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## SIDNEY'S TOP STORIES OF 2024

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# Happy New Year!

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## Sidney-Richland Airport Building Closer To Completion

### Snow Removal Equipment Replaced

By Dianne Swanson

A devastating fire at the Sidney-Richland Airport on March 7, 2024 destroyed the largest hangar and all its contents including the specialized snow removal equipment used for ramps and runways. A Bobcat, 2019 Ram pickup, tools, welders, and office space were also among the casualties. Fortunately, no flights were affected.

Moving quickly, the airport board contacted KLJ Engineering which created the design for a new building. Corland Construction was able to take on the project which is expected to be completed in February. Sidney-Richland Airport Manager Ryan Huotari said he is impressed with the speed at which the replacement building has come together. "It's a quick turnaround for something of this scale. Things don't usually happen that fast," he said.

The new 70' X 85' hangar is slightly larger than the old one which was 70' X 70' and crowded according to Huotari. He said the extra square footage is necessary to house the large equipment required by the FAA. "It's helpful for sure," he commented.

The specialized snow removal equipment arrived Monday, Dec. 16 and was immediately put to good use. Huotari said it is very similar to the previous machine and is being temporarily housed in another building.

Insurance will cover a portion of the cost of the building and its contents. Out of pocket funds will cover the remainder.



The specialized snow removal truck is ready to clear the way for Cape Air flights.



The new 70' X 85' hangar at the Sidney Airport.

## There's Still Time To Take The Survey



By Leslie Messer  
REDC Director

Almost 200 Richland County residents have participated in the Richland County Economic Development Survey offered by REDC, in an effort to identify their most important priorities.

This undertaking was launched in December by REDC to create an economic diversification and a comprehensive economic development strategy. REDC hired KLJ Engineering to begin the work of gathering community and county wide input.

KLJ stated that in a county with a population like Richland County, roughly 11,000 people, if we were to get between 300-500 respondents, this would be a great representation of the people living here.

REDC took the survey out to the communities of Fairview, Lambert, Savage and Sidney and met with folks there. At the various meetings the quality information attained was deeply appreciated. The surveys are anonymous, and the information is being gathered by KLJ.

The survey can be found on REDC's website at [www.richlandeconomic-development.com](http://www.richlandeconomic-development.com) and will remain open and accessible until the end of business on Dec. 31, 2024. REDC is shy of our goal (between 300-500 respondents) so we encourage anyone who hasn't taken the 10-question survey to please do so before the end of the month. We would truly like to hear from as many voices as possible.

## Dr. Chad Pedersen Joins McKenzie Health To Advance Cancer Care Access & Quality In Western North Dakota & Eastern Montana

By Lynn Welker-Fevold, MMHC, ACHE I  
Consultant & CEO  
Watford City, ND —  
McKenzie Health is thrilled

to welcome Dr. Chad Pedersen, an experienced medical oncologist with a deep commitment to providing cancer care to our rural

region. Dr. Pedersen, a Sidney native, brings over a decade of internal medicine, and specialized oncology and hematology expertise, bolstered by his leadership as Montana State Oncology Society president.

"Dr. Pedersen is welcome addition to McKenzie Health," said Pete Edis, CEO of McKenzie Health. "Dr. Pedersen's arrival enables us to expand our much-needed services, ensuring that patients in Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana have access to compassionate, comprehensive cancer care close to home. His medical expertise and commitment to rural healthcare will bring essential, high-quality cancer care to our community and the region."

With personal roots in Sidney, MT, Dr. Pedersen's dedication to improving cancer care stems from his own family's experience. His father passed away from cancer when he was young, and Dr. Pedersen recalls the difficulties his family faced accessing quality care local-

ly. This personal experience deeply motivates Dr. Pedersen's goal to elevate cancer care for patients in Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana.

"I'm passionate about creating a cancer care program that is close to home, comprehensive, and truly supportive of both patients and their families," says Dr. Pedersen. "Everyone deserves high-quality care, and geographic location should never be a barrier."

Dr. Pedersen's professional journey includes completing his medical training at the University of North Dakota and obtaining triple board certification in medical oncology, hematology, and internal medicine. He is currently pursuing an MBA to expand his knowledge of healthcare management.

McKenzie Health and Dr. Pedersen share a vision to provide compassionate, accessible, and advanced oncology services that prioritize patient experience and care quality. This appointment reflects a shared commitment to strengthen-

ing health resources across Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana.

Dr. Pedersen will see patients at the McKenzie Health - Main Street Clinic, 525 N Main St. Watford City. He is accepting referrals, new patients, and can serve as a local resource for continuum of care. To make an appointment, please call 701-842-6470.

McKenzie Health is committed to quality services, continuity of care, assurance of qualified staff, and family involvement for individual patients and clients.

Headquartered in Watford City, ND, the organization consists of a 24-bed Critical Access Hospital (including labor and delivery as well as robust routine and emergent surgical capabilities), Rural Health Clinic, Specialty Clinics, Occupational, Physical, and Speech

Therapy; Walk-in Clinic, Urgent Care, Good Shepherd Home (long-term care), Horizon Assisted Living, and Connie Wold Wellness Center.



Dr. Chad Pedersen. (Photo submitted)

## Public Hearing On Pedestrian Bike Path On 22nd Ave. NW Elicits Positive Response

By Dianne Swanson  
The City of Sidney held a public hearing on the construction of a pedestrian bike path on 22nd Ave. N.W. on Monday, Dec. 16. Multiple people spoke in favor of the project, citing safety concerns for the diverse users of the busy roadway. Runners, bikers and walkers, most of

whom live in the area voiced their experiences dealing with the narrow street and busy traffic. With the softball fields and dog park drawing traffic to the area, children and adults need a safe avenue to navigate. Parents would like to be able to let their kids safely ride bikes or walk to the pool or the park.

There were no opponents to the project and no one indicated a project with a greater need.

Sidney City Planner Forrest Markle explained that there is a Transportation Alternative grant available through the state which could cover up to 87% of the cost of the project if the

city can show that there is no other project with a greater need. Planning has been in the works for some time. Sidney Public Works Director Jeff Hintz added that the path was accommodated for when they did the Anderson subdivision storm water project in the fall.

In other council news,

Sidney Police Chief Mark Kraft reported that the Polar Plunge held on Dec. 14 was very successful with all dollars going to Special Olympics.

Sidney City Attorney Thomas Kalil reported that they have handled 128 cases since taking over from the county in July. Fifty-three

of those cases are closed, with 75 remaining open. He expects several of those to be closed before the end of the year. He and Kraft agreed that they have a good working relationship with the police department.

# OBITUARIES

## Jonathan “Jon” Rudie, 65 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jonathan “Jon” Rudie were at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Bill Buckley officiating.  
Jonathan “Jon” Rudie, 65, Sidney, MT, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center ER. Visitation will be on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, from 12-5 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before service at the church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, E Fairview, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

## Williams County Fatal Crash Dec. 13

A single vehicle crash occurred on Highway 1804 near MM 310. on Dec. 13, at approximately 6:42 a.m. CT.  
A 2011 Ford F-150 being driven by a Clyde Petty, Williston ND, was traveling westbound on Highway 1804. The F-150 left the roadway and entered the north ditch. The F-150 then vaulted over a field approach and came to rest upright. Clyde Petty sustained injuries from the crash and was transported to CHI St. Alexis Hospital, Williston, and was later transferred to Sanford Hospital, Bismarck.  
Clyde Petty passed away due to the injuries sustained in the crash on Monday Dec. 16, 2024.  
The agencies who responded to the crash were North Dakota Highway Patrol, Williams County Sheriff’s Office, Williston Ambulance and Williston Fire Department.  
At the time of the crash the roads were dry and good and the weather was clear and dark.  
The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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

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

## STATISTICS

### LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1837.5
Last Week’s Elev. ....	1837.5
One Year Ago .....	1839.4
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 16.....	33	13	0.000
Dec. 17.....	22	11	0.000
Dec. 18.....	37	7	0.040
Dec. 19.....	34	-3	0.000
Dec. 20.....	26	-3	0.000
Dec. 21.....	37	10	0.000
Dec. 22.....	40	14	0.020
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	8.64		

## Gerald D. Brown, 76 Keene, ND

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, at the Clear Creek Church, Keene, ND, with Pastor Peder Stenslie officiating. Visitation was held on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Watford City, ND.  
Gerald D. Brown, 76, Keene, ND, passed away peacefully on Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, at the McKenzie County Health Center, Watford City, ND.  
A luncheon followed the burial at the Keene Dome for a time of fellowship and sharing.  
Gerald was laid to rest in Silent City Cemetery, Keene, ND.  
Gerald’s service will be livestreamed directly on his funeral page on [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).  
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](http://www.fulkersons.com).

