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## Watford City Homefest Features Art In The Park, Live Entertainment, Games & More July 12-13

By Jessie Veeder  
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The Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce, McKenzie County Long X Arts Foundation and Watford City Parks and Recreation are keeping the Homefest tradition alive in Watford City July 12-13 as a way to welcome those returning for a visit and those who have made Watford City their new home.

Homefest events kick off Friday with the much-anticipated theater performance of "Pinocchio" presented by area youth who participated and rehearsed with the Missoula Children's Theater traveling theater organization. Catch these kiddos perform at 7 p.m. at the Watford City High School Theater. Then, Main Street will be buzzing at the street dance featuring the music of "Moments Nothin'" from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

Saturday is full of fun, starting with the Parks and Recreation's Homefest Run. The starting line is at the Tourist Park and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the run beginning at 9 a.m. The friendly competition continues that morning with the Homefest Mud Volleyball Tournament beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. team check-in at the Tourist Park. For the Cornhole en-

thusiasts, competitors and spectators can head over to Main Street at 3 p.m. for the Watford City Cornhole Tournament. Competitors must be 21 and over and must be registered by July 10. For more information and to register for these events visit [www.watfordcityparks.com](http://www.watfordcityparks.com).

You can catch the second performance of "Pinocchio" at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Watford City High School Theater.

### ART IN THE PARK

The Long X Arts Foundation is hosting Art in the Park at the Watford City Tourist Park on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This family friendly event has become a community tradition that features booths and shopping by local artists, crafters and makers, food by McKenzie County Parks and Recreation, free art activities for the kids, face painting, free caricatures, a talent show, a baby pageant, and quality entertainment by nationally touring Juggler, Acrobat and Aerialist, Laura Ernst. This year, for the first time ever, the event will also host two foam parties that families can enjoy for free from 1-2 p.m. and again from 3-4 p.m.!

Beaver Creek Kids will be hosting the ever-popular



Area youngsters performed in the Missoula Children's Theater production of "King Arthur's Quest" during last year's Homefest. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Baby Pageant at 11 a.m. to help kick off the event. Enter your 0-23-month-old for prizes for a \$10 registration fee.

"This is always such a fun way to celebrate our young community, the families really get creative and every baby gets a prize!"

At 2 p.m., Long X Arts will host the Homefest Talent Contest on the Tourist Park Stage, sponsored by the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce. Participants can enter in four different age groups: Kids-0-8, Youth-9-12, Teen-13-18 and Ault 19+. Prizes will be awarded to all and the top winner in each age category will be chose to perform at Ribfest on Aug. 9. Those

interested in entering the talent contest can contact the Long X Arts Foundation at 701-770-9659 or visit [www.longxarts.com](http://www.longxarts.com).

In addition to activities and shopping at the Tourist Park, artists and makers will also be set up in the Gallery of First International Bank and Trust on Main Street from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Tourist Park is a beautiful, shady space to enjoy the day with the family, complete with a playground for the kids and the day will be full of fun ways to interact with your neighbors and the gallery show on Main Street is just another reason to head up town to shop before enjoying the street dance on Satur-

day. Saturday's featured music is by "DJ Pigmy" from 8 p.m. to midnight.

With a variety of activities and events to enjoy for all ages, grab your friends and family and spend the weekend in Watford City!

For a full schedule and list of vendors or questions about Art in the Park visit [longxarts.com/events/artinthepark/](http://longxarts.com/events/artinthepark/) or contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 or [longxart@gmail.com](mailto:longxart@gmail.com).

For questions about the street dance schedule contact the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce at 701-570-5084 or [wcchamber@ruggedwest.com](mailto:wcchamber@ruggedwest.com).



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## Sidney Receives FEMA BRIC Grant For Storm Water Project

By Dianne Swanson

The City of Sidney has received a \$1,277,685 FEMA BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities) grant to cover 75% of the cost for the Sidney Meadows Storm Drain Project. The City was also awarded their portion of the required match, \$511,074, in State of Montana Resiliency dollars, covering the entire cost of the project other than engineering.

According to their web site, the BRIC program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research supported, proactive investment in community resilience. Examples of BRIC projects are ones that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design.

As reported in The Roundup on March 13, 2024, Sidney Public Works Director Jeff Hintz explained that severe flooding has occurred two or three times in the past 13 years primarily on the east side of Sunflower Lane. With a drainage area of 1000 acres, a rapid snow melt or deluge of rain just won't fit into a 12" pipe! Sand bagging by city crews and volunteers for three days straight at about eight Sunflower Lane residences has occurred on more than one occasion and the existing drainage ditch is insufficient to handle the water.

With the BRIC and state dollars, a 54" pipe will go alongside the main canal, then under the canal on the southeast of South Meadow, into the drainage ditch and on to the Yellowstone River. The project is slated to begin in 2025.

The City also received American Rescue Plan funds to cover the cost of remediating the storm water issues which have threatened the ROI Group home and Miller's Corner areas of the Anderson subdivision. The price tag has increased slightly from the original estimate of \$350,000 with a change from retention ponds to installing pipes which were deemed much more effective for water control. The city will start this project towards the end of July.

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## Sidney Health Center Cancer Center Expansion

By Mackenzie Hill

The Sidney Health Center Cancer Center recently conducted a tour of the new expansion of the cancer center. One that has roughly costed \$10 million that started in 2022 but now has been completed with new treatment rooms, as well

as some new technology to help patients with various conditions. With this new expansion they were able to add a Hyperbaric Oxygen chamber. A medical procedure that involves breathing pure oxygen in a pressurized chamber to treat various conditions. The increased

air pressure helps the lungs absorb more oxygen but also helps the oxygen get into the rest of the body's organs. This treatment can help treat radiation injuries, bone infections, skin wounds, diabetic foot and leg wounds, burns, crush injuries, carbon monoxide poisoning, and gangrene. It is also used for infections in which tissues are starved for oxygen. When you go for an infusion, it takes roughly two hours for treatment. While being treated Ashley Bravin, Cancer Center RN, will be walking you through the treatment along with other nurses that work hard to make these treatments as comfortable as possible.

The Cancer Center was also able to get a device for treatment called an Optune device. Now Optune is made of strips of electrodes that cover a patient's shaved head. The electrodes create low-intensity, alternating electrical fields that are de-

signed to slow the growth of cancer cells. Optune can also shrink the tumor, which reduces pressure on areas of the brain where the tumor is located, thus alleviating symptoms such as headaches, nausea, memory loss, and changes in personality. This device is hard to come by and normally patients were sent to Billings to get the Optune device treatment, but now Sidney's cancer center was able to get the funds to bring this device in so patients could be treated in Sidney.

