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71st Annual Hard Spring Wheat Show Feb. 1, Williston

By Dianne Swanson

The 71st annual Hard Spring Wheat Show takes place Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center. The show is always packed with excellent speakers, good food, and the most up-to-date information for area farmers and ranchers and this year is no exception.

Start the day off at 8 a.m. with a free breakfast sponsored by American State Bank & Trust followed by a welcome from Brian Funk, Williston Research Extension Center director, and Brian Kase, Wheat Show treasurer. Williams County Commodity Elections led by Kelly Leo, Ag & Natural Resources Agent,

will also take place at this time.

At 9 a.m., Andrew Thosterson, NDSU Extension Service pesticide program specialist, will give an EPA pesticide update. Get a Weed Control update at 9:30 a.m. from Brian Jenks, NDSU weed scientist, and Utility of Metribuzin in Pulses from Charlie Lim, NDSU Williston Research Extension Center Extension cropping specialist.

During the break sponsored by Thrivent Financial, commodity elections with the North Dakota Soybean Council and North Dakota Oilseed Council – Canola will be held. Tom Wolf, Agri-matrix Research & Training owner, will talk about Nozzle

selection for PWM and conventional sprayers beginning at 11 a.m.

The many loyal sponsors of the Wheat Show will be recognized during the noon awards luncheon which costs \$18.

Tim Sullivan, Farm Rescue executive director, will explain his remarkable program at 12:45 p.m. followed by the popular Weather Outlook by Daryl Ritchison, ND Agricultural Weather Network director, at 1:15 p.m.

Frayne Olson, PhD, NDSU Crop Economist/Marketing Specialist and Quentin Burdick Center director for Cooperatives, will present a Market Outlook for 2024 at 2 p.m.

Following a break at 3 p.m., attendees will enjoy the Agronomist Happy Hour with Jason Hanson, Rock and Roll Agronomy owner and Kyle Okke, Agile Agronomy owner.

An important, and fun, part of the Wheat Show is the 41st annual bread fair where over 1500 5th graders will learn to make bread and take a loaf home. Students include those from Williams County, North Dakota, as well as those from six counties in Montana.

Mark your calendars and plan to meet your friends and neighbors at the Wheat Show Feb. 1, Williston.



Tim Sullivan, Farm Rescue executive director, will explain his remarkable program at 12:45 p.m. (Photo farmrescue.org)



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Sidney Chamber 2024 Annual Banquet To Be Held Jan 18

Submitted by Kali Godfrey, Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture in collaboration with Richland Economic Development Corp. invites the public to a joint annual meeting of both organizations on Jan. 18 at the Yellowstone Mercantile Co. building. The joint annual meeting will begin with a pre-social featuring the second annual New Business Showcase. The New Business Showcase boasts over 10 new businesses from the past year and features the entrepreneurs behind the business along with demonstrations, samples, and product displays. The New Business Showcase will run from 6–6:30 p.m. Attendees will be treated to a performance from the Sidney High School Band under the direction of Kilee Sundt.

Richland County saw substantial small business growth in 2023 including the addition of businesses such as Ace Hardware, Wrangler Electric, Pivotal Services, Messer Heating and Cooling, Sunrise Berry Bowls, Sunrise City Coffee Company, Lovegren Tree Service, Jeab's Thai Kitchen, Crooked Creek Farms, Crate Montana, Safety Risk Management Consulting, South of the Border Street Food, The Bargain Garage, and Angela Miller Media & Marketing.

The annual meeting officially kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Addressees from Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture President, Ryan Kopp and Richland Economic Development Corp. President, Jason Brothen will pave the way for the organizations in 2024. Montana Governor Greg Gianforte will be in attendance and will offer his remarks on business development in Montana and the opportunities for Richland County.

Annual Awards including: Excellence in Business, Educator of the Year, Partner in Progress, Police of the Year, and Emerging Leader will be presented to local recipients. The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will honor Lindsey Lawrence for her service as the 2023 Past President and Richland Economic Development Corp. will honor Leif Anderson as their 2023 Past President.

Hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and a cash bar will be served.

This Joint Annual is presented by Kraken Resources, Stockman Bank, Stockman Wealth Management and Tri-County Implement.

MNAXLP

Saloon 27 To Serve Steak, Seafood & World-Class Service

By Jaymi Mozeak

The building that was formerly Rod Iron Bar & Grill is now the home of Saloon 27 Casino, Steak, and Seafood, Sidney.

