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Scooter's Is Coming To Sidney

Scooter's is in the midst of a rapid expansion across the United States into many regions they have not previously had a presence.

When Leif and Teresa Anderson, Sidney, learned there would be a franchise opportunity in Sidney, they felt it might be a good fit and also wanted to see the franchise under local ownership rather than the trend of outside companies owning the franchises in smaller communities. They had both been to the Scooter's in Fargo ND, and thought it could be something the Sidney community would appreciate.

The manager is in place and the staff has been hired. Currently, the plan is to open Feb. 13. Hours of operation are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days a week. To check out the menu visit ScootersCoffee.com or even better, download the app on your phone!

Scooter's Coffee was born in 1998 when co-found-



ers Don and Linda Eckles began an amazing journey when they opened their first drive-thru coffeehouse in Bellevue, NB. Their keys to success: find a great

location and stay committed to high quality drinks, speed of service, and a BIG smile. Scooter's Coffee is fortunate to have over two decades of success due

to its commitment to the original business principles and company core values. The co-founders' daughter was nicknamed "Scooter" and, when naming the com-

pany, "Scooter's" became the favorite. It fit well with their mission to keep customers happy by helping them "scoot in and scoot out" quickly.

Sidney City Council Seeks Replacement For Alderman Stevenson

By Lisa Gorder

The Sidney City Council is seeking applicants to fill the vacancy created by Alderman Joe Stevenson's upcoming departure from his Ward 1 seat. Stevenson, who has served on the City Council for nearly four years, will continue in his position until a replacement is found, ensuring a smooth transition as the council navigates the process of selecting a new member.

Stevenson, who has been a dedicated public servant throughout his tenure, has agreed to remain in office until a replacement is appointed or until he no longer qualifies for the position. His willingness to serve during this interim period offers the Council flexibility in meeting the important task of selecting a new representative for Ward 1.

In an official letter, Sidney City Council President Tami Christensen thanked Stevenson for his service, noting the important role that local government members like him play in helping the community flourish. "It is because of dedicated public servants that bring unique perspectives like you that our local government thrives," Christensen wrote.

With Alderman Stevenson's seat still active until Dec. 31, 2027, the Sidney City Council has opened the process for interested candidates to submit letters of interest. Those interested in filling the position must be qualified electors of Ward 1 and are invited to submit their applications to the City Council by Jan. 30, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Letters of interest should include:

The applicant's primary residence address in Ward 1

An outline of the qualifications for the appointment

A personal statement about why they believe they are the best candidate to serve the community as a City Council member

After the deadline, the City Council will review all submissions, conduct interviews if necessary, and make a final decision at an open, regular Sidney City Council meeting. The individual appointed to the position will serve until the next general municipal election in November 2025, at which point the voters of Sidney will elect a representative to finish the remaining term.

For more information on the qualifications, duties, or responsibilities of a City Council member, or

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MNAXLP

Weeks Named Tri-County Regional Development Council New Executive Director



Cyrena Weeks. (Photo submitted)

Submitted by Tri-County Regional Development Council

Tri-County Regional Development Council voted at their October meeting to promote Cyrena Weeks to the executive director position effective Dec. 1, 2024.

Weeks, will take over for Everette Enno, who has been at TCRDC for 22 years, 18 years as the executive director.

Weeks, born and raised in Williston spent 10 years in Bismarck working for the State of North Dakota in Workforce Development and Economic Development and Finance and a variety of other leadership positions, and even working a 1,000 head milking operation in Milnor, ND.

In 2008, she and her

family moved back to Williston to be closer to parents and family.

"It was exciting to move back home in 2008 when the oil boom was taking off again, watching my small town grow into what we are currently. I've had the pleasure of seeing infrastructure develop in areas of town that were just dirt fields and enjoy all that the Bakken Formation has brought to Williston."

In 2021, she was employed as the Economic Recovery Coordinator at TCRDC, and has since obtained her bachelors in business administration from Grand Canyon University.

Cyrena has two sons; Ben, who attends Williston State College and Chris, who lives in Spearfish, SD,

with his wife, Amber and Cyrena's first grandchild, Emery.

"I'm thrilled about the opportunities in this new role - helping Williams, McKenzie, and Divide counties to grow and prosper."

Tri-County Regional Development Council is one of eight regional councils in North Dakota. Created through legislation in 1988. TCRDC provides assistance to public and private sectors, helping them to utilize federal and state programs.

Weeks is also a Small Business Development Center business advisor and eagerly looks forward to meeting with clients and assisting entrepreneurs to realize their dreams.

MT Department of Commerce Awards City of Sidney \$20,000

Submitted by Montana Department of Commerce

HELENA, MT – The Montana Department of Commerce has announced that four Montana communities will share \$100,000 in grant funding to regenerate Main Street businesses and downtowns. The funding is through Commerce's Montana Main Street Program.

"Montana Main Street Program funding helps communities strengthen and preserve their historic downtown commercial districts through community development, revitalization and historic preservation," said Paul Green, Montana Department of Commerce director. "The Main Street program promotes local efforts through a statewide network of educational outreach, coordination and organization to support Main Street communities throughout Montana."

The MMS Program works with local partners to identify and plan for a community's greatest development needs and provides seed money to help implement high-impact projects.

Communities that will receive MMS grant funding:

The City of Bozeman will receive \$30,000 for the I-Ho Pomeroy Peace Park project.

The City of Butte will receive \$20,000 for the Re-Lighten Up Butte Headframes project.

The City of Glasgow will receive \$30,000 for the Phase

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RCSC To Sponsor Hansen Benefit Pickleball Tournament Feb. 1-2

By Robyn Heck

The Richland County Sports Complex (RCSC) is now holding registration for a Pickleball Tournament that will take place on Feb. 1-2. The RCSC is located in Sidney at 1281 S. Central Ave.

Pickleball, the fastest, growing paddle sport that is sweeping the nation, is proving to be more than just a game. It's becoming a powerful way to bring communities together for a good cause.

This tournament is a fundraiser for Sidney High School graduate Taylan Hansen's International English Program trip. She will be traveling to Costa Rica for a mission trip. The tournament coordinator, Terry Roth said, "All proceeds go to Taylan's trip. There is a limit of 8 teams per division.

The deadline to enter is Wednesday, Jan. 29.

There will be prizes awarded for the winners. The registration fee is \$20 per player per division. Teams can have two or three players and substitutes are allowed. There will be a beginners 2.0 doubles division and also men's, ladies, and mixed doubles division in the 3.0+. The 2.0 division, is a beginner level for new players that are learning the game. The 3.0+ division is for more experienced and skilled players.

For more information contact tournament coordinator Terry Roth at 406-489-3285.

You can also check out the Richland County Sports Complex Facebook page or the Pickleball Peep Squad Facebook page. (This is

a Facebook group for local Pickleball players.). You could also join the RCSC Pickleball Team Reach app.



Taylan Hansen. (Facebook photo)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
I have a dream

RCT will be closed Monday
January 20th

Bergstedt Fundraiser
January 19th • 5-7pm

Come & Go Free Will Donation
Meal of Soups & Cinnamon Rolls

Silent Auction
(ending at 6:45pm)

Faith Alliance Church
(301 E Main • Sidney, MT)

Suzie Bergstedt was recently diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma. This fundraiser is to help with medical costs.

Contact LeeAnn Strasheim (406-480-3732) or Brielle Larson (406-480-0566) to donate to the silent auction.

Please Join Us
To Celebrate
DUANE HANSON'S
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Card Shower & Open House

Sat, Jan 25th • 2-4pm

Fairview Alliance Church
702 Western Ave • Fairview, MT

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

Sakakawea

Current Elevation.....	1835.0
Last Week's Elev.....	1835.0
One Year Ago.....	1838.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 6	13	5	0.000
Jan. 7	17	5	0.000
Jan. 8	39	10	0.100
Jan. 9	34	21	0.000
Jan. 10	38	12	0.000
Jan. 11	37	3	0.040
Jan. 12	7	-3	0.000
Total 2025 YTD Precipitation.....	0.14		

OBITUARIES

Malachi Struckman, 17 Dickinson, ND

Private Family Services for Malachi Struckman, 17, Dickinson, ND, will be held at Stevenson Funeral Home, Dickinson, ND. Burial will follow at a late date.

Malachi passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025 in Dickinson.

