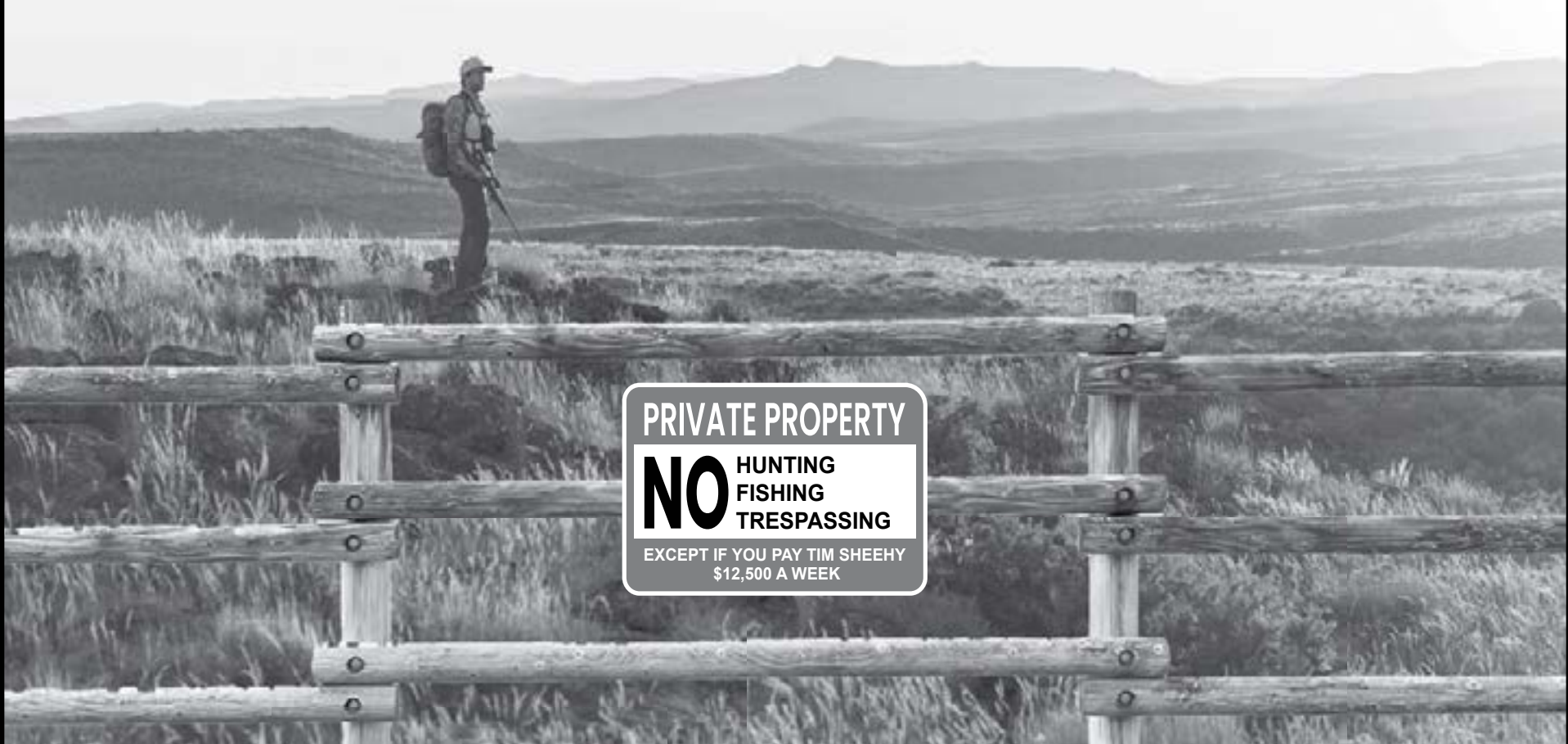
**Tim Sheehy refused to provide access to Montanans to hunt on his “prime elk country,” instead selling luxury hunting packages to rich tourists for \$12,500 a week.**

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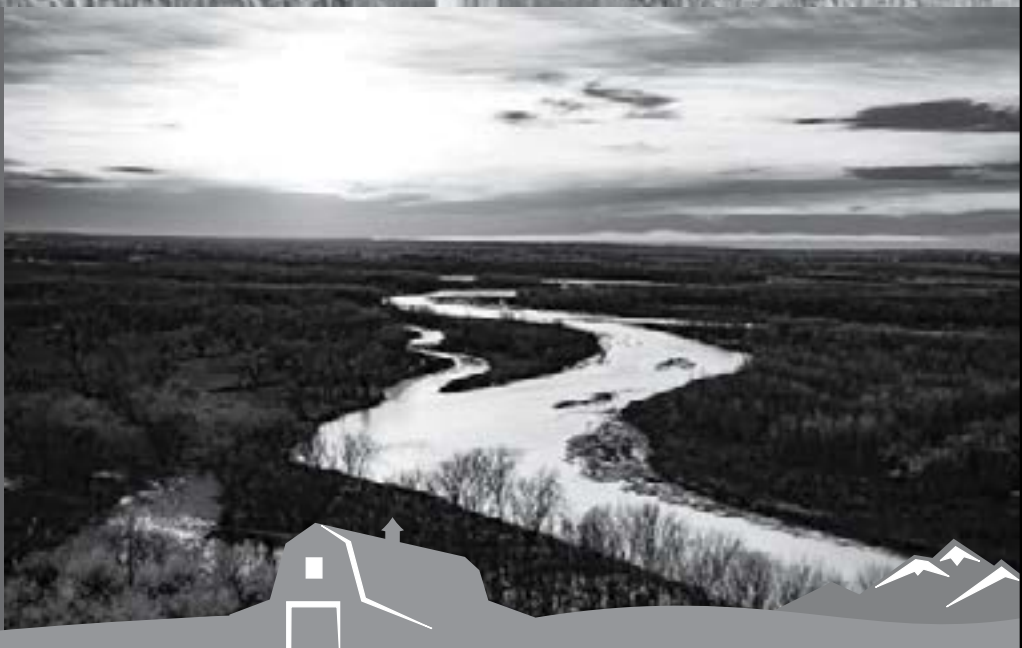


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# Eagle Golf Headed to State



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Tanner Tiesen, Sidney, chipping during the Divisional Golf Tournament in Laurel on Friday, Sept. 27.

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney High School Golf Team had an excellent day on Friday, Sept. 27 at the Eastern A Divisional meet in Laurel. Both of the girls' and boys' teams took home third place and will compete next week at the State A tournament in Polson.

The boys shot a team

score of 336 and had two players finish in the top 15 to earn All-Conference honors: Brady Collins in 3rd place with a 77, and Kalen Price in 15th place with an 84.