## Carol Tjelde, 95 Garrison, ND (formerly of Cartwright)

A private family service for Carol Tjelde, 95. Garrison, ND, (formerly of Cartwright, ND) will be held Dec. 26, 2024, with burial to follow at Tjelde Family Cemetery, Cartwright, ND.  
Carol Tjelde, 95, Garrison, ND, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at the CHI St. Alexius Garrison Medical Center, Garrison, ND, while surrounded by her loving family.  
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Great Plains Food Bank: [www.greatplainsfoodbank.org/](http://www.greatplainsfoodbank.org/) Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

## Henry “Hank” Stip, 99 Sidney, MT



Henry “Hank” Stip

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Richard Evans officiating. Light refreshments will be served after the service for a time of fellowship. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. Hank will be laid to rest in the POKER Jim Cemetery in McKenzie County, ND. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Henry “Hank” Stip was born on June 20, 1925, in Cedar Rapids, IA, to John and Mabel Stip. It was a large family, consisting of 6 girls and 3 boys. The family moved around the state of South Dakota for a time then moved to Minot for most of Henry’s childhood. It was here that he learned the value of hard work, helping his dad with their family rendering plant business and also doing farm work. He often discussed this time, saying it was his job to milk 7 cows every morning, which is probably where Hank earned his trademark large, strong hands.

In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was proud to serve his country. He marched across Europe and fought in the famous Battle of the Bulge. He earned a bronze medal for his heroic actions in assisting to evacuate a wounded soldier and the Purple Heart for being wounded in battle. He spent a time at a military hospital in Luxembourg and was honorably discharged and returned to Minot.

Hank has always enjoyed a county fair, and it was at the Minot Fairgrounds attending a local dance that he met Beverly Zaback from Verendrye, ND. Bev and Hank were married in 1948 and soon after welcomed their 4 daughters. They lived for a time in Minot and Bismarck and eventually landed at their final residence in Sidney, MT.

In Sidney, Hank again worked at the rendering plant. When the plant burned down in 1977, Hank was able to apply his entrepreneurial skills and branch out into clearing his river bottom land to make it better for farming and began raising wild game, mostly elk, and selling the horns and hunts. Many people remember Hank proudly driving around Sidney with his trophy antlers mounted on the front of his pickup. He loved animals and often brought home the strangest of creatures, transporting them often, to Bev’s dismay, in the backseat of her car!

If you knew Hank, you knew he loved a practical joke and always had a bit of a twinkle in his eye! As proud as he was of his animals and jokes, Hank was most proud of his family. He loved his 4 daughters dearly and his special bonus daughter, Kim Byer. He would often take them on road trips to pick up animals to deliver to the rendering plant and since he had no sons, he raised them to work the land driving tractor, picking sticks and learning about irrigation. Hank was always up for a visit and he particularly enjoyed having coffee with his friends at the M&M and any family and friends that stopped by.

Hank had an exceptional memory, even in his later years, and could recount history and past events with ease. He loved music and his daughters all remember driving and singing with him. He also could recite short little ditties about any situation off the top of his head.

In 2012, Henry lost the love of his life, Bev. He continued on, eventually moving into The Lodge in 2018 which he was not happy about at first but due to the special love and attention Marlin gave him, he soon started to call The Lodge home. He formed many new friendships and looked forward to visits and daily phone calls from his daughters. The staff at the Lodge adored Henry and the feeling was mutual.

Henry left this world to meet our Lord and be reunited with Beverly on Dec. 21, 2024, at Sidney Health Center on his 99.5th birthday. He was surrounded in his last weeks by family, friends and phone calls. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; may he rest in eternal peace.

Hank is survived by his four daughters Connie (Pat) Corbett, Cindy (Bill) Westfall, Sandy Stip, and Nancy (David) Crighton; grandchildren Karolyn Corbett (Jimmy), Michael Corbett, Bobbie Jo (Nick) Lonski, David “Scott” (Lara) Crighton, and Nikki (Dave) Winter; great-grandchildren Caleb, Kanon, Brody, Owen, Alexa, Eli, Oaklee, David Calvin, Julia, Elice, Ivy, and Oaklee; and many other beloved family members.

Hank is preceded in death by his wife Beverly; parents John and Mabel; and siblings Rose, Clara, Maria, Kate, Wilma, Mable, John “Jack”, and Ray.

# EVENTS

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### RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

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

**Wed., Dec. 25**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner** - Free will offering & deliveries are available by calling 406-433-2510 on Christmas morning. St. Matthew’s Parish, 310 7th St. SE.  
**Fri., Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
7:30 p.m. - **Volleyball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

**Sat., Dec. 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25**  
7 p.m. - **Basketball Sports Nights** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

**Fri., Dec. 27; Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 28; March 14, 28, April 11, 25**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Sidney’s Soup Kitchen** - All are welcome, no charge, & volunteers appreciated. St. Matthew’s Parish Center, 310 7th St SE. For more info call 406-433-2510 or email [stmatt@midrivers.com](mailto:stmatt@midrivers.com).

**Mon., Jan. 6 & 20**  
7-8 p.m. - **Adult Anxiety & Depression Support Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. Pella Lutheran Church. (east entrance, church library) For more info call Pella, 406-433-3350 or the Health Dept., 406-433-2207.

**Thurs., Jan. 9**  
5:30 p.m. - **Meet Your Richland County MSU Extension Agents** - Marley Voll, Agriculture Extension Agent; Josie Evenson, 4-H & Youth Development Extension Agent & Stephanie Reynolds, Family & Consumer Sciences & Community Vitality Extension Agent. Sidney Richland County Library.

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### McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Now-Jan. 4, 2025**  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Onesti Krieger - The 11” X 14” Show** - Krieger is a visual artist working in oil & acrylics & paints abstract expressionistic paintings. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.  
**Thurs., Dec. 26, Fri., Dec. 27 & Mon., Dec. 30, 4-7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 21, Sun., Dec. 22, Sat., Dec. 28 & Sun., Dec. 29** 1-4 p.m.  
**Holiday Indoor Mini Golf** - A smaller version of the Indoor Mini Golf Course. \$5/person/round. Rough Rider Center.  
**Sat., Dec. 28**  
11 a.m. - **Saturday Morning Christmas Classics Food Drive** - Christmas classics on the big screen. 2 canned goods = free movie ticket. 6 Shooters Showhall & Cafe.  
**Tues., Dec. 31**  
7 p.m.-1 a.m. - **Leather & Lace** - Bull riding, women’s bronc riding, bull fighting, live music. McKenzie County Ag Expo. For more info visit [mcagexpo.com](http://mcagexpo.com).  
**Fri., Jan. 10, 10 a.m. - Mon., March 3, 6 p.m.**  
**Greg Walter “Animal Alphabet Alliteration” Gallery Show** - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/events/upcoming-events/>.  
**Fri., Jan. 17**  
5 p.m. - **McKenzie County Soil Conservation District Present Cowgirls ’n Conversation Rural Rendezvous** - Social 5 p.m., supper, 5:30 p.m. McKenzie County Ag Expo. For more info visit <https://www.mcagexpo.com/events>  
**Sat., Jan. 18, & Feb. 8**  
**2:30-4 p.m. - Strummin’ and Hummin’: Beginner Guitar Workshop** - Ages 14+, start with an instrument orientation & tuning course followed by two 30-minute song learning sessions, learning basic chords & strumming. \$35/person (bring your own guitar); \$45/person (guitar provided for the night). Long X Arts Foundation Gallery. For more info visit <https://longxarts.com/classes/in-person-classes/>.

