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Watford City Chamber Ribfest 2024 Begins Friday

By Katelyn Sponheim

Watford City Chamber annual Best of the West Ribfest begins Friday, Aug. 9, taking over Main Street from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Their slogan, "Come for the Ribs, Stay for the Music" promises delicious eats and great entertainment. The street fair will open at 10 a.m. with food and shopping vendors.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Car Show will run, with registration from 10-11 a.m. and awards presented at 4:30 p.m. Awards will include People's Choice, Best Truck, Best Paint, Best GM, Best Ford, Best Modern Muscle, Best Mopar, Best Pre-War, and Kids Choice.

The Bags and Bones Cornhole tournament and Kid Zone that were part of last year's Ribfest will again be part of the fun-filled day.

Competitors must cook a minimum of 200 lbs. of ribs and be cooked at the event. Registration forms can be found at watfordcitychamber.com/ribfest. Vendor forms can also be found on the site as well. First place in the rib competition earns \$1000, 2nd place receives \$500 and 3rd place receives \$250. Judging will take place at 3 p.m., and ribs will be available to the public at 6 p.m.

The Kid Zone is open from 12-8 p.m. is free, but children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Also beginning at 12 p.m., the side stage will offer musical acts. Mars Daniels will kick off the side stage entertainment, followed by Chase Long at 1:30 p.m., Wedge at 3 p.m., Adam Taylor & Nick Hockett at 4:30 p.m., and Jessie Veeder at 6 p.m.

The rock headliner is former Journey lead vocalist Steve Augeri, and the country headliner is Easton Corbin, winner of three American Country Awards. They will begin their acts at 8 p.m.

Additional information can be found on the Best of the West Rib Fest facebook page watfordcitychamber.com/ribfest, or the Watford City Chamber of Commerce can be contacted at 701-570-5084 or wcchamber@restel.com.

So come enjoy the teams hard work and slow-cooked wonders, take in a little shopping, let the kids soak in a bit more of the end of summer, and take in some great music this Aug. 9 on Watford City's Main Street!

Rock headliner is former Journey lead vocalist Steve Augeri.



Country headliner is Easton Corbin, winner of three American Country Awards.



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Monitoring Of Pallid Sturgeon Response To Test Flow Continues With Some Surprising News

By USACE Omaha District

OMAHA, NB - The 2024 test flow from Fort Peck Dam was the first in a series of test flows intended to comply with the 2018 Biological Opinion. The test flow began April 26 with an initial flow peak in early May and a second flow peak in late June.

Following the second peak there still was no indication of spawning by the three female pallid sturgeon present downstream of the dam. Because there had been no indication of spawning behavior following completion of the second peak or from fish assessments via ultrasound conducted July 2-3, normal operations resumed resulting in a small change in releases from 8,000 cfs to 9,000 cfs.

Monitoring continued, however, and one female was recaptured and reassessed on July 30 and still had not spawned. Another of the female pallid sturgeon was recaptured on July 31 and it was determined via ultrasound that it had spawned. This is only the second known spawning event downstream of Ft. Peck Dam.

Currently, the United States Geological Survey is reviewing telemetry data to narrow down location and timing of this spawning event and based on an initial review spawning may have occurred near Wolf Point in late July. Crews have not yet relocated the third female pallid sturgeon to determine if it had spawned.

Information collected during the test flow will be used to assess the relation of the pallid sturgeon responses, including this spawning event, to the test flow.

Crews will now be sampling for any progeny that may have been produced from this spawning event. Monitoring of fish response and monitoring for potential impacts continue despite return to normal operations and both will be used to inform future test flows.

For more information visit www.longxarts.com or contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.

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Richland Co. Fair Grand Champions

Richland Co. Fair 4-H 2024 Grand Champion Market animals were chosen during the Richland Co. Fair last weekend. Pictured left is Brynlee McNally with her grand champion market steer purchased by Border Steel. Pictured right is Cooper McNally with his grand champion market hog purchased by Ace Hardware. Other market animal grand champions were Ashlyn Thiessen, poultry; Kiera Strohm, lamb and Brynlee McNally, goat.



Daphne JohnsonClark's "Badlands" Exhibit Open House Is Saturday

By Jessie Veeder Scofield, Long X Foundation Director

The Long X Arts Foundation and The Merc at Long X, Watford City, invite you to an open house for Williston area artist Daphne JohnsonClark's exhibit "Badlands" on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Make plans to visit The



Daphne JohnsonClark's artwork. (Photo submitted)

Merc at the Long X Visitor Center and meet Williston Area Artist Daphne Johnson Clark and tour her exhibit titled "Badlands", currently on display at the Gallery in the lower level of the Long X Visitor Center.

Enjoy a complimentary scoop of ice cream, coffee and select Pride of Dakota snacks and samples, which are for sale in The Merc.

In addition, Daphne will be teaching a Landscape Oil Painting Class at 12 p.m. in the Gallery. Participants of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to register at www.longxarts.com.

About the Venue

The Merc at Long X is the expanded and rebranded Long X Visitor Center gift shop, now run by the Long X Arts Foundation. The Merc has officially opened in the main level of the Long X Visitor Center with the mission of welcoming guests, celebrating local artists and makers and creating a welcoming and gathering space for locals to enjoy arts and cultural programming. The Merc features and sells Pride of Dakota products, books from local and regional authors, National Park and community themed merchandise and souvenirs, work by local artists and makers, unique gift items and locally cut flowers. As always, guests can enjoy hard scooped ice cream with the addition of a soda bar and specialty ice cream floats. Soon the freezers and refrigerators will be stocked with local food items as well.

"The Merc is a hub where you can learn about and celebrate our unique community through stories, art and conversation over some sweet treats," said Jessie Veeder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation director, which manages The

Merc. "And what's really special is that revenue from every purchase goes right back into our non-profit so that we can continue to provide quality arts programming in our community." The Long X Arts Foundation plans to expand their arts programming into culinary classes and more in the new expanded space. The Merc is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

About the artist

Daphne JohnsonClark was born and raised in rural North Dakota only three miles from the Montana border. Her grandparents had a ranch 10 miles from her childhood home. She spent the majority of her childhood at their ranch; chasing cows, building fences, milking cows and helping check for spring calves.