The girls had a team score of 422 and had three players in the top 15 earning All-Conference honors: Izzy Baisch in 7th with a 95, Mercedes Lamb in 11th with

a 99 and McKenna Tiesen in 13th with a 100.

Complete results were:

**Varsity boys-**

- 3. Brady Collins 77
- 15. Kalen Price 84
- Jared Anderson 85
- Tanner Tiesen 90
- Blake Johnson 95

**Varsity girls-**

- 7. Izzy Baisch 95
- 11. Mercedes Lamb 99
- 13. McKenna Tiesen 100
- Zayda Wesley 128
- Danica Denowh 134

Good luck at State Eagles! We are proud of you!



## Grand Opening Flag Raising Ceremony

Members of the Sidney VFW post 4099, Bill Henderson, Larry Troutd and Everett Crum with owner Will Rathbun, Rathbun Equipment Services LLC, held a flag raising ceremony for the grand opening or Rathbun Equipment Service LLC in Fairview on Friday, Sept. 27. Congratulations Will and best of luck to you. (Photo submitted)



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- Thursday ..... Hawaiian/Lifeguard Day  
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# Guest Opinion: Retired Judge Mohr Endorses Judge Dan Wilson For Supreme Court

I was elected seven times and served more than 30 years as a Justice of the Peace in Richland County before my retirement in 2016. During my long career on the bench, I worked with both of the district court judges who are now running for a seat on the Montana Supreme Court. They are Judge Katherine Bidegaray of Sidney and Judge Dan Wilson of Kalispell.

I got to know Judge Bidegaray very well in the nearly 15 years we spent working in the same judicial district. I also got to know Judge Dan Wilson very well over the six years that he served as a Justice of the Peace in Flathead County and later, after he became a district court judge. Having spent years getting to know and working with both of these candidates, I am wholeheartedly supporting Judge Dan Wilson for Supreme Court.

Judge Wilson is respected and well-liked among judges statewide because of his dedication to legal education, the courts, and the rule of law. Regularly, he took part in training his fellow judges by giving presentations on multiple legal topics. Judge Wilson consistently received some of the highest ratings for our educators because of his command of the law and his ability to explain it in ways that anyone can understand.

I believe Judge Dan Wilson would be an excellent addition to the Montana Supreme Court and that is why I am voting for him. I sincerely hope you will, too.

Judge Greg Mohr,  
Richland County Justice of the Peace (retired),  
Helena, Montana

# Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
Montanans cannot afford to continue Elsie Arntzen's bumbling leadership of the Montana Office of Public Instruction by voting in her deputy superintendent. Remember, auditors of THEIR OPI found that Elsie and her staff were unable to account for \$ 67.5 million dollars of federal funding. In addition, the current leaders at OPI have supported "school choice" which means your tax dollars will go to private schools not toward providing your children a quality education we all expect from Montana schools. It does not make sense to take money away from public schools, when we cannot currently attract certified teachers because Montana ranks 51st in teacher salaries. That means we are behind all 50 states and the District of Columbia. So how do we fix it? The first and most important step is to vote for someone who will support public education. Shannon O'Brien's experience as a teacher, coach, parent, Dean of Missoula College and legislator has prepared her to lead Montana's public schools as Superintendent of Public instruction.

Whether you have voted red or blue in the past, it is time to vote for the person who will competently lead the Office of Public Instruction. Your children and grandchildren as well as the future of Montana public education are depending on you.

Janet Martineau  
Sidney MT



# Supreme Court Forum to Air Oct. 6

By Alice Miller, Press Relations Specialist

Voters have the opportunity to hear from Montana Supreme Court candidates thanks to a forum sponsored this week by Montana Farmers Union that will air on television Oct. 6.

Supreme Court candidates Judge Jerry Lynch, Cory Swanson, Judge Dan Wilson, and Judge Katherine Bidegaray spoke to community members last week at the Great Falls International Airport.

"This forum is part of Montana Farmers Union's non-partisan efforts to educate voters about candidates," MFU President Walter Schweitzer said. "Events like this are an opportunity to highlight ag-related issues so that the family farmers and ranchers and the rural residents MFU serves can make the best possible decision about who they want to represent them."

Montanans can hear what candidates had to say when the forum airs on Non-stop Local channels:

10:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 6, on KULR,  
11 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Oct. 6, on FOX,  
and 3-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6, on ABC.

The video also will be available beginning Oct. 4 on MFU's website: [www.montanafarmersunion.com](http://www.montanafarmersunion.com).

The forum continued the tradition that MFU, a non-partisan grassroots organization, has in providing non-partisan educational opportunities for its membership and citizens to meet and learn about candidates for elected office in Montana. In addition to the Supreme Court forum, MFU sponsored Congressional primary debates and created Legislative Scorecards to help educate voters about candidates and Legislators' records on ag-related issues.

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10:30am Pep Rally
- Wednesday ..... Camo Day  
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2:30-3:30pm Powderpuff Football
- Thursday ..... Hawaiian/Lifeguard Day  
10:30am Candidate Feud  
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- Friday ..... School Spirit Day  
4:15pm Parade  
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7pm Kickoff Home Football  
9-11pm Dance



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From the Watford City School Board, Administration & Staff

# REAL Montana Class VI Takes Part In Inaugural Seminar Sept. 19-21

Fairview resident Rob Breuer just returned from Bozeman as part of REAL Montana (Resource Education and Agriculture Leadership). For Breuer and other members of REAL Montana Class VI, this was the first of ten seminars in their two-year educational program.

Breuer said he was approached by his employer, AgWest Farm Credit Services, about applying for the class since others from the organization had done so and found it valuable. He agreed, with the goal of furthering his leadership skills and bringing them back to Eastern Montana to use in

the community as well as in his career. He said the next seminar will be held in Billings where the class will focus on media training.

While in Bozeman, the class completed personality assessments, participated in a high ropes course, and received training on networking and building relationships. Class members participated in the first module in a series focused on fundamental competencies of growth mindset and professional etiquette with Scott Linklater. The class participated in an educational tour of Dry Hills Distillery focused on diversification and in-

novative ways to expand agriculture opportunities in an urban setting. Class members toured the Sales Ranch and Kimm Farms to discuss technology in agriculture and seed potato farming in the Gallatin Valley, and challenges and opportunities involving generational transfer of farms and farming practices. A seminar highlighted the program alumni at a networking banquet at the MSU Bobcat Stadium, where alumnus shared their experience and lessons learned during their tenure with REAL Montana. The banquet was attended by REAL Montana alumni, industry leaders, and program sponsors.

