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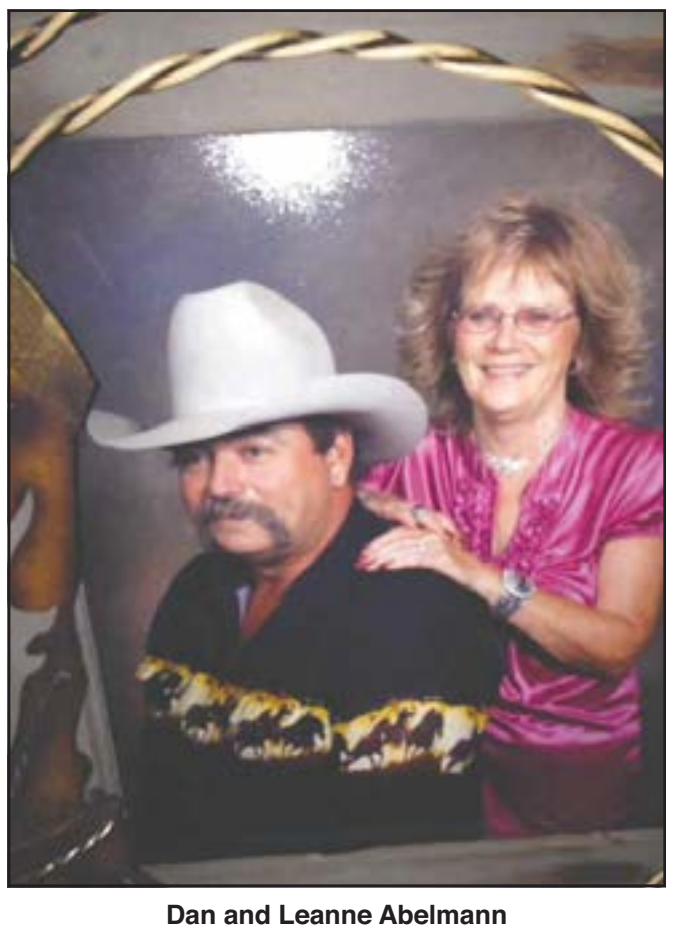
Leanne Melberg-Abelmann Benefit March 23

By Jaymi Loobey

March 23, 2018 at 6 p.m. a benefit for Leanne Melberg-Abelmann will be held at the Alexander Firehall in Alexander, ND. There will be good food, a live and silent auction as well as a full bar provided by the Highway Lounge. Leanne was diagnosed with colon cancer in January 2017 and underwent chemotherapy until August of the same year. A friend of the Abelmann's, La Shell Tjelde, has organized this upcoming event to assist Leanne and her husband, Dan, with the medical expenses that were not covered by their insurance. The Leanne Abelmann Benefit Account has also been set up at Western Cooperative Credit Union for those who just want to donate.

Leanne worked at the Cattle•ac in Sidney, MT for twenty years and now works at the Country Café in Alexander but was unemployed while receiving chemotherapy. Travel to and from Fargo for her treatments took a toll on the Abelmann's finances as well. On top of everything else, they buried their son who was murdered while Leanne was still undergoing her cancer treatments. Leanne has since been declared cancer-free but she has acquired nerve damage in her hands as a result of her chemotherapy. She says she feels pretty good but cannot work as hard as she used to. Dan is a farmer, rancher and also works at Sitting Bull Auction in Williston. He has done his best to support himself and Leanne but they are struggling financially and emotionally. When asked about LaShell's contribution, Leanne said "I was very overwhelmed when she contacted me and said she wanted to do the benefit. It was totally out of the blue."

Dan and Leanne are longtime residents of Alexander. Please come out and help support them in this extremely challenging time in their lives. Attendees can help by enjoying the food, participating in the autions or just stopping by to show their support. All will be appreciated. For more information or to make a donation, LaShell can be contacted by phone at 701-770-6317 or by email at Tjelde71@gmail.com.



Dan and Leanne Abelmann

Workshop Offers Opportunity to Reach Out and Help Others Who Struggle

By Marcia Hellandsaas
NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

Behavioral Health for Your Family and Community workshop will be held from 9 am to noon CT on Thursday, March 29 in the Commission room at the McKenzie County Courthouse in Watford City.

School counselors, law enforcement, clergy, public health professionals, teachers and others are encouraged to attend this session to learn about mental and behavioral health.

The program will be presented over the IVN network by behavioral health specialists in Fargo. Participants will learn typical behavioral health warning signs, barriers to care, care strategies for the geriatric population, substance use issues and symptoms and concerns as current substance use trends. Finally, farm/ranch stress will be addressed as well as important communication skills.

A certificate will be available for those who complete the workshop.

For more information about the workshop or IVN site in McKenzie County, please contact the NDSU Extension Service/ McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu. Pre-registration is requested by emailing Marcia Hellandsaas or calling the NDSU Extension Service/ McKenzie County prior to attending.

Yellowstone Disposal Landfill Meeting Held March 7

By Jordan Hall

On Wednesday, March 7, a meeting was held at the MonDak Heritage Center by the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) to explain the ongoing proceedings relating to the proposed Yellowstone Disposal landfill and to receive comment from the public.

A review was given regarding the rules and prerequisites need by the applicant to receive the necessary permits to take the waste. According to Rick Thompson, the Section Supervisor for Solid Waste at DEQ, they have 15 days to notify the County Health Officer. From there, DEQ must review the application within 60 days and issue a Notice of Deficiency if any discrepancies or problems are found in the application. The applicant has 90 days to respond, and then again DEQ has an additional 60 days to either approve or provide another Notice of Deficiency and the process is repeated. Then, public comment must be received for a period of 30 days, and a public meeting must be held to receive such comment. If all concerns have been addressed and issues mitigated, DEQ will issue a Decision Document and ultimately, licensing conditions. Then, they will notify the County Health Officer who will have 15 days to respond. If they do not respond or do not validate the license, the decision can be appealed to a Board of Environmental Review, which may approve or deny the license. DEQ may, however, find that the application requires further review, based on comments submitted, and require a full Environmental Impact Statement. It seems that avenue is what community members were rallying for at the meeting.

The timeline of this process, as explained, is that the application was received in June of 2015 and deemed complete in March of 2016. After the various bureaucratic hurdles, public comment was received on December 16 of last year, and after a request for additional comment, a meeting was held on the 7th with the period for further comment to end on March 16th.

To approve the application, DEQ takes several things into consideration, including design of the landfill, groundwater monitoring and other environmental controls, and review of an operation and maintenance plan.

The question and answer period of the evening was lively. One community member asked why Montana would be taking North Dakota waste and what we did to deserve it, to applause of the crowd.