She received in a Bachelors degree in biology in 2003 and has spent the time since then working as Environmental Health Practitioner working to protect the area where she was raised. Over the years she has watched as the ranching life in North Dakota and Montana has disappeared. In 2010, she was drawn

to start painting when a friend introduced her to oil paint as a medium. It was then she discovered she could easily spend fulfilling hours mixing paint colors and manipulating the paints on the canvas with different brushes, strokes and the pallet knife. The fluidity and versatility of this new to her medium had her hooked. In 2012, she enrolled at the Academy of Art University to pursue a Masters in Fine Art. It is a natural fit to bring together her background and love for ranching and the outdoors into her painting. She believes there is a rough beauty to this area that few people get to enjoy as the population remains classified as frontier, which is less than six people per square mile. Most of these counties have an average density of two people per square mile. There is a story in these rural areas just waiting to be told to the rest of the world and she wants to be one of the people telling that story.

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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. - **Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
12 p.m. - **"We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City** - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.
7 p.m. - **Hope For Today AI-Anon Family Group Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
8 p.m. - **AA Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228
7 p.m. - **24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
WEDNESDAYS:
6:45 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery, Watford City** - Assembly of God (1st Wed. of month 6 p.m. Potluck)
7 p.m. - **24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
7 p.m. - **AI-Anon Meeting, Watford City** - Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
FRIDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side
8 p.m. - **NA Meetings, Watford City** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.
SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
SUNDAYS:
1 p.m. - **Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview** - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.
7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1841.7
Last Week's Elev.	1842.7
One Year Ago	1842.4
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 29.....	92	51	0.000
July 30.....	93	55	0.000
July 31.....	91	65	0.000
Aug. 1.....	98	60	0.000
Aug. 2.....	102	61	0.000
Aug. 3.....	87	64	0.000
Aug. 4.....	81	64	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	6.400		

OBITUARIES

James "Jim" Luchi, 73 Watford City, ND

James "Jim" Luchi, 73, Watford City, ND, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, in Belle Fourche, SD. A memorial service for Jim will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND, with Minister Matthew Rolfsen and Mark Honstein officiating. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Joyce Rogness, 87 Watford City, ND

Joyce Rogness, 87, Watford City, ND, peacefully passed away on Thursday, Aug 1, 2024 at her home in Watford City, ND, with family by her side. Celebration of Life Services will be Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the Eagles Club, Watford City, ND, with Chaplain Rob Favorite officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Joyce will be laid to rest at Teepee Buttes Cemetery, Watford City, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Maxine Helen Nelson, 91 Watford City, ND

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND, with Pastor Matt Rolfsen officiating. Light refreshments and desserts will be served concluding the service. Maxine will be laid to rest at the Redwing Cemetery, Arnegard, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Maxine Helen Nelson

Maxine Sondrol Nelson was born April 29, 1933, to Dorothy and Ernest Sondrol on the family farm south of Watford City, ND. Maxine attended country school for three years before moving to Watford City in 1943. She attended Watford City High School and graduated in 1951. Maxine enjoyed Band and Chorus. She was also a member of the First Lutheran Church Choir. Maxine spent a lot of her high school years helping with younger siblings and household chores. After graduation, she worked for First International Bank, Watford City. On Nov. 21, 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, Niel Nelson. They then moved south of Arnegard to the family farm where they would remain until 1981 when they moved to Arnegard. While on the farm, Maxine taught Country School for two years. Niel and Maxine had three daughters: Cindy Andersen, Barb Johnson, and Peggy Ostrum. Maxine enjoyed gardening and sewing for herself and the girls. She ran many errands for the farm and also did books for Nelson Westland Service Station, Arnegard. Maxine was a great cook - when the grandsons were home, Grandma got a workout making egg pancakes! She hauled many meals to the field for hungry men. The custom harvest crew always looked forward to her caramel rolls. She also tried her hand at selling Tupperware. Maxine was a member of Zoar and Wilmington Lutheran Churches. She was active in teaching Sunday School, Church Council, WELCA and Zoar quilting ladies. She was a charter member of the Eagles Auxiliary of Watford City, VFW of Watford City, Women's Democratic Party, and Redwing Homemakers Club. Maxine enjoyed golfing, playing cards, camping with family and friends and loved cruising. Niel and Maxine spent 25 winters in Arizona and traveling around the country. They enjoyed trips to Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Norway and Panama. In 2017, Niel and Maxine moved into the Horizon Assisted Living in Watford City. They lived there for five years before moving to the Good Shepherd Home.

Maxine peacefully passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at the Good Shepherd Home, Watford City, ND, with her family by her side. Maxine is survived by her daughters Cindy (Rick) Andersen, Barb (Wayne) Johnson, and Peggy Ostrum; five grandchildren Chad (Rhonda) Kieson, Dickinson; Torey (Jodi) Kieson, Bismarck; Shane (Lindsay) Johnson, Arnegard; Mica (Graham) Peterson, Bismarck; and Mandi (Chris) Dordal, Somerset, WI; siblings Norman Sondrol, Bismarck; Karen (Al) Berg, Watford City, Judy Wold, Watford City; and Sharon Stashuk, Phoenix, AZ; numerous nieces and nephews; and 14 great grandchildren: Cole Kieson, Riley and Molly Kieson, Waylon and Creed Smith, Emma, Mya, Lucy, Millie and Charlie Peterson, and Julianna, Oliver, Roman, and Adeline Dordal.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband Niel Nelson, grandson Casey Johnson, son-in-law Derk Bakke, parents Ernest and Dorothy Sondrol, one infant sister Mildred, brother Leroy Sondrol and sister Pearl Swenson, as well as numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law.



MT House Candidate Visits Fair

John B. Driscoll, Democratic Candidate for Montana US House District 2 (East) visited the Richland County Fair on Aug. 2. Driscoll spoke to voters in the old commercial building at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Pictured above is Driscoll (left) and Janet Martineau at the Richland County Democrats fair booth in the Richland County Events Center building.

EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Aug. 7
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **"Capturing the Past" Exhibition Leah Olson** - until Aug. 31. - **"Celebrating the Essence" Exhibition Morgan Wagner** - until Aug. 31. MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Thurs., Aug. 8
9-11 a.m. - **Montana Bumble Bee Atlas Lambert** - Field day to catch, identify, & release bees. Meet at Lambert Park at 9 a.m. Bring water, snacks, & sun protection. Project equipment will be provided.

Sat., Aug. 10
10 a.m. - **10th Annual Matthew R. Brenner Memorial Scholarship Tournament** - 4 to 5 person scramble, \$175 per person. Drawing & prizes, field goal contest after tourney. Burgers & brats along with Mac N' Cheese with hot dogs. To register call 406-433-1894. Sidney Country Club.

