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## Local Donation Of Beanie Babies Will Cheer Children Around World

By Bill Vander Weele

Love and caring can be seen in many different forms. One of the ways in Sidney is sharing the joy that Beanie Babies can bring to children all across the world.

For many years, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, has served as the Operation Christmas Child collection point for northeastern Montana and western North Dakota. Operation Christmas Child, through Samaritan's Purse, sends gift shoe boxes to needy children around the world. The boxes contain toys, school supplies and hygiene items.

Karen Huskamp, SVLC Vacation Bible School leader, explains what really makes the items stand out is when a "wow" gift is included. She said that a Beanie Baby is the perfect size gift that make the children feel special.

A Sidney family recently made sure that SVLC had plenty of Beanie Babies to share. When the Palmer and Doris Norby family held a garage sale, their backyard was covered with bags of Beanie Babies for sale. After Pastor David Huskamp discussed Operation Christmas Child with a family member, the Norby member was excited to donate 3,550 Beanie Babies for the project.

David said that a family member expressed that Doris

Norby wanted the stuffed items to be given to children.

"They will go to a child in an impoverished or war-torn country," Karen said.

Last year, the SVLC collection site sent a total of 3,200 shoe boxes out. Some of the boxes prepared locally are organized by SVLC's youth education students.

"The children embrace doing shoe boxes because it's hands-on," Karen said. "It's been meaningful to them."

She added that she tries to explain to local students that these children don't have any other toys except the one that they are sending. "I think it's great ministry. It's kid to kid," Karen said.

The Huskamps are very thankful for the donation from the Norby family. "It made it possible to do a lot more boxes," Karen said.

Other items needed to be donated for the shoe boxes include school supplies, small toys, tooth brushes, combs and wash cloths. Older children, ages 10-14, receive soccer balls as gifts.

Later this month, Karen will take a "vision trip" to Peru in order to witness first hand the impact that the gifts make to children. She plans to share her experiences on June 5, as part of the church's Vacation Bible School.



Karen and Pastor David Huskamp show some of the items that were donated for Operation Christmas Child. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)



## Arrest Made Regarding Break-ins

On April 29, the Sidney Police Department arrested William Thomas Garrad, 32, Sidney, in relation to the string of vehicle break-ins in Sidney over the last few months.

Garrad was charged with two counts of criminal possession of dangerous drugs, both felonies; one count of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor; one count of theft of property exceeding \$5,000 or common scheme, a felony; and one count of burglary, a felony. Several additional charges are pending. Garrad is currently incarcerated in the Richland County Detention Facility with bond set at \$100,000.

In the early morning hours of April 29, officers received another complaint about a theft from a motor vehicle. During the subsequent investigation, a lead developed identifying a person of interest. A search warrant for the individual's residence was secured and during the course of the search officers located a significant amount of stolen property including wallets, credit cards, and identification cards; as well as suspected narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

## Sidney Woman Prepares To Celebrate 100 Years

By Bill Vander Weele

Sidney native Iona Hansen can tease that she isn't the oldest person among her friends. Hansen is celebrating her 100th birthday on Thursday, May 9, but her closest friend is Ruth Iversen, who is 103 years young.

"She's 103. I call her amazing," Hansen said of Iversen. "She's a very good friend. I've known her since 1946."

Reaching the age of 100 is pretty amazing, too. A party is planned at the Lodge on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. to celebrate Hansen's birthday and will even include music from the Boehlers and Vicky Vaira.

She said her motto is, "do what you can do as long as you can do it."

Hansen is in relatively good health for her age. She does rely on a walker and her eye sight is limited.

"I guess old age is creeping up on me, too," she laughed. "I have aches and pains. People say I have a good memory, but I don't think it's as good as it was either."

She has lived in Sidney for her entire life after being born. After graduating from high school in 1942, she worked in the bookkeeping department at Richland Bank. Her experience also includes working part-time in the office of Yellowstone Merc. She worked in the superintendent

of schools' office in 1944-1946.

When her then boyfriend, Gunnar Hansen, returned from serving during World War II, they were married on July 26, 1946. They were reunited in marriage for 44 years until Gunnar passed away from cancer. Their daughters are Linda DuFresne, Portland, OR., and MaryLee Miller, Missoula.

Iona has two granddaughters and three great-granddaughters.

She has been a long-time member of Pella Lutheran Church.

"I've been baptized, confirmed and married there. And God willing, I will be buried there," she said.

The Hansen's family farmed sugar beets and grains until they retired and moved to Sidney. Iona lived at that house until health challenges led her to the Lodge.

"I loved that place," Iona said of her former home in Sidney. "But I can tell I can't do what I used to be able to do."

She has lived at the Lodge since January 2023. "It's a very nice place. They are very helpful and kind. They take very good care of you."

She spends her days looking through old papers with a "reading machine" and welcoming friends for visits.

"It seems like time goes fast,"



Iona Hansen will celebrate her 100th birthday on Thursday, May 9. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Hansen said of her daily routine. She doesn't have any tips of living to 100 years. "I guess not. I never dreamt I would live to be this age," Hansen said.

## Watford City Passes Two-Year Property Tax Exemption

In an effort to bolster the supply of newly constructed homes, Watford City has passed the Homeowner's Two-year Property Tax Exemption, approved by the City Council on April 1.

This new program, in compliance with N.D.C.C. § 57-02-08(35), allows a property tax exemption for a maximum of \$150,000 in dwelling value; exclusive of the land on which the home is situated or any special assessments.

Rita Olson, City assessor for the City of Watford City, said, "The exemption is only available to new single-family homes that have not started construction until after March 1, 2024.

Once the home is completed and sold to the first homeowner, the new homeowner can apply for the exemption by contacting my office.

Once the application is approved, the exemption goes into effect for the first

tax-year the home is valued as a completed structure."

The exemption takes \$150,000 in true and full value off the dwelling for property tax purposes. All real estate is valued as of Feb. 1, of each year. For the first two years, the home buyer pays roughly \$1,300 less (depending on mills levied) in property taxes, if the full \$150,000 in true and full value of the dwelling is exempted.

Single-family, condo-

minium, or townhouse residential properties are all eligible for the program.

Property located within an active TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district are not eligible.

Olson added, "This means their (homeowners') payments to their mortgage holder would be less for those two years because the escrow would be smaller. Of course, they would need to plan for those payments to go up after the two-year

exemption period."

Interested applicants can access the application online, or by visiting the City Assessor tab on www.cityofwatfordcity.com.

For more information, contact: Rita Olson, City Assessor, City of Watford City 701-444-8401/ritolson@nd.gov; Brock White, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, City of Watford City, 701.690.3451/whitebrock@nd.gov.

## Trap Club Looks To Improve

By Bill Vander Weele

Representatives of the Sidney Trap Club visited with Richland County commissioners about methods to increase interest in the activity on April 29.

Kaden Everett, president, Frank Saalfeld, vice president, and long-time member Bill Nankivel said about only 10 individuals show up when opening shooting takes place on Tuesdays starting at 6 p.m. and Sundays beginning at 3 p.m. The range is located across from Continental Resources at the "old, old, landfill."

Nankivel said the club featured about 35-40 active members during the late 1980s.

"It was a big deal," Nankivel said. "We're just trying to resurrect it a little."

To help improve the area, commissioners were requested to place the piles of asphalt and scoria on the southern piece of the land, because its current location results in a poor background when shooting targets in a tournament.

Saalfeld said the materials don't bother them during open shooting, but some people have complained during Amateur Trapshoot Association competitions.

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

**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**  
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Current Elevation.....	1835.3
Last Week's Elev. ....	1835.3
One Year Ago .....	1829.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	16,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**  
 Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 29.....	72	29	0.000
April 30.....	52	36	0.160
May 1 .....	56	33	0.000
May 2 .....	52	28	0.010
May 3 .....	51	34	0.170
May 4 .....	59	32	0.000
May 5 .....	77	38	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....	0.980		



Receiving honorary Fairview FFA degrees were (from left) Shaun and Michelle Jensen, Sheila and Mark Neu and Vicky Cayko. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

**Fairview FFA Presents Awards During Banquet**

**By Bill Vander Weele**  
 The Fairview FFA Chapter awarded five area adults with honorary chapter degrees for their contribution to the program during its awards banquet April 29.

Honored were Mark and Sheila Neu, Shaun and Michelle Jensen and Vicky Cayko.