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### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Now-Tues., Dec. 31**  
5:30-9:30 p.m. - **Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - Enjoy thousands of holiday lights in over 75 displays from inside your vehicle. Tune to 107.1 for holiday music. Entry fee \$5 vehicle. Dec. 26: The Great Elf Send-Off; Dec. 27: Unicorn Night; Dec. 28: Free Car Night; Dec. 30: Unicorn Night. For more info visit <https://visitwilliston.com/events/2024-spring-lake-park-holiday-lights-drive/>  
**Sat., Dec. 28**  
10 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Holiday Mystery In The Park** - The Christmas star has gone missing & you can help Santa & Mrs. Claus find it. Follow a trail of family friendly puzzles & clues to track down the missing star. After the adventure head to the Visitors Center for hot chocolate. Lewis & Clark State Park, Epping, ND.  
7 p.m.-Midnight - **Game Night At The James** - Bring your favorite board, card or RPG games with some friends & snacks, or join in a game with others. All welcome, free & open to the public. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info call 701-774-3601.  
**Sat., Dec. 28, Sun., Dec. 29, Mon., Dec. 30**  
3-5 p.m. - **Open Ice Skating** - Family fun for all ages. Limited rentals & skating aids for beginners. All ages & abilities are welcome, helmets are encouraged. Fees: \$5 Rental; \$4 adult; \$3 Youth; Free Skating aids for beginners. Raymond Center, Pete Conlin Arena.  
**Tues., Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
11-11:30 a.m. **Toddler Time** - Ages 2 & 3. Read stories, sing songs, dance, play games, & engage in social play. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.  
**Tues., Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Thurs., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30**  
11-11:30 a.m. **Baby Time** - Ages 2 & 3. Read stories, sing songs, dance, play games, & engage in social play. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.  
**Wed., Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29**  
9:25-9:45 a.m. - **Sensory Story Time** - Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive.  
**Thurs., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**Clay Camp** - Youth grades K-6. Class 1: 4-5 p.m., Pinch Pot Monsters; Class 2: 4-5:30 p.m., Glaze your monsters & make coil snails; Class 3: 4-5:30 p.m., Glaze your snails & make high five hands; Class 4: 4-5 p.m., Glaze your hands. Feb. 6: pick up projects, 3-3:30 p.m. \$80, 20% member discount. Cost includes all classes & supplies. Must attend all classes. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Register online at [thejamesmemorial.org](http://thejamesmemorial.org). Registration ends 3 p.m. Jan. 9.  
**Thurs., Jan. 9**  
5-7 p.m. - **Free Winter Safety Event Community Training** - Learn essential tips to keep you & your family safe on ice roads. All are welcome. Williston State College - Teton Lounge, 1410 University Ave.

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### DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Tues., Dec. 31**  
8 p.m. - **New Year’s Eve Party** - Ring in the New Year at Cottonwood Country Club.  
**Tues., Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-Wed., Jan. 1, 2 a.m.**  
**New Year’s Eve with Sideways Cover Band** - Party favors, drink specials & fireworks at midnight. Wagon Wheel Bar, 1615 W. Towne St.  
**Wed., Jan. 1**  
11 a.m. - **First Day Hike At Makoshika State Park** - Take a 1-mile hike on the Bluebird Trail led by MT FWP staff and get introduced to participants to the Makoshika State Park badlands topography. Meet outside the Makoshika State park visitor center. Free food, refreshments & drinks will be provided at the Visitors Center following the hike. For more info call 406-377-6256.  
**Sat., Jan. 18**  
1-3 p.m. - **Jig Saw Puzzle Contest** - The Gallery, 109 S. Merrill Ave.



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### Man In Custody Following Pursuit In McKenzie County

**By McKenzie County Sheriff's Office**

On Dec. 19, at approximately 9:12 p.m., a sergeant with the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 85 near Mile Marker 161 after noticing a white Ram pickup truck driving with no headlights when required.

The driver was identified as Christopher Martin-Holmes, 26.

Local dispatch provided the MCSO Sergeant with information pertaining to Christopher Martin-Holmes, including that Martin-Holmes had a suspended driver's license, an active arrest warrant in North Dakota and an out-of-state arrest warrant for fleeing.

During a second contact with Martin-Holmes at the driver's side of the vehicle, Martin-Holmes accelerated away from the location of the traffic stop, resulting in a pursuit northbound on US Highway 85. Speeds were reported to reach 90 mph during the pursuit. A MCSO Deputy deployed a tire deflation device (spike strips) on US Highway 85 near Mile Marker



**Christopher Martin-Holmes. (Photo submitted)**

171. Martin-Holmes entered the ditch and became stuck.

Martin-Holmes fled from the vehicle on foot before aggressing towards members of the MCSO. Tasers were deployed, but were ineffective initially. Members of the MCSO went hands-on with Martin-Holmes in attempts to make an arrest. In the process, Martin-Holmes grabbed the top of a MCSO Deputy's department issued handgun, which was holstered.

Members of the MCSO controlled the hands of Martin-Holmes, however, Martin-Holmes was able to free one of his hands, grabbing at

the Taser of a MCSO Deputy. Martin-Holmes was eventually handcuffed and placed under arrest.

Martin-Holmes will surely be placed on the Naughty List after this incident, and he now sits at the McKenzie County Correctional Facility with the following charges;

- Fleeing during the commission of a Felony. (C Felony)
- Reckless Endangerment- Extreme Indifference. (C Felony)
- Preventing arrest. (C Felony)
- Attempting to Disarm a Law Enforcement Officer. (C Felony)

Felony)  
-Assault on a Peace Officer. (C Felony)

-DUS. (B Misdemeanor)  
-Warrant out of Williams County, North Dakota

Martin-Holmes is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

#### Winter Classes Open For Registration

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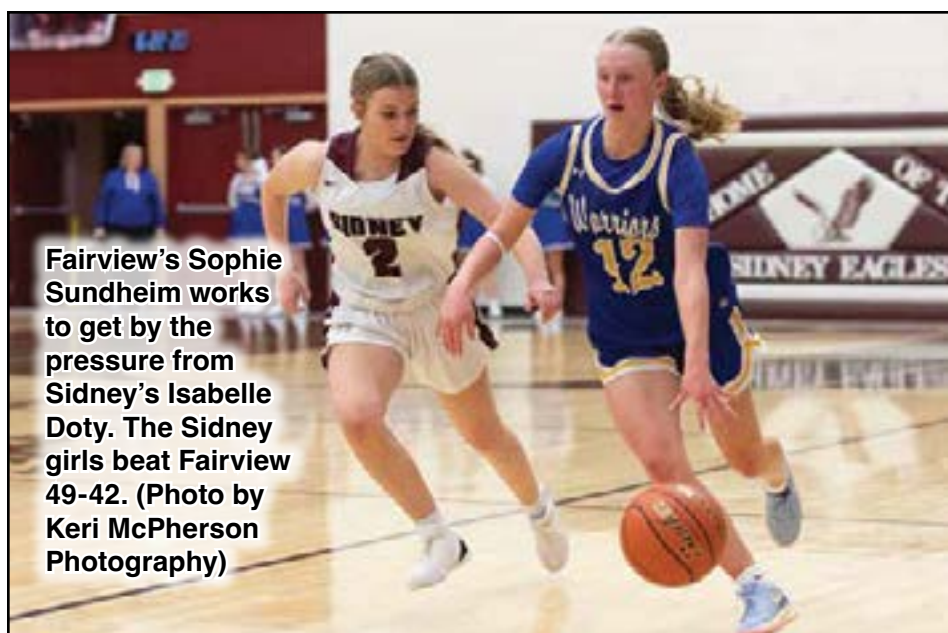
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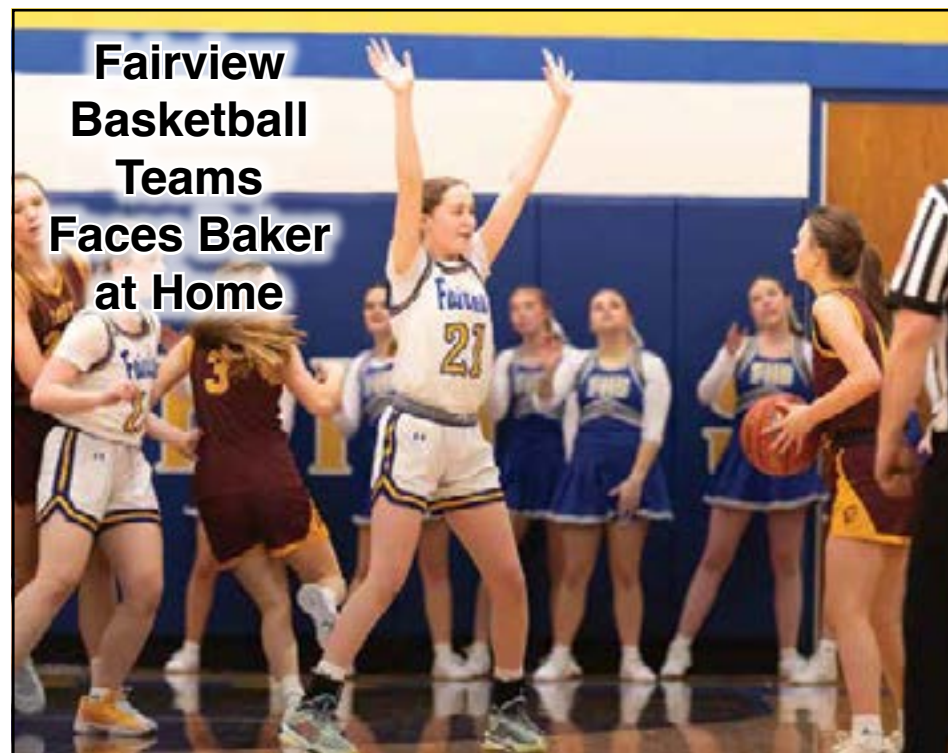
# Sidney and Fairview Face Off At SHS