Sat., Aug. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., Aug. 11, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lone Tree Archers Annual Henry Schwenke 3-D Archery Shoot - Shooting Fees: Adult \$20/1 day; \$30/both days. Ages 12-18 \$10/day; \$15/both days; Kids under 12: Free with a paying adult; Family Pkg: \$35/1 day or \$50/both days. Lunch available. Lone Tree Archery Range. For more info call Caleb, 406-480-0078 or Tom, 406-489-1946.

Saturdays, Aug. 10-Oct. 12
7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland County Courthouse parking lot. For more info visit Richland County Farmers Market Facebook page.

Tues., Aug. 13
12-6:15 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew's Parish Center. For appointments go online or call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

Thurs., Aug. 15
12:30-5:30 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive Fairview** - St. Catherine Church Fellowship Hall. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: Fairview.

Fri., Aug. 16, 5-8 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Lone Tree Gun Show - Open to the public. Admission \$5 per day; children under 12 free. Richland County Event Center. For more info call Leann, 406-480-5594.

Sat., Aug. 17
3:30 p.m. - **JCI Richland County Annual Demolition Derby** - Gates open 3:30 p.m.; Calcutta 4:30 p.m.; Show starts 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$15; Ages 6-17 \$10; Seniors \$12; 5 & under free. Lawnmower Derby & SXS race; food vendors & beer gardens. Richland County Fairgrounds. For driver info contact Riley Simard, 406-489-2190 or Wayne Wick, 406-489-3219.

Mon., Aug. 19
6 p.m. - **Women's Financial Literacy Workshop** - Free of charge. The workshop is aimed to cover a range of important financial topics. Participants will be able to ask questions & receive personalized advice from financial experts. Sidney-Richland County Library.

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thurs., Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29; Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26
5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Watford Market** - Kent Pelton Nature Park, 501 7th St. SE.

Fri., Aug. 9
Watford City Chamber of Commerce Best Of The West Ribfest - Tons of ribs & all the sides. Classic Car & Truck Show, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; great music: 8 p.m. Country Headliner: Easton Corbin; Rock Headliner: Steve Augeri, Kids Zone, Bones & Bags Cornhole Tournament, vendors & more. Main Street, Watford City.

Sat., Aug. 10
12-5 p.m. - **"Badlands" Art Exhibit by Daphne JohnsonClark Open House** - Meet the artist & enjoy a complimentary scoop of ice cream, coffee & select Pride of Dakota snacks. Shop The Merc for locally made products & more! **Oil Painting Landscape Class:** 12 p.m. at the Gallery, learn the art of oil painting, all skill levels. For more info visit longxart.com, 701-770-8659. Long X Visitor Center & Gallery.

Thurs., Aug. 13
4:30-6:30 p.m. - **Bouquet Bar With Bloomberry Farm** - Create & leave with a lovely bouquet of flowers for \$20. McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave. SW.

6-8 p.m. - **Clay Charcuterie Board Class** - Learn how to roll out the clay, add texture, & glaze a charcuterie board. Ages 8+, cost \$36, glazing is free. Long X Art Gallery. For more info visit longxarts.com/classes/.

Sat., Aug. 17 & Aug. 31
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Paint Your Own Pottery Open Studio** - Choose from a variety of different colors & pieces, \$25 pre-registration, \$30 walk ins. Long X Art Gallery. For more info visit longxarts.com/classes/.

Sun., Aug. 18
10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Lewis & Clark Trail Museum Back To School Bash & Vendor Show, Alexander** - Food plus fun & games for kids. Collecting school supplies for Alexander Community students. Vendors wanted call 701-828-3595.

Tues., Aug. 20
2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions call First Lutheran Church, 701-444-3244.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thurs., Aug. 8-Sun., Aug. 11
6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Roller Skating AKA SK8 NITE** - All ages & abilities are welcome, helmets encouraged. Raymond Center, Pete Conlin Arena.

Thurs., Aug. 8, 15, 22 & 29
5-9 p.m. - **Summer Nights On Main - Chloe Marie** - Come to downtown Williston & experience incredible live music, amazing food, drinks, kids' activities & more.

Fri., Aug. 9
6 p.m. - **Watercolor Bookmarks & Book Swap** - The James Memorial Classroom. For more info visit thejamesmemorial.org.

Fri., Aug. 9, 4 p.m.-Sat., Aug. 10, 6 p.m.
North Dakota Chokecherry Festival - 5K/1 Mile fun run Aug. 10, 8 a.m., pickleball tournament, Aug. 10. Also enjoy Disc-Connected K9s, Xpogo Stunt Team, vendors & more. Davidson Park. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/ChokecherryFestival/>.

Sat., Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31; Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28
9 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Main Street Market** - Main St. between 1st & 2nd streets east & on the Hedderich's lot.

Fri., Aug. 16
7-9 p.m. - **2024 Williams County Parks Summer Concert Series "Ted & Kari" McGregor 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.

Sat., Aug. 17
9 a.m. - **Fire & Iron Motorcycle Club 19th Annual Fun Run** - Registration 9-10:30 a.m. Arnie's Powersports; kickstands up 11 a.m. Feed & party with live auction after ride at UMW Fairgrounds. Music 8 p.m. For more info call Paul 701-516-4357 or Brenden 701-770-5415.

Mon., 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.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thurs., Aug. 15
5 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia & Potluck** - The Potluck will start at 5 p.m. (please bring a dish to share); trivia at 6 p.m., teams of 1-5 players for \$5 per player. Cross County Brewing.

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

Talon Hagan, Watford City, son of Korey and Dawn Hagan had a fun-filled and rewarding June and July 2024. At the USATF Dako-

tas Association Track Meet in Aberdeen, SD, June 8, Hagan took 1st in the Long Jump in the 9-10 age division. At the USATF Region 8

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

On the way to the US-ATF Junior Olympic Championships in Bryan-College Station, TX, July 23-28, Hagan made a stop at the

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

At the Junior Olympic Championship, Hagan took 3rd in the Long Jump, made the semi-finals of the

100-meter dash before finishing in 25th, and finished 29th in the 200-meter dash nationally.

Sibling, Taya Hagan, also participated in the US-ATF meets in the 8 and under age division. In the Long Jump, Taya was 2nd at the Dakotas Association, 4th at the Region 8, and 33rd

at the Championship. At the Dakotas Association meet she also finished 2nd in the 200-meter dash and 4th in the 100-meter dash.

Talon & Taya will be entering the 5th and 3rd grades, respectively, at Fairview Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.



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

Blood Drive Set For Aug. 13, Sidney

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from noon-6:15 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.