Officials said that the Neus have been strong supporters of the Fairview FFA chapter for many years. They have provided a lot of behind-the-scenes help because of their love for FFA. Mark was even an FFA officer himself.

The Jensens, parents of 2023-2024 Fairview FFA president Allison Jensen, have supported her throughout her FFA career especially this year. They have assisted with the assembling of Christmas memorial boxes and wreaths, and were chaperones during the National FFA Convention trip.

Cayko stepped in and served as FFA's long-term substitute teacher this fall. In a time of unknowns, she became a constant in the lives of agriculture education students. She encouraged FFA members in contests and fundraisers.

Allison Jensen was presented the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, which is given to the chapter's outstanding senior or junior with a superior record of scholarship, leadership and agricultural work experience.

Foreign exchange students Reycheil Guyata and Uuree Munkh-Erdene received Blue and Gold awards.

Graduating seniors from the chapter were Abigail Berry, Allison Jensen, Grace McPherson, Hannah Hurlay, Jerron Rau, Kallee



Allison Jensen received the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Hopes, Matthew Mager and Reycheil Guyata.

New officers elected were Lauren Cozzens, president, Brady Selting, vice president, Jaden Murphy, secretary, Landon Tveit, treasurer, Ava Gullikson, reporter, Lander Monson, sentinel and Kyle Skogas as an at-large officer.

McPherson and Jensen received state degrees. McPherson was elected at the Montana FFA State Convention to serve as the Montana FFA Association 2024-2025 state parliamentarian.

Recipients of chapter degrees were Gullikson, Murphy, Jake Rau, Tveit, Macy Tjelde and Mager. Gullikson earned the star chapter member award.

Receiving greenhand degrees were Skogas, Monson, Guyata, Trey Watson, Ty Poulson and Munkh-Erdene. Monson won the star greenhand award.

Junior high students earning discovery degrees were Addison Swaney, Cambree Hansen, Emily Spurlin, Hunter Wood, Kenley Pre-witt, Kyra Buckley, Landon Emily and Rylan Watts.



Foreign exchange students Uuree Munkh-Erdene (left) and Reycheil Guyata won Blue and Gold awards. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

**Richland Federal Credit Union Looks Ahead During Meeting**

Richland Federal Credit Union (RFCU) held its 84th annual business meeting Tuesday, April 16, at the St. Matthew's Center, Sidney. Members heard reports from President Beth Redlin and staff members Corey Hagan (CEO), Sharon Roth (operations and accounting manager) and Corliss Nelson (vice president of lending).

Among the topics highlighted was the \$300,000 bonus dividend for 2023 distributed in March of this year. It was noted that as the only locally owned and governed financial institution, this money stays and is reinvested in our field of membership communities. Also highlighted were new products and services continuously being developed for members and the beginning of a time of transition, reinvestment, and change for RFCU.

Recognized was retired board director and vice president Toby Panasuk. New leaders welcomed were Jessica Chamberlin (supervisory committee) and Kagney Petersen (board director). After serving out his brief appointed term, Petersen was unanimously re-elected to a new term.

After earning a masters in taxation, Petersen applied that knowledge to corporate organizations in Washington, D.C. and Denver. In 2014, he returned to Sidney with his wife, Brittney, (health director-Richland County Health Department) and their three children to continue the family farm legacy. Petersen is also lending his knowledge and experience wherever he can in his hometown, including a new seasonal tax accountant position with CHMS.

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
 Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Thurs., May 9**  
 11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Pizza House. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.

**Fri., May 10**  
 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Hosts Sunrise City Cleanup** - Check in at Veterans Memorial Park. Volunteer for 1 hour or the entire morning. Multiple time slots available. To register text the word "Volunteer" to 406-206-7988.  
 1-9 p.m. - **Women's Wellness Collective** - All ages welcome until 5 p.m.; remaining hours for 21+. Free to the public. Includes vendors showcasing wellness-oriented businesses with offerings that can improve the quality of life for women and TED talks featuring financial planning, medical supervised weight loss & more. For more info & to register visit sidneymt.com.

**Fri., May 10, 17, 24, 31**  
 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., May 11**  
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Richland County Youth Bike Rodeo** - A free opportunity for youth to help tune up a bike, pick out a helmet, & take both home. Richland County Events Center, West end parking lot.  
 7-11 p.m. - **St. Matthew's Spring Fling Semi-Formal Dance** - Grades 6-8. DJ music by Midnight Express. St. Matthew's Parish Center. \$10 a person. Students will only be allowed to leave if picked up & signed out by a parent. Dress code will be enforced. For more info call Colleen Haralson, 406-482-2680.

**Sat., May 11, 18, 25**  
 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.

**Thurs., May 16**  
 6 p.m. - **Richland County Farm Bureau Candidate Forum** - Come hear the candidates themselves answering your questions. Sidney Elks Lodge BPOE 1782.

**ROOSEVELT COUNTY**  
 Events in Bainville unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Tues., May 14**  
 7 p.m. - **Northeast Montana Land & Mineral Owners Association Meeting** - Anyone with oil & gas related questions or concerns is welcome to attend. Bainville Fire Hall.

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

**Now through Sat., June 29**  
 10 a.m. - **Women of the West: Amanda Heimbuch Gallery Show** - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

**Fri., May 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., May 18**  
 6 p.m.-midnight - **Ag Expo City Slicker Showdown** - Mechanical bull, roping dummy, shooting simulator, DJ Brock, bar & concessions open. \$10 cover charge. Practice 6-8 p.m., competition at 8 p.m., \$40 entry fee. If you don't want to compete but still want to play, \$20 for all night activities. McKenzie Co. Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NW, Watford City, ND. For more info call 701-842-EXPO.

**Tues., May 21, 2-4 p.m.**  
**McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions or concerns call 701-444-3244.

**Thurs., May 30 & Fri., May 31**  
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - **ND42 Basketball Camp** - For boys & girls entering grades 3-12. Fee \$85. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info & to register visit watfordcityparks.com.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**  
 Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Fri., May 10**  
 9 p.m. - **Coyote Glow Run Benefiting Coyote Baseball** - Meet near the concession stand inside Aafedt Stadium, 1002 11th St. W. Check in 9 p.m., start time 10 p.m. \$20 registration fee, make checks payable to: Coyote Baseball.

**Sat., May 11**  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **48th Annual Band Day Car Show** - Classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, hot rods & modern rides. Giveaways, raffles, food, silent auction & music. Raymond Family Community Center, 1002 11th St. W.  
 10:30 a.m. - **Band Day 2024 Parade Route Fun Run** - One mile fun run on the parade route prior to the parade. Meet at SE corner of Harmon Park & end at Williston State College. \$10 per runner or \$40 for a team or family up to 5. Babies & strollers are free. 10:30 a.m. registration (cash only) online registration closes May 8; 11 a.m. race.

**Tues., May 14**  
 6:30-9 p.m. - **Puzzle Palooza** - Each team will compete to see who can put a puzzle together in the fastest time. Winners receive a prize. \$40, team of 4. Register at https://www.willistonparks.com/puzzle-palooza. Williston ARC, 822 18th St. E.

**Thurs., May 16**  
 6:30 p.m. - **Basics To Photography** - Recommended for adults. Bring your camera. Covering shooting in manual, composition & more. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Register at www.thejamesmemorial.org/art-classes.

**Sat., May 18**  
**Williston Rural Fire Association Spring Walleye Classic** - \$400 entry, 2 man teams. Lewis & Clark State Park. Mandatory rules meeting May 17, 7 p.m., Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds. Burgers, beers & prizes at 6 p.m. Entry forms available at Scenic Sports & Clarke CPA or call Jeff 701-770-0199 or Jason 701-570-3321.  
 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. - **Williston Parks & Recreation Mother Daughter Bonding Day** - Fun filled activities, themed crafts & mouth watering treats. Ages 4 - 12, \$40 per couple + \$20 siblings. Keel Boat, Spring Lake Park, 5906 2nd Ave. W.

**Sun., May 19 & 26**  
 2-3 p.m. - **Clay Plant Markers Art Class** - High school age & adult. Hand-build a set of 8 plant markers in this 2-class series. \$15 members, \$20 not yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info & to register visit thejamesmemorial.org.

