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Long X Visitor & Art Center Prairie Rose Quilt Guild Show Now-May 3

Featuring Quilter, Entertainer & Cowgirl Poet Yvonne Hollenbeck April 13



The Prairie Rose Quilters Guild along with the Long X Arts Foundation are hosting the Prairie Rose Quilt Guild show at the Long X Visitor and Art Center, Watford City, from now until May 3.

Guests are welcome to come Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to browse the collection of 58 quilts made by local, McKenzie County area quilters that are on display in the lower, mid and upper level of the Long X Visitor Center.

"It's a great way to celebrate National Quilting Month," said Jessica Newman, Long X Art Education, Outreach and Exhibit coordinator who has been working with members of the

Prairie Rose Quilt Guild for over a year to put the show together. "The craftsmanship and variety in this show is incredible. The talent these quilters have shared is special and worth the visit."

In addition to the gallery show, the Long X Arts Foundation is hosting an Open House and Quilting Presentation by award winning quilter, entertainer and cowgirl poet, Yvonne Hollenbeck of rural South Dakota on Saturday, April 13. The Open House is from noon to 4 p.m. with treats, refreshments and Yvonne's presentation "Patchwork of the Prairie" is at 2 p.m. The event is free of charge.

Yvonne performs her original poetry throughout

the United States, captivating audiences in her wake. She is one of the most published cowgirl poets in the West and is not only a popular banquet and civic entertainer, but also co-writes songs with many western entertainers. Yvonne also writes articles about life in rural America in various publications throughout the West.

Yvonne's poetry reflects everyday experiences that arise while sharing the range with her husband, Glen, and their neighbors on their three-generation family ranch. Mostly humorous in nature, her poems take a turn toward the serious side, especially the stories of her mother's and grandmothers'

lives. From homesteading to the present, Yvonne often writes about women on the ranches of the Great Plains.

In addition to her presentations of cowboy poetry, Yvonne's quilt program shows her collections of family quilts, spanning 140 years, including her own prize-winning creations.

Poetry about quilts and quilters is presented throughout the trunk show, which is enjoyed by men and women alike! And throughout the presentations, you will see power-point photos of the quilt makers, their homes, and items of interest to both programs.

The Long X Visitor and Art Center is located at 100 2nd Ave SW, Watford City,



Yvonne Hollenbeck (Photo submitted)

ND. For more information contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com

Public Hearings Set On Proposed Changes To City Of Sidney Zoning Code, April 17 & May 6

The City of Sidney will hold public hearings on proposed zoning code changes at the Zoning Board meeting on April 17 at 8 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6 at the City Council meeting, both at City Hall.

According to City Planner Forest Sanderson, the changes being proposed are a result of changes made in the 2023 legislature as well as requests from land developers.

The changes primarily affect B2 Zoning which Sanderson said is too restrictive in its current form. It limits land developers and can cause issues with neighboring homeowners. The proposed changes would add more flexibility.

B2 Zoning states "the purpose and intent of the B2 Zoning District is to provide for such retail and service activities that are frequented by nearby residents on a day-to-day basis, while reducing the hazards of local traffic by limiting the kinds of retail activities to those which deal directly with consumers and produce-only goods that are sold on premises including restaurants." Allowed uses include day cares, restaurants, grocery stores, barber and beauty shops, worship facilities, government buildings and facilities, among others. The zoning changes would expand allowed and conditional uses in a B2 Zone and allow residential districts in all commercial districts.

Other changes to current zoning code would include parking requirements for residential units, eliminate off street parking in CBD, allow day care homes in all residential zoning districts R-1 through C-2, allow day care centers only in commercial zoning districts, delete all references to Xeriscape(ing), and state that provisions must be made for Data Mining centers as permitted in M-1.

McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance Open House

The McKenzie County Planning and Zoning Board held an Open House Thursday, March 21 for rural and Watford City residents to update the McKenzie County Zoning Ordinance. Shown is the staff of the planning and zoning department; (L to R): John Irwin, Scott Harmstead, project manager; Sandee Kimpel, director; Brooke Simons, and Raul Sanchez. Not pictured is Cindy Jensen and Jake Walters, City Hall, who will be working with the staff



Steve Held

U.S. House Candidate Steve Held Visits Sidney

U.S. House of Representatives in Montana's 2nd Congressional District Democrat candidate Steve Held had a meet and greet at The Gathering Room in Sidney on March 25. Held is a fourth-generation Montana rancher and businessman from Broadus.

Before returning to Broadus in 2005, Held served on the National Board of Directors for the Screen Actors Guild Union in Hollywood.

Held's daughter, Rikki, is currently serving in The Peace Corps in Kenya and was one of the youth plain-

tiffs demanding our government follow the Constitution and restore Montanans constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment in Held v. Montana. His son, Jaeger, is a military historian currently working for the Department of Interior.

Held feels that the vast majority of Montana's and Americans mostly agree on issues and can find common ground that can move the country forward again. "All of us normal human beings agree on most parts of most issues," Held stated. He believes that Americans agree on most aspects of the

border, health care, abortion, climate change, privacy, etc.

Held felt compelled to run for office after seeing changes in the political parties. "This is not my father's Republican party. They want to take things back to the 50s," Held said. "My whole life I was geared for this but I just didn't know it."

Held also feels politicians and the media make matters worse on purpose. "They fight because it makes them money," he said.

For more information about Held's campaign and to make a donation visit montanaheld.org.

YELLOWSTONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING
Mon, April 8 • 6:30pm MDT
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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
 12 p.m. - Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 12 p.m. - "We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.
 7 p.m. - Hope For Today Al-Anon Family Group Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
 8 p.m. - AA Meeting Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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

WEDNESDAYS:
 6:30 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Watford City - Assembly of God
 7 p.m. - 24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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

FRIDAYS:
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side
 8 p.m. - NA Meetings, Watford City - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.

SATURDAYS:
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - 24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
 1 p.m. - Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....1835.3
 Last Week's Elev.1835.4
 One Year Ago1824.6
 Release For Day (C.F.S.)16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 25	21	-2	0.000
March 26	18	-8	0.000
March 27	31	-7	0.000
March 28	42	11	0.000
March 29	36	31	0.000
March 30	36	27	0.000
March 31	28	28	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....			0.470

OBITUARIES

Dalaine Rae Propp, 54 Sidney, MT

Our Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt and friend left this existence for the next. She left a legacy of love.

Being the first born of Richard Propp and Edith (Davis) Holt, she was true delight. She grew up north of Sidney and attended Sidney schools. Being a farm girl helping with the chore wasn't her forte. Shortly after graduation, the ink barely dry on her diploma off to Billings to the Coiffure Art Beauty School. After she plied her trade in Billings and Sidney, on July 6, 1991, her son, Jonathan was born. What a proud mother she was!