Fairview traveled to Sidney to play the Sidney Eagles on Dec. 17. Pictured is Fairview's #21-Tyler Loan shoulder to shoulder against Sidney's #23-Gradin Sukut. Fairview beat Sidney 49-37. (Photo by Kaci Dean)



Fairview's Sophie Sundheim works to get by the pressure from Sidney's Isabelle Doty. The Sidney girls beat Fairview 49-42. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



**Fairview Basketball Teams Faces Baker at Home**



Fairview played the Baker Spartans at home on Dec. 20. The boys won 46-40. The girls fell to Baker 28-72. Fairview Warriors will play in Malta on Jan 3 and Harlem on Jan. 4.

Above: Fairview's Addison Swaney on defense. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Left: Gavin Callendar scores 2 points for Fairview. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

## Sidney Wrestlers Travel to Gillette



Cooper Fulgham (Sidney/Fairview) beat Mason Lahoe (Rapid City Cobblers) by fall in 2:57 at 190#.

The Sidney wrestling team traveled to Gillette last weekend to compete in the Pat Weede Memorial Wrestling Tournament. Sidney won six duals and lost two during the tournament. Sidney wrestlers Brenner Mullin, Aaron Schmitz and Reece Graves were undefeated.



Thor Fulgham (Sidney/Fairview) beat Jacob Benavides (Scottsbluff) by fall in 0:35 at 215#.

Pat Weede Wrestling Tournament	Round 4	Round 7
Dec. 20-21 – Gillette, WY	Thunder Basin 49, Sidney/Fairview 26	Sidney/Fairview 54, Powell 23
Friday, Dec. 20	Round 5	Saturday, Dec. 21
Round 1	Sidney/Fairview 39, Scottsbluff 32	Round 8
Sidney/Fairview, 43 Sheridan, 34	Round 6	Sidney/Fairview 52, Rapid City Cobblers 21
Round 3	Bismarck Century 42, Sidney/Fairview 34	Round 9
Sidney/Fairview 52 Moorcroft 28		Sidney/Fairview 39, Natrona County, 32

## Richland Ranger Bantams Go 4-0

By Brenda Filler

The Richland Ranger Bantams added 4 wins to their season this past weekend. They travelled to Mandan, ND, on Friday, Dec. 20 to face Madan Mayhem on and then into Bismarck to face three Bismarck Capitals teams Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21.

Friday night's game against the Mandan Mayhem brought the Rangers their first win of the week with a final score of 11-2.

Saturday brought the Bantams 2 games. First, they faced Bismarck Red and dominated the ice with a 14-0 victory. That afternoon they would be matched against Bismarck White and end with another win and a score of 4-0.

Sunday the Bantams played a third Bismarck Capitals team, Bismarck Blue

and fought hard to a 3-0 win.

This Bantams group continues to show that success in hockey comes from both hard work and teamwork. We have all heard the saying "teamwork makes the

dream work" and this small but amazing group of youth athletes shows us that every time they skate onto the ice.

Up next the Ranger Bantams will be two home games. Please come on

down to the Richland Rangers hockey arena and show your support for the Bantams on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m.



Avery Schantz vs. Bismarck Blue on Dec. 22. (Photo by Brenda Filler)

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2. Legal Description including County and Approximate Footages of Surface Location of Proposed Oil and Gas Well: (and projected bottom-hole location, if a directional or horizontal well) **Surface Loc: NWNE Section 20, T26N, R57E, Richland County, MT. 390' FNL & 2596' FEL, El: 2413' Bottom Hole Loc: Lot 4 Section 5, T26N, R57E, Richland County, MT. Footages: 205' FNL & 660' FWL**  
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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY PROBATE NO. DP-42-2024-0000102-IT**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KELLY ANN DEY, Deceased.  
**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 (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to KATHY GAIL JOHNSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at The Savage Law Firm, PO Box 1105, Sidney, Montana 59270 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.  
DATED this 3rd day of December, 2024.  
KATHY GAIL JOHNSON  
Personal Representative

to "Alexander Public School District" in the amount of the bid. Bids must include the bidder's name, phone number, address, bid amount, and bidder's signature. Bids must be hand delivered or mailed to Alexander Public School District 601 Delaney Street PO Box 66 Alexander, ND 58831 and must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. on 01/08/2025**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the **7:00p.m. APS School Board meeting on 01/08/2025**. Any bids that do not comply with the foregoing may, at the District's sole discretion, be rejected and returned to the bidder. Any bids that are not accepted by the District shall be returned to the bidder. The home is located at the following address: 518 Comet Street, Alexander, ND 58831. Public inspection of the home may be arranged by calling 701-828-3334 to set up an appointment for viewing. The District is selling the structure, not the real property. The home is sold AS IS, and the District makes no warranty of the condition of the home. Each bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition and accuracy of the home prior to submitting a bid. The successful bidder must move the home off the premises on or before May 15, 2025, transport the structure in manner that complies with applicable law, and transport the structure to a location authorized by law. Upon compliance with the foregoing, the District shall deliver one or more documents to the successful bidder conveying the District's right, title, and interest in the home. If the successful bidder does not comply with the foregoing, without limiting the District's available remedies, the District shall have the authority to retain all right, title, and interest of and to the structure and/or use all the funds submitted by the bidder to remove, transport, store, sell, and/or otherwise dispose of the structure. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that,

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Alexander Public School District  
Leslie Bieber, Superintendent  
Dated: 11/20/2024

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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
In the Matter of the Estate of John (Jack) Henderson, Deceased.  
CAUSE NO. DP-24-42-2024-0000099-II  
**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 be mailed to Sherill Terry Henderson, return receipt requested, at c/o Donald L. Netzer, Netzer, Krautter & Brown, PC, 1060 South Central Ave., Ste. 2, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above-named Court.  
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# SIDNEY'S TOP STORIES OF 2024

## Sidney City Hall Undergoes Indoor Transformation

**By Dianne Swanson**

It would be completely understandable if you haven't noticed any changes as you drive by City Hall on 2nd St. S.E., Sidney. The exterior remains the same other than new treatment covering the doors of the old fire hall. Step inside, and the change brought about by B&B Builders and mostly local sub-contractors in just a few months, is remarkable.

Over \$1.6 million in ARPA (federal American Rescue Plan Act) funds allowed the City of Sidney to expand City Hall and bring it into the 21st Century. Secretary-treasurer Jessica Chamberlin explained that every local government received money through the plan without having to apply for it. The City received the dollars in 2021 but sat on it, as some rules changed and they wanted to make sure they spent it in the right way. Since the city was receiving infrastructure grants as well, they determined that the remodel was the right way to spend the money. Total cost of the project was between \$1.8 and \$1.9 million with the extra funding coming

from dollars in a capital improvement fund the city had set up about seven years ago using excess oil and gas money. Those oil and gas dollars also fund the fire department and parks so the remodel was not a top priority until the ARPA grant money came through. The project actually came in under budget but fixing some drainage issues with the parking lot and/or new garage doors are possibilities for using the remaining funds.

The last time the building was remodeled was in 1963, with only minor updates since then. It was not ADA-compliant, the electrical and H-Vac systems were sadly out of date and there was limited space for staff or storage. Chamberlin explained that a top priority was to make the entire building ADA accessible. "You never know when you might have an employee, a council member or a member of the public who needs that accessibility," she said.