Twenty of Montana's emerging and established leaders were competitively selected from a pool of qualified candidates representing a wide variety of agriculture



## REAL Montana Class VI Members

**Back row (L to R):** Tim McEntire, Pete Steilman, Greg Gabel, Nate Hagen. **Third row (L to R):** Colt Coffee, Bailey Christoffersen, Riley Slivka, Marla Chappell, Alice Miller. **Second row (L to R):** Debbie Skibicki, Tina Nolevanko, Rob Breuer, Wes Gadwa, Alexis Canen. **First Row (L to R):** Russ Batie, Sheridan Hoyer, Clint Johannes, Brad Lopez, Erin Madison, Tosha Johnson. (Photo submitted)

and natural resource industries across the state to take part in Class VI of REAL Montana. REAL Montana builds a network of informed and engaged leaders to ad-

vance the natural resource industries in Montana. The two-year program features eight in-state seminars; a five-day national study tour in Washington D.C.; and a ten-day international trip. Seminars include training in natural resource development, agriculture institutions and agencies, public speaking/media, economics, state and federal policy, international trade, urban/rural relationships, water issues, and other current industry topics.

REAL Montana is funded through a partnership with Montana State University Extension and private industry Oversight is provided by an advisory board of industry leaders.

Complete program information is available at <http://www.montana.edu/realmontana> or by contacting Jaime Edmundson or Tara Becken, program co-directors at REALmontana@montana.edu.

## Alexander High School Hosting 4-Person Golf Scramble Saturday

The Alexander High School Student Council will be hosting a 4-person team golf scramble tournament on Oct. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Watford City. The registration per team is \$500 and includes green fees, carts, and food. Various prizes will also be given.

The proceeds will go to hosting school events and purchasing a mascot uniform. Sign-in for teams will be held at 11 a.m. at the golf course and the tournament will begin at 12 p.m.

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



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### Alexander Homecoming

Shane Cross and Paige Delaney were crowned Alexander High School's King and Queen during homecoming activities Sept. 28. (Submitted photo)



## Fairview Warriors Trounce Plentywood 52-12



Fairview's Trace Bain rushes to get to Plentywoods quarterback. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

**By Keri McPherson**  
The number one ranked Fairview Warriors travelled to Plentywood for a conference matchup. Once again, the Warriors were prolific on offense jumping to a 20-0 first quarter lead and extending that to 40-0 at halftime. The final score ended up 52-12 Warriors.

Wyatt McPherson led the rushing attack with 106 yards on 10 carries and 2 touchdowns. Troy Karst had 2 more rushing touchdowns and added a receiving touchdown. Ryan Lustig

had a 40-yard touchdown scamper. Tyler Loan had 2 touchdown passes and a touchdown rushing. Deacon Gackle had a touchdown reception and led the team with 12 tackles and a sack on defense.

The undefeated Warriors travel to Circle to play the undefeated Wildcats on Friday.

### Red Cross Blood Drive Set For Oct. 22

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

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Brorson Farmhands Tour Veterans Park

Brorson Farmhands 4-H Club Toured Veterans Park Flag of Honor Room In Sidney Sept. 8.

Front row (L to R): Ronin Johnson, Jack Milton, and Jack Albin. Second row (L to R): Margaret Bradley, Adalyn Johnson, Andrea Hoesel, Mollie Albin, and Clara Albin. Third Row (L to R): Shelby Reese, Kamden Johnson, Fletcher Johnson, and Braylin Johnson. Back Row (L to R): Myli Josephson, Collin

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# OBITUARIES

## Monica Sticka Steinbeisser Zoanni, 103, Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial was Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, MT with Father Jim O'Neil officiating. Monica will be laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 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).



Monica Sticka Steinbeisser Zoanni

Monica Sticka Steinbeisser Zoanni, loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 103 on Sept. 23, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care with family by her side. She was the last surviving sibling of 12 children, six sisters and 5 brothers.

Monica was born Jan. 15, 1921, Belfield, ND, to Jacob and Rosa (Heidt) Sticka. Due to hard times the family moved to Sidney, MT, for work. They worked in the fields hoeing sugar beets to start.

During the course of her younger years, Monica worked various jobs. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1940. She met her first husband Frank Steinbeisser at St. Philomena's Church choir. One day he saw her feeding chickens and gathering eggs. He said to himself, "boy she would make a good farm wife." The two were married March 1, 1943, and had 5 children: Rose Mary, Frankie, William, Monica Jean, and David. When Frankie was just a toddler he died from a terrible farm accident. Mom always cried on his birthday. Monica and Frank continued farming, raising sugar beets, grain, feeding cattle and sheep. They milked cows, sold eggs, butchered chickens, raised a garden and canned their fruits and vegetables. They raised their kids to be hard working and honest. Sunday and holy days were

always spent at mass. The rosary was Monica's go to prayer, even 'til the last moment. Frank died of a heart attack on May 6, 1967. The boys took over the farm, first Bill and then Dave joined him.

Monica married Donald Zoanni on Feb. 14, 1970. Don had a dry land farm near Sioux Pass where they lived for a while. They eventually moved to Sidney and then built a house north of Sidney. After much traveling, Don developed Alzheimer's and needed constant care. Monica took care of him at home but eventually he was moved into the angel wing at Sidney Health Care Extended Care. Monica visited him every day until his passing on Sept. 24, 2006.

Monica continued to live at home until November 2023. She then moved to Sidney Health Care Extended Care, where she resided until her passing. Throughout life Monica enjoyed gardening, baking, and sewing (most notably jean quilts for the entire family).

Monica is survived by her four children: William (Linda), Rose Mary (Ladinsky), Monica Jean (Fleischmann) and David (Dawn); 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jacob and Rosa (Heidt) Sticka; son Frankie; first husband Frank Steinbeisser; second husband Donald Zoanni; sons-in-law Bob Fleischmann and Ken Ladinsky; and siblings Teresa (Mike Bosch), Baida (Joe Heiser), Emma Sticka, Rose (Francis Boyer), Betty (Bob Gonzalez), Joan (Gene Ostrem), John Sticka (Margaret), Joseph Sticka (Katie), Frank Sticka (Mae), Louis Sticka (Leona), and Jack Sticka (Deloris).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Monica's name to the American Diabetes Association, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, or the Foundation for Community Care.

## Elsa Alvina Banyai, 94 Fairview, MT

Funeral services were Saturday Sept. 28, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT with Pastor Richard Evans officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation was Friday Sept. 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the



Elsa Alvina Banyai

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

Elsa Alvina Hollom Banyai was born June 27, 1930, to Alvilda and Andrew Hollom. She grew up on a farm in the Girard community with her parents, sisters Lorraine, Myrtle, and Evelyn, and one brother Oral.

Elsa attended school through eighth grade and rode horse five miles each way even in severe blizzards. After eighth grade she attended school in Sidney while living with a pastor and babysitting children. She graduated high school at the age of 16 and went on to attend college for two years. After college she had various jobs. One of her favorites was the ASCS office and she always had stories to tell about many farmers. She later moved to Boulder, MT, where she retired after 15 years of working at the state hospital.

