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First Responders Respond To Saltwater Disposal Site Explosion & Fire

Alexander, ND - On Friday, Feb. 10, at approximately 10:26 p.m. the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an explosion and fire at a saltwater disposal site north of

Alexander, ND in rural McKenzie County near Highway 85 and 35th St. NW.

In addition to the Sheriff's Office, McKenzie County Emergency Management, Alexander Fire

Department, Alexander Quick Response Unit, and the Williston Fire Department responded to the scene.

A male victim was transported for medical care with serious

injuries. The fire was contained by regional fire departments and extinguished by about 1:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.



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New York City Based Comedy Act Parallel Exit To Perform In Watford City Feb. 25

Take a step back in time to old-fashioned family entertainment!

Submitted by
Jessie Veeder

The Watford City Area Concert Association is proud to bring for your evening's entertainment an action-packed show filled with comedy, tricks, song and dance. Parallel Exit will take the Watford City High School stage on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

Parallel Exit is a New York City-based nouveau comedy company of three,

mixing song and dance with slapstick physical comedy to produce a delightful show for any audience. Performing since 1997, Parallel Exit knows how to entertain! They perform a terrific show for the whole family - a fine way to have fun together while learning a bit about how the comedy circuit entertained a century ago. Each performer is experienced and talented in this genre and they work beau-

tifully together.

This is a great family show that all ages will truly enjoy. Don't miss your opportunity to see Parallel Exit!

Their appearance is part of the Watford City Area Concert Series, where members have access to five-concerts in Watford City as well as reciprocity with additional communities throughout the year.

Concert series memberships are \$50 for an

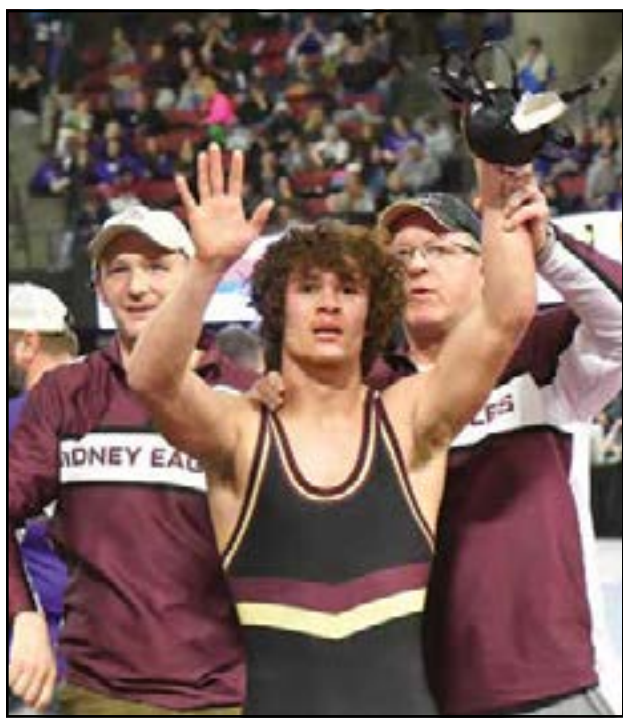
adult, \$150 for a family and \$25 for students and can be purchased online at longxarts.com.

Non-concert series members can purchase a Parallel Exit ticket for \$30 at the door or online at longxarts.com.

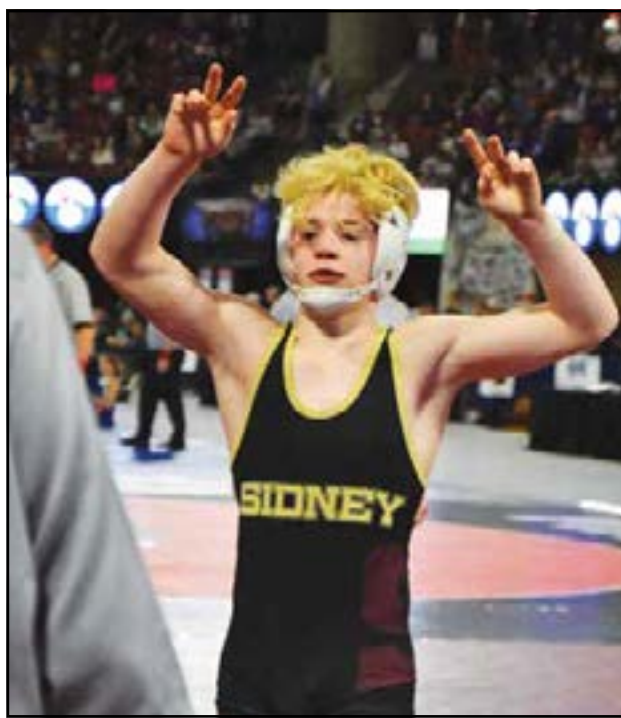
Questions, contact Jessie Scofield at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.



Dean and Graves State Champions



Sidney's Zander Dean waves to the crowd after winning his 3rd consecutive state title at 145 lbs. in Billings on Saturday. Dean won by decision over Tahj Wells (Browning) 8-3 in the finals match.



Reece Graves won his 2nd consecutive state title at the MHSAA All Class State Wrestling Tournament at 132 lbs. Graves won by fall over Jesse Anson (Hamilton) in 5:24 in his championship match.

Savage Business Administrator Accused Of Embezzlement

By Jaymi Mozeak

Samantha Berry, the former administrator of Savage Sunrise Manor, made her initial appearance in court on Jan 30 in Sidney. Berry is being charged with embezzling over \$30K in August-November of 2022.

According to a Jan. 12 court document, Berry began working at the manor in August of 2022. The previous person handling the finances for the business retired in mid-September and then Berry took over. By Nov. 3, 2022, the account for Sunrise Manor at Stockman Bank had been flagged for suspicious activity and everything was frozen. A member of the manor board looked back through the transaction records. The first thing they noticed was several large ATM withdrawals that totaled just under \$8K for October. Further investigation found there were direct deposits to an unknown account beginning mid-September. A total of \$31,443.89 in ATM withdrawals, bank transfers, and direct deposits was taken from Savage Sunrise Manor's bank account without permission. Another board member confronted Berry about it, but it was brought to the attention of the Richland County

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Richland County Food Bank Sees Record Number Of People On Hard Times

By Jaymi Mozeak

The Richland County Food Bank had a record-breaking day on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023. It may soon be needed even more.

On Jan. 26 the food bank had the most uses per day with 15 different clients, nine of which were first-time families. Over 1,000 lbs. of food and toiletries were distributed on that day, but January, in general, was a rough month. The food bank is always looking for canned goods but currently, instant milk, nuclear milk, dish soap, and feminine products are needed the most for items that are distributed. What is needed the most, however, is volunteers.

The food bank is only open Mondays and Thursdays for appointments. Candy Markwald, food bank director, said, "Now, with Sidney Sugars folding I'm really concerned. It's going to be a whole new world for



Pictured from left, long-time volunteer, Gloria Yockim and, new volunteer, Larry Garman sort a new donation of nuclear milk which is sorely needed by the Richland County Food Bank.

us in Sidney, MT." She wants to open a third day during the week. She said, "But to do that we need one stable volunteer that can work from open to close that day. I'm

hoping for Wednesday."

The Richland County Food Bank is located at 517 E Main St. They are currently open for appointments Mondays and Thursdays from

9-11 a.m. and 1 p.m. until the last person is helped. They can be reached by phone at 406-433-8142.



The Richland County Food Bank had a record number of uses in a day on Jan. 26. January was an unusually hard month.

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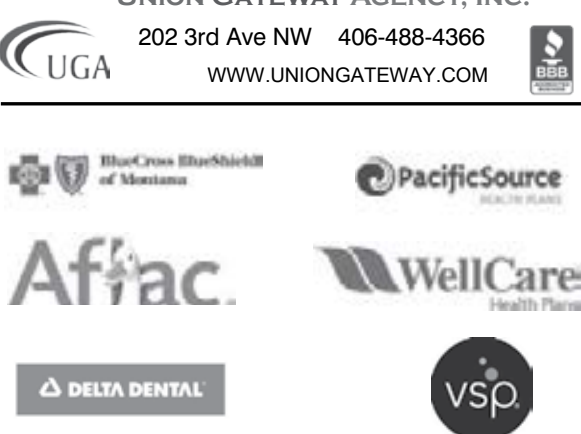
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Senior Center Events

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
2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Wed., 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1827.8
Last Week's Elev.	1827.6
One Year Ago	1827.9
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	23,500

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 6.....	44	27	0.000
Feb. 7.....	43	30	0.000
Feb. 8.....	36	19	0.012
Feb. 9.....	47	24	0.001
Feb. 10.....	44	28	0.000
Feb. 11.....	42	26	0.000
Feb. 12.....	34	30	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....			0.201

Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center Receives Grant To Support Expanded Mental Health & Substance Use Treatment Services

By Echo Gaskill, Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center Program Director

Miles City, MT - Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center (EMCMHC) is pleased to announce that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) recently awarded EMCMHC a \$4 million, 4-year planning and implementation grant that will allow the agency to implement the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model for care delivery in Eastern Montana. The CCBHC model of care focuses on comprehensive and coordinated care, including: Crisis Services; Treatment Planning, Screening, Assessment, Diagnosis & Risk Assessment, Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Use Services, Targeted Case Management, Outpatient Primary Care Screening and Monitoring, Community-Based Mental Health Care for Veterans, Peer, Family Support & Counselor Services, and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. Services are delivered quickly, conveniently and are not dependent upon an individual's ability to pay. Per CCBHC planning and implementation requirements, EMCMHC is currently in the process of inviting public input via needs surveys and working with assigned consultants to conduct internal audit and reviews of services, technology, infrastructure and CCBHC service conversion pathways internally and via MOU's with area stakeholders and other service providers. It is anticipated that EMCMHC will have a majority of the CCBHC required services implemented in its primary service centers (Custer, Dawson, Richland and Valley counties) within 12 months, with expansion through the remaining 13 Eastern Montana counties to follow over the course of the grant.

According to Brenda Kneeland, EMCMHC CEO, "We're honored to be one of four selected Montana providers to receive the SAMHSA CCBHC planning and implementation grant. The next four years will be exciting, looking forward to working with our Eastern Montana communities and stakeholders to deliver on this model".

Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center was established in 1967 and provides a variety of behavioral health services for over 1700 adults and children in Eastern Montana. With approximately 125 employees, EMCMHC operates staffed offices in Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, Glasgow, Wolf Point, Colstrip, Forsyth and Plentywood, with telehealth services available in all 17 Eastern Montana counties. More information on EMCMHC can be found on their website at www.emcmhc.org and follow the EMCMHC Facebook page for continuing CCBHC updates.

Share Your Fairview Bridge Story

By Dianne Swanson

The Fairview Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Fairview Bridge are compiling a booklet of historical and personal stories and photos to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the historic Fairview Bridge. Comprised of 110 stories, the booklet will provide a look into the significance of the bridge to the residents of this area and beyond. Photos are also encouraged.

Did you, or someone you know, ride the famous Galloping Goose? Are you one of many who walked the tracks while the trains were still operating? Do you know of someone who worked on the bridge or for the railroad? Are you someone who enjoys the quiet beauty of an afternoon in Sundheim Park with the bridge as your background? Whatever your connection to the bridge, the Chamber wants your story.

The booklet is the brain child of Chamber member Jeremy Dean Krieger who explained, "We want to keep history alive. We want to publish these stories while we still can." Please email your story to fairviewmtchamber@gmail.com or mail it to the Fairview Chamber, Box 374, Fairview, MT, 59221. Chamber members will choose from the entries submitted. If you include a photo, please indicate if you would like it returned to you. Tentative publication date is this summer.

Conservation District Cost Share Deadline Feb. 28

Submitted by Julie Goss, Richland County Conservation District

Time is running out to apply for conservation cost share funding through the Richland County Conservation District. Examples of eligible practices include, irrigation projects, stock wells, pipelines, grass seeding, fencing or any project that enhances or protects the natural resource.

Landowners in Richland County seeking to implement conservation practices on their property may be eligible for 50% cost share or limited to \$4,500 on the practices. Practices must benefit the natural resources in Richland County, Design standards and specifications need to follow NRCS specifications where applicable. Applications are available at the conservation district office and will be accepted Feb 28. The conservation district will rank the applicants using ranking criteria and contracts will be awarded by March 31. Proposed practices must be completed within the year of approval and payment will be made upon completion and inspection of the project. Projects that have been implemented prior to contract agreements are not eligible for cost share. The Richland County Board of Supervisors will make all decisions on prioritizing and acceptance of applications.

If you have a smaller conservation practice that would enhance the natural resources in Richland County, stop by the conservation district office at 2745 W Holly St to pick up an application, call 406-943-3001 or email richlandcd@gmail.com to have an application sent to you. Applications are due back to the conservation district by Feb. 28 and applicants will be notified by mid-March if they will be funded.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Feb. 15
CoFlourish: Art Resiliency Exhibition - On display through April 1. - **Legendary Landscapes by Dawson Shafer** - On display through April 1. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.

Wed., Feb. 15 & 22
10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - Ages 4-5. Songs, fingerplays, stories & a craft. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Thurs., Feb. 16
6:30 p.m. - **Public Meeting Presented by Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority hosted by Town of Fairview** - This meeting will discuss the potential future connection & purchase of potable water from DRWA & the effect on the Town's water system & residents & would eliminate the Town's need for ground water wells & treatment facility. Seeking input from the community which will be considered in determining if the proposal is in the best interest of the community. Final determination will be given during the March 2023 council meeting. Fairview Senior Center.

Tues., Feb. 21
8:15-9:15 a.m. - **Community Power Hour** - Featuring presentations from Aliza Hunter, Double Dogs Canna and Michelle Miller, First Choice Drug Testing. Richland County Extension Office.

Sat., Feb. 25
5:30 p.m. - **Sidney Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Night Out** - Richland County Fairgrounds. For tickets contact Ryan, 406-404-0855.

Mon., Feb. 27
4 p.m. - **Lego Club** - Children in grades Kindergarten-5. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Tues., Feb. 28
4 p.m. - **Adult Craft** - Paper flowers. Make fun do it yourself crafts & take home items. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Thurs., March 2, & Fri., March 3
MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show - Ag Days Banquet, Sidney Elks Lodge: March 2, 5 p.m. Social; 6 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner; Keynote Speaker: Jay Bodner - Trade Show Hours: March 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., March 3, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch available both days, breakfast, 7 p.m. March 3. Richland County Event Center.

Thurs., Mar. 9
10 a.m. - **Partnership For Promise Coalition Meeting** - Everyone welcome. Boys & Girls Club. For more info visit the Partnership For Promise Facebook page.

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

Thurs., Feb. 16
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

Thurs., Feb. 16 & 23
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - A craft is provided to each child for the event. McKenzie County Library.

Fri., Feb. 17
5-8 p.m. - **Soup & Sled** - Family fun for all ages, bring your own sleds, (limited amount available). Enjoy a warm bowl of soup after a fun time of sledding. Free admission. Rough Rider Center.

Tues., Feb. 21
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info call 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie Co. Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times & updates.

Sat., Feb. 25
6-10 p.m. - **Parents Night Out** - Parents drop your kids off & have a night out to yourselves. Games, movie & pizza provided. Ages 3+ must be potty trained. Rough Rider Center. Pre-registration fee, \$20/kid, day of registration, \$25/kid. For more info & to register visit watfordcityparks.com.

7 p.m. - Parallel Exit - Watford City Concert Series - Mixing song & dance with slapstick physical comedy. Watford City High School Theater Auditorium. Concert series membership or \$30 per adult. For more info call 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.

Wed., Mar. 8
6:30-7:30 p.m. - **The Rosie Project Book Club** - A bi-monthly Book Club for patrons of McKenzie Co. Public Library. Books are provided but must be returned at each meeting. Book selections have been predetermined & consist of Adult Fiction & Nonfiction titles. Patrons must sign up for each Book Club they would like to participate in. McKenzie Co. Public Library Sanford Room. For more information visit the Library or call 701-444-3785.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thurs., Feb. 16
7 p.m. - **History Book Club** - Join other history buffs to vote on book choices for March-June. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info call 701-572-9034.

Sat., Feb. 18
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **19th Century Sewing, Textile Arts, and Projects**, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info, call 701-572-9034.

Sun., Feb. 19
2-4 p.m. - **Historical Game Day at Fort Buford Barracks** - Participate in games that may have been played at the fort long ago. Fort Buford State Historic Site. For more info, call 701-572-9034.

Tues., Feb. 21
8:30-9:30 a.m. - **Coffee & Conversation** - Hear local speakers on current topics in the community & around the state. Williston State College.

Sat., Feb. 25
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Artists on Main Workshop** - Workshop for community leaders & artists to discuss possible projects for the Downtown Williston area. James Memorial Art Center. For more information contact janessa@whathaps.com or call 701-570-7652.

Fri., March 3
7-9 p.m. - **Almeda Bradshaw in Concert** - Enjoy a night of country music with singer/songwriter & picker Almeda Bradshaw. Tickets are \$20 online or \$25 at the door. James Memorial Art Center. For more info & tickets visit www.thejamesmemorial.org.

Fri., March 3, 2-4 p.m. & Sat., March 4, 9-11 a.m.
Almeda Bradshaw Guitar Workshop - Participants need to be able to play the following chords: C, F, G, D, & bring a flat pick to class. Fee is \$30. James Memorial Art Center. For more info or to register, or for more class options visit www.thejamesmemorial.org.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

Thurs., Feb. 16
6-8 p.m. - **Brains & Brews Trivia** - Teams of 4 entry fee \$10 or be your own team for \$3 per player. Entry fee + \$1 per pint of beer sold will be donated to the Friends of the Library. Cross Country Brewing.

Fri., Feb. 17
5-10 p.m. - **Night of Hope Glendive Community Cancer Fundraiser** - Social hour, dinner, silent auction & bucket raffle, live auction. \$40/ticket, Glendive Moose Lodge. Table sponsorship available. For more info call 406-939-4406.

Fri., March 3, 4-8 p.m., Sat., March 4, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., March 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Glendive Gun Show - Buy, Sell, Trade, food & refreshments available. \$3 per day, \$6 for all 3 days. EPEC. For more info, 406-941-1222 or 406-377-3969.

Party Central In Sidney Renting Tuxedos Just In Time For Prom



Above: Dana and Cassandra love to offer the community great tuxedo rental options for proms and weddings. (Photo submitted by Dana Moos)



A model struts in the Modern Slim Fit ensemble which is available through Jim's Formal Wear to rent or to purchase at Party Central. (Photo submitted by Dana Moos)

By Jaymi Mozeak
In just a few short weeks, prom will be coming for high schools around the region. Nice dresses can be hard to find but tuxedos can be near impossible in the MonDak.