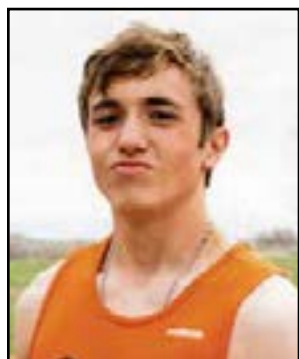
Malachi Mark Struckman was born March 17, 2007 in Bismarck, ND, to William Struckman and Sarah Willman. He grew up in Dickinson and was a student at Dickinson High School. Malachi had a passion for running and excelled in track. He loved all vehicles, electronics, and tinkering with his car; he dreamed of becoming a mechanic. Malachi had put many miles on his prized Buick Regal driving back and forth to his family's ranches between Savage, MT, and Almont, ND. Malachi was always known for his "I have no idea" response whenever he was asked where something was. He was the best brother to Bridget and Enoch, and always made sure to help his mom around the house. Malachi will be deeply missed by his family.

Malachi is survived by his mom, Sarah Willman (Bryan Smith), Dickinson, father, William Struckman, Havre, MT; sister, Bridget Willman, Dickinson; brother, Enoch Willman, Dickinson; grandparents, Gary and Kim Willman, Almont, Carol Struckman, Savage, MT; great-grandparents, Vernon and Geraldine Dittus, Almont; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandpa, William "Bill" Struckman.

In Malachi's final words, "Have you checked your oil lately?"

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at stevensonfuneralhome.com.



Malachi Struckman

Bakken Area Skills Center Presents Trades Industry Day Jan. 16

All area high school students are invited to attend TRADES Industry Day, Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Bakken Skills Center, 2112 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City.

This event will focus on trade careers that offer on-the-job training and/or apprenticeships. Learn what these in-demand jobs are all about and how you can get started in a profession like this.

The businesses and job positions are:
McKenzie Electric Coop: lineman, diesel mechanic and substation technician;

Trotter Construction: mechanic, diesel mechanic, heavy equipment operators, lube technician, truck driver, transport driver;

SMART (Sheet Metal/Air/Rail Transportation): HVAC installers or service technicians;

McCody Concrete: PreFab concrete careers;

Delta Constructors: general contracting, mechanical services, electrical, fabrication/welding, plant maintenance;

Local 49: heavy equipment operators, crane operators. RSVP if you plan to attend, 701-444-3626.

Bismarck Rotary Wrestling Results, Jan. 10-11

- Sidney-Fairview Varsity**
107# - Tyson Syth, 5th
133# - Brenner Mullin, 3rd
139# - Aaron Schmitz, 3rd
145# - Reece Graves, 1st
172# - Ty Schepens, 8th
215# - Thor Fulgham, 8th
- Girls**
136# - Makala Dewitt - 8th
- Watford City Girls**
100# - Cora Sorenson, 7th
- Varsity**
152# - Brier Arnegard, 3rd
285# - Sam Inman, 7th
- JV Results**
95A - Hazen Foss, Sidney, 2nd
95C - Henry Maurer, Sidney, 2nd
107C - Eli Lonski, Sidney, 1st
114B - Gunner Wahus, Watford City, 3rd
114C - Bodee Bright, Sidney, 1st

- 121A - Malakai Wendlandt, Watford City, 2nd
139B - Wyatt Boekelman, Watford City, 1st
145B - Deegan Skaggs, Watford City, 2nd
152A - Brody Keysor, Sidney, 1st
152C - Lance Allen, Sidney, 1st
160C - Jason Sorteberg, Sidney, 2nd
160D - Cody Crooks, Sidney, 1st
160D - Trayden McKee, Sidney, 4th
172B - Hayden Pastrano, Watford City, 4th
189C - Cooper Fulgham, Sidney, 2nd
189D - Shane Goergen, Sidney, 2nd
215C - Waylon Schieffer, Sidney, 3rd
285D - Toren Gonzalez, Sidney, 2nd

MT Department of Commerce...

(Continued from page 1) 5 Wayfinding project.

The City of Sidney will receive \$20,000 for a downtown master plan.

In 2023, the City of Sidney received \$50,000 of MMS grant funding for the restoration of the historic Yellowstone Mercantile building to install windows and doors.

"As a result of the Montana Main Street Program, Sidney has made significant strides in revitalizing its community with the restoration of the historic Yellowstone Mercantile building, which serves as a vital landmark for the downtown area. By focusing on strategic planning and partnerships, we

aim to continue leveraging MMS to create a downtown master plan that will enhance the region's appeal for local businesses and social capital," said Kali Godfrey, Sidney Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Currently, there are 38 Montana Main Street communities. Eligible applicants for MMS grants include MMS communities which currently do not have an active grant.

The Montana Main Street Program was established in 2005 and is administered by Commerce's Community MT Division. Funding for the program comes from Senate Bill 540.

EVENTS
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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thurs., Jan. 16
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sunny's Family Restaurant. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.

Fri., Jan. 17, 24, 31
7:30 p.m. - **Volleyball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

Sat., Jan. 18, 25
7 p.m. - **Basketball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

Sun., Jan. 19
2-4 p.m. - **Game Night Gala At Savage Sunrise Manor** - All ages welcome. Enjoy a fun filled afternoon of games, friends & treats. Hot cocoa, apple cider & popcorn provided. Bring your favorite games to share & ours will be set up. Savage Sunrise Manor, 407 S. St. 5-7 p.m. - **Bergstedt Fundraiser** - Come & go free will donation meal of soups & cinnamon rolls; silent auction ending at 6:45 p.m. Faith Alliance Church, 301 E. Main. Contact LeeAnn Strasheim, 406-480-3732, or Brielle Larson, 406-480-0566, to donate to the silent auction.

Mon., Jan. 20 & Tues., Jan. 21
5-8 p.m. - **Sidney Area Dollars For Scholars Phonathon** - Conducted by the SHS National Honor Society.

Tues., Jan. 21
12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. Make an appointment in advance as there is limited availability for walk-ins. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.
6:30-7:30 p.m. - **Sidney Book Club** - The Book Club meets the 3rd Tues. of each month at The Meadowlark.

Thurs., Jan. 23
5:30 p.m. - **Fresh Start: Decluttering 101**: Learn about basic decluttering methods & resources to keep you motivated. Sidney Richland County Library.
Fri., Jan. 24; Feb. 28; March 14, 28, April 11, 25
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Sidney's Soup Kitchen** - All are welcome, no charge, & volunteers appreciated. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more info call 406-433-2510 or email stmatt@midrivers.com.

Thurs., Jan. 30
5:30 p.m. - **Heart Health Education** - Learn to take your blood pressure & what the numbers mean, how to read a food label, what are the Whoa, Slow & Go foods, some stress management ideas, how to increase your physical activity without joining a gym. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. To sign up for a full 6-week course contact Heather Nevins, 406-433-2207.

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

Now - Mon., March 3
10 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Greg Walter "Animal Alphabet Alliteration" Gallery Show** - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/events/upcoming-events/>.

Thurs., Jan. 16
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Trades Industry Day** - For all area High School students. Focusing on Trade Careers that offer on the job training and/or apprenticeships. Bakken Area Skills Center, 2112 Wolves Den Parkway. RSVP if you plan to attend, 701-444-3626.

Fri., Jan. 17
5-7 p.m. - **Meyers' Clothes For A Cause Open House** - Shop remaining Meyers, 200 N. Main, merchandise for yourself to make a purchase to donate to the Women's Crisis Shelter.

5 p.m. - **McKenzie County Soil Conservation District Present Cowgirls 'n Conversation Rural Rendezvous** - Social 5 p.m., supper, 5:30 p.m. McKenzie County Ag Expo. For more info or to register <https://www.mcagexpo.com/events>

Sat., Jan. 18, & Feb. 8
2:30-4 p.m. - Strummin' and Hummin': Beginner Guitar Workshop - Ages 14+, start with an instrument orientation & tuning course followed by two 30-minute song learning sessions, learning basic chords & strumming. Come away knowing the basics of two songs & song sheets to help keep you practicing! \$35/person (bring your own guitar); \$45/person (guitar provided for the night). Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

Wed., Jan. 22
6-8 p.m. - **Watercolor Cardinal Class** - Learn the basics of watercolor by painting bright & cherry cardinals. Beginners class, supplies & materials included. Cost: \$22. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

Fri., Jan. 24, 4-9 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 25, Family 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Adult (21+) 5-9 p.m. & Sun., Jan. 26, 12-4 p.m.
Indoor Mini Golf - \$10 for 18 holes; \$15 for 36 holes; 9-hole Mini-Mimi Course, \$5 person. Rough Rider Center. For more info visit www.roughridercenter.com or call 701-842-3665.