Elsa was blessed with four children who were the love of her life, and she worked very hard to support: Arlys, Robert, Cindy and Larry. Elsa loved to quilt and really enjoyed the time spent with Quilting Ladies at Zion Lutheran Church. She kept very busy with her flowers, gardening and feeding all the neighborhood cats. She also loved to dance. One thing she was always very proud of was running the Governor's Cup at the age of 76.

Elsa was blessed with five grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren, with the latest being only two days old. Elsa had a special bond with her great-great-granddaughter Paisley who visited her weekly at Extended Care where they both looked forward to their milk shakes made with love from Dorothy.

Elsa passed away on Sunday Sept. 22, 2024, at Sidney Health Center with family by her side.

She is survived by her children Arlys Lewis, Fairview, MT; and Robert Sunderland (Barb), Whitehall, MT; grandchildren Vicki Howard (Dan) Livingston, MT; Lisa Elken (Rodney), Fairview, MT; Brian Sunderland, Whitehall, MT; Kristen Sunderland, Phoenix, AZ; and Beth Hartford, Helena, MT; great-grandchildren Danielle Eustice (Aaron), Sidney, MT; Brittany (Scott) Andreasen, Fairview, MT; Colten Schneider (Sierra), Fairview, MT; Ashley (Dakota) Orozco, Wichita, KS; Daniel Chizek, Seattle, WA; and Ryan Bauer, Miles City, MT; great-great-grandchildren Brody, Brady, Bradley and Brawley Eustice, Sidney, MT; Paisley and Paxten Andreasen, Fairview, MT; Emery Schneider, Fairview, MT; and Alistair and Alarielle Orozco, Wichita, KS; and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Alvilda and Andrew; two children Larry and Cindy Sunderland; husband; sisters Lorraine Haase, Evelyn Hollom, and Myrtle Garten; brother Oral Hollom; and son in law Gary Lewis.

Special thanks to the Sidney Health Center Extended Care for the love and care you shared with Mom and grandma. We appreciate you.

She will be greatly missed.

## Sidney Cross Country Teams Compete In Missoula & Plentywood

**By Robyn Heck**  
The Sidney Eagle Cross Country team was split up for two different meets on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Four runners were in Missoula at the Mountain West Meet. In the Boys division, Carter Heggum placed 85th in over 400 runners with the time of 17:7.3. Dyson Romo placed 286 with the time of 19:05.5. In the girls' division, Ryleigh Kleinke placed 115th running 21:28.5 and Morgan Kindopp placed 236th running 23:12.5.

The rest of the cross-country team had some great results in Plentywood. Layla Petrik was sixth in the varsity girls, and was only five seconds off from making the Eagle "Mighty Dozen All-Time" leaderboard. The boys were led by Josh Pollari, who placed under 20 for the first time this season. The middle school girls took first place as a team, and were led by Camryn Franck, who placed 1st in the individual and Kenzie Koch, who placed 2nd. The middle school boys team took 5th place and were led

by Garrick Halvorson, who placed 8th.

Complete Plentywood results were:

- Varsity boys-**
- 14. Josh Pollari 19:58.14
  - 15. Rhys Larson 20:00.23
  - 16. Isaak Lassey 20:10.96
  - 26. Daxton Brower 21:43.69
  - 39. Levi Dunn 27:48.63

- Varsity girls-**
- 6. Layla Petrik 23:40.40
  - 27. Dylan Edd 27:44.95
  - 28. Ivy Cross 27:45.27
  - 29. Polina Sandratska 27:52.38

- Middle school boys-**
- 8. Garrick Halvorson 11:06.17
  - 16. Garrett Parton 12:22.83
  - 18. Payton Miner 12:40.06
  - 19. Case Bradford 13:08.21
  - 26. Ziggy Bailey 13:51.21
  - 31. Braden LeMay 14:58.65

- Middle school girls-**
- 1. Camryn Franck 9:59.76
  - 2. Kenzie Koch 10:11.70
  - 5. Paisley Obergfell 10:40.63
  - 11. Rowan O'Brien 11:23.21
  - 14. Maysen Petersen 11:31.31
  - 23. Zoey Buske 12:05.23
  - 26. Harper Danielsen 12:14.38
  - 29. Ella Laqua 12:30.59
  - 31. Ally Dignan 12:33.94
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# Landry Larson, Sidney/Glendive High School Rodeo All Around Cowgirl

By Katelyn Sponheim

Each fall, just a few weeks after the Richland County Fair & Rodeo wraps, the Richland County Rodeo Club starts knocking on doors, asking for the community's support for the Montana High School Rodeo in Sidney; and boy, does Richland County show up. The tremendous support for both the Pro and High

School/Youth Rodeo in Sidney is unique and well-appreciated by the rodeo community. Sidney's event ran Aug. 30-31, with Kraken Oil & Gas, Tri-County Implement, the Cattle-Ac, Clark & Associates-Denver Gilbert, Dawson County Rodeo Club, Glendive Livestock, Dawson Vet Clinic, Rodeo Rigs and Bank of Baker all sponsoring saddles for the

boys and girls all around champions in not only the high school, but junior high and pee-wee divisions. The weekend's events are combined with Glendive's High School and Youth Rodeo, which ran Sept. 1-2; and over four days, individual, average, and all-around prizes are awarded.

This year saw local talent, Landry Larson, win

the High School All Around Cowgirl saddle with her combined scores in Barrel Racing, Breakaway, and Team Roping. Her saddle was sponsored by the Dawson County Rodeo Club. Landry has set her sights on the All-Around title at her hometown rodeo for several years and was extremely proud to have earned it. Making it extra special was that her Team Roping partner is her cousin, Jori Horsburgh. They won the average in the Team Roping for the 2 days of the Sidney rodeo together and were awarded buckles. Landry was also the Reserve All Around for the Sidney rodeo and her other prizes for placings included back cinch buckles, a trophy tumbler, and Bogg bag. Other locals winning

events at this year's rodeo were Leddy Larson winning the average in the Junior High Girls Breakaway Roping, winning a buckle and Emma Youngquist placing 2nd in the average in the Junior High Girls Goat Tying winning a Bogg bag.

Landry is grateful for all the community support for rodeo and for the rodeo community's support of her efforts. From horsepower to mentoring to moral support, Landry has a tool box full of winners. Her barrel horse, Rosie, comes from NFR alumni Rayna Prewitt, who enjoys helping Landry and Leddy in their rodeo journeys. She spends time with her and an NFR qualifier/clinician of over 50 years, Judy Mylymaki in Arizona each winter. Landry says

"My team of horses and coaching support are a huge part in my success, and I'll always be thankful for them and getting the win in my hometown made it all the sweeter." Leddy, Landry's younger sister, has big goals of her own and they both work hard to make them happen. Their parents, Tim and Kristin Larson, operate the Sidney Livestock Market and organize the Richland County Rodeo Club. Their older brothers, Grady and Garrett, both are currently competing in college rodeo.