One of the newest devices they received was a machine known as the Radiact that is not only an MRI machine but can also work as a CT scan for patients. With this new machine they can do two things at once. The center is able to now take a normally 3-6 minute treatment down to a 1-2 minute treatment which is allowing doctor Ralf Kiehl, MD, to see patients even more in

a day since treatment time takes about 15 minutes now to be seen. This machine allows doctor Ralf to really focus on parts of the body that have been affected by cancer and minimize that area so patients can go longer without returning for another treatment.

While you are being treated there will always be two different therapists monitoring the treatment thoroughly during your visit so if something alarming pops up on the scan during the treatment they are right there to catch it and address it.

If you are needing an infusion the cancer center has gone above and beyond to make sure you are as comfortable as possible. Dr. Franks and Dr. Pierce, will be the ones to tend to you as well as the nurses on standby to help with the infusion process. While there you can either sit by the sun during your treatment or get a private room



Sidney Health Center Cancer Care staff in their "Community is Stronger than Cancer" Day shirts June 27. (Photo by Toni Zieske)

## Fairview Non-profit Looking To Improve Sharbono Park Recreational Opportunities

By Dianne Swanson

Sharbono Park, Fairview, is a beautiful, well-maintained park with room to provide more recreational activities not just for youth but for all ages. Bordertown Fest Inc. (BFI) has taken on the responsibility of overseeing improvements to the courts at the park including, but not limited to, resurfacing the basketball court and transforming the tennis court into a multi-sport surface for basketball, volleyball and pickle ball.

Spearheaded by Jacqueline Free and Shawna Karst, the main goal of the group is to promote health and well-being in Richland

County by providing opportunities for organized physical activities. They firmly believe that obesity, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and depression are all epidemics that can be combated with exercise. Updating the areas of interest in the park would incentivize community members to become more active and encourage healthy youth gatherings after school leading to improved mental and physical well-being. "We have an aging community, we need to get people outdoors," Free said.

BFI has obtained a bid of \$150,000 for the project from Versacourt to install

both surfaces and paint the multi-sport lines on the former tennis court. The goal is to complete the project within about two years, using grants, donations and fund-raising projects. BFI is a 501 c(3) which means your donations are tax deductible.

Depending on the amount donated, a tiered schedule of recognition will be provided. Along with social media and local press, signage created by Signs of Sidney will be placed at the venues. The schedule is as follows:

Bronze, \$500-999, 12x2" name placard; Silver, \$1000-2999, 12x4" name placard; Gold, \$3000-5999,

12x8" name placard; Platinum, \$6000-9999, 16x12" sign; Diamond, \$10,000-19,000, 28x20" sign; \$20,000-49,000, 36x48" sign; Above \$50,000, naming of the court with 60x72" sign.

All donations, including in-kind are most welcome. An account has been established at Merchants Bank, Fairview, for donations.

"We have a big, beautiful park. We need to use it!" Free emphasized.

## Man Dies After Assault North of Fairview

The McKenzie County Sheriff's Department has confirmed that 68-year-old Valentine Ene, AZ, died several days after receiving injuries during an assault on June 1, 2024.

Detective Brandon Kindred stated that the incident took place on private property on the North Dakota side of 32nd St. NW, Fairview.

He said the second individual involved has been identified but no arrests have been made.

The investigation is on-going.

Join RCT for a Trip to Ft. Peck Theatre to see **BONNIE & CLYDE** Call (406) 433-7433 to reserve your seat

July 8 - 21, 2024

Bus will make one convenience stop at 12:45pm Sunday, July 21st. Show store stop each way you are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Cost: Transportation only \$25 per passenger.

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**Senior Center Events**

**Congregate Meals:**  
Fairview: Mon. & Wed., 11:30 a.m., 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
Sidney: Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980  
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Activities/Cards**  
Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.; Women's Cards: Wed. at 12:30 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 Al-Anon Family Group Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.  
7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.  
8 p.m. - AA Meeting Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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

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

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

**FRIDAYS:**  
7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side  
8 p.m. - NA Meetings, Watford City - First Lutheran Church, 212 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.....	1842.9
Last Week's Elev.....	1842.1
One Year Ago.....	1840.9
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	22,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 1	76	60	0.240
July 2	78	58	0.000
July 3	78	58	0.000
July 4	74	58	0.250
July 5	79	51	0.000
July 6	78	48	0.000
July 7	82	54	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	6.400		

# OBITUARIES

## Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom), 75, St. George, UT (formerly of Fairview, MT)

Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom), 75, St. George, UT, (formerly of Fairview, MT) passed away Nov. 18, 2023.

He was born in Williston, ND, on March 10, 1948 to Jeannette (Terry) R. Thomas (Taylor) and Gaar M. Thomas, Jr.

Tom spent his early years in Fairview growing up with his two brothers, Dale and Jerry (Dewey). The three brothers were always doing things together like fishing, hiking, swimming, waterskiing; also playing pool, bowling, football, basketball and baseball. He attended Fairview High School participating in numerous sporting activities before graduating in 1966. Following his high school graduation, he spent one year at Eastern Montana College before joining the U.S. Navy and serving his country from 1967-1971. His years in the Navy had him serving on a supply ship bringing critical supplies to our troops in Vietnam.

Following his military service, Tom re-enrolled at Eastern Montana College studying chemistry during the 1973-74 school year before entering the workforce. Upon leaving college he went to work for Conoco Oil, Billings, MT, for two years before leaving to help his brother Dale's hole service business cleaning up after seismograph exploration. Following that, Tom moved on to other various jobs before deciding to "Hit the Road". He would go on many extended travels by car to all parts of the country, working in many part-time jobs, but never staying long before deciding to hit the road again. Although Tom did stay in Oregon long enough to get his college degree in hospitality management. He never wanted to be tied down, he never married, never stayed in one location for very long.

Following his many years on the road he eventually found his permanent home. In 2011, he purchased a condominium in St. George, UT, retired and remained there until his death.

Tom generally enjoyed his many travels, discussing religion and politics with anyone he met during those venturesome years. His brothers, Dale and Dewey, would stop and see him during the later years to catch up on the prior year's activities. And, of course resume discussions on religion and politics.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Gaar (2000) and mother Jeanette (2010). He is survived by his two brothers, Dale L. Thomas (Regina) and Jerry S. (Dewey) Thomas, Great Falls, MT.

A graveside service and remembrance will be held at the Richland Memorial Park, south of Sidney, MT, at 10 a.m. on July 19, 2024.



Gaar M. Thomas, III (Tom)

## Teddy "Ted" Sullivan, 92 Fairview, MT

Graveside services for Teddy "Ted" will be on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, ND with Pastor John Baseley officiating. Fulkerston Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkerstons.com](http://www.fulkerstons.com).