Ed Thamke, Bureau Chief for the DEQ, responded, "That's a fair question and something we repeatedly saw in the comments. Most of you probably know that the state of ND went through an update in rule writing. They had a standard of 5 picocuries [a curie is a unit of measurement for the amount of radioactivity in one gram of radium; a picocurie is one trillionth of a curie]. Where that standard originated from was air quality. Five picocuries is very low. Montana standard was 30. I made an effort to work with North Dakota to get them on board, so they were commensurate. North Dakota went with 50 picocuries. North Dakota had 3 applications to modify facilities to raise operating criteria to 50 picocurie per gram. We know it's likely to go through within the next 6-12 months."

Area residents gather to provide comment to the Department of Environmental Quality. Here, Richland County Commissioner, Duane Mitchell stands to ask a question.

Meet and Greet at the VFW

The VFW in Sidney is hosting a meet and greet this Saturday, March 17 from 1-3 p.m. for members and prospective members to get together and see what the VFW and Auxiliary are all about.

Membership in the VFW is open to all veterans of foreign wars while the Auxiliary is open to men and women who are a relative of a war veteran. Coffee and cookies will be served. Check out the organizations, then stay for corned beef and cabbage starting at 4 p.m.

Lisenbee Family At The Confluence

The Lisenbee Blue Grass band will liven up the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center Sunday, March 18, 3 p.m. with its mix of country, pop and R&B classics as well as its own songs, all done in a traditional bluegrass sound. This event is free and open to the public. Free refreshments served but donations are welcome.

The band is made up of members of the Lisenbee family: parents Travis and Angie as well as their children, Katie, Beth and Konrad.

This talented family plays multiple instruments. Travis plays bass and sings, Angie plays keyboard, guitar, sings and writes some of their own music, Konrad plays banjo, Beth plays mandolin, fiddle and sings and Katie plays mandolin, fiddle and sings.

The Confluence Center is located on the Fort Buford State Historic Site, 23 miles southwest of Williston on Highway 1804. Telephone 701- 572-9034. The winter hours are Wednesday; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CT and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. CT. The Confluence Center is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Roosevelt Medical Center Set to Host: Zoe & Friends

After settling in as Roosevelt Medical Center's newest provider, Zoe Fugere, FNP, will take part in her first community awareness event where she will discuss the issue of addiction.

"We will think beyond drugs and alcohol and also consider addictions to tobacco, caffeine, sugar, technology and several others," Fugere said.

The event is taking place on March 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in Culbertson.

Fugere will discuss the many types of addictions, how you can get help and help others. She will also discuss ways to protect your children from the allure of harmful substances. A question and answer session will follow.

"People might not think of their coffee as an addiction, but 21 million Americans drinks six or more cups a day," Fugere said. "You may not think of a nightly chocolate fix as an addiction, but Americans eat an average of 77 pounds of sugar a year," she continued. "While it's perfectly fine to drink coffee and eat chocolate, it's the amount and frequency that could be a serious problem," she said. "This event will hopefully open people's eyes to signs of addictions in their own life while also giving them some techniques for addressing them," she said.

The casual event will also be fun and inspiring while offering attendees hors d'oeuvres, coffee, wine, giveaways and a raffle.

The event is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Sidney Summer Girls' Softball Registration

The softball registration for Sidney summer girls' softball is March 19-23 from 5-7 p.m., Sidney High School main entrance.

The fee for the softball registration is $45 and players need to be 7-18 years old as of January 1, 2018.

For more information or if you have questions contact Mickey Wick for ages 7-11, 489-0159 or Jozi Moore for ages 12-18, 480-5960. You can also search Sidney Summer Girls Fastpitch on Facebook.

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Richland County Baseball Signups

The signups for Richland County baseball are scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Sidney High School main hallway.

Prices for signups include Tee Ball (4-6) and Rookies (7-8), $50; Minors (9-10) and Majors (11-12), $75; Babe Ruth (13-15), $100 and Legion A (15-19), $150 + deposit. Remember to bring proof of insurance to the signups. Forms are available at Richland County Baseball and Richland County Baseball (Lyndale Park) Facebook pages!

Sign up for your volunteer positions! Coaches, sponsors, umpires, groundskeepers, concessions, advertising and many other positions need to be filled. Let's have a great summer.

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12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. – Grief Reovery Support group at First Lutheran Church in the music room, Watford City.
6 p.m. – Al-Anon Family Group Meeting,Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. – Fairview Alive and Kicking at Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. – 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Living With Hope Group, Sidney Lutheran Brethern Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney. Call 406-489-3451 to see if group is meeting.
7:30 p.m. – Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
12 p.m. – Monday Noon Group-Friday Noon Edition, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
8 p.m. – AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, 214 S. Lincoln, Ave., Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. – AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

	Sakakawea
Current Elevation	1837.6
Last Week's Elev.	1837.8
One Year Ago	1839.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 5	28	12	0.15
March 6	19	6	0.00
March 7	22	-7	0.00
March 8	18	-2	0.01
March 9	36	10	0.01
March 10	33	16	0.00
March 11	34	7	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation			0.88

Michael Licking, 54
Sidney, MT

Memorial service for Michael Licking, 54, of Sidney, MT is 3 p.m., Friday, March 16 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel with Louie Reyna officiating.

Remembrances, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Michael died on Tuesday, March 6 at the Sidney Health Center.

Long X Arts Presents Silk Painting With Eyce

Learn the art of silk painting, the application of paints or dyes directly onto silk fabric using an exciting array of watercolor techniques. The colors are brilliant, vibrant and translucent and merge on the fabric, which remains soft to touch.

The classes take place Thursday, March 15 and Thursday, March 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at McKenzie County Public Library-Sandford Room. The cost is $20 per class, which includes supplies and is open to teens and adults.

Each class will feature a different lesson, so participants are encouraged to sign up for both. Register online at www.longxarts.com/events or contact Jessie to reserve your spot at longxart@gmail.com or 701-770-8659.

Workshops for Gardeners

By Marcia Hellandsaas
NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

Would you like to control weeds without using toxic chemicals? If yes, you will want to attend the NDSU Spring Fever Garden Forums.

The Forums will be held on Monday nights beginning on March 19 and going to April 9, 2018. Besides discussing the control of weeds, the first forum will address how to start seeds indoors and how to grow black currants.

"This is a great opportunity for gardeners to learn about trends and see the latest research from NDSU," states Tom Kalb, Extension Horticulturist.

A team of experts in subsequent forums will share information on selecting trees, growing ornamental grasses, starting a Juneberry patch, fighting invasive bugs and much more.

Presentations are made at NDSU and broadcast over the internet. Gardeners can attend at one of 30 Extension offices across the state or on their home computers. There are no fees. Free samples of seeds and bulbs will be provided to persons attending at the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County.