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

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Guest Opinion: I Believe In Truth

In 1939 syndicated columnist Dorothy Thompson wrote in Let The Record Speak. "This it seems to me, is the lesson of the news in the last three years, National Socialism, or Nazism in Germany, will become the most world-disturbing event of the century, though Nazism is not, in its nature, only a German phenomenon. Nazism is a fusion of elements that are present in the minds of men and women everywhere, and it does offer one answer to political, social, and economic problems that everywhere press for solutions." She argued, "Americans must understand there is a fundamental incompatibility between any form of order based on polit-

ical and economic freedom, and the dynamic aggrandizing of Fascism, or National Socialism. Nazism is a total Revolution." In Germany Himmler was calling Nazism "Counter-Revolutionary" in that it aimed to reverse all the change, including the American Revolution, that had happened since the European Enlightenment. Thompson agreed, describing Nazism as "a break with Reason, with Humanism, and with the Christian Ethics that are the basis of America's Liberal Democracy." She thought Nationalism was worse than Communism, because it denies the concept of the inviolability of the Human Being. She saw Nazism, unlike Communism, as treating all of life as an unremitting struggle of tribal groups for biological survival. "In this struggle telling lies is openly accepted as a useful means to an end, which is dealing with what Nazis believe to be naive and decadent democracies."

As her book hit the streets, Montana's Army National Guard, 1750 members of the 163rd Infantry Regiment, received federal orders Aug. 27, 1940. They were told to discharge those unfit for service and to be at full strength by Sept. 16, 1940. That day of induction, initially for one year of active duty with the 41st Infantry destined to become the Jungleers, happened as the first peacetime draft became law. Federalized, drafted and voluntarily enlisted Montanans began flowing to Military Service. In 1940 our state had only 559,456 people compared with our present-day 1,000,070.

Along with a huge exodus of Montanans to coastal defense industries, 57,000 Montanans, including 567 women left for war. 1,869 of these were killed.

Jim R Ickes, 22, Big Horn, was inducted Dec. 4, 1941. From that date until August 1945, he wrote over 200 letters, usually signing, "With Love to All from Jim". Each letter was stamped with a censor's approval, return addressed to PFC Jim R Ickes, AT Company, 15th INF, A.P.O #3 c/o Post Master, New York, NY. All were addressed to Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Ickes, Big Horn, MT, and were later found among their effects. With his effects were a metal box containing two German pistols, an SS Officer's dagger, a handful of German medals, including several Iron Crosses, a photo album of his buddies and a handwritten list of the names and addresses of 83. Nine names were from Montana. On the list he wrote: "October 23 - 42- Left U.S. Sept. 4 - 45 Left Europe"

The 15th Infantry was one of the three regiments of the 3rd Infantry Division. By Victory in Europe Day, according to the Saturday Evening Post, "Nearly 35,000 men, more than twice the original strength of the division, were dead, wounded or missing in action, across North Africa, Sicily, Southern Italy, the beach at Anzio, Rome, and France and Germany. The Third Infantry Division had suffered more casualties than any other division in the American Army." The men of the division earned 31 congressional medals

of honor, including that of Audie Murphy, one of World War II's most decorated soldiers, who also served in the 15th Infantry Regiment. The Anti-Tank (AT) Company of the 15th Infantry neutralizes German and Italian armor in North Africa, repelled German counter attacks by destroying tanks at Anzio and during the capture of Rome, and while advance from Southern France into Germany during battles across the Voges Mountains, in the Colmar Pocket and pushing past Nuremberg into Germany. They contributed significantly to the success of the 15th Infantry Regiment and the Third Infantry Division.

The nine names of other men who made it back alive to Montana were: Percy A Mielke, Hamilton, MT; Gene Vaught, Bozeman, MT; Eddie Novis, Anaconda, MT; Fred Deering, Laurel, MT; John S. Opheim, Wolf Point, MT; Harold Lester, Great Falls, MT; Harry Weber, Joliet, MT; Henry Maki, Belt, MT; Lloyd P. Wick, Sidney, MT.

In 1946, the year I was born, 359 military cemeteries around the world contained the remains of 286,959 American WWII war dead. The number of identifiable remains was 246,942. Of the missing sets, 18,641 had been located. Of the located sets, 10,986 remains were placed in overseas military cemeteries and 7655 remains were in isolated graves. In 1947 some relatives of the war dead wanted their loved ones brought back to the United States to be reburied in local or national

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Back To School Bash Aug. 24 in Fairview

By Dianne Swanson
Bordertown Fest Inc. (BFI) is excited to host a Back To School Bash from 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 on Ellery Avenue

in Fairview. The street will be closed for a fun-filled evening of food, games and live music, all to raise awareness of the group's efforts to resurface the courts in

Sharbono Park. You're sure to find something to satisfy your taste buds at one, or more, of the food trucks on site. Purchase a 50/50 ticket and enjoy live music by Van Haren out of Williston. Cornhole is always fun so, register your team for the Cornhole Tournament by emailing Jacqueline Free at jacqfree34@gmail.com and get ready to play. Cost is \$50 per team, single elimination, with a limit of 20 teams. BFI has taken on the responsibility of overseeing improvements to Sharbono 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. The main goal of the group is to promote health and well-being in Richland County by providing opportunities for organized physical activities. 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," emphasized Jacqueline Free who is spearheading the park project along with Shawna Karst. "We have a big, beautiful park. We need to use it," she also stated. The goal is to complete the project within two years using grants, donations and

fund-raising events. BFI is welcoming donations, large or small, including in-kind. A fund-raising account has

been set up at Merchants Bank, Fairview. BFI is a 501 c(3) which means your donations are tax deductible.

Fairview Community Blood Drive Aug. 15

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Catherine Church Fellowship Hall, 317 West 7th St., Fairview. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: Fairview. Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See reblood.org/Help.

Join the Xerces Society's Bumble Bee Atlas For Field Training Day Aug. 8 in Lambert

The Xerces Society will be conducting their Bumble Bee Atlas for Field Training Day, Thursday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Lambert Park. From there participants will be driven to the field site outside of Lambert. At this field training, Michelle Toshack (Xerces Society) will teach the basics of surveying bumble bees. This event will be a great way to learn how to use an insect

net, collect data according to project methods, and identify local bumble bees! Bring: water, snacks, and sun protection. Michelle will provide insect nets and other project equipment. The Montana Bumble Bee Atlas is a state-wide community science project actively tracking and conserving wild bumble bees. Anyone is welcome to join the Atlas—no experience is

needed. Come work alongside researchers to help fill knowledge gaps about wild bumble bees! Before attending this training, it is recommended that you review the online training material or the participant handbook. Feel free to forward this Facebook event to those who may be interested!

