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Kick Off The Summer In Watford City June 5-9

By Dianne Swanson

It's a full weekend of family fun as Watford City kicks off the summer with baseball, food trucks and Touch a Truck, all at the Rough Rider Center.

Start the weekend off with the Walleye Legion Alumni baseball game at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5 as players of all ages get together. A full weekend of baseball follows with The 4th Annual Doug Johnrud Baseball Tournament, as teams from Froid, Billings and Richland County, MT; Lovell and Gillette, WY; Moose Jaw, SK; Williston, Hillsboro Central Valley and Watford City, ND compete. The championship games are scheduled for Sunday, June 9.

The 701 Food Truck Rodeo kicks off on Friday with about a dozen trucks

offering a huge variety of delectable food including BBQ, tacos, Asian food, mini donuts and so much more. Trucks are open at 11 a.m. daily and shut down at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Kids will have a blast at the free Touch A Truck event on Friday, June 7. They're encouraged to climb all over everything from dump trucks, ambulances and fire trucks to drilling rigs, you name it. Honk the horns, sound the sirens, just have fun! Sensory time, with no noise, is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. with the noisy part from 2-4 p.m.

Relax with a beverage sponsored by the Watford City Park and Recreation Foundation, and enjoy live music as you visit with your friends and neighbors and watch some great baseball.

Brock White, Watford



Photos submitted

City Marketing & Communications Coordinator, is excited about this year's event. "It's a great kick off to the summer where the community can get together for lots of fun stuff at one place at one time, all on the campus of the Rough Rider Center," he said.



Culbertson Saddle Club's 61st Frontier Days Rodeo Set For June 7-8

The 61st Annual Frontier Days Rodeo this year is scheduled for Friday-Saturday, June 7-8 at the Saddle Club arena. Rodeo action starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday and at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Friday closes with a dance at the Stagecoach Casino at 9 p.m.

Saturday morning's events start with a Fireman's breakfast at the school from 7 a.m.-10:30 a.m., followed by the parade on Main Street at noon and the Women's Club meal on Main Street from noon-1 p.m. Beer gardens and beef cheddar sandwiches next to the old Armory. Root beer floats will be served at the Culbertson Museum from 12:30-2 p.m.

The Saturday night rodeo begins at 7 p.m. at the Saddle Club arena. Featured events both nights are bull riding, bareback, calf roping, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping, ladies' breakaway, Jr. barrels & Jr. breakaway, wild calf race and Sr. men's breakaway. Estimated purse is \$20,000. Dance at the Saddle Club barn at 9 p.m.

Enjoy breakfast at the museum from 7-11 a.m. on Sunday.

The 2023 Food Truck Rodeo.
(Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Kindopp Pole Vault State Champion

Morgan Kindopp, Sidney Sophomore from was State Champion in Pole Vault clearing 12' at the Class A state track meet in Laurel May 24-25. Other Sidney placers were Daniel Stevens - 3rd Pole Vault, Chace Waters - 4th Discus and 4th - Boys 4x100 Relay Joey Yadon, Aren Larson, Reece Graves, Gradin Sukut) and Audree Deming - 5th Discus. (Photo by Kaci Dean)



Savage Girls Track & Field Win State Title

For the first time in school history, the Savage Girls Track & Field team came home state champions after the Montana Class C meet held in Great Falls May 24-25. Savage coach Nicki Reuter was also named 2024 MCA Class C Girls Track Coach of the Year. Pictured (L to R) Camby Conradsen, Karley McPherson, Mylee Reuter, Matilda Verhasselt, Brooke Reuter, Brooke Skov, KD Lyons, Miley Pilgeram, Manager Ava Jorgensen.

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For questions, contact Kerry Finsaas at 406-489-2172 or Rayma at 307-286-2557

AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. - **Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
12 p.m. - **"We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City** - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.
7 p.m. - **Hope For Today AI-Anon Family Group Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
8 p.m. - **AA Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228
7 p.m. - **24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

WEDNESDAYS:
6:45 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery, Watford City** - Assembly of God (1st Wed. of month 6 p.m. Potluck)
7 p.m. - **24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
7 p.m. - **AI-Anon Meeting, Watford City** - Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side
8 p.m. - **NA Meetings, Watford City** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
1 p.m. - **Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview** - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....1838.0
Last Week's Elev.1836.6
One Year Ago1832.8
Release For Day (C.F.S.)21.000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 27	71	45	0.080
May 28	75	40	0.000
May 29	85	53	0.140
May 30	65	45	0.170
May 31	68	41	0.000
June 1	74	38	0.000
June 2	78	47	0.120
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....			4.190

Blessing Sale Set For June 15

For 14 years the Fairview Alliance Church has held what has been labeled as the Blessing Sale, instead of the Big Garage Sale, because the items at the sale are not priced. Get a blessing, give a blessing, be a blessing is the concept and it has yielded many blessings for many causes over the years.

In keeping with their tradition, the Fairview Alliance Church will offer a huge variety of un-priced, used goods at the rummage sale, as well as freshly baked goodies for purchase. All proceeds will be split evenly between Fairview Summer Youth programs, and Eastern Montana Bible Camp.

The sale will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church located at 322 7th Street, (across the street from the Fairview High School) and in conjunction with the Fairview community garage sale day.

Get a blessing by finding items you can use, then give a blessing by donating whatever you wish to the sale. Even if you don't find anything you can use, you are still welcome to make a donation. You never know how the Lord will multiply the blessings of your generosity.

Community members can also contribute sale items in good condition by dropping them off at the church no later than noon on Friday, June 14. The church can no longer accept used televisions or computer monitors computers, or outdated electronics. If needed, pickup is available by calling the church 406-459-1461 or to answer any questions.

Blessed to be a Blessing. See you there!

E. Montana Out Of Darkness Walk To Host 3rd Annual Murder Mystery June 15

By Robyn Heck

The Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk is hosting its 3rd annual murder mystery fundraiser on June 15, at the Moose Lodge, Sidney. This year has a 1980s theme.

Performances will take place at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The afternoon performance costs \$15 for a single ticket or \$25 for a couple. The evening show costs \$25 for a single ticket or \$45 for a couple.

A table of eight tickets can be purchased for the evening performance for a \$200 donation. If you are interested in a table, please email Nick Kallem, nick.kallem@gmail.com to reserve one.

"Come dressed in your best '80s outfit and join us as we uncover the mystery", said organizer Nick Kallem.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

A cash bar will be available for snacks and drinks (alcoholic beverages at evening performance only).

Fairview High & Junior High Schools Honor Roll

2024 Quarter 4:

High School High Honor Roll:

Brailey Anderson, Brooklyn Anderson, Abigail Berry, Rowan Bushnell, Kallee Hopes, Allison Jensen, Emily Johnson, Tia Joslin, Hannah Karren, Gordon Knapp, Savannah Manuel, Cali Norby, Britta Poulsen, Landen Thompson, Jeffrey Tjelde, Trent Karst, Tyler Loan, Brady Selting, Evie Karren, Adilyn Baxter, Isabelle Fry, Grant Knapp, Ty Poulsen, Leona Stoetzel, Elliot Thompson.

High School Honor Roll:

Bridger Free, Reycheil Guayta Narvaez, Shawn Harris, Hannah Hurley, Hallie Judd, Jerron Rau, Curt Rice, Brock Schlothauer, Gavin Serafini, Ashtin Skov, Allison Weiss, Aizlyn Brown, Carly Buxbaum, Gabriel Callender, Gavin Callender, Rylee Dean, Taylor Dietrich, Deacon Gackle, Cole Gerbracht, Sydnee Jolma, Kambre Kloker, Wyatt McPherson, Uuree Munkehene, Jade Smith, Lynae Smith, Gabriel Cleveland, Ava Gullickson, Troy Karst, Jaden Murphy, Jake Rau, Keegan Skogas, KennaDee Taylor, Macy Tjelde, Landon Tveit, Mykel Warden, Peyton Eudy, Macie Fugate, Karlee Nay, Averi Reidel, Peyton Smith.

Junior High School High Honor Roll:

Landon Emly, Elizabeth Gauthier, Kiley McGhee, Kendal Vitt, Roper Bain, Brycen Fox, Klara Karren, Trey Linam, Kenley Prewitt, George Candee, Brynlee Deming, Josey Harrell, Garrett McPherson, Kaelyn Nay, Riley Pierce, Jemma Smith.

Junior High Honor Roll

Brooklyn Dean, Ava Fry, Kira McGhee, Brayden Renville, LJ Wittmayer, Evan Gerbracht, Trigger Henline, Memphis Kruse, Payton Lein, Kylie Burgess-Cruz, Bryce Lorenz, Jonah Tranquill.

University Of Mary-Bismarck Announces Dean's List For Spring Semester 2024

BISMARCK, ND — Area residents are among the 1004 students named to the 2024 Spring Semester Dean's List at the University of Mary, in Bismarck. This number includes students in Mary's undergraduate program and in adult education (University of Mary Online).

To qualify for the honor, traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.50 or better grade point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Students enrolled in the UMary Online program must earn a 3.50 or better grade point average while at a full-time adult learner status.

Area students include: Sara Helmuth, Lambert; Alicyn Ator and Aleah Johnson. Medicine Lake; Trista Hovde, Sidney; Carrie Carmichael, Allyson Cross, and Averi Ray, Watford City.

Dickinson State University Honors

Karen Pollari, Sidney, has been named to the Dickinson State University President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

At the end of each regular semester, Dickinson State University recognizes those students named to the dean's list. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time and must earn at 3.5 GPA or higher.

Honoring dean's list honors from Sidney were Jaxson Franklin, Jaylen Baxter, Riley Waters and Emilee Iversen.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., June 5
6:15 p.m. - **Karen Huskamp Shares Experiences In Peru** - Everyone welcome to come & hear Karen's experiences while participating in the delivering of Shoeboxes in Peru for Operation Christmas Child. Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 211 E. Holly St.

Fri., June 7 & Sat., June 8
Hot Rods & Harleys Summer Kickoff - June 7: Poker Run 5-5:30 p.m., Cattle-ac; \$20 hand, run will end at Waterhole #3, Fairview. June 8: Car & Bike Show + Vendors Show, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Free to the public, vehicle setup 8 a.m., \$20 vehicle, \$15 each additional) Concert featuring 50 Watt Sun; Stone Yellow; & Tim Montana. Gates open 6 p.m., music 7 p.m., tickets \$25; \$30 at the gate. Richland County Fairgrounds.

Fri., June 7, 7 p.m. & Sat., June 8
Savage Volunteer Fire Department Catfish Tournament - June 7: Calcutta, Savage Fire Hall. Food & drinks will be available June 8: Tournament as per schedule times. Free will feed 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced & awarded plaques. Door prices 5:30 p.m. must be present to win.

Tues., June 11
12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. To schedule an advance appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

Thurs., June 13
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Meadowlark. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.