Teddy Thomas Sullivan was born Sept. 2, 1931, in Fairview, MT, to Thomas and Frances (Kanarr) Sullivan. He married June Lone Ketterling on April 10, 1952, in Sidney, MT. Ted and June spent 63 years together in Fairview, MT, until June's passing in 2016. They enjoyed sitting in front of their house, talking to passersby, and making sure the squirrels had enough to eat.

While Ted's formal education ended with the eighth grade, he did receive his GED and was self-educated through countless hours spent in the Sidney Public Library, as well as trial and error. He was quite knowledgeable on many subjects and was always willing to share that knowledge with others whether it was history, investing, agate hunting, set-line fishing, coin collecting, gardening, or even panning for gold, which Ted learned how to do later in life. Ted valued education, both formal and informal.

Ted was extremely proud of his many years serving in the Montana National Guard, as well as with the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a U.S. Postal Carrier for over 30 years on the longest star route in Montana. He enjoyed playing the harmonica, working out, and spending time with family on the holidays where he always laid claim to the turkey neck (not that anyone put up a fight). His nieces and nephews enjoyed packing a lunch and tagging along on his mail route - they even got to put the mail in the mailboxes once in a while.

Teddy Thomas Sullivan died on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at Sidney Extended Care. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Frances, his wife June, and six half brothers and sisters: Frank, Lou, Rose, Pearl, Elizabeth, and Helen. Ted is survived by his brother, Floyd (Linda) Sullivan, Fairview, MT, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Sidney Public Library.

## Lorraine A. Baye, 92 Watford City, ND

Lorraine Baye, 92, peacefully passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the McKenzie County Healthcare Hospital, Watford City, ND, with family by her side.

Celebration of Life Services are Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Watford City, ND, with Ricky Lawlar officiating.

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

Lorraine will be laid to rest at the Schafer Cemetery, Watford City, ND, at a later date. Fulkerston Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkerstons.com](http://www.fulkerstons.com).



Teddy "Ted" Sullivan

**EVENTS**

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### RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Wed., July 10**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Kathleen Frank High Country West Exhibit - through Aug. 3. - "Capturing the Past" Exhibition Leah Olson - through Aug. 31.  
- "Celebrating the Essence: Exhibition Morgan Wagner - through Aug. 31. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. 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/>.

**Thurs., July 11**  
11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting - Gullivers. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.  
4-5:30 p.m. - Water Fight Cool Off With The Cops - Free to everyone. Sunset Village, 1033 6th St. SW.

**Fri., July 12**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Sidney Kiwanis Club Pie Social - Enjoy delicious pies along with a full meal or burgers & brats with all the trimmings. Sidney Middle School. Meals \$12; piece of pie, \$5. Whole pies after noon \$18 if available. All proceeds go to serving children in a myriad of ways. For large orders please pre-order by calling or texting 406-794-2304.

**Sat., July 13**  
4-9 p.m. - Sunset Fest - Artists, crafters, pop-up shops, food trucks, small businesses, direct sellers, musicians. Veterans Memorial Park.  
5 p.m. - Quick Draw & Art Auction at Sunset Fest - Veterans Memorial Park. The MDHC Quick Draw provides a chance for viewers to watch art being created right before their eyes. Get a bidder number at MDHC table for the Art Auction at 6 p.m. Money raised will be used to fund MonDak Heritage Center's art programs.

**Saturdays, July 13-Oct. 5 & 12**  
7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market - Richland County Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St NW & 2nd Ave NW. Watch the Richland County Farmers Market Facebook page for updates.

**Wed., July 17**  
8:45 a.m. - Sidney ARS & MSU-EARC Dryland Field Day - ARS: Forage & Solar Research. EARC: Grasshopper & Durum research. Registration 8:45 a.m. at ARS Farmsite (about 4 miles N. of Sidney off MT Hwy 16) Take a left at Co. Rd 346, watch for entrance sign. Tour times: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., lunch provided.  
**Thurs., July 18, 5 p.m.-Fri., July 19, 1 p.m.**  
2024 Bordertown Hoopfest - Fairview - 3 on 3 Tourney. 3rd grade-adult. For more info contact Mel Hurley, 406-480-0184 or Trish Buxbaum, 406-489-0390.  
**Fri., July 19, 5 p.m.; Sat., July 20, 6:30 a.m.; & Sun., July 21, 10:15 a.m.**  
78th Annual Fairview Old Timers' Reunion & Summer Festival - All events take place in Sharbono Park unless stated otherwise. July 19: "Hamburgers in the Park", registration of old timers & great entertainment. July 20: Starts with a free breakfast & registration at 8 a.m. "Car Show" at the north end of the park + food & other vendors. "Kiddie Parade" followed by "Grand Parade". Raising of the flag, national anthem & presentation of this year's button honoree, Ken Babcock. "Ice Cream Social" at Senior Citizen's Center. Downtown Fairview has music & catching up with old friends. July 21: Sunday church service in the park. For more info visit "Old Timers Reunion & Fairview Festival Facebook page".

**Sat., July 20 & Sun., July 21**  
3rd Annual Border Town Blast - Sat. race starts 4 p.m.; Sunday Race starts 10 a.m. (1/\$5 or 3/\$10 - Pay at the gate) Sidney Saddle Club, 5th St. SW.  
**Mon., July 22-Thurs., July 25**  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - Sidney Public Schools Back To School Registration - Grades K-12 registration, Central Elementary School, 200 3rd Ave., SE.

### McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Fri., July 12, 7 p.m. & Sat., July 13, 10 a.m.**  
Missoula Children's Theater Presents Pinocchio - Admission: Free will offering. Watford City High School Performing Arts Center, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway.  
**Sat., July 13 - Watford City Homefest**  
Events at Tourist Park unless otherwise listed. Homefest Run - Register at [roughridercenter.com](http://roughridercenter.com). - COED 4s Mud Volleyball Tournament To register visit [watfordcityparks.com](http://watfordcityparks.com). - Art In The Park - Art vendors at the park & First International Bank Gallery all day. - Baby Pageant: "Under The Big Top" - For more info contact Beaver Creek Kids, 701-495-2480, [beavercreekcreations@gmail.com](mailto:beavercreekcreations@gmail.com). - Art In The Park Foam Party - Music, dancing, games & a sea of foam bubbles. - Talent Contest - For more info call 701-770-8659 or email [longxart@gmail.com](mailto:longxart@gmail.com) or visit <https://longxarts.com/event/homefest-talent-contest-2024/>. - Cornhole Tournament - Watford City Main St. Pre-registration only [watfordcityparks.com/events](http://watfordcityparks.com/events).