Sat., Jan. 25
10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Knitting 101 Lessons** - Beginner course for those who want to learn how to knit. Cost: \$26. Ages 8+ recommended with adult supervision. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., Jan. 15, 22, 29
9:25-9:45 a.m. - **Sensory Story Time** - Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Sat., Jan. 18 & 25
2-3 p.m. - **Make a Pinch Pot Monster** - High School & Adult, 2 part clay class. James Memorial Art Center. Registration ends 5 p.m., Jan. 17. \$25; Nonmember; 20% off member discount. For more info visit www.thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes.

Mon., Jan. 20, Tues., Jan. 21, Sat., Jan. 25, Mon., Jan. 27, Tues., Jan. 28
3-5 p.m. - **Open Ice Skating** - Family fun for all ages. Limited rentals & skating aids for beginners. All ages & abilities are welcome, helmets are encouraged. Fees: \$5 Rental; \$4 adult; \$3 Youth; Free Skating aids for beginners. Raymond Center, Pete Conlin Arena.

Tues., Jan. 21 & 28
11-11:30 a.m. - **Toddler Time** - Ages 2 & 3. Read stories, sing songs, dance, play games, & engage in social play. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Tues., Jan. 21 & 28, Thurs., Jan. 23, 30;
11-11:30 a.m. - **Baby Time** - Ages 2 & 3. Read stories, sing songs, dance, play games, & engage in social play. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.

Sat., Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10
2-3 p.m. - **History & Nature Lecture Series** - Explore the diverse history & natural environment of Western North Dakota, offering a platform for reenactors, historians, & nature enthusiasts to learn about the region's past & ecosystems. Participants can join as speakers or attendees, either in person or virtually. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Center.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Sat., Jan. 18
1-3 p.m. - **Jigsaw Puzzle Contest** - Each team of 2-4 players will receive the same puzzle & will have up to 2 hours to complete it. There will be light refreshments, door prizes, & the 1st-4th place winners will receive prizes. Cost \$50 per team. The Gallery, 109 S Merrill Ave. To register pick up a form at The Gallery. For more info call 406-281-4700 or The Gallery, 406-377-6508.

Sat., Jan. 25
6 p.m. - **38th Annual Farm & Ranch Appreciation Banquet** - Eastern Plains Event Center, 313 S. Merrill Ave.

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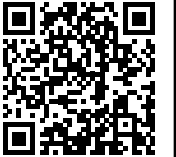
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SHS Speech, Drama & Debate Teams Take Home 1st Place Trophy

Submitted by
Christy Pierce

The Sidney High School Speech Drama & Debate team travelled to Culbertson to compete against nine schools. Sidney came out on top in Drama Sweeps and In Speech & Debate Sweeps bringing home the 1st place trophy in both events.



SHS Speech, Drama & Debate Teams

Speech Results:
Original Oratory: 1st, Tytus Carter
Informative: 1st, Mason Quick
Extemporaneous: 1st, Keaton Burke; 2nd, Elicia Snodgrass

Impromptu: 2nd, Aaron Dominguez Valdez; 3rd, Zander Capwell

Debate Results:
Lincoln Douglas: 1st, Ivy Cross; 2nd, Oliver Slade; 3rd, Kenny Damm

Drama Results:
Humorous Solo: 1st, Cedar Hovde; 2nd, William Brinker
Pantomime: 1st, Emma Pust; 2nd, Ian Pust

Dramatic Solo: 3rd, Tyler Frandsen; 4th, Sophie Pust

Dramatic Theatre: 2nd, Mackenzie Mumford & Megan Rachor

The Team will travel to Lockwood next weekend.

1st row: Cedar Hovde, Aaron Dominguez Valdez, Zander Capwell, and Mason Quick. 2nd row: Oliver Slade, Kenny Damm, Keaton Burke, Sophie Pust, William Brinker, and Tytus Carter. 3rd Row: Ian Pust, Ivy Cross, Emma Pust, Elicia Snodgrass, Megan Rachor, Mackenzie Mumford, and Tyler Frandsen. (Photo by Christy Pierce)

City Council Seeks Replacement...

(Continued from page 1) to submit a letter of interest, prospective candidates can contact Clerk/Treasurer Jessica Chamberlain at City Hall. Individuals can also reach out to current Council members for additional insight into the role. Council members Ken Koffler, Kysa

Rasmussen, Kali Godfrey, Frank Difonzo, and Tami Christensen are available for inquiries.

The Sidney City Council encourages all interested individuals to apply and take part in shaping the future of the community.

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Sidney Health Center Welcomes First Baby Of 2025

**By Toni Zieske
Marketing &
Communications Director**

Sidney, MT – Sidney Health Center is excited to announce the arrival of its first baby of 2025! Maddox Allan Richardson was born to proud parents MacKenzie and Cameron Richardson, Williston, ND, on Jan. 1 at 2:44 a.m. Maddox weighed

7 lbs, 13 oz, and measured 20.25" long. He joins his big brother Knox.

To celebrate this joyous occasion, the Sidney Health Center Caring Corner Gift Shop and Good Cents Store Volunteers gifted the Richardson family a basket filled with baby essentials valued at over \$200.

While Maddox is the first baby of the new year, 2024 was an active year for Sidney Health Center's obstetric department. A total of 270 babies were delivered, including 150 boys and 120 girls. On average, 22 babies were born each month, with the busiest months being July with 31 births, May with 30 births, and June and September with 27 births each.

Sidney Health Center's female Obstetrician Gynecologists provide essential obstetrical services to women living in the MonDak region including preconception counseling, genetic screening and diagnosis as well as management of both low and high-risk pregnancies through delivery and follow-up care.

The Sidney Health Center Labor and Delivery unit features Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum (LDRP) rooms. These rooms are equipped with Hill-Rom birthing beds. During labor, options for pain medication are offered. A trained and experienced OB and Nursery Staff is available 24 hours

a day. Sidney Health Center's commitment to families extends beyond delivery. The obstetric team offers pre- and post-delivery support, including:

One-Day Childbirth Classes: Designed for expectant parents, these free sessions cover relaxation techniques, the physiology of childbirth, delivery types, anesthesia options, breastfeeding, and childcare. The childbirth class is offered four times per year with the first one in 2025 scheduled to take place in February.

Nurture Nest Café: Held monthly on the second Tuesday from 3- 5 p.m. in the Sidney Health Center OB/GYN Clinic Waiting Room, this drop-in event provides valuable support for families with children from newborn to toddler. A nurse is available to weigh babies and answer questions, offering a resourceful space for breastfeeding support and general parenting advice.

Sidney Health Center is dedicated to providing high-quality care to keep women and families vibrant and healthy. For more information about Sidney Health Center's obstetric services, call 406-488-2146 or visit www.sidneyhealth.org. To schedule an appointment with the OB/GYN Care Team, contact the OB/GYN Clinic at 406-488-2577.

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Soil Blocking Workshop – Feb. 5

**By Marley Manoukian Voll, Agent
MSU Richland County Extension**

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

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

Plan to join us for this presentation and demonstration. You will also get to try the technique yourself and take home your own seeds started in soil blocks. Please call us today to reserve your spot for this hands-on workshop by calling 406-433-1206.