Montana Property Tax Rebate Notice

HELENA – The Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) will soon be distributing its second round of property tax rebates to eligible Montana taxpayers as part of a property tax relief package signed into law by Governor Greg Gianforte in 2023. The property tax rebate is a rebate of up to \$675 of property taxes paid on a principal residence. To qualify, you must have owned and lived in a Montana residence for at least seven months of 2023 and paid the property taxes on that residence. Properties owned by an entity and irrevocable trusts are

not eligible for the rebate. For a complete list of qualifications, please visit getmyrebate.mt.gov. Montanans must apply for the rebate between Aug. 15 - Oct. 1, 2024. The fastest way for taxpayers to apply for the rebate is online. Claiming a property tax rebate online should take only a few minutes. All property tax rebates will be sent by paper check. Taxpayers should be on the lookout for suspicious or fraudulent activity during the property tax rebate application period. The best way for Montanans to avoid scams is to apply early by

visiting getmyrebate.mt.gov. Visit getmyrebate.mt.gov today to prepare for the upcoming Montana Property Rebate application period. Last year, Governor Gianforte delivered Montana homeowners the largest property tax rebate in state history as well as permanent reforms, saving property taxpayers more than \$120 million. Taken together, these immediate measures delivered this year and last more than offset the property tax increase of the average Montana homeowner. In addition to delivering short term relief, Governor

Stockman Bank Opens New Branches In Bigfork, Plains & 3rd Branch In Kalispell

(Miles City, MT) Stockman Bank has announced the conversion of Rocky Mountain Bank branches located in Kalispell, Bigfork and Plains to Stockman is complete. Systems were converted and building signage was replaced over the weekend, with the bank doors opening as Stockman on Monday, July 22, 2024. "We are excited to

welcome Rocky Mountain Bank's employees and customers to the Stockman family," said Bill Coffee, CEO of Stockman Bank. "We are a family-owned, Montana community bank committed to serving the financial needs of everyone in our community. We are delighted that all of Rocky Mountain Bank's employees chose to stay and work with our northwest Montana team. Customers can expect local decisions from people who

live and work in their community and are committed to their financial success." Coffee says there are many moving parts when converting a bank. He encourages customers who have questions or need assistance to stop by their local Stockman branch. Customers can also visit Stockman's website, stockmanbank.com, for product and service information, as well as conversion-dedicated customer support contact information.

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Guest Opinion

Repke: Montanans Deserve A State Auditor Who's Looking Out For Them

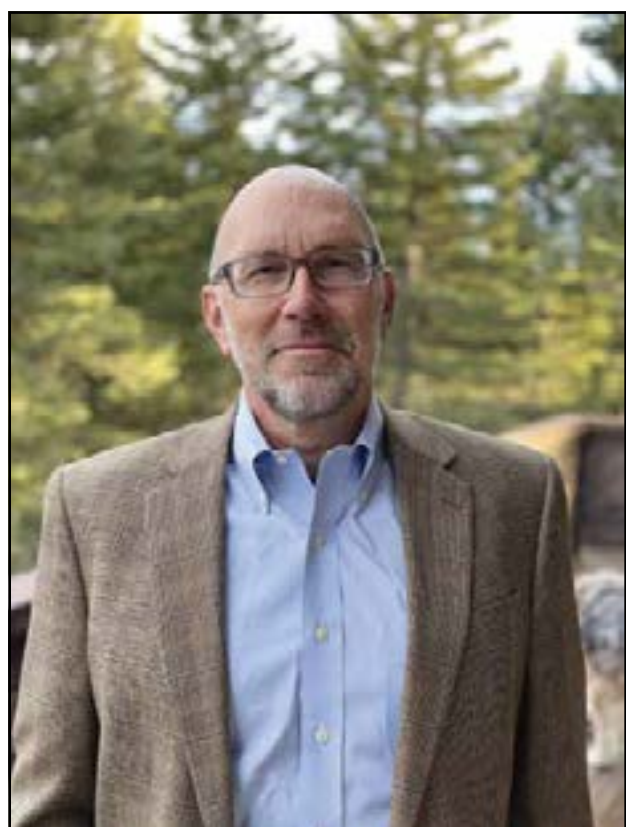
The primary responsibility of the Montana State Auditor, also referred to as the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, is protecting Montana insurance consumers. In most states, the office is appointed based on qualifications. Here in Montana, we elect our State Auditor – and we should elect someone who has the experience, track record and integrity to serve Montana insurance consumers. I am running to put my 40 years of honest business experience to work for Montanans.

My campaign is focused on the job of State Auditor. Unfortunately, my opponent, Jim Brown, is resorting to lies and personal attacks.

It's no surprise that Brown's campaign is political nonsense – he can't stand on his own record. In his attacks he brings up gun control, defunding the police, and men competing in women's sports. What!? None of these have anything to do with the State Auditor.

Brown is blowing smoke, hoping Montanans won't notice his incompetence and lack of interest in fighting for affordable, quality health, home, and auto insurance – interests that I will protect. Brown is a perennial candidate who wants another government job that we all pay for.

But what really rubs me the wrong way – and it should you – is that he claims to represent 'Montana Values'. Since when is lying a 'Montana Value'? He attacked me claiming I have "spent the majority of (my) time in Montana attacking private industry". Really? I spent my entire career in private industry. It's an outright lie – 100% false. It's



Democratic candidate for State Auditor John Repke (Photo submitted)

slander, its sleazy – and it reflects Brown's willingness to lie to voters.

Brown's public actions also do not reflect 'Montana Values'. As a lawyer for an out-of-state dark money group that worked to influence Montana elections by attacking moderate Republicans – and refusing to disclose who was behind the money he said: "I don't believe there is too much money in politics, so it should be unlimited." That's not a Montana Value, that's the viewpoint of someone who wants outside interests to have their way with Montana. Another 'Montana Value', Jim?

And Brown can't be trusted to keep his word. When running for Public Service Commission in 2020, Brown said, "Once elected, I pledge to put the interests of Montana energy consumers ahead of out-of-state cor-

porations." When elected, he stuck those consumers with a 28% rate increase.

Great for the out-of-state corporation, not good for the ratepayers. And he hired unqualified political cronies into high-paying jobs at the PSC, so they could, like him, live off the ratepayers they failed to represent. Not a 'Montana Value' in my book. Let's not let him do the same with the Auditor's office and our insurance rates!

If you are like me and are fed-up politicians who don't work for you, I ask for your vote to serve as Montana's next State Auditor. I have no agenda other than to protect Montana insurance consumers and fight financial scammers. I stand by my word and my background. I am the candidate you can trust.