Dalaine decided she needed a better job and education and off again this time to Great Falls University in 1993. Her associates, bachelors and finally a double masters' degrees led to two very regarding jobs for her. Her work with the underserved and underprivileged gave her much satisfaction. In the past few years, she had been dealing with crippling degenerative bone disease compounded by heart and kidney abnormalities.

Daiane left us unexpectedly at her home in Great Falls. Left to mourn are her son, Jon, Missoula; sisters: Stacey Propp, Sun Prairie, WI; Candice Zipler (Harley), Rawlins, WY. Brothers: Trenlin (Jami), Sidney; D.J. Holt, (Leslie) Sidney, Her dad, Richard (Debbi), Sidney; and Mom, Edith (Don) Holt, Sidney. Many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her paternal and maternal grandparents, 2 nephews, Therin Zipler and Joseph Smith, several uncles and 3 special fur babies: Shadow, Sapphire.

"Honor her for all her hands have done, and let her works bring her praised at the heavenly gate." Proverbs 31:31.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW in Sidney, April 12 at 5 p.m. beginning with a light supper. We'll have a time of sharing and her favorite karaoke to follow. Please bring memories to share with the family.



Dalaine Rae Propp

4 Vehicle Crash On Hwy. 85 Tuesday

A 2023 Ford F-150 driven by Kylee Reviere, Watford City, ND, was traveling northbound on Highway 85 near mile marker 158 at 7:51 a.m. CDT. Reviere lost control of the vehicle, crossed over center, and into the southbound lane.

A 2023 Ford F-150 driven by Clinton Wilson, Marshall, TX; a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Fernando Ponce, Fairview, MT, and a 2022 Ford F-250 driven by Juan Alonso Carillo, Watford City, ND, were traveling southbound on Highway 85. Wilson's F-150 collided with Reviere's F-150. Ponce's Chevrolet Silverado and Carillo's 2022 Ford F-250 were subsequently struck by the two F-150s.

Reviere sustained minor injuries and was transported by the McKenzie County Ambulance to McKenzie County Health. Wilson sustained minor injuries and was transported by the McKenzie County Ambulance to McKenzie County Health. Ponce and Carillo were not injured.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Also assisting in the crash were the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Alexander Fire Department, Arnegard Fire Department, and the McKenzie County Ambulance Service.

Roads conditions were ice covered. All drivers were wearing their seat belts.

McKenzie Co. 3-Vehicle Property Crash March 26

A three-vehicle property crash occurred approximately 8 miles east of Watford City on Highway 23 near mile marker 12 on March 26 at approximately 8 a.m.

A 2019 Ford F-250 driven by Todd Kemper, Highlands, TX, was driving east on Highway 23 when the F-250 broke down leaving the enclosed trailer it was pulling just into the lane of travel. A 2024 Ram 2500 driven by Patrick Bartley, Huffman, TX, stopped to assist Kemper. Both the 2019 Ford F-250 and 2024 Ram 2500 had their hazard lights activated. Kemper, his passenger, Dakota Griffin, Pasadena, TX, and Bartley were in the process of setting up traffic cones. A 2011 Kenworth Semi pulling a side dump trailer was being driven by Hamady Dia, West Fargo, ND. The Kenworth was eastbound on Highway 23. The Kenworth attempted to avoid the Ram 2500 which was on the shoulder with its hazard lights on. The side dump trailer struck the Ram 2500. The Kenworth attempted to get back into the eastbound lane of Highway 23, when it then struck the enclosed trailer attached to the F-250. Kemper, Griffin, and Bartley saw the Kenworth approaching, and exited the shoulder of the roadway, and entered the ditch prior to the collision. Dia was not injured.

The McKenzie County Sheriff's Office re-routed traffic as a result of the crash. Highway 23 was closed for approximately one hour before one lane was opened at 9 a.m. The highway was fully cleared and opened back up by 1:05 p.m.

Assisting with the accident were the North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Keene Fire and Rescue, and the Watford City Ambulance Service. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

McKenzie Co. Fatal Crash March 18

A 2020 Ram 1500, driven by Darek Pederson, 47, Blaine, MN, was westbound on Highway 23 Monday, March 18, approximately 7 miles west of New Town, ND. The vehicle crossed over the centerline into the eastbound lanes and struck a Peterbilt truck driven by John Youngblood, 53, Ross, ND.

The Ram 1500 came to rest in the center of the highway facing south while the Peterbilt came to rest in the south ditch of the eastbound lanes. The driver of the Ram 1500 was flown to Trinity Hospital and succumbed to his injuries on March 19.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Agencies involved were Three Affiliated Tribes Police, North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Dept., New Town Fire Dept., New Town Ambulance and Trinity First Response.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
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Wed., April 3
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Rhythm & Whimsy By Richard Swanson - through April 26 - Charles Beck "Artist + Muse" - & MDHCs Annual "Youth Art Show" - through April 27 - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.
Thurs., April 4 & Tues., April 9
 5-7 p.m. - Sidney Tiger Sharks In Person Registration & Mandatory Parent Meeting - Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW. Only need to attend one evening.
Thurs., April 4 & 11; Tues., April 9
 5:30-7 p.m. - Richland County Baseball In Person Registration - Sidney High School Commons, or sign up online using the link in the about section on Richland County Baseball's Facebook page.
Fri., April 5 & Sat., April 6, 7 p.m.; Sun., April 7, 2 p.m. Sidney High School Drama Club Presents "The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe" - \$5 Adults; \$3 Senior Citizens & Students. Sidney Middle School Auditorium, 415 S. Central Ave.
Sun., April 7
 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Savage Fire Department Fundraiser Breakfast - 8 years & older \$10; 4-7 years \$5; 0-3 free. Sidney Moose Lodge, 101 3rd St. SE.
 2 p.m. - Sidney Gymnastics Club Spring Show "Tumbling Through The Decades" - Sidney High School, 1012 4th Ave SE.
Fri., April 12, 4:30-8 p.m. & Sat., April 13, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Call To Me - A virtual event at Sidney Church of Christ, 905 4th St. SW. Free admission, food & drinks provided. Pre-register by calling or texting Petrea, 406-480-2512.
Sat., April 13
 2 p.m. - Newlon Cemetery Meeting - Sidney Moose Lodge. For more info contact Alida Dore at 406-480-0488 or Paula Bostrom at 406-489-2843.
 5 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club Double Down For Kids Casino Night - Poker, bingo, dinner & auctions. Doors open 5 p.m. for sponsors; 6 p.m. general public. Honorary speaker Dr. Mona Dixon. For tickets visit <https://auctria.events/doubledown>. Richland Co. Event Center, 2118 W. Holly St.