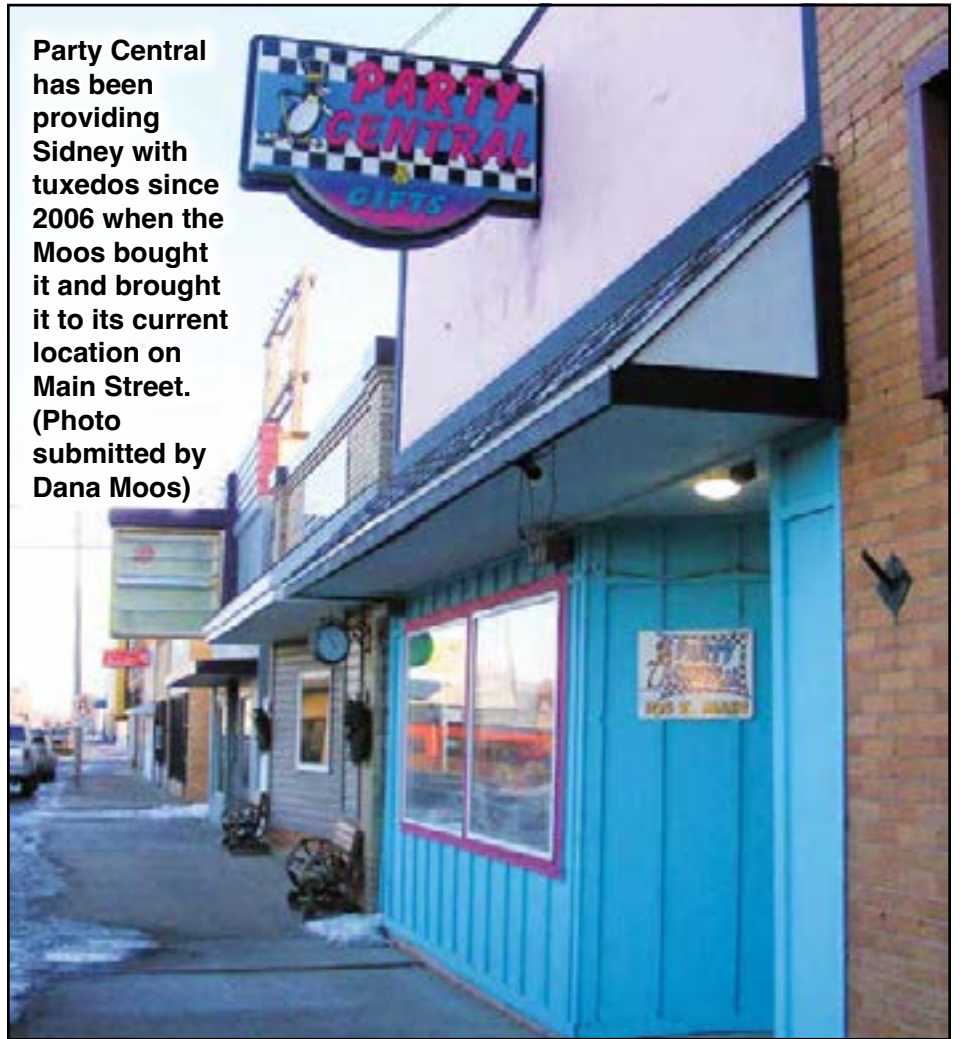
The solution in Sidney and the surrounding area is Party Central and Main Street Popcorn Factory. Dana Moos has been providing Sidney with tuxedos since 2001 when she was in the basement of the Yellowstone Merc building. In 2006, Dana and her late husband, Eldon Moos, bought Party Central and moved it to its current location on East Main. Now, daughter Cassandra Moos helps her mother with the business as the assistant manager. Through Jim's Formal Wear, Party Central can offer shirts, ties, bowties, vests, jackets, pants, socks, shoes, a full suit, or partial for all occasions for rent or sale.

Party Central offers

great rental options for proms and weddings. Dana or Cassandra will assist them in selecting the suit they need. They help guide customers according to their budget. They will also get to match their tie and vest choices with actual fabric swatches, so if the girl's dress is available, please bring it down so they can best match the color. "We like to match the guys to their girls. We want them to complement their dates but still have their own identity," Cassandra said. Another part of the process of renting or ordering a tux is getting measured while at the store. They are professionally trained to take the right measurements needed so that their suits will fit their body type and build. Students need to come in 5-6 weeks before their event to make sure they get their suits or tuxedos ordered to arrive on time and to receive any potential discounts.

Dana added, "We love it when dads bring their sons to get fitted for a tuxedo. It's the most precious thing when dads see their son as a young man for the first time. You can't replace that." Part of the rental or purchase package includes a fitting in the evening the week of the event. Cassandra admitted, "We love what we do." "We even have destination packages for those boys who need their suits for two weekends in a row," Dana mentioned.

Party Central is located at 105 East Main. They are open year-round Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 406-433-4386 to contact them or follow them on Facebook. Customers can check out their personal website for more information about their location and policies at www.partycentralandpopcorn.com.



Party Central has been providing Sidney with tuxedos since 2006 when the Moos bought it and brought it to its current location on Main Street. (Photo submitted by Dana Moos)



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Thurs & Fri, March 2nd & 3rd

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March 2nd: 8am - 5pm
March 3rd: 7am - 2pm

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Banquet: 6pm (Social 5pm) March 2nd at the Sidney Elks Lodge

Education Schedule:



Thursday March 2:
 10amDrainage Tile: Do's and Do Not's | Jerry Weiland
 11am ... Getting More Bang for Your Fertilizer Buck | Dr. Clain Jones
 1pmPrussic Acid & Nitrates in Forages | Marley Manoukian
 2pmUpdates to Medically Important Antibiotics | Gary Schieber
 3pmCattle Market Update | Katelyn McCulloch

Friday, March 3:
 10amInput Costs & 2023 Projections | Ron Haugen
 11amValue Added Agriculture Opportunities | Hailey Vine
 12pmPreemergent Herbicides & Modes of Action | Charlie Lim

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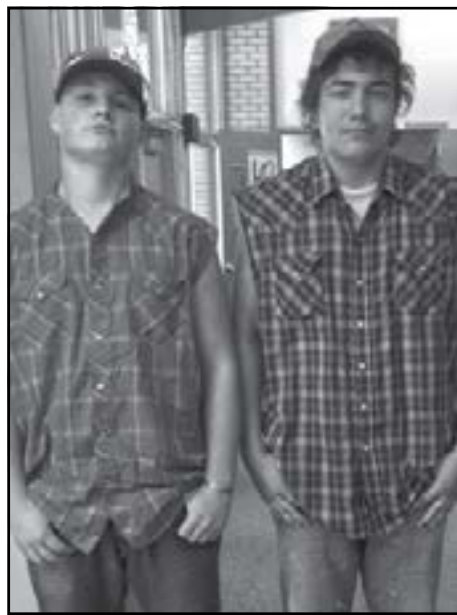
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Marijuana Advertising Bill Hearing Highlights Confusion Over Existing Law

By Max Savage Levenson
Montana Free Press

HB 351 would limit nearly all advertising for marijuana businesses. Proponents consider it a return to the intent of the 2020 voter initiative, but dispensary owners and cannabis advocates think it could cripple the industry.

A hearing this week on a bill to prohibit marijuana advertising revealed a wide gulf between understandings of the state's current ad policy for the industry.

On Wednesday morning, the House Business and Labor Committee met to consider House Bill 351, which would effectively ban most marijuana advertising in Montana. In its current form, the bill would prohibit a marijuana business from utilizing outdoor signage and billboards and any use of a dispensary's brand name or logo in print, TV, radio, or sponsorship. In keeping with current law, HB 351 allows for one exception: listings in online directories.

The hearing illuminated a lack of agreement about whether existing law that prohibits the advertising

of "marijuana and marijuana products" applies to a brand's name and logo.

If passed, HB 351 would restrict Montana's approximately 400 dispensaries' ability to promote themselves, and prevent media organizations from selling ad space to cannabis businesses. Representatives of the cannabis industry contend that it would also impact customers' ability to discern between businesses, result in fewer sales statewide, and generate less tax revenue for the state.

In Montana's first year of recreational sales — which began on Jan. 1, 2022 — vendors sold \$210 million of adult-use cannabis and nearly \$94 million of medical marijuana. Collectively, those sales generated about \$46 million in tax revenue for the state.

The committee heard testimony from two proponents of the bill, both representatives of the anti-recreational-marijuana organization Safe Montana. More than 20 people associated with the cannabis industry and media organizations spoke against it.

The hearing became dramatic as industry representatives accused the bill of infringing on their rights and potentially causing substantial damages to their businesses.

"We did not do a very good job of defining and including 'brand' [in the original bill]," sponsor Rep. Seekins-Crowe, R-Billings, told Montana Free Press after the hearing.

"This is what happens a lot of times going from writing the bills into rulemaking," she added. "I don't think it would've been such a problem if all of a sudden we didn't see ads on bathroom stalls, on benches. Not just signs but sides of buildings painted."

BRANDS VS. PRODUCTS

During the hearing, Seekins-Crowe framed the bill as a return to the intention of the 2020 voter initiative that legalized adult-use marijuana sales in Montana.

"In a sense, it is a clean-up bill. House Bill 351 basically is taking us back to what was promised to us in an initiative for recreational

marijuana, and that was no advertising," she said.

Yet opponents of the bill argued — and rules enacted by the Department of Revenue state — that the 2020 voter initiative, as well as the 2021 Legislature's subsequent framework bill, House Bill 701 prohibit businesses only from advertising specific strains of marijuana or marijuana products, not the names and logos of the brands that sell them.

Department of Revenue rules distinguish between advertising a marijuana "brand," i.e., a dispensary or business name, and advertising specific products.

That rule reads: "A licensee may promote its business and market its brand but may not advertise marijuana or marijuana products except in electronic advertising."

The Department of Revenue's Cannabis Control Division, which oversees the state's marijuana programs, declined to provide comment for this story.

PROponents CONTEND ADVERTISING IS A

THREAT

The bill drew support from two representatives of Safe Montana: Steve Zabawa and Scott Reichner, a former state representative.

Both men framed existing marijuana advertising — including permitted listings in online directories — as a social detriment that will "grow more users."

Zabawa further claimed that the Department of Revenue "did not have the right" to enact its current brand advertising rule.

OPponents CITE BUSINESS & ETHICAL CONCERNS

The bill's opponents flagged a handful of concerns.

Many argued that it would hurt their bottom line, bolster an illicit market and reduce the state's tax revenue from the lucrative industry. Others argued it infringed on their freedoms and First Amendment rights.

Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild president, said he was "assured over and over again it's marijuana products that we're not going to be advertising" by lawmakers last session. "Obviously we want to let people know that if you're

going to buy marijuana you need to buy it at one of these licensed, regulated, legal shops." He described HB 351 as a "cartel [illicit market] empowerment bill."

Glenn Broughton, Starbuds owner dispensary in Missoula, noted that businesses have invested thousands of dollars in outdoor signage that the new law would force them to take down.

"You can't even make this stuff up. This bill is nothing short of a takings," he said.

Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association, argued that the new policy would mostly hurt businesses that follow the rules.

"You can play whack-a-mole and the only people who suffer are people who follow the law anyway," she said.

In a brief interview after the hearing, Seekins-Crowe reiterated that she's open to suggestions from the industry. She further explained that she's begun collaborating with her colleagues, including Rep. Katie Sullivan, D-Missoula, "so we can come up with a solution here that does work a lot better."

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Kylee Blekestad is our Member of the Month from the Base and she is in Mr. Clark's fifth grade class. She is the granddaughter of Orville and Jennifer Blekestad and has one sibling. Kylee enjoys STEM and Art activities while at the Club and she also loves art class when she is in school. Kylee aspires to be a professional singer when she grows up and she would also like to work at the Boys & Girls Club as a group leader.