For more information, please go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever. To register to attend The Forums at the NDSU Extension Service in McKenzie County please call 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu

Recognize a Physician on National Doctors' Day – March 30th

Doctors spend their lives helping and healing others, and in 1990, Congress passed and President George H. Bush signed a bill into law proclaiming March 30th as National Doctors' Day. Celebration of this day has grown from simply expressing our gratitude to our physicians to using this day as an opportunity to share some positive messages for the medical profession.

As part of National Doctors' Day, the Foundation for Community Care invites you to recognize a special physician who cared for you or a loved one. Let your physician know how much they are appreciated - your words and support are the most powerful source of gratitude.

In addition to the over 20 highly skilled physicians who are affiliated with Sidney Health Center, the Foundation is proud to support doctors who ensure quality care for all of Richland County, from dentists to optometrists.

Please send your message of appreciation to the Foundation for Community Care at gheckey@foundationforcommunitycare.org, or call the Foundation at (406) 488-2273.

Community members may also make a contribution in honor of a physician at https://foundationforcommunitycare.org. Not only will the gift affirm the commitment of an exceptional doctor, it will also support the critical programs and lifesaving care provided every day at Sidney Health Center and across eastern Montana.

Montana Pulse Crop Committee Meeting March 20

The Montana Pulse Crop Committee will meet at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 20th in Great Falls at the Hampton Inn (2301 14th Street SW.). The agenda for the meeting can be found here: http://agr.mt.gov/Portals/168/Documents/GrantsandLoans/PulseDevProgram/Pulse%20Advisory%20Committee%20Meetings/20180320_PulseCommAgnd.pdf

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Sidney High School Graduate Mark LaPan Earns Dean's Award for Academic Excellence at Colgate University

Mark LaPan, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2019, has earned the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. LaPan is a graduate of Sidney High School, from Sidney, MT (59270). LaPan's current major is geology.

Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.3 or higher while completing at least three courses earn the fall 2017 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

Colgate University is a highly selective residential liberal arts institution distinguished by its commitment to global engagement, student-faculty research, off-campus study, sustainable practices, and utilizing technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience.

Colgate offers 55 majors to a diverse student body of approximately 2,900 undergraduate students, and supports 25 Division I athletic teams. Since 1819, the university's campus in rural central New York has been renowned for its beauty and for the important role it plays in the student experience.

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., March 14

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Youth Art Show** - Features art work from 7th-12th grade students from area schools. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through March 31. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

3:30-4 p.m. - **Manga Club** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

4-5 p.m. - **Teen Craft** - Harry Potter. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

6-8 p.m. - **Sip N' Paint Night** - Taught by Penny Filler. Ranger Lounge, Sidney, MT. Proceeds go towards Boys and Girls Club backpack food program. Get tickets early visit galleryonthego.com. For more information call Kat Egly, 406-433-6763 or k.egly@richlandbgc.org.

Thurs., March 15

5:30-7 p.m. - **Richland County Baseball Signups** - Tee Ball (4-6) & Rookies (7-8) $50; Minors (9-10) and Majors (11-12) $75; Babe Ruth (13-15) $100; Legion A (15-19) $150 +deposit. Forms available at Richland County Baseball and Richland County Baseball (Lyndale Park) facebook pages. Sidney High School Main Hallway. Remember to bring proof of insurance. Volunteers also needed.

6-9 p.m. - **Candle Carving Class** - $25 MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or e-mail, mdhc@richland.org.

Fri., March 16

10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - St. Patrick's Day. Ages 2-5, finger plays, stories (bears) and crafts. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

5-7 p.m. - **Knights Of Columbus Fish Fry** - $9/per person. Ned Shinnick Hall-St. Matthews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. This event also occurs March 23.

Sat., March 17

1-3 p.m. - **VFW Meet And Greet** - Members and prospective members can get together and see what the VFW and Auxiliary are all about. VFW membership is open to all veterans of foreign wars and the Auxiliary is open to men and women who are related to war veterns. Coffee and cookies will be served and corned beef and cabbage will start at 4 p.m. VFW, Sidney, MT.

Sun., March 18

4-7 p.m. - **First Congregational Church of Savage Pancake Supper** - Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice. Free will offering at the door. Savage Community Hall, Savage, MT.

Mon., March 19

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. - **Tales For Tots** - Come join us for early childhood games, book and crafts. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Summer Girls Softball Registration** - Players need to be 7-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2018. $45. This event continues through March 23. Sidney High School Main Entrance. For more information contact Mickey Wick for ages 7-11, 489-0159 or Jozi Moore for ages 12-18, 480-5960.

7-8 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - If a resident has a matter to discuss with City Council, contact City Hall to be put on the agenda. Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.

Tues., March 20

12 p.m. and 3 p.m. - **Glass Fusion Glass Bracelet Class** - $25 MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or mdhc@richland.org.

7-9 p.m. - **Lowell Jaeger Poetry Reading & Discussion** - Free event. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500.

Thurs., March 22

7-9 p.m. - **Lauren Sheehan Concert** - Lauren plays banjo and guitar and sings blues, ballads silly songs and more. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tickets at the door: $15/adults; $13/seniors; $10/students.

Sat., March 24

12 p.m. - **Sidney Gymnastics Club Chili Feed & Bingo Building Fundraiser** - 12-1, free will donation chili feed. Bingo starts at 1 p.m. and ends when last ham is won. Door prizes, $10/bingo card. Drinks and popcorn available for purchase. Central School Gym, Sidney.

Sun., March 25

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Indoor Fun Fly And Static Air Show** - Free to the public, come and watch the fun. The Static Show will include aircraft of all sizes and makes. No entry fee for models to be in the show, no limit on the class. Open flying for AMA member pilots and contests to test the skill of pilots. $15/AMA members pilot fee; $5/lunch; $1 each/drinks. Sidney Richland Airport.

Roosevelt County

Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., March 16

5-7 p.m. **- Knights Of Columbus Friday Fish Fry -** St Anthony's Catholic Church of Culbertson, Church Hall. $12/plate; $35/family rate. Raffle and take out available. This event also occurs March 23.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., March 15

5:30-7 p.m. - **Silk Painting Class** - The application of paints or dyes directly onto silk fabric using an exciting array of watercolor techniques. McKenzie County Public Library-Stanford Room, Watford City, ND. There will be a second class on March 29. $20 per class. Open to teens and adults. Each class will feature a different lesson. Register online at www.longxarts.com/events.

Fri., March 16

6 p.m. - **Ragged Butted Roughrider's Annual Steak Fry Fundraiser** - $15/plate. Marinated steak, baked potato, salad, corn, dessert. Alexander Public School, Alexander, ND.