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- All IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) are by appointment only. Don't wait until it's too late to ask questions! However, Most questions can be resolved on the IRS.gov website without visiting a TAC.
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Consumer Alerts on Tax Scams

Note that the IRS will never:

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Erickson Named Rau School Student Of The Quarter



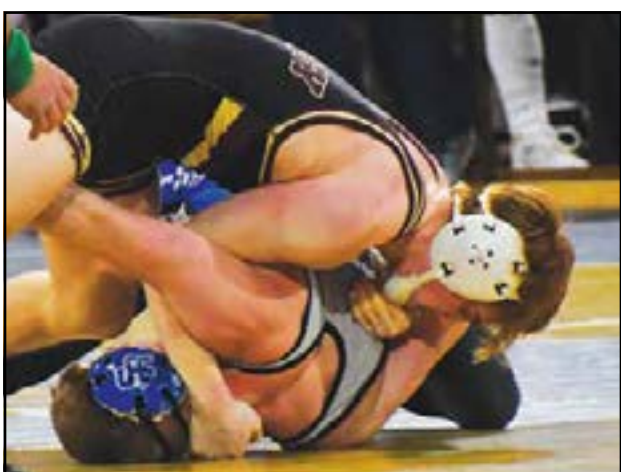
Trinity Erickson

Rau School would like to announce Trinity Erickson, daughter of Caleb and Jonetta Erickson, as their student of the quarter for the second quarter. Trinity is a helpful and creative student. She always makes sure that she is prepared and ready to learn. Trinity is polite to staff and makes sure that all students feel included. She always does her work to the best of her abilities. She is a determined student and won't stop until she finds the answer. Trinity has a good sense of humor and loves to draw in her free time. She is a hardworking student that follows the rules in and out of the classroom. She enjoys hunting, reading, softball, and spending time with family and friends.

Area Wrestlers Compete at Bismarck Rotary Tourney



Watford City's Brier Arnegard, 152#, scored a major decision over Brayden Collins, Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City, SD, by a score of 10-0 to place 3rd at the Bismarck Rotary Wrestling Tournament held in Bismarck, ND, Jan. 10-11. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos.



Reece Graves, Sidney, 145#, scores another pin in his high school career to win 1st place at the Bismarck Rotary Wrestling Tournament, Bismarck, ND, Jan. 10-11. Graves scored the pin in 2:41 over Joe Juenger, Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City, SD.

Area Basketball Action

Thurs., Jan. 9 the Fairview Warriors played the Sidney Eagles at home: Girls: Fairview 35, Sidney 45; Boys: Fairview 36, Sidney 39

Friday, Jan. 10 Fairview traveled to play the Baker Spartans: Girls: Baker 66, Fairview 25; Boys Baker 39; Fairview 54

The Fairview Warriors will be home this week and play the Poplar Indians Saturday, Jan. 18.

Sidney's game against Fergus scheduled for Jan. 11 was canceled.



Sidney's Maliya Nguwoun works to get around Fairview's Gracelynn Free. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Keegan Skogas passes the ball during the game against the Baker Spartans. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Winter Classic Bantams Tournament

Above: Watford City goalie Javier Alvarez and defenseman Keegan Fitzgerald defend the goal and clear the puck against the Regina Royals in the Bantam Winter Classic tournament held at the Roughrider Center over the weekend. The Royals defeated the Oilers 4-3 in a close match up Saturday morning. There were 20 Bantam teams that took part in the tournament with a Bantam B division and a Bantam A/B1 division. Teams traveled from Montana, Canada and North Dakota to participate in the tournament. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Lady Wolves Dominate the Blue Jays

Right: Watford City's Bailey Mattson, #10, takes a jump shot in the lane for two against the Stanley Blue Jays at the Rough Rider Center. The Lady Wolves dominated the Blue Jays outscoring them 60-27. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled Jan. 21

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from noon-6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.

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Lunch Menus

- Sidney Schools**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic toast, pineapple tidbits.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Hot ham & cheese on buns, cheesy potatoes, pears.
Tues., Jan. 21: French toast, sausage links, fresh cut fruit, orange juice.
Wed., Jan. 22: Chili, cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail, dinner rolls.
- Savage School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Indian tacos, refried beans, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Chicken lo mein, brown rice, broccoli, fruit.
Tues., Jan. 21: Chili, cinnamon rolls, cheese sticks, veggie, fruit.
Wed., Jan. 22: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, veggie, fruit.
- Rau School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Chicken quesadillas, rice, Mexican corn, pineapple.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Corn dogs, French fries, carrots, mandarin oranges.
Tues., Jan. 21: Chicken & dumplings, peas/carrots, apples.
Wed., Jan. 22: Pizza, grilled cheese, sweet potato fries, strawberries.
- Froid School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Chicken strips, fries, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Creamy chicken casserole, buns, veggie, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 21: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 22: Pork chop johns, veggies, fruit, dessert, salad bar.
- Bainville School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Turkey sandwiches, pears, alphabet soup, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 17: Spaghetti, Harvest of the Month: spaghetti squash, salad bar.
Mon., Jan. 20: Dino nuggets, mixed fruit, fries, peas, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 21: Taco-in-a-bag, mini peppers, melon, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 22: Breakfast for lunch, B&G, eggs, smoothie, salad bar.
- Richey School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Chicken or cheeseburgers, potato wedges, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, carrots, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 21: Quesadillas, salad bar, Spanish rice.
Wed., Jan. 22: Tater tot casserole, mixed vegetables, apple crisp, fruit, salad bar.
- Culbertson School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Beef noodle hotdish.
Fri., Jan. 17: Hamburgers, tater tots.
- Lambert School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Tacos, fresh veggies, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 17: Meatball subs, chips, fruit.
Mon., Jan. 20: Corn dogs, fries, fruit.
Tues., Jan. 21: Hot ham & cheese, chips, fruit.
Wed., Jan. 22: Tater tot hotdish, salad, fruit.
- Fairview School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Spicy or regular chicken burgers, fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Hot ham & cheese, fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Tues., Jan. 21: Chicken & cheese tostadas, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
Wed., Jan. 22: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar (6-8); fresh garden salad (3-5).
- East Fairview School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Chili, cinnamon rolls.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Subs, chips.
Tues., Jan. 21: Cheeseburgers, fries.
Wed., Jan. 22: Grilled cheese, tomato soup.
- Alexander School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Spaghetti or alfredo, garlic toast, fruit & vegetable bar.
Fri., Jan. 17: No school.
Mon., Jan. 20: Boneless or bone-in wings, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
Tues., Jan. 21: Pork fritters or fish patties, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.
Wed., Jan. 22: Build your own pizza, macaroni & cheese, fruit & vegetable bar.
- Watford City School**
Thurs., Jan. 16: Deluxe cheeseburgers or pizza lunchables, baked beans, crinkle fries, veggie, salad bar, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 17: Chicken nuggets or Smucker's uncrustables, veggie, salad bar, fruit, garlic bread, macaroni & cheese.
Mon., Jan. 20: Chicken alfredo or Smucker's uncrustables, veggie, salad bar, fruit, garlic bread.
Tues., Jan. 21: White cheddar chicken mac & cheese bowls or deli roll up pin wheels, veggie, salad bar, fruit, honey biscuits, cookies.
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Ranger Bantams Champions at Capitals Cup Tournament, Bismarck

Submitted by
Brenda Filler

The Richland Ranger Bantams traveled to Bismarck, ND, this past weekend for the Capitals Cup. After five games the Bantams returned home undefeated and champions!

Friday night the Rangers faced West Fargo Stamped and got their 1st shutout of the tournament winning 14-0.

Saturday, the Bantams had two games. Their game against the Bismarck Capitals-White would bring them a commanding victory ending with a score of 11-2. Next up they found themselves matched against the Devils Lake Flames and secured their second shutout win of 9-0 taking them to the semifinals.

Sunday, the Bantams had another two games.

Bright and early, they faced Jamestown Valley City Prowl for the semifinal matchup where the Rangers secured their 3rd shutout of the tournament with a score of 8-0. The second game on Sunday was for the championship. Here, the Bantams found themselves face to face with Grand Forks Red. The Rangers came out in full force and skated their way to an 11-2 win, making

them Champions of the tournament.

Success in hockey comes from skill, hard work, determination and teamwork. Last season, it was said that the Richland Ranger Bantams team was a force to be reckoned with, well it looks to me that this small but mighty group of 2 young ladies and 9 young men want to make sure that holds true this season as well.

United Hockey said it best in - "It's not how big you are, it's how big you play"

Next up for the Bantams is four home games:

Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. vs. Minot

Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. vs. Bismarck - Red

Jan. 18 at 3 p.m. vs. Bismarck - White

Jan. 19 at 8 a.m. vs. Bismarck - Blue

Please come out and support all the Rangers!



Photo by Brenda Filler

Crop Production Seminar

Root Rot of Pea & Lentil - Diagnosis & Management
Uta McKelvy, MSU Extension Plant Pathologist

Root rot diseases are a major threat to pulse crop production in NE MT. This presentation introduces the pathogens involved in the root rot complex including Aphanomyces and Fusarium, symptoms and signs of root rot, and management strategies.