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Judge Rules Pocos Wasn't Eligible Candidate In County Attorney Election

By Bill Vander Weele
District Judge Katherine Bidegaray ruled last week that Frank Pocos wasn't an eligible candidate in the Roosevelt County attorney election held in November. The ruling came after Northern Plains Independent and Community News publisher Darla Downs filed a complaint against Pocos in Roosevelt County District Court. Downs filed the complaint Friday, Jan. 20, which claimed that Pocos is not qualified to assume the office of county attorney because he falsely registered as an elector of Roosevelt County when he provided a Roosevelt County address that was not his residence in order to register and seek the office.

In her ruling given following the hearing which was held Friday, Feb. 3, Bidegaray noted that qualifications of an elector include being a resident of the county in which a person offers to vote for at least 30 days. Guidance for determining a person's residence is found in MCA 1-1-215, which states "there may be only one residence. If a

person claims a residence within Montana for any purpose, then that location is the person's residence for all purposes unless there is a specific statutory exemption."

Bidegaray wrote, "Pocos should not have been recognized as an elector at the time of his election to the office of Roosevelt County attorney because he was not a resident of Roosevelt County, MT."

Under MCA 13-36-207, during a hearing of this type contesting the election of a candidate, "no person other than the parties and their attorneys may be heard except by order of the court." Since Downs filed the complaint pro se without representation of an attorney, only she and Pocos were allowed to testify at the hearing.

During the hearing, Pocos said he had the intent to live in Roosevelt County, but provided various reasons why the move didn't take place. He noted that he works and shops in Roosevelt County. He said he has rental properties in St. Marie and spends time in Billings with his girlfriend, but he considers Roosevelt County his residence.

Following Pocos' opening statement, Bidegaray asked Pocos several times 'where do you sleep?' Pocos was able to avoid directly answering the judge's question and explained his

belief that because his intent is that Roosevelt County is his residence that he is a resident of Roosevelt County.

During cross examination, Downs asked Pocos a series of questions regarding the location in Culbertson that Pocos listed on his voter registration form. Downs asked Pocos if he put a desk in the location, visited the location after initially looking at it with the lessor or ever slept at the location. He replied no to each of those questions. When Downs asked where he was sleeping at the time of the election, Pocos said Valley County.

After a short recess, Bidegaray announced her ruling and said she sided with Downs because Pocos wasn't an elector in Roosevelt County at the time of the election. Although he

had rented property in Culbertson, it wasn't where he lived or slept.

A special election will be conducted in not more than 85 days. Roosevelt County Clerk and Recorder Cheryl Hansen will contact the Montana Secretary of State office to determine the best date and method for the election.

The judge told Pocos that he could take steps to become a resident of Roosevelt County and, therefore, be eligible to seek office in the special election when it takes place.

In the first step of this action, Downs filed an affidavit of individual challenging an elector Nov. 15, 2022, with Roosevelt County Clerk and Recorder Cheryl Hansen which claimed that Pocos falsely claimed 202 Broadway Ave. Apartment 300 in Culbertson as his residence. Following an investigation, Hansen canceled Pocos' voter registration effective Nov. 15.

Following Friday's hearing, Downs noted, "I believe 'watchdog journalism' — journalism that seeks to increase transparency and accountability of our politicians and other public figures and institutions — plays a critical role in democracy. This case was important to maintain election integrity in Roosevelt County. Numerous citizens from one end of the county to the other

Lambert School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, 2022/23

Lambert School supports two honor roll awards. Students maintaining a 4.0-3.5 will earn an "A" honor roll status. Students with a 4.0 are indicated with an "A". "B" honor roll status is for students earning a 3.0-3.49

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11th Grade: Ryan Eggert, Taylor Goosen, Kiera Strohm
12th Grade: Matthew Ellerton, Joshua Sponheim, Mataya Veverka; Robin James, George Madejski, Nathan Senner
"B" Honor Roll
5th Grade: Chase Rehbein, Liam Keller
6th Grade: Jamin Smith, Jacob Head, Sylvia Smith
7th Grade: Olivia Winhofer
9th Grade: Adilyn Elverud; Jade Batchelor
10th Grade: Daniel Reitz
12th Grade: Layton Kelly; Damian Pflughoft

Share Your Fairview Bridge Story

By Dianne Swanson
The Fairview Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Fairview Bridge are compiling a booklet of historical and personal stories and photos to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the historic Fairview Bridge. Comprised of 110 stories, the booklet will provide a look into the significance of the bridge to the residents of this area and beyond. Photos are also encouraged.

Did you, or someone you know, ride the famous Galloping Goose? Are you one of many who walked the tracks while the trains were still operating? Do you know of someone who worked on the bridge or for the railroad? Are you someone who enjoys the quiet beauty of an afternoon in Sundheim Park with the bridge as your background? Whatever your connection to the bridge, the Chamber wants your story.

The booklet is the brain child of Chamber member Jeremy Dean Krieger who explained, "We want to keep history alive. We want to publish these stories while we still can."

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OBITUARIES

Jim Greenwood, 69 Silver City, NM

Jim Greenwood 69, Silver City, NM, joined his much-loved family in heaven when he walked into the arms of his savior on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 after a very short battle with bladder cancer.

Jim was born to Dale and Marilyn Greenwood on Sept. 17, 1953 in Chadron, NE. The family moved to Cartwright ND in 1957 and he attended Horse Creek Country School through 8th grade. He graduated from Sidney High in 1971. He

worked as a clerk at Yellowstone Mercantile until his graduation. He used his wages to buy his mom a beautiful set of china one Christmas; something she had never possessed.

He lived in Sidney with Oscar and Sadie Johnson during those years. They loved him like a grandson and taught him to play Bridge, something he enjoyed the rest of his life. We suspect he gained his love of cooking from Sadie as well.

After graduation he spent a summer in New York working as a landscaper. He came back and enrolled at the National College of Business in Rapid City. From there he returned to North Dakota and attended jr. college in Williston, ND where he also worked as a bartender. He joined the US Navy in 1976 and served 4 years active duty and 2 years reserves. He saw the world aboard the USS Marvin Shields naval vessel with ports in Japan, Philippines, Samoa, and others. He spent his last naval years in Bremerton, WA. He



Jim Greenwood

received the Navy-Wide Achievement Award before honorable discharge in 1982.

He then moved to Fargo, ND and attended NDSU where he earned a double major in Nursing and Agricultural Economics. He worked at St. Luke's Hospital in Environmental services while in School and as an RN upon graduation.

He moved to Rapid City, SD in 1987 and worked at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He soon tired of cold weather and moved to San Diego, CA where he met his lifelong friends Mark and Earl Hunter whom he considered family the rest of his life. They bought a house and lived together while he worked as a traveling nurse at various hospitals in the San Diego area. He also worked in Palm Springs, CA where he cared for Frank Sinatra's wife as a private nurse for a time. He also worked in Las Vegas, NV, Baltimore, MD, Kendall, FL, Los Angeles and Burbank, CA.

In 2006, Jim, Mark and Earl fell in love with New Mexico and moved lock stock and six cats to Silver City. Jim worked at Fort Bayard, St. Vincent Homecare, Gentive Home Care and ended his career at Gila Regional Medical Center as a discharge planner and utilization review specialist. Jim was an over-the-top exceptional nurse; the one you wanted to take care of you or your loved ones. He always went the extra mile; sometimes spending his own time and money making sure a patient had what they needed. He made countless friends among the elderly community he served.

Jim had several passions and as many talents. His first love was cooking for others. His gourmet meals were unbelievably creative and delicious. Seven courses enjoyed by those he loved was not unusual. He was a writer, a painter and a self-taught plumber who always had a remodeling job underway. He had a huge, caring heart, especially for the elderly. That probably started with his time with Sadie and Oscar. He was a helper to the sick and vulnerable and anyone he considered a neighbor. He sacrificed his time and money to care for both of his parents at the end of their lives. He was incredibly selfless his entire life.

He was also the person who attended most extended family events and kept in contact with all of them (as evidenced by the 10 boxes of cards and letters he saved for his entire life!) He will be so missed by his best friends Earl and Mark Hunter, his brothers Bruce (Rhonda) Greenwood, Dick (Jan) Greenwood, TJ (Daina) Greenwood, Scott (Dawn) Greenwood and his sisters Nancy (Curt) Severson, Deb Cox, and Katy (Tracy) Kovar as well as many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He is also "furvived" by his special friend Daisy, Mark and Earl's sweet little Yorkie/Shih Tsu who was very loved by Jim and was with him on his last day.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his parents Dale and Marilyn, and his nephew Jeff Severson. His great love Rosa, his Burmese house cat is with him in heaven as well.

Susanne Moore, 86 Sidney, MT

Celebration of Life services are being held on March 20, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family.

Susanne was born to Sam and Dorothy Pyle on March 20, 1936 in Highland Park, MI. She spent her childhood in Highland Park where she loved spending time with her Grandma Grace. Special memories were trips to the lake house on Cavanaugh Lake. She graduated from Cass Tech School in 1953 in Detroit, MI. She met Dave Moore while attending Cass Tech, whom she married on Sept. 10, 1955 in Detroit.

After graduation she worked at various jobs in Michigan where their first two children were born, daughter Linda and son David. After the sudden passing of Susanne's father in 1964, they relocated to Billings, MT, with Dave's employment and then transferred to Glendive, MT, in 1965, where their last children were born, daughter Dottie and son James.

In 1974 they moved to Sidney with Dave's work, where she resided until the time of her death.

Susanne really enjoyed family camping trips. Whether it was at Sather Dam, Intake, Medora or Ekalaka, she made camping with four small children look easy. Her favorite spot was Hanna Campground in Spearfish Canyon, SD, where they vacationed annually. We have countless cherished memories of these trips, roughing it in a Forest Service

campground for two weeks every June. As her children, looking back, we all agree that we were given such a wonderful childhood. We wouldn't change a thing, especially our time at Hanna Campground. Once, when we were tenting, all under the age of 10, a late spring snowstorm dumped two feet on us, nearly collapsing our tent. Mom took it in stride... she dressed us with multiple layers of summer clothes and sent us out to play. Then she made a giant kettle of beef stew on a picnic table with her Coleman stove and invited the other people at the campground to join us for dinner. She made the best of a challenging camping trip and also one of our favorite memories.