**DAWSON COUNTY**  
 Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Sun., May 12**  
 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Richey FFA Blooming Blossoms Bash** - Free meal & vendors. Richey School Greenhouse.  
 3-6 p.m. - **"A Night of Patsy Cline" with Juliette Angelo** - Free admittance to concert. Free will offering, live & silent auction. DCHS auditorium. Proceeds will be contributed to the Hilary M. Hopfauf scholarship fund.

**Sat., May 18**  
 1-3:30 p.m. - **Kids to Park Day** - Makoshika will be hosting activities to get kids out in the park. Makoshika State Park Visitors Center, 1301 Synder St.



# Women's Wellness Center Offers Programs During Friday's Event

By Kali Godfrey  
Sidney Chamber

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce announces the Women's Wellness Collective (WWC) scheduled for Friday, May 10. WWC is presented by Seitz Insurance Agency, PCS Insulation, Claire Mayer Design and Sidney Health Center.

WWC is a wellness-inspired event taking place at the historical Yellowstone Mercantile Company. WWC showcases the many Mondak businesses in the wellness industry and the vast array of services available to the community. While this event is catered to women – everyone is welcome! The event spans 1-8 p.m., and is free to the public. WWC includes different elements including vendors, food, semi-private classes and speakers.

Committee member Tanya Candee said, "Our small community has a diverse and integrative selection of healing modalities to choose from. It is inspiring to be a part of a network of providers that act as a team to support each client's healing journey, and I'm pleased to help bring this event to Sidney."

Vendors of the WWC include Awakened Wellness, Healthy is Wellness, Sidney Health Center, Advanced Aesthetics, 406 Design, Merge, Danielle Rae Fitness, Olive Tree People by Carissa LeFurgey, Wellth Management, Senior Connect, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Meraki, Black Hills Running Company, Arbonne, Lucky Design Flower Bar, Danity Dough Bakery, BLEND with Tessa, Side Effect Designs and Ink Images by Jamie Rang.

While the theme of the WWC is wellness, this is not your typical health fair. WWC vendors provide services, demonstrations and samples for attendees to trial their offerings. Dr. Twigg with Advanced Aesthetics will offer botox injections, nurse Tanya with Awakened Wellness will provide Red Light Therapy, IM Injections and

IV infusions. Sidney Health Center's Dr. Lacey Steinbeisser is hosting a booth with information on pelvic health and local resources. 406 Design will set up a hat bar for custom fashion apparel and Ann Reidy with Harmony Wellness will visit with attendees on the geometry, light, color and sound frequencies used in the Harmonic Egg to empower the body's healing energy.

Jamie Rang (Ink Images) is a local tattoo artist specializing in permanent makeup and petite tattoos. She will offer tattooing service to attendees on-site! Wellth Management with Alli Nelson brings attendees massage therapy, exercise tutorials and custom aromatherapy massage oils. Merge in collaboration with Danielle Rae Fitness and First Form will offer their retail clothing and Nutritional supplements. BLEND with Tessa will give demonstrations with hair products and styles. Tessa will install tinsel in your locks as well! Olive Tree People by Carrissa LeFurgey is a skincare line and Carrissa will offer samples and a raffle! Marci Sondeno Lucky Design will have her festive flower bar available for attendees throughout the day. Meraki will have its retail selection and permanent jewelry offered as well. Mike Albin, Black Hills Running Company, joins us from Rapid City, SD, with a retail selection of athletic wear.

As for the food, Sunrise City Coffee Company will join the WWC with its signature roast and gourmet syrups. A lot of excitement has been generated around a new home bakery, Dainty Dough Bakery, and WWC is so pleased to have her new bakery cart offered. The Sunrise Berry Bowls and Orleans Cuisine will be curbside for all the best treats throughout the event.

Professional photographer, Emma Keller with Cedar and Pearl Photography will be on site for 15-minute mini-portrait sessions. The setting will be a modern neutral scene with metal

and floral accents. These sessions are \$50 and do require a pre-booking. Mini sessions are a great Mother's Day gift or the perfect opportunity to update your business headshot.

WWC offers semi-private classes in the loft of the Yellowstone Mercantile. Lorilee Norby will open the event at 1 p.m. with a 45-minute session of "Wine and Yoga". Tanya Candee will follow at 2 p.m. with a class on creating a DIY Wild Yam Oil. Candle pouring will be offered by Larysa Hurst from 3-5 p.m., and a Mother's Day Centerpiece class will be offered by Marci Sondeno Lucky Design at 5 p.m. Colleen Clarke Fine Arts will facilitate a spring Meadowlark-inspired "Sip and Paint" at 6 p.m. and Anya Chamberlain will close the event with a session of "Beer and Barre." All classes are pre-booked through the Sidney Chamber with various registration fees.

Wellness-inspired TED Talks occur throughout the event featuring: Nurse Tayna Candee with a presentation, "Intermittent Fasting Done Right = Happy Hormones" at 1 p.m. Dr. Shari Twigg will share her expertise in botox and injectable aesthetic procedures at 2 p.m. Dr. Lacey Steinbeisser will provide a TED Talk with demonstrations on securing pelvic health at 3 p.m. Cara Storm, Farm Bureau Insurance and Financial Services, with a presentation, "PlanHer." Storm's presentation is based on the fact that women, statistically outlive men, and prepare women for their later years. At 6 p.m., the Sidney Chamber will host a toast to the anniversary of MediSpa and founder Michelle Trudell will speak on the evolution of the rural clinic. Claire Mayer, of Claire Mayer Design, will conclude the TED Talks with a presentation on "Managing the Stress of a Modern-Day Woman." The Women's Wellness Collective is free and open to the public. Classes and services may have charges.



Rob Breuer, branch manager, Ag West Farm Credit, presents a \$3,000 check to Richland County Food Bank board members (from left) Helen Schmitt, Candy Markwald and Leann Pelvit. The funds will be used to help purchase a generator at the building. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

## Sunrise City Cleanup Planned For Friday

Sidney residents are proud of their community but a winter's accumulation of trash can diminish that pride and be unsightly to visitors.

In an effort to clean up as much of the town as possible, the current Sidney Chamber of Commerce leadership class has organized a Sunrise City Cleanup for Friday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to meet at Veterans Park where they will receive supplies and a map of their specific area to clean. All volunteers will receive a drink token from The Rush, courtesy of this year's sponsor Proactive Tech WIZ.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories with a special trophy and recognition in the media. Categories are: Most volunteers – business or group, biggest trash pile, and most youth volunteers. Show off what you accomplished! Take a picture of your group and the pile of trash you collected and send it to the Chamber.

The group is also chal-

lenging businesses to spring clean their store fronts and the block around their business.

To register for this fun and rewarding event, visit

the Sidney Chamber office, 909 S. Central Ave., or text the word 'volunteer' to 406-206-7988. For more details, please call the Chamber at 406-433-1916.

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## Youth Bike Rodeo Set For Saturday

The Richland County Health Department Injury Prevention and DUI Task Force is sponsoring a Youth Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at the Event Center-west end, Richland County Fairgrounds.

Children are invited to help tune up a bike, pick out a helmet and take both

home. Bike donations for the event are being accepted now at the City Shop, 1101 3rd St. N.E., Sidney, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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# OBITUARIES

## Jake Obergfell, 88 Sidney, MT

Celebration of Life for Jake Obergfell was at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. A family gathering was held Friday, May 3, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the VFW Post #4099 in Sidney. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, assisted the family. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the fam-

ily at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Jake Obergfell was born on Aug. 3, 1935, to Isadore (Jake) and Jean (Hatley) Obergfell. He was the last of five sisters and two brothers. Jake went to the Gossett country school through eighth grade and then went into Sidney to the high school. Jake enlisted in the military in January 1955 and was discharged in December 1957. Jake lived in



Chicago, IL., for three years where he worked on the railroad. In 1962, he moved his family to Colorado Springs, CO., where he worked as a groundskeeper at the Air Force Academy until 1978 when he moved his family to Sidney and has lived ever since. Jake enjoyed fishing down on the river where he was born and lived. He also loved being out on the lake on his pontoon, his son's pontoon, and camping. He enjoyed spending time with his kids and grand and great-grand kids. He loved his chickens and his garden. Jake peacefully passed away on Friday evening, April 26, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care surrounded by his family.

