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Severson's Seniors Get Out The Vote



The Alexander senior class. (Photo submitted)

By Katelyn Sponheim

The senior class of Alexander, ND, led by Amber Severson, Alexander Public School social sciences teacher, want their classmates and community to understand not only how important voting is, but every factor in the process. Working in 5 separate teams, they put together slideshows to show their classmates, which varied depending on grade level, and had the Alexander School bus to take them and any interested community members to the Cartwright, ND, voting station Nov. 5.

Team Who, consisting of William Richards, Jordan Hernandez, and Paiten Iverson, covered all the candidates on the ballot for this November's Federal, State, County, and Local elections, for both Montana and North Dakota.

Team Why, with Paige Delaney, Ellie Johnson, and Julia Bonsteel working together, shared why voting is so important and how one vote really does make a difference. They found that from 1976 to Jan. 5, 2021, more than 85 senate elections were decided by less than 3% of all votes cast. Local elections matter most, carrying their impact down the line to the state and Federal level.

Team When, made up of Shane Cross, McKenzie Suko, and Chanel Chavez, explained how often we are given the opportunity to vote. General elections are held every two years, and presidential elections are held every four years. Primaries are held in June, and the presidential the first Tuesday in November; this year was on the 5th.

Team Where, comprised of Brooke Rykhus, Alexys Pownall, Olivia Vagle, and Jady Henglefeld, found and listed all the locations in McKenzie, Williams, and Richland counties where your vote can be taken and counted in elections.

Team How, included Sean Alfaro, Mya Torres, and Kaylee Waltke and researched how to go about voting once at a polling place. In North Dakota, you do not need to register to vote but will need a valid ID such as your driver's license. In Montana, you are required to register in order to vote. If you are not able to vote at a polling place on election day, you have the option to use an absentee ballot. Some states require a reason to use an absentee ballot, such as travel, disability or illness, work, deployment, or religion.

While the goal of the class's Public Service Announcement was to educate their peers and community, they also found it informative for themselves, as some are now old enough to carry the responsibility of voting and soon will be moving onto their adult lives after graduation. They will be holding their own mock election and have enjoyed the spirited debates and sharing of opinions and perspectives on different aspects of voting and the upcoming elections. They were excited to take part in this election, and hope every eligible citizen was as well.

Construction Substantially Complete On Fairview West Project



MDT constructed a roundabout at the intersection of MT 201 and MT 200. (Photo by Jody Wells)

Submitted by Ella Currier
FAIRVIEW - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Wickens Construction Inc. are wrapping up major operations on the Fairview West project.

The Fairview West project reconstructed six miles of Montana Highway 201 (MT 201), including two miles of new alignment north of Fairview. As part of the realignment, a new intersection was constructed at MT 201 and Montana Highway 200 (MT 200) north of town,

which is expected to reduce commercial traffic congestion in Fairview and enhance motorist safety.

"We're happy to be finishing another successful construction season," said Wickens Construction, Inc. Project Manager Mike Lutes.

"We're grateful to everyone who slowed down and kept an eye out for our crews in the construction zones."

MDT constructed a roundabout at the intersection of MT 201 and MT 200, along with other improve-

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Trump Victory Party: A Celebration Of Patriotism In Glendive



Photo submitted

By Linda Eaton

The spirit of patriotism is alive and well in Glendive, where residents have united every Friday night since early June for a weekly Trump Cruise Rally. Participants gather in the K-mart parking lot, proudly displaying American and Trump flags, transforming the streets of Glendive into a vibrant display of unity and purpose as the Trump Train rolls through town.

As excitement builds, the community is gearing up for a Trump Victory Party on Saturday, Nov. 9, regardless of the election outcome. The festivities will kick off with a final cruise starting at 5 p.m. from the K-mart parking lot, culminating at Club 17, located behind the Wagon Wheel, at 6 p.m. Attendees at Club 17 are invited to enjoy a free-will donation chili supper from 6-8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the supper will support educational programs organized by the Patriots Roundtable in Miles City, extending it to Glendive.

With each cruise, Glendive residents showcase their commitment to preserving freedoms and fostering community spirit. As they come together, they aim to reach out to surrounding areas, inviting everyone to unite and engage in the pursuit of education and shared values. MNAXLP



Busse, Graybill Hold Town Hall In Sidney

Democrat candidate for governor Ryan Busse and democrat candidate for lieutenant governor Raph Graybill held a town hall in Sidney at the Taphouse Bar & Grill on Oct. 29. Busse and Graybill answered questions from voters on a variety of topics including public lands accessibility, the Montana ballot initiatives and property taxes to name a few. Pictured is Ryan Busse explaining that his solution to the property tax issue is to adjust the state modifier rate similar to what the four previous governors did before current governor Greg Gianforte took office. (Photo by Jody Wells)

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Sidney: Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Activities/Cards
Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Sat. daily at 2 p.m.;
Women's Cards: Wed. & Sat. at 1 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

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

AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation..... 1837.7
 Last Week's Elev. 1837.9
 One Year Ago 1840.1
 Release For Day (C.F.S.) 14,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

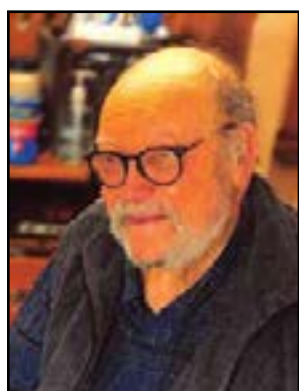
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct. 28	61	31	0.000
Oct. 29	54	34	0.000
Oct. 30	49	18	0.010
Oct. 31	51	16	0.000
Nov. 1	53	22	0.000
Nov. 2	56	18	0.000
Nov. 3	58	33	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	7.650		

OBITUARIES

Donald "Pops" Wayne Ligon, 90, Lambert, MT

Funeral services were Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Lambert School old gym, Lambert, MT, with Pastor Dennis Guger officiating. A family receiving friends service was held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the Christian and Missionary Church, Lambert, MT. "Pops" will be laid to rest in the Lambert Cemetery, Lambert, MT. A luncheon followed services at the Fox Lake Community Center, Lambert, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family.



Donald "Pops" Wayne Ligon

Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

"The Way It Was" Donald "Pops" Wayne Ligon was born on Feb. 8, 1934, to Floyd and Grace (Davis) Ligon. He had two older sisters: Phyllis and Jean. He lived his entire 90 years of life in Lambert. Don attended school in Lambert, graduating in the class of 1952.

He married Margaret (Moen) Ligon on May 10, 1952. They were married for 72 years. To this union were born six children: Denise, Bronwyn, Brian, Dion, Paige, and Louie.

Don had many jobs throughout his lifetime. He farmed after the early death of his father, worked at the sugar beet factory, sold cars, did custom combining, delivered fuel, had a partnership with Allen Thiessen in real estate and school bussing, and a salvage yard with son Dion. In his free time, Don was a pilot, raced cars, and had extensive knowledge and interest in cars, having restored several.

Don passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at his home in Lambert, MT, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his sister Phyllis, his father and mother, his sister Jean Gladowski, grandson Mitchell, daughter Broni, son-in-law Buck Herman, a great-grandson, and a great-great-grandson.

He leaves behind his wife Margaret, daughter Denise Herman, son-in-law Roger Meyer, son Brian (Sandy) Ligon, son Dion (Diane) Ligon, daughter Paige (Craig) Kennedy, and son Louie (Kari) Ligon; as well as 19 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Harold Lloyd Thompson, 97, Watford City, ND

Following Harold's wishes, he will be cremated and there will be no service. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Harold Lloyd Thompson

Harold Lloyd Thompson was born on Aug. 16, 1927, to Doc and Amelia (Goman) Thompson in Baraboo, WI. He was the youngest of nine children.

On Oct. 4, 1949, he married his forever sweetheart, Clarice Thompson, in Reedpoint, MT. They had 75 years together before he passed away on Oct. 24, 2024, at his daughter's home, surrounded by his family under the care of hospice.

To this marriage they had four children: Robert (Mona) Thompson, Lloyd (Bobbie) Thompson, Londa Thompson, and Melodie (Allan) Johnson. He has 12 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sibling, daughter in law, Mona, and two great grandsons, Nicholas and Hunter.

Marlo "Piker" Salsbury, 64 Fairview, MT

Marlo, "Piker", Salsbury, 64, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at St Vincent's Hospital, Billings, MT, with family by his side.

Memorial services will be Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Bill Buckley officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Richland Co. Health Department Offers Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Richland County Health Department is offering clients a customer satisfaction survey in an effort to improve the delivery of services.

The survey is available in hard copy, as a QR code, or a link, and will be offered between Oct. 21 and Nov. 20.

If you have received services at the Health Department in the past 12 months, whether that was in-person, on the phone, or via email, you are encouraged to complete the survey. Survey results will be used to develop quality improvement efforts to better meet the needs of the community.

To access the survey, visit the Health Department Facebook page, or visit <https://forms.gle/1gxV7LU5Y6Rt5Vpz7> or visit the Health Department in person Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m., alternating Fridays.