Shadd and Amanda Cullinan, long time owners of the Ranger Lounge and Casino in Sidney had just recently started another Ranger Bar and Casino in Glendive. They had had their eyes on the Rod Iron for a while. After some careful consideration, the couple approached the owners of the Rod Iron.

"It is a beautiful building and an asset to Sidney," Shadd said. They kept the rustic browns, fireplace, and other decor but changed the name and the menu. "The 27 is for Richland County," he said. The sale of the restaurant closed on Dec. 14. The casino was reopened under the new name the very next day but the restaurant did not reopen until Dec. 27. Shadd brought some familiar faces from Sidney's Ranger Lounge, Casino & Eatery to form the staff of his new restaurant. Marci Johnson is now general manager for the Ranger and Saloon 27 and Jamie Velasco is the kitchen manager. The Cullinans hired a few more people and the restaurant is now fully staffed.

Besides what a patron would expect to see in a menu, Saloon 27 sports new dishes such as fried brussel sprouts and fish tacos to mussels and shrimp cocktail as appetizers. For main entrees patrons can have anything from pot roast all the way to salmon or seafood pasta. If nothing seems fancy enough, shrimp or a lobster tail can be added on. They also have wine and a revolving dessert menu to finish off the experience.

Saloon 27 is located at 520 N. Central Ave., Sidney. They are open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit Saloon 27 Steak & Seafood on their Facebook page to keep track of any menu changes or special events.

Left: (Pictured L-R) Amanda and Shadd Cullinan are the proud owners of Saloon 27 Steak & Seafood at 520 N. Central Ave. Sidney. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



Save the Date for the 11th Annual Cattlemen's Ball

By Dianne Swanson

The premiere event of the winter, the Cattlemen's Ball, will be held on Feb. 10 at the Richland County Event Center, Sidney. Dust off your boots and join us for this fun event, open to the whole community. The evening will feature a steak dinner, a wide array of live auction items and music

by the band "Fast Forward" which plays all kinds of music.

The goal of the event has always been to showcase the beef industry and the role it and all of agriculture plays in Richland County. Proceeds this year will go to Getting Local Beef in the Sidney schools.

Social will start at 5

p.m., dinner is at 6 p.m. and the live auction starts at 7 p.m. Dance the night away from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Tickets are available at Stockman Bank and Prewitt & Company for \$50 each.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this event please call Kristin Larson at 406-480-5139.



Williams County Sheriff's Office Looking For Missing Man

The Williams County Sheriff's Office is searching for Roger Shelton, a missing 61-year-old man. He was last seen on Friday evening, Jan. 5 in a residential area west of Williston near the intersection of Hwy 2 and 146th Ave. NW.

Roger is 5'2" and has brown eyes and brown hair.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Shelton, you are asked to contact the Williams County Sheriff's Office at 701-577-7700.




Facebook photo

Red Cross Blood Drive Jan. 23

Submitted by Nancy Hedegaard, Sidney area Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 12-6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are accepted. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Give something that means something - give blood.



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Senior Center Events

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

Activities/Cards
Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;
Women’s Cards: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

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

AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny’s Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women’s AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
6:30 - p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW Back door is open.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny’s Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny’s Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny’s Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....1839.2
Last Week’s Elev.1839.2
One Year Ago1831.1
Release For Day (C.F.S.)17,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 1	46	16	0.000
Jan. 2	41	19	0.000
Jan. 3	24	17	0.000
Jan. 4	28	22	0.000
Jan. 5	31	22	0.000
Jan. 6	31	20	0.000
Jan. 7	23	15	0.010
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....			00.010

OBITUARIES

Russel H. Johnson, 73
Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Russel H. Johnson, 73, Sidney, MT, were held Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Visitation was Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 from 10 a.m-5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Russel H. Johnson

Russel was born Dec. 21, 1950, to Harold and Eleanor (Eggum) Johnson, Glendive, MT. He lived on the family farm until 1962 when he moved to Sidney with his parents and brothers, Darrel, Berk, and Warren.

When he started his senior year in high school, he thought married life looked better and married Sandy Brown on Nov. 12, 1968. Their family soon grew with the addition of two sons: Stacy and Scott.

Russel went to work for Sherman Dynneson on his farm in 1968 and finished Holly Sugar campaigns in 1969 in the rockpile. He went on to work for Collin’s Mercantile (John Deere) until 1970 as a painter and truck driver. After that, he worked for Hi Line Trucking until 1984, when he started his own business – Real Trucking, Inc., where he hauled water for the oilfield until his retirement in April 2016.