Jake is survived by his wife, Joanne; sister Rose (Jen) Larson; daughter Janelle Wrigley, Rawlins, WY.; son James (Kelly) Obergfell, Plentywood; son Jay (Shelly) Obergfell, Fairview; and son Jon (Charlotte) Obergfell, Sidney; 11 grandchildren, Misty (Eric) Martinez, Miles (Samantha) McKenna, Brody Wrigley, Brianna Wrigley, Nyle (Cissy) Obergfell, Cassidy Obergfell, Wyatt Obergfell, Victoria Obergfell, Devon Obergfell, Austin (Darby) Obergfell, Kordell Obergfell, Zak (Stephanie) Savelkoul and Seth Obergfell, 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; sisters May Peterson; Dorothy (Dot) MacGrady; Anna (Bun) West; Viola (Bliff) Kappel; Ella (Pete) Larson; brothers Paul (Sant) Obergfell, Walter (Tim) Obergfell and James Obergfell.

## Bruce Keysor

A Celebration of Life will be held for Bruce C. Keysor on May 18, at 11 a.m. at the Richey Senior Center.

## Frank Axtmann, 72 Watford City, ND

Frank Axtmann, 72, Watford City, ND, passed away on Monday April 30, 2024, at the McKenzie County Health Hospital in Watford City with his daughter by his side.

A memorial service for Frank will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Watford City, with Mark Honstein officiating. Fulkerson

Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

## Tharp, Wiltzen To Receive Honors

Rev. Dr. Tim Tharp and Wendy Wiltzen, APRN, FNP-C, will be celebrated as the recipients of the 2024 Friend of Public Health Award at a public reception on May 13.

The Friend of Public Health Award is given by the Health Department to individuals or groups in recognition of outstanding support of public health efforts in our community.

Tharp was nominated by Jessica Gilbert, Behavioral Health/Crisis Coordinator at the Health Department in recognition of his strong advocacy of behavioral health initiatives in Richland County. Tharp has been integral in supporting and implementing school-based behavioral health programs like Character Strong and Hope Squad. He is the chair of the Behavioral Health

Local Advisory Council and provides mental health training to adults and youth.

"He is always willing to support public health when his schedule allows," Gilbert said in her nomination. "Tim sees the value in connecting behavioral health to the components of what makes a healthy community. His dedication to the community in the role of superintendent of county schools, Pastor of three parishes, and member of the Savage EMS and fire department is among the other roles he serves locally and statewide, is an exemplary act of service."

Wendy Wiltzen, APRN, FNP-C, was nominated by Lesley Thiessen, WIC CPA and family planning nurse, and Heather Nevins, chronic disease coordinator, at the Health Department. She has

served as a provider for the Family Planning program for 20 years, and a source of referral for breast and cervical screening for more than 15 years.

As a provider at Sidney Health Center, Wiltzen is an advocate for her clients, and reaches out to all resources to make sure her patients receive the help they need. "Wendy has gone above and beyond to spread the word about these programs. She knows the programs well, and encourages other providers to make referrals as well. Wendy is a tremendous supporter of public health," Nevins said in her nomination.

A public reception is being held at the Historic Yellowstone Merc building in Sidney on Monday, May 13, from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

## Update Provided On Test Flows

### By Bill Vander Weele

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Missouri River Water Management Division held its second weekly virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 1.

The public can access the meetings, which start at noon (mountain time) on Wednesdays, at <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?MTID=ma8b176ff7ce553ae5f1f645f3a8629a4>

During the May 1 meeting, John Remus, Missouri River Basin Water Management office chief, said that the test flows started April 26, and the flows were anticipated to reach the planned 18,000 cubic feet per second mark in Wolf Point on May 1.

"We needed to get some spillage to reach the peak," Remus said.

He was unsure if the 13,500 cfs amount planned for this week was going to be reached.

Joseph Bonneau, Corps of Engineers, said non-fish monitoring and water quality monitoring are also being conducted.

Information from cell-linked logging stations was shared during the conference call. During the week of April 1, there were 16 pallid sturgeon reported between the dam and Yellowstone River. The fish included three wild and 13 from the hatchery. For the week of April 15, there were nine

pallid sturgeon reported.

From April 15-28, three new fish were detected entering the lower reach of the Missouri River. There was one reproductive female fish in the Wolf Point area.

"What people are going to be watching for is what and what not these fish do," Bonneau said, adding whether the fish stay or do they get closer to the dam.

Roosevelt County resident Buzz Mattelin asked how much of the water is from the power house and how much from the spillway. He was told about 12,500 cfs from the power house and about 3,500 cfs from the spillway.

## Container Gardening Workshop Set For May 16

The MSU Richland County Extension Office will be hosting a container gardening workshop on Thursday, May 16, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office meeting room locat-

ed at 1499 N Central Ave, Sidney.

This workshop will be led by MSU Roosevelt County Extension agent Wendy Becker.

Come and learn how

to make a container garden and take one home! Please call the MSU Richland County Extension Office to sign up by May 15, 406-433-1206.

## Club Hopes To Get Students Interested

(Continued from page 1)

"If we're going to progress, we need to have these big tournaments to raise money," Saalfeld said.

Club members are also interested in getting high school students interested

in the sport.

"Right now, Williston has the largest shooting team in the U.S.," Saalfeld said. He added there's the possibility of more grant funding if students are involved.

Commissioner Duane Mitchell said the county should be able to support the club by having the piles located at the spot requested.

"I think it's a good idea. I will see what we can do to help you," Mitchell said.

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On hand for the new ownership ceremony at Quick Change Oil were (from left) Veronica Melby, Leslie Messer, Jamie Mayberry and Tami Reitz. (Submitted photo)

## Sidney's Quick Change Oil Under New Ownership Through Revolving Loan Fund

Richland Economic Development Corp (REDC) is pleased to announce that the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Committee has awarded its 20th loan for the purchase of a business in Sidney. Jamie Mayberry was approved for a loan to purchase the "Quick Change Oil" business.

Mayberry completed an application in partnership with her lead lender, Veronica Melby, Stockman Bank, Sidney, and presented this project to the RLF committee for review. The funding request was to purchase the business, building and equipment.

Jamie is a veteran who began working for Quick

Change Oil in 2022 with Frank Saalfeld. By 2023, Saalfeld stepped away from the day-to-day operations, turning the reins over to Jamie and her business partner, Tami Reitz. Over the past year, under their leadership, the business increased profits and has retained the dedicated employees.

The RLF committee is pleased to assist her in this business venture. The intent of the RLF is to offer an additional tool to support new business and business expansion projects. Melby said, "The RLF is such an amazing tool. Without assistance from the RLF, projects like this one would not be feasible."

REDC encourages existing businesses and new business startup projects to consider the RLF as a resource. The RLF loan pool of \$1,000,000 is not free money, but an investment made by the Richland County commissioners to assist in the development of business in our economy. The application and review process are achievable and done in conjunction with the area financial institutions in Richland County.

If you or someone you know is thinking of expanding or launching a new business in Richland County, contact any of the local financial institutions or REDC today for an application!

## Remember To Check Vaccination Records

By Stephanie Ler  
Richland County  
Health Department

The Richland County Health Department is encouraging families to check their vaccination records during the month of May.

Outbreaks of measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases are cropping up across the U.S. To be clear, there are no measles cases in Montana. However, now is a great time for families to ensure that they are up-to-date on recommended vaccines, including measles.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that can lead to severe health complications, like pneumonia, encephalitis and death. Infection is characterized by fever, rash, runny nose, cough and red, watery eyes. The infection is transmitted

through airborne particles, which can remain in the air for up to two hours. To see up-to-date information on measles cases in the U.S., visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>

Measles is almost entirely vaccine-preventable through receiving two doses of the MMR vaccine. This vaccine is over 97% effective, and is required for public school attendance unless a student has filed a religious or medical exemption. The vaccine is generally received at ages 1 and 4 in accordance with the ACIP vaccine schedule. The recommended vaccine schedules can be found on the Richland County website at <https://www.richland.org/immunizations.html>

If you have received

vaccines in Montana or North Dakota, your vaccine record is likely available through the health department. If you have received vaccines in another state, the health department can assist in retrieving those records.

To check your record or make an appointment for vaccines, call the Richland County Health Department at 406-433-2207. Regular clinic hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment, as well as the second Wednesday of each month until 6, and the third Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.. All times are MST. The health department is located in the Community Services Building at 1201 West Holly, Suite 1, in Sidney.

## Letter To The Editor

I will begin by stating how important it is for us to make it a priority to vote in the upcoming primary on June 4! Some local and state positions will be won in the primary. Don't miss out on this important time to make your choices count!