**Tues., July 16**  
2-4 p.m. - McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW.  
**Tues., July 16-Thurs., July 18**  
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - Summer Art Camp: Sports Galore: - Painting, sculpting, & ceramics fun, focusing around the theme of Sports Galore. Drop-off camp that includes an Art Show on the last day at 12 p.m. All children must have completed Kindergarten at the time of registration. Multiple-Child Discounts available. Ask about our scholarship program. Cost: \$22/person Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

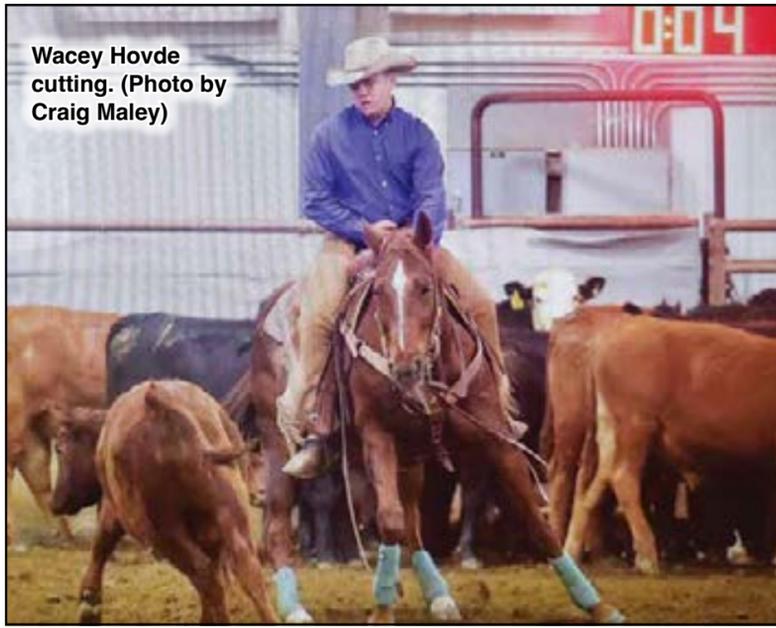
**Thurs., July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
5-9 p.m. - Summer Nights On Main - Come to downtown Williston for incredible live music, amazing food, drinks, kids' activities & more.  
Sat., July 13 & Sun., July 14  
9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Annual Encampment - Free event, all ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Engage in historical activities & learn about the significant role these soldiers played on the frontier. For more info, contact Yvette Bachmeier, 701-572-9034 or [shsbuford@nd.gov](mailto:shsbuford@nd.gov).  
**Mon., July 15 & Aug. 19**  
6:30 p.m. - Draggin' Main Mondays - A night of cruising Main St. start at the old Red Rock Ford lot, 2nd St. E., & ending with a car show & food trucks at the Soda Shack/ ACE Hardware parking lot. Bring a chair.  
**Fri., July 19**  
7-9 p.m. - 2024 Williams County Parks Summer Concert Series "The Bluesteems" At Epping/Springbrook Dam - Free concert open to the public. Pack a picnic, listen to some tunes & enjoy the evening. Restrooms available, but bring your own refreshments & chairs.

### DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Wed., July 17, 31, Aug. 14**  
6 p.m. - Trivia in the Park - Free family friendly event that covers topics suitable for all ages. Makoshika State Park Lower Group Use Shelter.  
**Thurs., July 18**  
9:30-11:30 a.m. - Youth Program: Fun with Fossils - Free event where children ages 7-13 will learn what fossils are & how they are formed & more. Makoshika State Park Visitor Center.  
**Fri., July 19**  
3:30-6:55 p.m. - Golf Scramble - Glendive Community Cancer Fund - 4 person teams, \$400 per team. Cottonwood Country Club, 508 Country Club Road. Register at [Sknuths@me.com](mailto:Sknuths@me.com) or 406-698-1701.  
**Wed., July 24**  
8:30-11:30 a.m. - Richey Schools Sports Physicals - Grades 5-12, Cost: \$50. Check in at Richey High School office.

# Hovde To Compete In National High School Finals Rodeo July 14-20



Wacey Hovde cutting. (Photo by Craig Maley)

**Submitted by Tana Hovde**

Wacey Hovde, an incoming junior at Sidney High School, punched his ticket to compete at the 2024 National High School Finals Rodeo, Rock Springs, WY, July 14-20.

The NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo with approximately 1500 contestants from the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico and New Zealand. This prestigious event serves as a platform for high school athletes to showcase their

skills, compete for national titles and over \$375,000 in scholarship money while forging lifelong friendships. The top four contestants in each rodeo event earn a spot on their state's team to compete at the national level.

Wacey and his cutting horse "Walter" came into the state finals in Bowman, ND, in June sitting well in the overall standings. After the dust settled, they had maintained their position throughout tough rounds

of competition to be the #3 man for the state of North Dakota in the boys cutting. Wacey says he is excited to learn from and enjoy this experience at the highest level that can be achieved in high school rodeo.

He is a member of the Watford City High School Rodeo Team, an 8-year member of Richland County 4-H, belongs to the Sidney FFA Chapter and enjoys working on his family's ranch. He is the son of J.J. and Tana Hovde.

## Svarre & Dayton Foundations Announce Scholarship Winners

Each scholarship is \$6000. Congratulations to these deserving 2024 graduates. (Photos submitted)



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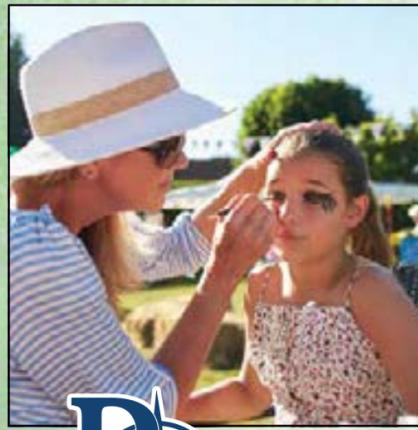
Lexi Rang of Sidney High School plans to attend Grand Canyon University to study Healthcare Administration.

Abigail Schilling of Sidney High School, will attend North Dakota State University majoring in Business Administration.

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Allison Jensen of Fairview High School, will attend MSU-Bozeman to study Nursing.

