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Sidney Native Serves In Guatemala With Dickinson State Nursing Program

By Bill Vander Weele

There are many lessons learned when a student attends college, but Sidney native Jaylen Baxter will never forget about her recent experiences through Dickinson State University's Department of Nursing program.

Baxter, a 2021 Sidney High School graduate, spent the early part of March in Guatemala with other nursing students as part of the God's Child Project. The God's Child Project cares for and educates 5,000 orphaned, abandoned and poverty-stricken children, and widowed, single, and abandoned mothers and their dependents in Guatemala, India and the United States.

Part of the mission trip was constructing a house for a family, which was a challenge especially since their project leader didn't understand English very well.

"We built a house in three days with very little experience in construction," Baxter, a junior, said. "It was

hard, but a lot of fun."

The first day of the building project included digging trenches and mixing concrete. Students were busy cutting wood, without



Jaylen Baxter (right) taking care of an infant. (Photo submitted)

the help of power tools, during the second day. The third day included nailing and painting.

When the group presented the house to a family, it was a satisfying time for everybody involved.

"They were very grateful, but we couldn't really communicate because of the language barrier," Baxter said. "It was pretty emotional for us and the family."

On another day of the

experience, the nursing students assisted at a children's hospital that included malnourished babies.

"We spent the day taking care and feeding them," Baxter said. "And it gave the parents a break."

She explained some of the babies were so malnourished that they looked like they were only a couple of weeks old when they were

really several months old.

"It was very humbly



Jaylen Baxter (third from left on top row) with fellow nursing students and children. (Photo submitted)

being down there and being exposed to their struggles," Baxter said. She added she realized how fortunate she is living in the United States where she has food, a roof over her head and gets an education.

On another day, students passed out vegetables, clothes and toys to mothers at the "dreamers center."

Baxter said the experience increased her understanding of the importance of serving others.

erving others.
"I would definitely go

back if given the opportunity," she said. "Everybody should do something like that. It's eye opening."

Baxter says she has always wanted to be a nurse. She started working as a certified nursing assistant when she was only 15 years old. She works as a licensed practical nurse during weekends at Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

"I've never really thought of any other career," the dean's list student said. "It's all I've really known."



Morgan Thiel

Thiel Runs For House

By Bill Vander Weele
While many young

While many younger adults might not be overly attracted to politics, Sidney's Morgan Thiel appears to be an exception to that rule.

"It's definitely important," Thiel said of those holding political office. "If you're not participating, it's running your life without your input."

Thiel, a 2013 Sidney High School graduate, is the lone filed candidate for the House District 30 representative seat. The Republican is the project coordinator at Thiel Brothers Roofing, Sidney, and she started becoming interested in government at a young age after experiencing the involvement of her parents.

Her education background features attending Sheridan College in Wyoming and Evangel University in Springfield, Mo.

Her work experience includes cleaning at Thiel Brothers Roofing when she was just in middle school and later working on roofing jobs during the summers of her college days.

Thiel serves on the Montana Roofing Association where she is currently the president. She is also the chair of the National Roofers Association.

Thiel, who is a member of the Richland County Republican Central Committee, remembers an important part of her education was serving as a page for then state senator Matt Rosendale when she was in high

"I wish more students would go there," Thiel said of the legislative session. "It was really eye opening."

Thiel recently attended a Republican event for new candidates in the state, where she gained a lot of information and made contacts.

She looks forward to serving eastern Montana. She mentioned that she will be a proponent for small business, agriculture and the oil industry.

porter of what our community needs," Thiel said.

"I will be a strong sup-

Supreme Court Rules For New Trial In Severson Case

By Bill Vander Weele

The Montana Supreme Court has ruled that Kyle Lee Severson should be granted a new trial. Severson, Sidney, was convicted of mitigated deliberate homicide in the 2019 shooting of Tyler Hayden and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

The Montana Supreme

Court ruled on Tuesday, April 9, that, "the cumulative effect of the errors of this case leaves us convinced that Severson is entitled to a new trial. Accordingly, we reverse Severson's conviction and remand to the District Court for further proceedings consistent with this opinion."

Severson's attorneys claimed that the State violat-

Severson's attorneys claimed that the State violated his rights to due process by failing to disclose favorable evidence as required under Brady v. Maryland and Montana law. The evidence included investigative reports of a burglary of Severson's home and the contents of Dalton Watson's cell phone.

According to court doc-



Kyle Severson appears during his trial held in Sidney.

uments when Severson's girlfriend, Karina Orozco, returned home at the night of the shooting, she discovered their home had been burglarized. In the ensuing investigation, police identified Keaston Johns, Logan Krauser and Immanuel Brown as the primary suspects of the burglary. Johns was Hayden's girlfriend at the time of the shooting.

the time of the shooting.
In late October 2019,
Severson's defense sought
to compel the disclosure

of any information of law enforcement regarding the burglary. Finding he had failed to demonstrate a need for the report evidence, the District Court denied Severson's motion on Jan. 7,

About three weeks prior to his trial in September 2020, Severson again moved to comp≠≠≠el disclosure of the evidence. The district court, reasoning that Severson could receive the investigative information as the victim of the burglary, ordered the reports to be disclosed. Upon reviewing the reports and learning of the potential connections between the burglary, Watson and Hayden, Severson moved the District Court to compel disclosure of the contents of Watson's cell phone, which was still in the State's possession. The defense noted that Watson and Hayden may have intercepted Severson at the Loaf 'N Jug as part of a conspiracy to burglarize Severson's

On the first day of the trial, the State reported that it had never attempted to unlock the phone or to view its contents. The court ordered Watson to appear the following day to unlock the phone for the court to examine. During that hearing, Watson testified that he could no longer remember the phone's passcode. Because of the time and effort needed for investigators to pursue entry of the phone, the court asked Severson if he wished to continue the trial until the phone could be unlocked. Concerned that Severson already had been in custody for 15 months, Severson's attoney rejected the court's offer of a continuance.

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Unable to access the cell phone information, Severson's defense made two motions based on alleged violations of his rights to due process and a fair trial. First, it was moved to exclude Watson from testifying. Second, it was moved to dismiss the case. The District Court denied both

motions because, due to the State's failure to access the information on the phone, Severson had not shown that any evidence on the phone was favorable to him.