Russel peacefully passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, with family by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; sons Stacy (Marcy), Sidney, MT; and Scott (Rachel) Johnson, Bozeman, MT; grandchildren Jesse, Nick, Ben, and Maddie Johnson; brothers Darrel, Berk (Gail), and Warren Johnson; aunt Yvonne Hartz; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Russel was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Eleanor Johnson; parents-in-law Robert and Ade Brown; sisters-in-law Myra Johnson and Cheryl Garza; and brother-in-law Richard Brown.

Roseina Janice Kirby, 52
Culbertson, MT

Roseina Janice Kirby was born on Feb. 6, 1961 in Sidney, MT, to Shannon Clay and Juanita (Cooper) Olson.

In the words of her son, “Don’t know what to say. My momma, my wonderful momma. Oh how I will miss you.”

Roseina always lit up any room she entered with her cheerfulness and happiness, even when she felt bad. She was always ready to help people who were in need.



Roseina Janice Kirby

She took care of her grandma, Louise Cooper, for many years and was always helping her mom with meals and housekeeping.

Roseina loved collecting rocks and being by the river. She was always doing and learning new hobbies.

She was raised with a family of 14 children, including Bruce, Misty, Zenas, Shannon, Lynnette, Randy, Russell, Lloyd, Tracy, Melvin, Daisy, and Rose. Plus, she had extended families with Roger and Andella Miller family and her stepdad’s family, the Olsons. Everyone was a cherished, special friendship, especially her stepdad who she often confided in.

Roseina passed away on Jan. 3, 2024 at Roosevelt Medical Center, Culbertson, MT, with loved ones by her side.

Feeding Fertility:
Understanding
The Relationship
Between Nutrition &
Reproduction, Jan. 30

By Marley Voll,
MSU Richland County Extension Agent

Many experienced the widespread issues with breed back this fall. Hannah Speer, Northern Ag Research Center Animal Science assistant professor, Havre, MT, will be in Sidney on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs at the Meadowlark Public House to discuss Feeding Fertility: Understanding the Relationship Between Nutrition and Reproduction.

Speer will be discussing body conditioning scoring (BCS) and how it relates to postpartum interval, pregnancy rates, and important times to think about evaluating BCS throughout the year and when/how to add condition to cows/heifers. She will also discuss nutritional factors that can affect reproduction and feeding strategies to help producers set their herd up for reproductive success.

Dr. Speer is a native of western Kansas and recently graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with her PhD in ruminant nutrition. Her research focus there was on cow/calf nutrition and management within systems limited in perennial forage grazing. She evaluated alternative management strategies for systems where perennial forage grazing was limited or not feasible, and also focused heavily on the vitamin A needs of gestating beef cows fed stored forages for extended periods of time. She began her new role as Animal Science assistant professor at the Northern Ag Research Center, Havre, at the beginning of January, and looks forward to conducting research that is important to the producers of Montana.

Please plan to join us on Jan. 30 upstairs at the Meadowlark.



EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.
Now Through Jan. 31
Sidney High School Leadership Class Shoe Drive - Four members of the Leadership Class are collecting shoes for those in need. If you would like to donate a pair of shoes there is a drop box at the main entry of the Sidney High School. For more info or to schedule a pickup for shoes call 406-599-5143.
Wed., Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31
10 a.m. - **Storytime** - Ages 4-5, but all ages welcome. Focuses on kindergarten readiness and includes songs, finger plays, stories & a craft. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave NW.
5:30 p.m. - **4 Week Session of Line Dancing** - Learn to line dance step by step, no experience necessary. \$50 for four 45-minute sessions. Cutting Edge Dance Studio, 121 2nd Ave NE. For more info call Hannah Whiteman, 406-488-4860.
Thurs., Jan. 11
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Gullivers. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.
Fri., Jan. 12
10 a.m. - **Bilingual Storytime** - (German & English Ages 4-5, but all ages welcome. Focuses on kindergarten readiness & includes songs, finger plays, stories & a craft. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave NW.
7:30 p.m. - **Volleyball Sports Night** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.
Sat., Jan. 13
7 p.m. - **Basketball Sports Night** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.
Sun., Jan. 14
12-3:30 p.m. - **First Lutheran Church of Savage Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner** - \$20 adults, \$5 children 12 & under, 298 4th Ave.
Sun., Jan., 14, 21, 28
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. 1 sheet is 2 cards. 10 games & 11 game winner take all! Sidney Moose Lodge 101 3rd St SE.
Tues., Jan. 16
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Communities West V Exhibit** - through Feb. 2 - **Thriving In The MonDak Chill Exhibit** - through Feb. 3 - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. **Closed: Jan. 10-13.** Reg. Hours: 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., Jan. 18
6 p.m. - **Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Richland Economic Development Meeting & Cocktail Reception** - New Business Showcase Pre-Social 6 p.m., Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. Hosting Gov. Greg Gianforte. Fun presentations showcasing businesses & awardees. Performance by Sidney High School Band. Sidney Yellowstone Mercantile, 102 Central Ave.
Sat., Jan. 20
1 p.m. - **Pastel Landscapes** - All skill levels welcome to create beautiful landscapes with pastel paints with guest instructor Belinda O’Dell. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Members \$25; Not Yet Members \$35. Call 406-433-3500 or email mdhc@richland.org to reserve your spot.
Mon., Jan. 22 & 29
4 p.m. - **Lego Club** - Children in grade Kindergarten-5 can stop by for this drop-in activity. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave NW.
Tues., Jan. 23
12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew’s Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. Appointments are recommended, walk-ins are accepted. To schedule an appointment call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.
Sat., Jan. 13
1-5 p.m. - **Nerf Wars** - Ages 6 & up. Bring your own Nerf gun, ammo will be provided. \$5 a person. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Pkwy. For more info email Matt, mattdg@roughridercenter.com.
Tues., Jan. 16
2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handout** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, Watford City, ND. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions or concerns call First Lutheran Church, 701-444-3244.
Wed., Jan. 17
7 p.m. - **WCHC FFA Donkey Basketball** - Watch games of 'Donkey Basketball' between school staff, first responders, & FFA members. Win cash in the Rocket-A-Donkey contest. Free donkey rides during intermission for children 12 & under. Watford City High School, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway.
Sat., Jan. 20
12-3 p.m. - **Katherine Beebe Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction Benefit** - Carl E. Rogan Post 29, 313 12th St. SE. 100% of proceeds will go to Katherine Beebe for her surgery, treatment, & fuel for travel.
Fri., Jan. 26
5 p.m. - **McKenzie County Soil Conservation District 11th Annual Cowgirls 'n Conservation** - The Quilting Bee. 5 p.m. Social. 6 p.m. Dinner. McKenzie County Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NW. For more info or to register go to eventbrite.com.
Sat., Jan 27
11 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Hygge Open House & Free Printmaking Class** - Hygge, enjoy treats, browse the Charles Beck art exhibition, shop unique ND products & learn the art of printmaking. Free for all ages. Pre-register or pop in. Long X Art Gallery, Visitor Center & Pioneer Gifts & Books, 100 2nd Ave SW.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.
Fri., Jan. 12
6-8 p.m. - **Pastel Landscapes** - Learn to draw different landscapes with soft pastels in this beginner class. Choose a meadow, a seascape, or let your creativity run wild! \$30 members, \$35 not yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Space limited, preregister at thejamesmemorial.org.
Sat., Jan. 13
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Lemon University Kickoff** - Fantastic time of free pizza & one game of bowling. Family friendly event, that will be kick starting the year by signing up kids for Lemon University & Lemonade Day App. Strikezone, 1804 2nd Ave. W.
7 p.m.-midnight - **Game Night** - Free & open to the public. Bring your favorite games & snacks. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W.
Fri., Jan. 26
5:30 p.m. - **Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Presents “Stars of Williston”** - Awards, appreciation & auction. The Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center, 3601 2nd Ave. W. For tickets visit willistonchamber.com/annual-awards.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.
Sat., Jan. 13
5:30-10:30 p.m. - **37th Annual Farm & Ranch Banquet** -Dawson Community College. Look for your invitation in the mail & RSVP by calling 406-377-5601 or emailing glendivechamber@gmail.com.
Tues., Jan. 16
7:30-8:30 p.m. - **DCHS Winter Band Concert** - Dawson County High School.
Thurs., Jan. 18
6 p.m. - **Glendive Friends of the Library Brains & Brew Trivia** - 4 people per team, per table, entry fee \$10 or go it alone for \$3 per player. Cross Country Brewing, 320 E Allard St.