McKENZIE COUNTY
 Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.
Wed., April 3 & May 1
 5 p.m. - Switcholio Cornhole Tournament - This tournament uses the Scoreholio App. You will be randomly drawn partners to play some round robin games & then placed with a partner for a tournament. \$15/person; age 21+; cash prizes. Registration 5-6 p.m., tournament at 6 p.m., Rough Rider Center Convention Hall. For more info email Nikki, nicoles@roughridercenter.com.
Fri., April 5
 5 p.m. - Alexander Public School Foundation's Cornhole & Pinochle - Steak dinner, 5-7 p.m., bring the family. New Alexander Fire Hall; Foundation Event, ages 21+ Silent & live auction, 5-9 p.m.; Cornhole & Pinochle, 7 p.m.-midnight. Alexander Fire Hall. All proceeds go toward educational & athletic opportunities for Alexander School students. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchoolFoundation/>.
 5-7 p.m. - Rainbow Candle Dipping Class - Fee \$15 a person for 2 candles. All supplies & materials included. Ages 6+ recommended with adult supervision. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info call 701-770-8659.
 6-8 p.m. - Spring To Life: Session 1: Growing A Garden - Join together as a community & reconnect with old fashioned life. No charge for classes, donations accepted. Light snack will be served. Sessions 1st Friday of each month. McKenzie Co. Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave SW.
Fri., April 5, 3-8 p.m.; Sat., April 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun., April 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
McKenzie County Ag Expo Rec Show - Boats, RVs, ATVs, tackle, hot tubs, fishing, hunting, archery, golf carts, grills, motorcycles, UTVs. Puppy Pals live. Admission \$5/person; 3 & under/free. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NW. For more info call 701-842-EXPO or visit www.mcgagexpo.com.
Fri., April 5, 12, 26; May 3 & 10
 6-8 p.m. - Pickup Soccer - Get together & play soccer. No experience necessary. Open to all ages. Day pass or Basic Membership required. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info visit watfordcityparks.com.
Sat., April 6 & Sun., April 7
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Spring 3D Shoot - 25-Target 3D Roundup; 10-Target Cub Round. Classes: Adult male & female 18+; Young Adult 15-17; Youth 12-14; Cub 7-11; Senior 55+. Bowhunter bare bow; freestyle; freestyle limited; bowhunter freestyle, bowhunter freestyle limited; traditional. Events: Competitive 3D round; non-competitive 3D round; fun rounds; 2-man best arrow. For more info contact Pete Jost 701-978-8129. McKenzie Co. Sportsman's Club, 2306 121x Ave. NW.
Sat., April 13
 12-4 p.m. - "Patchwork of the Prairie" Quilting Presentation & Open House - Free & open to the public. Browse a collection of beautiful work by local quilters, enjoy treats & meet and listen to Yvonne Hollenbeck's presentation at 2 p.m. Long X Visitor Center, 100 2nd Ave SW.
 1-4 p.m. - Nerf Wars - Ages 6 & up, \$5/person. Bring your own gun, ammo provided. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. Pre-registration available at watfordcityparks.com, day of registration also available. For more info email Matt, mattg@roughridercenter.com.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
 Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.
Sat., April 6
 8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Granger Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Benefit - Free will donation breakfast & silent auction. St. Joes Catholic Church Gymnasium, 106 6th St. W. Monetary donation can be made at First State Bank & Trust, Williston, Victoria Granger Benefit Account.
Sun., April 7
 8 a.m. - First Lutheran Church Easter Cantata - Featuring the "Lamb of God" by Rob Gardner presented by the Williston Symphony Orchestra. First concert, 9 a.m.; Breaking Bread Potluck, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; second concert, 4 p.m. First Lutheran Church, 916 Main St.
Mon., April 8 & 15
 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Spring Fever Garden Forums - Gardeners may attend the forums & educators will be there to share educational materials & expertise. NDSU Extension Williams County, 5218 141st Ave. NW, or join online at www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/events/2024-spring-fever-garden-forums. For more info call 701-231-7881.
Tues., April 9 & May 14
 6:30-9 p.m. - Puzzle Palooza - The team who puts the puzzle together in the fastest time wins & will receive a prize. \$40/team of 4. Register at <https://www.willistonparks.com/puzzle-palooza>. Williston ARC, 822 18th St. E.
Fri., April 12, 12-7 p.m. & Sat., April 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Western Area Builders Association Home & Garden Show - Daily door prize drawing, jump N fun & laser tag & concessions. Sassy lady events upstairs. Raymond Family Community Center, 1002 11th St. W.
DAWSON COUNTY
 Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.
Wed., April 17
 4-7 p.m. - Our Savior Lutheran Church Sausage & Pancake Dinner - Adults & children over 12, \$12; children 7-12, \$8; children 6 & under free. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 322 N. River Ave.
Thurs., April 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.

DPHHS Officials Encourage Safe Handling of Live Poultry

Submitted by Jon Ebelt, Communications Director, DPHHS

State health officials are raising awareness about the health risks associated with raising backyard birds.

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) epidemiologist Rachel Hinnenkamp said that while raising backyard birds has become an increasingly popular activity in the state, there are health risks to be aware of.

She said live poultry can carry germs such as Salmonella and Campylobacter, which can cause humans to get sick with symptoms including diarrhea, stomach pain, fever, and sometimes vomiting.

"Healthy poultry, including chicks and ducklings, can carry and shed bacteria such as Salmonella or Campylobacter without showing any signs of disease," Hinnenkamp said. It's important to remember to wash your hands after contact with live

poultry and follow the other safe handling practices described below.

In 2023, there was a multi-state outbreak of Salmonella cases linked to live poultry, with 1,072 illnesses reported across the country, including 247 hospitalizations. That same year, there were 72 salmonellosis and campylobacteriosis cases in Montana reporting contact with live poultry before their illness started.

Additionally, outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI, or bird flu) have continued to sicken bird populations across the world, including in the US and Montana. HPAI causes severe disease and high mortality rates among domestic birds such as chickens and turkeys.

"The risk to human health is currently very low, but if you develop flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, or shortness of breath within 10 days of con-

tact with a sick or dead bird, contact your health care provider and inform them of your symptoms and recent exposure," DPHHS epidemiologist Devon Cozart said.