Court documents read that five months after trial, law enforcement was able to access the contents of Watson's phone. On June 29, 2021, the District Court ordered that the contents of the phone be filed under

to access the contents of Watson's phone. On June 29, 2021, the District Court ordered that the contents of the phone be filed under seal and made available to the parties. A review of the phone revealed that, although the phone belonged to Watson, Hayden had used it in the days leading up to the shooting. Included in the data retrieved from the phone were Facebook messages between Hayden and a person named Shammar Brown, indicating that on the day before the shooting Hayden had pulled a gun on Brown during an argument.

The Montana Supreme Court notes that Brady evidence need not itself be admissible to trigger due

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Candidates Seek School Board Positions In County

The Sidney School District will have one contested race when voters go to the polls on May 7.

Seeking the two threeyear seats are incumbents Kelly Dey and Josh McGahan along with challenger Sara McMillen.

Running for a two-year board position is incumbent Randy Iversen.

Incumbent Lisa Gorder is also running unopposed in the outlying high school district.

In Fairview, candidates Jason Deming, Marion Kit-

tleson and Lynn Shelmerdine are seeking the two three-year terms. Deming and Kittleson are incumbents. Ballots will be mailed on April 22, for the Fairview election.

Shawn Conradsen and Chandi Tombre are running for re-election in Savage.

Tara Hill and Cheyanne Rauschendorfer are the candidates in Lambert.

Savage and Lambert won't need trustee elections as the number of open trustee positions are equal to the amount of candidates.

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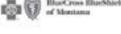


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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

12 p.m. - Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

12 p.m. - "We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford

City - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door en

rance, handicap accessible.
7 p.m. - Hope For Today Al-Anon Family Group Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace door, SE side. 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lu-

theran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane. 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting Watford City** - Northern Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace 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 Wat-

ford 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) p.m. - 24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-

THURSDAYS: 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane. 7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, Watford City - Presbyterian

Church, 316 4th Ave. NE. 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrace 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 entrace door, SE side.

7 p.m. - 24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-

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 entrace door, SE side.

7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228



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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

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			27			
April	12	78	22	0.000		
April	13	76	36	0.000		
April	14	75	31	0.000		
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation0.630						



The Rush owner Megan Garza urges the public to keep voting in the "Small Business Big Wins" Contest through Friday. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Community Keeps Voting For The Rush In Contest

By Bill Vander Weele

Megan Garza, owner of The Rush in Sidney, is thankful and impressed by the area's support after it was announced that her business has been selected as a finalist in Barclavs U.S. Consumer Bank's "Small Business Big Wins" pro-

"We're so excited. Everybody is happy to share it," Garza said late last week about posts asking people to vote for the business. "Someone said that it's the only thing they see on Facebook."

Residents are reminded that they can vote until 5 p.m. eastern time on Friday,

You can vote once a day by visiting BarclaysSmallBizBigWins.com

The grand prize award is \$60,000. Second place is \$40,000 and third place is \$20,000. Seven runners-up will receive \$5,000 each.

"Some people came

through and said that they had family members vote that live in Utah or Colorado," Garza said. "I have a good feeling about it. I'm really just hoping for the top three.

The Rush has made visits to a few of Sidney's businesses to encourage people to keep voting.

Barclay will announce the winners on April 30.

"Just vote every day," Garza urged. "I don't want the momentum to die down. We have to finish strong."

The contest featured small business owners submitting a brief essay describing how their business is adjusting to the current economy. There were more than 4,500 entries.

She feels what attracted judges to The Rush's essay was the longevity of the business and that it's a third generation business. "And being a rural town in Montana," Garza added.

Dueling Pianos, Carnival Planned

The Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos will entertain at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City as part of the facility's spring carnival weekend.

Dave Eichholz and Ted Manderfeld are Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos and they are coming for the first time to Watford City's Rough Rider Center.

"We're so excited to welcome them to Watford City," Josh Nollmeyer, recreation director, said on social media. "I know they will bring an awesome show.

For more than 21 years, Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos has traveled coast to coast in the USA, Canada, Panama and Mexico as the most sought after dueling piano act in the country.

Their high energy show includes comedy, music and audience participation.

Tickets are available at https://wildpianos.com/

The weekend will also feature an outstanding spring carnival on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The day will include carnival games, vendors, Lego builds, Kidstop activities, a swap shop party and a community paint by number.

The community Lego build will create a Harry Potter type castle. Admission for the carnival is \$5.

Les Schwab Tires To Help Boys & Girls Club **During Celebration**

The Richland County Boys & Girls Club's Ford Transit van is about to get some top-notch new tires, and a group of elementary-school students will get to learn about tire installation in a live demo associated wit≠h the tire gift. Les Schwab Tires is donating the tires as part of its Tires for Purpose program. While the team installs the tires, store manager AJ Mcgarvey will lead a learning session for 10-20 kids in grades 4-6, who will watch from the store's showroom.

The session is part of the club's career-readiness program, which offers youth experiences with a variety of possible occupations, from changing tires to landscaping to dental hygiene. The club's van is used Monday to Thursday during the school year to transport pre-K kids to the club every afternoon. During the summer, it's used for field trips.

The donation and demo excitement is part of the grand opening celebration of Les Schwab Tires' new Sidney store at 600 N. Central Ave, right in front of the Candlewood Suites.

a new community supporter,

with the opening of the Sid-

ney Les Schwab Tires store,

In addition to welcoming

option for one-stop shopping to ensure their vehicles are equipped to safely transport them wherever they need to go. Les Schwab's offerings include brake services, alignment, shocks and more - a more robust range of services than those available from other tire shops that simply sell tires. Join the Boys & Girls

residents now have a new

Club and Les Schwab crews to celebrate the Sidney grand opening starting on Friday, April 19. The two-day event will include: Friday, April 19: 8 a.m.-

6 p.m.: Cookies from Rocky Mountain Cookie Company, Spin the prize wheel for a chance to win prizes, gift cards and more. Text for a chance to win a set of tires.10 a.m.: Boys & Girls Club kids and group leader arrive in the transit van that needs new tires, 10:15 a.m..: Tire installation and live demo learning session, 11:30 a.m.: Ribbon cutting