If you have questions or would like assistance in completing the survey, call 406-433-2207.



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RICHLAND COUNTY
 Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Now-Dec. 2
 5 p.m. - **Notice Of Taxes Due** - The 1st half of all Real Property taxes are due on or before 5 p.m., Dec. 2 to be paid at the County Treasurer's Office, 201 W. Main. If not paid on or before Dec. 2 interest will be added.

Now-Sat., Jan. 11
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **34th Annual MDHC Miniature Art Show** - MonDak Heritage Center. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6 - Jan. 22, 2025
 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Storytime At The Library** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. For more info call 406-433-1917.

Fri., Nov. 8
 6 p.m. - **East Fairview School Turkey Bingo** - Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts 7 p.m. East Fairview School Gym.

Sat., Nov. 9
 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale** - Cinnamon rolls, soup, sandwiches, pie & coffee, crafts & baked goods & gift baskets. Shepherd of the Valley Church.

Sun., Nov. 10
 8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Lambert Fire Department Breakfast Fundraiser** - 8 years & older \$10; 4-7 years: \$5; 0-3 years free. Sidney Moose Lodge.

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - **St. Catherine's Fall Dinner, Fairview** - Roast turkey & roast pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, salads, pie & drink. Free will donation, all are welcome. 317 7th St., Fairview, MT. Carry outs available, call 406-742-5293.

Sun., Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec., 1, 15
 1 p.m. - **Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo** - 11 games, winner take all except Game 6: 50% winner & 50% Sidney Moose Lodge & Moose charities. Public welcome.

Wed., Nov. 13
 6 p.m. - **Rancher Roundtable** - MSU Extension Beef Specialist, Megan Van Emon will discuss toxins in feedstuffs, cattle nutrition during gestation, & more. Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N. Central Ave.

Fri., Nov. 15
 10 a.m.-Noon & 2-4 p.m. - **Pictures With Santa & Buddy The Elf For Your Christmas Cards** - Families welcome, cookies & hot chocolate with be provided. Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, 302 W. Main St.

6-10 p.m. - **Eagle Foundation's Turkey Bingo Fundraiser** - Dinner will be available for purchase from Amy's & a full bar hosted by the Cattle-Ac. Yellowstone Mercantile building.

Sat., Nov. 16
 1-4 p.m. - **Eric Johnson Artist Relief Print Workshop** - Start by transferring your design onto linoleum, then carve it with tools to form your image. Members: \$40; Not Yet Members: \$50. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

6-11 p.m. - **Sidney Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Annual Fireman's Ball** - Great night of fun, dinner provided, dancing & live music. Richland County Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Sidney Fire Station or by messaging them on Facebook.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
 Events in Froid unless otherwise listed. MT.

Sat., Nov. 9
 Noon - **Northeast Montana Land & Mineral Owners Association 50th Annual Meeting** - Free dinner & cake served at noon, meeting at 1 p.m. An election for 2 directors seats will be held & a drawing for a free 2025 membership. Froid Community Center.

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

Wed., Nov. 6, 13
 3:30-4:30 p.m. - **Kids Book Club** - Listen to some awesome stories through chapter books, reading chapter of the books each week. McKenzie County Public Library. For more info call 701-444-3785 or email librarian@co.mckenzie.nd.us.

Fri., Nov. 8, 3-8 p.m., & Sat., Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Men & Women's Show - Outdoor recreation vendors, clothing boutiques, health & wellness companies, & more. McKenzie County Ag Expo. For more info call 701-842-EXPO or email Riley Faller, rfaller@co.mckenzie.nd.us or Chelsea Peterson at chpeter@co.mckenzie.nd.us.

Fri., Nov. 8 - Jan. 4, 2025
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Onesti Krieger - The 11" X 14" Show** - Krieger is a visual artist working in oil & acrylics & paints abstract expressionistic paintings. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

Sat., Nov. 9
 10 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Zen Weaving Class** - Learn the 5 basic knots of tapestry weaving & create a unique 7" x 9" tapestry. Supplies provided, no experience necessary. Ages 10+. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. Cost \$45. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

Tues., Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17; Thurs., Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19
 3:45-5:30 p.m. - **After School Art Experience** - A 5-week class where your child will receive hands-on, interactive, original programming tailored to your child's interests & abilities. Rough Rider Center Coffee Shop Area. Pricing 1 day a week: 1 Child \$80; 2 Children \$140; 3 Children \$190; 2 Days a Week: 1 Child-\$140; 2 Children-\$280; 3 Children-\$425. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/>.

Tues., Nov. 19
 2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions or concerns, call 701-444-3244.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
 Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., Nov. 6
 12-2 p.m. - **Homeschool Hangout** - Williston Library Community Room, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Sat., Nov. 9
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Faith Methodist Church Women's Bazaar** - Caramel rolls: 9-11 a.m.; Luncheon: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Craft/Handiwork/Bake/Jelly Sale: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Silent Quilt Auction: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Faith Methodist Church, 219 1st Ave. W.

Tues., Nov. 12
 6:30-7:30 p.m. - **Poup & Glow** - A candle crafting experience. Choose your favorite scents, get creative & leave with a one-of-a-kind candle. \$40 for non members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info visit <http://www.thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes>.

Sat., Nov. 16
 4:30 p.m. - **Williston Trinity Christian Fall Banquet & Auction** - Featuring Tammy Trent & silent & live auctions. 2419 9th Ave. W. Tickets are \$30 & can be purchased in the school office. For more info call/text or email Shayla Bliss, 719-459-8491, sbliss@wtcsnd.org.

DAWSON COUNTY
 Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Fri., Nov. 8 & Sat., Nov. 9
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Holiday Open House** - Enchanted Room, 222 W. Towne St.

Fri., Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat., Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
2024 Zonta Arts & Crafts Show - EPEC.

Fri., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. - Sun., Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
Holiday Open House - Seasonal items, amazing sales, giveaways & refreshments. Cloud Nine Salon.

Mon., Nov. 11
 8 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Veterans Day Celebration** - Included will be breakfast, color guard presentation at halftime of the DCC men's & women's basketball games. Dawson Community College Campus.

Sat., Nov. 16
 4-8 p.m. - **Pint Night For The Cats: Purr-fection In A Pint** - Support Happy Tails Cat rescues & enjoy a Purrfect Pint! Cross Country Brewing, 320 E. Allard St.

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MSU Extension Cattle Academy Conference Nov. 19-20

Foundation For Community Care Holds 31st Annual Wine & Food Festival

Montana State University Extension is excited to present the Cattle Academy conference in Miles City, MT, Nov. 19-20. Cattle Academy is a regional educational conference that brings together beef cattle producers with the professionals who support them. Cattle Academy aims to educate producers on timely topics, current research from state Extension programs and industry leaders, and innovative technology that relates to beef production and management.

The two-day event is packed with great speakers and topics including Calving Challenges with Dr. Katie Rein and Stella the life-sized cow and calf simulator; Beef Market Outlook; Beef Quality Assurance Certification; Cover Crops and Bale Grazing; Setting Up Newborn Calves for Success; Vitamin A; Range Management; Livestock Water Quality; Optimizing Percent Calf Crop; Estate Planning; and Heifer Development. The Conference will conclude with a dinner and keynote speaker, Taylor Brown from the Northern Broadcasting System.

We are excited to bring this conference to the region and hope you will join us in Miles City. For more information and to register, see the website at <https://animalrangeextension.montana.edu/beef/cattleacademy.html/> or call the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

MSU Extension Rancher Roundtable Slated for Nov. 13

By Marley Voll, MSU Richland County Extension
MSU Richland County Extension office is hosting a Rancher Roundtable: Nutrition, Toxins, and All of the Above workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N Central Ave.

MSU Extension Beef Specialist, Megan Van Emon will be present to discuss toxins in feedstuffs, cattle nutrition during gestation, and more. Bring your questions and plan to attend on Nov. 13.



Bob and Marilyn Thaden, Tongue River Winery, Miles City, offered their local wines for the annual Foundation for Community Care Wine and Food Festival Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Richland County Event Center in Sidney. The winery is the only one in eastern Montana and has been open for 14 years. In addition, Blue Rock Products set up several tables with 24 varieties of wines plus a beer and sangria station (Photos by Jody Wells)



Pictured right: Anil Kara (left) assists stunt and comedian performer Matt Baker (right) in front of a roaring crowd at the annual Foundation for Community Care Wine and Food Festival, Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Richland County Event Center. The event raised \$27,160 to assist with healthcare needs in the community.

Christmas Greetings!



Pictures with Santa & Buddy the Elf for your Christmas Cards!

Friday, November 15th
10am - Noon & 2-4pm

302 W Main Street

Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided. Families are welcome!



