



Christmas Kicks Off This Friday, November 23rd

will kick off Friday, November 23rd, courtesy of the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Scheduled events include kid's face painting, petting zoo, soup contest, shopping opportunities, visits with Santa, live entertainment and the evening's parade of lights. There will be all kinds of food vendors on the sidewalk from 4-7 pm offering treats including mini-donuts, kettle corn, and burritos. The day's special events begin at 10 am with a new event, the 1, 3, 5 Turkey Trot put on by the Sidney High School Cross

and the walk will begin and end at the high school with the 1k Kids Run beginning at 10 am, the 5k Run beginning at 10:30 am, and the 3k Walk beginning at 10:45 am. Registration forms can be picked up at any of the Sidney Public Schools or at the Chamber.

Later on, at 2:30 pm, Santa will be making his grand entrance down Central Ave. on one of Sidney's fire trucks. He will then meet with children at the VFW, 124 2nd Ave NE, from 3- 5:30 pm. Photos will be taken by Sissy MacGrady (8x10, \$10; 5x7,

The Christmas season Country team. Both the runs \$7). The Sidney High School BPA will be providing children's activities at the VFW, from 3-6 pm. There will be face painting, carnival games, and the yearbook staff will be selling homemade popcorn balls. C&J Painting's Petting Zoo will be set up across the street from Restorx from 4-6 pm. The petting zoo will consist of sheep, goats, donkey, pot belly pigs, and rabbits. At the same time, the annual Soup Contest will be held in the Restorx building from 4-6:30pm. Also there will be live entertainment on East Main from 4-6 pm. The enter-

tainment so far this year includes Cutting Edge Dance Studio, Larry Riggs with vocal, Tami Meras with vocal, and Shawnee Tyler & Taylor Thiessen with vocal. The Parade of Trees Auction will be held at the Village Square Mall from 6-7 p.m. There will be decorated trees and more to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County, Family Resource Center,

BPA and Key Club. The annual Parade of Lights will begin at 7 pm. at the Reynold's/Shopko parking lot and end in the Reese & Ray's IGA parking lot. Awards will be given for Best Use of Theme, Best Use of Lights and Judge's Choice. Anyone interested in putting a float in the parade may just show up by 6:30 pm in the Reynold's/ Shopko parking lot. The parade will be emceed by The Maverick of 95.1. After the parade, Santa will hand out candy bags in the Reese & Ray's IGA Parking lot, courtesy of Reese & Ray's IGA. Most businesses will be open until 7 pm Friday night. Christmas extended shopping hours will be Sundays, beginning Dec. 2, from noon-4 pm. and Dec. 17-21 stores will be open until 7 pm.





Santa's New Venue

Due to space constraints in town, a few of this year's Christmas Stroll festivities will be held at the VFW. The photos with Santa and the Children's Activities will both be held in the VFW backroom from 3-6pm. The VFW is located at 124 2nd Ave NE.



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Key Club Decorates Tree for Parade of Trees Auction

With the Parade of Trees auction coming up on November 23rd, the Sidney High School Key Club has taken the time to decorate their tree that will be up for auction. This year's Key Club consists of about 30-35 students, which delegated a committee responsible for this year's tree decorating. The committee decided upon was Jesse Staffanson, Heather McDonald, Amy Bieber, Michaela Lofthus and Amy Schaffer. The committee got together Thursday, the 8th to decorate their tree. They chose the theme "White Christmas" for their tree, which is on display in the Village Square Mall.

Awards will be given in the following categories: Mayor's Choice, Children's Choice, People's Choice, Best in Show, Most Unique, Best Non-Tree Entry and Best Use of Theme which is "Charlie Brown Christmas." Voting was held November 12th through the 15th, with awards given out the 16th. Winners will receive a plaque and recognition in the newspapers.

All trees will be auctioned off the night of the Christmas

Stroll, November 23rd at 6pm at the Village Square Mall.

The fundraiser is held annually to benefit the Boys & Girls Club, the Family Resource Center, Key Club and BPA.

Items can still be placed at the mall up until November 21st. If you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Nicole Hackley at 433-4097 or

richlandcountyfrc@yahoo.com, or Sarah Sifers at 433-6763 or email bgclub@midrivers.com.



Sidney High School Key Club members having fun decorating their tree for the Parade of Trees. Left: Michaela Lofthus about to hang up an ornament. Above: Members (L to R) Amy Bieber, Heather McDonald and Jesse Staffanson working together to get their "White Christmas" tree put together.