Saturday, April 20: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Cookies from Rocky Mountain Cookie Company, Spin the prize wheel for a chance to win prizes, gift cards and more. Text for a chance to win a set of tires. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Orelan's Cuisine Food Truck.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT. Wed., April 17

Wouth Art Show" - through April 27 - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/

Thurs., April 18, 4-7 p.m. & **Fri., April 19,** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunrise Pregnancy Resources & Family Outreach Rummage Sale - Baby clothes & supplies miscellaneous items. Use garage door entrance, 203

14th St. SE. Sat., April 20 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Rummage Sale** - Sidney Moose Lodge. **Sun., April 21**

10:30-1 p.m. - Spring Brunch - Entrees: Farmer's 3 meat breakfast casserole; biscuits & gravy egg bake, Mediterranean vegetable frittata, sausage links, Cinnabon cinnamon roll cake, fresh fruit platter, variety

of quick breads, beverages. Ned Shinnick Hall, \$10 per

plate, 6 & under free.

11:30 a.m. - Sunday Dinner - Quilt & Pie Auction
Benefit - Free will offering dinner, meatballs, mashed
potatoes, gravy, corn & rolls. Quilt & Pie Auction, 1 p.m.,
featuring machine quilted quilts, home-made pies & smiley face cookies. Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran Church, 211 E. Holly Rd.

Sun., April 21, 28 1 p.m. - Bingo At Sidney Moose Lodge - 11 games winner take all except Game 6: 50% winner & 50% Sidney Moose Lodge & Moose Charities. Open to the public, 101 3rd St. SE.

Tues., April 23
West Side Elementary Spring Concert - 2nd Grade, 9 a.m.; K2, 11 a.m.; $1^{\rm st}$ grade, 1 p.m. West Side Elementary, 1100 $5^{\rm th}$ St. SW.

Sat., April 27 11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Eastern MT Scootfest 2024 - Rock & roll, food & beverages, door prizes. Admission \$5 for 13 & up; free for 12 & under. Motorcycle & bicycle rodeo during bike show & poker walk afterwards. Booth for kids, 4 bicycle drawings for ages 12 & under. Richland Ranger Arena, 601 7th Ave. SW. For more info call Dawn Guenzi 406-939-0183.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT. Fri., April 19

5-7 p.m. - Junie B. Jones - The Musical - Family entertainment, Watford City High School, Performing Arts Center, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway. Start in the lunch room for a fundraising supper & the show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets available at the door.
6-10 p.m. - **Parents' Night Out** - Parents drop your kids off & have a night out to yourselves. Games, movies &

pizza provided. Ages 3+ must be potty trained. Pre-registration fee: \$20/kid; Day of Registration \$25/kid. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info & to register visit watfordcityparks.com. 7:30 p.m. - Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos - Clap, laugh & sing along with Dave & Ted: Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos. Tickets \$35 & available at https://wildpianos. com. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. Fri., April 19, 3-7 p.m. & Sat., April 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Home Show - For all home enthusiasts. Build, remodel, redecorate, demolish, paint, landscape: check out area businesses that can help with things on your list. McKenzie County Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NW. For more info contact Danielle Johnsen, 307-660-2974.

Sat., April 20 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - **Spring Carnival** - Carnival games, vendors, Lego builds, Kid Stop activities, Swap Shop Party, community paint by number. Admission \$5. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. Wed., April 24

5-8 p.m. - Paint Your Partner...Freestyle! - Bring yourselves & leave with 2 11" x 14" artworks. Supplies included, no experience necessary. Snacks provided. \$50 per couple. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery, 100 2nd

Wed., April 24 (Grades 6-8) & Thurs., April 25 (Grades 9-12)

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Watford City T4 Summit - Students participate in sessions & hands-on activities while learning about science, technology, engineering, math & the trades. Rough Rider Center. For more into call 701-226-2273; mail NDT4T-mkipp@midco.net or visit, https://ndpetroleumfoundation.org/event/watford-city-t4summit/.

Thurs., April 25 7 p.m. - Watford City Communities Excellence In Education - Learn how classical, Christian home education benefits families of the community. Afterwards interact with students, parents & leaders & enjoy

refreshments. Watford City Civic Center. WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT. Thurs., April 18-Sat., April 20 p.m. nightly - 2024 Wild West Days - Tickets nightly: Adults: \$25; Kids: \$15; Friday Night Kids 12 & under free. Raymond Family Event Center, 1002 11th St W. Sat., April 20

5 p.m. - 5th Annual Leather & Lace Gala Fundraiser Ladies formal dress, guys biker attire, music by XXL Entertainment, \$100 per couple, \$75 single ticket, 21+ only. Social hour 5 p.m.; dinner 6 p.m., dance 7 p.m. Williston Grand Hotel Ballroom, 3601 2nd Ave. W. For tickets call Brenda Wollan 701-580-1468; or Kristal Jorgenson, 989-277-4051.

Tues., April 23
5 p.m. - The Great Basin Dog Demo - Social at 5 p.m., opening ceremony 6 p.m. Showcasing the work of Police K-9 dogs & their handlers. Agri-Sports Complex, 53rd St. E. For more info contact Lyle ndk906@gmail. com, 701-391-1650; or MonDak Animal Rescue, mondakanimalresuce@gmail.com or 701-577-7387. Tues., April 25

4-5 p.m. - Paint Pour Party - Create 2 unique masterpieces on canvas using various techniques. \$15 members; \$20 not yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. Pre-register at the thejamesmemorial.org.