Raising your own flock can be a rewarding and fun experience that should include safe handling practices to decrease risk of disease in humans. DPHHS, the Department of Livestock (DOL), and Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) officials encourage safe handling of backyard poultry to prevent potential human illness by using these simple prevention measures:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after handling eggs, backyard poultry, or anything in their environment
- Avoid touching dead, injured, or sick backyard poultry
- Supervise children around poultry, and make sure they wash their hands after contact
- Avoid eating or drink-

ing in areas where poultry live or roam

- Avoid kissing or snuggling your birds
- Keep chicks and ducks outside of the home
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of backyard birds, and keep those shoes outside of the house

If you must handle a wild bird or sick or dead poultry, take protective measures. Do not handle the animal with bare skin. Wear gloves while handling animals and wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after contact. Respiratory protection (such as a facemask) and eye protection (such as goggles) are also highly recommended. Severe illness in backyard birds should be reported to DOL at (406) 444-1976. Sick or dead wild birds can be reported to your local FWP office, or the FWP wildlife health program in Bozeman at (406) 577-7882.

"These prevention measures can help to keep you and your family safe while enjoying the many benefits of raising animals,"

said State Veterinarian Dr. Tahnee Szymanski.

Please visit DPHHS website for more information on general backyard safety tips, and <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/>

animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-2022/2022-hpai-commercial-backyard-flocks for more information on avian influenza in the US and Montana.



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Montana Spring Wheat Variety Performance Evaluations Released

By Marley Voll, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

Montana State University has released their 2023 Montana Spring Wheat Performance Evaluations. These trials are based on wheat variety performance in multiple locations across the state through multiple years. This performance summary compares agronomic characteristics of

spring wheat varieties evaluated by Montana Agricultural Experiment Stations and other varieties commonly grown in the state. The trials take place in 11 locations across the state and region, which locally include Sidney (irrigated and dryland) and just across the border in Williston (NDSU, dryland). This data is aimed to help farmers select the variety which performs the best

in their area and growing conditions.

A list of quick facts that summarizes the results and gives descriptions of the varieties can be found at <https://plantsciences.montana.edu/foundationseed/quickfacts/> while a full report can be found at <https://plantsciences.montana.edu/crops/index.html> or by stopping into the Richland County Extension Office.



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Sidney Gymnasts Compete at State, Head to Regionals

In Sidney Gymnastics' first year competing in Xcel Gymnastics, five very talented young girls have qualified for regional competition in Boise, ID April 19. Malia Larson, Camryn Franck, Myra Wieland and Paisley Obergfell will be headed to Idaho. Hallie Bergstedt also qualified but is not making the trip.

Head coach Melanie Morrill explained that Sidney gymnasts have always competed in Developmental gymnastics where the skills and routines are set. Everyone does the same thing and only change if they advance to another level. She chose to switch to Xcel because a lot of her students are getting older, and once they hit junior high, start dropping out. With the new program, they can compete at their own skill level. Morrill had 26 gymnasts this year, some of whom had never competed.

All but two from last year started off in the Gold division, with the remainder in silver and bronze.

The State meet was held in Butte the weekend of March 23 where coach Morrill said almost all the gymnasts had the best meet of the season on at least one, if not all, of the events.

The results from that meet are as follows.

Bronze division:

Hadley Leintz, Jr. A: 9.375, 2T vault; 9.375, 3T bars; 9.325, 3rd beam; 9.2, 3rd floor, 37.275 All Around, 3rd Place

Lena Leintz, Sr. B: 9.075 vault; 9.15 bars; 9.25 beam; 9.16 floor; 36.625 All Around.

Bentley Messer, Jr. B: 9.05 vault; 9.225 bars; 9.175 beam; 8.975 floor; 36.425 All Around.

Tegan Turnbull, Sr. C: 9.275 vault; 9.1 bars; 8.7 beam; 9.05 floor; 36.125 All

Around.

Silver division:

Kenzie Jaquith, Sr. C: 9.4, 3rd vault; 8.775 bars; 9.2 beam; 9.525 1st, floor; 36.9 All Around.

Allie Franzen, Jr. D: 8.975, 5th vault; 9.425, 2nd bars; 9.175, 6th beam; 9.125, 6T floor; 36.7 All Around, 5th Place

Kambree Wheeler, Jr. A: 9.3, 3rd vault; 9.075 4th bars; 8.7 beam; 9.475, 1st floor; 36.55 All Around, 6th Place

Elice Winter, Jr. D: 93.05 vault; 9.025 bars; 9.1 beam; 9.3 4T floor; 36.475 All Around.

Eden Fisher, Jr. A: 9 vault; 9.15 bars; 9.05 beam; 9.1 floor; 36.3 All Around

Rikki Elenberger, Jr. C: 9.1, 5T vault; 9.125 bars; 8.875 beam; 9.15 floor; 36.250 All Around.

Zuri Kortez, Jr. A: 8.9, 3T vault; 9.325, 3rd bars; 8.9 beam; 8.95 floor; 36.075 All

Around.

Morgan Murphy, Jr. B: 9.15, 3T vault; 9.05 bars; 8.475 beam; 9.3 floor; 35.975 All Around

Skye Alvstad, Jr. A: 8.85 vault; 8.425 bars; 8.35 beam; 8.9 floor; 34.525 All Around.

Gold Division:

Malia Larson, Jr. B: 9.05, 4th, vault; 9.35, 1st bars; 9.025, 3T beam; 9.15 floor; 36.5750 All Around, 2nd place

Paisley Obergfell, Sr. C: 9.25, 1st vault; 8.925, 5T bars; 8.65 beam; 9.35, 2nd floor; 36.175 All Around, 2nd place

Camryn Franck, Jr. B: 9.2, 2nd, vault; 8.875, 4T, bars; 9.025, 3T, beam; 9 floor; 36.1, 3rd place.

Myra Wieland, Jr. C: 8.825, 2nd, vault; 8.775, 5th, bars; 8.75, beam; 9.4, 1st, floor; 35.75 All Around, 4T

Hallie Bergstedt, Sr C: 9 vault, 3T; 8.65 bars; 8.7, 5th beam; 9.2, 5T, floor; 35.55 All Around

Kenzie Koch, Sr. B: 8.4 vault; 8.45, 6T, bars; 8.7 beam; 9.15, 5th, floor; 34.7 All Around

Kleyopatra Zoanni, Jr. B: 8.15 vault; 8.525, bars; 8.425 beam; 9.25 floor; 34.35 All Around

Adriene Leintz, Sr. C: 8.275 vault; 9.225, 2nd, bars; 8 beam; 8.7 floor; 34.2 All Around

Brynlee Deming, Jr B: 7.2 vault; 8.95 bars, 3rd; 8.475 beam; 9.15, 5T, floor; 33.775 All Around

Xcel has given the gymnasts new freedom to show off the skills which complement their abilities. They are able to choose their own choreography and music, making the season a great deal of fun for everyone. "It was a really fun, relaxing season. We got to see the new skills coming through," Morrill said. She put up a white board which the kids could climb a ladder up to, ring the bell, and check

whenever they mastered a new skill. It only took two weeks to hit 50 checks, upon which she had to spring for a pizza party!