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Fall Classes Open For Registration

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November 9 Jingle Grapevine Wreath
November 12-13, 16, 18-19, 25-26 ... Holiday Outdoor Pots
November 30 Balsam Wreath

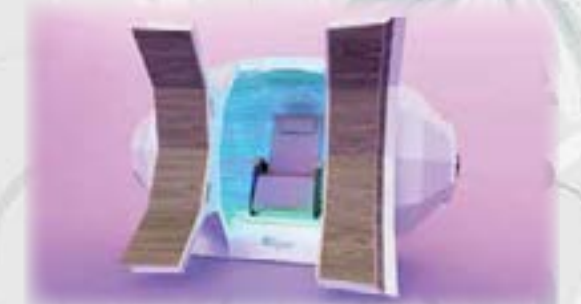


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Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Community Gears Up For Festive Holiday Season With Events Galore

By Lisa Gorder
Project Manager
Sidney Chamber of
Commerce & Agriculture

The countdown to Christmas has begun in Sidney, and the community is excited to celebrate with a series of festive events leading up to the Magical Montana Christmas Festival. From free activities to unique dining experiences, there is something for everyone this holiday season.

Nov. 29: Kicking Off the Festivities

The festivities start with a FREE Open Skating session from 1-3 p.m. at the Richland Ranger Hockey Dome. Families can enjoy a fun afternoon on the ice, perfect for all ages. Later, join Santa for a FREE Movie at the Centre Theatre from 3:30-5:30 p.m., featuring the beloved holiday classic, "The Polar Express".

As the sun sets, the grand finale of the day is the Parade of Lights that will light up Central Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parade lineup begins at 5:30 p.m. at the South Shopko Parking Lot, inviting families to gather and enjoy the festive display of lights and community spirit. The Cutting Edge Dance Studio will once again have the Sunrise City Rockettes performing their entertaining Christmas routine mid-way through the parade.

Nov. 30: Shop Small Saturday and Christmas Crawl

In the heart of Sidney, we are preparing for our annual Shop Small Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This year promises to be extra special, with approximately 40 local vendors setting up shop along West Main Street and inside the Yellowstone Mercantile, each one bursting with holiday spirit and unique gifts just waiting to be discovered. From handmade ornaments to artisanal sourdough and cookies, each vendor will highlight their finest wares, inviting all to step inside and experience the magic of small business shopping. This event encourages residents to support local businesses while children may also participate in a Lego contest sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club allowing attendees to vote for their favorite design. There are 6 categories with a \$100 cash prize for each category. No pre-packaged themed Lego kits can be used, and all designs must begin with a base provided. Stop by the Boys and Girls Club to enter. All entries are due Friday, Nov. 22.

The Christmas Crawl promises an afternoon and evening of merriment from noon to 8 p.m. Shoppers are invited to purchase a \$5 lanyard and shop at participat-

ing businesses in downtown Sidney. Those who complete visiting all the merchants on the lanyard will be entered into a drawing and receive an opportunity to win \$500. Lanyards are available for purchase at the local establishments. Included in the Christmas Crawl is a Christmas Cocktail contest. Participants will eagerly anticipate the chance to indulge in signature holiday cocktails or mocktails specially crafted by local bartenders for the event. We invite everyone to vote on their favorite signature drink. With lanyards in hand and the open container ordinance waived, folks will be allowed to carry their drinks in the designated area between 2nd St. SE (Cattle-ac) and 2nd St. NW (Mimi's Kitchen), the town will be ready to celebrate the holiday spirit and shop the day away in style.

Dec. 3: Giving Tuesday Dinner

The Giving Tuesday Progressive Dinner kicks off at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., featuring a delicious multi-course meal from various participating restaurants, including South 40, Cattle-ac, Meadowlark, The Ranger, and Amy's. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit local nonprofits, including the Sidney Schools Angel Fund, Kiwanis Coat Drive, Foundation for Community

Care, Boys and Girls Club, and Sunrise Women's Clinic. With only 80 tickets available, this event is expected to fill up quickly.

Dec. 5: Eastern Montana Polar Plunge

Join in the fun on Dec. 5 at the Eastern Montana Polar Plunge from 5-7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Watch as law enforcement and Special Olympic athletes take the plunge into icy waters for a worthy cause the Montana Special Olympics.

Dec. 7: The Great String Showdown

Do not miss The Great String Showdown at the Richland County Event Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., with a plated prime rib dinner served at 6 p.m. by chef LeRoy Strasheim. Limited tickets are available, so be sure to secure your spot for this delightful evening of food and community.

Dec. 8: Christmas at the MonDak

Finally, on the 8th, the MonDak Heritage Center is having Christmas at the MonDak. There will be live music, a kid's craft, a bake sale, and photos with Santa.

As Sidney prepares for the holiday season, these events promise to bring joy and togetherness, celebrating the spirit of community in this charming Montana town. Mark your calendars and join in the festivities!



It is truly one of the most wonderful times of the year! For more information on these events, visit the Sidney Chamber of Commerce

website or follow them on Facebook.

Fairview West Project...

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ments, including the reconstruction of the intersection with County Road 350. Further enhancements provided drivers with wider roadways and shoulders, better sight distance, updated and restored pavement markings, and improved signage to safely guide travelers to their destinations.

Roundabouts work well at intersections like the junction of MT 201 and MT 200, where traffic volumes fluctuate throughout the day. By eliminating the need for vehicles to come to a complete stop, roundabouts promote continuous traffic flow during all hours. Drivers simply slow down, look to their left, and merge into the roundabout before traveling around the circle towards their destination.

In the next few weeks, please watch out for crews finishing up shoulder work, like seeding, installing signs, and installing guardrail.

Project Manager Jerry Phillips, MDT Glendive District, expressed appreciation for motorists who were vigilant during the past two construction seasons. "Our road crews worked diligently and safely, but they can only do so much without the attention and care of drivers. We thank everyone who slowed down and respected the 'cone zone' to help protect workers as traffic passed through the project area. We're glad to be on the home stretch and would appreciate your continued caution next spring when we are back out here to chip seal."

Crews will return next spring to apply seal and cover (chip seal) and permanent roadway markings. MDT will get in touch with the schedule and anticipated impacts closer to work resuming.

Visit the project website to learn more: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/fairviewwest>.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback on this project or the public involvement process, please get in touch with Ella Currier at ellac@strategies360.com or 406-465-7198.



Great Northern Events Groundbreaking

Great Northern Events held a groundbreaking ceremony Williston on Oct. 29. Great Northern Events will be a full service event venue for weddings, anniversaries, meetings and other events located in the former Select Ford location in downtown Williston. Shown are (L to R): Brett Donat, EAPC; Jessie Johnson, Bremer Bank; Brandi Nelson, Bremer Bank; Anna Nelson, Williston Economic Development Executive Director; Tess Scully, Scully Design Build; River Lenoir, Jon Scully, Scully Design Build; Dutton Zimmer, Kaytee Zimmer, Howard Klug, Williston Mayor; Tate Cymbaluk, Williston City Commissioner; Shawn Wenko, Williston City Administrator; Mark Schneider, Williston Development Service Director. (Submitted photo)

Letter To The Editor

Biden EV Mandate Bad For Montana Ranching & Farming

As a longtime rancher and legislator, protecting rural Montanans from legislation that infringes upon economic liberties and promotes government interference is my top priority. This is why I vehemently oppose the Biden administration's new tailpipe emissions rule.

The rule dictates that by 2032, at least 56% of new vehicle sales must be Electric Vehicles (EVs). This will severely hurt Montana ranchers, farmers, and workers by increasing personal expenditures to comply with the EPA mandate.

Requiring Montana families to purchase electric cars and/or trucks is simply unfair, especially with the lack of reliability and affordability of these vehicles. Making matters worse, the mandate disregards the lack of proper charging infrastructure across Montana's rural communities. With little to no affordable EV options and being forced to travel greater distances for sufficient recharge, this rule cuts into ranchers' and farmers' ability to live with economic ease.

In a ranching and farming state that produced \$4.54 billion in agricultural products, spanning to more than 24,000 farms and

ranches, Montanans need its political leaders to stand up for this critical industry.

Our Congressional representatives must speak up and stop this federal mandate, including supporting the bipartisan Congressional Review Act legislation. Senator Tester is Montana's only Congressional member that has not yet co-sponsored this legislation, despite touting to be Congress' only active farmer. I urge Senator Tester to stand with Montana ranchers and farmers and oppose the EPA's federal overreach.