Sat., June 15
8 a.m.-2 p.m. - **14th Annual Fairview Alliance Church Blessing Sale** - Get a blessing by finding items you can use & give a blessing by donating to the sale or make a donation. Fairview Alliance Church, 322 7th St. To contribute sale items in good condition drop them off at the church by 12 noon, June 14 or call 406-459-1461 for pickup or more info.

1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - **Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk 3rd Annual Murder Mystery Theater "Secret Agent"** - Popcorn & mocktails available at 1:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres & adult & NA beverages available at evening show (cash bar). Moose Lodge. Tickets at the door: 1:30 p.m. \$15 single, \$25 couples; 7:30 p.m. \$25 single, \$45 couples. Doors open 30 minutes before. Table of 8 \$200, reserve by June 7, evening show only. To reserve tickets email nick.kallem@gmail.com.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. MT.

Fri., June 7, 6:30 p.m. & Sat., June 8, 7 p.m.
CSC Frontier Days Rodeo - Friday rodeo followed by dance at the Stagecoach; Saturday rodeo followed by dance at the barn. Culbertson Saddle Club.

Fri., June 7 & Sat., June 8
NE MT Treasure Trail - 50 miles of Garage/Estate sales. Plentywood, Antelope, Reserve, Froid, Medicine Lake, Homestead & Culbertson. Visit the Facebook page NE MT TREASURE TRAIL for links to registrations, maps & updates.

Fri., June 14 & Sat., June 15
4 p.m. - **Stateline Demolition Derby** - 7 & under free, 8-14 \$10; 15 & up \$15. 2 US Hwy. 2, Bainville, MT.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., June 5
8 p.m. - **Watford City Walleye Alumni Game** - Alumni vs Alumni during the Doug Johnsrud Tournament. Food, cash bar, live music. RRC Baseball Field. Free will donation supporting Watford City Baseball.

Wed., June 5, 3:30 p.m. - Sun., June 9, 8 p.m.
Doug Johnsrud Baseball Invitational Tournament - Free admission. RRC baseball field. For more info visit www.watfordcityparks.com.

Fri., June 7
1-4 p.m. (Quiet hour: 1-2 p.m.) - **Touch A Truck** - Free admission. Rough Rider Center.

Tues., June 11
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Connecting Communities Free BBQ Alexander** - Free BBQ open to the public, live radio broadcast, giveaways & much more. City Park.

Wed., June 12
6 p.m. - **Olaf Leiseth Memorial Draft Horse Event (McKenzie Co. Fair)** - Obstacle course, pole bending, swamper race, corn cultivating. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NW. For more info call Peggy, 701-570-9398 or Chris, 701-307-0516.

Thurs., June 13
7 p.m. - **Knights & Bikes & Chancey Williams (McKenzie Co. Fair)** - Jousting & doing medieval sports. Joining them is 406FMX for a show of flips & tricks. Followed by **Chancey Williams** performance. \$20 for both events. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo.

Thurs., June 13-Sat., June 15
Houston Stuart Professional Rodeo Entertainer - Nightly at McKenzie Co. Fair. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo.

Fri., June 14
7 p.m. - **McKenzie Co. Fair Demolition Derby** - \$20 adults, \$10 kids 7-12, free 6 & under. **Watford City Police Foundation Power Wheels Derby:** Intersection Demo Derby. Free for Power Wheel driver (ages 5-10) & 1 adult. To register & for more info visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NMTRCD. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo.

Sat., June 15
7 p.m. - **McKenzie Co. Fair NDRA Rodeo** - Slack at noon. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo. For more info call 701-444-9090.

Tues., June 18
2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie Co. Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie Co. Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions or concerns call 701-444-3244.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., June 5
8 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Chamley Pipe & Salvage & ND E-Waste Event** - Customer appreciation lunch will be served. Chamley Pipe & Salvage 5226 134th Ave. NW.
4-7 p.m. - **Summer Reading Bash** - Bubble machine, magic show, Jer Bears, Sho Shack, yard games, face painting & putt-putt golf. City of Williston Library.

Thurs., June 6
3-6 p.m. - **Meet Your Williston Fire Department Fire Fighters & Chief** - Take a tour, meet the crew, ask questions. Fire Station 1, 317 11th St. W.

Fri., June 7
10 a.m.-7 p.m. - **Crazy Days 2024** - Sales galore; kids activities until 5 p.m.; adult activities 5-7 p.m.; street shopping, food trucks & more. Downtown Williston.

Sat., June 8
10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Spish Splash Summer's Back & Chow Down Fest** - Free admission, family friendly. Activities inside & out. Raymond Family Community Center, main floor. For more info email: sassyladyeventssle@gmail.com.

11 a.m. - **Jemond Petersen Memorial Run** - Live music, BBQ, games, raffles, food & drinks. In support for cancer research program. \$20/ride; \$10/passenger. Registration 11 a.m. at Pete's Brewhaha, 12 p.m. at Tobacco Garden. Route: Pete's Brewhaha, Tobacco Gardens, Outsiders, Alexander Bar, 4 Mile Bar & back to Petes. For more info call 228-281-2239.

Thurs., June 13-Sun., June 16
10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **41st Annual Fort Union Rendezvous** - A celebration of 19th Century Fur Trade Fair including arts, crafts & music. Kids day Thurs., June 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Living history reenactors historical demonstrations, shop & explore trader's row.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thurs., June 13
6 p.m. - **Friends Of The Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Teams of 1-5 players \$5 per player. No cell phones allowed. Cross Country Brewing.



Red Rock Auto Installs Level 3 EV Charging Station

By Dianne Swanson

Red Rock Auto, Watford City, is the first in McKenzie County to install a Level 3 EV charging station, which is the market's quickest, most powerful EV charging option, with phase 3 electricity meaning quicker charging for your electric vehicle. And, the service is free.

The 3-phase electricity supply offers up to 480 volts resulting in charging times of only 15-55 minutes, depending on the vehicle.

General manager Cody Johnson stated that although the primary focus at Red Rock Auto is still on combustion vehicles, they have sold a handful of EVs so far and this charging station is a benefit to the customers.

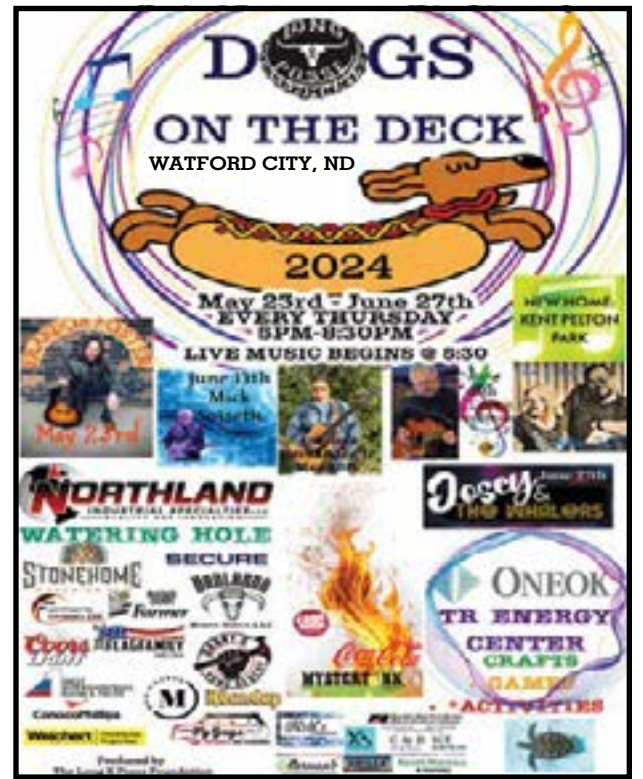
41st Annual Fort Union Rendezvous To Be Held June 13-15

Enjoy a variety of arts, crafts, and music during the Upper Missouri Fur Trade Fair at the reconstructed Fort Union Trading Post during the 41st annual Rendezvous on June 13-16.

Activities will take place between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CST. "Kids Day" will be on Thursday, June 13. Children's activities will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Experience living history re-



enactors, historical demonstrations, explore traders row, and do some shopping.



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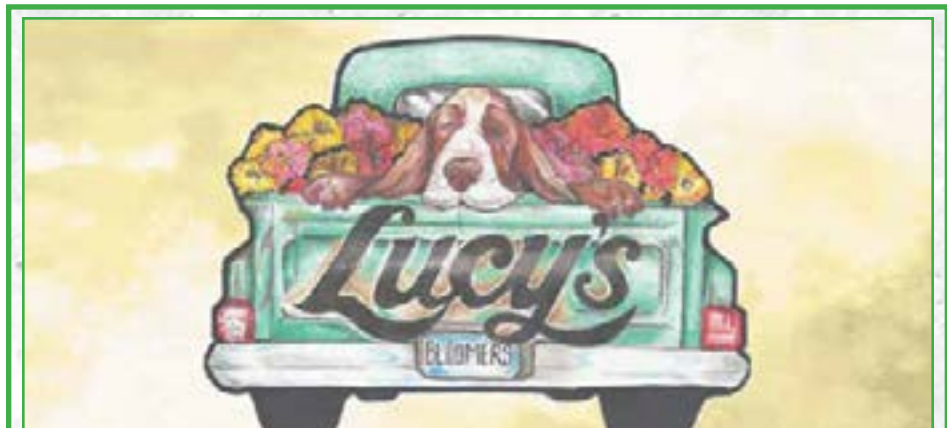
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SCAN ME

Bible Baptist Church 50th Anniversary Celebration Set For June 16

1974-2024

Bible Baptist Church, Sidney, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sunday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. with a special service, followed by a fellowship dinner, and a time of singing and giving of testimonies.

In the spring of 1973, five families met at the home of Bill and Mary Pust with the intent to form a Bible believing, independent, fundamental, separated, soul-winning, and family-oriented Baptist church whose creed was based solely on the Word of God. These five families were: Bill and Mary Pust, Wally and Marlys Binder, Jake and Elsa Wiebe, Frank and Harriet Klempel, and LeRoy and Pat McCarthy, along with their children.

During April 1974, Sunday meetings were held in the Girl Scout cabin in Sidney; Wednesday night meetings were held in homes. The men took turns in bringing a spiritual challenge.

Bible Baptist Church was officially organized May 8, 1974, and the church building was purchased that month. It had originally been the Pella Lutheran Church that was moved from the cemetery to 5th Street and Central Avenue in 1912. Over the years the building has been remodeled as funds permitted.

Pastor Dan Pust often filled the pulpit while the church was searching for a pastor. The following men have served as pastors: Pastor Wilber Beckley (September 1974-February



Photo was taken shortly after the addition was completed in 2013. (Photo submitted)

1975); Pastor Robert Morrison (August 1975-May 1977) – under his direction and that of Ruth Lepel, Liberty Christian School, an integral part of the church, was started in the fall of 1976; Pastor Bob Rundell (September 1977-February 1979); Pastor Joy Paul Schwenke (August 1979-May 1985); Pastor Michael Backhaus (June 1985 – present day, who came to the church in August 1981 to serve as the LCS Supervisor, and also became the Assistant Pastor).