Montana Focused Conservation
Jamie Selting, NRCS District Conservationist - Sidney Field Office
Josh Siemsen - NRCS Area Agronomist - Miles City Area

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Does Bullying Exist In Preschool?

By Judge Ray Trumpower, Partnership for Promise

Not all aggressive behaviors are acts of bullying. Yes, your child can engage in bullying behaviors or be a victim of bullying, even in preschool.

Suicide in preschoolers is a growing issue. The prevalence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors, considered together, in preschoolers is reported to be 4-13%. "A shocking statistic has revealed that 4% of U.S. preschoolers are affected by depression and it is rising by an alarming 23% each year" (teachkloud). Stopping bullying behavior early is critical.

So now what.

Partnership for promise strives to promote life-long learning in our community. Sidney-Richland County Library encourages this in many of its programs.

With the support of the Family Resource Center, the library has been able to offer Early Learning backpacks for area families and childcare providers to check out. The backpacks include fun activities to stimulate children and help them to learn about a variety of subjects in exciting ways.

The Family Resource Center purchased seven backpacks and they have been in high demand. They covered such subjects as the alphabet, numbers, colors and nutrition.

"I think the backpacks are a great addition to the plethora of family support materials already available at the library, as well as expanding the library's efforts to increase educational opportunities for patrons of all ages," Nicole Hackley, Family Resource Center founder said.

With the growing demand for Early Learning backpacks, the library faced the challenge of meeting the demand. In May, 2013 the library was awarded a \$750 grant from the Foundation for Community Care to purchase more backpacks. The Foundation for Community Care established this Endowment Grant to fund projects that contribute positively to the health of our community. The library is grateful to the Foundation for providing the monies necessary to meet this growing need.

The Early Learning backpacks are available for check-out and include such subjects as: seasons/weather, social/emotional, movement/music, insects, and space.

Upcoming Programs at Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

Submitted by Cheyenne Teal
Education Outreach Coordinator
History and Nature Lecture Series

2nd Saturday of every month, 2-3 p.m. CT
Beginning Jan. 11, Feb 8, March 8, April 12, May 10

This series explores the diverse history and natural environment of Western North Dakota, offering a platform for reenactors, historians, and nature enthusiasts to learn about the region's past and ecosystems. Topics include the Indian Wars, frontier life, ecology, archaeology, and paleontology. Participants can join as speakers or attendees, either in person or virtually.

Confluence Learning Lab

4th Saturday of every month, 2-3 p.m. CT
Beginning Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24

This educational program is designed for children of all ages to explore history and nature through interactive learning. Each session covers topics such as Ice Age animals, glaciers, STEAM subjects, regional history, and more, blending lectures with hands-on activities like crafts, games, and science experiments.

Timeless Traditions Workshop

1st Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. CT
Beginning March 1, April 5, May 3

This hands-on workshop teaches practical 19th-century frontier skills such as embroidery, quilting, butter-making, and basket weaving. Participants will learn the history behind each craft and create their own project during the session. This program is perfect for children and beginner adults eager to connect with history in a creative, tangible way.

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SIDNEY EAGLE WRESTLER OF THE WEEK



BRENNER MULLIN 132#

Brenner placed 2nd at State last year. He was in the Blood Rounds at Rumble on the Red and placed 3rd at the Bismarck Rotary last weekend.

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Fairview Wins 2nd Straight State Football Title

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Back row (L to R): Coach Derek Gackle, managers Rylan Watts and Garrett McPherson, Ty Poulsen, Troy Karst, Elliot Thompson, Gavin Callender, Tyler Loan, Deacon Gackle, Kyle Skogas, Wyatt McPherson, Trace Bain, Ryan Lustig, Trey Lunstad, Landon Tveit, Coach Brock Schriver and Coach Darran Buxbaum. Front row (L to R): Ryder Sadorf, Jake Schlothauer, Jordan Schriver, Jaden Murphy, Keegan Skogas, Brody Bushnell, Jacob Unruh, Hunter Emly, Mykel Warden, videographer Brady Selting, manager George Candee. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Belt for the second year in a row 27-6. The Warriors took the opening kickoff and marched it down the field with Wyatt McPherson capping the drive off with a 2-yard touchdown run.

After a defensive stop, Tyler Loan exploded for a 65-yard touchdown extending the lead to 14-0 in the first. As it turned out, that is all the points the Warriors would need as their defense came to play on this day. Belt scored on their opening drive in the third period aided by a 4th down pass inter-

ference call. They couldn't add the 2-point play making the score 14-6. Fairview answered with an exciting defensive touchdown as McPherson picked up a fumble at midfield and raced to the end zone extending the lead to 20-6. Loan added the exclamation point with two minutes left in the game breaking free for a 43-yard touchdown pushing the lead to 27-6. The Warrior defense flexed again on the last drive securing their 5th fourth down stop in the quarter to close out the game.

Loan rushed for 216 yards on 18 carries and 2 touchdowns. Defensively, Loan led the team with 17 tackles with Deacon Gackle and Wyatt McPherson adding 14 tackles each. Keegan Skogas had 11 tackles, 2 forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. Gavin Callender added an interception, and several passes defended.

The Warriors extended their winning streak to 25 games to go along with their back-to-back championships.

Knapp Named Outstanding Northeast Division Wrestler



Gordon Knapp of the Fairview/Sidney program has been awarded as the 2024 Montana AAU Outstanding Northeast Division Wrestler. Congratulating him are (from left) Shane Gorder, Ty Graves, Guy Melby and Nick Lonski. (Photo submitted)

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Roberts Opens "Dirtech", Soil Moisture Monitoring Business In Fairview

As a Sidney, graduate, Evan Roberts is no stranger to the sight of pivots in the fields of the area. While Evan graduated with a degree from MSU Billings College of Technology, he has been working with pivots for the last 15 years. Evan owns and operates Dirtech, a soil moisture monitoring business, based in Fairview, servicing Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota. Evan's goal is to give

growers the ability to make informed irrigation decisions from the information that the moisture probes send directly to their cell phones, which he assists in setting up and translating. Every rotation saved by knowing the soil's exact moisture content saves water, electricity, time, and money. With a glance at their CropX app, the brand of the probes and accompanying technology, producers can direct

themselves or hired hands efficiently to the pivots that need operated and know exactly how much water to deliver onto their fields for that irrigation. Plants need soil, water, fertilizer, and sun. With the information from the probes, you can take one major aspect out of that equation and know with confidence that you did the watering part right. Both over-watering and under-watering can dramati-

cally affect yield, disease, and fertilizer loss.

The moisture probes report temperature, moisture, and salts at three different levels which meets the NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) requirements for cost share programs. Evan is working with the area NRCS offices and can provide direct reporting straight to them to simplify the process.

Many local growers are

in the process of learning a new-to-them crop with the recent loss of Sidney Sugars and the sugar beet market for our area. Corn and soy have requirements that differ, and while producers are more than capable in their ability to farm and adapt, the probes can offer a secret weapon in answering questions of how they can get the

best out of their fields.

Leasing services include probe installation, setup, software and telemetry subscription, support for the growing season, and extraction come harvest time all for one low price. Contact Evan at 406-480-0051 or dirtech.mtnd@gmail.com.



ZOAT LLC Ribbon Cutting

The Fairview Chamber held a ribbon cutting for ZOAT LLC on July 25. ZOAT specializes in signs, vinyl graphics, auto glass and detailing. They are located at 602 Ellery Ave., Fairview. They can be reached by phone at 406-480-4047 or visit their website zoatllc.com Pictured (L-R) Wendy Johnson (Chamber member), Paul Eldridge (Chamber member), Zach and Brittany Umback (ZOAT LLC owners), Ray Trumppower (Chamber President) and Jeremy D Krieger (Chamber VP).



Evan Roberts, Dirtech, with one of his CropX probes. (Submitted photo)

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East Fairview School Undergoes Remodel

By Dianne Swanson

Students and the kitchen staff at East Fairview School were thrilled to start the school year in their newly remodeled building while administration moved in over the Christmas break.

The original school burned down in 1922 at which time the two-story building was erected. The wing housing the elementary, offices, kitchen, and cafeteria were built in 1954. Prior to that, all classes were held in the two-story building. In 1965, the library was added and the gym addition took place in 1983.