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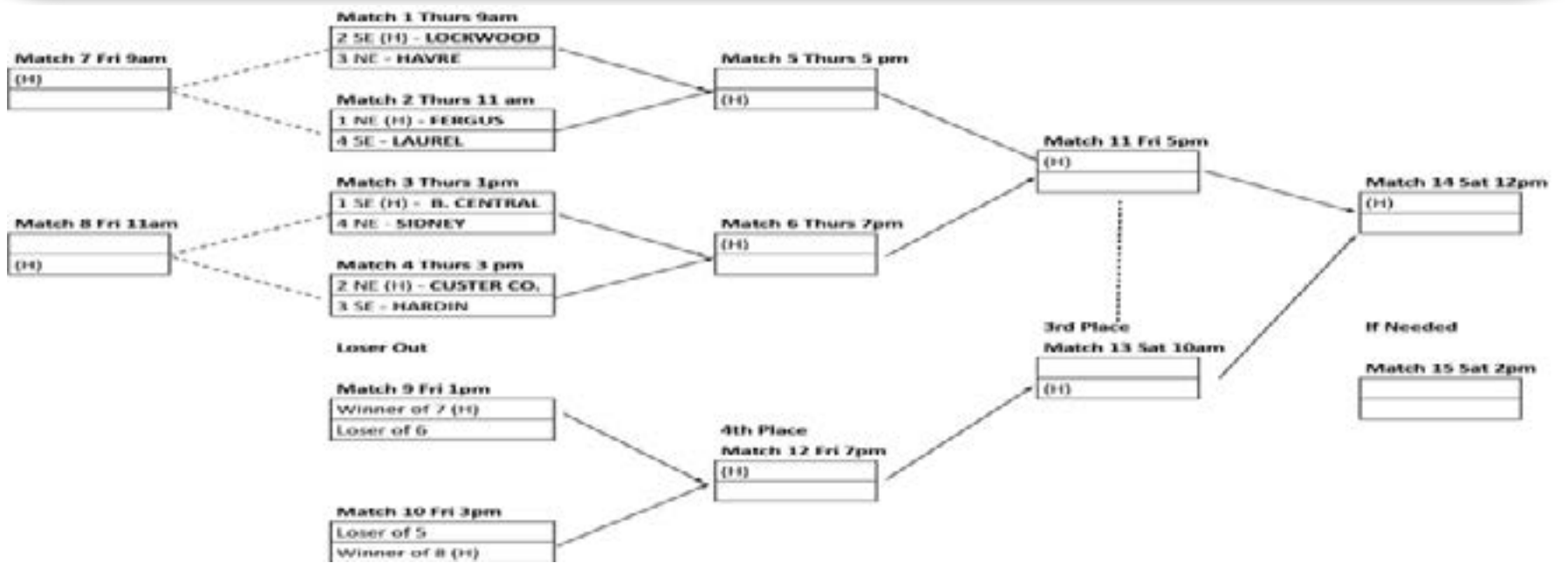


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November 7-9 At Lewistown

November 7th, 1pm vs. Billings Central



Varsity Volleyball Roster:

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

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Fairview Volleyball Team Places 1st at District 2B Tournament



Fairview Warrior sophomore libero Adilyn Baxter serves the ball during the District 2B Championship volleyball match versus Malta in Malta Saturday, Nov. 2. (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)



Fairview Warrior sophomore setter Isabelle Fry looks to set Carly Buxbaum during the District 2B Championship volleyball match versus Malta in Malta Saturday, Nov. 2. (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)



Fairview Warriors are in excellent coverage as senior Kambre Kloker goes up for the kill in the Warrior's first game versus the Poplar Indians at the District 2B Volleyball Tournament in Malta Friday, Oct. 20. (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)

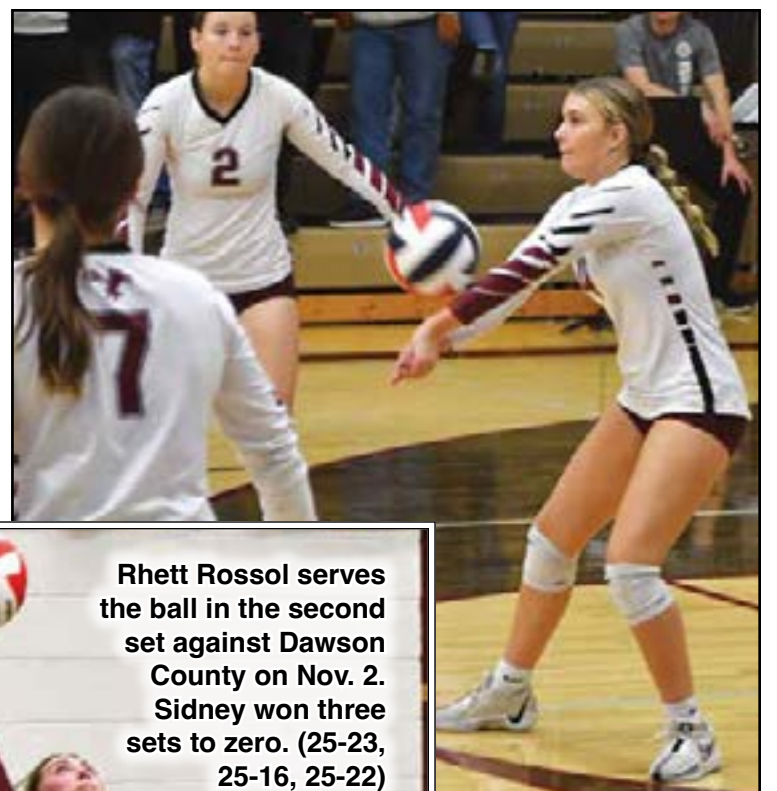


Warrior senior Carly Buxbaum scrambles for the dig in the District 2B Championship volleyball match versus Malta in Malta Saturday, Nov. 2. (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)

Right: Fairview Warrior freshman Gracelynn Free and junior Macy Tjelde get the block against Malta in the District 2B Volleyball Tournament held in Malta. (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)



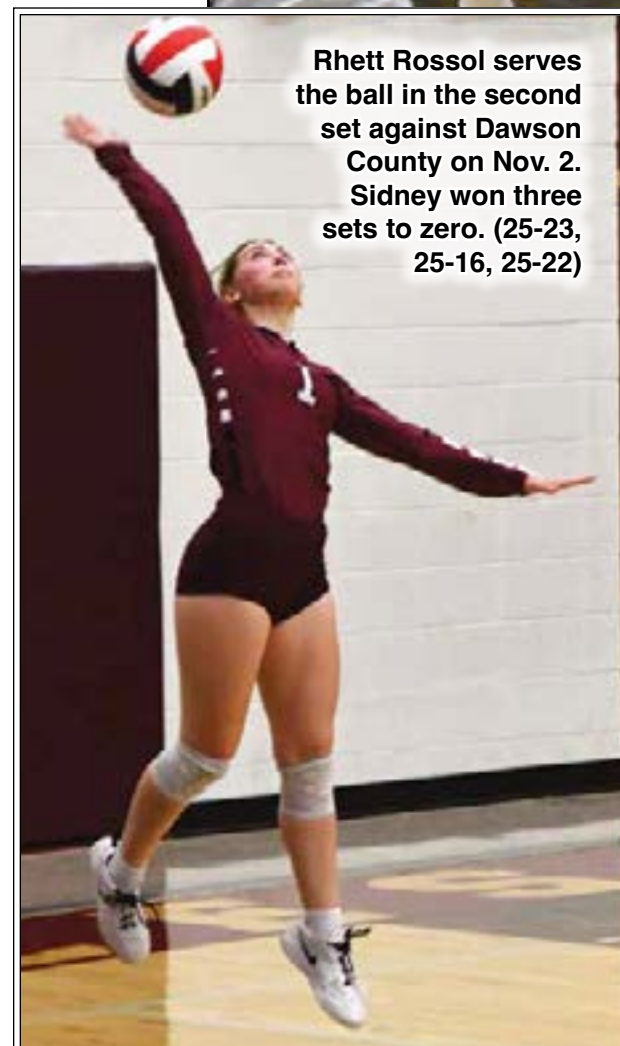
Sidney's Isabell Doty passes the ball in the third set against Dawson County at home on Nov. 2. (Photos by Jody Wells)



Rhett Rossol serves the ball in the second set against Dawson County on Nov. 2. Sidney won three sets to zero. (25-23, 25-16, 25-22)

SHS Volleyball Team Secures Spot In Eastern A Divisional Tourney

The Sidney volleyball team secured a spot at divisionals by defeating Dawson County during a play-in game held at home on Nov. 2. The Eagles will take on Billings Central in Lewistown on Nov. 7.



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Sidney High School Speech, Drama & Debate Team Hosts Season Opener



Sidney High School Speech, Drama & Debate Team

Pictured left - Front row: Tytus Carter, Brooke Watson, and Tyler Frandsen. 2nd row: Mason Quick, William Brinker, Luca Verville, Elicia Snodgrass, and Megan Rachor. 3rd row: Keaton Burke, Cedar Hovde, Ian Pust, Sophie Pust, Emma Pust, and Mackenzie Mumford. Top row: Robert Knotts, Whisper Enriquez, Oliver Slade, Kenny Damm and Ivy Cross. (Photo by Christy Pierce)

Submitted by Christy Pierce
Sidney High School hosted 16 schools plus 140 competitors in the Speech, Drama & Debate season opener. The Speech and Debate team lead by coaches Gail Staffanson and Warren Clark placed 2nd over all in Class A Sweeps.
Extemporaneous: 1st Keaton Burke, 2nd Elicia Snodgrass
Original Oratory: 1st Tytus Carter, 2nd Robert

Knotts
Informative: 1st Mason Quick.
Lincoln Douglas Debate: 2nd Oliver Slade, 4th Ivy Cross, 8th Kenny Damm.
The Drama Team lead by Coach Christy Pierce placed 2nd in over-all Class A Sweeps.

Humorous Theatre: 2nd Cedar Hovde & Brooke Watson.
Pantomime: 2nd Emma Pust, 7th Whisper Enriquez.
Dramatic Theatre: 4th Megan Rachor & Mackenzie Mumford.
The teams head to Custer County next week.