Sidney Basketball Action



Sidney hosted Fergus on Jan 6. The girls came out on top 45-41 and the boys fell 45-47. Pictured is Savanna Anderson working hard under the basket. (Photo by Kaci Dean)



Sidney traveled to Fairview on Jan. 4. The Sidney girls won 45-43 and the Fairview boys won 54-49. Pictured is Sidney's Chace Waters scoring 2 over Fairview defender Deacon Gackle. (Photo by Kaci Dean)

Rough Rider Winter Classic

Watford City's Piper Taylor puts up a shot for two against Divide County in the Rough Rider Winter Classic Basketball Tournament over the weekend. There were 71 teams participating in the tournament including four divisions of both boys and girls teams in grades 3-6. Watford City Won 13-4 (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Sidney/Fairview Wrestlers Compete at Bismarck Rotary Tourney



Sidney Eagle 139 lb. Brodey Keysor scores on a tilt on Ethan Kuntz, Bismarck Century, for a major decision,14-5. Keysor placed 8th at the Bismarck Rotary Wrestling Tournament held in Bismarck Jan. 5-6.

- 2024 Bismarck Rotary - JV Results for Sidney, Jan. 6

JV 95C: Eli Lonski, 3rd Place

JV 107D: Tyson Syth, 1st Place

JV 139D: Kaden Bousquet, 2nd Place

JD 145C: Cody Crooks, 4th Place

JV 145D: Jason Sorteberg, 1st Place

JV 189C: Thor Fulgham, 1st Place
- JV 189D: Shane Goergen, 2nd Place

JV 215C: Cooper Fulgham, 3rd Place

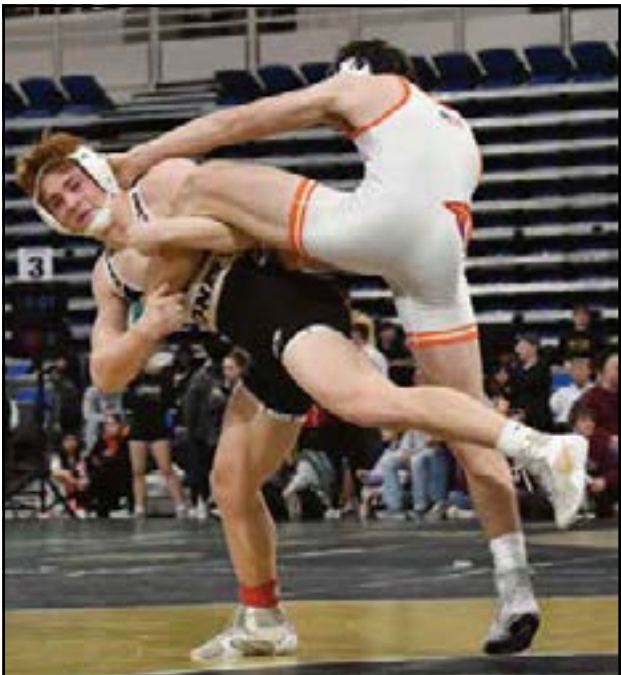
2024 Bismarck Rotary - Varsity Results for Sidney, Jan. 5-6

133: Aaron Schmitz, 6th Place

139: Brodey Keysor, 8th Place

145: Reece Graves, 1st Place

Right: Sidney's Aaron Schmitz puts in a wing to turn Lucas Schlepuetz, Jamestown, on his way to a 16-0 major decision. Schmitz place 6th at the Bismarck Rotary Tournament, Bismarck, Jan. 5-6.



Reece Graves, Sidney, does an inside trip with a single leg on Landon Zink, West Fargo Sheyenne, for a score of 6-3 to win the 145 lb. championship at the Bismarck Rotary Wrestling Tournament, Bismarck, Jan. 5-6.



Fairview Basketball Action



Fairview Warriors played at home against the Baker Spartans on Jan. 6. Varsity girls: Fairview 30-Baker 61; Varsity Boys: Fairview 53-Baker 47. Pictured is Fairview's Brailey Anderson who sees an opening and drives in to shoot. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Fairview Warriors played the Sidney Eagles, at home, on Thursday Jan. 4. Varsity girls: Fairview 43-Sidney 45; Varsity boys: Fairview 54-Sidney 49. Jeff Tjelde fights through Sidney defenders and makes two for Fairview. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

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Sidney Area Dollars For Scholars Supports SHS Graduates Since 1992

**By Kelly Johnson,
Sidney Area Dollars for Scholars President**

The Sidney Area Dollars for Scholars program has been assisting graduates of Sidney High School with scholarships since its inception in 1991. The key organizer of this chapter was Paul Johnson. Our chapter has awarded scholarships to 1,001 students totaling \$607,150. In 1992, student scholarship amounts were \$300. Through the generous support of community members leaving endowment gifts, as well as yearly phonathon donations, the scholarship amounts have grown to average over \$1,300.