7 p.m. - Williston Moose Lodge Presents Moose 101 - Free baked potato bar meal & presentation answering questions about what the Williston Moose Lodge is all about, 101 2nd St. W. Sat., April 27 (Weather permitting, backup date May 4) 8 a.m.-12 p.m. - Spring Clean Williston - Public Works

will provide garbage bags, gloves, & safety vests. Volunteers meet at 8 a.m. at Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. E. in the north lot. Sign up for your zone at Bit.ly/CleanWilliston. Sat., April 27

9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Community CPR & First Aid Certification - For ages 16+. Attend hands-on training in AED, First Aid & CPR through the Red Cross. One week prior, students will receive an online portion through the Red Cross website. ARC, 822 18th St. E. Register at www.willistonparks.com. For more info email Shaleena@wprd.us.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

5-10:10 p.m. - Badlands Brawl - 1 Year Anniversary Of Flashback Pro Wrestling - Food, drinks & lots of action to go with it. Dawson Community College. Sat., April 20

12-4 p.m. - **Earth Day Event** - Learn about Earth Day. Makoshika State Park Visitor Center, 1301 Snyder St. 5 p.m. - **Dawson Friends of NRA Banquet & Auction** - Raffles & door prizes. Games 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:45 p.m. EPEC Building, 313 S. Merrill. Dinner Ticket Contacts: Jesse Gillespie 406-939-3546; Alan McRae 406-939-1980; Rob Titus 406-939-1324; Guns & Things 406-377-3969 or online at friendsofnra.org.Lutheran Church, 322 N. River Ave.

7:30 - 10 p.m. - Bennie & The Jets - Enjoy Elton John songs. DCHS Auditorium, 900 N. Merrill Ave.



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Court Rules In Favor Of Severson's Appeal

(Continued from page 1) process protections; it need have only the "potential to lead directly to admissible exculpatory evidence."

The court noted, "The favorability of the investigative reports should have been obvious to the State as early as Aug. 7, 2019. On that date, Watson admitted to receiving items stolen from Karina. The information contained in the reports connected the burglary directly to Watson and Hayden. Watson received proceeds from the burglary-from Hayden's girlfriend—on the night of the shooting. The information connecting the burglary to the shooting had the potential to lead directly to the discovery of other exculpatory evidence, namely the contents of Watson's cell phone."

The Supreme Court suggested that former Richland County Attorney Janet

Christoffersen intentionally hid evidence that was likely to have made a difference at Severson's trial."The misconduct again contributes to the court's consideration of cumulative error," the ruling noted. "Given the string of missteps and errors in the case, namely the prosecutor's implicit suggestion to the jury through improper questioning that Severson and (his girlfriend) were drug dealers and the state's failure to disclose the burglary information — all going to the essential issue of witness credibility - we conclude this is 'the rare case in which the cumulative effect of the errors' has prejudiced the defendant's right to a fair trial."

On July 2, 2019, Severson, his girlfriend Karina Orozco, her sister Jessica Orozco, and Severson's and Karina's 3-year-old daughter drove to the Loaf 'N Jug

convenience store in Sidney. Severson was sitting in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle. When Karina and Jessica entered the store; Severson and his daughter stayed in the car. Six minutes later, Hayden and Watson arrived at the store and parked next to Karina's vehicle. Both Watson and Hayden entered the store. After a few minutes, Watson returned to his vehicle. Karina and Jessica exited the store roughly 45 seconds later. Twenty seconds after that, Hayden exited and returned to the passenger side of Watson's vehicle. After briefly confirming with Watson that Severson was in the back seat of Karina's car, Hayden turned and approached Severson's open window. Words were exchanged from Hayden as he came close to the vehicle. As Hayden approached, Severson raised a .38 caliber handgun, shot Hayden at close range, and killed him.

It is a possibility that the new trial could take place in Richland County if a plea agreement isn't reached between the parties.

Williams County Approves Permit For Cerilon

Cerilon announces Williams County's approval of the company's application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), an important next step in Cerilon GTL North Dakota's development.

"We've worked hard to meet the county's high expectations for the project in its early phases of design and engineering," said Ron Opperman, CEO, Cerilon GTL. "This approval is significant because it signals we have thoroughly demonstrated our plans to create substantial economic benefit while also carefully considering and mitigating the potential impacts of this project's development."

Cerilon has proposed an innovative gas-to-liquids (GTL) facility that will transform natural gas into unique, high-performance synthetic products. These products include industry-leading Group III+ base oils, ultra-low sulphur diesel and naphtha. The site, near Trenton, ND, was selected for several reasons, including its proximity to abundant natural gas supplies, access to road and rail transporinfrastructure.

Cerilon GTL North Dakota is the first larger-scale, natural gas-fed GTL facility in North America. It will also feature carbon capture and storage, making this nominally 24,000 barrel-per-day facility the first of its kind in the world.

This project is a foun-

dational part of our vision to deliver energy transition at scale," added Nico Du-ursema. "We're on track to meet our goal of having all permits in place by the end of this year, progress that further mitigates investment risk and brings us one step closer to delivering on our







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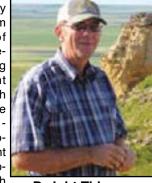
Dwight Thiessen, 70 Sidney, MT

Funeral services were held Saturday. April 13, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. Dwight was laid to rest in the Lambert Cemetery, Lambert. A luncheon followed services at the Fox Lake Center, Lambert, for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation was Friday, April 12, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, assisted the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Dwight Everett Thiessen was born on June 22, 1953, to Peter Daniel and Nancy Mae (Edes) Thiessen in Sidney. He grew up on the family farm near Lambert, until the family moved to Norwalk, Calif., for his first-grade year. The remainder of his early school years was spent back on the farm. In 1968, the family bought a second home in Nampa, Idaho, where Dwight attended a Christian high school and college while spending the summers back on the farm. He majored in accounting at Northwest Nazarene College and received associate degrees in agricultural business and livestock technology from Dawson Community

In 1971, a mutual friend introduced Dwight to his future wife. Diana Mansveld. while at Northwest Nazarene College. They were married in 1975 in Ashland, Ore., near Diana's hometown of Medford. They operated the family farm and D&D Herefords together while raising their three children, Peter K., Andrew, and Jessica. The kids loved going with Dad to "cake cows" or to do other chores around the farm, further developing their interest in livestock as he helped them with 4-H projects. Their family took an annual Christmas trip to Oregon to visit Diana's family and also enjoyed regular summer visits to Medora, ND.