Pictured right: 1st place Tytus Carter, 1st place Keaton Burke, 1st place Mason Quick. (Photo by Christy Pierce)



Fairview Speech, Drama & Debate Team Competes For First Time This Season



(L to R): Evie Karren, Klara Karren, Ivy Slade, Kyra Buckley, Emmalyn Romero. (Photo by Christy Pierce)

Submitted by Christy Pierce
The Fairview Warriors competed for the first time this season in Sidney lead by Coach Sharisse Slade,

with 5 competitors Fairview placed 2nd in Class B Drama Sweeps.
Classic Theatre: 1st Klara Karren & Ivy Slade.
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Fairview Warriors Advance in 8 Player Class C Playoffs



Fairviews Jaden Murphy on defense. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

The Fairview Warriors took care of business on Saturday, Nov. 2 afternoon in the opening round of the 8-man playoffs at Sheridan.

The top-ranked Warriors sprinted to a 28-7 first quarter lead and extended that lead to 57-14 at half-time. The final score ended up at 70-21.

The Warriors put up some eye-popping rushing stats in this game. Wyatt McPherson rushed 9 times for 202 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also added 3 2-point conversions and was 2-3 on PAT kicks. Troy Karst rushed 7 times for 194 yards and 2 TDs while Deacon Gackle, filling in for an ill Tyler Loan at QB, rushed 7 times for 123 yards and 4 TDs. Fairview ran 32 plays for 530 yards and 10 TDs. The Warriors host the Choteau Bulldogs at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov 9, at Starr Field, Fairview.



Wyatt McPherson takes the handoff from quarterback Deacon Gackle and runs it in for a 54-yard Fairview touchdown. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Troy Karst takes the ball up the middle for a 60-yard touchdown. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



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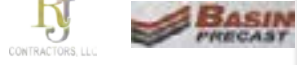
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- **Shop Small Showcase**
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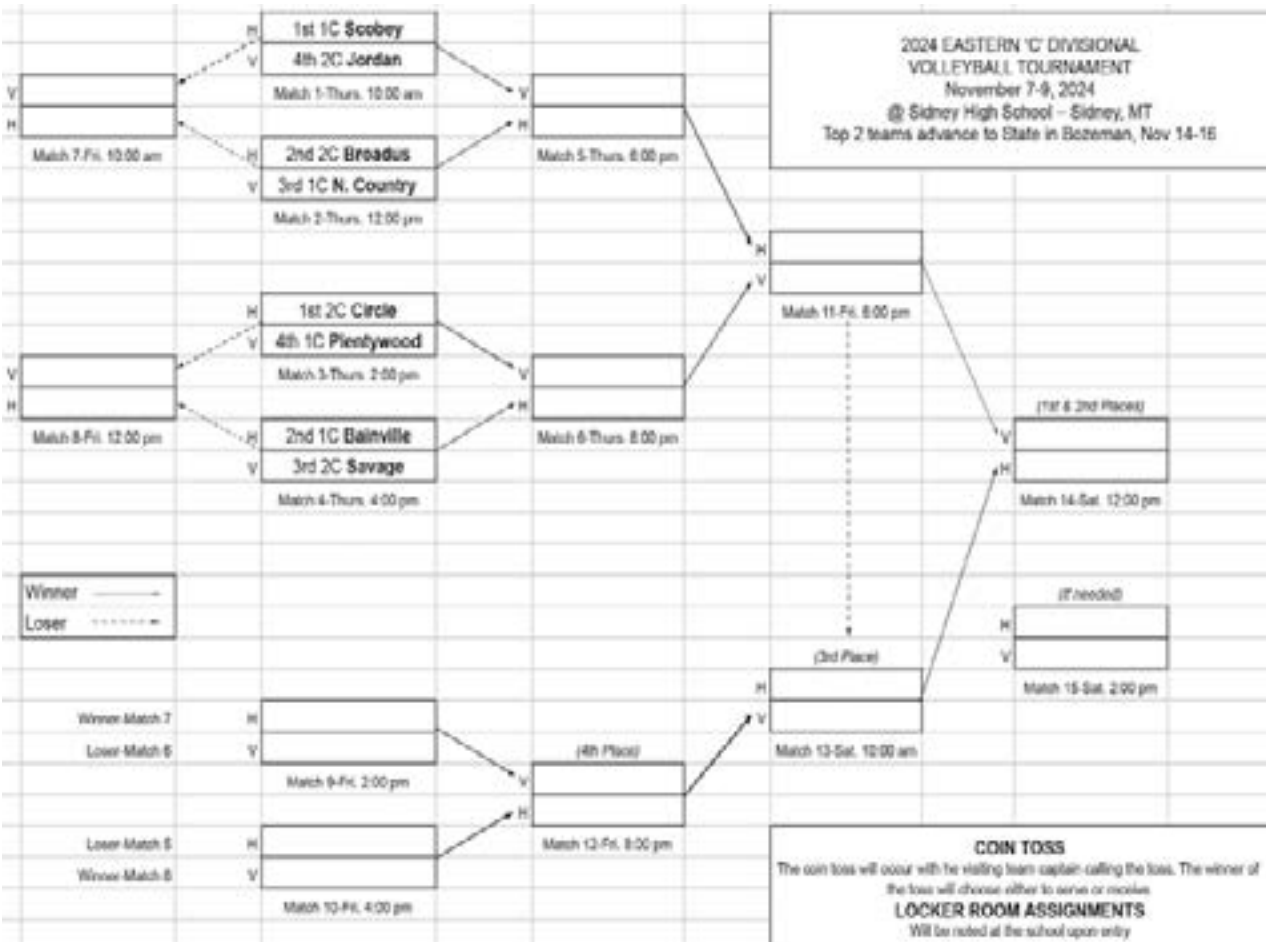
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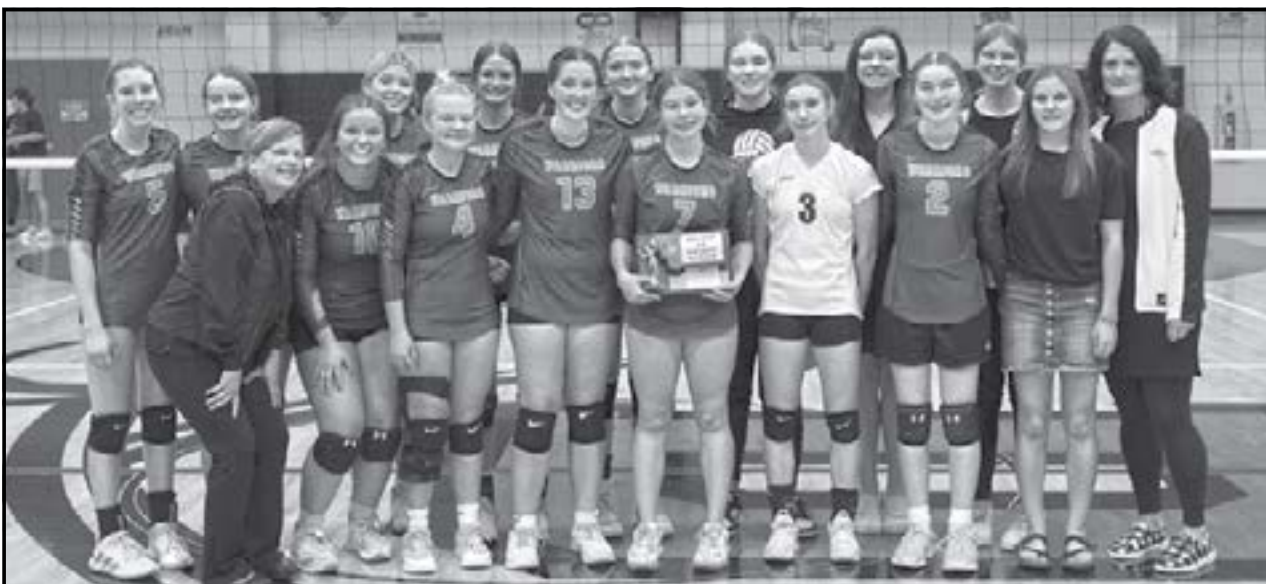
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Bainville VB team with 2nd place plaque from Class C District 1C tournament. Facebook photo

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Savage took 3rd Place at the District 2C Volleyball Tournament (photo by Toni Zieske)

Savage Roster:

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn J. Olson, 80 Dickinson, ND, formerly of Crane

Marilyn J. Olson passed away on Nov. 1, 2024, at Benedictine Living Community, Dickinson, ND. She was born to Clarence and Margaret Bourassa on Nov. 29, 1944, in Scobey, MT. She grew up with her older brother (Ron), whom she was close to throughout her life. Marilyn spent her early years in Whitetail, MT, where she attended primary school, later moving to Spokane, WA, for high school. After graduation, she returned to Montana to join her parents in Crane, where she helped run the family business, the Crane Market.