She had a life-long love for animals, especially cats and dogs. That love has definitely been passed down to her children and grandchildren.

Susanne helped develop the original Meals on Wheels Program in Richland County, which grew into the Richland County Commission on Aging where she served on the state board and was able to implement many programs to help the aging. We all remember helping her deliver the Meals on Wheels when volunteers weren't available. After leaving the RCCA she went to work for the MonDak Heritage Center eventually becoming the director. After her time at the MonDak Heritage Center she started working at the Sidney Health Center where she was the director of volunteers. Upon her and Dave's retirements in 1991 they traveled about 3 years in the western USA dealing and selling antiques.

Highlights of Susanne's retired years were spending time with family, friends, and fur friends. She and Dave also enjoyed multiple cruises to Alaska that brought her many great memories.

On Feb. 4, 2023 at the age of 86, Susanne passed away peacefully at Sidney Health Center. Her last few weeks in the hospital were spent with her family by her side. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, 2 p.m., at Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, MT.

The family would like to sincerely thank the nurses and aides in the Sidney Health Center Med/Surgery wing. Their compassion and the loving care they provided Susanne was a blessing to her and her family. Her children would also like to acknowledge and thank their dad for his unwavering love and the dedicated care that he gave mom these last few years. He truly modeled his marriage vow "in sickness or in health, till death do us part." Dad, your patience and kindness with mom and the sacrifices you made for her sake are awe inspiring to us.

Susanne is survived by her husband of 67 years and best friend of more than 70 years, Dave Moore, Sidney; son David Moore and his wife Terri, Sidney; daughter Dottie Wilson and her husband Stewart, Havre, MT; son James Moore and his wife Casey, Spearfish, SD; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Dorothy Pyle; her daughter Linda and husband Kenny Damm, Sidney; granddaughter Janae Moore, Sidney; and her in-laws, Ray and Dorothy Moore.

Douglas "Doug" Bergerson, 67, Sidney, MT

Visitation for Douglas "Doug" Bergerson, 67, Sidney, MT, was on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. No other services are planned, Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Douglas "Doug" was born on July 15, 1955, in Copperstown, ND, to George and Mary Ellen (Frieberg) Bergerson. He started grade school in Glasgow, MT, until the 4th grade then the family moved to Sidney, MT. Doug graduated from the Sidney High School in 1973. He decided to join the United States Navy and enlisted in the fall of 1973. Doug then went to boot camp in San Diego, CA. After boot camp he married Shirley Cook in May of 1974. Three days after being married, Doug headed for Virginia where his ship was scheduled to go out to sea for six months. They lived in Virginia until his ship was ready to be deployed to Italy for one year. His family could not go to Italy, so he requested shore duty. Doug was reassigned to the base in Connecticut. He was assigned to duty in disbursing, payroll, and bookkeeping. They were stationed there for two years, and their first son, Nathan was born in 1977. After Doug's honorable discharge from the US Navy they moved home to Sidney, MT, in 1979, to be with family, where their second son, McKenzie joined the family in 1981. Doug held several jobs until settling on Holly Sugar. Doug worked



Douglas "Doug"
Bergerson


in the agriculture side as a piler mechanic. He hurt his back and retired. He went to college in Williston and Dickinson where he earned his associates degree in accounting and went to work at the Sidney Greenhouse.

Doug enjoyed his time spent fishing and enjoyed time at Tobacco Gardens. They had many good years there. In 2016, Doug's health began declining and through the years spent a lot of time at home.

Doug passed away Monday evening, Feb. 6, 2023, at his home with his wife by his side.

Doug is survived by his wife, Shirley Bergerson; sons, Nathan (Lisa) Bergerson and their daughter, Rae-gan, and McKenzie Bergerson; sister, Darlene (Allen) Dschaak; brothers, Daryl (Kay) Bergerson, Dennis Bergerson, and Don (Lora) Bergerson; sister-in-law, Sharon (Doug) Ginther and family; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Ellen Bergerson; in-laws, Elmer and Elmina Cook; and nephew, Mark Dschaak.



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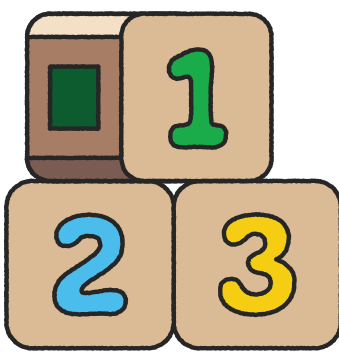
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Sidney Area Boy Scouts Proclamation

Submitted by
Jody F. Christensen
Boy Scout Anniversary Week is celebrated in February every year in the U.S. Boy Scouts Anniversary Week dedicated this time

towards raising awareness of the importance of boy scouts, raise awareness of the impact that boy scouts have, and commemorate the founding of Boy Scouts of America.

According to legend, W. D. Boyce was lost on a foggy street in London when an unknown Scout helped him by guiding him back to his hotel. When the boy refused a tip, explaining that he was only doing his duty as a Scout, Boyce was inspired to bring the teachings of the British Boy Scout Association back to the U.S. The Boy Scouts of America, which was founded in February 1910, began as a way to instill individualism and patriotism. Boy Scouts have been a part of the United States since the beginning of the industrial revolution. The organization has been a great source of education for the younger generation. They learn useful skills that help them in life. Boy scouts have greatly improved the lives of others by instilling good morals and life skills needed to succeed in life.

On Feb. 8 we celebrate

National Boy Scout Day to honor those who are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Boy Scout Troop 141 sponsored by Pella Lutheran Church attended Monday's City Council meeting to have a Proclamation signed by Mayor Rick Norby proclaiming Feb. 5-11, 2023 Boy Scout Week in Sidney, MT. PROCLAMATION: WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has been at the forefront of instilling timeless values in youth since its founding in 1910; and

WHEREAS, the national youth movement has made serving others through its values-based program its mission; and WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to helping youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and WHEREAS, the Montana Council of the Boy Scouts of America and its many Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing Crews are celebrating Scouting's 111th Anniversary; and WHEREAS, there are

3 local community organizations that make Scouting available for youth members in our area who participate in the Scouting Program as a means of character building, citizenship training and personal fitness. NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK NORBY, Mayor of the City of Sidney, MT, do hereby designate the week of Feb. 5-11, 2023 as Boy Scout Week. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Sidney to be affixed on this 6th day of February, 2023. Rick Norby, Mayor

OBITUARIES

Dr. Joseph "Joe" McKinley, 89, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Dr. Joseph "Joe" McKinley, 89, Sidney, MT were held at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Pastor David Meehan officiating. Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. The family suggests giving to the charity of your choice.



Dr. Joseph "Joe" McKinley

Dr. Joseph Golden McKinley, Jr., died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at Kempton Hermitage Elder Care, Hermitage, TN. Joseph was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Kansas City, MO, the first child of Dr. Joseph G. McKinley, Sr., and Emma Jean (Jeffery) McKinley. His two younger sisters, Carmen Coleen, and Janelle followed later.

The family was apart for a while due to illness. Emma and baby Joe went to her parents in Arkansas while his father moved to Santa Fe where he worked in a sanatorium. After the family joined him there, they moved to Farmington, NM. Emma and baby Joe joined his father in Farmington and then moved on to Pagosa Springs, CO when Joe was three. Joe spent his first school years in Pagosa Springs. The family moved to Durango, CO, when Joe was 12. Joe graduated from Durango High School in 1950 at age 16. He then attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and was accepted into the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1954. He received his M.D. degree in June 1958, and went on to do an internship at San Diego County Hospital, San Diego, CA. Following his internship, he returned to the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver to start his residency in pathology.

Joe met his future wife, Dr. Sarah Ann (Selbe) McKinley, in San Diego, where they both interned. Joe and Sally were blessed with three children: Joseph Douglas, James Thomas, and John Jeffrey.

Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961, and was stationed at San Antonio, TX, but the research station where he worked was in Austin, TX. Following Joe's discharge from the Air Force, the family returned to Denver, where Joe finished his residency in pathology.

Joe's first pathology practice was at Rideout Hospital, Marysville, CA, followed by a brief time in his hometown of Durango, CO, before he moved to Sidney, MT where he practiced pathology at Sidney Community Hospital for 30 years, retiring in 1998.

During his retirement years Joe spent his time reading, enjoying his long-time collection of old cars, studying languages, and enjoying a few family vacations.

Joe's health started deteriorating and his sons took him to Nashville, TN so he could be treated at Vanderbilt University. He spent the last three and a half years in Hermitage, TN, a suburb of Nashville.

Joe is survived by his wife, Sarah, and his three sons: Joseph Douglas, Sidney, MT; James (Judy), Old Hickory, TN; and John Jeffrey, Billings, MT; youngest sister, Janelle; two nephews Jonathan and Gabriel Coke, 4 grandnieces, and numerous other family members.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Carmen, and a niece, Rachel Timie (Coke) Matthews.

Made With Prayer & Care

By Robyn Heck

Made with Prayer & Care and Played with Prayer and Care is our newest business to join the Sidney Chamber of Commerce. Founded by Robyn Heck, it specializes in music and art lessons and custom crafts.

"It also includes our Richland County "Grace Fund" that was started last October during the Depression Recovery Walk. Anyone in need can contact me through Facebook or email to ask for some support, Robynheck@hotmail.com. This will be in the form of a gift card to the grocery store, or to a gas station for fuel. We are currently fundraising and accepting donations to continue this fund. Right now we are down to \$20, but I will be raffling some crafts soon." Robyn is gifted in all things creative including art and music. Thanks for joining the Chamber Made with Prayer and Care!



Front row from left, Jayden Halvorson and Garrick Halvorson; middle, Assistant Scoutmaster Leif Halvorson, Seth Hussey, Isaak Lassey and Corey Christensen; back, Assistant Scout Master Cedric Halvorson, Mayor Rick Norby and Scoutmaster David Christensen. (Submitted photo)

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Burgum Meets With Interior Deputy Secretary, NPS Director On Painted Canyon, Wild Horses, Water Supply

North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum met with U.S. Interior Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Beaudreau and National Parks Service (NPS) Director Charles Sams to discuss a variety of North Dakota-related issues including the Theodore Roosevelt

sevelt Presidential Library, Painted Canyon, water supply project funding, oil and gas development on federal lands and the state's recent offer to help the NPS manage the herd of wild horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

"We appreciate Deputy Secretary Beaudreau and Director Sams taking the time to discuss opportunities for collaboration and partnership on these and other issues important to North Dakota citizens," Burgum said. "The Department of the Interior has wide-reaching impacts on our state, with its many agencies touching land, water, tribal affairs, mining, parks, and fish and wildlife, so it's essential that we remain engaged with their leadership on these critical issues."