Republican Brandon Ler is my choice for House District 33. Brandon is a rancher, business owner and father. A former school board member and volunteer firefighter, Brandon has two Legislative sessions under his belt, and can hit the ground running in 2025. He is pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, and supports agriculture, small businesses, and natural resource development. Brandon stands solidly in his fight to protect our rights, freedom, and livelihood.

Brandon's opponent believes that making laws is only about compromising, and "fighting is for children." She hasn't committed to a stance on any issue. I hope you can see through her claim of being a Republican.

When you vote for state leadership on June 4, consider which candidate takes a stand and is willing to fight to pass laws that benefit your family, and which candidate will sway with the wind to keep the peace.

### Spring Fling

### Set For Saturday

The St. Matthew's Spring Fling will take place Saturday, May 11, from 7-11 p.m. for grades 6-8, and the dance open to all area youth.

This semi-formal dance will take place at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. The admission is \$10 per person, and boys are asked to not wear blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts and no caps or hats. The girls should not wear shorts or pants but modest dresses are encouraged.

Is your candidate willing to go to bat to pass bills that benefit you, and willing to fight to kill bad bills that will hurt your family and your business? Or do you want someone representing you who compromises away your rights and freedoms?

If you don't take a stand, you'll fall for anything. If you can't take a stand and fight for your constituents, the

Legislature is not for you. If your candidate can't take a stand on the important issues, your rights, freedoms, and livelihood are at stake. I'll be voting for Brandon Ler for HD33 on June 4.

Laurie Sazama  
Resident  
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# Fairview Piles Up Points At Home Track Meet

Fairview's boys' track team took first place and Fairview's girls placed second at the Fairview Invitational held on Wednesday, May 1.

The Warriors accounted for 97 points for top honors in the boys' division. Richardton/Taylor took second with 80 and Savage was third with 69 points.

In the girls' division, Richardton/Taylor earned first with 102 points followed by Fairview with 92 and Richey/Lambert with 77 points.

Fairview's Deacon Gackle earned first in the discus with a best of 148-4.

Both of Fairview's boys' relay teams finished first. The 400-meter relay of Curt Rice, Ryan Lustig, Troy Karst and Tyler Loan took first at 45.96 seconds. The 1600-meter team of Gackle, Lustig, Loan and Karst placed first at 3:50.39.

Tyler Loan finished second in the 100 at 12.26 and second in the 200 at 24.28. Rice took second in the 300-meter hurdles at 45.51 seconds.

Placing third were Jaxon Vitt in the long jump at 17-11 and 100 at 12.27, Karst in the 200 at 24.59,

Landen Thompson in the shot put at 40-10 and Rice in the 110-meter hurdles at 18.53 seconds.

Karst placed fourth in the 100 at 12.33 seconds. Grant Knapp finished fourth in the 1600 at 5:28.59. Also placing fourth were Brock Schlothauer at 138-11 in the javelin and Gordon Knapp by clearing 7-0 in the pole vault.

Taking fifth were Vitt by clearing 5-6 in the high jump and Gackle with a mark of 38-8 in the shot put. Placing sixth were Knapp at 2:33.26 in the 800, and the 1600-meter relay team of Rice, Knapp, Bridger Free and Schlothauer at 4:07.78.

Kallee Hopes led Fairview's girls by earning first in the 400 at 1:04.16 and first in the discus with a mark of 90-10. Hopes added a second-place showing in the shot put at 32-9.

Kambre Kloker cleared 9-6 for first place in the pole vault. She took third in the long jump at 15-11.

Carly Buxbaum was second in the 100 at 13.95 and fourth in the 200 at 28.13. Averi Riedel placed third in the 100 at 13.96 and sixth in the 200 at 28.85. Hopes took fifth in the 200



Fairview's Bridger Free takes off in the long jump during the Fairview Invitational. Free has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Williston State College.

(Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

at 28.21.

Brooklyn Anderson finished second in the 1600 at 6:23.45 and sixth in the 800

at 2:51.70. Brailey Anderson was fourth in the 1600 at 6:31.48.

Kynlee Vitt cleared 4-8



Fairview's Kallee Hopes head to a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash.

(Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

for fourth place in the high jump. Karlee Nay placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 59.32 seconds.

The 400-meter relay team featuring Riedel, Buxbaum, Vitt and Hopes took second at 52.32 seconds.



Savage's Zane Pilgeram clears a height in the high jump during the Fairview Invitational on May 1.

(Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

## Savage Places At Fairview Invitational

Savage's boys' track team accounted for 69 points to grab third place at the Fairview Invitational on May 1. Savage's girls ran to 71 points at the meet.

Zane Pilgeram led the attack for Savage's boys as he earned first place in the triple jump at 39-5, second in the long jump at 19-1 and second in the high jump at 5-10.

In the pole vault, Sayer Erickson cleared 11-0 for second place and Adden Erickson cleared 8-0 for third place. S. Erickson had a mark of 139-0 for third place in the javelin.

Cade Tombre ran the

400 in 55.98 seconds for second place. Jack DaBill took third in the 800 at 2:16.14.

The 1600-meter relay team of DaBill, S. Erickson, Tombre and Pilgeram finished third at 3:57.16.

Tombre took sixth in the shot put at 37-8.

Savage's girls didn't run their standout sprinters in individual races, but the Warriors still enjoyed success at the meet.

Brooke Reuter earned first in the long jump at 16-6 and first in the triple jump at 33-10. Mylee Reuter ran the 3200-meter in 13:32.45 for top honors.

The 400-meter relay team featuring Cambry Conradsen, Miley Pilgeram, M. Reuter and B. Reuter finished first at 52.12 seconds.

Placing in the pole vault were M. Reuter in second at 7-6, Brooke Skov in third at 7-0 and Matilda Verhasselt in fifth at 6-6. KD Lyons had a best of 30-1 for fifth place in the triple jump and a mark of 84-9 for sixth in the javelin. Miley Pilgeram took fourth in the javelin at 84-9 and sixth in the shot put at 28-1.

Karley Verhasselt earned third in the discus with a mark of 87-6. M. Verhasselt was sixth in the high jump by clearing 4-6.

## Fusion Score At Fairview Track Meet

The Richey/Lambert Fusion earned 77 points in the girls' division for third place at the Fairview Invitational on May 1. Richey/Lambert scored 12 points in the boys' division.

Jolee Klempel was a triple-winner for Richey/Lambert's girls. The freshman took first in the 200 at 27.49 seconds, first in the 100-meter hurdles at 16.98 seconds and first in the shot put at 34-0. She cleared 4-10 for third place in the high jump.

Brynne Hill, a sophomore, also enjoyed a strong meet. She placed second in the triple jump at 33-3, fourth in the long jump at 14-7, fourth in the 800 at 2:49.95 and fifth in the 400 at 1:09.74.

Kally Strohm finished third in the 200 at 28.10 seconds. Jade Boese-Robins placed fifth in the 800 at 2:49.96 and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles at 58.96 seconds. Brooke Lien took sixth in the discus with a best of 82-5.

The girls' 400-meter



Brynne Hill reaches in the long jump.

(Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

relay team consisting of Strohm, Lien, Hill and Klempel finished third at 54.01 seconds.

In the boys' division, William Head took fourth in the 400 at 59.39 seconds and Malik Boufenara was fourth in the 3200 at

13:28.53.

The boys' 400-meter relay team of Gus Klempel, Austin Lien, Head and Tanner Goosen took fifth at 50.64 seconds.

Lien placed fifth in the discus at 121-10.

## Sidney's Waters Looks To End High School Career On Strong Note

By Bill Vander Weele

Sidney High School's senior Chace Waters is looking to end his high school career with a bang.

Waters, who placed third in the discus at last year's Class A state track meet, is off to an even better start this season.

Waters earned top honors in the shot put at the Top 10 meet held in Glasgow last week. Waters was seventh in the shot put at last year's state meet.

The senior noted it's the best that he has ever done at the Top 10 competition that features the best track athletes in northeastern Montana. "I've definitely gotten better," Waters said. "I've never done very well at Top 10."

He said he's been concentrating more on the shot put so far this season, but he plans to make some changes in the discus to achieve better results in the post season.

Waters' throwing career started when he was in middle school under the guidance of his father, Ryan, and coach Roger Merritt.

His older brother, Riley, also benefitted Chace's development. "Us competing in the yard kind of helped me," Chace said. Riley's high school career included placing at state in the shot put.