Marilyn J. Olson

On May 5, 1989, she married Charles J. Olson, gaining a family of her own as a beloved stepmother to Travis, Leif, and Jennifer. The couple moved to a ranch in Pompey's Pillar in 1990, sharing a love for rural life until Charles's passing in 1994.

Marilyn was dedicated to furthering her skills and pursued studies at May Technical College in Billings. After completing her education, she moved to Livingston, where she worked at Livingston Memorial Hospital as a reception clerk in admissions. She retired in 2012, leaving behind a

legacy of kindness and professionalism.

Her faith was a significant part of her life. Marilyn was an active member of her church, serving as church council secretary for five years. She contributed her time to various church activities, including quilting for Lutheran World Relief and helping make lefse for the annual Lutefisk dinners.

Marilyn was also involved in the Livingston community. She volunteered with the Meals on Wheels program and was a regular contributor to Loaves and Fishes, a local food bank. She loved her daily walks around Sacagawea Park, where she found peace and joy in the natural surroundings.

In her spare time, Marilyn loved puzzles, crossword puzzles, and word scrambles, always keeping her mind sharp. Known for her wit and humor, she delighted friends and family with her favorite saying: "When God said brains, I thought he said trains, and I guess I missed mine."

Marilyn will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and commitment to helping others. Her life was a testament to the importance of family, faith, and community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her stepson, Travis; her brother, Ron; her parents, Clarence and Margaret; and several other beloved family members.

Marilyn is survived by her stepson, Leif (Amber), Pompey's Pillar; her stepdaughter, Jennifer (Fidel), Dickinson, ND; her daughter-in-law, Francisca, Watford City, ND; her grandchildren, Mikala, Shiloh, Aaron, and Charles; and various cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 at 10 a.m., at the American Lutheran Church, Livingston, MT. A reception will immediately follow at the church where a light luncheon will be served. The graveside committal will take place following the reception at Mountain View Cemetery, Big Timber, MT, beginning at 1 p.m.

The family invites you to honor Marilyn with a donation to Loaves and Fishes instead of sending flowers.

To offer condolences visit Franzen-davis@franzendavis.com.

Richland County Notice Of Taxes Due

2024 Real Property Tax Statements have been mailed and notice is hereby given that the first half of all taxes levied and assessed with be due and payable on or before 5 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2024, and that unless paid prior to that time the amount then due will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid, and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty.

And that the second half of all taxes levied and assessed with be due and payable on or before 5 p.m. on June 2, 2025, and that unless paid prior to that time the taxes will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid, and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty.

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Lynnette M. Edwards
Personal Representative

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(Publish October 30, November 6 and 13, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE MCKENZIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the **Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room** located at **201 5th St. NW**, Watford City, North Dakota, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding a Conditional Use Permit Request #16-24CUP submitted by West Dakota Water to construct 2 fresh water ponds. The property is located at: S-1, T-149N R-101W, Parcel #020000600 and legal description of S1/2 of NW1/4 Lot 3 EX IT 3294 and lot 4 in McKenzie County, ND. The provisions regarding Conditional Use Permit requests are contained within the McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at www.McKenzieCounty.net. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department. If you are unable to attend

the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until Friday, November 8, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the office of the McKenzie County Planner, 1300 12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to Candy Lundgren at clundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us. You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions. Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Planning and Zoning Board may change the date or time of a meeting by a motion made and passed in advance of the meeting to resolve calendar conflicts. In the event a scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the scheduled meeting and the Planning Director will cause notice of the postponement to be posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Planning and Zoning Website. McKenzie County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the American with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed at the McKenzie County Auditor's Office. Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 17th day of October 2024

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

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(Publish October 30, and November 6, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The McKenzie county planning commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room** located at **201 5th St. NW**, Watford City, North Dakota, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding a final plat for subdivision,

#02-24SUB, per ordinance 5-10-3 of the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance to bring the Ag Expo into compliance. The property is located in S-34, T-150N, R-99W Parcel # 110012700. The provisions regarding Sub-divisions regulations are contained within the McKenzie County Land Development Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at www.McKenzieCounty.net. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

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

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Wed., Nov. 13: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic toast, peaches.

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Mon., Nov. 11: Tater tot hot-dish, green beans, bread, fruit.
Tues., Nov. 12: Chicken a la king, veggie, fruit, biscuits.
Wed., Nov. 13: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit.

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Thurs., Nov. 7: Chicken alfredo, Normandy vegetables, garlic bread.
Fri., Nov. 8: No school.
Mon., Nov. 11: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner rolls.
Tues., Nov. 12: Pulled pork sandwiches, French fries, peas & carrots, mixed fruit.
Wed., Nov. 13: Spaghetti, pineapple tidbits, garlic bread, garden salad.

Froid School
Thurs., Nov. 7: Shrimp-mates, rice pilaf, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Nov. 8: No school.
Mon., Nov. 11: Chili, cinnamon rolls, cheese, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Nov. 12: Potato soup, ham sandwiches, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Nov. 13: Cheeseburger macaroni, buns, veggies, fruit, salad bar.

Bainville School
Thurs., Nov. 7: Ham & cheese sliders, green bean casserole, pears, salad bar.
Fri., Nov. 8: Creamy beef & shells, zucchini, bananas, salad bar.
Mon., Nov. 11: Swedish meatballs, broccoli, pears, salad bar.
Tues., Nov. 12: Quesadillas, peppers, mangoes, salad bar.
Wed., Nov. 13: Lasagna, Caesar salad, grapes, salad bar.

Richey School
Thurs., Nov. 7: Tater tot casserole, rice krispie bars, fruit, salad bar.

Fri., Nov. 8: No school.
Mon., Nov. 11: K-8 (Sack lunch), turkey/cheese subs. 9-12 Street corn, chicken rice bowls, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Nov. 12: Chicken or cheeseburgers, roasted vegetables, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Nov. 13: Lasagna, garlic toast, fruit, salad bar.

Culbertson School
Thurs., Nov. 7: Turkey & cheese croissants, soup.
Fri., Nov. 8: Beef chili, buns.
Mon., Nov. 11: Beef tacos, fruit.
Tues., Nov. 12: Ham & cheese with soup.
Wed., Nov. 13: Chicken & rice, veggie.

Lambert School
Thurs., Nov. 7: Buffalo chicken bake, green peas, fruit.
Fri., Nov. 8: Hobo stew, cheese, buns, fruit.
Mon., Nov. 11: Cheeseburgers, tots, fruit.
Tues., Nov. 12: Chili, cinnamon rolls, fruit.
Wed., Nov. 13: Turkey dinner.

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Thurs., Nov. 7: Pizza pasta, veggie, fruit, cheesy breadsticks, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Fri., Nov. 8: No school.
Mon., Nov. 11: Pork chops, rice pilaf, veggie, fruit, dinner rolls, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Tues., Nov. 12: French dip sliders, fries, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).
Wed., Nov. 13: Homemade pizza, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-12); garden side salad (3-5).

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Thurs., Nov. 7: Egg rolls, rice.
Fri., Nov. 8: No school.
Mon., Nov. 11: No school.
Tues., Nov. 12: Sloppy joes, chips.
Wed., Nov. 13: Taco soup.