The support of Richland County for its rodeo club shows how they love to see them succeed, and having a local student win the hometown rodeo is just the icing on the cake!



Landry Larson running barrels at Montana High School State Rodeo Finals. (Photo by Dave Hollenbeck)



Landry and her cousin Jori Horsburgh with their team roping buckles at Sidney Rodeo. (Photo by Joanna Horsburgh)



Landry Larson with her saddle certificate and buckle she won at the Sidney & Glendive High School Rodeos. (Photo by Kristin Larson)

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**Varsity Football Roster:**

Brody Keysor, Parker Verhasselt, Gradin Sukut, Brody Verhasselt, Jarret Averett, Axyl Braun, Ryan Unruh, Cody Crooks, Davon Berry, Joseph Yadon, Jaxson Burger, Evan Erickson, Brody Meissel, Avery Schantz, Rylan McGahan, Aiden Anderson, Aaron Schmitz, Lance Allen, Nathan Carlsen, Schuyler Olguin, Tyson Jacobsen, Logan Lowrey, Elijah Conway, Ty Schepens, Kayden Bousquet, Jason Sorteberg, Korbyn Johnston, Christian Rasmussen, Shane Goergen, Zander Capwell, Miles Sifers, Terren Bright, Brayden Jonas, Cooper Fulgham, Waylon Schieffer, Colter Volkman, Thor Fulgham, Zach Juarez, Colton Hatter, Corey Christensen, Kade Samuelson, Stetson Armes, Ethan King, Morgan Reid



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**Varsity Volleyball Roster:**

Rhett Rossol, Amiya Steinbeisser, Tegan Cole, Isabelle Doty, Joael Eggum, Zoey Garsjo, Ave' Norby, Aiyana Kirn, Hayden Miller, Hallie Schantz, Maliya Nguewoun, Adessa Saitta, Savanna Anderson



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**Cheer Roster:**

(Above): Coach Ms. Alyssa Cadwalader, AnnDee Eksteen, Elizabeth Avery, Callee Manning, Alice Thogersen, Lilly Reese, Sophie Pust, Kaiden Roote, Teagan Kauffman, Victoria Kyhl, Rebecca Hoffman, Mackenzie Wadley, Ella Whiteman, Marlee Dore, Jerzee O'Connor

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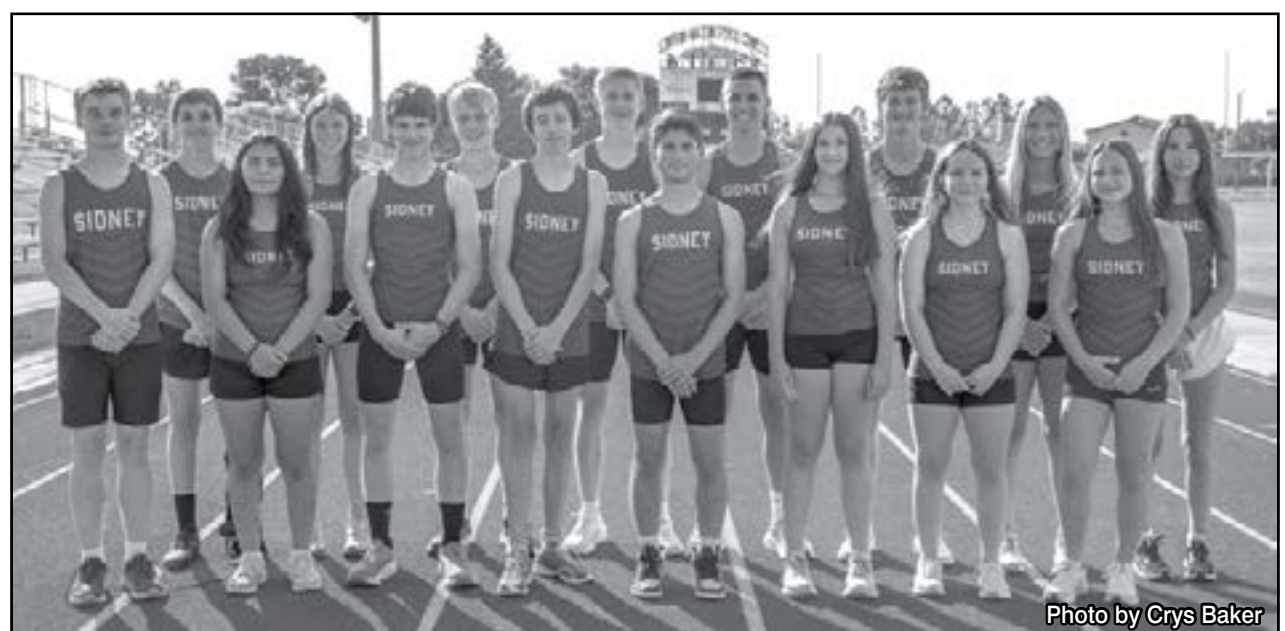
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**(L-R): Top:** Savanna Anderson, Zoey Garsjo, Myah Hughes, Ryleigh Kleinke, Amiya Steinbeisser. **Bottom:** Nathan Carlsen, Reece Graves, Jackson Wick, Joseph Yadon, Garrett Youngquist



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**Girls:** Dylan Edd, Ryleigh Kleinke, Ivy Cross, Morgan Kindopp, Polina Sandratska, Mariah Bauer, Layla Petrik. **Boys:** Daxton Brower, Jhonathan Delgado, Carter Heggem, Rhys Larson, Zach Olson, Dyson Romo, Isaak Lassey, Josh Pollari, Levin Dunn

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**NOTICE OF DISPOSAL OF TAX-DEED LANDS BY SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN, that each of the tax-deed lands listed and described below shall be sold by Richland County, Montana at public auction at 2:00 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 21st day of October, 2024 in the Commissioners' Chambers on the third floor of the Richland County Courthouse, 201 West Main, Sidney, Richland County, Montana.

As required by § 7-8-2301(2), MCA, prior to entering an order of disposal of any of the lands, the Board of County Commissioners determined and fixed the price of each parcel to be sold, as stated in the listing below; and the sale may not be made for a price less than the sales price determined and fixed by the Board.

As required by § 7-8-2302(2), MCA, the fair market value of the lands as determined and fixed by the Montana Department of Revenue is stated in the listing below.

All sales are subject to the following repurchase rights pursuant to § 7-8-2303, MCA: At any time up to 24 hours before the time fixed for the sale, the taxpayer or the taxpayer's successor in interest or legal representative may repurchase the property from the county, subject to the reservations provided for in § 7-8-2305, MCA, by payment to the county of the full amount of the taxes, assessments, penalties, and interest due on the land at the time of taking the tax deed plus interest on the full amount at the rate provided for in § 15-16-102, MCA, from the date of the tax deed to the date of repurchase as well as the costs of the county in taking the tax deed and additional taxes or assessments due, if any, at the time of repurchase.