Among the topics discussed were Burgum's recent letter to Sams urging the NPS not to adopt its preferred alternative plan for managing the herd of roughly 200 wild horses at Theodore Roosevelt National

al Park – a plan that calls for gradually eliminating the herd. Burgum reiterated his offer for the State of North Dakota to work with the NPS to manage the herd in a size and manner that supports genetic diversity and protects the park. The governor noted that the five tribal nations with whom North Dakota shares geography also have provided their general support for continued preservation of wild horses and longhorn cattle in the national park.

Burgum stressed the need to fund and complete the decades-old Garrison Diversion project, which would supply Missouri River water to eastern North Dakota in times of drought, as well as the federal funding mechanisms for the Northwest Area Water Supply project. Burgum also discussed the need to resume oil and gas leases on federal lands; the potential benefits of improving the Painted Canyon rest area in conjunction with the planned Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in

Medora; and how carbon capture, utilization and storage can help extend the life of baseload coal power and support enhanced oil recovery, helping to keep energy prices low for consumers while strengthening U.S. energy security with environmental stewardship.

Burgum is in Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Governors Association's 115th Winter Meeting Thursday through Saturday. Burgum is a member of the NGA Executive Committee. Governors will discuss best practices and bipartisan collaboration on leading policy issues including infrastructure, workforce development and youth mental health, and will meet with a number of private and public sector leaders, including President Biden and Surgeon General Vice Admiral Vivek Murthy.

The winter meeting is one of two annual gatherings of the NGA, a bipartisan organization representing governors from all 50 states and five U.S. territories.

Local Sidney Beautician Purchases New Technology For Hair Coloring



By Robyn Heck

Tina Turner has owned Planet Hair, Sidney, MT, for over 18 years. She now offers clients a new technology in hair dye. The LGCHI color master was purchased from a hair show in Las Vegas last year.

Tina states, "When I was at the convention, I saw such bright, vibrant, and shiny colors and I found out it was from this new piece of technology. I encourage everyone to stop in and ask me about it. It's a very advanced system." There's

only a limited amount available in the United States right now because they are very new. For everyone who stops in and asks about the color machine, people have the opportunity to register for two \$25 gift cards which will be given away on March 1.

Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena!

We finished our 6th week, so we are one-third of the way into the 68th Legislative Session. We heard a variety of things in Judiciary this week. We heard some bills about dealing with injunctions. There are some cases where environmental groups have sued to stop mining or building projects and with no reason or a hearing judges will issue injunctions. Some of these injunctions have been around for years. We want to put a stop to this practice. We heard some bills on parent's rights concerning Child Family Services (CFS). Another bill was to make it illegal for foreign countries to own land in Montana. It was a little scary when the Biden Administration allowed a Chinese balloon to fly across our country for a week before shooting it down. By then they probably had all the information they needed.

In Public Health and Human Services, we heard several bills dealing with CFS. We are at the top of the nation, per capita, for removing children from their homes. We have heard some horror stories of how this has happened. It looks like it is improving but there is a long way to go.

Our floor sessions have been a little busier because there are more bills coming through. Tuesday I was Chair of the Day in the Senate Chambers. We heard SB99 which is to protect children from an attempt to

change their gender through surgeries and drugs. All the Democrats and a few Republicans think this process is ok. It was kind of a chore keeping order in the Chamber. The bill passed 2nd reading 28-21, and 30-20 on 3rd reading. It now goes to the House. I voted for this bill.

I just wanted to mention how proud we are of the two representatives in my senate district. Representative Phalen presented HB234, which would protect our children by keeping obscenities out of public schools. If you had seen some of the literature that is being used in some of our schools, it would make you sick! Representative Ler is carrying HB361 which gives students, teachers, and faculty immunity if they call a student by their birth name or gender instead of the name or pronoun they pick for that particular day.

There is some good and some bad being in leadership. The bad is, there is a lot of busy work. The good is that I have a voice in leadership meetings and meetings with the Governor. The big discussion in leadership is still the budget and what we are going to do with the almost \$3 Billion surplus. My sentiments, which I express each time, is that we should give it back to the people who paid it. A conflicting idea is to leave it in buckets in case government gets into trouble. We all know that if it is there, they will use it to build more bureaucracy.

Dealing with the Feds is something we deal with on a daily basis. The Feds want us to have our CDL requirements in line with theirs, which is less about safety and more about control. They always threaten to hold back funding. We rejected their demand by killing SB47. It is unclear what is going to happen on this issue because there is still too much appetite around here to go along with the Feds. Another thing they are going to do is make livestock owners get a prescription from a vet every time they buy a bottle of medicine to treat their animals. We are going to try some legislation to deal with it, however we are probably going to have to comply to a certain extent or these WOKE companies won't send us the drugs we need for our livestock.

We missed seeing everyone at GATE. And we will miss the annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner coming up Feb. 17 at the EPEC. It sounds like Congressman Rosendale will be attending. Be sure and tell him THANKS for standing strong on the vote for Speaker until they got the rules back to where they were supposed to be.

If you are ever in Helena, be sure to look us up. If you want to look up the text of a bill you can find it at <https://leg.mt.gov>.

For Freedom,
Senator Steve Hinebauch

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Two Sidney/Fairview Wrestlers Bring Home State Championship Titles

The Sidney/Fairview wrestling team had two first place finishers last weekend at the MHSAAI Class State Wrestling

Tournament in Billings. The Eagles also took home two 2nd places, one 3rd place and two 4th places. The team placed

4th with a score of 144.5. Placing 1st was Columbia Falls with 201, 2nd was Custer Co. (Miles City) with 152 and 3rd was Laurel with 146.

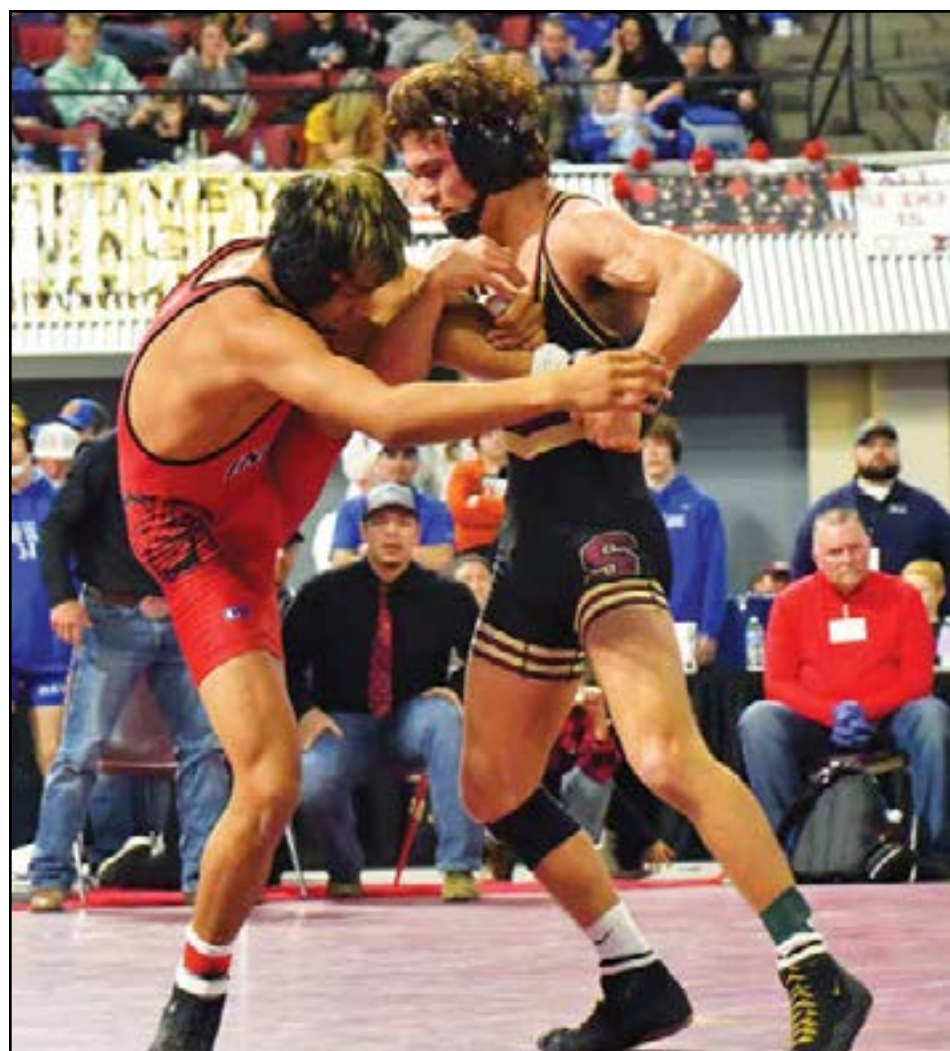
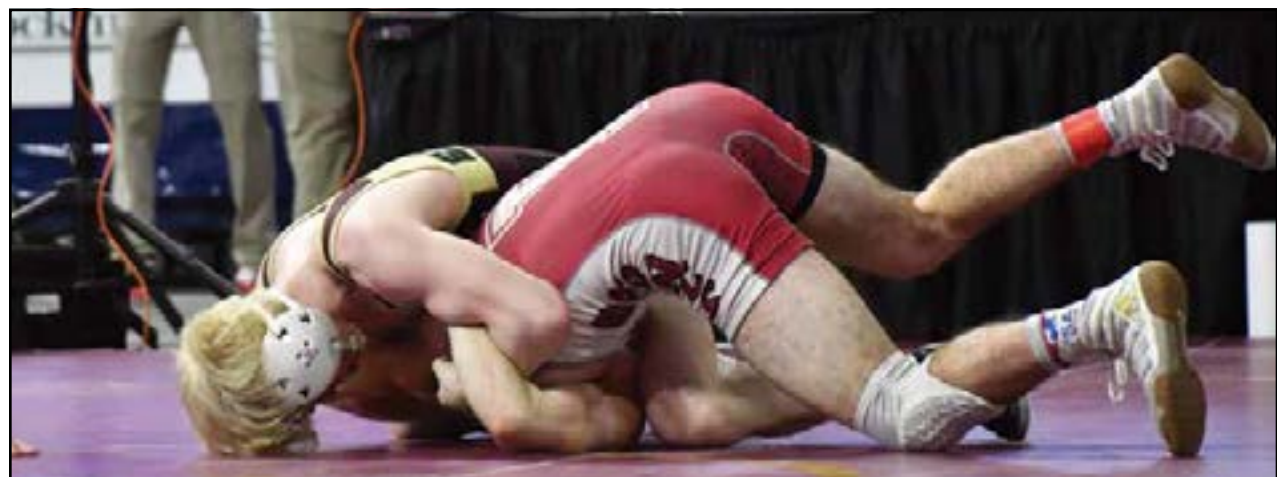
Placing first was Reece Graves at 132 lbs and Zander Dean at 145 lbs. This is Graves' second consecutive state title and is in his sophomore year. Senior Zander Dean is a three time state champion and a one time runner up.