A new front door, including a push button opener if needed, leads to a larger entryway and an angled

front counter which allows for social distancing. The hallway naturally flows from there to the new back offices and storage area as well as the rest of the building. The counter also features lower windows which the kids like because they get a sucker!

The former council chambers have been transformed into offices for the public works director and the fire marshal, plus a small conference room. Chamberlin said that the conference room is invaluable during events such as conference calls on bonding issues when privacy is a must. It can also be used for one-on-one meetings with employees or when a few employees need to meet. Tons of storage space, needed to hold files which are required to be kept for several years, was also created in that area.

The central office area on the other side of that angled counter now features designated spaces for employees who previously had floating spaces. Electrical cords are now in walls instead of on the floor and the beautiful cabinetry provides

ample storage.

What used to be four offices has been transformed into two, one for Mayor Norby and one for the compliance officer. Chamberlin's space is now about three feet wider. "Just enough for two more file cabinets," she said, laughing. Her sliding glass doors have been changed to a partial wall and huge window with blinds that can be closed for privacy when needed, but enable her to see the front area and assist when necessary. Her favorite acquisition is the standing desk which she employs frequently.

City hall and the old fire hall are now internally connected. The fire hall kitchen became a break room with an ADA compliant kitchen which can be used by the public if they use the council chambers for an event. New bathrooms were also built in that area.

The new council chambers are stunning. The first thing you notice is the amazing artwork created by Stephanie Ridl, city parks and rec manager, which hangs above the council members' seating area. The piece depicts the Badlands of eastern Montana and the Yellowstone River as the sunrise emerges on the horizon. She created the piece entirely of trees removed from city property, and rock collected from the banks of the Yellowstone River. The Sunrise Rays are American Elm from the last standing elm in the Sidney Park System. It was removed due to Dutch Elm disease. The Eye of the Sunrise is made from a cedar tree that was removed from City Hall during the renovation. The Badlands are Russian Olive from a limb that failed after storm damage along the Sherry Arnold Fitness Trail. The river banks are from a

Cottonwood which was removed from Carpenter Park along Lone Tree Creek due to severe storm damage. Ridl is also the featured artist for this year's Sunset Festival on July 13.

Where the old chambers could only seat about 30 guests, and was impossible to use during COVID, the new room can accommodate approximately 100 and allow for social distancing if needed. "We had to move city council meetings into the fire hall and do call-ins during COVID," Chamberlin said. "It was not professional or convenient."

Fully teched out with a sound system, mics, 3 TVs connected to cameras, and Zoom, the space is designed to provide the best possible experience for everyone. The Williston city attorney, or the planner from Billings, as well as members of the public, can join council meetings, confident in the connections. For in-person attendees with hearing difficulties, battery packs are available to connect to hearing aids via Blue Tooth.

Chamberlin said she used to have to use massive quantities of paper printing out spreadsheets, etc. Now she shows the data from her computer on the TV screens. Instead of rough estimates of the results of potential changes to the budget, she can pull up the actual work book and provide accurate numbers, saving money and valuable time for everyone involved. When a particular city department or a member of the public makes requests for dollars for a project, it's now easy to give immediate figures.

The TVs are also handy for presentations such as solicitations from consultants who prepare a power point which was previously printed out on paper. The

presentations are now seen as they were meant to be.

The additional space was intentionally designed with the chamber, bathrooms and kitchen included in an area which can be locked separately from the remainder of the building, because the city wants the public to use the space and its technology. Safety meetings, training sessions and so much more, could be efficiently accommodated. Use of the space is free of charge.

Some less visible but essential upgrades were made to the building. The H-Vac system, which was insufficient long before COVID, has now been changed to four systems throughout the complex, creating much more efficiency. Additional supports have been put in the basement which is used for paper storage. The remodel provided staff with the opportunity to completely re-configure the space and reorganize and alphabetize the contents. At the fire department's request, a smoke hatch was installed which allows them to remove smoke from the basement and get to a fire more safely.

The curb entrance to what used to be the fire hall provides additional public parking on 2nd and will contain some handicap parking spaces which could be used for access to downtown areas.

The security system has been upgraded and cameras have been installed inside and out. The exterior cameras with their view of Central Avenue could provide valuable information to the police department. The city is also working on installing cameras in the parks and at the swimming pool for the safety of everyone.



The new City Hall council chamber provides plenty of space for visitors, as well as electronic updates for more efficient meetings. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)





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## Sidney Kiwanis Club Celebrated 100 Years of Service

**By Dianne Swanson**  
 "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time." From its start in Detroit on Jan. 21, 1915, it has grown to include 445,167 members in clubs all over the world.

The Sidney Kiwanis Club was organized on Dec. 22, 1924 and was presented its charter on April 15, 1925 by its sponsoring club, Glendive. Officers were: president Carl Brattin, vice president Ira Bendon, treasurer J.A. Loken, district trustee R.P. Imes and secretary J.H. Clark. Directors were F. George Johnson, J.I. Turner, W.K. Adams, C.S. Clemmensen, Noel Carrico, Albert Christensen and R.P. Imes.

Since the beginning, meetings have been at noon on Thursdays. The club met in various churches to begin with, settling on the Congregational Church for a few years, with the wives providing lunch. In January of 1928, the move was made to the Valley Hotel Cafe, then to the Jensen Cafe in February of 1930. The Lalonde Hotel became their new home for many years until it burned, then the Elks Club provided meeting space. The club currently meets for food, fellowship and a great program every Thursday at noon at the Moose Lodge. Whether informative or entertaining,

often both, the programs are always good.

Committees in 1927 included agriculture, attendance, business standards, classification, finance, good will and grievance, house, inter-club relations, Kiwanis education, laws and regulations, membership, music, programs, public affairs, publicity, reception and underprivileged child with special committees for vocational guidance and US-Canada Week. Today's committees are membership/education, sponsored youth, programs, publicity and public relations.

Of special importance to the original group of Kiwanians was participation in the Richland County Fair. In 1926, in order to spark interest in the smaller communities, they decided to present the play "Banish the Scrub Bull" and traveled to every rural hall or school in Richland County. That summer, those communities, 15 in all, provided displays at the fair and some continue today, helping to make the fair the best in the region. Those plays were followed by talent shows consisting of a Kiwanian or two and the local residents, with the money raised going towards the fair as well.

Kiwanis has always supported 4-H and continues to do so. In 1928, each member provided a sack of certified seed potatoes to a member of the Boys Potato

Club and agreed to visit the plot at least once during the growing season. In return the 4-Her would donate a sack of potatoes back which would be used to feed hungry children in the area. They also individually sponsored 4-H hog raisers.

In 1931, the Sidney Kiwanis Club was named the Top Club out of 1800 worldwide and awarded the International Kiwanis Efficiency Award for its rural beautification project. The Sidney project originated from a desire to develop better relations between the city and rural areas, and became a Kiwanis International objective.

Women were finally allowed to join Kiwanis in 1990 or '91, a decision which unfortunately caused a few men to leave the club. Sharon Rau became Sidney's first female president in 1997 and went on to become the first women Lt. Governor of District 5 which covers the state of Montana. Current president Elaine Stedman is slated to become Governor in 2025. Most would agree that allowing women to join was a smart move!

Priorities shifted throughout the years as times changed but the focus of Kiwanis has always been to serve. Activities have included an Easter egg hunt and free kids movie, cleaning highway ditches, conducting food drives, mid-



### Sidney Kiwanis Club Installs 2024-25 Officers

The Sidney Kiwanis Club held its installation of officers for the 2024-25 year on Thursday, Sept. 26. Pictured are, back row, left to right, first vice president and assistant secretary Jessica Chamberlin and directors Madison Miller and Joe Bradley. Front row, left to right, director Kali Godfrey, second vice president Bree Shanks, director Katie Dasinger, president and District 5 Lt. Governor Elaine Stedman and secretary-treasurer Tami Christensen. Not pictured are directors Keith Bostrom and Zach Sverdrup.

dle school awards, Boys and Girls State, Bike helmet program, Montana Chamber Business week, Boy Scouts, youth rodeo, baseball and softball, hockey, Special Olympics, swim team, Hugh O'Brien Scholarship, books for newborns, post-prom parties, Terrific Kids, BUG (Bring up Grades), 4-H, FFA, March of Dimes Walk, Blankets of Love, All Their Shots While They're Tots (which was the first use of the Kiwanis sign on S. Central and earned the club the 1992-93 Outstanding Club Project for Young Children: Priority One award), the huge Baby Think it Over Doll project, and so many more. Kids have been helped with hearing aids, or special education needs, the list goes on and on. Every year, at least one scholarship is given to a deserving senior from Sidney High School.