The complex was in serious need of an upgrade. A state-required facility assessment determined that the two-story building, which housed the junior high, special education, and speech therapy, had to be demolished. It was not ADA compliant, was not up to fire code since it was made of wood, and the basement had flooded a couple of times. The 1950s kitchen also needed to be replaced as did the administration section. Rather



Photo by Jeremy Krieger

than do the project in three phases, the school was able to do it all at one time, with the support of the taxpayers, the county commissioners, and oil money.

On June 14, 2022, a \$3 million bond request was passed by voters by an 83% majority. "The taxpayers have always been super supportive of the school," East Fairview principal Derek Gackle stated. The McKenzie County Commissioners reached out and proposed using Bankhead Jones money to provide 45% of the slightly over \$6.5 million project. Bankhead Jones funds come from oil royalties on federal land and are earmarked

for roads and schools only. Gackle said the McKenzie County Commissioners, Chairman Howdy Lawler, vice-chair Joel Brown, Craig Hystad, Kathy Skarda, and Clint Wold, were extremely supportive of the project from initial contact through the entire construction process. Another year of Bankhead Jones money came up during construction, resulting in payment of 100% of the construction costs. "Our taxpayers who are used to seeing an increase every year, will not see one this year," Gackle said cheerfully.

Once the old two story building was demolished, 25 feet were added to the south side of the school

while four classrooms for junior high, and a sparkling new kitchen were added to the east side. Security doors were added throughout. The south addition houses administration with a school resource officer's room and a counselor's office, both of which can be used for one-on-one interactions with students. A spacious boardroom, teachers' work and mailroom, principal's office, business office, server closet, bathrooms, and a new entry complete that addition.

On the east side, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders all have new classrooms while the fourth classroom has big tables for STEM, art, science, and food sciences.

Abundant cabinets in every room provide counter space as well as storage. New bathrooms were also included. The spacious kitchen is state of the art with gleaming stainless steel appliances and counter tops plus a serving station for both hot and cool foods. The walk-in freezer and cooler and ample dry storage make storing huge quantities of food much easier. Delivery of that food has been made much more efficient with a separate entry.

In the old part of the building, STEM classes now take place in the old science room, while special education, and speech therapy share a former classroom.

Maintenance has an office in that wing as well.

Beautiful carpet highlights the administration area while tile in blue and gold Warrior colors brighten the floors of the east construction and entryway. Plans call for all the flooring in the school to be replaced soon.

Gackle said that current enrollment at East Fairview School is 64 students, with class sizes about 10 students each. The facility could comfortably accommodate twice that many. A lack of housing on that side of town is a stumbling block but students from farther outside the town are more than welcome. "We'll pick them up," he said.

Biebers Expand With Texas Red Ag Services

By Dianne Swanson

Jeff Bieber, Fairview, is a life-long farmer and has been a seed dealer most of his adult life. His son, Justin, joined him in the business in 2015 when they added Pioneer corn, soybean, canola, sunflowers and forage products to their seed line. In 2022 he also brought in Westbred spring and winter wheat seeds.

Now the duo is expanding even further with the creation of Texas Red Ag Services in an effort to better serve their customers. With a commercial seed treater, additional sales agent, new products, new partners, and a corn grain drier, Texas Red Ag Services is positioned to help your farm from the bag to the bin.

Parker Westgard will cover the northern region from the Canadian border south and from Malta to Crosby. Westgard, who is from Westby, brings a lot of knowledge and experience. Jeff said Westgard, who has an ag-based degree and previously worked for a co-op, has more experience with crops such as canola which is fairly widely grown in that area. Texas Red Ag Services will be offering a new Pioneer canola seed which is priced competitively and has excellent production and shatter resistance. "Field tests show that it's as good or better than any product on the market," Jeff stated.

Texas Red Ag Services added a commercial seed treater last spring to treat spring wheat, soybeans, peas and lentils. "We learned a lot last spring. The treater has given us the opportunity to work with some great products and people; TerraMax inoculant, Lumovia and the rest of the Bayer and Corteva seed treatment portfolio. Having seed treating experts from Pioneer and Westbred a phone call away helped us get up to speed right away," Justin said.

In addition to seed treatment, Texas Red Ag Services has access to crop protection products including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. "We have partnered with additional Pioneer agencies which helps us offer hard to get products at very competitive pricing," Jeff said.

Partnering with Brandt Nutrition gives Texas Red Ag Services access to a wide range of products from EnzUP to Smart Trio. EnzUP is zinc chelate that can be added to any liquid starter and Smart Trio is a mix of nitrogen, sulfur, boron, manganese and zinc to add in with your herbicide pass to make sure your corn has the essential nutrients it needs.

A corn dryer is also available this fall for custom drying to help customers get the crop out of the field and help maximize the short growing season.

Texas Red Ag Services is running a number of trials including in - furrow treatments, population and fertility treatments this year. To find out the results, or see some of the trials for yourself, reach out to them to set up a meeting, or follow along on Facebook at Texas Red Ag Services.

The team at Texas Red Ag Services would like to wish everyone a safe and successful harvest and thank their customers for allowing them to be a part of their operation.

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Reservation Telephone Cooperative Networks Fairview Ribbon Cutting



RTC Networks held a ribbon cutting with the Fairview Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 18 at their new location in Fairview. RTC Networks has expanded to underserved areas around Fairview. To apply for service visit myrtcnetworks.com/apply. Shown: (L to R) -Tim Neu, Neu SuperValu Owner; Phil Sand, ReadITech Engineering; Jeremy Kreiger, Merchants Bank Manager; Cory Johnson, RTC Networks Outside Plant Manager; Shane Hart, RTC Networks CEO/GM; Wayne Skarda, RTC Networks Board of Directors President; Brooks Goodall, RTC Networks COO/Asst GM; Faye Carlson, Fairview City Clerk; Brian Bieber, Fairview Mayor; Ray Trumpower, Fairview Chamber of Commerce President; Wade George, Branch Manager, Merchants Bank; Jessie Lawrance, Icon Architectural Group; Dave Ulich, RTC Networks Construction Manager.

Rathbun Equipment Services LLC Celebrated First Year In Business

By Dianne Swanson
Friday, Sept. 27 as Rathbun Equipment Services expressed its heartfelt appreciation for your support, and celebrates its first anniversary. Rathbun will have pancakes ready at 8 a.m. and will serve up lunch as well. A food truck will also be on site for those who don't like his cooking! He is very excited to have the Sidney VFW do the flag raising at 10 a.m. Register for door prizes and join in some fun games.
For the past year, Rathbun Equipment Services LLC, Fairview, has been providing much needed repair services to farmers in the area. Owner Will Rathbun says he works mostly on John Deere equipment but

will work on anything. With his extensive tooling, he repairs engines, power trains, hydraulics, electronics and more. His only limitation is new technology that requires proprietary dealer software. He also does some truck repair, mostly for farmers who have had equipment repairs done. "They're repeat customers, I must be doing something right," Rathbun said. He provides both in-house and mobile service to customers in Daniels, Roosevelt and Richland counties in Montana plus Williams and McKenzie counties in North Dakota.
As an authorized sales and service dealer for Blue Diamond Attachments, Rathbun offers top of the line, U.S. engineered and

manufactured ag and industrial products from brush mowers to rock grinders. A two-year warranty comes with every purchase.
Rathbun grew up in Hingham, MT, where he graduated high school, then went off to college to get a degree in diesel mechanics with the plan of returning to farm with his dad. An internship and ensuing job offer from a company in Washington changed his career trajectory and he spent the next 20 years in the equipment industry in mechanics, sales and management. Upon his return to Montana, he spent three years in ag sales in Williston but became frustrated with the little guy (customer) being left behind and decided to open

his own business to serve them. He lives in Bainville with his wife, Munee, and has a 22-year-old daughter, Allison.
Rathbun is anticipating growing into the retail side of his business. To help him determine which products are most needed, attendees are asked to submit their ideas in the suggestion box at the Open House.
Rathbun Equipment Services is located at 504 N. Interstate Ave., Fairview. Call 406-790-0866.



Rathbun Equipment Services Ribbon Cutting
Rathbun Equipment Services, LLC has purchased Lebsock Welding, Fairview. They will be focusing on sales and repair. Shown at their ribbon cutting ceremony are (L to R): Kali Godfrey, Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Sidney Mayor Rick Norby, William Rathbun, Munee Rathbun, Rowdy Cvancara, Kristy Prewitt, Allison Thiel and Beau Rindahl.