Morrill and her assistant coaches Rachelle Ellis and Brooke Morrill are proud of the Sidney team and everything they were able to accomplish, all while having a fun season. Congratulations to all the gymnasts on a great year and best of luck to those heading to Idaho!

FWP Schedules Virtual Meeting To Discuss Proposed Fishing Regulations Changes

HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will host a virtual meeting to gather input for the 2025-26 fishing regulations. The virtual meeting is scheduled for April 9, at 6 p.m.

Fishing regulations are now under a process like hunting regulations, going through a comprehensive public review every two years. Fishing regulations are printed during odd numbered years.

To review FWP's proposed regulation changes, go to fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/public-comment-opportunities/fishing-regulations. FWP will also accept and review fishing regulations changes proposed by the public during the initial review time period.

Staff will use this public input to refine regulation proposals to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The final fishing regulations proposals will be available for public comment in August, and the commission will adopt, modify or reject the proposals at its October meeting.

Announcement of the 2024 Minnow Tank Finalists

By Quincy Walter

Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are excited to announce the finalists of the 3rd Minnow Tank Business Plan Competition. This transformative initiative is set to unfold across the seven-county region of Northeastern Montana, including Valley, Garfield, McCone, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Daniels. The vision is to strengthen and support the existing businesses that form the backbone of local communities. With the completion of our first phase, we would like to congratulate and announce the 2024 Minnow Tank Business Plan Competition finalists.

Finalists will present their business plan ideas to a live audience at 6 p.m. on

May 3, at the Great Northern Development Corporation Conference Room, Wolf Point. After businesses pitch their plans of using the award to the live audience and a panel of judges, one start-up and one existing business will win \$5,000 cash towards implementing their ideas. The "Minnow Tank" small business competition live event is open to the public, and your vote counts as a percentage of each finalist's score. We encourage all attendees to RSVP at <https://gndc.org/minnow-tank/>.

Start-Up Finalists

Wolf Point Mercantile (Roosevelt County), Tootsie's Fitness Salon & Spa Center (Valley County), Circle Country Market (McCone County), Sand Springs General Store and Cafe (Garfield County), MBS Adventures

(Sheridan County), Thrifty Business (Richland County)

Existing Finalists

Moonlight Laser Works (Daniels County), Highway 2 Inn (Valley County), Big Sky Renovations (Roosevelt County), and The Rush Espresso on Wheels (Richland County)

We would like to give a special thanks to our donors who made this award prize possible for our small businesses in our region: the Montana Department of Commerce, Ag Partners LLC, Beagle Properties, Cottonwood Inn, Daniels County Chamber of Commerce & Ag, Farmers Union Oil Co., Fox Ford, KLTZ/Mix 93 Radio, Nemont, PRO Co-OP, Grassland Federal Credit Union, Opportunity Bank and Richland Federal Credit Union.

Stockman Bank, In Partnership With FHLB Des Moines, Awards \$920,000 In Affordable Housing Program Grants To 11 Montana Organizations

Stockman Bank, a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines), is pleased to announce that 11 Montana organizations were chosen to receive Competitive Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grants totaling \$920,000 to help Montana families find a safe and affordable place to call home. The grants were made possible through FHLB De Moines' Member Impact Fund. Through the Fund, money donated by Stockman Bank was matched by FHLB Des Moines, up to \$3 for every dollar provided, resulting in the following grants:

Blackfeet Housing Authority, \$80,000; Chipewa Cree Housing Authority, \$80,000; Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana, \$80,000; Great Falls Development Authority, Inc., \$80,000; Habitat for Humanity Mid-Yellowstone

Valley, \$100,000; Homewood, \$80,000; Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, \$80,000; NeighborWorks Montana, \$80,000; Gallatin County Housing Impact Fund, \$100,000; Richland County Housing Authority, \$80,000; Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, \$80,000.

"Montana is built on strong, vibrant, healthy communities," stated Bill Coffee, Stockman Bank CEO. "As a Montana, family-owned, community bank, we believe quality, affordable homeownership is key to making our communities better places to live and work. We appreciate FHLB Des Moines collaborating with us to provide much needed funding to these 11 affordable housing and community development organizations."

FHLB Des Moines returns 10% of its net income annually to assist with housing needs throughout its district, consisting of 13 states and three U.S. Pacific

territories. This year, 60 projects totaling more than \$46 million were awarded through the AHP. Five million dollars of the \$46 million were voluntarily contributed. Additionally, FHLB Des Moines voluntarily donated another \$20 million in 2023 to community development in targeted areas of its district.

"For more than 90 years, FHLB Des Moines has invested in helping communities grow and prosper. We are proud to partner with our member financial institutions to fulfill that commitment," said Kris Williams, FHLB Des Moines president and CEO. "We are also happy to say that in 2023, we gave \$25 million in addition to 10% of our earnings back to our members to invest in their communities and the people they serve. Thanks to the vision and dedication of our members and local housing sponsors, we are able to have a direct and positive impact."

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Nearly 900 Middle & High School Students To Participate In Montana Science Olympiad, April 19 At MSU

From the MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — Nearly 900 middle and high school students from 80 teams across Montana will compete at the Montana Science Olympiad State Tournament, set for Friday, April 19, at Montana State University. The event features competitions in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, disciplines.

Teams from Belgrade, Billings, Bozeman, Chinook, Choteau, Clancy, Conrad, Corvallis, Darby, East Helena, Ennis, Fergus, Fromberg, Gallatin Gateway, Hamilton, Hardin, Harrison, Helena, Huntley Project, Kalispell, Laurel, Lewistown, Libby, Livingston, Manhattan, Noxon, Reed Point, Roundup, Shepherd, Sidney, Thompson Falls and Whitefish, among other communities, are slated to participate.

A full list of participating teams is available on the Montana Science Olympiad website at montana.edu/smrc/mtso/school_teams.html#team_numbers.

The Montana Science Olympiad is one of the largest STEM competitions in the state, with middle and high school students participating in events related to life sciences, chemistry, engineering and more. MSU's Science Math Resource Center, part of the College of Education, Health and Human Development, hosts the annual state tournament.

Two MSU students who previously participated in the Science Olympiad — Addie Rohlman and Amanda Boelman — are helping organize the event. Rohlman serves as a student intern for the Science Olympiad and is president of the Science Olympiad Student Club, while Boelman is the club's vice president.

Students from schools from across the state register for the Montana Science Olympiad as a team, with pairs or trios of students competing in individual events. Students can earn medals, and the school with the highest cumulative score wins the state championship. The state champions are eligible to compete at the national tournament, which will be hosted this spring at Michigan State University.