The annual meeting of the Sidney Area Dollars for Scholars will be held Jan. 11, at Central Elementary School teacher's lounge at 5 p.m. Any interested community member is welcome to attend. We are always in need of volunteer adults to serve on the board. If you would like to serve on our board, please email president Kelly Johnson at kjohnsn@midrivers.com or call her at 406-480-5126.

This year, the SHS Class of 2024 may begin applying for a scholarship by going online to Scholarship America and submitting an online application. This scholarship is not based on financial need, and is open to students who are pursuing two or four-year degrees, as well as tech school certification. The scholarship awards this year will be dependent on the results of this year's annual phonathon. The scholarship application deadline is April 26.

This year, the Sidney High School National Honor Society students are scheduled to conduct our annual phonathon on Jan. 15 and 16 from 5:30-8 p.m. We hope the community will welcome their calls and support this program with tax deductible donations. If you are unavailable or did not receive a call, but would like to support our chapter with a donation, it may be mailed to Sidney Area Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 1302, Sidney, MT 59270. All funds received from this year's phonathon will be awarded in scholarships to students from Sidney High School's graduating class of 2024.

There are a number of scholarships awarded each year that are funded through past endowment donations to honor a loved one and through estate bequests. Please contact us should you have an interest in funding a scholarship in this manner.

Don't Be A Sheep

**By District Judge
Katherine Bidegaray**

In the fabric of Montana's history, woven through the life stories of our people, is a simple yet profound wisdom: "Don't be a sheep". This is the legacy of my Basque heritage, a creed passed down from my father, who turned the rugged terrains of eastern Montana into a home for our family. It's this same spirit that now compels me to seek a seat on the Montana Supreme Court. I want to ensure that our judiciary reflects the strength, independence, and integrity of the state we all love.

My story is rooted deeply in Montana's soil. Raised by hard-working parents who taught me the value of education and resilience, I grew to understand the importance of upholding the unique rights our Montana Constitution provides; rights that enable families to rise from hardship to opportunity in a single generation. The land shapes us Montanans: we tackle tragedy with grit and celebrate life with fierce pride in our communities. We are driven, not by the herd mentality but by the pioneering spirit that creates our opportunities, lifting each other in the process.

This ethos was never more relevant than when my family faced the threat of losing our farm after my father's sudden death. Despite never missing a loan payment, the government deemed his passing as a default. As a young law school student, I fought this injustice, using my developing legal skills to protect our home and won. That victory was not just for my family but for every Montanan who has struggled against faceless bureaucracies. It affirmed my resolve to combat inequity and to serve justice.

As a District Court Judge for over two decades, I've presided over many hundreds of cases, each one reinforcing my belief in a judiciary that stands as a guardian of fairness and the rule of law. I have helped implement treatment courts to address substance abuse, while saving taxpayer money, and championed the rights of individuals; all reflecting my commitment to bettering the lives of those I serve.

Now, we stand at a pivotal moment where the rule of law is under duress, and



Katherine Bidegaray. (Submitted Photo)

the rights we cherish: privacy, education, public lands, and preservation of Montana's pristine landscape are at risk. My candidacy to serve on the Montana Supreme Court is a response to these unprecedented attacks on our democracy and Montana's judicial branch. With 38 years of legal and judicial experience, I am uniquely prepared to uphold the Constitution and to serve as a Justice for all Montanans.

As your Justice, I will not follow; I will lead with the same tenacity that saw my family through hardship. I will stand firm in the face of adversity, just as Montanans have always done. Please join me in this fight. Use your voice, your vote, and your influence to maintain Montana as the last best place, a state not of sheep, but of shepherds.

MSU Extension & Montana Stockgrowers Association Announce 2023 Steer Of Merit Certifications

Submitted by MSU News

Bozeman — Montana State University Extension and the Montana Stockgrowers Association awarded 2023 Steer of Merit certifications at the association's Dec. 7 convention in Billings. MSU Extension beef cattle specialist Megan Van Emon presented the top five winners of the carcass and ultrasound Steer of Merit contests at a Best of Beef Luncheon.

MSU Extension and Montana Stockgrowers Association distinguished 136 "Steers of Merit" out of 1,290 entries in 2023. Out of 555 steers entered in the carcass division, 83 were deemed Steers of Merit. In the ultrasound division, 53 out of 735 entries received the distinction. The number of certifications was similar to the prior year, noted Van Emon.