Pursuant to § 7-8-2305(2), MCA, the county will reserve 6 1/4% royalty interest in the oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, and minerals produced from each of the lands.

Conveyance will be by quit claim deed without warranty of title.

**List of Lands to Be Sold**  
All of Lots Numbered Six (6) and Seven (7) in Block Numbered Forty-three (43) all in Kenoyer's First Addition to Sidney, Montana, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Richland County, Montana.

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Fair market value, \$1,004.00  
Price, \$2,500.00  
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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY Y. CUMMING, a/k/a Betty Beatrice Cumming, Deceased.

Probate No. DP-42-2024-77-IT  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to JAMES C. CUMMING and KIRK CUMMING, C/O ARMSTRONG LAW OFFICE, P.C. return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1327, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the

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JAMES C. CUMMING, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Y. Cumming a/k/a Betty Beatrice Cumming, deceased.

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**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION(S)**

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the Federal General Election(s) to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, will close at 5:00 p.m., on October 7, 2024.

*"NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote in the election by showing up at the county election office before 8:00 pm on Election Day."*

All active and inactive electors of Richland County are entitled to vote at said election.

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DATED this 28th day of August 2024.

Stephanie Verhasselt  
Richland County Election Administrator

**MNAXLP**  
(Publish September 11, 18, and October 2, 2024)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The McKenzie County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, October 7, 2024 at 4:00 PM** in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 201 5th St. NW, Watford City, North Dakota, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding an Amendment to Conditional Use Permit, #008-19. #008-19 Amend-CUP is to

allow Recreational Vehicles to the current Workforce housing. The property is located in IT2889, S-22, T-150N, R-101W Parcel #010009790.

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

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the office of the McKenzie County Planner, 1300 12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to [CandyLundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us](mailto:CandyLundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us). You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions.

Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Planning and Zoning Board may change the date or time of a meeting by motion made and passed in advance of the meeting to resolve calendar conflicts. In the event a scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the scheduled meeting and the Planning Director will cause notice of the postponement to be posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Planning and Zoning website.

McKenzie County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the American with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed on the McKenzie County Website and at the Auditors Office. Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 11th day of September, 2024

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

**MNAXLP**  
(Publish September 25 and October 2, 2024)

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The provisions regarding Conditional Use Permit requests are contained within the McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at [www.McKenzieCounty.net](http://www.McKenzieCounty.net). The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the office of the McKenzie County Planner, 1300 12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to [CandyLundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us](mailto:CandyLundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us). You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions. Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Planning and Zoning Board may change the date or time of a meeting by a motion made and passed in advance of the meeting to resolve calendar conflicts. In the event a scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the scheduled meeting and the Planning Director will cause notice of the postponement to be posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Planning and Zoning Website.

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

Candy Lundgren-Planner  
McKenzie County Planning & Zoning Department

Attest: Sandee Kimpel  
Planning Director

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The provisions regarding Sub-divisions regulations are contained within the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at [www.McKenzieCounty.net](http://www.McKenzieCounty.net). The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

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**Fri., Oct. 4:** No school.  
**Mon., Oct. 7:** Chicken burgers or fish patties, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.  
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**Tues., Oct. 8:** White cheddar chicken macaroni & cheese bowls or deli roll up pin wheels, veggie, salad bar, fruit, honey biscuits, cookies.  
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# Eskridge/Baker/Sponheim Hunting Season Is All-Hands-On Deck Event

By Katelyn Sponheim

For generations, hunting season has been an all-hands-on-deck event for the Eskridge family. Donn Eskridge grew up hunting pheasant, duck, fur, and deer in his home state of Iowa. His wife, Vicki (Reimers), grew up hunting elk, deer, rabbits, and upland birds with her family in the mountains of Wyoming. After meeting and marrying in Montana, they packed up our brothers, John Baker, Clayton Eskridge, and on all their adventures. Pheasant hunting in eastern Montana, deer and antelope hunting in the Crane and Savage area, elk hunting at Fort Peck and Ennis, Moose hunting in western Montana, bear hunting in Canada, and Clayton and Donn even have successfully hunted caribou in Alaska.

From the preparation to the hunt to the processing of game after, many of the family take their turn. Donn and Vicki took pride in never leaving their children behind or out of the action. Weekends find the family gathering to sight in firearms and bows, cleaning pheasants, packing for trips to the cabin they rent for elk hunting in Ennis, or butchering the latest family deer. John's stepson with his wife Crys Baker, Lane and Bryce Wold, enjoy hunting as well and make it out a few times each season. Crys has hunted in the past but describes herself as a retired hunter. Clayton's wife, Ashley, hunts, as do both her and Crys's fathers. Donn



Preston Baker, closest to camera, scouting for elk with Donn Eskridge and Gary Shelton. (Photo by Katelyn Sponheim)

and Vicki's other six grandchildren, Maverick, Brynlee, Tillie, Anniston, Delaney, and Oren are too young to hunt yet but enjoy coming along and helping watch for the perfect deer from the blind or carry pheasants. Multiple uncles, cousins, in-laws and close friends are often involved in adventures as well.

Family members of another sort are an important piece in the hunting puzzle, and you won't catch Donn without a Labrador Retriever in his life. Trapper is his current partner, a fox red after several loyal black Labs. Trapper loves to accompany John, Lane, and Clayton on their pheasant hunts as well.

My husband, Scott Sponheim, has his black Labrador, Rip, and I have a young German Shorthaired Pointer, Covey. A decade of



Trapper, Donn's red Labrador retriever. (Photo by Brian Lind)

working for our childhood neighbor, Chris Eckhoff, original owner of Upland Kennels, left me with a love for Pointers, much to my father's chagrin.

Hunting is the tradition, but it evolves a bit every year for the Eskridge/Baker/Sponheim families. Some years have found them setting up a canvas wall tent in



Preston Baker scraping an elk hide while his niece Tillie watches. (Photo by Katelyn Sponheim)

4 feet of snow at 2 a.m. at a public trail head favored by elk hunters. Others they have spent on cots in a horse trailer, warmed by a kerosene stove. Several members have taken up bow hunting as well as partaking in rifle season. Hunting-related hobbies spill into their off-season lives. John enjoys tanning his own hides, and my husband loves collecting and creating with sheds.

Despite many successful hunts, at the core a deep love for nature and time spent in the outdoors is the ultimate prize for Donn and Vicki's hunting family. John and his wife have yet to harvest their own elk but treasure our memories of watching spikes in the rut or riding a horse down the mountain by moonlight. The true trophy lies in the experiences found in nature's wilder places and often in simply observing animals on their turf.