Questions may be directed to the Science Math Resource Center at mtscioly@montana.edu or 406-994-7476.



Middle school students compete in the Crime Busters contest at the 37th annual state Science Olympiad tournament, held April 15, 2022 at MSU, Bozeman. Nearly 900 middle and high school students from 80 teams across Montana will compete at this year's Montana Science Olympiad State Tournament, set for April 19 at MSU. (MSU photo by Adrian Sanchez-Gonzalez)

Importance of Colostrum

By Marley Voll, MSU Richland County Extension

Although some are finishing up calving and others are still yet to begin, it is always necessary to remember the importance of colostrum. This is the first milk produced by a cow after she has given birth. Colostrum contains immunoglobulins, IgG in particular, as well as white blood cells, milk fat, and vitamins A and E. All of these components are important to the newborn calf. A calf is born without immunoglobulins, because the placenta prevents immunoglobulins from being transferred from the cow to the calf in utero. Immunoglobulins are proteins that act as antibodies to protect the immune system from disease and help to establish the calf's immune system. White blood cells help to further protect the calf from pathogens, while Vitamins A and E also play a role in stimulating the immune system and offering antioxidant properties.

Timing is important in colostrum consumption. The calves' small intestine lining is primed for IgG at birth but that timing window begins to close significantly after 12 hours of life. The peak absorption occurs in the first four hours post-partum, and after 24 hours the gut has completely closed. Difficulty at birth can negatively impact gut absorption of colostrum, as can cause metabolic acidosis. Because of this, it is advised to ensure adequate colostrum intake of calves with births you assisted in.

A very important point to note is that not all sources of colostrum are created equally. The best source of colostrum, of course is that of the newborn calf's mother. If that option is not available, the next best option is colostrum from a donor cow from the same operation. When choosing a donor cow, healthy cows with an adequate vaccine history are ideal. Colostrum can be collected, stored in a quart freezer bag, and frozen for up to one year. When thawing the colostrum, remember that the microwave can denature the IgG antibodies, and the best practice is to water bath the colostrum in temperatures lower than 140 degrees F. If providing a bagged colostrum supplement, be sure to read the label. Some are intended for calves that have already received some colostrum, and they do not have adequate IgG levels for newborn calves. It is also important to read the label and ensure that the product you are choosing contains dried colostrum.

Making The Switch: Adopting Stripper Header & Disc Drill

BOZEMAN — The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) interviewed six dryland grain producers to compare the ownership and operation costs of disc drills and stripper headers with hoe drills and auger/draper headers. According to the NRCS economic report, switching to a stripper header and disc drill from a draper header and hoe drill resulted in an average savings of \$4.40 per acre/year for the six producers interviewed in this study.

While the initial investment is substantial, all producers interviewed believed that both the economic and soil health benefits were worth the equipment investment in the long-term. All six producers saved money with decreased fuel, maintenance, and labor inputs. Each farmer implements a different management system in a different area of Montana from Sunburst to Broadview and Plentywood to Columbus.

In addition to calculated cost savings, these farmers realized multiple soil health benefits that were not mon-

etized in this analysis. Each producer spoke of the value of saving soil moisture and the ability to grow crops more often while decreasing fallow. Keeping the soil covered with tall stubble from the stripper header and minimizing soil disturbance with a disc drill are two key components of a healthy dryland crop system that will build both economic and environmental resilience for future generations.

A video and the Economics of Stripper Header and Disc Drill Adoption report highlighting the findings and interviews are available now on the NRCS website at nrcs.usda.gov/montana/soilhealth.

Dryland grain production is the dominant crop system in Montana, with 5.5 million acres in wheat cultivation, primarily in the Golden Triangle of central Montana and the Platinum Rectangle of northeast Montana. Anecdotal evidence suggests that most dryland producers in these regions use a hoe drill for seeding and an auger or draper header for small grain har-



vest.

Disc drills and stripper headers offer a solution to the problems caused by hoe drills and low harvest heights. Single- and double-disc drills have the least soil disturbance of all drill types, and the design configuration allows for seeding into tall standing stubble, as there is no shank for residue to plug on. As a result, farmers with disc drills can leave standing stubble much taller at harvest. This tall stubble protects against erosion and creates a micro-climate that reduces soil water evaporation. While both auger and draper headers can harvest at heights of 10 to 12 inches or more, the stripper header leaves stubble even taller by only stripping off the grain head and leaving 90% of the residue standing and vertical. Paired together, disc

drills and stripper headers are the best machinery combination for conserving soil and water and increasing soil health in dryland small grain rotations.

Contact the local NRCS field office for more information about conservation harvest management, soil health, and other conservation topics.

This week, April 1-7, is the inaugural Montana Soil Health Week! Join us in celebrating to help raise awareness about how healthy soils can increase crop yields, create greater climate resiliency, improve nutrition, and strengthen food security. Visit Montana Association of Conservation Districts Soil Health Week webpage at montanasoilhealthweek.org or visit the NRCS website at nrcs.usda.gov/montana/soilhealth.

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McKenzie County Heritage Park Announces Spring Class



McKenzie County Heritage Park has been offering classes featuring old-fashioned skills such as sour dough bread making. Pictured are attendees at one of the winter classes.

Continuing its efforts to teach old fashioned skills and create community, McKenzie County Heritage Park will host "Growing a Garden" Friday, April 5, 6-8 p.m. CDT in its new meeting room.

According to employee Rebekah Engebretson, the classes started with "Wintering Well" and included skills such as crocheting and sour dough bread making as a way to get together and learn the hands-on skills that Grandma would have taught. She says the interest in those rapidly disappearing skills is high with the sour

dough bread making class attended by 70 people, and no less than 30 in any of the others. "There's a community need," she said. "Gathering, talking, learning, the community loved it."

Engebretson said there is lots of interest in the spring classes with people wanting to learn about canning, growing and using herbs or soap making to list just a few ideas. She thinks there will be more that come out of the initial gardening class. "We will pick the next class depending on what people want, but it will all be her-

itage art," she stated. "It's not just a class. It's getting together as a community. It's taking home what they've learned and doing it. These are skills that have been passed down, one to another."

Classes are held the first Friday of each month. Classes are free but there is a donation jar. A light snack is also served. Pre-registration is not required but to help with logistics, organizers would appreciate a head count. Please visit their FB page or call them at 701-842-6434.

Montana Shakespeare In The Parks Announces Schedule For 52nd Season

From MSU News Service
BOZEMAN — Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will travel to 65 communities in five states this summer to perform two classic Shakespeare plays.

For its 52nd season, the traveling theatre group, which is an outreach program of Montana State University's College of Arts and Architecture, announced the playbill will feature "Hamlet" and "The Winter's Tale."