Fri., March 23

6 p.m. - **Leanne Melberg-Abelmann Benefit** - Free will offering slushburger feed, bake sale, live and silent auction, full bar. Funds raised will go toward medical expenses. Firehall, Alexander, ND. For more information contact LaShell Tjelde, 701-770-6317, Tjelde71@gmail.com. Donations can be made at Western Cooperative Credit Union payable to Leanne Abelmann benefit account.

Williams County

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., March 15

7 p.m. - **Fort Buford History Book Club** - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "Bold Women in Montana History," by Beth Judy. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri., March 16

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting** - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch and unfinished projects. This event continues on March 17. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Sun., March 18

3 p.m. - **The Lisenbee Family Concert** - Free admission. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Tues., March 20

Little Sprout Egg Hunt - An egg hunt for ages preschool and younger! Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau, 212 Airport Road, Williston, ND.

Sat., March 24

1 p.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** - For kids up to age ten, early arrivals encouraged, door prizes require pre-hunt registration. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Tues., March 20

3:30-6 p.m. - **Baby Bistro** - Free to all parents of babies, newborns to one year old. Glendive Medical Center Acute Care waiting room, 202 Prospect Dr, Glendive, MT. For more information call Carol Condon, 406-345-8996.

Wed., March 21

12-1 p.m. - **Lunch 'n' Learn** - Join Elizabeth Kaiser as she discusses her simple and easy methods of cooking with a pressure cooker. Tea and coffee provided bring your own lunch. Glendive Public Library Community Room, Glendive, MT. For more information visit http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr.

Guest Opinion

Krautter Calls For Legislation To Protect Richland County And Montana From Becoming A Dumping Ground For Other States' Radioactive Waste

Submitted by Joel Krautter

On Wednesday night, March 7, I attended the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) meeting regarding the Yellowstone Disposal landfill, being proposed 4 miles southeast of Sidney and in close proximity to many family residences.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting I outlined my opposition to the project, in its proposed state, due to the many unanswered questions, the potential for harm it poses to our area and its location in relation to family residences. I said I didn't want Richland County to become a dumping ground for North Dakota waste.

In the past few days I've spoken with Mayor Rick Norby and other concerned citizens about the issue. The general consensus from these talks is that we may see even more permits for landfills like this one to take North Dakota waste, unless there is legislation to protect Richland County and eastern Montana from becoming a dumping ground for oilfield waste that other states don't want.

Based on the comments I've heard from concerned area citizens, if elected to the Montana House of Representatives on June 5th, I will look at legislation that will try to protect our area from becoming a dumping ground. I also understand the DEQ is in the process of developing rules for landfills and I will keep the pressure on them to get that done.

The most disturbing comment I heard at the DEQ meeting was that all of the DEQ inspectors of landfills like this are based in Helena and that a landfill like this would only be checked twice a year. If DEQ is seriously going to consider approving this permit (which I think would be a dangerous mistake), I think the issues of the long distance from inspectors and infrequent inspections needs to be specifically addressed, preferably with local oversight, to ensure compliance.

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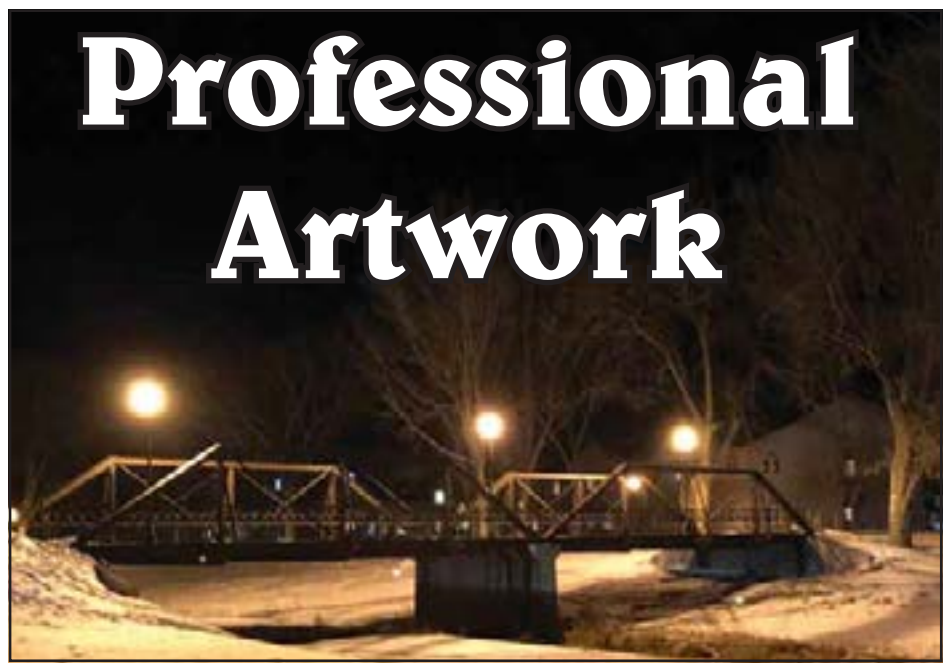

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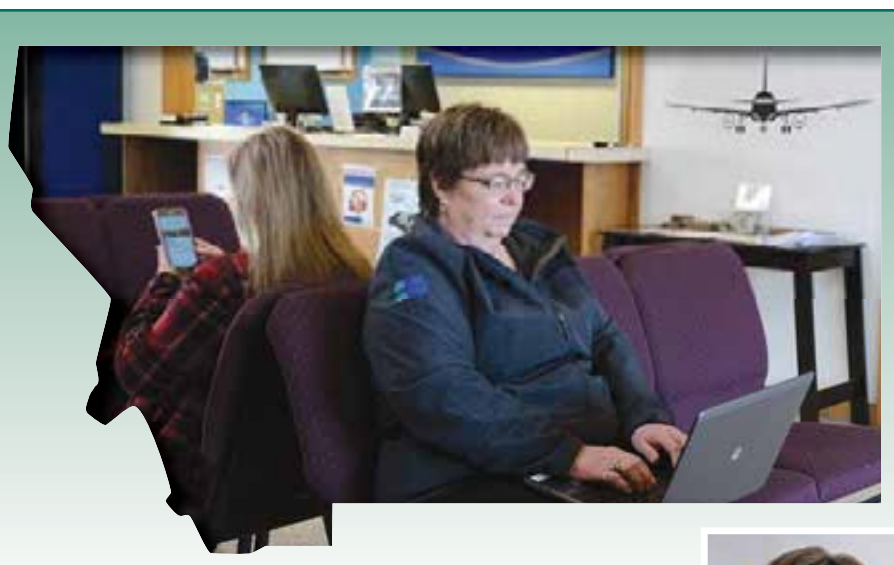

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Moose on the Loose

By Lois Stephens

We do have a few moose here in the Virginia City area. We don't have herds of these largest members of the deer family, like we do elk or deer, but these majestic creatures do roam the countryside. My friends in Alder see them frequently throughout the winter, as these herbivores enjoy browsing through the willows along the creek. Both my friends enjoy watching these animals and they have a few pictures of their moose neighbors munching contentedly on branches and twigs just outside the front door.