Placing second was Gordon Knapp (103#) and Amaiya Kirn (girls 132#). Third place finisher Owen Lonski (138#) battled back from a first round loss. Lonski is a senior with three previous state titles. Placing 4th were Brody Keysor (120#) and Kaden Wise (170#). Wise is a senior and has placed 6th and 4th in the state previously.

Although the team didn't win their sixth state championship in a row, there is a lot to look forward for the Eagles in the future. "By no means are we happy with it. But if you can go into the 170 lb weight class in the finals and still have a chance to take second, it's a pretty good gig," stated head coach Guy Melby. "We were in it the whole time. Wrestling hard the entire tournament."

The efforts of the state placers should definitely be noted. "We knew our horses were going to have to run and they did," said Melby. "It just wasn't quite enough. We needed one or two more wins."

The Eagles are in the process of rebuilding the ranks after winning five state titles in a row from 2018-2022. The new rule allowing eighth graders to wrestle varsity was a big help to the team this year. They had 5 eighth graders competing at the state tournament and all of them scored points. "We're young. All of our eighth graders made it and all scored for us. Which was awesome," said Melby.



Sidney's Zander Dean won his 3rd consecutive state title at 145 lbs in Billings on Saturday. Dean won by decision over Tahj Wells (Browning) 8-3 in the finals match.

Above: Reece Graves won his 2nd consecutive state title at the MHSAAI Class State Wrestling Tournament at 132 lbs. Graves won by fall over Jesse Anson (Hamilton) in 5:24 in his championship match. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos.

MHSA State Championships Results for Sidney/Fairview, Billings, Feb. 10-11

- A-103: Gordon Knapp (48-5) placed 2nd
- A-120: Brody Keysor (37-17) placed 4th
- A-132: Reece Graves (43-6) placed 1st
- A-138: Owen Lonski (35-13) placed 3rd
- A-145: Zander Dean (49-2) placed 1st
- A-170: Kaden Wise (37-22) placed 4th

MHSA State Championships Results for Sidney/Fairview Girls

- G-132: Amaiya Kirn (3-1) placed 2nd

A Team Results

- 1st Place: Columbia Falls
- 2nd Place: Custer Co. (Miles City)
- 3rd Place: Laurel
- 4th Place: Sidney/Fairview
- 5th Place: Frenchtown
- 6th Place: Havre

Savage Business Administrator...

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Sheriff's Department on Nov. 3. Berry was fired and came to the Sheriff's office for questioning.

According to Richland County Attorney, Charity McLarty, in a Jan. 13 court document on this case. "A person convicted of the offense of theft of property exceeding \$10,000 in value by embezzlement shall be imprisoned in state prison for a term of not less than one year or more than 10 years and may be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The court may, at its discretion, place the person on probation with the requirement that restitution be made under terms set by the court. If the terms are not met, the required prison term may be ordered." Berry's first day in court was Monday, Jan. 30. She did not have representation and requested a public defender. Many hearings are set throughout the spring and summer in preparation for Berry's trial. If the case is not dismissed beforehand, a jury trial for Berry's case is set for 9 a.m. on July 20 and July 21. Berry's legal representation was unavailable for comment.



Sidney Basketball Action

The Sidney Eagle boys basketball team fell to Fergus Falls on Feb. 10. Pictured is Braylon DiFonzo setting up a play. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

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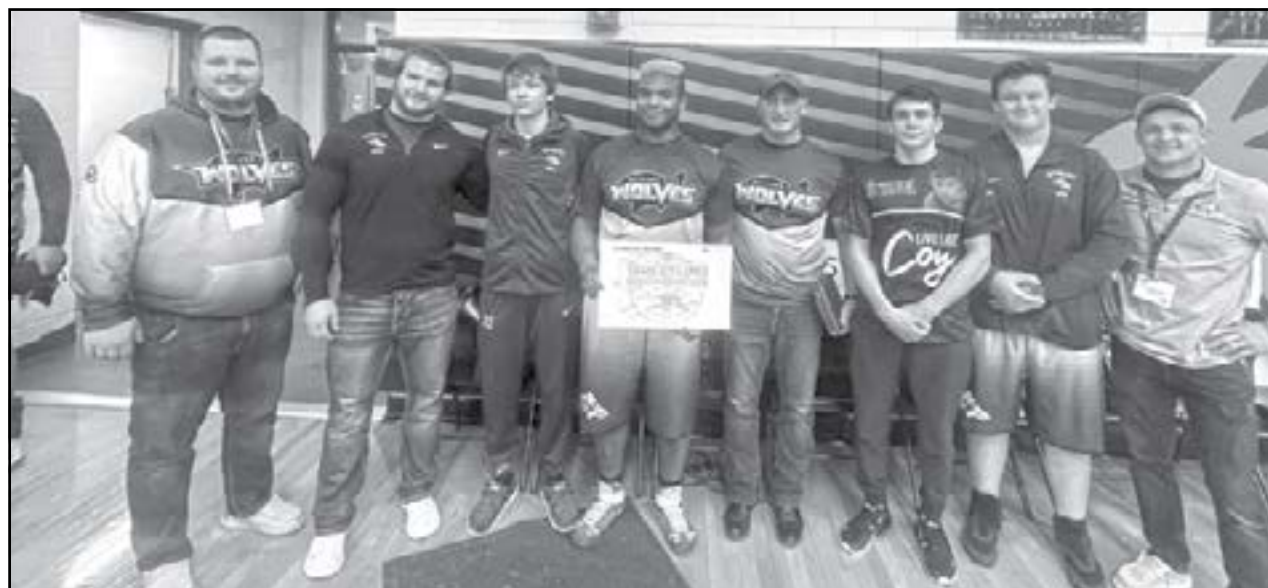
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Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning), **Sidney Volunteer Fire Department** has filed on or about February 10th, 2023 an application for a conditional air quality firefighter training open burning permit from the Air, Energy & Mining Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant seeks approval of its/their application to conduct firefighter training exercises which may include burning of a complete residential structure at 34423 County Road 124, Sidney, MT in Richland County.

Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department

at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or phone at (406) 444-3490.

Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure: When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by this decision may request, within 15 days after we render our decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of the hearing and the issuance of a final decision by the Board.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ABANDONMENT PETITION (PETITION NO. S-004)

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 27th, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners located at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, to:

1. Consider ABANDONMENT of the following road segments:
 - A portion of road created by Petition A-264 along the common boundary line of Section 4 and Section 9, Township 23 North, Range 57 East, P.M.M.
 - A portion of road created by Petition A-264 along the common boundary line of Section 2 and Section 11, Township 23 North, Range 57 East, P.M.M.
 - A portion of road created by Petition A-351 along the northern section line of Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 56 East, P.M.M.
 2. Consider any protests, both oral and written, to said roadway abandonment. Written protests will be accepted until the scheduled hearing time. Correspondence should be addressed to: Richland County Commissioners 201 West Main Street Sidney, MT 59270
 3. Consider adoptions of a RESOLUTION to abandon said roadway.
- Any person requesting further information may direct inquiries to the Richland County Public Works Office (Adam Smith), 2140 West Holly St, Sidney, MT 59270 (406.433.2407)

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PUBLIC MEETING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Town of Fairview is hosting a public presentation by Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA) on **February 16th at 6:30pm at the Senior Center** to discuss a potential future connection of the Town's water system to DRWA's rural water supply and is seeking public participation and input. DRWA is a regional water authority serving approximately 11,100 square miles within the counties of Garfield, Prairie, McCone, Dawson and Richland. DRWA is planning a regional water treatment plant at Fort Peck Lake Reservoir to serve rural users and communities within their service area. Preliminary discussions between the Town and DRWA have been ongoing for the past (10+) years. The intent of the public meeting will be to discuss the potential future connection and purchase of potable water from DRWA and the effect on the Town's water system and residents. Connection would eliminate the Town's need for ground water wells and treatment facility. Input from the community will be considered in determining if the proposal for future connection is in the best interest of the community. Final determination will be given during the March 2023 council meeting. DRWA's public presentation will contain the following:

1. DRWA's Project, Timeline, Water Quality & Quantity
2. Town of Fairview's Responsibilities
3. Water Rate Scenarios

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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE

WATERHOLE INC (Judd Burman, Owner(s)) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 27-221-6680-002 to be operated at WATER HOLE NO 3, 416 S Ellery Ave, Fairview, Richland County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Richland County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 27-221-6680-002 and the applicant's name WATERHOLE INC; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate

the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before March 4, 2023.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Fairview. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Nicole Harris, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-3016 or Nicole.Harris@mt.gov.

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**MONTANA SEVENTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
RICHLAND COUNTY**
PennyMac Loan Servies, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.
Unknown Heirs and Devisees of the Estate of Garrison Canuto; and Unknown Parties in possession of or with an interest in the real property commonly know as:

616 West Main Street, Sidney, MT 59270,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Case No.: DV-22-28

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above-entitled action on February 1, 2023, I am commanded to sell at public auction all of Defendants' rights and interest to the below described property:

The N1/2 of Lot 11, all of Lot 12, Block 2, Gardner's First Addition to Sidney, Montana, according to the plat thereof on file in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Richland County, Montana.

More Correctly Described As: The N1/2 of Lot 11, all of Lot 12, Block 2, Gardner's First Addition to Sidney, Montana, according to the plat thereof on file in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Richland County, Montana.