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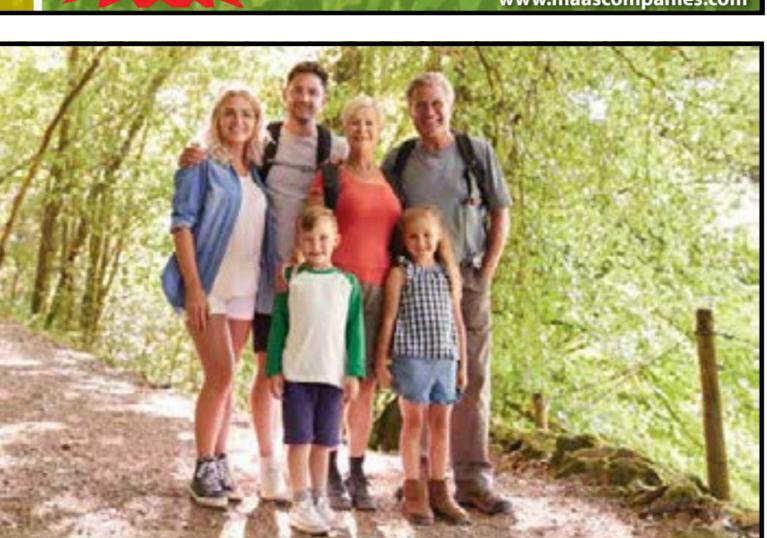
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## James David Elmore, 50 Sidney, MT

Funeral services will be Thursday July 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Richland County Fairgrounds Event Center with Pastor Greg Ledgerwood officiating. Refreshments and desserts will be served following the service. Visitation will be Wednesday July 10, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you volunteer, help someone in need and visit your parents and grandparents. Make the world a better place through action; it's what James did every day. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



James David Elmore

James David Elmore was born Nov. 4, 1973, in Baker, MT, to Bonnie and Bill Elmore. He became the third little Elmore boy alongside his brothers Brian and Shannon. In his younger years, he called Ekalaka, MT, home and spent his days hunting, playing basketball and football, causing

mischievous with his brothers, pallet surfing, setting (controlled) fires, and working with his dad. James was soft-spoken but well-liked and trusted by all who met him. From a young age, he was known for his humorous and sarcastic one-liners that could make anybody laugh. Famously, his mom would have Aunt Merle take him to her house when the pastor came over, because "you never knew what James would say."

As he grew up, he worked a variety of jobs from helping in the oilfield, being a ranch hand, custom harvesting, and spraying weeds. It didn't take him very long to realize that he needed a career with benefits and in 1996 he enrolled in Bismarck State College's Electrical Lineman program. He graduated nine months later and found a calling and a brotherhood in that field. After a short stint with Cherry Todd Electric, he became employed with MDU in Glendive and Sidney. It was there that he met many of his closest friends. James loved working in the service of others and spent countless nights in rain, snow, and wind keeping the power on. Additionally, he was heavily involved in the IBEW union trying to secure benefits for his fellow utility workers.

Shortly before he went to lineman school, he met his first wife, Mary Aas. Of this union came two children: John in 1996 and Laura in 1998. Immediately, being a father became his highest calling. He commemorated his life to his children and loved them dearly. Many days were spent playing cowboy, building snowmen, and being the best dad that he possibly could.

After his first union ended, he moved from Glendive to Sidney to be closer to his mom. In his new apartment complex, he met a neighbor who would become the love of his life. Melissa and James quickly became inseparable and after several years of dating, they were married on September 3rd, 2011. Melissa was James's constant pillar of support, travel buddy, and best friend. Through Melissa, he gained three more children that he loved as his own: Charles, Josh, and Jordan.

Throughout his life, James was a mentor. He taught his kids to hunt, work on vehicles, and how to live with a servant's heart. He made a point to be a father figure to the young men he worked with. He rarely took a day to himself and would volunteer to help anyone who asked. He was soccer coach for his son, a D.A.R.E instructor, and volunteered to help with the Royal Rangers program at the Assembly of God Church. He could also be found mowing his neighbor's grass, helping fix someone's furnace, doing what he could for a friend's construction project, or just about anything else anyone needed. He loved going out to his father-in-law, Ron's, house to plant gardens and do odd jobs. He could also be found helping his uncle Lenny check disposal wells.

On his time off, he would watch some '80s action movies or start a new project in the garage. Most of all though, he loved to go home to Ekalaka and hunt with his brothers, kids, and anyone else who wanted to tag along. Thanksgiving was his favorite holiday and always spent it with loved ones playing games and cracking jokes.

After a 20-year battle with cancer, James passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family and loved ones on July 6, 2024. He never let his illness keep him from remaining positive and always had a smile on his face and love in his heart. He credited God with keeping him strong and professed his faith to anyone who asked.

He is survived by his wife Melissa Elmore; his mother Bonnie (Larry) "Elmore" Sharbono; his children, John (Caysi) Elmore, Laura Elmore, Charles Vincent, Josh (Chelsea) Romero, and Jordan Romero; brothers Brian (Nadine) Elmore and Shannon (Barb) Elmore; father-in-law Ron Jensen; sister-in-law Shelle Mayes; aunts and uncles Lenny (Barb) Carver, Dan (Denise) Pierce, Laurie (Roger) Pankratz, and Shirley Dean Scheetz; grandchildren, Jenessa, Ayden, Alix, and Emma; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Bill Elmore, his grandparents June and Floyd Pierce and Madeline and Bert Elmore, his Aunt Merle Griffin, and his mother-in-law Lee Jensen.

Here's to an amazing man and keeping his memory alive.

## Marolyn Deniece Kannmacher Fasig, 87 Sidney, MT

Marolyn D. Fasig, 87, Sidney, MT, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home, Glendive, MT.



Marolyn Deniece  
Kannmacher Fasig

Funeral services for Marolyn are at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation will be Friday, July 12, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Marolyn Deniece Kannmacher was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1937, to Carroll and Edith Kannmacher, Gary, IND. It was soon after that the Kannmachers followed family down to southeast Illinois to the small town of Martinsville, across the border from Terra Haute, IND.

The Kannmachers, originating in Germany (name meaning can-maker), those that found themselves in Illinois, became farmers. Marolyn's father also worked at the foundry in town. Edith was a homemaker and raised their four children: Marolyn, Nadine, Jon and Lowell.

As the family lived on the farm – there were many-a-day that the children walked to and from the one-room country schoolhouse, plus taking on many chores for farm and home. In the middle of a cold night – the house started on fire. Marolyn, being the oldest child, had to get her siblings out of the house while her parents and neighbors were tending to the fire. They were all taken to a family neighbor and lived with them till their new home was built on the same property.

At the start of eighth grade, country children went to town for school. During her senior year, Marolyn was chosen as a candidate for homecoming queen. One of the football players for the Martinsville Bluestreaks had his eye on Marolyn. After many declines, Marolyn finally gave in and had a date with Jackey Ray Fasig (last name meaning big as a barrel or barrel-like – and also of German descent.) The dating turned into an engagement, which turned into a wedding after high school graduation in 1955. The honeymoon was short-lived, only lasting one week before Jack joined the United States Navy and Marolyn began nurses training 30 miles from home. She graduated at the Terre Haute (IND) School of Nursing in 1958 as a Registered Nurse.

After Jack was out of the Navy, the couple brought into this world four children: Jay, Deniece, Russ and Tim. Jack was called into the ministry, and Marolyn was able to get a job everywhere the family went – from Illinois to Arizona, Kansas, Colorado and finally landing in Sidney, MT.