Dwight was a farmer at heart and kept up with the latest farming techniques, including growing safflower for crop diversification. He was appointed as a Richland County Commissioner in 1989 and was re-elected for two more terms through 1999. He also served on several boards, including Eastern Montana Bible Camp (EMBC) and the Savage Public School Board. While seeking to better his community, he developed many rich friendships which continued throughout his life. He never knew a stranger when he travelled, often meeting acquaintances who recognized a business logo from one of his many baseball caps. Many hunters from a variety of states appreciated being able to hunt on the ranch through the Block Management program. Dwight enjoyed keeping up with the Minnesota



Dwight Thiessen

Twins baseball team, hunting for agates, playing a rousing round of Rook, setting up a life-sized nativity scene, and showing visitors Snowden Bridge or the family landmark of Castle Rock, where his father was born in a dugout on the original Thiessen homestead.

Dwight was recognized by the community and his business associates as a man of integrity and honesty, the result of a family legacy of faith which included his personal knowledge of God's love and grace as demonstrated in the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a faithful church member at Lambert Alliance Church and later at Faith Alliance Church, Sidney. A highlight of his active participation as a Gideon was sitting at the Gideon booth at the Richland County Fair. He was an avid supporter of many Christian missionaries and ministries, such as EMBC and KGLE radio station. Those who knew Dwight were frequent recipients of his generosity, as well as his subtle sense of humor. Family members knew they could depend on his support and leadership, and he was a doting grandfather and devoted husband. Next year would have marked his and Diana's 50-vear anniversary.

After battling cancer, Dwight passed away at home, going to meet his Lord and Savior on April 6, 2024, in Savage with family by his side.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents, Peter D. and Nancy Mae Thiessen, stepmother Doris Kelley-Thiessen, as well as an older sister, Luanna Mae, who died in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Thiessen, Savage; his three children: Peter K. Thiessen, Bismarck, ND, Andrew (Brittni) Thiessen, Savage, and Jessica (Tim) Brown of Big Lake, Alaska; and three grandchildren, Ashlyn and Colter Thiessen, Savage, and Mackenzie Thiessen of Bismarck, ND.

Jazzmaine Smith, 22 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jazzmaine Smith will be Tuesday April 16, 2024, at 10 a.m., at Ebenezer Congregational Church in Sidney with Pastor David Meehan officiating. Jazzmaine would like everyone to wear green in honor of her favorite color. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation was Monday, April 15, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney. A family receiving friends service was Monday April 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, assisted the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Jazzmaine Smith, 22, passed away after a battle with cancer on Wednesday April 3, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, with family by her side.

Jazzmaine Shaylynn Shasta Smith was born July 28, 2001, in Tulsa, Okla., to Ronald Smith and Karen Richard. She joined three brothers: Travis, Kyle, and Chevy, and four sisters: Laurenda, Randi, Mercedes, and

Jazzmaine was such a beautiful spirit inside and out. She had a passion for traveling the country and experiencing new things. She loved being a new mother and spending time with her son. She enjoyed being around people and having quality time with her family and friends. She met new friends

everywhere she traveled to, and she was sure to make others laugh. She had a glow to her that was unmatched. She was very thankful for the community for helping her in her most challenging times.



Jazzmaine Smith

She fought hard and bravely, like she always was. She is starting her eternity in heaven where she is made new again.

Jazzmaine is survived by her son Francisco; her mother and father, Ronald Smith and Karen Richard, Sidney; brothers Travis Richard, Nebraska, Kyle Richard of South Dakota, and Chevy Smith, Montana; sisters Laurenda Olson, South Dakota, Randi Wooten, Texas, Mercedes Ivy, Texas, and Cinnamon Tubbs, North Dakota; and brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Jazzmaine is preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Barbara Smith and Sam and Nancy Heustis, her aunt Beverly Hatch, uncle Dave Metzger, and her cousins.

Students Provide Mock Trial During Kiwanis

By Bill Vander Weele

The Sidney Kiwanis Club appreciated a mock trial presented by Sidney High School's street law class under the instruction of Brad Faulhaber on Thursday.

Discussion covered the United States v. Rahimi case, which prohibits the possession of firearms by persons subject to domestic violence restraining orders and if that violates the Second Amendment.

Faulhaber said the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in November 2023, and has yet to made a ruling.

During the mock trial, petitioners noted that 48 states have authorized courts to disarm those who can't be trusted with firearms.

Respondents argued that the law would allow governments great authority to perhaps target certain individuals, even law-abiding



"Justices" Holler, McNally and Holzworth discuss (Photo by Bill Vander Weele) information.

citizens.

Petitioners noted that rights can be taken away if a threat exists. For instances drivers who drive under the influence of intoxicants can have their license taken

Respondents said that 1.5 million Americans have active restraining orders. Some of them are issued simply because of marital differences. Respondents

also believe background checks do the job they intended to do.

At the end of the program, four of the six student justices voted with Rahimi because they felt the law would give the federal government too much power.

Faulhaber said he was proud of the students involved. "They did me and Sidney proud," Faulhaber

Watford City To Wrap Up Concert Series

The Watford City Area Concert Association wraps up its 2023-2024 Concert Series Season with Brassfire, on Monday, May 6. This virtuosic trio will take the stage of Watford City High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Brassfire is led by world-renowned trumpeter Jens Lindemann. Jens is a former member of the famed Canadian Brass and has soloed with many of the world's greatest orchestras. Brassfire features the trumpet with piano and bass, while honoring the music of trumpet greats: Louis Armstrong, Herb Alpert, and Doc Severinsen. Classically trained at the renowned Juilliard School in New York and McGill University in Montreal, Jens' career includes

international performances in both classical and jazz music.

The Watford City Area Concert Series is a membership driven organization, with individual memberships starting at \$50. A 2023-24 membership

grants access to this season finale concert as well as reciprocity with concert series lineups in Williston, Dickinson, Crosby and Hazen.

If you don't have a membership, tickets are available at \$30 for adults and all youth under 18 are

Tickets can be purchased at www.longxarts. com or at the door and handicap parking and access is available on the north entrance of the building

Memberships for the

2024-2025 Concert Series. which will kick off on Oct. 11, with the Comedy Café hosted by Bakken Oil Rush and Long X Arts Foundation will also be available at the

door that evening

The concerts for next season continue with Rhapsody and the Blues on Oct. 24, Letters from Home, Feb. 28, 2025, Paolo Schianchi, March 23, 2025, and Street Corner Symphony on May 11, 2025.