"More counties participated in the ultrasound contest this year due to a lack of packing plant facilities and space," she said.

The winning steer entries are listed below. Breeders are included in parentheses.

Carcass division:

Alyssa Hendrick Lanser – Missoula County (Jon Bouma)

Kally Konesky – Cascade County (Rich Love)

Cy Eaton – Prairie County (Frank Eaton and Sons)

Kyona Yeager – Cascade County (Kyona Yeager)

Shaun Billingsley – Missoula County (Kyona Yeager)

Ultrasound division:

Liam Steinbeisser – Richland County (Steinbeisser and Sons)

Alex Wahl – Marias Fair, Glacier County (Diamond Box Livestock)

Charli Dale – Wibaux County (Kahl Ranch)

Sam Duey – Yellowstone County (SidBar Cattle)

Ridge Stonehocker – Fergus County (B & K Livestock)

The Steer of Merit program began in 1967 as a joint effort between the Montana Stockgrowers Association and MSU Extension to measure, record and improve carcass characteristics in beef cattle.

"Over time, significant increases have been made in quality grade and in yield grade, or cutability, indicating

that cattle can be selected for leaner carcasses with higher cutability and still maintain high quality grade as reflected by marbling, which is the fat in the final product," said Van Emon.

To be designated a Steer of Merit, carcasses are evaluated by a qualified individual using information that relates to yield of lean meat and eating quality. Beef carcasses must meet criteria set by the Steer of Merit Committee in the areas of hot carcass weight, dressing percent, fat thickness over 12th rib (back fat), rib eye area, yield grade, percent

cutability, and quality grade. Software helps compile data and rank carcasses for state and county awards. Data is also analyzed periodically to track genetic and feed management progress. The minimum standards for Steer of Merit are reviewed each year, and the program is updated to meet changing industry standards.

Those interested in more information about the Steer of Merit program may contact Megan Van Emon, MSU Extension beef cattle specialist, at 406-874-8286.

New Year Offers Chance For New Direction

By Joel Krautter

There's always something special about the early days of a new year. Optimism. Opportunity for change and making things

better. It's how I felt growing up in Montana at the beginning of a new sports season. Whatever disappointments or mistakes might have happened the previous season, a new season was like starting a new chapter, where hard work, dedication, and teamwork can make anything possible.

2023 is like the previous season and much needs to be done to make things better. In 2023, our state and nation were filled with chaos. Here in Montana, increased property tax bills hit many Montanans hard. Inflation meant that, even with a pay raise, many folks were still sliding backwards after buying groceries and paying bills. Our national debt continued to soar unchecked, going from \$31 trillion in January 2023 to nearing \$34 trillion now. The US Border Patrol recorded more than 2.4 million encounters in fiscal year 2023 at the southern border, including 169 individuals who are on the terrorist watch list and were trying to enter the country illegally. Every few months Congress lurched from the brink of one government shutdown to the next, while also being without a Speaker of the House for three-weeks, paralyzing federal legislation, and this was just some of the chaos.

None of that 2023 chaos helped the people of Montana or our country, nor did it project an image of American strength to our adversaries abroad.

Now it's a new year, a new start, which means in 2024 'we the people' of Montana have an opportunity to make choices at the ballot box that can make better our state, our nation, and the lives of our families. Will we

continue down the path of political dysfunction, chaos, gamesmanship, and unsustainable spending; leading America toward oblivion? Or, will we demand a new and better direction for the good of our state and country?

Will we squander this opportunity like an ill-conceived New Year's resolution? Or, will we resolutely force change for the better to happen?

My hope is that Montanans choose the latter route, to crush chaos and choose a positive future for all.

I'm running for Congress in Montana's eastern congressional district because to get needed change we desperately need a new generation of leadership in Washington. Only then can we make a course change from the dysfunctional path we're on. Fixing our country's problems won't happen overnight or be easy; I know that. But let us begin!

I am willing to be your agent for change for the better. Montanans deserve a Representative who offers a chance to make that positive change in direction. On June 4, in the Republican primary for Congress, the people of eastern and central Montana can send a powerful message to Washington, DC - that in 2024, we are investing in a new generation of problem-solving leadership. Together we can begin the hard but necessary task of getting our country back on the right track. With your support, I'm ready to do the work!



Joel Krautter is a Republican candidate for Congress in Montana's 2nd congressional district, covering eastern and central Montana, who is an attorney and small business owner in Billings and Sidney and a former state legislator. (Photo submitted)

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A detailed list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the Richland County Public Works office at 2140 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270 (406.433.2407); or send email to countyworks@richland.org. Requests for ADA/EEO accommodations or information should be directed to Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708 (phone), by noon on January 22nd, 2024. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request.