With a property address of: 616 West Main Street, Sidney, MT 59270

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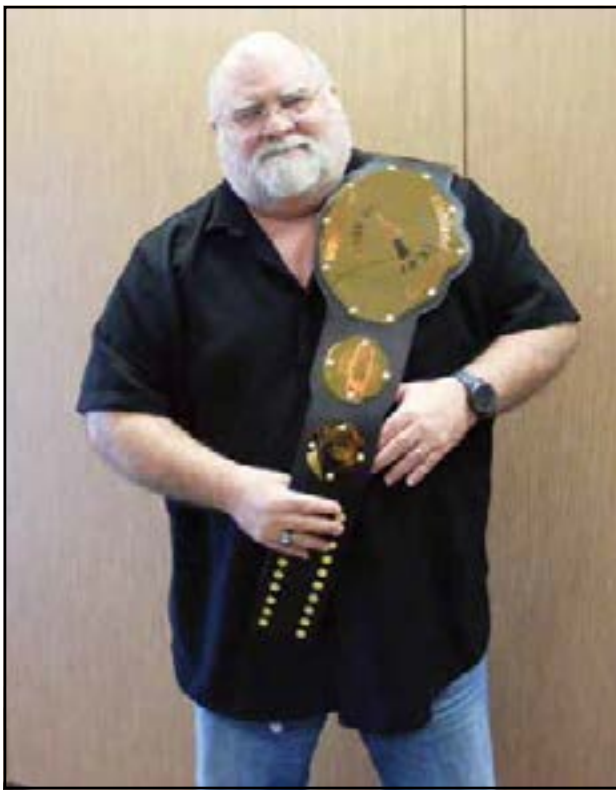


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Johnson Joins Kiwanis

Sidney Kiwanis Club president Keith Bostrom, right, welcomes new member Jace Johnson at the Thursday, Feb. 9 meeting. Johnson is a Sidney native who is a financial advisor in Lauren Sukut's office of Edward Jones. He was sponsored by Katie Dasinger. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)



Emergency Preparedness Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force Coordinator Don Smies is proud to bring Battle of the Belts to Richland County Schools thanks to Operation Round Up and a grant from the Montana Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

"Battle Of The Belts", Friendly Competition Between Schools Hits Richland County



The Richland County School that wins the 22/23 Battle of the Belts will be presented with a wrestling style belt as an award for their efforts. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

By Jaymi Mozeak

This year, during the 2C district basketball tournament in Sidney, fans are seeing something new in banners, posters, and even the backs of fan signs. "The Battle of the Belts".

The "Battle of the Belts" is a program that is being implemented in schools throughout Richland County by the Richland County Health Department Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force to increase seat belt use in Richland County. It is a six-week countywide seat belt competition. All of Sidney's public schools, Fairview, Savage, Brorson, and Liberty Christian were able to participate. By Dec. 2 the schools had to start with an unannounced seat belt check to get a baseline of how many students are wearing their seat belts. Then, a student-driven education campaign had to be launched at each school, followed by another unannounced seat belt check after six weeks. The last seat belt check must be held by March 31. A championship wrestler's belt will be awarded to the school with the highest percentage of seat belt use and the best educational campaign on the first Friday in April. Sidney High School will have banners up with the slogan "Don't Leave Your Life on the Road" and the Richland County Health Department Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force will have a table at the event.

"Battle of the Belts" is modeled after a program in Missouri that is put on by the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association and St. John's Hospital. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety in conjunction with American Family Insurance made the competition statewide. It was a huge success. The program has proven to increase seatbelt use and now other states, including Montana, are trying it out. Here in Richland County, Don Smies Richland County Health Department Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force is wanting this to be a friendly competition between all the schools.

The program is being made possible through a series of grants from the Montana Department of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative. Operation Round Up Trustee, Angie Olson, presented Smies with a check for \$1,000 for the program. The project is expected to reach up to 1872 students, parents, and caregivers.

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USDA Develops Simplified Direct Loan Application To Improve Customer Service

Washington - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has developed a simplified direct loan application to provide improved customer experience for loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The simplified direct loan application enables producers to complete a more streamlined application, reduced from 29 to 13 pages. Producers will also have the option to complete an electronic fillable form or prepare a traditional, paper application for submission to their local FSA farm loan office. The paper and electronic versions of the form will be available starting March 1, 2023.

"USDA is committed to improving our farm loan processes to better serve all of our borrowers," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We're consistently looking for ways to make the application process easier to navigate, so more producers are able to complete it. Our new direct loan application is a critical step forward in our efforts to improve customer service and build equity into not just our programs but also our services."

Approximately 26,000 producers submit a direct loan application to the FSA annually, but there is a high rate of incomplete or withdrawn applications, due in part to a challenging and lengthy paper-based application process. Coupled with the Loan Assistance Tool released in October 2022,

the simplified application will provide all loan applicants access to information regarding the application process and assist them with gathering the correct documents before they begin the process. This new application will help farmers and ranchers submit complete loan applications and reduce the number of incomplete, rejected, or withdrawn applications.

In October 2022, USDA launched the Loan Assistance Tool, an online step-by-step guide that provides materials to help an applicant prepare their farm loan application in one tool. Farmers can access the Loan Assistance Tool by visiting farmers.gov/farm-loan-assistance-tool and clicking the 'Get Started' button. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser. A version compatible with mobile devices is expected to be available by the summer. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

The simplified direct loan application and Loan Assistance Tool are the first of multiple farm loan process improvements that will be available to USDA customers on farmers.gov in the future. Other improvements that are anticipated to launch in 2023 include:

- An interactive online direct loan application that gives customers a paperless and electronic signature option, along with the ability

to attach supporting documents such as tax returns.

- An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local Service Center to pay a loan installment.

USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act, USDA took action in October 2022 to provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers while working on making transformational changes to loan servicing so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations.

Soon, all direct loan borrowers will receive a letter from USDA describing the circumstances under which additional payments will be made to distressed borrowers and how they can work with their FSA local office to discuss these options. Producers can explore all available options on all FSA loan options at fsa.usda.gov or by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming

America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building

new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to

equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission To Meet In Person Feb. 22 In Helena Public can comment through Zoom or in person

Helena - The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission will meet Feb. 22 in person at the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks headquarters in Helena, 1420 E. 6th Ave. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting will also be streamed live on the FWP website, and the public has the option to participate via Zoom or to attend in person. To make a comment via Zoom, you must register on the FWP website by noon on Feb. 21. The public will also be able to comment in person at any FWP regional office.

The commission will make final decisions on the following:

- Fisheries**
 - Future Fisheries Improvement Program
 - Paddlefish regulation proposed change for Intake Bypass Channel
 - Upper Missouri River reservoirs 2022 regulation changes

- Fish removal projects
- 2023-24 Flathead Indian Reservation nonmember fishing and hunting regulations

Land and Water

- 501 Pemberton Lane Acquisition (Region 5)
- Otter Creek LLS Islands: expansion of Indian Fort Fishing Access Site on the Yellowstone River (Region 5)
- Ruby Dam Fishing Access Site Lease Agreement (Region 3)
- Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement restoration (Region 3)
- Sweathouse Creek Conservation Easement purchase (Region 2)
- Parks and Outdoor Recreation
 - Closure of Fresno Tailwater Fishing Access Site or BOR Safety of Dams Project (Region 6)
 - WMA public use rules Enforcement
 - Church Slough Citizens Work Group recom-

mendations presentation: Administrative Rule Action

- Administrative rule proposal classifying caracal cat as controlled species: Administrative Rule Action

Legal

- Petition Process clarification: FWP staff
 - Lake Five Rulemaking Petition presented by petitioner: Administrative Rule Action
 - Bitterroot and Clark Fork Rivers Petition presented by petitioner: Administrative Rule Action
- FWP ensures its meetings are fully accessible to those with special needs. To request arrangements, call FWP at 406-444-3186. For the full agenda, background on the scheduled topics and public comments, go to the Fish and Wildlife Commission page on the FWP website. FWP's website offers live streamed audio of each Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.



5 Things You Need To Know About Eye Health As You Age

(BPT) - As you age, it's perfectly normal to notice changes in your body. You may not be able to move as fast or hear as well. Age also increases your risk of developing wet age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a leading cause of blindness in seniors.

February is AMD Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to learn more about ways you can protect your vision and keep your eyes healthy. Read on for the five facts you need to know about AMD.

1. AMD is the #1 cause of vision loss in seniors

AMD is the leading cause of vision loss and blindness for those over 65 in America, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the U.S., 20 million people are currently living with AMD. The advanced form of the disease may cause foggy or blurred central vision, which is crucial for reading and driving.

2. AMD progresses in stages

There are two forms of AMD: Dry and wet. Dry AMD accounts for 85% to 90% of all cases. About 10% to 15% of people develop wet AMD. Wet AMD can result in sudden and severe central vision loss, and may cause permanent blindness if left untreated.

3. There are AMD symptoms - but they may not always be noticeable

In its early stages, AMD may not cause any noticeable symptoms. Because AMD typically starts in just one eye, you may not notice any significant change in your vision.

If you experience blurred vision and have difficulty doing detailed work, sewing or reading fine print, you may have AMD. Blind spots may develop in the middle of your field of vision, and it may become hard for you to distinguish colors. Lines and edges may start to appear wavy - a hallmark for wet AMD.

4. There are multiple AMD risk factors besides age

While age is the main risk factor for AMD, there are others. Women tend to have a greater risk of developing AMD than men. White patients are more likely to lose vision from AMD than Black and Asian patients. You're at higher risk of developing AMD if you're a smoker, obese or have a family history of the disease.

5. Early diagnoses and treatment are key

There is good news: AMD-related vision loss can be significantly slowed if diagnosed and treated early on.

The best thing you can do for your eyes is to get regular eye exams. Make it a habit of regularly visiting your eye doctor so they can track any changes to your vision over time to keep your eyes as healthy as possible as you age.

Be on the lookout for any signs and symptoms of AMD. If you've already noticed vision changes, talk with your health care provider and get your eyes

examined as soon as possible.

Your sight is so much more than just vision - it's how you experience life, remain independent and connect with others. Help preserve it by staying on top of your eye health. To learn more about AMD, visit gene.com.



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