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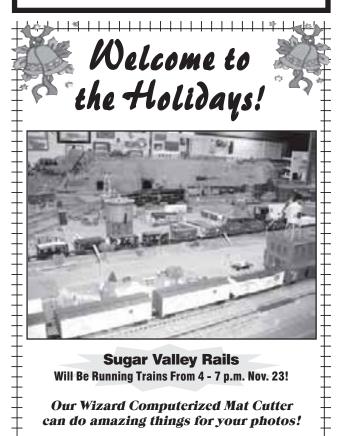


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Soup Contest

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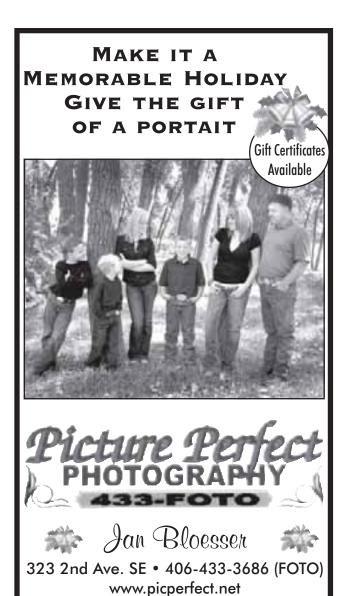
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Live Entertainment

There will be live entertainment on East Main from 4-6pm. This year's entertainment so far will include: Cutting Edge Dance Studio with both solo and group perfor-

mances, Larry Riggs with a vocal performance, Tami Meras with a vocal performance, Fred Barkley with a vocal performance and high school girls, Shawnee Tyler

& Taylor Thiessen with a vocal duet. There may be a few more added just before the evening.

If you are interested in performing, contact Diane Sorenson at 406-478-1129.



Last year the Sidney Gymnastics Club entertained the crowd at the Yellowstone Marketplace. Picture here is Bethany Wells and Zoe Morril.





The Cutting Edge Dance Studio dancers Megan Johnson, Taylor Thiessen, Sheridan Sundheim and Chelsey Shirk. They will once again be supplying some of the entertainment for the Christmas Stroll.



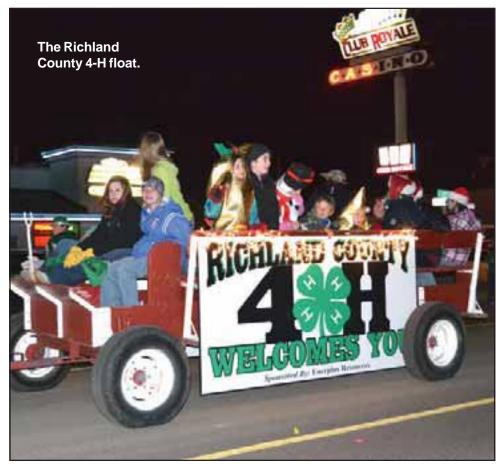






Sidney's Parade of Lights

The Parade of Lights will be November 23rd, beginning at 7pm. Anyone interested in putting together a float may enter up until 6:30pm the night of the parade, by showing up for lineup. The only request is there be no live Santas. The floats will all line up in the Reynold's/Shopko parking lot. The Maverick of 95.1 will be emceeing the parade. The parade will go down Central and end in the Reese & Ray's IGA parking lot, where kids will get candy bags from Santa. For further information please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 406-433-







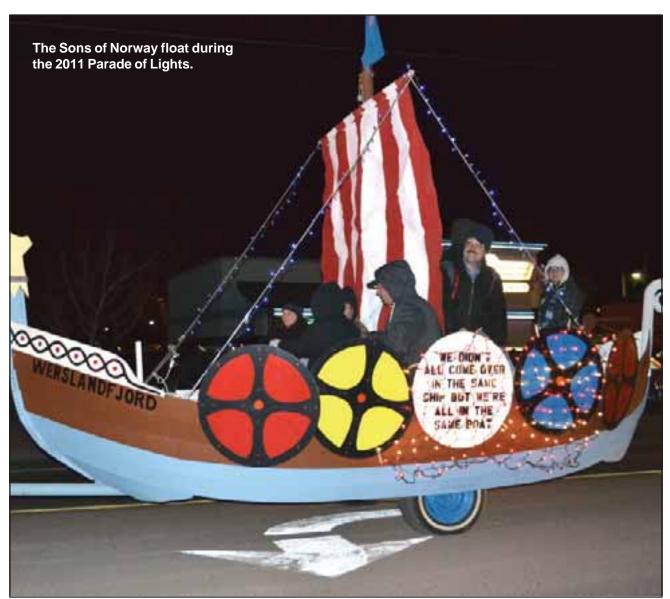
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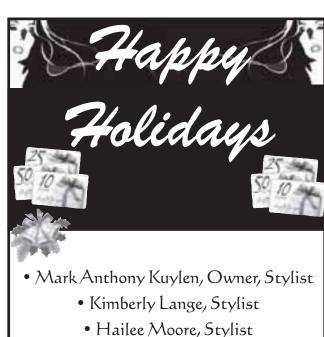
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Christmas Big Bucks Ready

Elk River Printing "Santas" display the Christmas Big Bucks that are hot off the press. Pictured left to right are Karen Boehler, April Boehler and Patti Tornabeni.