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# Montana Big Game Hunting Forecasts

## Destination: Northeast Montana (Region 6)

A couple years of drought and the long winter in 2022-23 have reduced deer and elk populations. FWP adjusted license quotas in many districts as needed.

The winter of 2023-24 was fairly mild, however, and habitat conditions in much of northeast Montana have improved considerably. Abundant spring and early summer rainfall earlier this year resulted in good recovery of range plants.

### Elk

Surveys in the Missouri River Breaks showed elk numbers about 56 percent below long-term average and population at 41 percent below the objective identified in the Montana Elk Management Plan. In reaction, biologists reduced antlerless (cow) licenses by 550 licenses (69 percent) in hunting districts (HD) 620, 621, 622 and 630, and removed the late elk shoulder season for 2024.

In the Bears Paw area, elk remain within population objectives and no changes were made to license quotas.

### Mule deer

Overall, spring surveys showed the region-wide mule deer densities at 16 percent below the long-term average. Surveys in 2024 revealed a significant decrease from both the 2023 surveys and the historic high population observed in 2021. Biologists reduced antlerless Mule Deer B License quota levels by 3,375 (54 percent) across the region from 6,200 in 2023 to 2,825 in 2024.

In HDs 621 and 622, a more restrictive hunting season initiated in 2023 will continue in 2024. Buck-only harvest, and no B Licenses, will be valid in these districts. The 620-00 antlerless Mule Deer B License will only be valid in HD 620.

Additionally, the Mon-

tana Fish and Wildlife Commission passed regulations that restrict antlerless mule deer harvest to occur only on private land in FWP Regions 6 and 7. Like always, please read and follow all hunting regulations.

### White-tailed deer

White-tailed deer densities remain low across the region, but there are some relatively higher densities in the far northeastern corner and western edge of the region.

Region 6 Antlerless Whitetail B Licenses will again be available for over-the-counter purchase, with a limit of three per hunter. These licenses are valid across all of Region 6 to allow hunters to use the license where whitetail numbers may be higher.

### Pronghorn (Antelope)

In general, pronghorn populations have slowly increased during the past 13 years across the region from historic lows in 2011. Total antelope numbers across the region during summer surveys were near average, as were fawn and buck ratios.

Biologists observed an increase in antelope population in HD 630 and a decrease in HD 650, and adjusted quotas accordingly. Other hunting districts' license quotas in the region remained the same as the 2023 license allocation.

## Destination: Southeast Montana (Region 7)

Conditions in much of southeast Montana are considerably better than previous years at this time, when the landscape was severely impacted by drought. Much of the region received ample spring and early summer rainfall this year, which improved conditions. With summer and early fall heat having hit the area, there is increased fire danger as grass dries out. Several moderate-sized and large wildfires have occurred in the southern portion of the

region.

### Elk

The two core elk populations in the region remain in hunting district (HD) 700 and Southeastern Montana Elk Management Units (HDs 702, 704, 705). Outside of these areas, elk numbers are generally low, but numbers have been increasing at a moderate rate, accompanied by a gradual expansion of elk into previously unoccupied habitat.

Elk hunters should get familiar with the regulations as they vary across HDs within the region.

### Mule deer

Mule deer densities improved by 20 percent from 2023 but are still approximately 40 percent below the long-term average. During spring and summer 2023 moisture conditions improved the habitat within the region and the quantity and quality of forage available to deer. A mild winter helped deer come into this spring in healthy body condition.

In response to population declines, biologists in southeast Montana began reducing antlerless licenses starting in 2021 and have reduced antlerless license quotas by 91 percent since then. The 1,000 B Licenses were awarded during the drawing with none are available through the surplus list. Hunters will be unable to purchase additional antlerless mule deer licenses during the general rifle season this fall.

Additionally, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted regulations in Regions 6 and 7 that dictate antlerless mule deer may only be harvested on private land in each region. Hunters should familiarize themselves with regulations prior to hunting.

While, as a whole, mule deer numbers are down this year in Region 7, some areas are seeing strong numbers. West-central and northeastern portions of the region may have better

concentrations, whereas the southern third (which experienced severe drought in 2020 as well) and northwestern portion of the region were hit hardest.

### White-tailed deer

White-tailed deer numbers remain variable depending on the area of the region. Drought in recent years led to epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) outbreaks in many parts of the region. Most southeastern Montana counties experienced localized die-offs. The Yellowstone River corridor in southern Richland County experienced a more widespread outbreak, but nevertheless white-tailed deer numbers remain good through much of the area. Northern Carter and southern Fallon counties were particularly hard hit by EHD in 2021, with a widespread outbreak that resulted in significant mortality. White-tailed deer numbers in this area are expected to take a couple of years to recover. Additionally, EHD impacted white-tailed deer along some stretches of the Powder River.

Region 7 has changed the way antlerless White-tailed Deer Licenses are allocated as part of a statewide effort to simplify hunting regulations. Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licenses will now be allocated similar to antlerless Mule Deer Licenses. Biologists will set quotas on an annual basis; the licenses will first be available through the drawing process (deadline: June 1 each year). Any surplus licenses first will be distributed through the surplus list (the deadline to sign up was July 19, 2024). Any leftover licenses will then be sold over the counter on a first-come, first-served basis starting Aug. 12. As of Aug. 20, more than 3,000 were still available for purchase.

### Pronghorn (Antelope)

Pronghorn populations in southeast Montana are

similar to 2023 numbers and are 10 percent above the 10-year average. Numbers are strongest in the southeastern part of the region.

This year Region 7 is split with licenses valid in the northern portion of the region and licenses valid in the southern portion. The 007-21 either-sex license and the 007-31 doe/fawn license are valid in the northern portion of Region 7 while the 007-20 and the 007-30 licenses

are valid in the southern portion of the region using the Yellowstone River as the boundary between the two.

The second opportunity 705-30 doe/fawn license is now valid only in hunting district 705, due to strong populations across that area. This license was sold on a first-come, first-served basis, one per hunter, and is only available to those who hold a valid 007-20 antelope license.

## FWP Reminds Hunters To Dispose Of Animal Carcasses Properly

### Dumping carcasses is illegal and can spread disease

BILLINGS – Every year, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff find big game animal carcasses dumped on public and private land. Carcass dumping is illegal and can spread disease. This hunting season, protect our herds and make sure you have a plan to properly dispose of animal carcasses.

Under Montana state statute, dumping carcasses on public and private land without the owner's consent is considered littering and can result in fines not exceeding \$500. Conviction of littering while hunting can also result in the suspension of hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

Dumping carcasses can also increase the spread of diseases, including chronic wasting disease (CWD). CWD is a 100% fatal disease that can infect deer, elk and moose and has been in Montana since 2017. The disease is caused by deformed proteins called prions that cause neurological damage and eventual death. Live infected animals spread prions through bodily fluids such as feces, urine and saliva. After an infected animal dies, prions can exist in the environment for years and continue infecting other animals.