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McKenzie Health Experiences Remarkable Growth In 2024

By Dianne Swanson
 McKenzie Health, Watford City, had another exciting year in 2024 with expansions in services and physicians plus facility upgrades.

Dr. Richard Howard, Cardiologist
 Dr. Richard Howard, cardiologist, joined the team on Nov. 5, 2024, bringing over two decades of experience in several states including ten previous years in North Dakota. He graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship at Boston University Medical Center. He is board certified in internal medicine, general cardiology, interventional cardiology and echocardiography with certification in resistant hypertension.

"I helped start cardiology programs, cardio stent programs and echocardiography programs in several states," Howard stated. "When the opportunity knocked to help start a cardiology program in Watford City and neighboring areas, I had to answer."

Dr. Howard is married to Brittany and has two chil-

dren; Trenton and Amanda.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Howard, please call 701-842-6470. His office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST Monday-Friday.

Dr. Chad Pedersen, Oncologist
 Oncologist, Dr. Chad Pedersen began seeing patients in December 2024. He brings over a decade of internal medicine and specialized oncology and hematology expertise. The Sidney native completed his medical training at the University of North Dakota. He is currently pursuing an MBA to expand his knowledge of healthcare management.

McKenzie Health and Dr. Pedersen share a vision to provide compassionate, accessible and enhanced oncology services that prioritize patient experience and care quality. Call 701-842-6470 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Pedersen.

99 Babies Born in 2024
 The Obstetrics Department was a busy place in 2024 with 99 babies born! That number compares to 66 in 2023. OB-GYNs Dr. Carol Uhlman, Dr. Andrea DiMichele, Dr. Teinesha

Ivey and Dr. Jenna Sloan helped moms and dads from western North Dakota welcome all those babies. The first Baby of 2025 arrived on Jan. 5.

Chapel, Courtyard, Greenhouse at Good Shepherd Home
 With the generosity of approximately 150 donors, the Good Shepherd Home saw a \$2.3 million expansion in 2024 with its chapel, courtyard and greenhouse almost completed. The newly expanded and remodeled serene chapel offers tranquil space for reflection and spiritual connection for people of all faiths and beliefs.

The greenhouse brings nature indoors, providing a vibrant environment for therapeutic activities and relaxation. The space increases engagement with gardening and natural light, promoting mental and physical health.

In between is a courtyard with modern gazebo space where residents can enjoy fresh air, fun get-togethers, and outdoor activities.

These additions exemplify McKenzie Health's commitment to holistic care, blending innovative health-

care with supportive spaces that nurture the body, mind and spirit.

Please contact Sarah Skarda at 701-444-2331 for more information on the Good Shepherd Home.

Kitchen Remodel at Horizon Assisted Living Facility
 On Grandparents Day in August, residents and family members were able to enjoy the newly remodeled and expanded kitchen at Horizon Assisted Living facility for the first time. Residents played a big role in the financial and designing aspects of the 'heart of the home, the most valuable room.' They all took part in Giving Tuesday, 2023 to raise money for the remodel. In November 2023, the Benefit Fund of McKenzie Health raised the full amount of \$92,240 needed for the kitchen, supported by 31 generous donors.

The remodel features new cabinetry, flooring, appliances, and canned lighting. It was completed Aug. 21 by Sanford Construction under the direction of Lynn Welker-Fevold. The beautiful and functional new space now offers a comfortable



Dr. Chad Pedersen. (Photo submitted)

place to share a meal, play games, and share stories with family and friends.

Please contact Arron Turnquist at 701-444-4689 for more information concerning Horizon Assisted Living.

McKenzie Health looks forward to serving you in 2025. They are located at 709 4th Ave. NE in Watford City. Call 701-842-3000 or visit their website mckenziehealth.com.

NDDOT & McKenzie County Celebrate Completion Of US 85 Project Near Watford City

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and McKenzie County celebrated the completion of the U.S. Highway 85 four-lane project, from Watford City to the Long X Bridge, and adjacent shared-use path Friday, Oct. 25.

Chad Orn, NDDOT deputy director for planning, State Senator Brad Bekkedahl, and other state and local officials were in attendance to participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"The successful completion of this Highway 85 four-lane project is a major win for the state of North Dakota," said Orn. "This heavily traveled highway received several major upgrades that will increase safety for motorists and pedestrians,



Representatives from the NDDOT, Williams & McKenzie Counties, Williston, Watford City, project engineers & contractors gathered for a ribbon cutting along U.S. Highway 85 near Watford City on Oct. 25. (Photo by Jody Wells)

improve traffic flow and enhance the movement of goods."

The \$100 million paving project included expanding the highway to four-lanes

from Watford City south to the Long X Bridge, new adjacent shared-use path, landslide repair, added wildlife accommodations and more.

"This is truly a great

day for McKenzie County and our region," said Howdy Lawlar, McKenzie County Board of County Commissioners chairman. "Thank you to NDDOT, the contrac-

tor CSI, the designers, engineers, and everyone else for their diligence in completing this project. We also thank the citizens for their patience during construction."

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Skills Center Celebrates Grand Opening

North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum congratulates McKenzie County Public Schools along with their many partnerships and donors at the Grand Opening of the Bakken Area Skills Center in Watford City. The Career and Technical Education facility is the first one several facilities to open in North Dakota. The BASC opened in January offering technical education and training for high school students and citizens throughout the Bakken Region.

The mission of the Bakken Area Skills Center is to empower individuals through career and technical education, fostering a skilled workforce that meets the evolving needs of the region. The goal is to provide accessible, high-quality education and training programs that fuel personal growth, economic development; creating a sustainable future for the Bakken region. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Wolf Pup Daycare Ribbon Cutting Held Nov. 4

By Tessa Schaff Moberg
Wolf Pup Daycare
Coordinator

Thank you to everyone that came out for our grand opening and ribbon cutting.

We truly live in the best community and are so lucky to have the amenities that we do.

A huge thank you to McKenzie County, the

McKenzie County Commissioners, and the McKenzie County JDA for funding this beautiful, safe, daycare center. Without them, we would still be busting at the seams

of our Badlands location and not able to take new enrollees. With opening this additional location, we are able to take on an extra 200 plus kiddos to help our growing community.

Thank you to the City of Watford City for the donation of the land. We will definitely use every inch of this land to explore with our kiddos.

Thank you to the Wolf Run Village Board for taking

on this huge task and seeing the needs of our community and being willing to take on another daycare center.

Thank you to FCI and Icon for making this a very painless build. We hardly had any hiccups, and it was a very smooth process through it all.

Thank you to all the staff and daycare families for always going with the flow and being patient with us while

we were getting our new location open. And to the staff for the moving of furniture; some multiple times, unloading semis of furniture, cleaning, and keeping the other places afloat.

Last but not least to my family. The hours I spend at work or dragging them along to help me with something is truly amazing.



Joining Tessa and her family in the ribbon cutting ceremony were representatives from FCI, Wolf Run Village, Wolf Pup Daycare and Icon. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



NDPC Annual Meeting

The North Dakota Petroleum Council held their 43rd annual meeting in Watford City Sept. 17-19. Pictured above: Leading the discussion on a new vision for skilled workforce is Dr. Steve Holen, Superintendent of Watford City Public Schools and The Bakken Area Skills Center, Brent Sanford, Bismarck State College and Kenley Never, Executive Director, TrainND Northwest. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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Watford City's Mogen Named 2024 Girls Class A Basketball Senior Athlete Of The Year

Jessica Mogen, Watford City, has excelled as a varsity basketball player since 8th grade, which has earned her the designated 2024 North Dakota Pow-er-ade Senior Athlete of the Year.

Jessica is the youngest of five sisters who have played basketball for the Watford City Wolves.

Her sister, Amanda in 2014, Katie, 2016; Brooke, 2019; Emma in 2021 and Jessica in 2024. "This year will be the last year I will have a Mogen on the team since my six years as Watford City High School's head

basketball coach," states Tom Dwyer. "He goes on to say, "Jessica is one of the better athletes I've coached. She is 5'9" and posts to 6'2" with her jump stretch. She is versatile on both offense and defense." But she is so much more talented than just her overall athleticism. She works very hard, strives for excellence in everything she does, and is a great teammate."

Her sophomore and junior year she was named to the WDA All Region 4 team. Jessica's career stats consist of :1576 points; 849 rebounds, 328 assists; 298

steals; 149 blocks which was accrued in 127 games.