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A Day At The Museum

Dakota Erickson (left), Alexander, portrays Meriweather Lewis in the Lewis and Clark room at the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum, Alexander. A Living History event was held Sunday to explore the history of members of the Alexander community. Each room represents different lifestyles of the settlers. Cathy White (right), Museum director, represents an early 1900s store clerk.



Lewis and Clark Trail Museum, Alexander, held a Living History Event Aug. 4 as part of their "A Day At The Museum" highlighting the history of the Alexander community. Ben Homistein, Watford City, portrays the U.S. military uniforms from the World War II and Korean War eras.



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Guest Opinion: I Believe In Truth...

(Continued from page 4) cemeteries. That program was discontinued in the mid-1960s. By then, 171,000 bodies of dead Americans had been repatriated. This left 97,000 others, including 935 Montanans, near their place of death.

These 935 Montanans, still overseas, are serving as one civilian, two merchant mariners, 32 marines, 191 sailors, 282 airmen and 427 soldiers. In total they wear 4 Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, 70 Bronze Stars, 3 Legion of Merit, 28 Distinguished Fly-

ing Crosses, 4 Navy Crosses, 312 Air Medals and 714 Purple Hearts.

In his letters PFC Ickes also told of 2Lt Carroll G Johnson, Sarpy Creek, killed in action Oct. 8, 1943, in the fighting along the Volturino River in Southern Italy. His body was among those reinterred in the National Cemetery at the Custer Battlefield. He had been engaged to Dorothy Anderson who had attended the Tullock Creek Grade School with Jim Ickes, a close friend of her brothers and awaited the return of her fiancé while

teaching at the Big Horn School. She later married Jim Ickes, who returned home after his girlfriend married someone else. Jim Ickes asked to be "buried with the boys" in Billings, and Dorothy chose to be buried with her husband.

These are facts about real courage, pain and sacrifice for our freedom. In guarding against tyranny, we must never abandon facts, or we abandon freedom. That's because if nothing is true, then no one can criticize power, because there is no basis upon which to

make the criticism. When nothing is true, then all is spectacle. Michael Jackson once called Adolph Hitler the greatest entertainer in history, and now we have Donald Trump aspiring to be his apprentice. In elections the biggest wallet pays for the most blinding lights, and though I'm not seeking or accepting contributions, I ask for your vote, because I believe in truth.

- John B. Driscoll, Democratic Candidate for Montana US House District 2 (East)

McKenzie Co. Fatal Motorcycle Crash Occurs Near New Town

A 1998 Honda motorcycle was westbound on Hwy. 23 at approximately 12 a.m., when the 55-year-old male driver lost control of the motorcycle. The driver was wearing a helmet but was ejected from the motorcycle and was pronounced deceased on scene.

The name will be released pending next of kin notification.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

Other agencies involved in the crash were: McKenzie County Sheriff's office, Three Affiliated Tribes Police, Keene Rural Fire Department, and McKenzie County Ambulance.

THE RACING ROUNDUP

Storbakkens Constantly Improving Performance Year-round

Jason Storbakken, Williston, ND, has always had a knack for working on cars. His neighbor, Dennis Losing, hooked onto his talents and helped him get started in stock car racing in 2006. Today, you'll find Jason and his family at races across the region, including the Williston Basin Speedway.

Jason races an IMCA stock car, and his youngest son races a hobby stock. All of them have been involved in turns, but his older children are currently focused on other activities. While he obviously enjoys working on his cars and constantly improving their performance, Jason loves the thrill of winning as well. They travel to races in Dickinson, Minot, Fargo, Mandan, Jamestown and larger ones out

of state. This past weekend found them competing in Underwood, ND, at the Coal County Classic double header, and they plan to attend a race in Iowa with a purse of \$100,000 and over 100 competitors.

In the winter, Jason packs up and races in Arizona, where his mentor Dennis also races.

This season, Jason has Corey Hemphill joining him in the shop and on the road. Corey is from Yuma, AZ, and met Jason while he was down racing. He owns Eliminator Motor Sports and races a stock car as well. Corey both operates equipment for Jason and is a vital part of their racing program.

Storbakken & Son Construction is owned and operated by Jason, and finds him

building oilfield locations and roads when not pursuing racing perfection. Storbakken racing is sponsored by Level Up Cleaning Services, Eliminator Motor Sports, and Rev Theory Motors, Glasgow, MT.

The Williston Basin Speedway has four races left this season; Aug. 9, Kid's Night, Aug. 24, Championship Night, Sept. 14, Fall Round-Up Night #1, and Sept. 15, Fall Round-Up Night #2.

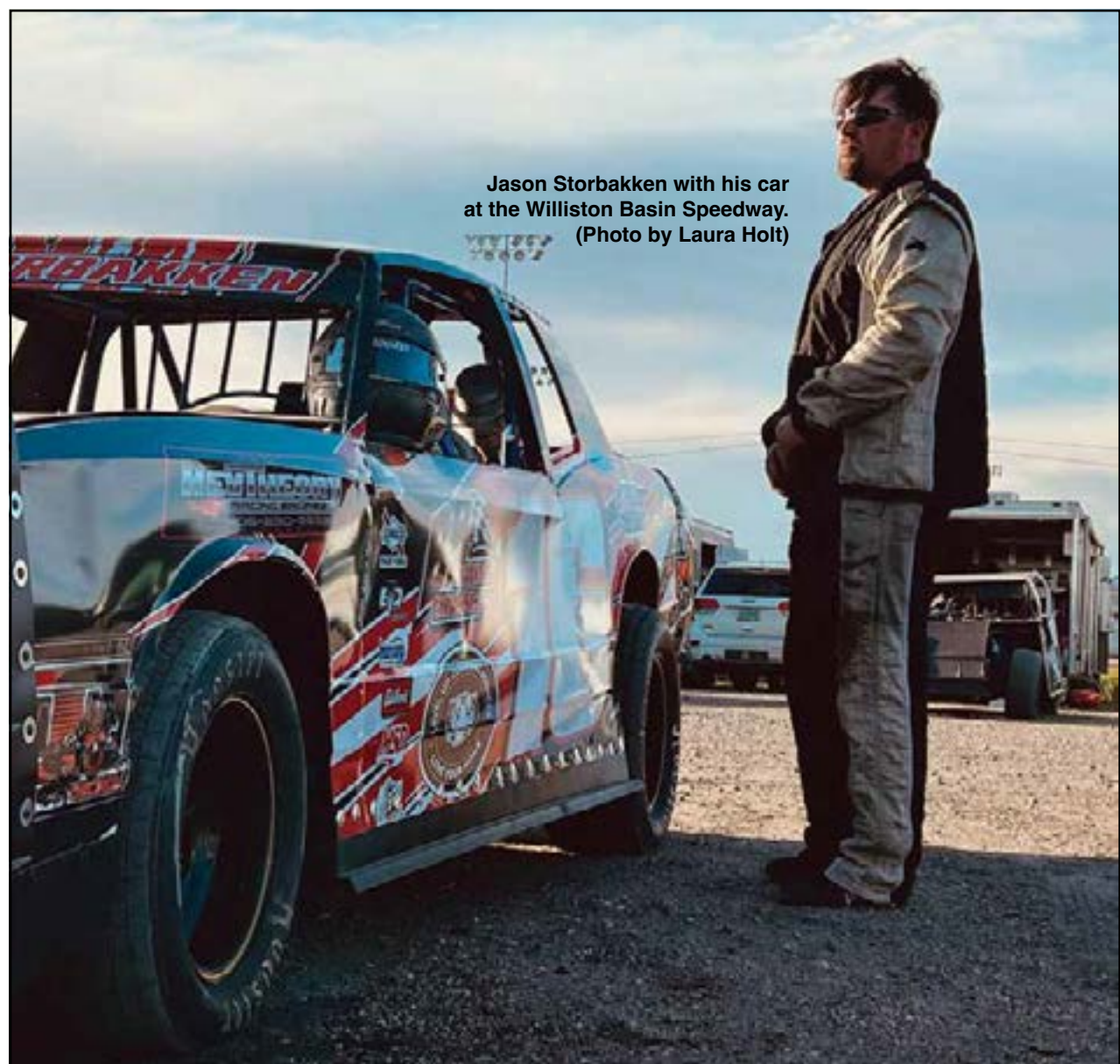
Races start at 7 p.m., so beat the heat and get your need for speed this fall at the Williston Basin Speedway, and make sure to cheer on the Storbakken cars!