Two seasons ago, a young moose routinely romped through Virginia City and spent a lot of time by the pond. This fall a cow moose and her calf helped themselves to the salt block a local man had set out in his pasture just outside of town for his horses.

This winter I had the good fortune to spot a cow moose on three separate occasions as I hiked up Cornucopia Road. The first time I met this elegant creature, I rounded a curve and there she stood in the middle of the road. I am not sure who startled whom more, but after both of us had leaped several feet in the air, we warily eyed the other carefully. The four-legged animal decided the two-legged human looked old and harmless, so the four-legged animal strolled nonchalantly away into the trees and began munching on pine branches, ignoring me completely.

I saw this same animal about a month later. She stood on a hillside surveying her domain and barely gave me a second glance. Then right before Christmas I spotted her again, this time standing at the very top of Cornucopia. She stared at me awhile, then turned and sauntered away. Even my hysterically barking dog failed to distress her in the slightest. I suppose she figured she weighed ten times more than both me and my dog combined, she obviously could run a lot faster than either of us, she could beat us hands down in a wrestling match, so she had no worries about two such puny creatures trespassing on her territory.

I had no moose sightings for a good month. Then last week my husband looked out the shop window in the middle of the day to see a huge bull moose loitering by our clothesline. This fellow stood tall, wore a monster set of full paddles on his head and sported a beard at least a foot and a half long. Stunned and awed, my husband reached for his camera. He crept to the back of the shop, exited the door, took aim, and depressed the shutter. Nothing happened. Chagrined, he realized the batteries in the camera had died. He hastened back to the shop to rectify this situation, working as quickly and quietly as he could. While he fumbled with the camera, our dog Ruby suddenly realized we had a trespasser. She tore out of the shop at a dead run and took off after this huge intruder in her yard. Instead of trampling her carelessly underfoot, the moose took off on a dead run and vacated the premises.

My husband figured we'd never see hide nor hair of the big guy again. I was crestfallen that I had missed this opportunity to see one of our neighborhood creatures. I agreed with him that the moose would not be back any time soon.

Fortunately, we were both wrong. That night I got up about midnight to toss a few more logs in the wood stove. We have a motion sensor light on the side of the shop, and the light suddenly flared on. I peeked out the window but at first didn't see anything. I thought I saw some movement on the ground, so I focused downwards, looking for a fox or rabbit. I saw nothing, but I sensed that something stood outside by the shop. I let my eyes travel upwards from the ground, and there stood that enormous bull moose. He stood perfectly motionless. The light from the sensor illuminated his antlers, head, and ears, and the ridge of his back. The remainder of the animal blended into the blackness of the shop behind him. He stood so still and quiet that I could have convinced myself I was dreaming, but of course I was not.

I hissed for my husband to come look. Rod scrambled out of bed and peered out the kitchen window. After exclaiming in pleasure that the big fellow had paid us a return visit, he asked, "Where is your camera?"

Of course, I keep it in my little office building, so I did not have it at hand. My husband's camera sat in the shop. We have good cameras that will take pictures in all sorts of lighting, but where are they when we want them? Neither of us have cameras in our phones that take any picture worth having. So, two times a sighting, and two times no decent camera anywhere within reach.

About that time, the sensor light flicked off. We could still see the faint silhouette of our visitor as he remained still, deciding on his next course of action. I almost felt as though I stared at a spirit animal who stood waiting outside my window until he was certain that I noticed him.

The moose moved. The light flicked on again as we watched the animal head around the side of the shop and disappear into the dark of the night.

We haven't seen him since. I keep watching and hoping, but our elusive neighbor has yet to make a reappearance.

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Stevenson Chosen For Out West Art Show Quick Finish

Local artist Trish Stevenson will be at the Friday Quick Finish. (Photo submitted)

For nearly 50 years, art enthusiasts and artists have been gathering in Great Falls, MT in March to commemorate the birthday of one of the West's favorite artists—Charles M. Russell. Thousands journey annually to see the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn transformed into the largest gathering of nationally renowned artists on the planet.

The show opens Wednesday, March 14, 2018 with a Gala Reception at 6 p.m., followed by the launch of their newest event, the 14" Squared Art Auction. Preview the juried auction pieces in the Russell Room of the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn. The auction features 2D & 3D small works that are smaller than 14". This juried show offers the work of 50 artists. Buyers can view auction pieces on the website and may purchase the art with the "Buy it Now" option. The show has works available for every budget.

Art enthusiasts have always been interested is being part of the process and seeing "Art" being created before them. The public has a front row seat to see what captures the artists' eye and imagination. Some artists work directly from models, while other artists spend hours bringing their pieces to a finished state. The excitement builds as the artists complete the works. The convention area then erupts with the presentation of the freshly created art followed by the launch of the 14 Squared Auction.

All events are Free-of-Charge and art aficionados can visit the 110 Exhibit rooms featuring the works of over 140 artists as well as 10 galleries. This gathering of nationally renowned artists propels the Out West Art Show to the center of the art universe.