When Chace was a freshman and Riley was a senior, it was definitely competition between the two. Chace was able to get the better of Riley in the discus during one memorable meet that season.

"That led to a big argument," Chace remembers. "He didn't talk to me for a week after that."

He is now looking forward to joining his



Sidney's Chace Waters looks to place at the Class A state track meet in the discus and shot put.

(Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

big brother on Dickinson State University's football team. Chace, who plays defensive tackle, earned All-State honors and was selected to play in the Shrine Game this year.

"He will support me, we will be on the same side," Chace said of playing for the Blue Hawks.

He noted that his cousins Brett Stentoft, Froid/Lake, and Jackson Simonson, Great Falls, will also play at Dickinson State.

"It's going to be fun," Waters said.

But for now, he is enjoying track season and hoping for a memorable finish.

"I'm finally getting into bigger numbers in the shot and discus. It's been a fun year," Waters said.

## District 2-C Athletes Place At Top 10 Meet

District 2-C athletes fared well by earning top four recognition in events during the Top 10 track meet held in Glasgow on April 29.

Savage's Brooke Reuter came away with first-place honors in the 100 at 12.63 and 200 at 25.59. The senior also placed second in the long jump at 17-5 and third in the triple jump at 33-8.

Plentywood's Mallory Tommerup earned first in the triple jump at 35-0 and first in the long jump at 17-9. Plentywood's Audrey Sampson cleared 5-4 in the high jump.

Savage's Cambry Conradsen placed third in the

100 at 12.81 seconds and third in the 200 at 26.42 seconds.

Culbertson's Destiny Thompson had a best of 111-10 in the javelin to earn third place.

Bainville's Elsie Wilson enjoyed a strong Top 10 meet. The junior placed fourth in the long jump at 16-8 and fourth in the triple jump at 33-5.

Bainville's Hailey Berwick finished fourth in the 400 with a time of 1:01.78.

Savage's freshman Mylee Reuter took fourth in the 800 at 2:34.88.

Savage's girls' 1600-meter relay team fea-

ting Conradsen, B. Reuter, M. Reuter and Matildi Verhasselt finished second at 4:13.76.

In the boys' division Froid/Lake's Mason Dethman finished third in the 400 with a personal best time of 52.9 seconds.

Bainville's Samuel Butikofer cleared 6-0 for fourth place in the high jump.

Plentywood's Carson Solberg took fourth in the javelin at 145-5.

Culbertson's freshman Plenny Williams just missed qualifying for the awards stand as he had a best of 137-6 in the discus for fifth place.

## Eagles, Warriors Earn Honors At Top 10

Sidney came away with three first-place showings during the Top 10 track meet held in Glasgow on April 29.

Morgan Kindopp, a junior, cleared 11-0 in the pole vault for top honors in that event.

Audree Deming, a junior, earned first in the discus with a mark of 105-7.

Chace Waters, a senior, gained top honors for Sidney's boys with a mark of 52-1 in the shot put.

Another highlight for Sidney's boys was the 400-meter relay team featuring Joseph Yadon, Aren Larson, Kevin Hutzenbiler and Jarret Averett finishing third with a time of 45.56 seconds.

Carter Heggem placed fourth in the 1600 with a personal best time of 4:41.03.

Ave' Norby also earned a spot on the awards' stand by placing fourth in the discus at 96-8. Yadon came close to earning top four recognition as he finished fifth in the 100 at 11.59 and fifth in the long jump at 19-3.

The Fairview Warriors also scored at the meet. Leading the way was Kambre Kloker by clearing 9-6 in the pole vault for second place. Fairview's girls' 400-meter relay team consisting of Averi Riedel, Carly Buxbaum, Kynlee Vitt and Kallee Hopes took second with a time of 52.17 seconds.

The girls' 1600-meter relay team of Riedel, Hopes, Vitt and Buxbaum placed fourth at 4:19.23.

Hopes, a senior, earned fourth in the shot put with a best of 35-7.

Earning third-place honors for Fairview's boys were Brock Schlothauer with a best of 145-10 in the javelin and Deacon Gackle with a mark of 143-8 in the discus.

Tyler Loan, a junior, finished fourth in the 400 at 53.17 seconds.

Both of Fairview's boys' relay teams placed fourth. The relays consisting of Curt Rice, Loan, Troy Karst and Ryan Lustig had times of 46.15 in the 400 and 3:40.0 in the 1600.



# Fort Union Association Unveils Historically Accurate Keelboat

The Fort Union Association, in partnership with the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, is thrilled to announce the acquisition of a historically-accurate, 2/3 scale keelboat named "William. H. Ashley" named after the famous frontiersmen who hastened exploration of the American West and revolutionized the fur trade by developing the rendezvous system. This significant addition to the association is a testament to our commitment to education, preservation, and immersive historical experiences.

The fur trade of the early 1800s was defined by the extensive network of rivers that served as the lifelines of commerce. Before the age of railroads, keelboats were the workhorses of transportation, enabling fur traders to navigate the vast reaches of the Upper Missouri River System. The "Wm. H. Ashley," inspired by these iconic vessels, embodies the spirit of adventure and enterprise

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"The Wm. H. Ashley" serves as a tangible link to a bygone era," remarked Jeff Colburn, president Fort Union Association. "It's not just a vessel; it's a living testament to the ingenuity, resilience, and adventurous spirit of those who traversed the waterways in pursuit of commerce and exploration."

Constructed with meticulous attention to historical detail, The "Wm. H. Ashley" pays homage to the craftsmanship and innovation of the past. From its angled keel for improved tracking to its pointed bow and stern, every aspect of the boat reflects the authenticity of its historical counterparts.

The legacy of the keelboat era ultimately gave way to the dominance of steamboats, marking the end of an era. However, through initiatives like "The Wm. H. Ashley," the Fort Union Association ensures that the stories of the past continue to inspire and educate future generations.

For more information about "The Wm. H. Ashley" and upcoming events of the Fort Union Association, please visit [www.fortuniontp.org](http://www.fortuniontp.org) or contact Megan Halvorson, executive director at [info@fortuniontp.org](mailto:info@fortuniontp.org) or call 701.572.2795.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic site is located 23 miles west of Williston, ND. No fees are required to visit the site. It is open Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Keaton Anderson, Williston, poses with his hefty paddlefish at the Confluence on May 1. This is Anderson's second paddlefish he's snagged all time. As of May 6 the total number of paddlefish caught stands at 469. The yearly quota in North Dakota is 1,000. (Photo by Jody Wells)



Gordon Knapp of the Fairview/Sidney program has been awarded as the 2024 Montana AAU Outstanding Northeast Division Wrestler. Congratulating him are (from left) Shane Gorder, Ty Graves, Guy Melby and Nick Lonski. (Photo submitted)

## Players Selected For Game

Rosters for the 40th Bob Cleverley eight-man all-star football game include players from the state champion Fairview Warriors.

Selected from Fairview were Brock Schlothauer, Jeff Tjelde, Rowan Bushnell, Gavin Serafini and Landen Thompson.

Fairview's Derek Gackle was named the head coach for the Red team. Culbertson's Carson

Solem was also picked for the game.

Other Eastern C players selected were Wibaux's Birch Obrigewitch, Plentywood's Noah Murray, Ekalaka's Ethan Frye, Scobey's Gage Hallock, Circle's Arley Idland, Circle's Donovan Gibbs, Broadus' Landen Capp, Plentywood's Phoenix Budd, Wibaux's Samuel Braden and Wibaux's Riley Lutts.

# THE RACING ROUNDUP

## Williston Basin Speedway New Season

**By Katelyn Sponheim**  
The Williston Basin Speedway is racing into a new season with a full makeover, thanks to 2100 yards of new clay and a passionate board of five directors ready to dig in with fresh ideas and hard work. Troy Girolomo, a Williston business owner for the last 15 years, is the new track president, and couldn't stay on the sidelines any longer. Owner of G-Style Transport, GST Casing, and Roughrider Disposals, Troy saw opportunities to improve the Speedway and its operations, putting his racing and Bakken business experience to work.