Marolyn carried positions as an RN working in hospitals, finishing her career in geriatric care as nurse, charge nurse, then to Director of Nursing at Richland Homes/Sidney Extended Care, and also the first nurse at the new Lodge of Lone Tree Creek (an assisted living home.) She retired in 2001, as Jack wanted her close to him at home after he retired. Such lovebirds for almost 63 married years!

Marolyn was Jack's nurse until she exhausted herself and family came to their aid. In February 2018, Jack and Marolyn came to stay at EMVH, Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, MT. After Jack's passing in March 2018, Marolyn's health began to improve, and she became a very loved lady by all the staff. She flourished in activities, but also still carried the label as BOSS lady in the "nursing" world to many of her students that had previously worked in Sidney, MT, as well as many new oncoming staff. She always carried that smile, along with that twinkle in her eyes.

She had a strong faith in Jesus Christ, and loved her family and friends, as well as many acquaintances. If there was chocolate to be found – Marolyn would always taste test, with a chaser of Diet Coke.

Marolyn will soely be missed, but as we all know she is with her Lord and Savior, and together again with Jack, along with four children that they never had the pleasure of raising and four great grandchildren. She's also reunited with her parents, and all of her siblings.

She leaves behind her four children: Jay (Marcia) Fasig, Haysville, KS; Deniece (Dan) Schwab, Sidney, MT; Russ (Judy) Fasig, Derby, KS; and Tim (Kim) Fasig, West Haven, UT; along with nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren: Dustin (Kaydrianna) with Maverick and Crue Steele, Cody (Leah) with Ryan and Jackson Fasig, Kalee (Martin) with Memphis and Georgia Rose, Shelley Steele and partner in crime Jamie Velasco with Bella Strasheim, Justine (Josh) with Luke, Levi, Liam, Zoey and Ivey Ashcraft, Katelyn (Kaleb) with Blaire Mears, Mallory (Joey) Adelynn, Amelia and Daiton Carpenter, Garrett (Karina) Fasig, and Sam (Cheyenne) with Hayden and Bowen Fasig.

Mom (grandma), we miss you so much, and we love you dearly! Life will never be the same! BUT we know that you are safe in the arms of Jesus, and we are so good with that!

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# Pulse Crops, Wheat Stem Sawfly, Grasshopper Management & More Featured At Joint ARS-MSU Dryland Field Tour, Sidney July 17

**By Beth Redlin**  
 Research looking at pulse crop diseases, new durum varieties, native pollinators and new options for wheat stem sawfly and grasshopper management are just a few of the research topics to be presented at the 2024 joint ARS-MSU Dryland Field Day, Sidney, Wednesday morning, July 17, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The tour is presented by Montana State University's Eastern Ag Research Center (EARC) and the USDA Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab (NPRL) and features speakers from both Sidney research facilities as well as others from the Mandan, ND, ARS facility and MSU Bozeman.

The combined half-day activities begin at the ARS research farmsite located about 4 miles north of Sidney on the Culbertson highway. Take a left at County Road 129 and a second left on County Road 346 to get to the farmsite. Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. with coffee and donuts followed by the start of the tour at 9 a.m. The tour will subsequently move to the MSU dryland farm across the highway for additional research talks and conclude with a free lunch at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by the Richland County Extension Office. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Included in the day's presentations are a unique ARS study using straw bales as a means to move large numbers of wheat stem saw-

fly biocontrol agents to newly infested regions and one using soil microbes to promote disease resistance in peas. Pulse crop research is also featured in the day's EARC studies including those looking at pulse crops and protein, along with long-term rotation effects on lentil and pea pathogens. Guest speakers have also been invited to discuss grasshopper management and new durum varieties developed at MSU Bozeman and a new ARS study incorporating solar panels into livestock forage systems at the Mandan, research facility.

Speakers and topics at the ARS Sidney dryland farmsite include:

- "Spring wheat yield, soil nitrate-nitrogen, and nitrous oxide emissions from slow nitrogen release fertilizers" - Upendra Sainju, USDA-ART Soil Scientist, Sidney
- "The soil microbiome advantage: How beneficial microbes promote a thriving soil agroecosystem and healthy plants" - Rosalie Calderon, USDA-ARS Post Doc, Sidney
- "Establishment of native grasses and forbs for pollinator-friendly CRP fields" - Brett Allen, USDA-ARS Research Agronomist, Sidney, and John Hendrickson, USDA-ARS, Research Rangeland Mgt. Specialist, Mandan
- "Bees and insect pollinators of the northern Great Plains" - Joshua Campbell, USDA-ART, Res. Ecologist - Pollination Specialist, Sidney
- Special Guest Pre-

sentation:

- Integrating solar panels with dryland livestock forage systems - John Hendrickson, USDA-ARS, Mandan
- Talks at the EARC dryland farm site include:
- "Pulse crops and protein" - William Franck, Res. Scientist, MSU-EARC, Sidney
- "Measuring the impact of weather on ascospore release for improved chickpea Ascochyta blight predictions" - Alma Chinchilla, MSU-EARC Plant Pathology Res. Asst., Sidney
- "The effect of long-term

- rotations and previous crop on pea, lentil pathogens" - Frankie Crutcher, Plant Pathologist, MSU-EARC, Sidney
- "Wheat stem sawfly update: Developing conservation and augmentation approaches to improve biological control of wheat stem sawfly" - Tatyana Rand, USDA-ARS, Research Ecologist, Sidney
- Special Guest Presentations:
- "Grasshoppers: An inconsistent, but challenging insect pest of Montana" - Erika Rodbell, MSU-Bozeman Extension Agronomic Ento-

mology Assoc. Spec.

- "Brief update of durum breeding and new varieties" - BranDee Johnston, MSU-Bozeman Crop Variety Promotions and Educ. Spec.

Field tour participants will qualify for 1 pesticide point in the following categories: 10 - Dealer; 30 - Agricultural Plant Pest Control; 37 - Right of Way Pest Control; 39 - Demonstration & Research Pest Control; 55 - Regulatory Weed; 60 - Private Agricultural Pest Control.

This is the first time in the last five years that the joint tour has been held and it's coming back as an ev-

ery-other-year event. Covid restrictions and then staff shortages delayed its reintroduction until now, according to field day organizers. "We share adjoining dryland research space with EARC, so we've both been looking forward to renewing this partnership and sharing our research findings with area dryland producers," ARS Research Agronomist Brett Allen noted in announcing the tour resumption.

For questions or more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or email beth.redlin@usda.gov.

## Infantry Encampment Planned July 13-14 At Ft. Buford State Historic Site

WILLISTON, ND - The public is invited to the Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Annual Encampment Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. CT at Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston. All ages are welcome to this free event, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

"Step back in time with the sights, sounds, and stories of the past as reenactors bring the frontier era of the fort to vivid life," said Ben Gjørven, Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Regimental Association president. "This encampment is a unique opportunity to experience the daily life of the Sixth Infantry Regiment soldiers stationed at Fort Buford in 1876."