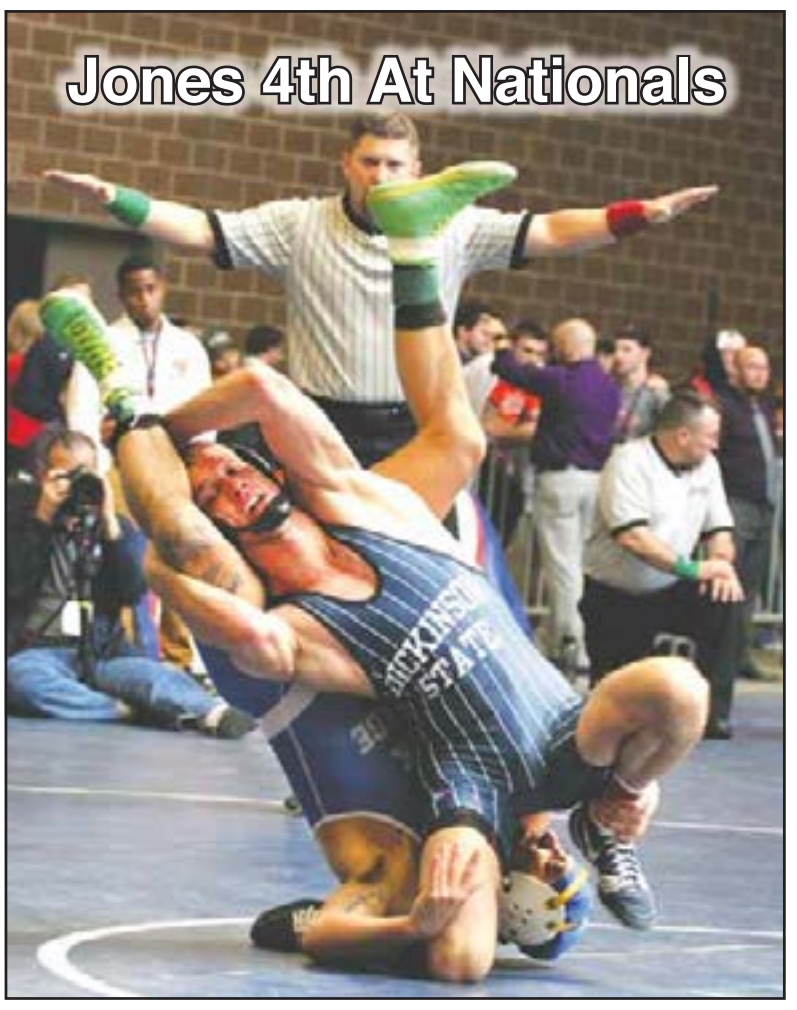
Thursday events include the Young Masters Program. Young artists from Great Falls and surrounding areas travel from nearly 115 miles to attend art classes from master artists. This year students will attend classes taught by: Rob Akey, Christy Daniels, D. G. House, Meagan Abra Blessing, and R. Tom Gilleon. Students participate in an annual competition and compete for cash awards and scholarships.

Friday Quick Finish artists include: Sherry Gallagher, Bonnie Griffin, Cheryl King, Kat Houseman. Anita Ronning, Tom Dean, Michele Kapor, Trish Stevenson, Greg Scheibel, Colt Idol, Cliff Rossberg, Daniel Parker, Mary Ann Cherry, Kwani Povi Winder, Steve Lillegard, Paul Dykman, Douglas Wodark, Maggi Neal, Chip Jones, and Julie Nighswonger.

Saturday Quick Finish artists include: Jack Muir, Cory James McLauglin, Pat Branting, Karen Boylan, Shalese Sands, Gary Huber, Bob Kercher, D. G. House, Diane Whitehead, Michele Usibelli, Bruce Pierce, Jerry Inman, Elizabeth Robbins, Shirle Wempner, Robert Krogle, Brooke Wetzel, Meagan Abra Blessing, Jake Gaedke, Joe Netherwood, and Kyle Paliotto. Make plans to attend the Out West Art Show & Sale, March 14-17, 2018 at the Best Western Heritage Inn in Great Falls, MT. Watch live demonstrations, Native American Dance, music and entertainment, and make personal connections with over 140 renown artists. All events take place at the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn.

The Out West Art Foundation, Inc is a Non-Profit 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to encourage, promote, and preserve excellence in representational fine art and its artists of the North American West through exhibitions, advertising, and education. The foundation continues to encourage artistic advancement and public education by presenting the finest artists in annual exhibitions, and by supporting educational programs through workshops, scholarships, and other public media.

For more information, visit our website at www.outwestartshow.com or contact Patrick Sullivan, (Show Manager), or send inquiries to: Out West Art Show & Sale, PO Box 6241, Great Falls, MT 59406-624. Call 406-564-8669 or send emails to: patrick@outwestartshow.com or outwestartshow@gmail.com.



Sidney High School graduate Gresh Jones received All American honors placing 4th at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. Jones also won an award for NAIA Champions of Character for demonstrating the quality character traits, as an athlete, that are identified by the NAIA. (Photo by Kari Jones)

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The MonDak Heritage Center Announces the Encounters Exhibit by Nancy Erickson

The MonDak Heritage Center announces the Encounters exhibit by artist Nancy Erickson, on display from March 13 to May 5 at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, MT 59270. Nancy Erickson is a nationally recognized fiber artist. Her artwork recognizes the individual dignity of wild creatures, often juxtaposing them with people or human environments. Since the 1960s, she has created remarkable fabric constructions, quilts, paintings, and drawings and is renowned for her pioneering organic free-floating quilted paintings. Encounters features Erickson's large-scale, free-form textile compositions, inspired by the cave art found at Chauvet Pont d'Arc and Lascaux. Erickson was raised on a cattle ranch in Livingston, Montana. She holds a BA in Zoology and an MS in Nutrition from the University of Iowa, and an MA and MFA from the University of Montana. Her work resides in numerous public and private collections and has been featured in over 500 exhibitions nationally, most recently in a fiber work invitational in Raleigh, North Carolina, the Museum of Art & Design in New York, and in 2013 at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture in Missoula. Sponsored by the Montana Art Gallery Director's Association. The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10-4 and Saturday from 1-4. Admission is FREE. For more information call (406) 433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit mondakheritagecenter.org.

Groundwater Awareness Week Pledge to Test Campaign

Submitted by Heather Luinstra, RS, Richland County Health Department

National Groundwater Awareness Week is an annual, weeklong observance established by the National Ground Water Association to highlight the responsible development, management, and use of water. Established in 1999, National Groundwater Awareness Week provides an opportunity for people to learn about the importance of groundwater and how the resource saves lives.

This year's theme of "Test. Tend. Treat." was established to encourage a more holistic approach to sustain an adequate supply of quality water. Just as you check your furnace or smoke detector batteries seasonally, spring is a good season to have an annual water well checkup and sample your well water quality before the peak water use season begins, according to the National Ground Water Association (NGWA). For example, testing your water might prompt well inspection and maintenance, and water treatment can mitigate naturally occurring contamination revealed by the test.

As part of the "Test. Tend. Treat." theme, the Richland County Health Department and the Private Well Class are encouraging folks to test their well water through the Pledge to Test Campaign. Well owners are invited to pledge to submit a water sample for testing to a lab in their area by March 31, 2018. One Pledge to Test Campaign participant will be randomly selected to be reimbursed for the cost of testing the private well water at their residence, up to $200. The pledge form can be found at http://privatewellclass.org/pledge.

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County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

Tree Trimming Time is Now

As much of North Dakota just received some much needed moisture in the form of snow, most of us are not thinking much about spring landscaping and maintenance. Every year I receive calls in May or June asking when they should trim their trees and shrubs. Well for most woody plants, that time of year isn't suggested. March is a great time to trim deciduous and coniferous species as they are still dormant, which will minimize sap flow. Do note that if you are going to trim maple or birches, they have a heavy sap flow, so those could be trimmed after full leafing out.