For several years, the infield has not been used due to drainage issues. With the earthwork that has been done this spring, it is functional once more. The winner's circle has been moved closer to the grandstands, so the crowd can celebrate wins in closer proximity to drivers. New "hotpits", where cars are repaired during the race, will fill the winner's circle's previous location. Hours of labor from the board, race community, and volunteers saw not only new construction, but the removal of old equipment, debris, and rocks from the Speedway. They are excited

to share the results of their efforts with all that come to enjoy the races! Troy will also be introducing a new feature to the Speedway shows to involve the spectators and community. He has built a two-seater modified car, and at each race, tickets will be sold, and the raffle winner will get to ride with a driver in the car. The proceeds of these sales will be split 50/50; half to the track and half to a different charity each week. Prizes will see a change as well, with large 2 ft. x 6 ft. printed checks replacing trophies. While not everyone has a trophy case, they all have a garage or shop where they work on their car and the checks are a great way to commemorate a win. Smaller decorative checks will be gifted to youths picked from the crowd to celebrate with winners as "Trophy Buddies", a tradition that will continue at the Speedway. There was a practice run on May 4 and May 11 will be their Season Opener. Every other Saturday



Dirt work being done on the track. (Facebook photo)

through September, action can be found at the Williston Basin Speedway, with a total of 11 shows. Notable races include the double header

for the Upper Missouri Valley Fair, June 28 and 29, and the Dakota Classic Modified Tour, with stock cars, July 9. To keep up with Speed-

way races and updates, you can follow their Williston Basin Speedway Facebook page, or check [www.willistonbasinspeedway.com](http://www.willistonbasinspeedway.com).

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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS JAMES REED, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-42-2024-0000037-II

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Erna O. Reed has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Douglas James Reed. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice

or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Erna O. Reed, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o Lyle R. Panasuk, Attorney at Law, PO Box 1025, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 3rd day of May, 2024.

/s/ Erna O. Reed  
Erna O. Reed  
Personal Representative  
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**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**  
The Town of Fairview hereby gives notice that all owners of real property or agents having control thereof are responsible for destroying, removing, or cutting all weeds located on such property not later than May 15 of this year and to keep such property free of weeds through November 30 of each year. Failure to remove weeds may cause the Town to remove the weeds and town shall charge the cost thereof as a tax against the real property and a penalty of \$500.00 for each time the town provides such removal. This notice is given pursuant to Section 7.06.040 of the Town Code of the Town of Fairview. Dated this 6th day of May 2024.  
NORMA F. CARLSON  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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**NEPOTISM NOTICE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the requirements of § 2-2-302, MCA, the Board of Trustees of Lambert School District No. 86&4 intends to take action on the following matter at a Board Meeting to be held on the 28th day of May, 2024 at 7 PM in the Lambert School Library. The possible employment of Jodi Carda who is related to Brent Carda by marriage for the position of paraprofessional. If you have any questions, comments or objections prior to said Board Meeting, please direct all such inquiries to: Heiderose Barth, Superintendent Lambert School District No. 86&4  
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**NOTICE OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ELECTION**  
Notice is hereby given that in Richland County, on June 4, 2024, a political subdivision election will be held for the following purpose: Federal, State, and County Primary.

Said political subdivision election will be conducted by Polling Place. The County Election Office will be open at 7:00 AM and continue to be open until 8:00 PM on election day. DATED this 9th day of April, 2024.

Stephanie Verhasselt  
Election Administrator  
Richland County

**BALLOT ISSUES:**  
The question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:  
**RICHLAND COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW**  
Vote for one:  
FOR the review of the government of Richland County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed two (2) mills (\$120,258.00), of a local government study commission consisting of three (3) members to examine the government of Richland County and submit recommendations on the government.

AGAINST the review of the government of Richland County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed two (2) mills (\$120,258.00), of a local government study commission consisting of three (3) members to examine the government of Richland County and submit recommendations on the government.

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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA G. CUNDIFF, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-42-2024-000014-FI

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives 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 FRANKLIN CUNDIFF and WILLIAM JAMES CUNDIFF, JR., 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 22 day of April, 2024, at Sidney, Montana.  
FRANKLIN CUNDIFF, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Clara G. Cundiff, deceased.  
WILLIAM JAMES CUNDIFF, JR, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Clara G. Cundiff, deceased.

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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE D. FREDRICKSON, Deceased.

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PROBATE NO. DP-42-2024-0000029-IIT

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven C. Fredrickson has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Leslie D. Fredrickson. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Steven C. Fredrickson, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o Lyle R. Panasuk, Attorney at Law, PO Box 1025, Sidney, Montana, 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 29 day of April, 2024.  
/s/Steve C. Fredrickson  
Personal Representative

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**MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAZZMAINE SMITH, a/k/a Jazzmaine Shaylynn Shasta Smith, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-42-2024-0000031-IIT

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to MERCEDES IVY, 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 24 day of April, 2024, at Sidney, Montana.

MERCEDES IVY, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jazzmaine Smith, a/k/a Jazzmaine Shaylynn Shasta Smith, Deceased.

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## Eagles' Baseball Season Ends

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney Eagle baseball team had two tough losses over the weekend, which ended their dreams of participating in the State Baseball Tournament in Missoula.

On Friday, the Eagles traveled to Helena to play the East Helena Vigilantes. They lost 10-0.

Cooper McNally led the Eagles with one hit in two at bats. The Eagles had one double play in the game.

The Eagles spent the night in Helena and traveled to Columbus on Saturday for their final game of the season. They lost to the Columbus Cougars with a score of 7-3.

Braden Harris led the team with two hits in three at bats. Blake Johnson and Ty Schepens each drove in one run for Sidney.

The Eagles had an excellent season, with a record of 10-6. This is only the second season for high school baseball in the state of Montana.

For the season, Hansen had the most at bats with 54. Heck had 53 and Schepens



Senior Braden Harris bats for the Eagles. Harris led the team in Saturday's game at Columbus with three hits in two at bats. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

had 49. Hansen also had the highest batting average at .407. Radke was second with .383 and Schepens was third with .327.

Radke had the highest on base percentage with .517. Hansen was second with .500 and McNally was third with .484.

Gradin Sukut had the

most runs batted in with 23. Hansen had the most runs scored with 21. McNally had 20 and Heck had 19.

Hansen had the most stolen bases with 17. Radke stole 11. Heck and Sukut each scored 10.

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## Eagles Place In Watford City

Sidney scored 46.5 points in the boys' division for sixth place and 11 points in the girls' division during track action in Watford City on Saturday.

Sidney's Chace Waters earned first place in the shot put with a mark of 52-9.

Ryan Unruh finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.18 seconds. Nathan Carlsen took fifth in the race at 20.08 seconds. Kade Samuelson placed fourth in the discus with a best of 119-3. Joseph Yadon earned fourth in the 100 with a time of 11.56 seconds. Yadon took fifth in the long jump at 19-9.

Moran Reid cleared 10-6 for sixth place in the pole vault. Aren Larson took seventh in the 100 at 11.71 seconds. Parker Verhassel

was seventh in the 110-meter hurdles at 20.21 and Unruh was seventh in the 300-meter hurdles at 45.59 seconds.

Myah Hughes finished fifth in the girls' 100 with a time of 13.37 seconds.

Kylie Schoepp earned sixth in the shot put with a best of 27-10.

Kinley Wieland placed seventh in the 100-meter hurdles at 19.57 seconds. Maddie Schieber took seventh in the triple jump at 29-7 and Lily Tranquill was seventh in the long jump at 15-6. Taking eighth was

Ave' Norby with a 98-9 in the discus. She was ninth in the javelin at 81-9.

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## MHSA Board Makes Changes

District 2B appears in line to be increased to seven teams for basketball, volleyball and track starting in the 2025-2026 school year.

The Montana High School Association Executive Board voted to reclassify Plentywood High School from Class C to Class B during a meeting last week. The Wildcats are tentatively assigned to District 2B for basketball, volleyball and track. Plentywood will remain in the Eastern Division for eight-player football. Plentywood will compete in Class B for cross country

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## Quit Line Celebrates 20th Anniversary, Announces New Logo, Name Change

**From Richland County Health Department**  
 Since its launch on May 14, 2004, the Montana Tobacco Quit Line has served over 115,000 Montanans and, of those, over 36,000 have successfully quit! To celebrate its 20th Anniversary, the Quit Line is getting a new logo and new name: Quit Now Montana.

Quit Now Montana is no longer a telephone-only service to help people quit smoking. It has changed with the times, and this re-brand reflects that change. Quit Now Montana still offers free quit coaching over the phone and now also offers coaching through online chat to all Montanans and text messaging for those under the age of 25, all while continuing to offer free nicotine replacement therapy (patches, gum or lozenges) and quit medications.