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Thurs., Nov. 7: Chicken wings, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
Fri., Nov. 8: No school.
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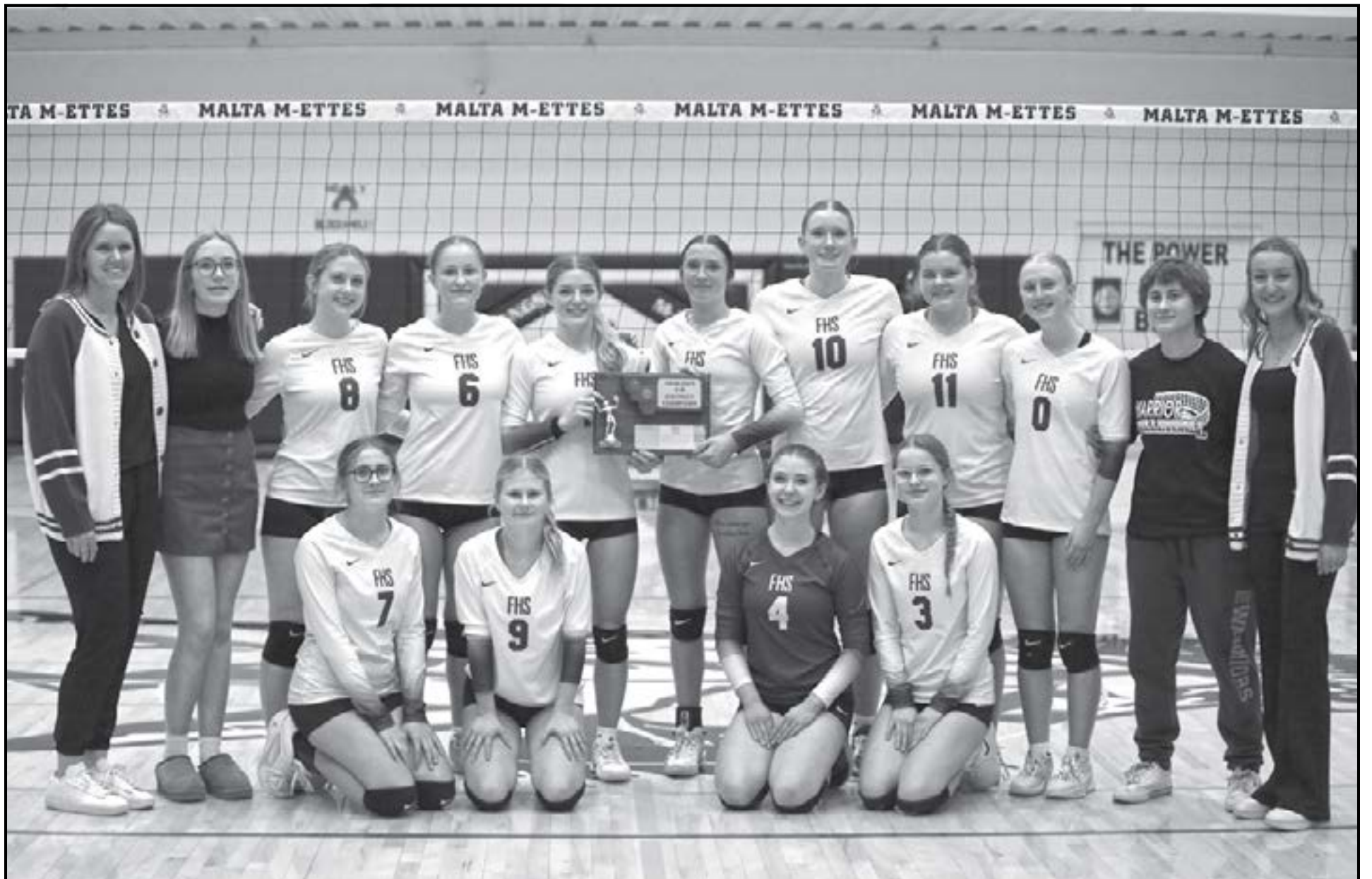


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Kendel Hofer Hunting Legacy

By Katelyn Sponheim

One of five sisters, Kendel Hofer, Williston, ND, had years of duck hunting under her belt before she could even lift a shotgun. Today, she can say she has bagged bucks by bow in North Dakota, elk hunted in Montana, brought down snow geese, and even watched her dad successfully hunt stag in New Zealand.

Her grandfather,

Charles Nehring, made hunting a family priority. Both he and his wife, Persis, were excellent shots, competition winning even for his part. Her grandmother encouraged the girls by "cleaning" their faux play game, and everything they packed home from their early hunting adventures, from pigeons to gophers. Kendel fondly remembers pretending to duck hunt with her

siblings while her dad and grandfather did the actual shooting, and younger sisters falling asleep amongst the reeds while they waited. Every fall, her grandpa picked her up early from school for deer opener. Helping his granddaughters fill their tags was a point of pride for him. Once after helping Kendel push brush for a buck she had scouted all summer, he made sure

to tell her that he could have shot him, but out of love for her, didn't. He had choice words however when ducks were shot out from under him; even as his sight failed from cataracts.

Family vacations were almost always a hunting trip growing up, and even as an adult they still choose to make them so. Last fall, the Nehring-Hofer family sacrificed two elk hunting seasons to travel to New Zealand to fulfill her father, Dennis Nehring's, dream of hunting stag. The successful hunt was well worth passing on last and this fall's elk season, and they are looking forward to a full season of

pheasant hunting close to home.

Kendel loves bird hunting behind a dog, and grew up with Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, and then Labrador Retrievers. They transitioned to hunting German Shorthaired Pointers at one point, and today she hunts a German Wirehaired Pointer named Hatchet. Hatchet is a bit more laid back than a German Shorthair in her opinion, and the thicker coat helps her with waterfowl conditions as well. Her dad often steals Hatchet for his own hunts.

Kaston and Kannan, Kendel and her husband Leroy's boys, have been tag-

ging along since they could walk. They enjoy shooting and helping wherever they can. Once when elk hunting, Kasten was so excited about his grandpa and dad taking off running after them with all the packs and left Kendel to bring the horses on her own. His excitement, and impressive surefootedness with extra gear, made the harvest all the more special.

Conservation is deep in the hearts of Kendel's family, and on their ranch, they are careful to preserve the animal populations that call it home. Each sister that

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Kendel Hofer hunting elk during archery season in the Little Belt Mountains. Archery guides RT and Watson Snyder are pictured to the right of Hofer. Photo by Kelsey Hofer.



Kannan Hofer's first pheasant, with Grandpa Dennis. (Photo submitted)

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Hunters Encouraged To Have Deer Tested For CWD

By Game and Fish Department News
The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will continue its Hunter-Harvested Surveillance program during the 2024 hunting season by sampling deer

for chronic wasting disease from select units in the north-eastern portion of the state. Samples will be tested from deer taken from units 1, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F1, 2K1, 2K2, 2L, 3A4 and 3B2. Outside of this area, hunters can

still have their animal tested by taking it to a Game and Fish district office, deer head collection site or by using a self-sampling kit. CWD is a slow-moving brain disease of deer, moose and elk that can cause pop-

ulation-level impacts under high infection rates. Hunters are encouraged to drop off heads of adult or yearling deer at collection locations listed on the department's website at gf.nd.gov. Fawns and head-

shot deer cannot be tested. Hunters wishing to keep the heads can bring them to a Game and Fish district office during business hours to have them sampled. Self-sampling kits are available for hunters who wish to have their deer tested but are unable to drop the head at a collection site. The do-it-yourself kit allows hunters to remove the lymph nodes and ship them to the department's wildlife health lab for testing.

Results can be expected within four weeks and will be sent to your Game and Fish My Account inbox. Hunters should note that carcass disposal requirements apply statewide. The entire carcass can be transported outside of the gun unit where it was harvested. If transported out of the gun unit, the carcass waste (material left after processing) must be disposed of via landfill or waste management provider. This requirement does not apply to heads dropped at CWD collection sites, or lymph nodes submitted for CWD surveillance.

Game and Fish Monitoring EHD-related Mortality

By Game and Fish Department News
Since late August, wildlife biologists have been monitoring scattered reports of white-tailed deer found dead in a portion of south-western North Dakota. Epizootic hemorrhagic disease was confirmed in a number of these cases.

"EHD is a viral disease transmitted by biting gnats," said Dr. Charlie Bahnsen, Game and Fish wildlife veterinarian. "We see a low level of EHD most years. It typically stays fairly localized, but every so often it can intensify into a significant die-off. The combined outbreak in 2020 and 2021 was probably the worst in memory, with extensive mortality across much of western North Dakota. So far, we're nowhere close to that level, but we have received around 20 reports, primarily focused across northern Stark County. We're hopeful that cold temperatures over the weekend will help slow things down, but it typically

takes a series of hard frosts to kill the gnats and completely end an outbreak." Game and Fish is asking for assistance to better track the extent and severity of this year's outbreak. The public is encouraged to report any sick or dead deer through an online reporting system. "In some cases, we may need to collect samples off fresh carcasses, so please notify the department as soon as possible," Bahnsen said.

Hunters should report any dead deer along with photos, if possible, to the Game and Fish Department through the online wildlife mortality reporting system at gf.nd.gov/mortality-report.

Hunters, Recreationists Asked to be Aware of Fire Conditions

EHD primarily affects white-tailed deer, but other big game species are susceptible. The virus is not a danger to humans, however, hunters should not shoot or consume a deer that appears sick.

By Game and Fish Department News
State wildlife and outdoor recreation agency officials said a weekend of historic fires in western North Dakota delivered a stark reminder to hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts about the need to be acutely aware of dry conditions while recreating outdoors.

While the need to be aware of the daily fire index is standard for hunters and state park visitors in North Dakota in fall, it's especially true now considering the conditions and the fact that many hunters will be in the field for the pheasant season opener and hundreds of campers will visit North Dakota state parks this weekend.

"While hunters are always our eyes and ears in North Dakota's rural areas in fall, it will be especially true this weekend with the highly anticipated pheasant season opening," said Jeb Williams, North Dakota Game and Fish Department Director. "We encourage hunters who spot a fire caused by whatever means to report the situation immediately to law enforcement officials. We also encourage hunters to carry fire extinguishers, shovels, water and other tools. And it goes without saying to extinguish and discard smoking materials appropriately, not from a vehicle."

Williams added that individuals who are not trained firefighters should not attempt to fight a fire that is out of control. "Anyone recreating outdoors is asked to remain vigilant as dry conditions and wildfire risk remains high," said North Dakota Parks and Recreation Director Cody Schulz. "We are grateful for the numerous first responders, local officials, and landowners for their efforts to battle these wildfires, and we encourage everyone that if they see something – a spark that ignites nearby grasses, or smoke in any vegetation or trees – to say something immediately by calling 9-1-1."

An elevated fire danger index in most counties will likely influence outdoor activities. The most current wildfires and fire danger index can be found at NDRResponse.gov. Conditions can change daily depending on temperature, wind and precipitation forecasts.