The season kicks off June 12 with a four-night run of "Hamlet" at the MSU Grove, located immediately east of the Duck Pond along South 11th Avenue, followed by "The Winter's Tale" June 19-22 at the same location. All eight performances begin at 8 p.m. and — like all the troupe's summer tour stops — are free and open to the public.

"Hamlet," one of Shakespeare's most famous plays, tells the story of the young prince of Denmark who returns home after his father's murder and must grapple with the weight of his responsibility to avenge that death, to outmaneuver his scheming uncle and "to be or not to be."

"I believe that all of Shakespeare's plays are

timeless, but 'Hamlet' has a point of view that everybody can identify with," said Kevin Asselin, MSIP executive artistic director and "Hamlet" director. "I think we are all individually a version of Hamlet and can relate to the character on some level."

A bit lighter, with more comedy and an abundance of magic, "The Winter's Tale" spans 16 years during which a jealous king accuses his wife of infidelity and exiles his daughter to Bohemia, where she is raised by shepherds and falls in love with the Bohemian king's son. It also features Shakespeare's stage direction "exit, pursued by a bear," which the MSIP staff thought was fun and relevant to communities in the Northern Rocky Mountains.

"The play is one of Shakespeare's last, and

as such is blessed with a writer who really understood how to manipulate the form to achieve new heights of storytelling," said Eva Breneman, director of "The Winter's Tale."

After the opening shows in Bozeman, the group will hit the road, traveling across Montana with stops in Idaho, North Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. They will perform 78 shows in 65 communities, making this MSIP's largest tour to date.

More than 80% of MSIP's funding is donation based or comes from grants and sponsorships. Actors and staff, a total of about 50 people, will start rehearsing, building the set and designing costumes next month. Nine of the 11 actors who will perform the two plays this year have performed with MSIP in the past.

SHS Drama Club Presents A Show For All Ages

The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, from the story by C.S. Lewis, will be presented by the Sidney High School Drama Club, Friday, April 5-Sunday, April 7 at the Sidney Middle School Auditorium, 415 S. Central Ave. The times are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for Senior Citizens and Students.



Cerilon & Chevron Enter Into Technology Licensing Agreements

Calgary, Alberta (March 13, 2024) – Cerilon is pleased to announce the signing of technology licensing agreements with Chevron U.S.A. Inc., part of leading energy company Chevron Corp. This milestone enables the company to utilize Chevron's proven suite of Hydroprocessing technologies at its foundational Gas-To-Liquids (GTL) facility in Williams County, North Dakota.

"We're impressed by Chevron's technical capabilities, particularly this technology suite, which has been proven in GTL projects around the globe," said Nico Duursema, Cerilon CEO. "This agreement demonstrates our approach to collaborating with world-class partners and major licensors to deliver this project, the first of many in our development pipeline."

Cerilon's innovative GTL facility will transform natural gas into unique, high-performance synthetic products, including ultra-low sulphur diesel, naphtha and industry-leading Group III+

base oils, top tier products with superior qualities and uses. GTL facilities incorporate key processes and technologies to achieve this conversion. The first step of the GTL process is syngas generation, converting natural gas into synthesis gas. The second step, the Fischer-Tropsch (FT) process, involves a series of reactions to convert the synthesis gas into a waxy feedstock. The final step applies Chevron's suite of Hydroprocessing technologies, optimized for the unique properties of FT feedstock, to upgrade it into high-quality final products.

Cerilon is establishing global, industry-leading partnerships to deliver this pioneering GTL facility, which will be followed by replicated GTL facilities. Cerilon has selected a site in North Dakota for its first location and is seeking regulatory approvals for a two-facility development that leverages local infrastructure. This facility, the first larger-scale, natural gas-fed GTL facility in North America, will also feature carbon capture and

storage, making this nominally 24,000 barrel-per-day facility the first of its kind in the world.

Cerilon is an international, privately-held corporation, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta. The company is focused on developing and managing a portfolio of energy transition, chemical and professional services companies. An unwavering ESG-focus, long-term partnerships, strategic agility and the ability to rapidly integrate technological advancements enhance project replicability, speed-to-market and return on investment. Cerilon is well positioned to provide energy transition solutions and expertise that can help create a better future.

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CHARLENE S. NETZER, Plaintiff, vs.
Hsbc Bank Nevada Na, and all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in

or lien or encumbrance upon the following personal property described as follows:
2012 Yamaha 4-Wheeler or any part thereof, adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on Plaintiff's title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent, including any claim of any augmented estate, inchoate or accrued, Defendants. Cause No. DV-42-2024-0000027-QT

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN, GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your Answer and serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to the following personal property: 2012 Yamaha 4-Wheeler Model: Yfm700fwad Title No. AA1209761 Vin No. 5Y4AM13Y0CA102243. WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court Dated: March 26, 2024

Janice Klempel
Clerk of District Court
By Laurel Molden
Deputy Clerk

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(Publish April 3, 10, and 17, 2024.)

CALL FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the Fifteenth (15th) day of April 2024 at 11:00 a.m., in their office in Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the purchase of:

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should be directed to the County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708, no later than Friday, April 12th, 2024. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County.

Dated at Sidney, Montana, this 18th day of March 2024.
Duane Mitchell,
Commissioner Chair

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(Publish March 27, April 3 and 10, 2024.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DISTRICT NAME: Richland County Valley View Water District
Subject: Proposed Special Assessment for Short-Lived Assets Replacement Fund
Date of Public Hearing: Time: 6:30 PM
Date: Thursday, April 25th, 2024
Location: 35264 County Road 121c, Sidney, MT 59270
Contact: GALE NELSON
Phone: 406-480-7049
Address: 2811 3rd St NW, Sidney, MT 59270

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
(1) Pursuant to the provisions of 7-1-2121 MCA, that the Board of Directors of the Richland County Valley View Water District will hold a public hearing to discuss and receive public input on the proposed special assessment for the establishment of a Short-Lived Assets Replacement Fund to fund the construction and replacement of a new water well along with providing information of how that special assessment is collected and enforced.

PROPOSED ACTION:
(1) The District shall be initiating a special assessment of \$75 per user per month to adequately fund the Short-Lived Assets Replacement Fund. This fund is essential to ensure the financial capability of replacing the newly constructed water well. The public hearing will also provide details of how the special assessment shall be enforced.
(2) After the public hearing, the Board shall propose the

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ENFORCEMENT:

(1) In case of delinquency, the District shall pursue enforcement of the lien of the special assessment pursuing sale of the whole property subject to the lien the same as other property is sold for taxes.
NOTICE DISTRIBUTION: This notice will be published in accordance with statutory requirements and mailed to all persons who own property in the district and to all customers of the district at least 7 days and not more than 30 days prior to the public hearing. The mailed notice will include an estimate of the amount that property owners or customers will be charged under the proposed special assessment.