In 2021, the Fish & Wildlife Commission approved a new rule restricting carcass disposal in Montana due to growing concerns over the spread of CWD. Carcass parts, such as brain, eyes, spleen, lymph glands, and spinal cord material, from hunter harvested and vehicle-killed salvaged deer, elk and moose should be left at the kill site when possible. If the entire animal is transported for taxidermy or meat processing, the carcass must be bagged and disposed of in a Class II landfill. A carcass may be transported within the state regardless of where it was harvested if the carcass parts are disposed of in a Class II landfill after butchering and processing.

Hunters are prohibited from wasting any part of a game animal that is suitable for food. Under Montana state statute, "suitable for food" includes all of the four quarters above the hock, including the loin and backstrap, of every game animal, excluding mountain lions.

To protect our herds and ensure Montana's hunting heritage can continue, dispose of animal carcasses properly. Learn more about CWD management here: [fwp.mt.gov/cwd](http://fwp.mt.gov/cwd).

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# What's New For Chronic Wasting Disease Management For 2024

**By Montana FWP**  
This year, FWP will continue chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance and monitoring in specific areas known as Priority Sampling Areas across southwestern, central, and central-eastern Montana.

Carcass disposal requirements: Carcass parts, such as brain, eyes, spleen, lymph glands, and spinal cord material, should be left at the kill site when possible. If the animal is transported for taxidermy or meat processing, the brain and spinal

tissue must be bagged and disposed of in a Class II landfill. A carcass may be transported within the state regardless of where it was harvested if the carcass parts are disposed of in a landfill after butchering and processing. Dumping carcasses is illegal, unethical and can spread diseases, including chronic wasting disease. This requirement applies to all deer, elk and moose carcasses wherever in the state they are harvested by hunters or as vehicle-killed salvage.

CWD sample submission is voluntary in most places in Montana. FWP has implemented new mandatory testing requirements for tags associated with CWD management near Libby. Testing is required for all animals harvested using the Deer B License 199-20 in HDs 100, 103 and 104, or Deer Permit 103-50 in HD 103. All hunters who want their harvested animal sampled can submit samples themselves by following steps on the Montana CWD Submission Guide or by

visiting a CWD Sampling Station.

If you intend to use scents to either mask human odor or as an attractant for deer and elk, you should be aware of the regulations regarding which can legally be used. You are safest if you use artificial scents, but you can also use scents certified by the Responsible Hunting Scent Association. You can identify these with the DPPD

or RtQUIC labels on them.

If you have harvested a deer or elk and encounter a CWD sampling station, please stop. Certain areas of the state are designated as Priority Sampling Areas where FWP is making a concerted effort to gather more samples. For instructions on how or where to submit a sample, visit fwp.mt.gov/cwd.

Report sick-looking deer, elk or moose. If you shoot an animal that looks diseased or sick, report it immediately to your local FWP office for further instructions and limit handling it. FWP staff will need to diagnosis and verify diseased or sick harvested animals to determine if an animal is fit for consumption or eligible for a replacement tag.

For more information on CWD, visit fwp.mt.gov/cwd.

## Gov. Gianforte Launches 3rd Annual Youth Hunting Story Contest



**By Kaitlin Price, Office of the Governor**  
HELENA, MT – Governor Greg Gianforte recently announced the launch of the third annual Governor's Youth Hunting Story Contest, open to Montana youth and apprentice hunters ages 10-17.

"Over the last two years, we've been inspired by the incredible stories from young hunters across Montana in our Youth Hunting Story Contest," Gov. Gianforte said. "As we launch

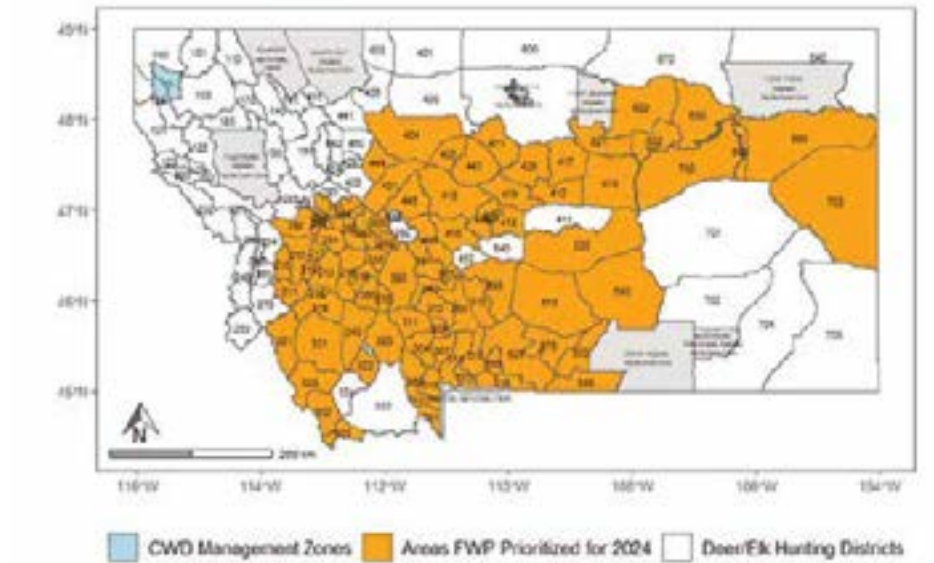
the contest for its third year, I invite all youth and apprentice hunters who harvest an animal this season to share their experiences with us."

To enter the contest, hunters must submit a story of no more than 500 words and a photo from their hunt. Hunters must be a Montana resident and a licensed hunter or apprentice hunter between the ages of 10-17. Eligible entries include the harvest of any legal game, furbearer animals, or birds in Montana.

The governor will select 10 hunters, five aged 10-13 and five aged 14-17, and announce the winners mid-December. Winners will be invited to the Capitol to receive prizes and celebrate with the governor in January of the new year.

The deadline to enter the contest is Monday, Dec. 2, 2024.

To learn more and enter the Governor's Youth Hunting Story Contest, visit youthhunting.mt.gov.



## Ask First To Hunt On Private Land

**By Montana FWP News**  
Don't wait until it is too late. Hunters who haven't already asked permission from private landowners to hunt need to do so as soon as possible.

Montana law requires hunters to obtain permission for all hunting on private

land. Whether pursuing upland game birds, coyotes, gophers or any other wildlife, hunters must have permission from the landowner before hunting on private property. This also includes entering private land to retrieve wildlife or to access public land to hunt.

Landowners may grant permission in person, over the phone, in writing or by posting signs that explain what type of hunting is allowed and under what conditions hunting may occur on land owned or controlled by the landowner.

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