Visit longxarts.com for more details on the full 2024-2025 lineup and to purchase a membership.

To find out more, contact Jessie Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director at 701-770-8659 or longxart@ gmail.com or visit longxarts.

Sunrise Clinic Plans Quilt, Pie Auction

By Robyn Heck

The Sunrise Women's Clinic quilt and pie auction will be held on Sunday, April 21, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, at 211 E. Holly Rd.

Join them for a Sunday dinner, followed by a quilt and pie auction to benefit the Sunrise Pregnancy Resource and Family Outreach Center. The free-will-offering

meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn and rolls. The quilt and pie auction will feature machine quilted quilts, homemade pies and smiley faced cookies. "This event is hosted

by an amazing church, and it truly is fun for all ages! Who doesn't like to raise their hand, all in fun, while benefiting the women, families, and children in our dinner starts at 11:30 a.m. community, or in need of the feels valued and respected and the auction begins at resources we offer at sunrise and empowered throughout 1 p.m. The dinner will be clinic?" said executive direc- her pregnancy.

tor Stacey McNally.

The Sunrise Pregnancy Center provides a welcoming and compassionate environment where women can find the support they need during this significant chapter of their lives.

From emotional support to practical assistance the dedicated staff and volunteers are committed to assuring that every woman

Twin Sisters Read 1,000 Books

Twins Aspen and Piper Geer are a dynamite duo, reading 1,000 books together! Animal books are beloved by both girls, and favorites include "Doggo and Pupper" and "Owl Diaries". Reading is a central activity in their home, and they make weekly visits to the library to find new books. They spend their days painting, playing outdoors, and using their imaginations to invent new games.

When they grow up, Aspen wants to be a cowboy and take care of animals while Piper wants to paint pictures and hang them very high. Piper and Aspen, age 3-5, are the daughters of Jake and Hosanna Geer.

To encourage a love of reaching in children, the Sidney-Richland County Library is promoting "1,000 Books before Kindergarten", a nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud with their children every day. Research continually shows that children who are read aloud to every day before kindergarten will have higher scores and more success when they begin school. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and learning.



Twins Piper and Aspen Geer love to (Photo submitted)

The theme of the Sidney-Richland County Library program is "Reading is Magic".

Children receive a small prize at each 100-level milestone, and at the end of the program, participants earn a certificate and T-shirt for successful completion. This program is free for children ages 0-5 and their families. Stop by the library to sign up today!

Figure Skating Club Performs In Watford City



The Watford City Figure Skating Club performed its 25th annual ice show over the weekend. More than 70 skaters performed routines showing off their skills they've been working on this season. Above, performing

to Lavern & Shirley/Golden Girls was Coach Kendra Patten and her bringing group, Nova Bloomquist, Sydney Nunes and Racelyn Nunes. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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LEGALS CALL FOR BIDS - GRAVEL CRUSHING - 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the twenty ninth (29th) day of April at 11:00 a.m., in their office at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the crushing of gravel in various gravel pits within the county. Specifications may be by contacting Interstate Engineering in Sidney at 406-433-5617 or by emailing Ryan.Kopp@ InterstateEng.com.

No bids shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of no less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing

marked "GRAVEL CRUSHING -This material procurement

the complete bid specification and

solicitation is intended to be offered in accordance with Section 18-4-303 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 2.5.602 and any such statute, rule or regulation relating to non-discrimination. It is the vendor's obligation to comply with these requirements. Late delivery due to mailing services will not be accepted, or electronic submittals

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

Dated at Sidney, Montana this 8th Day of April, 2024

Duane Mitchell, Chairman, Richland County Commissioners

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(Publish April 17 and 24, 2024)

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that regular* registration for the Federal Primary Election to be held on June 4, 2024, will close at 5:00 p.m., on May 6, 2024.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote in the election by showing up at the county election office before 12:00 PM (noon) the day before Election Day.

All active and inactive**electors of Richland County are entitled to vote at said election.

**Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If vou have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration form and submitting it to the county election office.

DATED this 9th day of April, 2024. Richland County Stephanie Verhasselt Election Administrator

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2024 CONTRACT HAULING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the twenty second (22nd) day of April, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in their office at 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the loading, hauling, and placement of Crushed Surfacing







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This material procurement solicitation is intended to be offered in accordance with Section 18-4-303 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 2.5.602 and any such statute, rule or regulation relating to non-discrimination. It is the vendor's obligation to comply with these requirements. Lateness of delivery due to mail services will not be deemed excused and will not be accepted. Electronic submittals such as by electronic mail or document websites will not be accepted.

Accordingly, the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and further to waive defects or irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County. All bids shall remain effective through December

Dated at Sidney, Montana this 1st of April, 2024. Duane Mitchell, Chairman

Richland County Commissioners

(Publish April 10 and 17, 2024.)

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That action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to the following personal property: 2012 Yamaha 4-Wheeler Model: Yfm700fwad

Title No. AA1209761 Vin No. 5Y4AM13Y0CA102243. WITNESS my hand and the seal

of said Court Dated: March 26, 2024

Janice Klempel Clerk of District Court By Laurel Molden Deputy Clerk

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SAVAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS | ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #7 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Savage Public School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose permissive levies to support its budget in Richland County Elementary District #7. The Savage Public Schools Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 using certified taxable valuations from 2024 as provided to the District by the Montana Department of Revenue.

Fond supported	23-24 Est Revenue	24x25 Ext Revenue	Increase (Der):	23x24 Mills	Fat 24-25 Mills	Est Increase (Der)
Transportation	\$38000.00	\$73000.00	35,000.00	18.10	32.77	14.67
Tution	0	2000.00	2000.00	0	.90	.90
Adult Ed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bldg Reserve	5430.54	5134.00	-296.54	2.59	2.30	29
Bus Deprociation	24995.00	24995.00	0	31.9	7.4	4.5
Lechnology	14400,00	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	44655.51	105129.00	12201.46	13.66	41.17	10.78

^ Budgeted Oil and Gas Revenue in these funds to lower or replace mill lev.