Jason Storbakken racing at Williston Basin Speedway (Photo by Tyler Hagen)



Jason's son, Caleb Storbakken's 16c car. (Photo by Jason Storbakken)



Jason Storbakken with his car at the Williston Basin Speedway. (Photo by Laura Holt)



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Additional Counties In Montana Placed Under Fire Restrictions

Restrictions affect FWP properties in Madison, Silver Bow, Dawson, Powell and Powder River counties



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HELENA – Fire restrictions continue to spread to other Montana counties as the summer heat continues. Stage I fire restrictions went into effect Friday for Madison and Silver Bow counties. Stage I fire restrictions went into effect in Dawson County at Saturday, July 27. Stage I fire restrictions went into effect in Powell and Powder River counties on Monday,

July 29. FWP-managed properties in Dawson County include: Johnson FAS, Intake Dam FAS, Makoshika State Park (fires still allowed in rings), Black Bridge FAS and Stipek FAS. FWP-managed properties in Powder River County include: Broadus Bridge FAS.

Stage I fire restrictions prohibit: Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

These restrictions at FWP sites will be in place until further notice. Due to dry conditions and high fire danger FWP urges people to use caution while they are out recreating. Learn more about wild-fire prevention and the latest information on fires in Montana at www.mtfireinfo.org.

FWP Proposes Re-newing Management Agreement For Intake Fishing Access Site

By Montana FWP

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is proposing to renew a Management Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation at Intake Fishing Access Site (FAS) in Dawson County, Montana. The agreement is for the management and operations of Intake Fishing Access Site (FAS). The Intake FAS operated on a 50-year agreement and historically included two parcels: (1) The 'Intake Area north of the river and (2) 'Joe's Island', south of the river. The proposed new Management Agreement would be for 50 years and include the Intake Area. Joe's Island would not be included and would revert to Bureau of Reclamation management.

A draft Environmental Assessment Checklist has been prepared and is available for comment. It can be viewed on the FWP website at <https://fwp.mt.gov/news/public-notice> or is available upon request from the FWP Region 7 office, 406-234-0900. Public comment is welcome and will be accepted until 5 p.m. MST on Aug. 7, 2024. Written comments can be mailed or e-mailed to the address below:

Makoshika State Park, Intake FAS Management Agreement, PO Box 1242, Glendive, MT 59330, Riley.Bell@MT.Gov.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Riley Bell, Makoshika Recreation Manager, at 406-377-6256.

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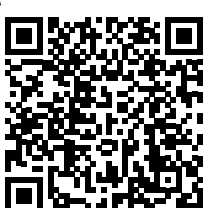


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LEGALS
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGETS 2024-2025
The trustees of Lambert Public Schools Districts 86 & 4, Richland County, give notice that the trustees will meet in the library of the Lambert School on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budgets of the districts. The trustees may continue the meeting from day to day but shall adopt the final budgets for the districts no later than August 25, 2024. Any taxpayer in these districts may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budgets.

Sammie Nelson, District Clerk
Lambert Public Schools

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(Publish August 7, 2024)

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SEAN THOMAS COWELL, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-42-2024-40-FI
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-

named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to ROCKY COWELL, C/O ARMSTRONG LAW OFFICE, P.C. return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1327, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the Laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 30 day of July, 2024, at Sidney, Montana.

ROCKY COWELL, Personal Representative of the Estate of Sean Thomas Cowell, deceased.

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(Publish August 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

RAU SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
This notice is provided in accordance with Section 20-9-115, MCA, to inform the public the Board of Trustees of **Rau School District** will meet on **Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM**, in the Library at Rau School for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the District. The meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of a budget."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Richland County Conservation District will hold a public hearing on August 8th, at 8:00 A.M. at the USDA-Farm Service Center, 2745 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270. The purpose of the public hearing will be to set the conservation district budget and to consider levying a permissive medical mill to cover the costs of health benefits in FY 2025. For more information, contact Julie Goss at 406-943-3001, 2745 West Holly ST, Sidney, MT 59270, richlandcd@gmail.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the matter of the **Estate of David R Moe** (decedent 10/27/2021) of Fairview, Montana. Creditors of the decedent are hereby notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless mailed (return receipt requested) to Ron Ostberg, named personal representative, at 1225 Handkerchief Way, Haslet, Texas 76052, 817-789-3750 within 4 months after the date of first publication of this notice. Ron Ostberg, Personal Representative for the Estate, 1225 Handkerchief Way, Haslet, Texas 76052. 817-789-3750

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Fairview, Montana, will on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairview Senior Center, 217 5th Street West, Fairview, MT 59221, hold a public hearing for the purpose of levying an assessment upon all property within Special Improvement District No. 1, also known as the Ellery Avenue Lighting District to defray the cost of maintenance and supplying electrical current for calendar 2024. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing.