Most shrubs will only bloom on last years growth; lilacs and spirea for example, those should be rimmed after they are done blooming. Trimming most shrubs too early can remove the buds and chances for flowers. Of course, if a branch is having a safety concern for yourself or others, you can ignore the seasonal recommendations and trim those when needed.

Whether you are pruning to keep shape, remove diseases or to keep out of the way of electrical poles, all woody plant species will need a trim throughout their lifetime. If you are removing a branch because of a diseases, example black knot, remove 10 inches below the seen symptom or canker. When trimming out diseases it is important to disinfect your trimmer between trimming each branch. If you don't disinfect with a bleach solution, you might just be spreading the disease to other branches or trees. Simply using warm water and 10-20% bleach will be sufficient.

When you are trimming for maintenance, doing so yearly will keep the canopy open and help prevent diseases. Pruning yearly for fruit trees is suggested as it will increase air circulation and sunlight which can help give you a higher yielding crop. For more information, please call the extension office to receive a copy of the NDSU Extension Service publication Basic Guidelines for Pruning Trees and Shrubs.

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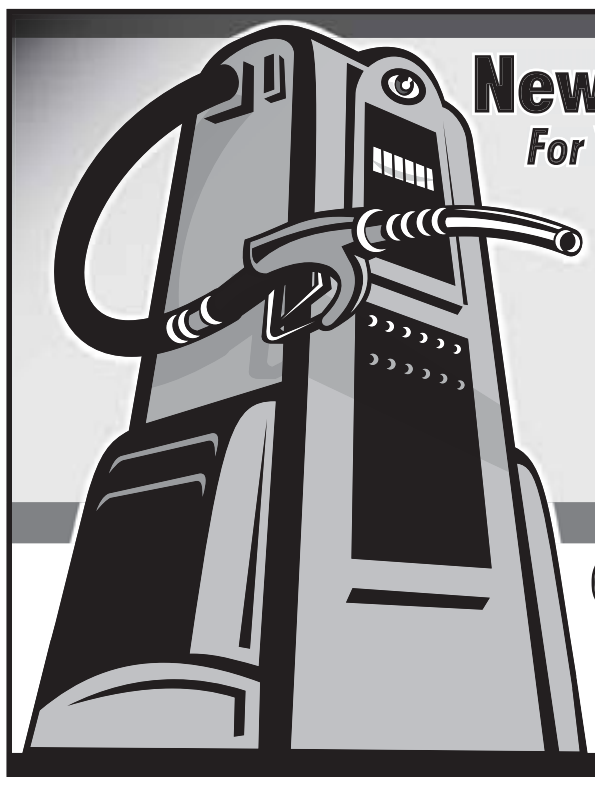

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The open house will be held in Poplar on Tuesday, March 20, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Poplar Cultural Center. Project team members will be available during the meeting to discuss the proposed improvements.

The purpose of the open house is to inform interested parties about the roundabout and intersection improvements and to answer individual questions from the public.

The Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public meeting. If you require an accommodation, contact Jan Nesset at (406) 556-4707 to advise us of the nature of the needed accommodation.

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Guest Opinion

First Impressions Of Appellate Argument In Irrigation Project Case

By Tom Halvorson

The U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals heard the appeal from the federal district court's preliminary injunction against improvements to the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project on March 5, 2018 in Portland, Oregon. Video of the arguments is posted on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjFrJO_ei2A.

Here are some first impressions of how the arguments went. Whenever I get the chance to go back through the video again, I might have some changed or additional impressions.

A. All three judges knew the file. That is good

B. Just like when I argued in the 9th circuit, questions from the court to the attorneys began immediately and questioning remained vigorous throughout the arguments. That is good. The questions give notice of where you need to make your case, and give you a chance to do it. In appellate arguments, a quiet court is not a friendly court.

C. The most challenging questions to the government and the districts were answered well by their attorneys, except only on one question the second time the government's attorney spoke. It is pretty common for all attorneys to have at least one bad exchange in these kinds of arguments, so this is not a criticism of the attorney, nor does it signal defeat for our position. On the whole, we can be proud of the attorneys for our side.

D. The questions to the plaintiffs' attorney were excellent, and showed the value of the strategic stance the government and the districts took, which is to seek to improve conditions for the fish. That way there is no clash over the value of the fish. Any environmentalist sentiments of the court can as easily be satisfied by reversing the injunction as by affirming it.

E. The court seems to be on to the fact that a harbored, non-acknowledged objective of the plaintiffs is to simply get rid of the irrigation project.

F. One judge made the connection between cost of pumping and whether pumping is "practicable." Then another judge chimed in and signaled serious doubt about the district court's reasoning on that point. After some back and forth with the plaintiff's attorney, finally the second judge said, at 27:25 or so in the video, "I understand your argument," with inflection, posture, and gestures that indicated, "And I don't agree with it, you did not make the sale." This was a good sign for us.

G. At about 29:10 in the video, plaintiffs' counsel calls the existing weir a dam, and then the court starts referring to it sometimes as a dam, which makes me wonder further about the possible impact of 33 Stat. 1045, which specifically authorizes dams on the Yellowstone River for the irrigation project.

H. I don't think the court properly appreciated the "purposes of the project" element in the definition of what is and is not practicable. One of the judges kept talking over the top of the attorney's attempt to speak about that. It was element 3 or 4 in the attorney's explanation of what "practicable" means, and the judge seemed to get impatient after the first couple elements and interrupt just when the attorney tried to talk about purposes of the project. Hopefully this by itself will not defeat our position.

I. The attorneys for the government and the districts did a good job of making a key point about the plaintiffs' opposition to an improvement for the fish just because, in their view, it is not perfect or something else would be better. My impression is that all three judges caught that point. Time will tell, but this, combined with the point of the government's attorney that the district court failed to give the proper and legal deference to the agency on a matter within its expertise, could turn out to be the most important part of the argument.

On the whole, I was encouraged by the way the arguments went and I want to be optimistic, but it often happens that the decision an appellate court makes is contrary to the way the argument seemed to go, so there no telling for sure what will happen.