Fund Supported	Estimated Mills Increase (Decrease)	Estimated Impact on \$100,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$200,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$300,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$600,000 Home*
Transportation	14.67	44.24	88.47	132.71	265.42
Tuition	90	1.21	2.42	3.64	7.27
Adult Ed	0	0	- 0	0	0.
Bldg Reserve	-29	3.11	6.22	9.33	18.67
Hos Depreciation	-4.5	10.04	20.0%	50.12	60.24
Technology	1.85	0	0	0	0
TOTAL A.R.	10.41	80.00	117.14	174.40	241.00

*These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2023) certified taxable valuations provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year.

 MDOR does not release current taxable property valuations until the end of July 2024. This figure will have an impact on the number of mills levied. • The number of mills levied will be impacted by any newly taxable property.

• The number of mills levied will be impacted by ending Fund Cash Balances as of 6/30/2024

• The number of mills levied will be impacted by the amount of estimated 2023-2024 revenue received by 6/30/2024 (including taxes currently levied, assessed and outstanding)

SAVAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS | HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Savage Public School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose permissive levies to support its budget in Richland County Elementary District #7. The Savage Public Schools Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 using certified taxable valuations from 2024 as provided to the District by the Montana Department of Revenue.

Fund supported	23-24 Est Revenue	24-25 Est Revenue	Increase (Dcr)	23-24 Milh	Est 24-25 Mills	Est Increase (Des)
Transportation	\$43139.65	\$63,000.00	19,860.35	12.22	18.75	6.53
Bus Depreciation	24995.00	\$24995.00	0	7.8	11.22	3.44
Tuition	0	\$8000.00	8000.00	0	2.38	2.38
Adult Ed	.0	. 50	0	0	0	0
Hiding Reserve	4083.58	\$3682.00	+601.58	1.16	1.10	+06
Technology	\$33600.00	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	105818.23	99677.00	27458.77	21.18	11.45	12.29

^ Budgeted Oil and Gas Revenue in these funds to lower or replace mill lev.

Fund Supported	(Docrose)	Estimated Impact on \$100,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$200,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$300,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$600,000 Home*
Transportation	6.53	25.31	50.61	75.92	151.64
Bus Depreciation	3.44	15.15	30.29	45.44	90.88
Adult Ed	0	0	0	.0	
Bldg Reserve	+.06	1.48	2.96	4,44	8.87
Technology	1.97	0	0	0	0
Tuition	2.38	3.21	6.43	9.64	19.28
TOTAL	12.29	17.41	114.87	172.33	344.62

*These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2023) certified taxable valuations provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year.

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Area Players Shine During Pepsi 2C All-Star Game

Froid/Lake's Mason

Dethman was the MVP

for the boys' game

to knock off the Blue team,

74-58, during the girls' bas-

ketball game of the Pepsi

District 2C All-Star action in

Wilson led Blue to an early

lead. White moved ahead on

a drive by Richey/Lambert's

ShaeLyn Williams and a

steal and layup by Culbert-

Savage's Brooke Reuter and

a three-pointer at the buzzer

by Bainville's Hailey Berwick

put White up 18-12 at the

end of the opening quarter.

wood's Mallory Tommerup

The scoring of Plenty-

A pair of free throws by

son's Destiny Thompson.

After Bainville's Elsie

played in Lambert.

Lambert on Tuesday.

By Bill Vander Weele

White rolled to a 123-88 victory in the boys' portion of the Pepsi District 2C All-Star basketball game in Lambert on Tuesday.

White jumped out to a 16-5 advantage with the scoring of Bainville's Charles Butikofer and Froid/Lake's Mason Dethman leading the attack.

The play of Dethman, who was selected the game's most valuable player, highlighted action throughout the half. Two



Savage's Sayer Erickson drives for a basket.



Culbertson's Destiny Thompson was selected the MVP for the girls' game.

to a 71-37 half-time com-

A three-pointer by Savage's Sayer Erickson and a short jumper by Plentywood's Chance Klein put White ahead by an 87-52 margin during the second half of play.

A three-pointer by Mon-Dak's Thomas Arnson got Blue as close as 87-63 with 11:43 remaining.

White hit the century mark on a dunk by Dethman with 5:30 left for a score of

Dethman finished with 39 points while Charles Butikofer added 24 points.

Leading Blue was Bainville's Samuel Butikofer with

The White team took control in the second quarter helped White increase its lead to 10 points midway into the second quarter. Thompson, who earned the award as the game's most valuable player, scored inside for a 30-17 advantage.

After Lambert's Jolee Klempel led Blue back to 32-26, White took a 36-26 half-time lead on hoops by Reuter and Thompson.

Three straight points by Thompson increased the margin to 18 points midway into the third quarter. Blue fought back on three-pointers by Froid/Lake's Mara



Richey/Lambert's Jolee Klempel looks to score.

Salvevold and Klempel for a 58-47 game.

Blue came as close as 10 points in the final period before White struck for eight straight points including a three-pointer by Richey/ Lambert's Keira Rains.

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Sidney School

Thurs., April 18: Tomato soup, toasted cheese. Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, peaches, breadsticks.

Tues., April 23: Burritos, tossed salad, grapes. Wed., April 24: Pork gravy over potatoes, hot rolls.

Savage School Thurs., April 18: Slush-

burgers. Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Turkey

hotdish. Tues., April 23: Stroganoff. Wed., April 24: Indian ta-

Rau School

Thurs., April 18: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, applesauce.

Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Chicken wraps, peas & carrots,

grapes. Tues., April 23: Sloppy ioes, baked beans, watermelon, potato chips.

Wed., April 24: Chicken tacos, salad, mixed fruit, ice cream

Froid School

Thurs., April 18: Corn dogs, baked beans, chips, fruit, salad bar.

Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Beanie weenies, cornbread, fruit, salad bar.

Tues., April 23: Salisbury steaks, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, buns, fruit, salad bar.

Wed., April 24: Jaeleigh's Day! Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, peach cups, cheesecake

Bainville School Thurs., April 18: Super gems, peppers, pineapple, salad bar.

Fri., April 19: Chicken cordon bleu pasta, peas, bananas, salad bar.

Mon., April 22: Turkey & cheese wraps, mixed veggies, tropical fruit, salad bar. Tues., April 23: Taco in a bag, corn, mangoes, salad

Wed., April 24: Sloppy joes, French fries, carrots, pear, salad bar.