Over the years, God has blessed the church in many ways: Bible Baptist has been the mother church to Westside Baptist, Glendive, MT, and to Bakken Baptist, Williston, ND. (both are now independent); has helped to support many missionaries and ministries around the world (currently over 20); purchased the teacherage next to the parsonage (April 1985); held a church mortgage-burning ceremony (June 1994); constructed a kitchen in the church basement and

remodeled the lower level bathrooms, along with replacing the entire floor of the school Learning Center (2000-2001); bought 12 passenger vans; totally remodeled the LCS Learning Center, and broke ground for the new addition on the north side of the church (2011) – the addition houses a nursery-kindergarten room, a handicap bathroom, a new office for the pastor, and a new entryway with a handicap elevator, also allowing room to enlarge the sanctuary, add a church

library, and have a classroom downstairs. A modern sound system was installed in the church auditorium the summer of 2023.

Bible Baptist has been blessed over the years by the preaching of many evangelists and missionaries. We have had faithful church officers, committee members, ushers, Sunday School teachers, Jr. Church leaders, LCS staff and volunteers, youth leaders, musicians, givers of hospitality, decorators, bus/van drivers, nursery workers, carpenters/

furniture makers, janitors, publishers, sound system operators, tithers/givers, prayer warriors, members and friends. A number of our young people are serving the Lord in full-time service, and others are faithfully serving in their local churches across the country and around the world. We are thankful for the countless blessings God has poured out upon this church and school ministry. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I Samuel 7:12.

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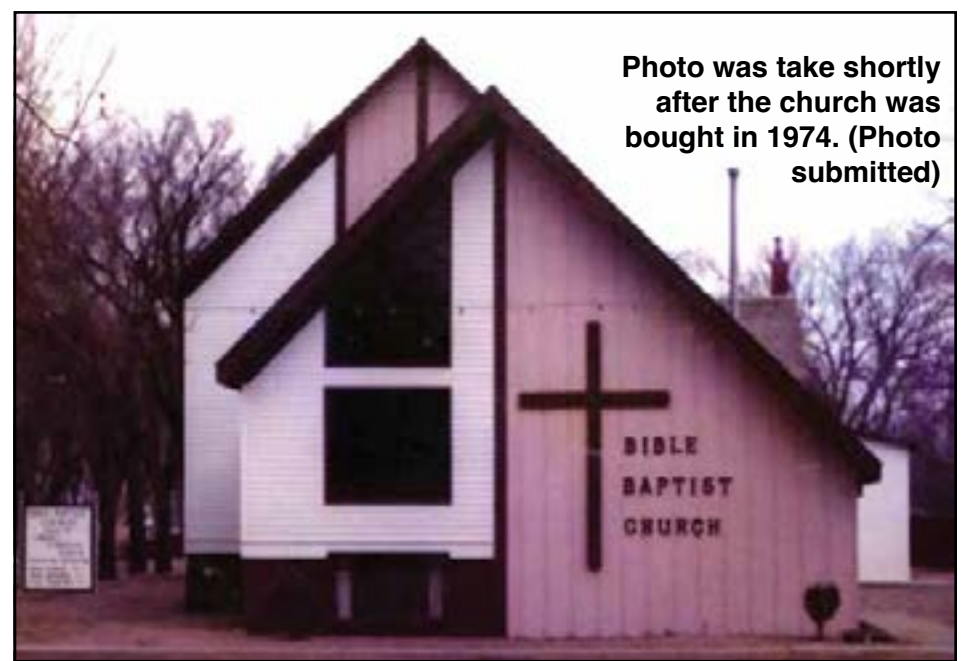



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It's a "Tropical Fairadise" at the McKenzie County Fair June 12 - 15

By Dianne Swanson
Organizers of the McKenzie County Fair in Watford City have planned four days of fun and excitement just for you Wednesday, June 12, through Saturday, June 15. Gates open at 5 p.m. Wednesday evening and 8 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Admission to the grounds is free. All times are Central Daylight Time.

Start the weekend at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening with the Olaf Leiseth Memorial Draft Horse Show. This free event showcases the hard-working draft horses and their drivers as they navigate an obstacle course, do log sledding, compete in a swamper race and cultivate corn.

Thursday night is Ex-

treme Sports night with Knights and Bikes featuring BMX riders performing aerobatics while jumping up to 75 feet in the air, and Knights of Mayhem performing North Dakota jousting, where riders use sticks to knock each other off their horses. "You won't see this anywhere else," fair board member Christopher Kubal stated. The events run consecutively beginning at 6 p.m.

Then enjoy the music of Chancey Williams in the outdoor arena in front of the grandstand.

Drivers from three different states will converge on the fairgrounds to test their skills in the Demolition Derby, which starts at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Ag Expo will also be selling raffle tickets

for a chance to drive a car in the derby. NDRA Rodeo will be the highlight Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. and fireworks will light up the sky at dusk. Professional Rodeo Clown Houston Stuart will be entertaining the crowd all three nights.

4-H and FFA livestock events will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, with the Livestock Sale scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday. Their static exhibits will also be on display throughout the fair.

North Star Amusements is providing the thrills and chills of the carnival this year and be sure to catch the magic of Adam the Great as he strolls the grounds. A hypnotist and escape artist will also be performing on



Photo submitted

stage throughout the day. Test your rodeo skills on the mechanical bull and enjoy live music each night. Children of all ages will love the Kids Zone featuring a petting zoo, grain pit, bubble tower, laser tag and more.

Program For Seniors Planned In Sidney

As we age, being prepared for all the things that can happen becomes more important than ever. For some, getting all of your affairs in order can be a daunting task. You know it should be done but often don't know where to start or are concerned about the costs associated with it. Luckily, the Montana Legal Services Developer Program can help make it easier.

The program provides elder law training and resources for older Montanans, their family members and social outreach workers. It also develops pro bono and local legal services referrals, training materials and provides telephone assistance to older adults on related matters.

Each year, the Montana Aging Services Bureau strives to bring the program to a local level by hosting a number of

Legal Documents Clinics around the state. This year, one of those clinics will be held in Richland County.

On June 13, a number of lawyers will be at the Richland County Commission on Aging to donate their time to help area seniors complete a number of important legal documents free of charge. The clinic is not designed to handle complex estates, large assets or trusts but can assist with a number of other useful documents. Types of documents that can be completed include:

- Transfer on Death Deed
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- Declaration of Living Will
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This is a great service that is being provided to area residents and the Commission on Aging encourages you to take advantage of it. The Kelly Moore Memorial Legal Document Clinic will be held at the Richland County Aging Services and Transit Center at 2190 W. Holly St., Sidney on Thursday, June 13.

The Clinic is by appointment only and space is limited. To make your appointment, please call the Legal Services Developer Program at 406-444-7787 or 1-800-332-2272; during the call you'll be asked basic questions so you can be advised about what to bring with you to your appointment.

THE RACING ROUNDUP

Nick Hoff, Speedway Connection

By Katelyn Sponheim
Williston Basin Speedway is open for the season, and not all those involved are found behind the wheel or on the track. Nick Hoff, Sidney, owns Hard Charger Performance Specialties LLC, an engine building and repair business that boasts the only engine dynamometer in Montana, and the surrounding area. An engine dynamometer, commonly known as a "dyno", measures an engine's force, torque or power. The dyno is housed in its own "room" and allows Nick to study, diagnose or create engines

to whatever specification he or an owner wants. His dynamometer is specifically for gas, not diesel engines, and he works entirely on race or collector engines.

Nick has been involved with racing since the late 90s and started building engines out of Chadron State College in Nebraska. He attended The School of Automotive Machinist in Texas, with hopes of moving to North Carolina and building for NASCAR. However, life brought him back to Eastern Montana in 2008, where he started building engines in his garage. In 2020, he

purchased the dyno, after traveling to Wisconsin to research one. Today, owners come from Billings, Western Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, and North Dakota to seek his services. Hank Berry, a Williston Basin Speedway driver, uses Nick for his race cars. He also works for XTO Energy, monitoring gas compressors for pipelines, but bringing racing engines to life is his passion.

Dirt track racing is Nick's favorite, and he would love to see more of a motor-sport's presence in our area. A growing sub-culture of derbies, truck-pulling, drag racing, or other segments of motor racing is a goal he has for the community and the Speedway is one of just a few current venues offering a home for them.

Nick's family is involved with the Sidney and surrounding communities with his wife Kelly working at Central School in Sidney, and the Burns Creek Inn in Savage. His three children, Reece, 10, Seger, 9, and



Engine Dyno at work. (Photo by Katelyn Sponheim)

Sloane, 5, are involved in several sports and Sloane is part of the Cutting Edge Dance studio as well. He can be reached about his business at (406) 478-4437, or on Facebook at Hard Charger Racing Engines.

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Treyce Bower takes a swing during the Patriots season opener. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

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Patriots Hold Season Opener

By Robyn Heck
The Sidney Patriots baseball team opened their season Saturday, June 1 with 1-1 conference first. They lost their first game versus the Laurel Dodgers, 11-2.

In the third inning Cooper McNally hit a double and brought in one run. In the top of the fourth the Dodgers scored three runs. Ryder Hansen pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up seven runs (six earned) on 11 hits, striking out three and walking none.

McNally went two for three at the plate as the cleanup hitter and led the team with one run batted in.

The second game was the first conference victory of the season for the Patriots. They beat the Laurel Dodgers in the second matchup of the day with a score 8-7.

Rider Hanson collected three hits in four at bats. He singled in the first, second, and fifth innings.

At the end of the first inning, the Patriots trailed 4-0. They tied the game in the bottom of the second when Ty Schepens singled, scoring one run, and a wild pitch followed, extending the lead 6-4.

Gradin Sukut was the starting pitcher. He allowed eight hits and six runs (4 earned) over five innings, striking out three and walking one. Trace Bain was the relief pitcher.

The Patriots had 10 hits. Braden Harris and Gradin Sukut had multiple hits. The Patriots also accumulated six walks. Johnson and Schepens had two walks each. Sukut stole two bases and there was one double play the game.

The Patriots play in Watford on Wednesday June 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 6 at 9 a.m. as they begin a tournament in Watford City

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McKenzie Co. Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Scheduled For June 12

The McKenzie County Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 201 5th St. NW, Watford City.

Zoning/Land Development Ordinance Updates for agricultural district, wind power, solar power, buffering/landscaping (industrial District), planning and zoning application process, changes based on State Law and Federal Case Law, clarifying subdivision/platting requirements and improved formatting.

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OBITUARIES

LaDonna Jane Schlenz, 83 Glendive, MT

LaDonna Jane Schlenz, 83, Glendive, MT, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, Sidney, MT. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Silha Funeral Home, Glendive, MT, with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery, Glendive, MT. Silha Funeral Home, Glendive, MT, has been entrusted with the arrangements.