No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing a complete copy of the bid proposal, bidder's certification and specifications clearly marked:

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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 RICHARD WAYNE JARVIS, 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 26th day of December, 2023, at Sidney, Montana.
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Tues., Jan. 16: Super nachos, taco tots, bananas.
Wed., Jan. 17: Pork gravy over potatoes, fruit fluff, dinner rolls.

Savage School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Chicken strips.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Spaghetti.
Tues., Jan. 16: Pulled pork.
Wed., Jan. 17: Soup, sandwiches.

Rau School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Shepherd's pie, dinner rolls, salad.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Cheeseburgers, French fries, baked beans.
Tues., Jan. 16: Pepperoni pizza wraps, salad, pears.
Wed., Jan. 17: White chili, corn bread, mandarin oranges.

Froid School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Chicken noodle soup, bologna sandwiches, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Bbq pork on buns, chips, baked beans, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 16: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, buns, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 17: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, dessert, salad bar.

Bainville School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Tacos, peppers, mangoes, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 12: Goulash, peas, grapes, salad bar.
Mon., Jan. 15: Swedish meatballs, broccoli, mixed fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 16: Grilled chicken sandwiches, normandy veggies, pineapple, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 17: Pizza, caesar salad, oranges, salad bar.

Richey School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Tacos, veggies, brownies, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Fajitas, veggies, bars, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Jan. 16: Chicken Alfredo, bread, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Jan. 17: Pizza casserole, veggie, fruit, salad bar.
Culbertson School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Sub sandwiches, celery, carrots,

peaches.
Fri., Jan. 12: Chicken fajitas, pepper slices, apple-sauce.
Mon., Jan. 15: Chicken strips, green beans, apples.
Tues., Jan. 16: Bacon corn chowder, wheat rolls, peaches.
Wed., Jan. 17: Ham & cheese noodle bake, peas, pears.

Lambert School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Goulash, buns, corn, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 12: Hot ham & cheese, chips, fruit.
Mon., Jan. 15: Super nachos, fresh veggies, fruit.
Tues., Jan. 16: Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.
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Fairview School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Hot ham n' cheese sammies, fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Sloppy joes, chips, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar.
Tues., Jan. 16: Pancakes, sausage, eggs, hamburger patty, fruit.
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East Fairview School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Spaghetti, garlic bread.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Orange chicken, rice.
Tues., Jan. 16: Chicken nuggets.
Wed., Jan. 17: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes.

Alexander School
Thurs., Jan. 11: Slush-burgers, sun chips, fruit, vegetable bar.
Fri., Jan. 12: No School.
Mon., Jan. 15: Hot dogs or brats, mac & cheese, fruit, vegetable bar.
Tues., Jan. 16: Chicken burgers or fish patties, fries, fruit, vegetable bar.
Wed., Jan. 17: Build your own pizza, fruit, vegetable bar.

Watford City School
Thurs., Jan. 11: 6" cheese French bread pizza, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
Fri., Jan. 12: Super beef nachos, cinnamon sugar churros, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
Mon., Jan. 15: Chicken sausage, egg & cheese croissant, hash brown patties, go-gurt, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
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Watford City Boys Take on Dickinson
Derek Holden #31 goes up for an easy two against Dickinson. Dickinson defeated Watford City by a wide margin in Tuesday night's match up at the Rough Rider Center with a score of 86-34. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

19U Oilers Play Bottineau
Watford City's Eastyn Wold shoots and scores against Bottineau in Friday's 19U game. Bottineau defeated the Oilers 4-2. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Sidney Speech & Drama Teams Dawson County Results Jan. 6

Submitted by Christy Pierce
The SHS Drama Team placed 2nd. Pantomime: 1st Whisper Enriquez; Humorous Solo: 1st Cedar Hovde; Dramatic Theatre: 2nd Sam Pacarro & Raine Bones; Classic Theatre: 2nd Brooke Watson & Sophie Pust.
The Speech Team placed 3rd; Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st Keaton Burke; Original Oratory: 4th Tytus Carter, 6th Nicholas Jordstad; Informative Speaking: 4th Kyle Pust, 6th Mason Quick.
The teams will travel to Fergus County next week.

1st Extemp - Keaton Burke, 1st Mime - Whisper Enriquez, 1st Hum Solo - Cedar Hovde. (Photo by Christy Pierce)

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