Discover the routines,

traditions and challenges of fort life by attending historical reenactments, drills, and demonstrations. In addition to scheduled demonstrations, fort life activities will run throughout the day. Observe water detail, wood cutting detail, barracks cleaning, uniform upkeep and polishing, and Army laundress demonstrations.

"Guests can engage in historical activities and learn about the significant role these soldiers played on the frontier," said Site Supervisor Yvette Bachmeier.

**Saturday, July 13**

9 a.m. Morning Colors and Morning Parade

11 a.m. Marching/Rifle Drill

1:30 p.m. Barracks Inspection

2 p.m. Rifle Demonstration and Cannon Demonstration

2:30 p.m. Signal Corps Communication: Signal Flags and Telegraphy

Wet Plate Photography Demonstration

Laundress Demonstration

4 p.m. Mail Call

**Sunday, July 14**

9 a.m. Morning Colors and Morning Parade

11 a.m. Skirmish Drill (Bayonet Drill)

Fort Buford State Historic Site was one of several military posts established to protect overland and river routes used by immigrants settling the West. While it served an essential role as the sentinel on the northern Plains for 29 years (1866-

1895), it is probably best known as the place where Hunkpapa Sioux leader Sitting Bull relinquished his rifle to the U.S. government in 1881.

For more information, contact Yvette Bachmeier, 701.572.9034 or shsbufford@nd.gov. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Fort Buford is open daily 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 1. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

## Good Cents Store & The Lodge Team Up To Make A Difference



Residents from The Lodge and Good Cents Store volunteers cut up shirts to be repurposed through the "rags to riches" project. (Photo submitted)

**By Toni Zieske**  
 Sidney Health Center

In a heartwarming initiative, The Good Cents Store has partnered with The Lodge assisted living facility to bring a "rags to riches" project to life, proving that you are never too old to give back to the community. This initiative highlights the benefits of volunteering and repurposing materials that would otherwise go to waste in the landfill.

Recently, The Good Cents Store began cutting up cotton t-shirts that were not in good enough condition for resale. These repurposed t-shirts are transformed into rags and made available for sale. Several residents at The Lodge have started volunteering their time to help with this ongoing project, cutting up t-shirts into rags which are then bundled into large bags or buckets.

These rags are excellent for use as "shop" rags and are ideal for oilfield applications. The pricing for these rags is as follows:

- Buckets of Rags: \$10 per bucket or \$8 refill
- Bags of Rags: \$20 per bag
- Bags of Towels: \$25

per bag  
 The Good Cents Store is located at 101 10th Avenue NE, Sidney, at the end of East Main. Proceeds generated from sales benefit patient and resident care at Sidney Health Center.

This collaboration not only supports recycling efforts but also fosters a sense of community and purpose among the residents at The Lodge. It's a beautiful example of how collective efforts can lead to significant positive impacts.

Join Us in Making a Difference!

If you're interested in volunteering and making a positive impact in your community, The Lodge is always looking for more helping hands to support this wonderful initiative. Your time and effort can make a big difference in transforming "rags to riches." Call 406.488.4682 to find out more information.

Visit The Good Cents Store today and support this wonderful cause!

The Good Cents Store is located at the end of East Main in Sidney. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturdays from 12:00 to 3:00 PM.



## Oral Health Important To Seniors Free Dental Screenings Set In Sidney & Savage

**By Jodi Berry**  
 Richland Co. Commission on Aging director

There are a lot of things we can let slide as we get older but one thing that becomes more important than ever is our oral health. Every time we eat or drink, bacteria and small food particles are left behind on the surface of our teeth and gumline; eventually forming plaque. When plaque builds up for too long without being addressed it can lead to gum disease, tooth decay and a host of other problems.

Seniors can be especially susceptible to this because of decreased dexterity while brushing and

flossing. This makes it more important than ever to receive periodic oral health screenings. Unfortunately, studies show that many older Montanans forego these screenings when they are doing the rest of their routine health screenings.

In 2017, the Montana Oral Health Program, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, provided dental health screenings at 20 randomly selected nursing facilities across the state. That study found that 1 out of 3 people screened needed dental care and 47% of those screened had not seen a dentist in at least 3 years.

This year, for the very

first time, the Montana Oral Health Program is also collecting data in community-dwelling adults. This will help create a clearer picture of the overall oral health of older Montanans. The data is used to improve oral health literacy, workforce development and the integration of oral health into total health.

If you would like to receive a free dental screening while helping the Montana Oral Health Program collect this valuable data, you can visit one of two locations within Richland County: Thursday, July 25 at the Savage Senior Center (Main Street, Savage) at 11 a.m. and Friday, July 26 at the Sidney Senior Center

(813 3rd St NE, Sidney) at 11 a.m.

Even though these days were designed to collect senior health data, everyone is welcome to take part in the screenings. There is no appointment necessary and participants will receive toothbrushes and other oral health supplies.

Both locations will be serving Congregate Meals the same day; Savage will serve at 12 p.m., and Sidney is at 11:30 a.m. All seniors are welcome to stay for a great home cooked meal; if you do not regularly attend the meals, it is helpful to sign up in advance (although it is not required). Please call 406-433-3701 to let us know to save a plate for you!

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## Yellow Tag Paddlefish Season Ends Short Of Harvest Target

**By Montana FWP**  
 MILES CITY – The 2024 paddlefish season for the yellow tag area of the Yellowstone and lower Missouri rivers ended June 30, short of the harvest cap of 1,000 fish. The overall harvest estimate was 782 paddlefish, and female paddlefish represented 43% of the total harvest. Harvest estimates for the past two seasons

were 776 in 2023 and 769 fish in 2022, continuing the trend toward a more dispersed fishery since open river passage began with the new Intake Bypass Channel near Glendive. It was also an average year for tag sales, with a total of 2,120 yellow paddlefish tags sold for the season, compared to average sales of 2,132 for the past three years.

Intake, once the hot spot for angler activity, actually was the third highest harvest location, with 63 fish caught for 10% of the total. Most active was Sidney Bridge with 206 (34%), followed by the Powder River confluence with 186 (30%). Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 7 Fisheries Manager Mike Backes expressed his thanks to everyone who made the season a success, from FWP office staff and vendors who sold tags, to anglers who reported harvested fish, to game wardens interacting with anglers, to creel staff collecting harvest and biological data.

Anglers are reminded that FWP is working on the 2025-26 fishing regulations. With three years of monitoring paddlefish migrations and angler harvest after completion of the Intake Bypass Channel in 2022, significant paddlefish regulation changes for the yellow tag area are proposed for the 2025-26 seasons. Backes thanked the anglers who participated in meetings and submitted comments during public scoping in April/May 2024.