She set the career record for most points and most rebounds in a single game in Watford City history last year against Williston when she scored 44 points and 20 rebounds.

This year, she set the record for most points in a single season with 576. She set the record for most steals in a single game with 13 steals. She tied the record for most assists in a single game with 11 assists. She also set the record for most career rebounds in Watford City history with 849 total

rebounds, and set the record for most career blocks in Watford City's history with 149 total blocks.

Jessica will be part of

the Minot State University girls' basketball team next year as a freshman playing beside her sister, Emma, who is a senior.

"Her parents, Eric and Renae Mogen, understand sports which has kept these girls at the top of their game, states Dwyer.



Watford City Oilers 12U/14U Hockey Team Takes ND State Championship

The Watford City Oilers 12U/14U hockey team skated their way to the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association's state tournament in Mandan March 7-10. The team went into the tournament seeded No. 1 with a 26-4 season record. (Photo by McKenzie County Hockey Club)

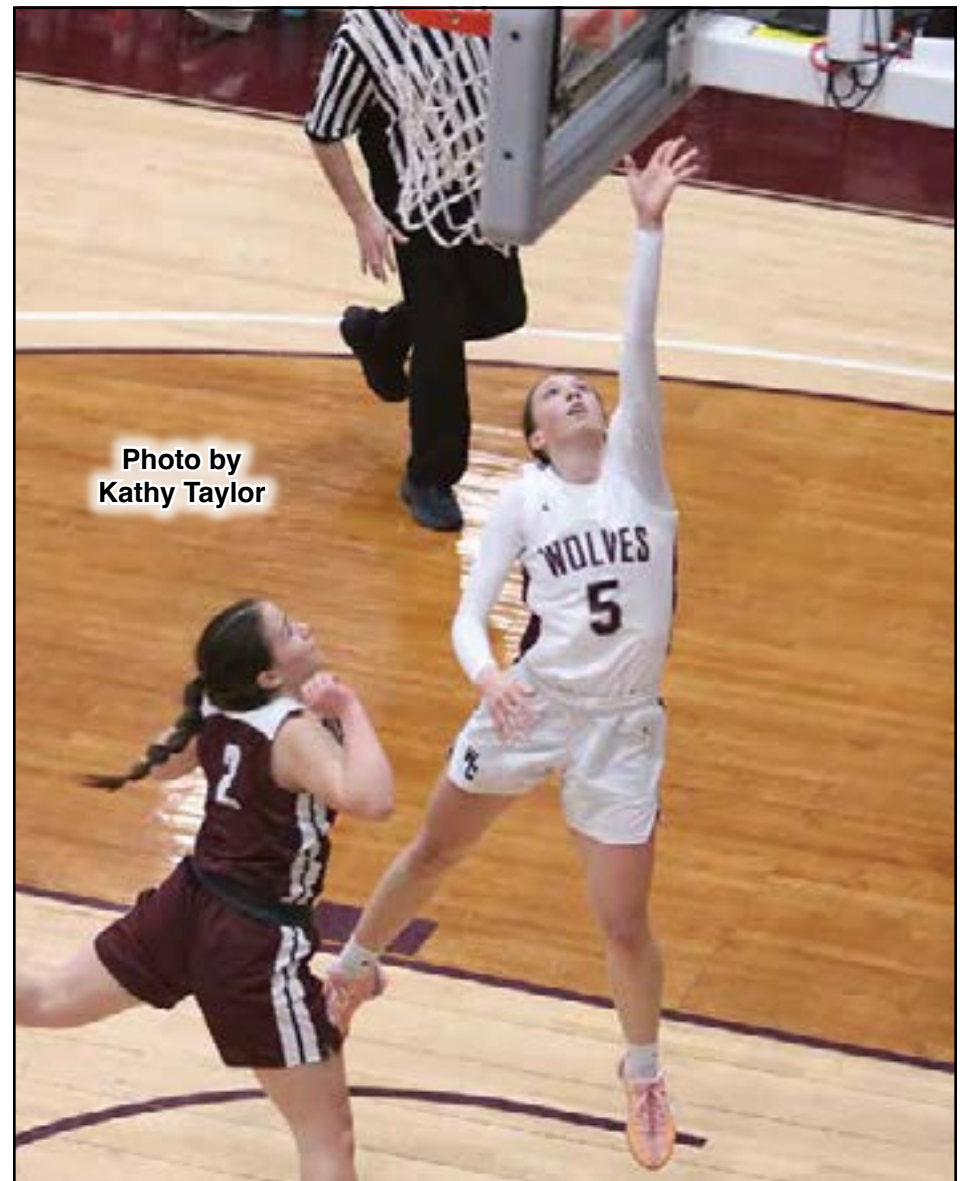


Photo by Kathy Taylor

Hagan 3rd In Long Jump At USATF Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship

Talon Hagan, Watford City, son of Korey and Dawn Hagan had a fun-filled and rewarding June and July 2024. At the USATF Dakotas Association Track Meet in Aberdeen, SD, June 8, Hagan took 1st in the Long Jump in the 9-10 age division. At the USATF Region 8

(IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI-July 5-7 Track Meet; Hagan took 1st in the Long Jump, 2nd in the 100-meter dash, and 2nd in the 200-meter dash.

On the way to the US-ATF Junior Olympic Championships in Bryan-College Station, TX, July 23-28,

Hagan made a stop at the Big Sky State Games in Billings on July 21. In the 10-11 age group, he placed 1st in the Long Jump, 1st in the 55-meter dash, 2nd in the 100-meter dash, and 2nd in the 200-meter dash.

At the Junior Olympic Championship, Hagan

took 3rd in the Long Jump, made the semi-finals of the 100-meter dash before finishing in 25th, and finished 29th in the 200-meter dash nationally.

Sibling, Taya Hagan, also participated in the US-ATF meets in the 8 and under age division. In the

Long Jump, Taya was 2nd at the Dakotas Association, 4th at the Region 8, and 33rd at the Championship. At the Dakotas Association meet she also finished 2nd in the 200-meter dash and 4th in the 100-meter dash.

Talon & Taya will be entering the 5th and 3rd

grades, respectively, at Fairview Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Talon on the 3rd Place podium. (Photo submitted)

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RRC Announces Naming Rights Agreement With Northern States Fishing Tools



The Rough Rider Center, Watford City, has entered into a significant naming rights partnership with Northern States Tools, Watford City. This naming rights deal ensures the continued growth and success of the Rough Rider Center and Watford City Parks and Recreation. The naming rights ceremony was held Oct. 10. (L to R): Josh Nollmeyer, Sara Fitzpatrick, Gary Brown, Billy Carlson, Matthew Mullin, Justin Johnsrud and Robin Arndt. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Submitted by Brock White

The Rough Rider Center, a cornerstone of the Watford City community and a hub for recreation, events, and athletics in the region, has entered into a significant naming rights partnership with Northern States Fishing Tools.

This long-term agreement marks an exciting new chapter for the Rough Rider Center, which has played a vital role in providing a space for residents and visitors to enjoy a wide range of activities, from sports tournaments and concerts, to conferences and community gatherings. The center's impact extends beyond the city, serving as a regional destination for entertainment and recreation.

With the support of Northern States Fishing Tools, this naming rights

deal ensures the continued growth and success of the Rough Rider Center and Watford City Parks and Recreation. These funds will not only enhance the facility's offerings but will also help maintain the center as a top-tier venue that promotes community engagement, wellness, and economic growth across the city and region.

"We are thrilled to partner with Northern States Fishing Tools. Their investment in the Rough Rider Center is a testament to the importance of this facility to the people of Watford City and the surrounding region," said Sara Fitzpatrick, Rough Rider Center director. "This agreement will allow us to continue providing high-quality services and experiences that our residents and visitors have come to expect."

Billy Carlson, Northern States Fishing Tools president, stated "The Rough Rider Center has become a key piece of the city's identity, and we're excited to partner up and help them in furthering the mission of the facility, and Watford City Parks and Recreation, hopefully for years to come."

A revised logo for the official "The Rough Rider Center, Presented by Northern States

Fishing Tools" moniker will be rolled out digitally and across the facility in the coming days and weeks, along with a naming rights dedication took place on Oct. 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. CST. All members of the public and media are welcome to attend the ceremony and welcome in an exciting new chapter for The Rough Rider Center and Parks and Recreation in Watford City.

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