LaDonna Jane Schlenz

LaDonna was born on July 27, 1940 in Glendive to her parents Gydion and Lydia (Gaub) Ulrich. She was raised and educated in Glendive graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1958. She was united in marriage to Larry Schlenz on Aug. 4, 1957 and to this union four children were born. Larry and LaDonna operated their first service station for a few years before moving up the road a little way when they purchased a different service station which would become Larry's Exxon, which they would own and operate for over 30 years until their retirement in 2003.

LaDonna enjoyed playing cards, crocheting, gardening and listening to country music, especially Alan Jackson. She loved reading and was known for always having a clean and tidy home.

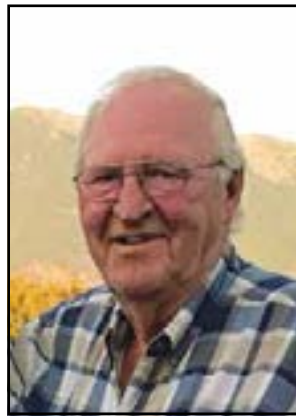
She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Larry in 2021; an infant son; one brother, Duane Ulrich; three sisters, Kathleen (Kathy) Hodous, Wanda Ulrich and Arleen Ulrich.

LaDonna is survived by her children, Jerry (Jackie) Schlenz, Sidney, MT; Loren Schlenz, Glendive, MT; Danice (Marshall) Kamke, Rhineland, WI; and Joanne (Jay) Holliday, Wadsworth, OH; five grandchildren, Cassie and Abbie Kamke, Bryce and Colin Holliday and Amanda (Chase) Olson; two great grandchildren, Colton and Peyton Olson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Edward Dennis Savelkoul, 80, Sidney, MT

Funeral services are Friday, June 7, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, MT, with Father Matt Solarz officiating. A luncheon will follow services for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation is Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Ed will be laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, 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.



Edward Dennis Savelkoul

Edward Dennis Savelkoul, 80, peacefully passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT with his children by his side.

Ed was born on Aug. 22, 1943, in Minot, ND, to Clarence and Mildred Savelkoul. He grew up in Kenmare and married Sandy Harris on May 16, 1964. They made their home in Kenmare until 1972 when they moved to Bowman, ND. After a few years in Bowman, they moved to their forever home Sidney, MT, in 1974.

Ed worked for Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative, Sidney, MT, and retired after 42 years of work as a lineman. He enjoyed his bowling league and fishing trips with his children and friends. After retiring, Ed took up woodworking and created many custom pieces that currently adorn area homes. Ed and Sandy chased their children around the country as they migrated away from Montana, from Arizona to Alaska to visit and enjoy the kids and grandchildren. By the summer of 2011, all his children returned to reside in the local area, and he was once again able to sit in the garage or on the back deck and enjoy the entire family back at the family home for holidays and birthdays. He was especially fond of how the grown kids became little again on the 4th of July and spent many hours shaking his head and cleaning up the yard. Although we never heard it out loud, we are pretty sure there were some choice words expressed under his breath.

Ed and Sandy were blessed with three children, Julie, Scott, and Michael. Ed was a dedicated and loving family man. He was most proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandsons.

Ed is survived by his children: daughter Julie (Lonnie) Herman, Sidney, MT; son Scott (Robbie) Savelkoul, Culbertson, MT; and son Michael Savelkoul, Sidney, MT; his grandchildren Zachary Savelkoul, Isiah Savelkoul, Evan Herman, and Natalie Savelkoul; and his great-grandsons, Kyler and Aaron Savelkoul. Ed was also lucky enough to inherit another five grandchildren: Robin Herman, Chance Herman, Stephanie Savelkoul, Ashley Frenick, and Blake Frenick. He is also survived by his siblings Mary Seime, Carol and Dick Granbois, Kelvin and Shirley Schmitz, and Geri and Jake Jacobs.

Ed was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sandy Savelkoul; his parents Clarence Savelkoul and David and Mary Schmitz; and his grandson Isiac Savelkoul.

Rosa Anderson Sidney, MT

Rosa Anderson, Sidney, MT, passed away Oct. 4, 2023. Her memorial service is June 8, 2024 at Bible Baptist Church, Sidney, MT, at 11 a.m.

Lunch will follow. All are Welcome!



Rosa Anderson

Williston Basin Speedway Racing Results May 25 First Responder Night

IMCA Hobby Stocks A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Taylor Heaton, Baker, MT, 11H
- 2nd Place: Kyler Sarran, Minot, ND, 22
- 3rd Place: Kaiden Tuschscherer, Estevan, SK, 91T
- 4th Place: Connor Hansen, Torquay, SK, 15
- 5th Place: Ethan Neu, Fairview, MT, 51E
- 6th Place: Aiden Paul, Dickinson, ND, 27A
- 7th Place: Caleb Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16C
- 8th Place: Matt Sorenson, Williston, ND, 110
- 9th Place: Sage Borud, Williston, ND, 6B
- 10th Place: Jonathan Taylor, Tioga, ND, 5
- 11th Place: Jay Larsen, Williston, ND, 2L

IMCA Modifieds A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Brady Bjella, Williston, ND, 99
- 2nd Place: Travis Hagen, Williston, ND, 14T
- 3rd Place: Dalton Flory, Williston, ND, 20F
- 4th Place: John Flory, Williston, ND, 19
- 5th Place: Tate Johnson, Medicine Lake, MT, 413
- 6th Place: Philip Keller, Sidney, MT, 9
- 7th Place: Jeremy Sorensen, Williston, ND, 1J
- 8th Place: Ed Turnbull, Estevan, SK, 10
- 9th Place: Kyler Jeffrey, Williston, ND, 72X
- 10th Place: John Flory Jr, Williston, ND, 18
- 11th Place: Jeff Bieber, Fairview, MT, 89
- 12th Place: Rick Stiyr, Williston, ND, 15S
- 13th Place: Tommy Lee, Williston, ND, 17X
- 14th Place: Kendal Thomas, Tioga, ND, 711

IMCA Northern Sportmods A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Tim Goodwin, Williston, ND, 89
- 2nd Place: Bruce King, Minot, ND, 2A
- 3rd Place: Keenan Glasser, Estevan, SK, 22
- 4th Place: Tanner Conlin, Williston, ND, 47
- 5th Place: Ed Conlin, Williston, ND, 4
- 6th Place: Darren Schatz, Williston, ND, 29
- 7th Place: CJ Peterson, Richey, MT, 14P
- 8th Place: Cole Slaubaugh, Wolford, ND, 858
- 9th Place: Cole Hanshaw, Minot, ND, 82
- 10th Place: Robby Rosselli, Minot, ND, 0
- 11th Place: Luke Aselin, Williston, ND, 09
- 12th Place: Macaulay Nelson, Williston, ND, 125
- 13th Place: Doug Green, Alexander, ND, 88X
- 14th Place: Dave Rivinius, Minot, ND, 35
- 15th Place: Cory Carpenter, Williston, ND, L00

IMCA Stock Cars A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Dalton Flory,

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- 2nd Place: Mike Hagen, Williston, ND, 27T
- 3rd Place: Joe Flory, Williston, ND, 20
- 4th Place: Troy Heupel, Williston, ND, 4T
- 5th Place: Jason Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16
- 6th Place: Justin Bachmeier, Williston, ND, 16B
- 7th Place: Joren Boyce, Minot, ND, 67
- 8th Place: Bob Fuegmann, Minot, ND, 76
- 9th Place: Eli Damm, Epping, ND, 6T9
- 10th Place: Corey Hemphill, Yuma, AZ, 16L

Junior Slingshots A Feature 1

- 1st Place: Weston Uranker, Williston, ND, 31X
- 2nd Place: Eli Turnbull, Estevan, SK, 221EH
- 3rd Place: Brogan Wagner, Weyburn, SK, 30
- 4th Place: Cashton Schroeder, Williston, ND, 16
- 5th Place: Jacob Campbell, Watford City, ND, 99
- 6th Place: Zack Campbell, Watford City, ND, 15
- 7th Place: Jack Coughlin, Williston, ND, 114

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Assisting Melby will be

Troy and Terry Steiner, originally from Bismarck, ND. Troy is a 4x All American at Iowa; NCAA Champion; 30 years of coaching; and MN Olympic Training Center head coach. Terry is also a NCAA Champion; 3x All American; U.S. Women's

Olympics head coach and U.S. National Coach for USA Wrestling. There will also be sessions by the University of Mary, Bismarck, and Providence of Great Falls.

The Little Guy Camp will be held June 10-12 for beginners through 6th grade. Technique Camp is from June 12-14 for grades 6-12 more advanced wrestlers. The Intensive Camp is from June 10-15 and is a week of intensive training and a great opportunity to train at a camp with teams going to the High School Nationals in Florida. There will also be a University of Minnesota Camp, June 16-28 and the National Duals in Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 21-26.



Troy Steiner



Terry Steiner

Any wrestler wishing to attend any of these camps can view and download information at www.sidneywrestlingclub.com/page/show/1630988-eagle-wrestling-camp.

On Friday, June 14, the Sidney duals are scheduled at Sidney High School gymnasium, at 6 p.m.

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Daniel L. "Dan" Young, 46 Fairview, MT

Dan's services were at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, at the Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT, with Pastor John Baseley officiating. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, ND. Visitation was held Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services at the Event Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sidney Health Center Cancer Center or a charity of one's choice. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Daniel L. "Dan" Young

Daniel Leon Young was born May 29, 1977, to Loren and Jacklyn Young. He was the first grandchild for both grandparents and the shining star for the entire family. He was joined by a little sister, Amy Kay, two years later. Danny and Amy grew up on the farm spending time with grandpar-

ents, aunts, uncles and hired men. He could carry on farming discussions with anyone as a little boy, speaking like he was an adult explaining the inner workings of motors, tractor sizes and any implement a farmer may need. By six, Danny was driving and was the pickup man in the fields while the hired men walked behind and threw rocks in the box. The summer of Danny's 12th birthday, his legs were finally long enough to be in a tractor alone. His Grandpas, Bud and Leon, were very proud of this accomplishment. He was now the fifth generation working the Young Farm.

Dan met Lanette in the Fall of 1991 while attending Fairview High School and they were later married on Sept. 28, 1996, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Kent Stenzel officiating. On Sept. 19, 2000, the next generation of the Young Farms operation made his highly anticipated appearance into the world when Alexander Blaine Young fashioned us as a family of 3. Dan could not have been more proud to now have a son, and Alex immediately became his Daddy's top notch hired man and copilot pretty much as soon as he could toddle out the door behind him. Dan and Lanette's family would soon become complete when Allyson Marie Young joined them ever so quickly on June 20, 2002. Dan absolutely beamed at the birth of his beautiful baby girl.