Just as the times have changed, so have the types of tobacco and nicotine products that are addicting new generations of Montanans. Quit Now Montana helps with quitting all forms of commercial tobacco use, including newer products like e-cigarettes and nicotine pouches.

While cigarette smoking among Montana adults has decreased from 20% in 2004 to 15% in 2022, tobacco use continues to be the leading cause of preventable death. Each year, 1,600 Montanans die from cigarette smoking. In Montana, an estimated 128,000 adults and 18,000 youth currently use tobacco. Additionally, use of tobacco products disproportionately affects vulnerable populations such as: youth, Medicaid recipients, American Indian adults, pregnant women, and those with behavioral health conditions.

Quit Now Montana provides specialized services to those more heavily burdened by commercial tobacco: My Life, My Quit for ages under 18, an incentivized Pregnancy Program, the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Quit Program, and a Behavioral Health Program. Visit [QuitNowMontana.com](http://QuitNowMontana.com) to learn more about each of these tailored services.

"There is no safe level of exposure to commercial tobacco products," says local tobacco education specialist Jacklyn Damm. "These products contain known harmful toxins which can lead to health complications and diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, cancers, and stroke. These products are also known to be incredibly addicting and quitting commercial tobacco products can be a challenge without support."

About 70% of people who smoke report wanting to quit while 50% attempt to quit each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 4% of people who try to quit on their own succeed compared to 34% of people who successfully quit by accessing coaching and quit medications through Quit Now Montana.

Help celebrate the 20th Anniversary by quitting commercial tobacco and nicotine today!

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## Individuals Place At Competition

Four members of the Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do school traveled to Billings on Saturday, April 28, to participate in the 57th annual Kanlo Fujiwara invitational tae kwon do and judo championship.

Competitions in judo, tae kwon do forms, tae kwon do sparring and board breaking were held.

Results from the Sidney participants included:

Delilah Edwards placed second in white belt sparring for the 7-8 age division.

Scarlet Odegaard took first place in sparring and fourth place in forms for white belts in the 9-10 age division.

Troy Turnbull placed second in sparring, third in forms and third in board breaking for green belts in the 8-10 age division.



Participants included (from left) Troy Turnbull, Adilyn Baxter, Delilah Edwards and Scarlet Odegaard. (Photo submitted)

Adalyn Baxter earned second in forms for black belts in the 14-15 age division.

## Fairview Senior Class Bring Narnia Back

By Katelyn Sponheim

On April 24, the senior class of Fairview High School, led by Abby Berry and Grace McPherson, recreated the story of Narnia for Mrs. Taylor's third-grade class. The Narnia story had not been acted out since these seniors were in the third grade as well, and they wanted to bring that experience back before they graduated.

Mrs. Hopes, Fairview's family and consumer science teacher, originally started the production and has recreated the Narnia story in several schools before teaching in Fairview. She chose Narnia for its depth and how it can be easily deconstructed for different grade levels and recreated. The magic of the classic Chronicles of Narnia story translates well for younger children, and the seniors and staff did a beautiful job creating the sets and costumes for different portions of the story.

The moving parts of the full-day production included a banquet, a treasure hunt, story stations in the gym, crystal creating, shield decorating, and even a battle! Yellowstone Station, Cartwright, ND, donated chicken drumsticks for the meal, and parts of the project pulled learned elements



Students (from left) Brock Schlothauer, Rowan Bushnell and Savannah Manuel took part in the presentation. (Photo by Katelyn Sponheim)

from different classes. The seniors are part of Mrs. Hopes' public speaking class so the acting out of scenes replicated those lessons. Crystal creation is learned in Freshman science lab, and the ice cream they helped create with the third grade involved physics.

The gym held several scenes from the book series; including the banquet table, the lamppost, the wardrobe and entrance to Narnia, Mr. Tumnus's home, the Beaver's hut, and the White Witches castle.

Several parents both

helped and attended, but Tanya Skov had the distinction of having both a senior and third grader involved. Ashton was part of the first class to witness Narnia, and Ella is a third grader enjoying her brother's version of the production.

When asked what their favorite part of the day was, every third grader enthusiastically said some version of "Best day ever!" or "Everything!". The seniors loved seeing their reactions and bringing some of the magic they experienced back to another third grade class.

## Watford City Announces Redevelopment Plan

The City of Watford City is undertaking a community wide redevelopment plan that looks to shape three highly visible parcels of land for the future.

These parcels of land include:

Both sides of Main Street from Park Avenue to the Children's Park and Long X Visitor Center

The east side of the 200 block on Main Street from Door 204 to Larsen Service Drug

The retired Fairgrounds, which in the survey is divided into areas 3A and 3B, separating the floodway from the flood plain.

The community is asked to take this time to

make their input heard by participating in a survey, and help form a vision that could spur developer interest and investment to these underutilized areas.

Watford City Community & Business Development director Vawnita Best said, "Our community has experienced unprecedented growth over the past 15 years, and as the needs and wants of our residents evolve, we are looking for new opportunities at development and redevelopment that can not only improve quality of life, but also help increase the residential and commercial tax base that makes our community so dynamic and vibrant."

In addition to the public's thoughts on redevelopment and current satisfaction with goods and services offered in the community, the project aims to evaluate retail and service market leakage to surrounding communities in a 150 mile radius of Watford City, and also interview property owners of the three targeted parcels to understand barriers for redevelopment. Engineering and consulting firm AE2S will be taking the lead on compiling the data and extrapolating the survey information for review by the city council. Residents are asked to fill out the survey, which can be found at [bit.ly/WCRedevelopment](http://bit.ly/WCRedevelopment), by June 30.

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# Sidney High School Students Entertain At Spring Concert

**By Bill Vander Weele**  
Sidney High School choir and band members entertained with musical selections during their spring concert on April 30. Highlighting the night was the annual presentation of honors to top students of the music departments. Award winners for choir were Maude Hammerly with the National Choral Award and Cayla Hanson with the Arion Award. Established in 1948, the Arion Award gives national recognition to junior and senior class members chosen by their schools for outstanding achievement. Xander Schlothauer received the Screamin' Eagle Pep Band award. Hayden Wiidanen was the winner of the band director's choice award. Receiving the Louie



The Sidney High School band performs during the spring concert held in the Sidney High School gym. Music directors in Sidney are Kilee Sundt for band and Cedric Halvorson for choir. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Armstrong jazz award was Daniel Stevens. Theresa Wick was the recipient of the John Philip Sousa award. The Sousa Award recognizes outstanding dedication and superior musicianship. Musical selections by the choir were "You Do Not Walk Alone," "Muuskia," "Shine Little Star" and "Hi!



Award winners included (from left) Maude Hammerly, Cayla Hanson, Xander Schlothauer, Daniel Stevens, Theresa Wick and Hayden Wiidanen. (Photo by Bil Vander Weele)

Ho! The Rattlin' Bog." Choir members included Faith Bartels, BrookLynn Brown, Audree Deming, Hailey Getchell, Jaradin Johnson, Isabella Miller, Leah Mossmayer, Lilly Reese, Kaïden Roote, Kim Sartin, MaKenna Sparks, Mya Strait, Madison Thompson, Brooke Watson, Hope Bartels, Sydney Bertrand, Raine Bones, Danica Denowh, Marie Emly, Maude Hammerly, Brynja Halvorson, Signe Halvorson, Cayla Hanson, Ashlynn Johnston, Mylie Josephson, Mercedes Lamb, Nellie Nilsen, Shannah Painter, Sophie Pust, Claire Steinbeisser, Hunter Emly, Michael Huggins, Kyle Pust, Dace Riedel, Deegan Vanover, Cameron Wheeler and Carter Wiese. The band performed "A Copland Tribute," "St. Croix Strut," "In Heaven's Air," "Rhapsody for Euphonium" and "Stevie Wonder In Concert." Band members included Maude Hammerly, Natalie Helfrich, Rebecca Ann Jorstad, Morgan Kindopp, Alyssa Batchelor, Paul Gonzalez, Emma Pust, Athena Cramer, Luca Verville, Chloe Thompson, Gabriel Enriquez, Corben Holler, AnnDee Eksteen, Rylan Johnson, Ave' Norby, Jess-



Members of the Sidney High School choir sing one of their numbers during the concert last week. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)



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