Contact the Fairview Town Clerk, Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box 426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, Montana 59221; by email at townoffairview@midrivers.com; or call 406-742-5616 during business hours to obtain further information or request an accommodation for a disability.

Dated at Fairview, Montana, this 31st day of July, 2024.
Norma Faye Carlson,
Fairview Town Clerk

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OPEN POSITION NOTICE

The following board has an open position. If interested in serving please send a letter to the County Commissioners to be considered for appointment. All letters can be dropped off at the Clerk & Recorder's office or mailed to 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT 59270
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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE A. MING, Deceased.
Probate No. DP 42-2024-0000056-IT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to

Rodney D. Ming, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at PO Box 2193, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 19 day of July, 2024, at Red Lodge, Montana. County of Carbon, State of Montana.

Rodney D. Ming
Personal Representative of the Estate MARJORIE A. MING,
Deceased

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NOTICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW ELECTION

At the June 4th primary election, voters in the cities/towns of Sidney and Fairview and Richland County were asked whether or not they wish to have their form of local government reviewed.

The local government review was initiated by Article XI, Section 9 of the 1972 Constitution and the first review was conducted in 1974. Required every ten years, the local government review election asks voters to decide if they want to elect study commissions to review their city and county governments.

A majority of the electors voted in favor of having a study commission to examine the form of local government for the City of Sidney and the Town of Fairview, the study commission members will be elected at the November 5, 2024 general election.

Interested individuals can file after the primary election as a candidate for the study commission with the County Election Administrator. There is no filing fee, and the race is nonpartisan. Candidates must be electors of the local government for which the study commission has been established and cannot be elected officials of the local government. Filing for the positions of study commission members will open after the primary election results are certified and close at 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2024.

The purpose of the study commission is to study the existing form and powers of the local government and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state. The study commission members must write a report detailing their recommendations for changes to the local government.

The final report of the study commission is presented to the voters of the local government for approval or rejection. The report must be presented to the registered electors for a vote no later than the 2026 general election (November 3, 2026).

For more information on this election, please contact your county election administrator: Stephanie Verhasselt at Clerk & Recorder's Office 201 W Main St Sidney, MT 59270. Dated 23rd day of July, 2024

Stephanie Verhasselt
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The trustees of Brorson Elementary School District No-11, Richland County, give notice that the budget for the district for the fiscal year 2024-2025 is on file at the school and open for inspection by all concerned persons. The trustees will meet, Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of conducting regular business and consideration of the adoption of the 2024-2025 budget. The trustees may extend the meeting through the last Monday of August, if necessary, to adopt the budget. Any concerned persons may appear at the meeting and be heard on any part of the budget.

Megan Albin,
Clerk Brorson Elementary School

12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to clundgren@co.mckenzie.nd.us. You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions.

Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Planning and Zoning Board may change the date or time of a meeting by motion made and passed in advance of the meeting to resolve calendar conflicts. In the event a scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the scheduled meeting and the Planning Director will cause notice of the postponement to be posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Planning and Zoning website.

McKenzie County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the American with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed at the McKenzie County Auditor's Office.

Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 17th day of July, 2024.

Candy Lundgren-Planner 1 McKenzie County Planning & Zoning Department
Attest: Sandee Kimpel
Planning Director

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(Publish July 24 and 31, and August 7, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MCKENZIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room located at 201 5th St. NW, Watford City, North Dakota, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding a Conditional Use Permit request by River Ranch Retreat for a multipurpose event venue rental. The property is located at: S31, T153N, R101W, IT# 1999, Parcel # 150046100, and address 14388 45th St NW, Alexander, in McKenzie

County, ND. The provisions regarding Conditional Use Permit requests are contained within the McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at www.McKenzieCounty.net. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until Friday, August 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the office of the McKenzie County Planner, 1300 12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to CandyLundgren@clundgren.co.mckenzie.nd.us. You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions.

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Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2024

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

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(Publish July 24 and 31, and August 7, 2024)

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The provisions regarding Conditional Use Permit requests are contained within the McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the McKenzie County Planner's Office during office hours, as well as online at www.McKenzieCounty.net. The application can be reviewed by the public in the Planning Department.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments will be accepted until Friday, August 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM at the office of the McKenzie County Planner, 1300 12th St SE Ste #214, Watford City, ND 58854, or via e-mail to CandyLundgren@clundgren.co.mckenzie.nd.us. You may also phone us at 701-444-2420 with any questions.

Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Planning and Zoning Board may change the date or time of a meeting by a motion made and passed in advance of the meeting to resolve calendar conflicts. In the event a scheduled meeting cannot be held due to inclement weather or other reasons, the meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the scheduled meeting and the Planning Director will cause notice of the postponement to be posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Planning and Zoning Website.

McKenzie County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the American

with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed at the McKenzie County Auditor's Office.

Dated at Watford City, North Dakota, this 17th day of July, 2024

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

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(Publish July 24 and 31, and August 7, 2024)

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD DALE GARNNESS Deceased.

Probate No. DP-42-2024-0000055-IT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to BOBBE GARNNESS, C/O BERRY LAW PLLC return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1620, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the Laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 12 day of July, 2024, at Sidney, Montana.

BOBBE GARNNESS, Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Dale Garnness, deceased.

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, RICHLAND COUNTY

In the Matter of the Jill Ronan Irrevocable Trust, Petitioner, vs Nicholas Portra, Heirs of Jill Ronan, Ilyse Smith, Taylor Peters, and all other persons who claim or may claim an interest in said Trust, Respondents.

CAUSE NO. DP-42-2024-0000052-TR

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

1. TO: Nicholas Portra, Heirs of Jill Ronan, Ilyse Smith, Taylor Peters, and all other persons who claim or may claim an interest in said Trust, Respondents.

2. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in the that the 27th day of August, 2024, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., at the courtroom of said Court at the Law and Justice Center, at 300 12th Ave. NW, Sidney, Montana to answer the Petition filed with the Court. Copies of the petition may be obtained from the court.

3. Objections and responses to the petition, must be filed with the court at or before the hearing.

4. Failure to respond or appear at the hearing may subject any claim you may have to default judgment in favor of the petitioner.

5. The respective parents of the purported heirs of Jill Ronan, namely Ilyse Smith and Taylor Peters, are specifically notified that pursuant to §72-38-303(6), MCA they may appear and act as the representative of their respective child.

Date: July 12, 2024

Janice Klempel
Clerk of District Court
By: Laurel Molden

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