Kiwanis has developed a close relationship with the Boys and Girls Club, providing support and taking their turn serving lunches there. The Annual Coat Drive provides hundreds of families in Richland County with warm clothing and footwear. Twice a year, members deliver Meals on Wheels. Kiwanis

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also rewards kids with a pizza party through the MBI (Montana Behavioral Initiative), a proactive approach in creating behavioral supports and a social culture that establishes social, emotional and academic success for students where they strive to become Safe, Respectful and Responsible. Kiwanis has also sponsored the Athlete of the Year Award with The Roundup for several years. Sidney also participates in providing playground equipment in communities throughout the state, as well as other statewide initiatives.

In 1993, the club started taking tickets at all Sidney High School home games and continues that project today. They also man the people movers at the Richland County Fair.

Two major fundraisers provide the means by which Kiwanis serves children in the area: the annual apple sale in the fall and the pie social in the summer. All proceeds from those two events go to the Youth Fund.

Internationally, the Sidney Kiwanis Club and its members have contributed generously to worldwide initiatives such as IDD, ridding the world of Iodine Deficiency, and providing Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus vaccines in over 50 countries. Visits with Canadian clubs, including conventions and golf tournaments, have been especially enjoyable.

As Kiwanis celebrates its 100th year of service to this community, they invite anyone who wishes to find out more to join them for a free lunch any Thursday at noon at the Moose Lodge.

## Schoepp Receives MADA Eagle Award

By Dianne Swanson  
Ford car dealer, Sidney, said he was totally amazed when pictures of he and his wife,

Karen, started to appear on the screen at the Montana Auto Dealers Association (MADA) meeting in Helena Saturday, Aug. 17. That segment of the banquet involved the presentation of the Eagle Award. As more and more photos appeared, it gradually dawned on him that he was this year's recipient of the prestigious award. "It really took me aback," Schoepp said. "It was a complete surprise. It is an awesome honor to receive this kind of award from my fellow auto dealers."

Sponsored by Assurant Dealer Services, the award winner is chosen by the MADA. The beautiful Eagle Award statuette is "In recognition of your soaring achievement 2024." The MADA stated that 'this award goes out to a dealer that

exemplifies what it means to give back not only to their family, their business, but also their communities. Gary is someone who is a selfless leader and above all things, cares about those around him. Thank you, Gary for creating not only a legacy in your community, but changing the lives and legacies of those around you.' MADA executive director Bruce Knudsen explained that the award is not about how many vehicles are sold, but about being an exemplary person. "Gary is beyond cool," he said.

When Gary Schoepp joins an organization, he becomes actively involved in the everyday workings of that organization. He served on the Sidney School board for nine years, has been a very active Kiwanian for over

40 years including a term as president, served on the Sidney Chamber of Commerce board and did everything from ticket taking to painting walls at the office, has been a member of Richland Economic Development since its inception and is a past president, a strong supporter of the Richland County Fair & Rodeo, just to name a few.

Schoepp is pleased and humble about the award. "We need to be part of the community," he said simply. "This community, our community, has hundreds of opportunities to get involved. What we all need to do is get involved, just do it! Make someone's life a bit better, including your own."

Congratulations Gary. The honor is well deserved!



Gary Schoepp (left) accepts the Eagle Award from Curtis Walls with Assurant. (Photo submitted)

## Lakes Open Cattlemen's Cafe In Sidney

By Dianne Swanson  
They've talked about it for years and now Ira and Amy Lake are taking the plunge into the restaurant business. "We've talked

about it over the years, ever since the M&M closed. We wanted to get back into the restaurant business but with a smaller venue. Then we started wondering who was

going to take over the sale yard. And here we are. This is ideal," Ira explained. They hope to have the Cattlemen's Cafe at Sidney Livestock Market Center open by Aug. 27. It's a natural fit for Ira whose grandparents Martin and Myrtle Lake, then his parents Martin (Bud) and Marilyn, owned the M&M Cafe. Amy's mouth-watering baking and strong work ethic play perfectly into the mix.

From dark to light, the restaurant has undergone a transformation, beginning with windows! New ceilings and flooring, lighting, counter tops and furnishings create a welcoming setting for diners while the completely remodeled, state-of-the-art kitchen and prep areas provide efficient, comfortable

spaces to prepare delicious food. Clyde Madison and Paul Fifer have done an amazing job with the remodel, along with Prairie Electric, Olson Plumbing, Big Sky Siding and Windows, Rim Rock Cabinets and Frontier Heating.

Cattlemen's Cafe will serve up breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The M&M's famous roast beef dinner will be on the menu as well as Marilyn's yummy pancakes. Using many of the M&M's tasty recipes, Amy will be baking homemade pies (including sour cream raisin) and cakes (including Marilyn's delicious chocolate cake) plus cinnamon and caramel rolls. Be sure to check out the

daily lunch specials as well. Whole cakes and pies will be for sale but pre-orders are encouraged. Call 406-433-CAFE (2233).

It is important to Lakes to promote local and use as much as they can in their cafe. They are partnering with Yellowstone River Beef in Williston to provide local hamburger and Grains of Montana in Billings for local bread products. Craig's Meats famous jerky will also be for sale to help get through long sale days.

If all goes well, Cattlemen's Cafe will welcome diners on August 27th. Check their Facebook page for updates and daily specials.

"We hope to see you soon!" Ira exclaimed.



Amy and Ira Lake are looking forward to serving up tasty breakfasts and lunches, plus mouth-watering baked goods at the new Cattlemen's Cafe at the Sidney Livestock Market Center, Sidney.

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## New CPA Firm Opens Its Doors In Downtown Sidney

Sidney has welcomed a new addition to its business community with the opening of Amy Bieber CPA, PC, a CPA firm founded by Amy Bieber, a Sidney local. After over seven years with Wheeler, Bieber & Associates, PC (previously Smith, Lange & Halley, PC), Bieber decided to establish her own firm to provide a more personalized approach to financial services. The new firm officially opened its doors Aug. 1, 2024, offering a range of financial services tailored to meet the needs of the community.

"I've had the privilege of working with a lot of great clients over the years," Bieber said. "In starting this new firm, I feel we have an opportunity to build on those relationships and offer services that are closely aligned with what our community needs. We're committed to providing top-notch tax, bookkeeping, payroll, and advisory services, all while maintaining the personal touch that makes working with a local firm so special."

Amy Bieber CPA, PC, is proud of its exceptional team of dedicated professionals who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the firm. Bieber noted, "Our mission is to provide quality service and build lasting relationships. We've been brainstorming and working on different ideas and solutions in order to better serve our clients and community." The team's collective knowledge and collaborative spirit ensures that clients receive comprehensive and attentive support tailored to their specific needs.

The new firm is currently located on the first floor of the Village Square Mall, 120 East Main St. The firm's offerings include expert tax planning and preparation to ensure compliance and maximize deductions, meticulous bookkeeping to keep financial records in order, comprehensive payroll services to streamline employee compensation, and advisory services to guide clients through financial decisions and planning.

For more information about Amy Bieber CPA, PC, visit their website at [www.biebertcpa.com](http://www.biebertcpa.com) or call 406-480-6970.



Pictured from left Jill Vitt, Amy Bieber and Diane Miller. (Photo submitted)



### Under the Big Sky Ribbon Cutting

Under The Big Sky Western Boutique, 141 7th St. SW, Sidney, held their ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, Nov. 16. Joining in the event were: (L to R) Sidney Mayor Rick Norby, Tegan Cole, Shelby Reese, Owner Jaynie Douglas, Jaelee Strangford, Jacqee Huseby, Lacey Huseby, Kelsey Van Horn, Alice Johnston, and Lindsay Lawrence, Sidney Chamber representative.



### Gerten & Co, PC Holds Ribbon Cutting

Gerten & Co, PC and the Sidney Chamber held a ribbon cutting on Nov. 19. Gerten & Co, PC is located at 141 7th St. SW., Sidney. They can be reached at 406-480-8010. Pictured: (L to R) Amanda Bartels, Tavis Gerten, Shannon Wicks, Jessica Buxbaum, Mayor Rick Norby, Sidney Police Chief Mark Kraft, Hanna Jepsen, Jamie Larson, and Megan Garza. (Photo submitted)



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## New Richland County Fair Building Doubles Event Space



This drone photo shows the new Event Center addition on the right side of the old one and the new sidewalk to the left.