The years quickly became filled with kids and crops and harvests intermingling with the hustle and bustle of long days on the farm and pretty much just life in general. Dan was a devoted husband and father and never missed an activity of his children if he could avoid it and was always one of their biggest fans, sometimes silently, and sometimes not so silently. Whether it be on the football field, basketball court, FFA competition, or 4-H endeavor, Dan never missed an opportunity to be wherever his family and children took him. He volunteered for everything from driving activity bus, to assisting with FFA events, and even cooking burgers or flipping pancakes in the 4-H Food Booth during every Richland County Fair.

Dan served as on the Richland County Conservation District Board chairman for many years as well as being an active member of St. John Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT. He could always be counted on to jump in wherever and whenever needed and was definitely a pretty good sport with whatever activity his wife wrangled him into. Dan was always available to lend a helping hand, whether it was for his family, a friend, or a neighbor, and looked forward to assisting his best friend, Dale, and their family in any way he could at their annual bull sale. Dan always made sure his calendar was clear for that event. In the winter, when things were a little less hectic on the farm and our area was actually blessed with some snow, Dan loved to snowmobile; and if snow was not to be found here in Eastern Montana, off to the mountains he would go to chase down the white stuff. He loved those snowmobile trips with his family and buddies. In general, Dan just loved the outdoors and truly some of his best times were spent hunting, fishing, or just simply driving through his cows, basking in the day, and strategizing his next crop or farming endeavor.

Dan never shied away from troubles or challenges. He always met them head-on. Unfortunately, his steadfastness and courage would be put to the test when in April of 2016, he was diagnosed with bladder cancer, and so that trying battle began. Throughout this encounter, Dan never lost his sense of humor or sheer determination and met every trial with positivity and perseverance; however, after a long, often intense, hard-fought battle, Dan's struggles came to an end and he was welcomed home into the arms of our Lord in the early morning hours on May 26, 2024, just days shy of his 47th birthday.

He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Lanette; son, Alexander Young (Fairview); daughter, Allyson Young (Fairview); parents, Loren and Jacki Young (Fairview); and sister, Amy (Neil) Iversen (Bainville), and their children, Eleanor and Henry. Also surviving Daniel is his grandfather Leon

Irma "Betty" Zoanni, 93 Sidney, MT

Celebration of Life Services are Friday, June 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating.

Irma "Betty" Zoanni, 93, peacefully passed away on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 at the Sidney Health Center with family by her side.

A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing.

Betty will be laid to rest in the Sidney Cemetery Niche Wall, 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.

Brodhead; brother-in-law, Blaine Karst; Aunt Leann (Jim) Pelvit; Uncle Dan (Toni) Brodhead; and Uncle Mark (Julie) Brodhead, as well as many special cousins and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his grandparents Bud & Joan Young; Aunt Christina Robinson; a very special grandmother, Myrna Brodhead; and father-in-law, Virgil Karst.

Esther Vallejo Sorensen, 83, Oroville, WA (formerly of Savage, MT)

Esther Vallejo Sorensen was received by her Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 10:44 a.m., sharing her last breaths in the arms of her children, grandchildren, and friends. She came to teach in Oroville, WA, in 1963 and lived to 83, each year was rich with love, family, dancing, and singing. We will not grieve for Esther but instead find comfort in that which she has left for us; her daughter Lisa, son Scott, seven grandchild, Chanel No.5, Seven Spanish Angels, Honey Nut Cheerios, roses, dancing shoes, coral red nails, and little sweet treats. She is forever the matriarch, the glue which binds our family together.



Esther Vallejo Sorensen

She was born at home in Savage, MT, to Paula Padilla Vallejo and Desiderio Vallejo, and sister of 11 siblings. Though they started from humble beginnings, all of the Vallejo children pursued higher education as first-generation Americans. As a child, Esther preferred to occupy herself with books and cooking over farm work. She attended Moorhead State and Stout College studying English and Spanish before she transferred to the University of Montana and met the love of her life, Garry Sorensen, on a blind date.

She struggled to access education in both high school and college, but was lucky enough to have the support of her family who helped her find housing and scholarships to go to college. She has always believed that the way to a better life is through education.

Her impact on this town is tangible. Esther intertwined her passion for the arts with her career as a teacher in the Oroville school system. She taught Spanish, Drama, and English, making lifelong bonds with her students, and was not unfamiliar with the process of walking children into adulthood.

Esther's "casita" on the lake is home to many memories, parties, and reunions. Its walls contain eclectic collages of those who came before her and remain today.

By request, Esther was cremated and will be placed with Garry from Lake Osoyoos to Savage, MT, and all the place that she held close to her heart. A memorial was held at the Faith Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Feb. 17 with an after-party at Rancho Grande.

Let us pray. Dear Lord, we thank you for the impact that Esther has had on all of our lives. We lift up our prayers of gratitude for the legacy of love and faith she leaves behind. May her spirit continue to inspire us to live with kindness, compassion, and devotion to you. Lord, we surrender our pain and sadness to you, trusting in your divine plan and resting in the assurance of your unfailing love.

Interment of her ashes will be during the weekend of Aug. 17-18.

Alvin James Miller Sr., 91 Fairview, MT

Funeral services were Saturday June 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Sidney, MT, with Bishop Austin Harrison officiating. A luncheon will follow the service. Alvin will be laid to rest at the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, 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.



Alvin James Miller Sr.

Alvin James Miller was born Oct. 29, 1932, in Dore, ND, to William Gustave Miller and Sarah Mae Vanderhoof Miller. He was the second of 15 children. He joined the Marines in 1952, that was where he learned to be an auto mechanic.

He married Doris Leone Isbell on Sept. 10, 1955. They had four children: Jesse Robert Miller, Alvena (Vena) Gail Miller Mecklenburg, Katherine Lynn Miller Cardon, and Alvin James Miller Jr.

At age 15, he worked at Jack Berry's farm. He worked at all of the gas stations in Fairview. He was a custodian at East Fairview School. This is also when he started his first bus route. Alvin and Doris also started a grocery store on States Street called Al and Dee Market. He also worked at Super Valu in between bus routes. He did custom swathing and baling for many farmers in the valley with his sons. His rows were straight, and his bales were tight. He was very careful to watch for just the right time to cut and bale for each farmer.

Miller Bus Lines was a great business for him. He had eight routes which included Rau, Savage, East and West side Fairview Schools, along with Culbertson, and Girard. He also did the migrant routes for 25 years. He drove buses and worked on them for 52 years doing activity trips, class trips and music festivals.

In 1968, they started selling fireworks out of the bus and did that for 32 years. Alvin and Doris took over the famous City Cafe for Bob and Beth Isbell who owned it. He also bought and rebuilt the building we called Short Circuit. It was a cafe and game room. He did this while doing bus runs. Alvin worked for Holly Sugar in Dore and was in charge of the beet piler.

He was also considered the mayor of East Side and was in charge of the sewer system and keeping the books.

He has done so many things and helped so many people quietly without ever expecting or wanting anything, just happy he could help them. He died at the age of 91 still driving and helping everyone he could.

Alvin passed away peacefully on Monday May 27, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, with family by his side.

He is survived by his children Jesse, Vena, Kathy, and Alvin Jr; his brothers Fred and Robert; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Doris; his grandson Ricky; his great grandson Attie; his parents William and Sarah; and brothers and sisters Bill, Ruby, twins Veron (Bub) and Verna, Virgil, Rose, Rollie, Melvin, and Larry.

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Blood Drive Set For June 11

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 11, from noon to 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.

Advance appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Donate blood, help save lives.

We Want Your Fishing Photos

If you have shore or boat fishing photos and would like to have them published in The Roundup Outdoor page please send them to info@roundupweb.com

Letter To The Editor:

Agriculture and Energy Leaders Endorse Julie Fedorchak For U.S. House

Dear Editor,

Agriculture and energy are the cornerstones of North Dakota's economy. Not only do we feed and fuel the world, but we also provide thousands of good jobs and billions in federal, state, and local tax revenue. Those taxes paid fund schools, roads, flood protection, and social services across our great state. Virtually every corner of the state and every person living in North Dakota benefits from agriculture and energy production.

The food and energy we produce are also among the cleanest, most environmentally friendly of any in the world. We take pride in being good stewards of the land and air. And we are in it

for the long haul. If allowed, we will provide low-cost food and fuel to North Dakota and beyond for generations to come.

Unfortunately, our state's leading economic engines are under relentless attack by the federal government and radical environmentalists. Through regulation, fiscal policy and punitive taxation, Washington is throttling our ability to provide energy and food security to America. To help hold these forces at bay and roll back the most serious threats to our very existence, we need to send a proven fighter to Congress. But not just any fighter, but rather, we need someone who wins the fight.

Our state only gets one voice in the United States House of Representatives. We need someone who can work with others...who can build coalitions with a common goal...who understands our industries and how to successfully reign in this unfair and unwise onslaught on our key industries.

Most importantly, we need someone who can and will win. We need Julie Fedorchak as our next representative in the U.S. House.

Julie has a 20-year record of excellence in public service. She is a lifelong resident of North Dakota. She understands what we need in Washington and how to deliver for North Dakota. For example:

When the federal government wanted to impose crippling cap and trade policies, Julie was at the front line fighting for all of us.

When federal regulators tried to force-feed us their radical environmental agenda, Julie was there to stand tall for agriculture and energy producers.

In recognition of her achievements, Julie was recently elected President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Under her leadership, North Dakota:

enjoys the lowest utility rates in the nation.

permitted \$15 billion worth of projects creating tens of thousands of jobs.

implemented a state rail safety program that dramatically reduced rail accidents.

created innovative ways to connect rural areas to natural gas service.

enhanced the state pipeline reclamation program.

Time and time again, Julie has proven herself to be the person who can get things done. In fact, Julie Fedorchak is the only candidate for the U.S. House who has been actively engaged in fighting for our energy and ag sectors. She can be trusted to do the right thing. And she will work tirelessly in the best interest of all North Dakotans.

That's why the agriculture and energy industries

support Julie Fedorchak for Congress. Our farmers, ranchers, coal miners, power plant operators, and the oil and gas industry understand the importance of having a strong voice advocating for them in Washington DC. Without energy security, we do not have food security, economic security, or national security.

Please join us in voting for Julie Fedorchak for Congress.

Signed,
Doug Goehring, North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner

Ron Ness, NDPC Federal PAC

Jason Bohrer, Lignite PAC



ConocoPhillips To Acquire Marathon Oil Corporation In All-Stock Transaction

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--ConocoPhillips (NYSE: COP) and Marathon Oil Corporation (NYSE: MRO) has announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which ConocoPhillips will acquire Marathon Oil in an all-stock transaction with an enterprise value of \$22.5 billion, inclusive of \$5.4 billion of net debt. Under the terms of the

agreement, Marathon Oil shareholders will receive 0.2550 shares of ConocoPhillips common stock for each share of Marathon Oil common stock, representing a 14.7% premium to the closing share price of Marathon Oil on May 28, 2024, and a 16.0% premium to the prior 10 day volume-weighted average price.