- For those recreating outdoors this fall:
- Be aware of current burn restrictions.
 - Make sure your chains aren't dragging when hauling boats, campers or trailers.
 - Don't drive or park vehicles on dry grass - this includes OHVs.
 - Never leave campfires unattended and be sure they are completely extinguished.

The daily rural fire danger index is issued by the National Weather Service to alert the public to conditions that may be conducive to the accidental starting or spread of fires. In addition, county governments have the authority to adopt penalties for violations of county restrictions related to burning bans. These restrictions apply regardless of the daily fire danger index and remain in place until each county's commission rescinds the ban.

Some Whitetail Hunters Can Seek Refunds

By Game and Fish Department News
The state Game and Fish Department is allowing hunters with whitetail or "any" deer gun licenses in several units in western North Dakota the option of turning those licenses in for refunds.

Casey Anderson, wildlife chief, said the decision is based on scattered reports of white-tailed deer mortality caused by epizootic hemorrhagic disease that began in late August. Hunters with antlered whitetail, antlerless whitetail, any antlered and any antlerless licenses, are eligible for refunds in units 3D1, 3D2, 3E1, 4B, 4C, and 4D. Hunters who return their licenses

will have their bonus points restored, if applicable, to the same number of points prior to the 2024 deer gun lottery. "Compared to previous years, this outbreak appears mild and less extensive," Anderson said. "However, it's possible that some hunters could notice an impact in localized areas."

Department staff will continue to monitor reports to determine if licenses in additional units should become eligible for refunds due to the EHD outbreak. Hunters and landowners should report any dead deer along with photos, if possible, to the department through the online wildlife mortality reporting system, at gf.nd.gov/mortality-report.

Before deciding to turn in a license, Anderson urges license holders to make local contacts to find out the extent of mortality in their hunting unit. "Most areas within these units have not been heavily affected and a good deer harvest is still needed," he said. "But a little scouting and a phone call or two will help to make an informed decision."

License holders who qualify and want a refund must mail their tag, along with a note requesting a refund due to EHD, to the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck office no later than Nov. 8. Envelopes postmarked Nov. 8 will be accepted. EHD, a naturally occurring virus that is spread by a biting midge, is often fatal to infected white-tailed deer, while mule deer do not usually die from the disease. Hunters do not have to worry about handling or consuming meat from infected deer because the virus that causes EHD is not known to cause disease in humans. In addition, the first series of hard frosts typically kills the midge that transmits the EHD virus and will slow or halt the spread of the disease.

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Prevent Wildfires While Operating ATVs And UTVs

NDSU Extension, the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department remind all ATV and UTV drivers to help prevent wildfires when operating ATVs and UTVs.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs) can be a great resource for work or play for many user groups across North Dakota. However, due to the high fire risk in many locations across the state, they can also be a cause of concern if precautions are not followed while operating.

To protect people and property, NDSU Extension, the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department are encouraging ATV and UTV owners to practice fire prevention techniques to prevent injuries and fire risks.

"All it takes is one spark to start a fire, whether that occurs while driving an ATV or UTV in a crop field, riding a fence line with tall, dead grass, or from simply parking the vehicle in an area with tall grass," says Angie Johnson, North Dakota State University Extension farm and ranch safety coordinator. "Focusing on personal safety, such as

always wearing a helmet during every ATV ride, and always wearing your seat-belt when driving and riding as a passenger in a UTV is incredibly important, but we must also be diligent in protecting property by practicing fire prevention techniques with our vehicles."

Since ATVs and UTVs are used in agricultural, recreational and hunting settings, all ATV and UTV operators are asked to place personal and fire safety first during every ride – no matter the purpose of your ATV/UTV ride.

"We all play a role in preventing wildfires, especially under current conditions," says Tony Hillig, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department division chief. "To stay vigilant, we ask all riders to stay on designated trails, respect fire restrictions and keep your vehicle well-maintained to reduce the risk of starting a wildfire."

North Dakota Game and Fish Department communications supervisor, Greg Freeman, agrees that

all ATV and UTV operators must work together to protect our resources.

"Always know what the fire danger index and county burn restrictions are in your area before venturing out into the field," says Freeman. "If you see something, report the situation immediately to law enforcement authorities."

To identify the burn restrictions in your area, visit <https://ndresponse.gov/burn-restrictions-fire-danger-maps>.

Fire prevention recommendations when using ATVs and UTVs:

- Be sure chains and other metal parts are not dragging from your vehicle, as they can they throw sparks.
- Check your tire pressure. Driving on an exposed wheel rim can cause sparks.
- Stay on trails and avoid riding or parking in tall grass. Hot exhaust pipes can start the grass on fire. You may not even notice the fire until it is too late.
- Never let your brake pads wear too thin as met-

al-on-metal causes sparks.

- Make sure your spark arrester is installed and free of carbon build up.

- Riders should carry a shovel and a water source or fire extinguisher when operating in high- or extremely-high fire conditions.

Johnson also encourages ATV and UTV owners to keep their vehicles clean to ensure rider safety and fire prevention.

"Take the time to clean your ATVs and UTVs, as plant seeds, leaves and stems can accumulate in certain areas of the machine, such as the undercarriage, frame and even the exhaust system, leading to an increased risk of fire," says Johnson.

Review the owner's manual for the machine to determine the best steps for cleaning the machine, being mindful of electrical components that may be sensitive to moisture.

"Heavy use of an ATV or UTV often leads to accumulation of debris, which can mask mechanical problems that could be easily identified on clean vehicles," states Johnson. "Cleaning the vehicle to perform a regular check-up for maintenance and to reduce risk of fire hazards is a good practice. It also helps the operator ensure that the machine is



To protect people and property, NDSU Extension, the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department are encouraging ATV and UTV owners to practice fire prevention techniques to prevent injuries and fire risks. (Photo courtesy of Bobcat Company)

in good condition for a safe riding experience."

While geared towards preventing the spread of crop pests, such as noxious and invasive weed seeds, NDSU Extension's

fact sheet on ATV clean-

up and sanitation at nds.gov/ATVcleaning, contains helpful guidance on cleaning procedures for all ATV and UTV owners, which can also help prevent fires.

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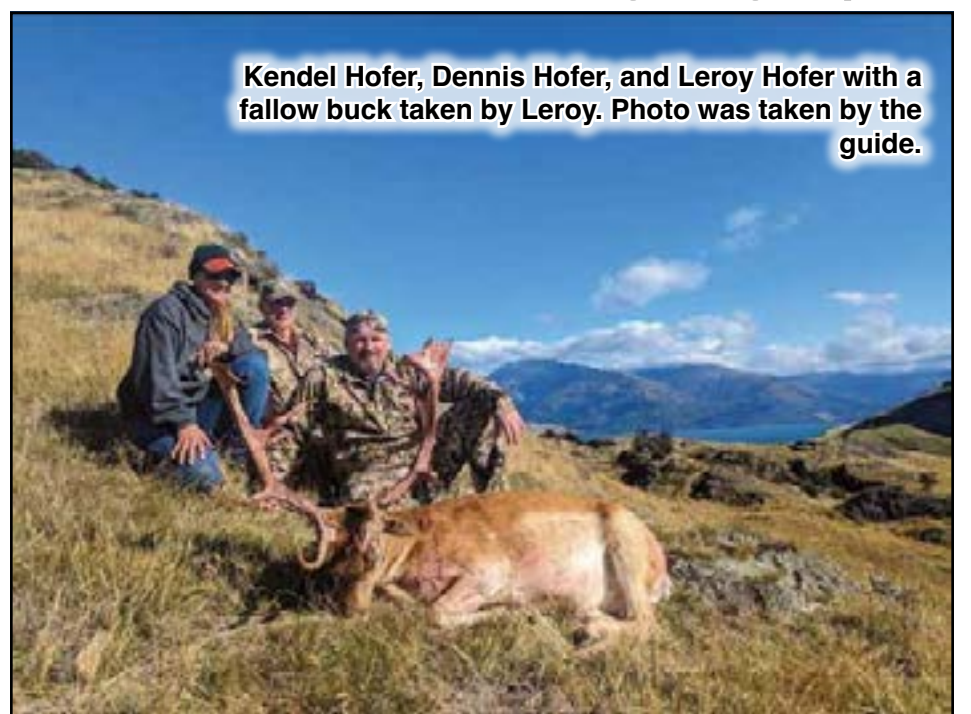
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Kendel Hofer, Dennis Hofer, and Leroy Hofer with a fallow buck taken by Leroy. Photo was taken by the guide.

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wishes to deer hunt will take a turn claiming a buck each year, and they do not harvest bucks below a certain size to ensure young ones get the years to grow into a mature animal. Bluetongue Disease has ravaged their area, and they hope to encourage the animals that have survived to thrive. They also trap coyotes to further assist the deer and prey animal populations.

Good luck this fall to Kendel and her family on their hunts, and thanks to their care, it's a good winter to be a deer, pheasant, or rabbit on the Nehring-Hofer Ranch!



Kannan Hofer and Hatchet with a Canadian Goose, taken by Kendel Hofer.



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