Look up when you enter the new Event Center building. The lighting is stunning!

**By Dianne Swanson**

In the style of the new cattle barn and the 4-H and school exhibit buildings, the new addition to the Event Center has the look of a barn on the outside. "It has the feel of the ag style, not industrial. It feels like a county fair," Richland County Fair Manager Pam Shelmidine explained. With B&B Builders as general contractor, and using local sub-contractors where ever possible, the addition was built using county oil and gas money, with no additional taxpayer funding.

Exhibitors at this year's fair will relish the air conditioning, as they show off their flowers, culinary skills, needlework, photography and fine arts as well as those famous community booths and seed pictures! New displays

are being built for exhibits and old ones repainted to make them look a lot more at home. "Everything's getting a face lift," Shelmidine said. She added that they hope to have some tables and chairs available to give visitors a break as well.

The 20,000 sq. ft. building has the same capacity as the event center in a more-square configuration. It features a huge open area which cannot be divided, with overhead doors at each end you could drive a combine through. Entry doors on the north and south side feature a vestibule with air locks to prevent heat or cooling to escape. Be sure to look up when you walk in – the lighting is stunning! The cove lighting around the perimeter even changes color.

Three meeting rooms

along the east side can be used for a multitude of events. One of those rooms is equipped for audio-visual presentations, making it a great choice for meetings. The other two are multi-purpose and could be used for birthday parties, showers, or as a staging area for caterers. "They have endless possibilities," Shelmidine said. There is also ample storage for tables, chairs and exhibit displays.

The spacious bathrooms, which are ADA compliant, feature troughs with two faucets and a hand dryer in each. Changing tables are included in both the men's and women's bathrooms.

Twenty-two-foot overhangs on each end of the building provide a lot of exterior space for vendors or a place to just get out

of the weather. Dumpster enclosures have also been built to accommodate both buildings and keep trash from public view.

The building does not have a kitchen, but the one in the Event Center can be rented along with the east room for extra space. That would also give access to all the bathrooms, tables and chairs. The entire complex could be opened up to allow big fundraisers to accommodate more people. Shelmidine said both spaces

are already booked for two conventions and hopes it will attract more. "It helps the restaurants, hotels, gas stations. It benefits the whole community. We all work together," she stated.

Shelmidine is also excited about the new extra-wide sidewalk which will run from the parking lot directly to the grandstand. Unfortunately, the sidewalk will not have lights for this year's fair but those will be installed as soon as possible. "The sidewalk will provide for

better handicap access to all events, including the fair," Shelmidine said. "Everyone should feel included when it comes to the fair."

The white gate which guarded the entrance to the fairgrounds for decades will find a new home at the end of the sidewalk on the west side of the Event Center.

Stop by and visit during the Richland County Fair & Rodeo. Doors open at 11 a.m. Gates open at 9 a.m.

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As 2024 draws to a close, Sidney Health Center reflects on a year marked by significant achievements, expanded services, and continued dedication to providing exceptional healthcare. Throughout the year, our mission to help the community achieve its highest level of well-being has been at the forefront of our efforts. Here's a look back at the milestones and accomplishments that defined the past year.

### National Recognition for Excellence

Sidney Health Center has been honored with several prestigious national awards in 2024, underscoring our commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care:

**June:** Sidney Health Center was recognized by the Lown Institute as the top hospital in America for social responsibility among 800 critical access hospitals

nationwide. We ranked #1 in Montana and across the U.S., with only 40 hospitals earning Honor Roll status. This recognition reflects our dedication to delivering equitable, high-quality care while prioritizing community well-being.

**August:** We proudly announced our designation as a 5-star hospital on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Care Compare website. This rating highlights the exceptional quality of care provided by our dedicated team of physicians, nurses, and support staff across various departments, including emergency services, pharmacy, social services, and rehabilitation.

**September:** Sidney Health Center earned a certificate of achievement from the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Stroke post-acute care initiative. This award recog-

nizes our commitment to improving patient care through evidence-based guidelines, enabling better recovery outcomes for stroke patients. Our Emergency Department, Imaging Services, and Patient Experience teams played a crucial role in earning this distinction.

**December:** Newsweek and Statista named Sidney Health Center one of America's Best-in-State Hospitals for 2025. This prestigious honor is based on quality metrics from CMS, patient experience surveys, and nationwide evaluations from healthcare professionals. We are proud of our entire healthcare team for their unwavering dedication to compassionate, high-quality care.

### Expanding Access to Care

Sidney Health Center introduced several new services in 2024 to better serve the community:

**TeleUrology Services:** In partnership with Virtu-Care, a leading urologic care provider, we expanded access to specialized urological services through telemedicine. Family Nurse Practitioner Chloe Senn offers onsite appointments twice a week, working closely with board-certified urologists based in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT):** In January, we launched HBOT services under the direction of Dr. Ralf Kiehl within our Cancer Care Suite. This non-invasive treatment uses pressurized oxygen to promote wound healing and manage various medical conditions. In November, the department added a second HBOT machine with funds from a Murdock Charitable Trust Grant.

**Pelvic Health Physical Therapy:** In January, we welcomed Dr. Lacey Stein-

beisser, a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) specializing in pelvic health, to our Rehabilitation Therapy team. Pelvic health physical therapy focuses on addressing concerns related to the lower back, pelvis, and hips, especially issues involving the pelvic floor.

**Speech Therapy Services:** In August, Nancy Bassett, a highly experienced speech-language pathologist (SLP), joined our team. Nancy offers specialized treatment for speech and language disorders, helping patients of all ages enhance their communication and oral motor capabilities.

### Growing Our Medical Team

Our medical team now includes 45 providers, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, supported by certified nurse anesthetists, technologists, therapists, and nurses. This team collaborates to offer a wide range of specialized services rarely found in rural communities.

**New Providers:** This year, we welcomed Amie Schillinger, PA-C, to our or-

thopedic care team, enhancing access to specialized services, including outreach clinics in Plentywood. Chloe Senn, Family Nurse Practitioner, also joined our team, providing both urology and primary care services.

**Dr. Aaron Franke:** In October, Dr. Aaron Franke transitioned from a locum physician to a permanent member of our medical staff. He is triple board-certified in internal medicine, hematology, and oncology. Dr. Franke works alongside Dr. Ralf Kiehl, Dr. Berna DeMalignon, and the Cancer Care team, bringing expertise in oncology and a compassionate approach to patient care.

### A Look Ahead

As we celebrate these achievements, we remain committed to advancing healthcare in the MonDak region. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our patients, staff, and community for their continued trust and support. Together, we look forward to another year of providing compassionate, high-quality care that makes a lasting impact.



Photo of staff members taken when Sidney Health Center received a certificate of achievement from the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Stroke post-acute care initiative. (Photo submitted)

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# SIDNEY'S TOP STORIES OF 2024

## Dollar General Comes To Sidney



Dollar General opened its doors to the public in November 2024.

By Dianne Swanson

Construction on Holly at 9th St. SW will soon bring a Dollar General store to Sidney. According to City Building Inspector/Fire Marshall Kale Rasmussen, the 12,480 sq. ft. building should go up quickly. The company has their own builders, based out of Alabama, that provide a 90- to 120-day normal turn-around time.

The foundation is poured, dirt work is being done and sidewalks are being added along Holly, which Rasmussen said is an awesome addition to the street. "It really helps with foot traffic for people walking along there," he said.

Dollar General is owned by Sidney DG, Vestavia, AL.

## ESPRIT Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

By Lisa Gorder

Esprit Health Clinic & MediSpa celebrated its 10th anniversary. Thursday, Nov. 14. The clinic was founded in 2014 in Sidney, and began with Primary Care roots. Michelle Trudell, MSN, APRN, CNP and CEO of ESPRIT, has three decades of healthcare experience and is passionate about providing care for the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. Through actively listening and responding to the needs of her patients and community, hormone optimization has become a primary focus, and a suite of additional custom services

When asked about her thoughts on their 10-year anniversary, Michelle stated, "My heart is full! Filled with gratitude and hope as I reflect on the past 10 years. It hasn't been perfect, yet persistence and resilience, along with the support and encouragement of faithful friends, family, patients and community, helped ESPRIT survive and thrive! Most small businesses fail within the first few years, and that is without considering a worldwide pandemic. Through pain and hardship, keeping core values at the forefront, leaning into God's goodness, grace and mercy, ESPRIT has endured and even expanded to Billings, MT, in 2024!"