"This acquisition of Marathon Oil further deep-

ens our portfolio and fits within our financial framework, adding high-quality, low cost of supply inventory adjacent to our leading U.S. unconventional position," said Ryan Lance, ConocoPhillips chairman and chief executive officer. "Importantly, we share similar values and cultures with a focus on operating safely and responsibly to create long-term value for our shareholders. The

transaction is immediately accretive to earnings, cash flows and distributions per share, and we see significant synergy potential."

"This is a proud moment to look back on what we achieved at Marathon Oil. Powered by our dedicated employees and contractors, we built a top performing portfolio with a multi-year track record of peer-leading operational execution, strong financial results and compelling return of capital to our shareholders - all while holding true to our core values of safety and environmental excellence. ConocoPhillips is the right home to build on that legacy, offering a truly unique combination of added scale, resilience and long-term durability. With its premier global asset base, strong balance sheet and laser focus on operational excellence, ConocoPhillips' track record of long-term investments, differentiated shareholder distributions and active portfolio management are unmatched. When combined with the global ConocoPhillips portfolio, I'm confident our assets and people will deliver significant shareholder value over the long term," said Lee Tillman, Marathon Oil chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Transaction benefits
• **Immediately accretive:** This acquisition is immediately accretive to ConocoPhillips on earn-

ings, cash from operations, free cash flow and return of capital per share to shareholders.

• **Delivers significant cost and capital synergies:** Given the adjacent nature of the acquired assets and a common operating philosophy, ConocoPhillips expects to achieve the full \$500 million of cost and capital synergy run rate within the first full year following the closing of the transaction. The identified savings will come from reduced general and administrative costs, lower operating costs and improved capital efficiencies.

• **Further enhances premier Lower 48 portfolio:** This acquisition will add highly complementary acreage to ConocoPhillips' existing U.S. onshore portfolio, adding over 2 billion barrels of resource with an estimated average point forward cost of supply of less than \$30 per barrel WTI.

Return of capital update

Independent of the transaction, ConocoPhillips expects to increase its ordinary base dividend by 34% to 78 cents per share starting in the fourth quarter of 2024. Upon closing of the transaction and assuming recent commodity prices, ConocoPhillips plans to:

• Repurchase over \$7 billion in shares in the first full year, up from over \$5 billion standalone.

• Repurchase over \$20 billion in shares in the first three years.

"We remain committed to our differentiated cash from operations distribution framework of returning greater than 30% to our shareholders, with a track record of returning over 40% since our 2016 strategy reset," added Lance. "We plan to raise our ordinary dividend by 34% in the fourth quarter and we will continue to target top-quartile dividend growth relative to the S&P 500 going forward. Additionally, we intend to prioritize share repurchases following the close of the transaction, with a plan to retire the equivalent amount of newly issued equity in the transaction in two to three years at recent commodity prices."

Transaction details
The transaction is subject to the approval of Marathon Oil stockholders, regulatory clearance and other customary closing conditions. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Advisors
Evercore is serving as ConocoPhillips' financial advisor and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz is serving as ConocoPhillips' legal advisor for the transaction. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is serving as Marathon Oil's financial advisor and Kirkland & Ellis LLP is serving as Marathon Oil's legal advisor for the transaction.

Patten: State Is An Energy Superpower ND's Energy Resources Are "Unparalleled"

By Western Dakota Energy Association.
Watford City Senator Dale Patten believes North Dakota citizens should consider their state an "energy superpower."

Speaking at this week's Western Energy Roundtable in Watford City, Patten said the state is effectively a military superpower with two Air Force bases, a fleet of B-52 bombers, and underground ballistic missiles. He said it's also an agriculture superpower, leading the nation in the production of spring wheat, canola, sunflowers and other commodities. But Patten said North Dakota should also be thought of as an energy superpower because it has so many forms of energy production.

Patten jokingly said North Dakota also has an abundance of free energy storage. He said the state has been storing coal for 250 million years, and storing oil and gas for 500 million years.

The state is currently facing headwinds from the Biden administration, which has launched an all-out regulatory assault on the coal industry, and continues to pile more regulations on the oil and gas industry as well. But Patten said he's optimistic about the state's energy future because reality dictates that fossil fuels will be used for decades to come.

Patten also touted the work of the state's Clean Sustainable Energy Au-



Senator Dale Patten (Photo by Western Dakota Energy Association)

thority, which he co-chairs. CSEA was created by the 2021 Legislature to work toward the commercialization of transformative developments in the energy sector and other emission reduction technologies.

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NDSU Research Extension Center Field Days Set

This year's events will feature the latest research on issues that impact agriculture in North Dakota.



Farmers, crop advisers and others attend NDSU's North Central Research Extension Center Field Day. (NDSU photo)

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

The North Dakota State University Research Extension Centers' annual field days are set. The events take place at the Research Extension Center sites across the state and feature speakers, tours and field demonstrations for farmers, ranchers, crop advisers, landowners, horticulturalists and local stakeholders.

"The agricultural research conducted at our NDSU Research Extension Centers provides research-based solutions that

advance agricultural production systems in a variety of areas, including agronomy and crop production, livestock and rangeland management, precision agriculture, and value-added activities," says Greg Lardy, the Joe and Norma Peltier Vice President for NDSU Agriculture. "During the NDSU Field Days, our researchers showcase the work they've invested in developing timely, practical solutions for agriculture in North Dakota and across the region."

The dates and locations for the field days are:

- July 8 – Central Grasslands Research Extension Center – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT
- July 9 – Dickinson Research Extension Center – 8 a.m. to noon MDT (agronomy tour)
- July 9 – Hettinger Research Extension Center – 3 to 7 p.m. MDT
- July 10 – Dickinson Research Extension Center – 8 a.m. to noon MDT (livestock tour)
- July 10 – Williston Research Extension Center – 4 to 8 p.m. CDT (agronomy and horticulture tours)

- July 11 – Williston Research Extension Center – 8:30 to noon CDT (irrigation tour at Nesson Valley Irrigated Site)
- July 15 – Agronomy Seed Farm – 5 to 8 p.m. CDT
- July 16 – Carrington

- Research Extension Center – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT (livestock, agronomy, organic and sustainable agriculture, and horticulture tours)
- July 17 – North Central Research Extension Center – 8:30 a.m. to noon CDT
- July 18 – Langdon

Research Extension Center – 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. CDT
NDSU is an R1 research institution as defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Sidney Chamber To Sponsor July 4th Fireworks Show

**By Kali Godfrey
Executive Director
Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture looks forward to hosting the annual 4th of July Fireworks Show. The Fireworks show is slated for July 4 at dusk – likely 10 p.m. – and will last 30 minutes. The fireworks will blast off from the Sidney Country Club.

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce inherited the project from the Sidney Jaycees this year. The fireworks show costs around \$20,000 and is only possible through the support of local sponsors and donations. If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to the cause, acknowledgements are offered for \$100 - \$3000. Please contact the Sidney Chamber of Commerce to give your support.

Tri-County Implement, Yellowstone Court, S/L Services, MonDak API, Basin Precast and Sidney ACE Hardware are major contributing sponsors thus far. The Independence Day Fireworks Show celebrates the freedoms we enjoy in small town America. Fireworks were a part of America's very first Independence Day and pay homage to a tradition 248 years in the making.

Williston Research Extension Center Field Day Features Something For Everyone

It just might save a life!

July 10, 2024 residents in the MonDak area may find a way to save a life in a special addition to the Williston Research Extension Center Field Day with STOP THE BLEED® training. The Williston REC is known for its long history of collaborative research as part of NDSU Agriculture. The crop research taking place at the WREC has brought new varieties and cropping system advancements into the MonDak region. The information from the WREC has been used in fields to enhance profitability with pest control and assisted with recommendations for protecting crops. The July 10 WREC Field Day may protect the people of the region in a broad-reaching way with Stop the Bleed.

It can take valuable minutes for an emergency first responder to reach the site of someone who has experienced a life-threatening situation due to bleeding. Many people would benefit from having someone closer by who can help to stop or minimize this bleeding within a key three-to-five minutes after the incident occurred. Collaborating with Stop the Bleed trainers joining the WREC Field Day

from NDSU Extension, a training will be offered for those in attendance at the July 10 event to help them be prepared to save a life if the need arises.

Sam Funk, WREC director, said "We have always cared about the producers and stakeholders in the region. That includes caring about them as people. This offering allows us to demonstrate part of the outreach NDSU has brought forward to care for the communities we serve each day. Everyone is important and we want to help encourage health and safety in our rural and more densely populated communities."

While agronomy and horticulture topics will continue to be offered on July 10 in Williston at the WREC, Funk highlighted the driving need for the Stop the Bleed training. He said, "Many of our producers and rural citizens are far enough from first responder points of origin that having someone close who can utilize Stop the Bleed training could make a significant difference to save a life."

Anyone can register for the Williston, event at the WREC. The content dealing with stopping life-threatening

bleeding may be unsettling for some; but it may also save a life. It definitely has a purpose for anyone in the region who desires to participate.

An advance registration for the Stop the Bleed training at the July 10 WREC Field Day is requested. If you would be interested in a Stop the Bleed kit that includes materials to utilize following the training if you needed to help someone suffering from a severe bleeding incident, those kits will be available at their cost of \$20 if ordered in advance with the registration.

This training will not be scheduled for the July 11 WREC Irrigated Site Field Day. That day will feature the irrigated agronomy research taking place in the Ray, fields.

Advance Registration for the Stop the Bleed training at the July 10 WREC Field Day is available at: <https://forms.gle/1YsZE-1VDgP7cz6px6>

Information on the Williston REC Field Days is available online at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/WillistonREC/> More Information is available by calling the WREC office at 701-774-4315.

DNRC Launches New Website for Water Users, State Land Lessees

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) announced a new website to assist Montanans navigating the complex issue of water right ownership.

State trust land lessees and water users with questions regarding ownership of water rights used on state trust lands in Montana should visit WaterComplaint.mt.gov.

Since Gov. Gianforte took office, the DNRC has worked to respect the rights of private property owners and meet our constitutional responsibility to generate revenue to support public

education," DNRC director Amanda Kaster said. "This administration is committed to a new era of collaboration with landowners while also supporting our students."

In 2019, the legislature passed House Bill 286 (HB 286), requiring the DNRC to remove its name as a co-owner on certain water rights previously claimed by the agency. When the law was challenged, the Gianforte administration defended the law in front of the Montana Supreme Court. As a result, DNRC has removed itself from numerous water rights and overhauled its approach to

better assist Montanans, protect property rights, and meet its constitutional obligation to generate revenue to benefit Montana's public schools.

State Trust Lands lessees who own or co-own a water right with the Montana State Board of Land Commissioners/Trust Land Management Division and have concerns regarding compliance with HB 286, MCA 85-2-441, may complete a form on this website. DNRC will review and respond to inquiries within 30 days, in the order in which requests are received.