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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
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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

Lunch Menus!

Sidney School
Thurs., April 4: Hot ham & cheese, cheesy potatoes.
Fri., April 5: Chicken taco salad, applesauce.
Mon., April 8: Cheeseburgers, French fries, peaches.
Tues., April 9: Chicken pot pie over biscuits, orange wedges, gelatin.
Wed., April 10: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, pears.
Savage School
Thurs., April 4: Chicken nuggets.
Fri., April 5: Goulash.
Mon., April 8: Corn dogs.
Tues., April 9: Chicken alfredo.
Wed., April 10: Wraps.
Rau School
Thurs., April 4: Chicken lasagna, lettuce salad, mixed fruit.
Fri., April 5: Uncrustables, cheese sticks, apples, carrots, potato chips.
Mon., April 8: Chicken patties, French fries, peas, apricots.
Tues., April 9: Salisbury steaks, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, biscuits.
Wed., April 10: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic bread, applesauce.
Froid School
Thurs., April 4: Chicken noodle casserole, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., April 5: Hamburgers on buns, potato salad, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Mon., April 8: Tater tot casserole, buns, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., April 9: Soft shell tacos, refried beans, taco bar, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., April 10: Cian's Day! Cheeseburger soup, pretzels, salad, strawberries, dirt cups, salad bar.
Richey School
Thurs., April 4: Enchilada casserole, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., April 5: Corn dogs, fries, fruit, salad bar.
Mon., April 8: Baked potato bar, veggies, cookies, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., April 9: Pizza casserole, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., April 10: Macaroni & cheese, hot dogs, veggies sticks, cookies, fruit, salad bar.
Culbertson School
Thurs., April 4: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, peaches.
Fri., April 5: Fish sticks, potato wedges, green beans.
Mon., April 8: Hot dogs, broccoli, mixed fruit.
Tues., April 9: Chicken soft tacos, corn, mandarin oranges.

Wed., April 10: French dip, peppers, onions, peaches.
Lambert School
Thurs., April 4: Sweet & sour chicken, fried rice, fruit.
Fri., April 5: Pizza burgers, chips, fruit.
Mon., April 8: Roast beef & swiss, tots, fruit.
Tues., April 9: Halley's lunch! Pizza, chips, chocolate chip cookies, fruit.
Wed., April 10: Lilly's lunch! Chicken fried steaks, mashed potatoes, gravy, brownies, fruit.
Fairview School
Thurs., April 4: Spaghetti, Caesar salad, fruit, garlic bread, fresh garden bar.
Fri., April 5: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown patties, eggs, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Mon., April 8: Beef lo mein, stir fry veggies, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Tues., April 9: Super nachos, mexi beans, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Wed., April 10: Crispy chicken wraps, Italian pasta salad, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
East Fairview School
Thurs., April 4: Macaroni & cheese.
Fri., April 5: Chicken patties.
Mon., April 8: Chicken quesadillas, rice.
Tues., April 9: Corn dogs, tots.
Wed., April 10: BBQ chicken, baked beans.
Alexander School
Thurs., April 4: Spaghetti or alfredo, garlic toast, fruit & vegetable bar.
Fri., April 5: Breakfast for lunch, fruit & vegetable bar.
Mon., April 8: Baked chicken breast or fish, rice pilaf, broccoli, fruit & vegetable bar.
Tues., April 9: Street tacos or burrito bowls, cilantro lime rice, fruit & vegetable bar.
Wed., April 10: Popcorn chicken or finger steaks, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit & vegetable bar.
Watford City School
Thurs., April 4: Boneless chicken bites, long cut fries, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
Fri., April 5: Pizza pockets, pasta salad, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
Mon., April 8: Lasagna rolls, breadsticks, fruit, veggies, salad bars.
Tues., April 9: Beef taco in a bag, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
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Senior player, Cayden Heck gets the first score of the season for Sidney Eagle baseball program's second year in existence. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

Eagle Baseball Season Opener Moved To Columbus Due To Weather

By Robyn Heck
The Sidney Eagles baseball team was supposed to open their 2024 season at home against the Columbus Cougars on Friday and Saturday, March 22-23. Montana weather had other plans.

Their next game was scheduled for Friday, March 29, at home, against the Park Rangers. Despite shoveling off the field at Moose Park, the weather didn't cooperate and the game was cancelled. It still wasn't playable weather in Sidney on Saturday, but it was in Columbus!

So, on Saturday, March 30, the team left early to play Park, in Columbus, at 1 p.m., for their first game of the season. It was a cloudy, 36° in Columbus, but as we say in Montana, "At least there was no wind".

Senior, Ryder Hansen pitched for the Eagles during the first five innings. Park was up to bat first, and had one runner cross home plate. The Eagles didn't score in the first inning. The score was 1-0, Park, at the end of the first.

The second inning saw three more points from

Park. The score was 4-0 at the bottom of the second.

The Eagles first point of the season was scored by senior, Cayden Heck. Cayden walked to first, and stole second base on a slide. Cooper McNally had a base hit to first that brought Cayden home. Park scored two in the third inning, which ended with the score of 6-1.

There were no points scored in the fourth inning. Cooper McNally took over pitching for innings five and six. The fifth inning ended with Park still in the lead. The score was 9-1.

The Eagles had a great sixth inning, scoring five points. Ty Schepens had a base hit and scored after

Braden Harris hit him in.

This brought Trace Bain to the plate, who made it to first base on a hit. Then Gradin Sukut walked to first. Cayden Heck hit a double and brought in Harris and Bain to score. Ryder Hanson had a base hit that brought in Sukut, and Cooper McNally's base hit brought in Heck. The sixth inning ended with a score of 15-6.

Heck pitched the seventh inning. Park scored two more runs. The game ended in the seventh inning with the score of 17-6.

This week the Eagle boys travel to play the Watford City Wolves on Tuesday, April 2, and the Belgrade Bighorns on Friday, April 5.

Fairview West 201 Update

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and its partner Wickens Construction are continuing work on the Fairview West project.

This week, travelers should expect to be moved onto the temporary detour around the Second Hay Creek Bridge. The detour will be a single lane controlled by alternating signal lights. Travelers should expect short delays and crews nearby working on the Second Hay Creek Bridge.

Scheduled work includes placing dirt and gravel on the roundabout's southeast leg, fencing installation, and beginning culvert installation along Montana Highway 201 (MT 201). Traffic on MT 201 should expect 35 mph speed zones and crews working alongside the road during culvert operations. Weather permitting, crews may also begin pouring concrete for the roundabout medians.

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