ESPRIT was founded with one goal in mind: Meet a need and ease the primary care provider shortage in rural/frontier eastern Montana and western North Dakota. The Nurse Practitioner Model of Care and full scope of practice authority in these states made it possible! True to its name (from the French term Esprit de corps), ESPRIT is all about the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group.

From startup to now, the values statement of ESPRIT remains:

- E: Educate & Empower patients to take charge of their health
- S: Support therapeutic lifestyle changes
- P: Protect & Provide Preventative services
- R: Respect for persons, with regard for autonomy
- I: Integrate local health & wellness resources
- T: Team approach to patient-centered care



## Les Schwab Ribbon Cutting

Representatives from the Sidney Chamber, Richland Economic Development and the City of Sidney took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Les Schwab Tires on April 19. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

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# SIDNEY'S TOP STORIES OF 2024

## Bible Baptist Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

Bible Baptist Church, Sidney, celebrated its 50th anniversary on Sunday, June 16.

In the spring of 1973, five families met at the home of Bill and Mary Pust with the intent to form a Bible believing, independent, fundamental, separated, soul-winning, and family-oriented Baptist church whose creed was based solely on the Word of God. These five families were: Bill and Mary Pust, Wally and Marlys Binder, Jake and Elsa Wiebe, Frank and Harriet Klempel, and LeRoy and Pat McCarthy, along with their children.

During April 1974, Sunday meetings were held in the Girl Scout cabin in Sidney; Wednesday night meetings were held in homes. The men took turns in bringing a spiritual challenge.

Bible Baptist Church was officially organized May 8, 1974, and the church building was purchased that



Photo taken shortly after the church was bought in 1974. (Photo submitted)

month. It had originally been the Pella Lutheran Church that was moved from the cemetery to 5th Street and Central Avenue in 1912. Over the years the building has been remodeled as funds permitted.

Pastor Dan Pust often filled the pulpit while the church was searching for a pastor. The following men have served as pas-

tors: Pastor Wilber Beckley (September 1974-February 1975); Pastor Robert Morrison (August 1975-May 1977) – under his direction and that of Ruth Lepel, Liberty Christian School, an integral part of the church, was started in the fall of 1976; Pastor Bob Rundell (September 1977-February 1979); Pastor Joy Paul Schwenke (August 1979-



Photo taken shortly after the addition was completed in 2013. (Photo submitted)

May 1985); Pastor Michael Backhaus (June 1985 – present day; who came to the church in August 1981 to serve as the LCS Supervisor, and also became the Assistant Pastor).

Over the years, God has blessed the church in

many ways: Bible Baptist has been the mother church to Westside Baptist, Glendive, MT, and to Bakken Baptist, Williston, ND. (both are now independent); has helped to support many missionaries and ministries around the world (currently

over 20).

We are thankful for the countless blessings God has poured out upon this church and school ministry. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12.



Photo submitted

### Sparks Takes Miss Montana Teen Volunteer Crown

Sidney graduate MaKayla Sparks won the 2025 Miss Montana Teen Volunteer pageant in Glendive on July 19. Other Sidney contestants were Rhett Rossol in Miss Montana Teen Volunteer and Brynlee McNally in Miss Montana Pre-Teen Volunteer. McNally won first runner up in the pre-teen pageant.

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# SIDNEY'S TOP STORIES OF 2024



**Syth Win State Title**

Sidney freshman Tyson Syth (103#) was a state champion last weekend at the MHSAA State All-Class Wrestling Tournament in Billings Feb. 9-10. The Sidney/Fairview/Lambert wrestling team finished in 2nd. Pictured above Syth brings Laurel's Emerson Nose back to the mat before pinning him in the cradle to capture the state title at 103 pounds.

### 3 Sidney Eagles Take State Speech, Drama & Debate Competition Championship



(Pictured L-R) Cedar Hovde, Sam Pacarro, and Raine Bones all took home the state championship during the State Championship Competition in Columbia Falls, MT Jan. 26-27. (Photo Submitted by Christy Pierce)



### Kindopp Pole Vault State Champion

Morgan Kindopp, Sidney Sophomore, was State Champion in Pole Vault clearing 12' at the Class A state track meet in Laurel May 24-25. Other Sidney placers were Daniel Stevens - 3rd Pole Vault, Chase Waters - 4th Discus and 4th - Boys 4x100 Relay (Joey Yadon, Aren Larson, Reece Graves, Gradin Sukut) and Audree Deming - 5th Discus. (Photo by Kaci Dean)



### Tiger Sharks Win 4th State Title in a Row

The Sidney Tiger Sharks swim team won their fourth consecutive team title at the Montana Federation of Swimmers state meet held in Sidney last July. (Facebook photo)

## Bidegaray Wins Seat On Montana Supreme Court

By Dianne Swanson

Katherine Bidegaray, Sidney, was elected to Montana's highest court on Nov. 5. She will take her oath of office on Jan. 6 once the election is certified.

With 22 years of experience as a district court judge, Bidegaray says she hopes to keep the judiciary fair and impartial and not mingle in politics because political ideology and agendas are not relevant to the issues. "The court should be making decisions based on relevant facts, applicable law and established precedent," she stated. "I am looking forward to working with all my colleagues on the Supreme Court and doing my part to restore public trust and confidence in the judiciary."

"I am humbled and honored by the trust Montanans placed in me to do an important job despite the many out-right lies those opposing me included in the flyers and digital ads they disseminated but were careful never to repeat on television where they would have faced appropriate consequences under the laws for advertising," Bidegaray said.

Bidegaray has five grown children, six grandchildren and two more on the way. "They're all doing very well, I have many things to be very grateful for," she said.

Once Bidegaray takes office, the chief justice will notify the governor that there is a district judge vacancy. The governor will then start the process of filling that vacancy.



Montana Supreme Court Justice elect Katherine Bidegaray. (Photo submitted)

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# SIDNEY'S TOP STORIES OF 2024

## The Roundup Celebrates 50 Years Of Publication

By Linda Wells

Researching the introduction of The Roundup has been a story in itself. Luckily, back in 2017 we received an email from Carol (Duncanson) Jolin telling us that she and her husband, Dean, started a shopper called "Sunbeam" in the 1960s in Mott, ND.

"It was very successful so when we sold my father's night club business, we thought it'd be great to duplicate the "Sunbeam" type shopper in Watford City in 1974. We had a typewriter, a Compugraphic and office supplies and had everything in the basement of our home, thus the birth of "The Roundup".

Gary and Barbara Tvinnereim purchased the free circulation paper in 1977 and operated the business in their home outside Watford City. The Roundup was being printed at Bowman, ND, at the time. Kathy Berzel, rural Sidney, was The Roundup's advertising representative.

The Tvinnereims sold the 8,700-distribution shopper to BHG, Garrison, ND, in 1989.

Ray Morgan was The Roundup's general manager in 1989. The shopper's office was located in the Professional Building along Hwy. 85 in the southwest quadrant of the city. Linda Steinbeisser, Sidney, became the paper's advertising representative in the Sidney area.

The Roundup was printed at the BHG central plant in Garrison.

Neil Nelson managed The

Roundup for three years, from 1990-1992. The Roundup averaged 28-32 pages every week and featured a front-page story on individuals and businesses in Watford City, Sidney and all along the Montana-North Dakota border. Nelson moved The Roundup's office to downtown Watford City and opened an office in Sidney as well. Five paper routes were established in Sidney.

After renting the business from BHG for a year, The Roundup was purchased from BHG by Russ Wells, Sidney, in 1992 and continued the circulation to all of Richland County in Montana and all of McKenzie County in North Dakota by free distribution mail and employed carriers in Watford City and Sidney. The Roundup joined the Montana Newspaper Association and changed from a shopper to a newspaper.

The Roundup was family-oriented which included Wells' wife, Linda; his son, Jody; his daughter, Kristi and her six children as carriers.

In 2008, the Wells retired and sold The Roundup to their son, Jody, who is the current owner.

The Roundup has expanded with a yearly "Vacation Guide" with a printing of 4000, which is hand-delivered by the employees and a monthly "Ag Roundup" which focuses on local agriculture.

The newspaper had many homes in Sidney but is currently located at 111 W. Main St. (in the rear of Yellowstone Mercantile building).



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