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Sidney Sugars Plans Auction Of Assets



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Sidney Sugars Inc. discontinued operations at its sugarbeet processing facility in Sidney in April 2023. As a result of the closure, the sugar and agricultural products processing, packaging, shipping and warehouse facility on 325.47 acres will sell via sealed bid auction. Sealed bids are due by Monday, July 8, at 4 p.m. MDT. The 270 acres of surplus farm, hunting and recreational land, and processing/support equipment and vehicles will be sold via a timed online

auction ending Monday, July 15, at 4 p.m. MDT. There will be no live auction at the site.

Located on the edge of the Bakken Oil Formation, the facility has rail loading/unloading on BNSF rail line; exterior tank capacity of 8,704,000 gallons; silo capacity of 1,900,000 CWT; pellet storage of 8,000 tons; 2,000,000 tons of lime on-site; BMA tower diffuser/cossette mixer; 4MW power generation plant; pulp pelletizing system by California Pellet Mill; fenced

site with rail/truck scales; millions of dollars worth of pumps/motors/parts inventory, scrap stainless steel/copper, vehicles, excavating equipment, and 42-person modular housing unit (see Equipment Catalog at www.sidneysugarsauction.com for a complete listing of property being sold).

Maas Companies Inc., a company specializing in selling food processing and power generation assets in Rochester, MN., will oversee the sale. The sealed bid

auction will include Tract 1: Parcels 1-2, Parcel 1: 325.47± acres main plant site and designated equipment, Parcel 2: 104± acres land. The online auction will include Tract 2: Parcels 4-5, Parcel 4: 30.529± acres land, Parcel 5: 240± acres farmland and 41 piecemeal equipment lots. Bidders must submit sealed bids by Monday, July 8, at 4 pm MDT, and online bidding ends Monday, July 15 with lots starting to close at 4 p.m. MDT via Proxibid.com.

Potential buyers are encouraged to schedule an appointment to attend the open houses:

Tuesday, June 4 between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18, between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other times by request.

Contact the auction company directly at 507-285-1444 for a package detailing the bidding process. A drone video and virtual tour are also available at www.maascompanies.com.

Bulkhead Safety Discussed At Sidney Parks & Rec Committee Meeting

By Dianne Swanson

The Sidney Tiger Sharks use a bulkhead to divide the swimming pool in half during local swim meets which only happen once a year, and sometimes not at all. The bulkhead is basically a wall which provides the 25-meter length for swimmers as well as space for them to start or kick off from, and space for coaches.

The existing bulkhead is old and homemade. At the Parks and Rec committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, the primary focus was the safety of the structure and also whether it was damaging the gutter at the pool. Jeff Hintz, City of Sidney public works director, explained that the city's concern is safety and that it requires documentation on the maximum weight the bulkhead would hold. "If it fails, it could trap someone under water and it may not be possible to save them," he said.

Sidney Tiger Sharks board member Pete Erickson was present at the meeting, along with Jordan Mayer, Interstate Engineering. According to meeting minutes, Mayer said they were "now seeking concurrence of the Committee and City Council that the current bulkhead could continue to be used if the load rating analysis determines it is safe and/or it is repaired to have a safe load rating and also to modify the arms of the bulkhead so that any load from the arms will be placed on the concrete slab-on-grade deck beyond the expansion joint of the gutter section."

Erickson explained that the Tiger Sharks started the process to replace the existing bulkhead, but due to the extreme cost of engineering and building a replacement, it is much more reasonable to certify the existing bulkhead and make repairs as needed. The Tiger Sharks would be responsible for the cost of the study as well as any repairs or replacement of the bulkhead.

Mayor Rick Norby said that getting a load rating was most important and does not see how the bulkhead is affecting the gutter. Hintz agreed but stated it is important to have an engineer review it.

The motion to approve was unanimous.

Savage Girls Excel At State Meet With Historic Win For The School

The Savage Girls Track & Field Team ended their season on top winning the State Class C title in Great Falls May 24-25. This is the first state title for Savage girls track & field and the third state title for the school in any sport.

Savage coach Nicki Reuter was also named 2024 MCA Class C Girls Track Coach of the Year. "It should have been Savage track coaches that won coach of the year," Reuter humbly stated. "It's a huge honor and it was fun." Reuter has been girls track coach since 2012.

The team struggled with bad weather on the first day of the state meet. Things were close going into the second day with some of the jumpers not performing as expected. "It really came

down to the relays at the end that decided it," Rueter said. The girls broke a school record in the relay and com-



Savage Girls Track & Field Coach Nicki Reuter speaks at a meet & greet at the Savage School May 30.

bined with top finishes by Brooke Reuter and Cambry Conradsen in the 100m & 200m to come out over 2nd place Roberts.

Savage Girls' Class C Track Team State Results

100m: 1st. Brooke Reuter; 2. Cambry Conradsen
200m: 1st. Brooke Reuter; 2. Cambry Conradsen
400m: 2nd. Brooke Reuter

4x100 relay: 2nd. Savage 'A' (Brooke Reuter, Mylee Reuter, Cambry Conradsen, Matilda Verhasselt)

4x400 relay: 2nd. Savage 'A' (Brooke Reuter, Mylee Reuter, Cambry Conradsen, Matilda Verhasselt)

Pole vault: 6th. Mylee Reuter.

Savage Boys' Class C Track Team State Results

Pole vault: 4th. Sayer Erickson

MonDak Area Stockgrowers Association Spring Meeting June 13

By Dianne Swanson

Join the MonDak Area Stockgrowers Association for an evening of family fun as it hosts its Spring Meeting on Thursday, June 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Sidney Livestock Market Center.

Dinner and Goat Roping are on the agenda. Meat will be provided by the Stockgrowers; those whose last name start with A-K, please bring a salad and those whose last name starts with L-Z, please bring dessert.

Goat Roping should provide some excitement for contestants and spectators alike. The contest will be divided into two age groups; 10 and under and 11 and up. Cost to Pick one/Draw one is \$10. The event will also feature a community "Celebrity Goat Roping".

On the agenda for the evening are the scholarship presentation; MSGA and NDSA updates; Cattlemen's Ball Donation update; and a Steer Scholarship report.

Please RSVP to either MonDak Area Stockgrowers Facebook event; call/text 406-654-7228; or email mondakareastockgrowers@outlook.com.

Montana State University Eastern Agricultural Research Center Field Day June 27

By Marley Voll, MSU Richland County Extension

The Montana State University Eastern Agricultural Research Center (MSU EARC) is preparing to host their annual Field Day on Thursday, June 27 at the center, located north of Sidney, 1501 N Central Ave. The day will include information on variety selection, cropping systems, fertility, disease management, weed management, and more, all of which will be beneficial for producers in the region.

Plan to come from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts before the field day begins at 8:30 a.m. During the field tours, Dr. Chengci Chen, EARC superintendent and professor of agronomy, will discuss camelina as a bioenergy crop, including variety selection, planting, and weed management of camelina.

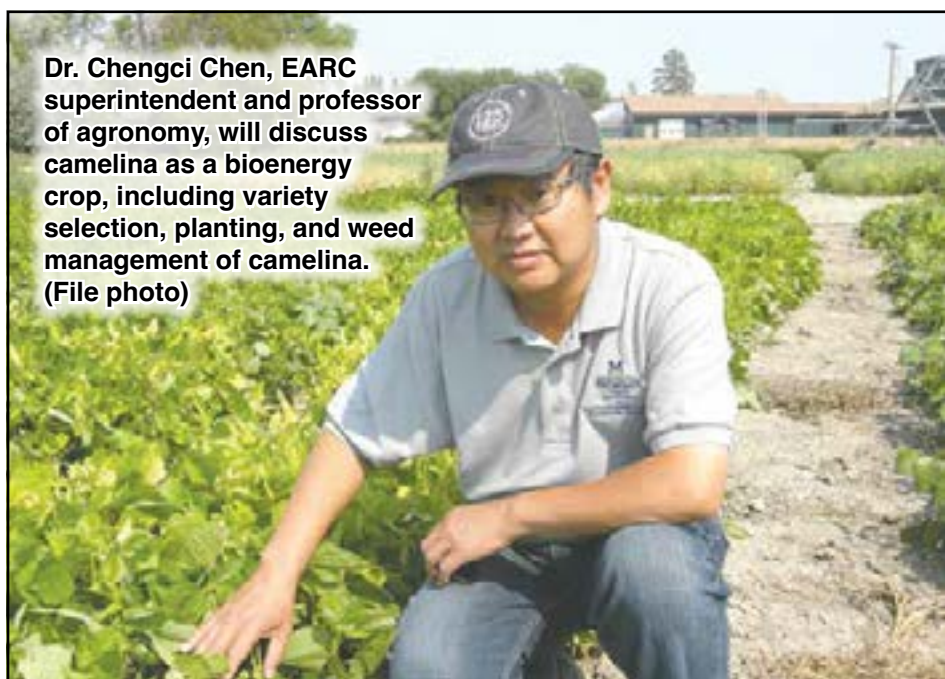
With an increase in soybean acres in the area,

plant pathologist Dr. Frankie Crutcher will be discussing white mold diseases; how to identify it, and management strategies including variety selection, fungicide application, and crop rotation. Throughout the field day, Dr. Crutcher will also be discussing Fusarium head blight in spring wheat and durum including proper identification, resistant varieties, and the newest recommendations for a successful fungicide application.

Nisha Patwa, research associate, will discuss root rot identification and seed treatments for Fusarium root rot management, as well as preliminary data of a study evaluating essential oils for root rot management.

Marie Dorval, PhD student at EARC will be discussing Ascochyta disease management during the Field Day. Her research study focuses on the impact of fungicide applications in monocrop and intercropping

Dr. Chengci Chen, EARC superintendent and professor of agronomy, will discuss camelina as a bioenergy crop, including variety selection, planting, and weed management of camelina. (File photo)



systems on disease control and seed quality. Dorval will also be sharing some preliminary data.

Other topics during the day will include variety information on dry bean, soybean, barley, and spring

wheat, as well as corn-based cropping system, and pulse cropping protein breeding and genetics. Whether you are interested in learning more about pest and disease management, cropping systems, or new varieties,

the MSU EARC Field Day will provide valuable research updates to assist area producers.

The day will also include a meal and will wrap up by 1 p.m. Pesticide points are pending.