Montana State AAU Folkstyle Tournament Results For Sidney Wrestling Club

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GIRLS NOVICE 85 - 1st Place - Amaiya Kirn

SCHOOLBOY 85 - 3rd Place - Zander Dean

SCHOOLBOY 110 - 4th Place - Grady Nelson

SCHOOLBOY 130 - 2nd Place - Zander Burnison

SCHOOLBOY 160 - 3rd Place - Caleb Kleinke

CADET 106 - 4th Place - Kaiden Cline

CADET 126 - 1st Place - Aden Graves

CADET 132 - 1st Place - Kade Graves

CADET 138 - 2nd Place - Kolton Reid

CADET 145 - 3rd Place - Dylan Lutz

CADET 160 - 5th Place - Easton Hopes

CADET 160 - 3rd Place - Riley Waters

CADET 182 - 3rd Place - Brodey Skogen

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ELITE 152 - 2nd Place - Jace Winter

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Thurs., March 15: Baked potato bar, applesauce.
Fri., March 16: Chicken patty, fries.
Mon., March 19: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes.
Tues., March 20: Italian bake, green beans.
Wed., March 21: Tacos, refried beans.

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Thurs., March 15: Lasagna, green beans, peaches, garlic bread.
Fri., March 16: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, applesauce, dessert.
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Wed., March 21: Chicken strips, smileys, fruit.

Lambert School

Thurs., March 15: Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, buns, green beans, fruit.
Fri., March 16: Soup, sandwiches, carrots, celery, fruit.
Mon., March 19: Hot ham and cheese, chips, fruit, cookie.
Tues., March 20: Slushburger, corn, chips, fruit.
Wed., March 21: Finger steaks, fries, fruit.

Fairview School

Thurs., March 15: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, dessert.
Fri., March 16: No school.
Mon., March 19: Chicken burgers, chips, peas, fruit.
Tues., March 20: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, green beans, fruit.
Wed., March 21: Chicken cordon bleu casserole, corn, fruit, bun.

Watford City School

Thurs., March 15: Baked potato with toppings, steamed broccoli, peaches, St. Patrick's day dessert.
Fri., March 16: No school.
Mon., March 19: Crispitos with sour cream and salsa, tater rounds, mandarin oranges.
Tues., March 20: BBQ chicken breast, pasta salad, baked beans, oranges wedges.
Wed., March 21: Beef stroganoff with buttered noodles, roll, mixed veggies, applesauce.

Alexander School

Thurs., March 15: Chicken drumstick, cheesy broccoli rice.
Fri., March 16: Baked cod or chicken breast, baby bakers, cabbage, bun.
Mon., March 19: Mini corn dog, chips, cheese.
Tues., March 20: Chicken tetrazzini, green beans, garlic toast.
Wed., March 21: Sweet and sour or teriyaki chicken, fried rice.

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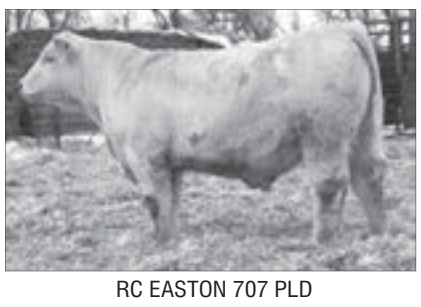
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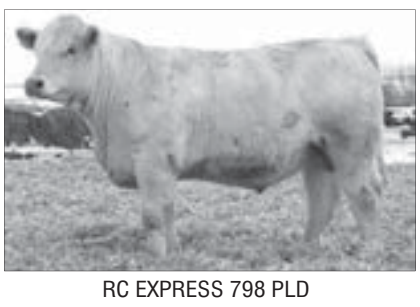
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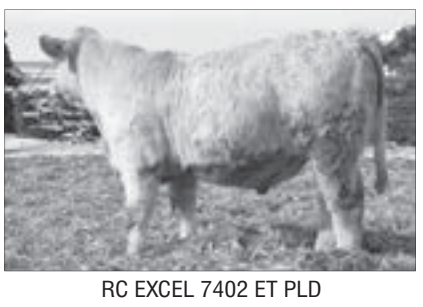
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Burgum Appoints 12 Members to Reconvened Rural Development Council

By ND Commerce Department

Gov. Doug Burgum has appointed 12 members to the North Dakota Rural Development Council, which he reconvened in December to support the development of rural communities across the state through collaboration between government and the nonprofit and private sectors.

The appointed members are:

- Daniel Stenberg of Watford City, McKenzie County economic development coordinator
- Shawn Wenko of Williston, director of the Williston Economic Development Corp.
- Megan Laudenschlager of Minot, executive director of Strengthen ND
- Joyce "Jt" ShiningOne Side of Dunseith, an educator at Dunseith Public School
- Dawn Keeley of Grafton, executive director of the Red River Regional Council
- Janne Myrdal of Edinburg, a farmer and state senator
- Lindsey Lipp of Casselton, associate scientist in process and product design at Aldevron
- Luke Anderson of Forman, a farmer with Anderson Seed Farms Inc.
- Gwendolyn Crawford of Kathryn, Lisbon auditor and economic development director
- Jay Doan of McKenzie, a rancher with Black Leg Ranch
- Antoinette Heier of Hazen, executive director of the Hazen Chamber of Commerce
- Teran Doerr of Bowman, executive director of the Bowman County Development Corp.

The North Dakota Rural Development Council is North Dakota's chapter of the National Rural Development Partnership Program, uniting the state's private and nonprofit sectors with state, federal, local and tribal governments to strengthen rural America. The Council last met in 2014.

The Council is charged with facilitating collaboration among governments and the private and nonprofit sectors in the planning and implementation of programs and policies that have an impact on rural areas of the state. Members also monitor, report and comment on policies and programs aimed at addressing the needs of rural areas of North Dakota.

The North Dakota Department of Commerce is required to have a rural development office and a women's business development office. Commerce currently contracts with the nonprofit Center for Technology and Business to facilitate those two functions. The state Commerce Commissioner administers the rural development office and serves as an ex-officio member of the NDRDC.

Did you know that 30% of Richland County's teens who reported drinking, have ridden in a vehicle with a driver that was under the influence of alcohol at least once in the last 30 days*. *2016 Montana Prevention Needs Assessment Survey

Don't forget to talk with your kids about the risks of under age drinking before the St. Patrick's Day celebrations begin.

Brought to you by: Richland County Partnership for Promise, Fairview Police Department, Richland County Law Enforcement Center, & local community members.

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Here Are Some Helpful Tips From The IRS:

- Don't count on receiving a refund by a certain date. Some refunds are required to be held until after Feb 27, 2018.
- Track your refund on IRS.gov or the IRS mobile app, IRS2Go.
- If self-preparing your taxes and filing electronically, you must sign and validate your return by entering your prior-year Adjusted Gross Income or your prior-year self-select PIN. **Using an electronic filing PIN is no longer an option.**
- All IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) are now by appointment only. Don't wait until it's too late to ask questions! However, Most questions can be resolved on the IRS.gov website without visiting a TAC.
- There are tools, filing options and other services and resources available on www.IRS.gov.

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