The Christmas Big Bucks interest free loans are available at 1st Bank, Stockman Bank, and the Richland Federal Credit Union in Sidney, MT. Up to \$1,000 may be borrowed, with 9 months to repay. They must be spent by December 24th. Christmas Big Bucks is a project of the Trade Promotion Committee of the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, and 46 participating members.

Christmas Big Bucks 2012 Participating Businesses

This year's participating businesses include: Action Auto, Baker Boy Bakery, BOSS Office Products Inc., Carpenter's Storehaus, Chad's Furniture, CHS Farmer's Elevator, Clinic Pharmacy, Creative Solutions, Eagle Country Ford, ElectricLand, Family Eyecare Center, Farm & Home, Fink Family Chiropractic, Finnicum's Furniture, Fireside Café, Frontier Heating, High Caliber Sports, Holiday Inn Express, JCPenney Co., Jock Stop, John Stockhill Jewelers, Johnson Hardware & Furniture, Main Appliance, MonDak Heritage

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Parade of Trees Auction in 10th Year!

The 10th Annual Parade of Trees Auction and fundraiser is underway with the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County partnering with the Family Resource Center and the Sidney High School Key Club and Business Professionals of America for this year's event. To carry on the tradition, the auction will take place the day after Thanksgiving; Friday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Square Mall. As has been the custom, awards were given to donors for Mayor's Choice, Children's Choice, People's Choice, Best in Show, Most Unique, Best Non-Tree Entry and Best Use of Theme to coincide with Sidney Chamber of Commerce Parade of Light's Theme, "Charlie Brown Christmas." The community is encouraged to come out and support this annual fundraising event as it directly benefits our local youth and area families. This year's donors included: The Sunshine Ladies, Tim Anderson, Sidney High School Period 4 JMG, SHS Period 6 JMG, Key Club, BPA, Meagan Dotson, Monica Reuter, Kelly Block & Debra Anderson, Kaleb Kutzler, Rocky & Nancy Carpenter, Joan Nelson, Christy Nelson, Helen Butterfield, Patti Iversen, Trading Card Kids, Reynold's, Forever Buds 4-H, Marvin & Ronda Welnel, and Wildcat Trucking.

Parade of Trees Raffle

A raffle will also take place with two large baskets of home-made baked goods being raffled off the evening of the auction. The annual fundraiser is conducted to support the Boys & Girls Club whose numbers continue to grow substantially each year; proceeds will also be used to support the local parenting classes for the Family Resource Center, as well as the Key Club's service projects and BPA's national convention. Raffle tickets may be bought for \$1 at IGA & Reynolds (after school hours) or at the Village Square Mall during the Christmas Stroll, up until 5:30pm. You do not need to be present to win.



Live Auction

Above: Auctioneer Cal Oraw gets top dollar for each of the trees during the 2011 Parade of Trees Auction.







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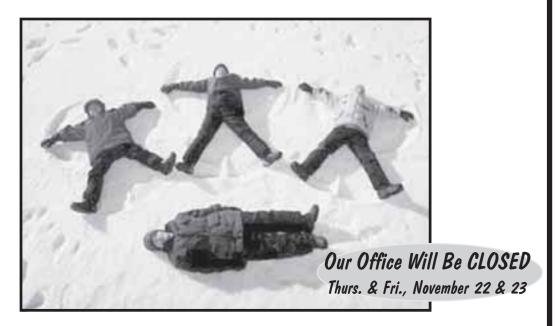
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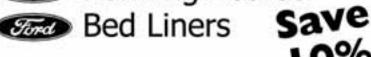
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Santa Is **Coming To Town**

Santa is super excited to be coming to Sidney this week. He will be making his way down Central on Friday at 2:30, as long as his trip to Sidney goes well. Santa said, "I'm checking on them early to see if they made my nice list." He will be from getting wish lists from the kids 3-5:30pm at the VFW. Sissy MacGrady will be taking photos, which will run \$10 for a 8x10 and \$7 for a 5x7. That's not all Santa is going to be here for, he's going to be in the Parade of Lights that will start at 7pm. After the parade, he's going to hand out candy bags in the Reese & Ray's IGA parking lot. Santa stated, "This trip will give the kids a chance to get off my naughty list."

Santa is ready and packed up for his trip to Sidney.

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