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

In re the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Natural Gas Service Docket 2024.05.061 May 31, 2024

NOTICE OF FILING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

1. On May 24, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU") filed an Unopposed Request for Waiver of Administrative Rule 38.5.176 ("Request"). Montana Administrative Rule ("ARM") 38.5.176 requires utilities to submit a marginal cost of service study ("MCOSS") in each rate case. In its Request, MDU states that it is preparing to file an application to increase natural gas service rates, which would be subject to the MCOSS filing requirement. Request 1-2. MDU asserts that natural gas service costs are driven more by the commodity cost of natural gas than the fixed costs associated with pipeline infrastructure. *Id.* at 2. As a result, MDU asserts that an MCOSS would not produce useful information and the amount of work required to prepare an MCOSS is not justified. *Id.* at 2-3. MDU concludes that good cause exists for the Commission to waive the MCOSS requirement of ARM 38.5.176. *Id.* (citing ARM 38.2.305). MDU also states that it contacted the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC"), and MCC does not oppose the request. *Id.* at 1. 2. The caption in this docket is amended as shown above. All filings regarding MDU's Request and its eventual application to increase natural gas service rates should be filed in Docket 2024.05.061 and captioned as shown above. 3. A copy of MDU's filing is publicly available at the Commission's business office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, and online at the Commission's website (psc.mt.gov) under Docket No. 2024.05.061. A copy of the filing may also be available at the office of the MCC, which represents consumer interests before the Commission, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 444-2771. Interested parties can register on the Commission's website to receive notice of future filings in this docket. Instructions for subscribing to notices of filings are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help.

4. The Commission invites any interested party to submit comments no later than **June 14, 2024**. Public comments on this matter may be submitted to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620, or by email to pschelp@mt.gov. Public comment may also be submitted in REDDI. Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help (select "Submit a Public Comment"). All comments received will be public records. Personal or private information should not be included in comments. 5. The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided in Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana Code Annotated; Title 38, Chapters 2 and 5 of the Montana Administrative Rules; and any prior orders of the Commission relevant to the issues presented. DONE and DATED May 31, 2024, by the Montana Public Service Commission through delegation to staff. JAMES BROWN, President JENNIFER FIELDER, Vice President TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner DR. ANNIE BUKACEK, Commissioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fairview Town Council will, on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairview Senior Center, 217 5th Street West, Fairview, MT 59221, hold a public hearing on the subject matter of Resolution No. 575, which includes amending the boundaries of Street Maintenance District No. 1 to include additional property benefitted by Street Maintenance District No. 1 and levying an assessment upon all property within Street Maintenance District No. 1 to defray the cost of maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing. Contact the Fairview Town Clerk, Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box 426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, Montana 59221; by email at townoffairview@midrivers.com; or call 406-742-5616 during business hours to obtain further information or request an accommodation for a disability. Dated at Fairview, Montana, this 30th day of May, 2024.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the annual meeting of the Richland County Public Hospital District will be conducted on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility, 104 14th Avenue N.W., Sidney, Montana. The election of two hospital district trustees for a three year term will be conducted at said meeting. Contact Jessica Wiese, Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility, 104 14th Avenue N.W., Sidney, Montana 59270; by

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INVITATION TO BID

Corland Construction, LLC, acting as Construction Manager at Risk for the Fort Peck Tribes New Head Start Project, invites qualified subcontractors and suppliers to submit sealed bids for the following work: **Project Description:** This project is the site preparation, concrete foundation placement, and construction of pre-engineered metal building

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YELLOWSTONE ZONING COMMISSION HEARING

The Yellowstone Zoning Commission will hold a hearing on June 25th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. MDT, at the East Fairview Cafeteria, to consider William Van Hook Jr's application for a zone change dated April 14, 2023, for the property located at 15727 33rd St. NW, Fairview, MT 59221, (aka Township 151 N Range 104 N Section 23, 47.88925°N, 103.96257°W. Included in the discussion will be the vote of the Yellowstone Township Electors on water depots on January 22, 2024. Only these two (2) items of business will be discussed at this time.

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SEAN THOMAS COWELL, Deceased.

Probate No. DP-42-2024-40

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FOR UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ROCKY COWELL has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition for adjudication of intestacy, determination of heirs, and the appointment of ROCKY COWELL as Personal Representative and for unsupervised administration of said estate. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the clerk of the above Court. Hearing upon said Petition will be held in the District Courtroom at the Law and Justice Center, 300 12th Avenue NW, Sidney, Montana, on the 26th day of July 2024, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object. Dated this 14th day of May, 2024.

ROCKY COWELL, Petitioner

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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 decedent 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 Jerry McMillen and Kyle McMillen, the Co-Personal Representatives, return receipt requested, in c/o John D. Greef, P.O. Box 1926, Hamilton, MT 59840, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 13th day of May, 2024.

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Prairie To Peaks Animal Foundation Raises Money To Spay/Neuter Pets & Homeless Animals

By Robyn Heck

The Prairie to Peaks Animal Assistance Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises money to subsidize spay/neuter costs for pets and homeless animals.



It was founded by Cynthia Misner to subsidize animal wellness including urgent and nutritional care.

Prairie to Peaks is not a rescue shelter, but an animal welfare organization. "We raise money to subsidize spay, neuter, and vaccinations. We also foster a few dogs and cats, usually babies to Mamas. We are helping to spay to stop the complete breeding cycle," said founder Cynthia Misner.

Prairie to Peaks does not have a facility and can only foster a few animals at a time, as foster care openings permit. Misner urges people to be aware that just dropping off animals anywhere is not a safe environment for them.

All donations and sponsorships go directly to the animals.

If interested in fostering, adopting, or donating, please contact Prairie to Peaks Animal Assistance Foundation on Facebook.



Sidney Memorial Day Parade and Program

Sidney held their annual Memorial Day Parade & Program on May 27. Following the program a free meal sponsored by Red Hoffman Services was held for those in attendance.

Above: Sidney residents and veterans walk the flags from the VFW to Veterans Memorial Park.

Right: LYREC CEO Jason Brothen was the guest speaker during the Memorial Day Program held at the Anderson Pavilion in Veterans Memorial Park in Sidney.



NDSU Analyzer Helps With Prevented-Planting Decisions

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By NDSU Agriculture Communication

North Dakota State University Extension has developed a spreadsheet to help farmers analyze and make prevented-planting decisions.

"Producers in North Dakota are waiting for fields to dry out so they can start field work and crop planting," says Ron Haugen, NDSU Extension farm manage-

ment specialist. "If wet conditions continue in certain areas of the state, it will prevent some producers from seeding all their acres before the dates that crop insurance coverage starts to decrease. Now may be a good time to evaluate the economics of prevented planting, so a decision can be made if weather events delay planting to the crop insurance final planting date."

After the final planting date, and if several eligibility requirements are met, producers may opt to collect a prevented-planting crop insurance indemnity payment and idle the ground, Haugen adds.

In North Dakota, the final planting date for full crop insurance coverage varies by crop and geographic location. For example, canola varies from May 15 in the

southwestern part of the state to June 5 in the north-eastern area of the state. For wheat, durum and barley, the date is May 31, except for the northern one-third of the state, where it is June 5. It is June 10 for soybeans, dry edible beans and flax. Sunflower final dates are June 10 in the northern counties and June 15 in the majority of the state.

The question is whether

to plant a crop late and accept the risk of lower yields and reduced crop insurance coverage or to collect a prevented-planting indemnity payment.

The analyzer program uses partial budgeting to compare the economics of prevented planting with either late planting the crop for which a prevented-planting payment could be received or planting some other crop.

The prevented-planting indemnity is offset partially by the direct costs, such as cover crop seed, chemicals and fuel, to maintain the land that will not be used for crop production the next year. This is compared with the income that could be obtained from growing a crop after the direct costs of production have been subtracted.

Two critical assumptions are the expected yield and market price for later seeding. Producers run the risk of lower yields and quality. The analysis also considers crop insurance indemnities, which may be received if a producer plants the crop late and yields suffer.

"The crop insurance coverage level is reduced for the first several days after the date when producers can choose prevented planting," says Haugen. "Therefore, if a producer still can plant a few days late,

they still can have a fairly strong safety net and have the upside revenue potential if better than expected yields and market prices exist."

There are other considerations in the prevented-planting decision. Planting will use up soil moisture and lessen the possibility the ground will be too wet for seeding next year. Another reason to plant may be to satisfy a forward sales contract. However, late planting may result in lower yields and lower the actual production history, which is used to calculate future crop insurance guarantees.

The Excel spreadsheet tool is available to help with the prevented-planting decision. The spreadsheet also includes other prevented-planting information on eligibility and final planting dates.

The decision tool is available at ndsu.ag/preventplant24.

Contact your crop insurance agent for more specific information and eligibility requirements. Each producer should analyze the prevented-planting option and consult with their crop insurance agent if unsure whether the acreage qualifies, what the payment rates may be and other details.



NDSU Extension specialists say now may be a good time to evaluate the economics of prevented planting, so a decision can be made if weather events delay planting to the crop insurance final planting date. (Pixabay photo)

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FWP Requests That Recreationists Be On The Lookout For Greater Short-Horned Lizards This Spring And Summer

GLASGOW - As you are hiking and exploring Montana this spring and summer, be sure to take a break from scanning the horizon and look down at the ground once in a while. Not only will this help you avoid stepping on a cactus or a rattlesnake, but you might also see one of eastern Montana's rarely seen critters...the greater short-horned lizard, commonly known as a "horny toad". If you do, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks would like to know about it.

The greater short-horned lizard, *Phrynosoma hernandesi*, was once considered the second most abundant reptile along the Missouri River in Montana in the late 19th Century, second only to the western rattlesnake. Currently,

however, these lizards are considered a 'Species of Greatest Inventory Need' in Montana due to insufficient data on their population and distribution.

According to Nicole Hussey, FWP wildlife biologist in Region 6, "We have been conducting surveys in eastern Montana to try and determine status and distribution as well as fill in data gaps; however, their elusive nature and cryptic coloration make them extremely difficult to locate."

"This is where we can use outdoor recreationists' help," continued Hussey, "because oftentimes people just accidentally come across one."

Hussey and other biologists are seeking the help of folks out trekking around

the countryside to provide incidental observations in addition to our structured survey efforts.

"If you happen to observe one anywhere in the state," says Hussey, "please record the location, get GPS coordinates if possible, and note the date, number observed, and take a photo with something in the picture for scale if you can."

Observations can be reported to your local FWP biologist.

Region 4 (Great Falls): Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov

Region 5 (Billings): Megan O'Reilly at moreilly@mt.gov

Region 6/7 (Glasgow): Nicole Hussey at nicole.hussey@mt.gov

A few things about the

greater short-horned lizard:

Key ID:

Adult greater short-horned lizards are diurnal, meaning they are most active during the warmer daylight hours.

Coloration is cryptic with the soil (blends in) and can vary by locality.

The broad, flattened body separates this lizard from the other three lizard species regularly documented in Montana, and the range overlaps only with the common sagebrush lizard, which is much more slender.

The head has a "heart-shaped" appearance when viewed from above.

They are usually easiest to spot when they move and catch your eye.

Habitat:

Greater short-horned



Photo submitted

lizards are found in the eastern half of Montana, but in scattered locations throughout their range.

They are often found on south or east-facing slopes of coulees and ridge tops, and some open flats.

They prefer habitats with sagebrush, creeping juniper, or rabbitbrush with

sparse bunch grass, patches of bare ground, and shale-like soil. They are even found in some ponderosa pine stands.

Although they seem like they would make a good pet, after you get a quick picture and GPS location, please leave these fascinating critters where you find them!

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