FWP Fisheries Division proposals are currently going through internal review in Helena. Afterward, the 2025-26 tentative fishing regulations will be released for a second round of public comment in August 2024. The tentative regulations and public comment received will then go to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for its final review, followed by modification, additional public comment, and adoption in October 2024.



### Florida Fishing

Sidney wrestling coach Guy Melby poses with his catch on a fishing trip during the 2024 Scholastic Duals in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Team Sidney placed 5th in the Silver Pool. Visit [roundupweb.com](http://roundupweb.com) for results and more photos. (Photo submitted)

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Doing so helps both with ease of submitting photos for the photographer and managing those images for department staff. The contest is open and the deadline for submitting photos is Oct. 1. For more information or questions, contact Patrick Isakson, department conservation biologist, at [pisakson@nd.gov](mailto:pisakson@nd.gov). The contest has categories for nongame and game species, as well as plants/insects. An overall winning photograph will be chosen,

with the number of place winners in each category determined by the number of qualified entries. Contestants are limited to no more than five entries. Photos must have been taken in North Dakota. By submitting an entry, photographers grant permission to Game and Fish to publish winning photographs in North Dakota OUTDOORS, on the department's website and social media channels.

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

In re the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company for Authority to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment [Rate 58] Docket 2024.06.068 July 3, 2024

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

1. On June 17, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company ("MDU") filed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") its annual application for a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment [Rate 58] ("Application") for the July 2023 through June 2024 tracking period.  
2. In its Application, MDU proposes reducing its base fuel rates by \$0.00209 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for primary customers and \$0.00238 per kWh for secondary customers. The reductions are comprised of proposed adjustments to (1) the Current Fuel and Purchased Power Cost; (2) the Unreflected Fuel Cost; and (3) the Montana Public Service Commission Tax and Montana Consumer Counsel Tax.

3. A copy of the filing is publicly available at the Commission's business office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, and online at the Commission's website ([psc.mt.gov](http://psc.mt.gov)) under Docket No. 2024.06.068. A copy of the filing may also be available at the office of the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC"), which represents consumer interests before the Commission, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 444-2771. Interested parties can register on the Commission's website to receive notice of filings in this docket. Instructions for subscribing to notices of filings are available at [psc.mt.gov/reddi-help](http://psc.mt.gov/reddi-help).

4. The Commission invites any interested party affected by MDU's filing to intervene in this docket. To intervene, a party must file a petition to intervene with the Commission no later than **July 19, 2024**. A party seeking intervention must file an electronic petition on the Commission's website at [reddi.mt.gov](http://reddi.mt.gov). All filings must be made in REDDI and hard copies are not required. A party seeking intervention must also mail a copy of the petition to MCC at P.O. Box 201703, Helena, MT 59620, and to MDU's attorney, Michael W. Green, Crowley Fleck PLLP, 900 N. Last Chance Gulch., Suite 200, Helena, MT 59601.

5. The Commission invites members of the public who do not wish to formally intervene to submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620, or by email to [pschelp@mt.gov](mailto:pschelp@mt.gov). Public comment may also be submitted in REDDI. Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are available at [psc.mt.gov/reddi-help](http://psc.mt.gov/reddi-help) (select "Submit a Public Comment"). All comments received will be public records. Personal or private information should not be included in comments.

6. The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided in Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana Code Annotated; Title 38, Chapters 2 and 5 of the Montana Administrative Rules; and any prior orders of the Commission relevant to the issues presented. DONE and DATED July 3, 2024, by the Montana Public Service Commission through delegation to staff.

JAMES BROWN, President  
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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY  
In the Matter of the Estate of RUSSELL CARLSEN Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-42-24-27

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to Dewaine Carlsen and/or L.W. Bill McLouth, the Co-Personal Representatives, in care of MARKETTE LAW OFFICE, 601 S. First Street, P.O. Box 515, Hamilton, Montana 59840, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dewaine Carlsen  
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## Alex Is A Smart Cookie

Submitted by Shelby Reidle, Children's Librarian, Sidney-Richland County Library

Alex Urlacher reached a major milestone by reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! He is an active participant in the Summer Reading Program and makes time to read each night before bed. Alex's favorite stories include "Fly Guy" and "Bad Seed Goes to the Library" as well as books about trains. He enjoys playing hockey and T-ball, going to parks, building Legos and train tracks, and swimming. When he grows up, Alex wants to work with his dad. Alex, age 5, is the son of Jake and Jackie Urlacher.



Alex Urlacher. (Photo submitted)

To encourage a love of reaching in children, the Sidney-Richland County Library is promoting "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten", a nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud with their children every day. Research continually shows that children who are read aloud to every day before kindergarten will have higher scores and more success when they begin school. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and learning.

The theme of the Sidney-Richland County Library program is "Reading is Magic". Children receive a small prize at each 100-level milestone, and at the end of the program, participants earn a certificate and T-shirt for successful completion. This program is free to children ages 0-5 and their families.

## Sidney Health Center Receives \$450,000 Grant From M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust

By Melissa Boyer, CFRE  
 Foundation for Community Care Director

Sidney, MT – 7/1/24 – Sidney Health Center is thrilled to announce the receipt of a generous \$450,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. This substantial funding will enable Sidney Health Center to acquire a second, state-of-the-art hyperbaric chamber, and additional infusion equipment, significantly expanding and enhancing its cutting-edge cancer treatment options and critical healthcare services. This investment is pivotal in advancing the overall well-being of our residents.

A hyperbaric chamber is a pressurized space used for hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), a medical treatment that involves breathing pure oxygen. The air pressure in the chamber is typically 1.5-3 times higher than normal air pressure, which helps the lungs absorb more oxygen. This increased oxygen can help the body heal, reduce inflammation, and fight infections.

Serving a vast region that spans eastern Montana and western North Dakota, Sidney Health Center is committed to delivering exceptional healthcare services. With the addition of the Hyperbaric System and additional infusion equipment, Sidney Health Center will be able to offer a broader range of services to its patients that are rarely found in rural areas. This expansion will increase the number of patient visits and procedures within hyperbaric and wound care and infusion services, ensuring continued access to advanced treatments close to home.

As healthcare facilities in rural areas continue to cut services, Sidney Health Center aims to expand its offerings with the latest technology and clinical support. By aligning services with community needs, the organization strives to ensure long-term sustainability and improved healthcare outcomes.

The \$450,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust is one of the largest grants ever received by the Foundation for Community Care,

the supporting nonprofit organization of Sidney Health Center. This significant funding underscores the importance of providing exceptional healthcare services to rural communities and reflects the Trust's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents in the region.

"We are deeply grateful to the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for this transformative grant," said Jen Doty, CEO of Sidney Health Center. "The Hyperbaric System and infusion equipment will greatly benefit our patients and community, ensuring we continue to offer leading-edge treatments and services locally."



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