Richey School Thurs., April 18: Chili, cin-

namon rolls, veggies, fruit, salad bar. Fri., April 19: No school.

Mon., April 22: Slushburgers, chips, veggie sticks, fruit, salad bar. Tues., April 23: Fajitas,

cookies, fruit, salad bar. Wed., April 24: Spaghetti, corn, French bread, cookies, fruit, salad bar.

Culbertson School Thurs., April 18: Spaghetti,

garlic toast, salad. Early release.

Fri.. April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Corn dogs, French fries, mixed fruit. Tues., April 23: Turkey bacon cheese wraps, peas, pears.

Wed., April 24: Cheeseburgers, broccoli, peaches.

Lambert School Thurs., April 18: Tater tot hotdish, salad, fruit. Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Gracie's lunch! Chicken alfredo, breadsticks, broccoli, cherry

Tues., April 23: Austin's lunch! Big Mac wraps, fries,

cheesecake.

Wed., April 24: Brie's lunch! Enchiladas, fresh veggies, chocolate revel bars, fruit.

Fairview School Thurs., April 18: Meatball subs, French fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. Fri., April 19: No school.

Mon., April 22: Soft shell tacos, Spanish rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. Tues., April 23: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, corn, dinner

rolls, fresh garden bar. Wed., April 24: Popcorn chicken, homemade macaroni & cheese, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.

East Fairview School Thurs., April 18: Egg rolls,

Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Sloppy joes,

Tues., April 23: Uncrustables, chicken noodle soup. Wed., April 24: Baked potato bar.

Alexander School Thurs., April 18: Build your

own burgers, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.

Fri., April 19: No school. Mon., April 22: Super nachos, fruit & vegetable bar. Tues., April 23: Wings. fries, fruit & vegetable bar. Wed., April 24: Soup & sandwich bar, fruit & vegetable bar.

Watford City School Thurs., April 18: Two crisp-

itos with cheese sauce, fritos, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Fri., April 19: Chicken asada, shoestring fries, fruit, veggies, salad bar.

Mon., April 22: Two chicken bacon ranch sliders, straight fries, fruit, veggies, salad

Tues., April 23: Chicken alfredo, garlic bread, fruit, veggies, salad bar.

Wed., April 24: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, fruit, veggies, salad bar.













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McKenzie County Emergency Management — Working For Safety

By Dianne Swanson

McKenzie County **Emergency Management is** here for you in the event of an emergency or disaster. Emergency manager Karolin Jappe has been on the job for 10 years now working with other agencies in the county and its neighbors, responding to emergencies and disasters, but also training others to be prepared. If needed, Jappe can also call on her neighboring counties for help as well as the state DES for assistance if the disaster becomes quite large and she needs more resources than are available. So far, she has only had to call out resources from her neighboring counties.

"Our job is keeping people safe to the best of our abilities and being there

for them if something tragic oil companies, in case of a in the flooded area. "The happens such as losing their home to a fire or having been flooded by a river or some other natural disaster. We work with 11 fire departments including two from Montana. She pays attention when there is a fire, and responds appropriately, staying away if not needed, or taking the mobile air trailer to the scene if necessary. "I self-dispatch according to need," she said.

Although Emergencv Management does not provide medical services, Jappe works to make sure the ambulances and four Quick Response teams in the area are up to snuff and have everything they need to carry out their duties. Jappe and her staff also spend time exercising and training with disaster.

A critical part of Emergency Management is first of all having a plan. Prevention and preparation are key to any disaster. Then responding to disasters such as fires, floods, tornados and sometimes severe summer or winter weather. Emergency managers are known to be the resource center for many things. They work closely with our fire departments and law enforcement on many scenes and if needed find resources they may need or that the people and businesses affected may

Jappe said she spent two months in the Fairview Fire Hall during the floods of 2019, coordinating assistance for the many people

fire chief just let me more or less move in and use his office while trying to help the residents who were affected by the flooding. When something like this happens that is when I work very closely with Richland County DES director Brandon Roth. Brandon has been great to work with and we each have our strengths that seem to compliment each other. We both have a hard time seeing state lines. It's all about the people we serve."

She has also written many grants for things like storm shelters, mobile air trailer, EOC (Emergency Operations Center) trailer and grants for equipment for some of our volunteer fire departments need that they cannot afford.

But all in all her biggest concern is reaching families and teaching them about how to be prepared for any disaster, be it tornado, fire, flood or any other natural disaster. As part of that outreach, Jappe and her assistant will be in all of the schools in McKenzie County this month reading the book "Tommy the Tornado" to elementary students, and stressing that they take the book home to share with their parents about the importance of being prepared and to have a family plan in case of a disaster hitting close to home.

Her office has also hosted disaster preparedness discussions at various churches and hopes to host many more, as her big concern is all about reaching

more families and educate them about potential disasters and how they can get better prepared. Annually, McKenzie County hosts the annual Skywarn class. This year it will be held on April 30, in Watford City at the middle school. Anyone wishing to become a storm spotter is encouraged to attend. The hour-and-a-half class will begin at 6 p.m.

For more information on McKenzie County Emergency Management, we strive hard to keep our Facebook page up to date with the latest information. This last year, the office also created a Spanish Emergency Management Facebook page as we have a large Spanish population that we do not want to forget about.

Richland County Emergency Aims For Improvements

By Bill Vander Weele

Brandon Roth, director of emergency management for Richland County, is dedicated to making the area as safe as possible for area citizens. That commitment includes improvements through new projects.

"We're on a constant rotation of projects," Roth said. "We're looking at something new every day."

He noted the drone project that was started a couple years ago has been very beneficial for public safety. The drones can

be used for fire response, search and rescue efforts and fire searches of homes.

Real time imagery assists in both flooding and hazmat emergencies so officials can obtain information as quickly as possible.

Thanks to a Homeland Security grant, Richland County will soon have an incident command trailer. The facility will increase the response capability in a larger emergency and allow emergency personnel to have mapping abilities closer to the scene.

Also in the works is a gas project that will increase the capability to respond to gas-related incidents including oil spills. The project will help monitor air to make sure it's safe for the public and responders.

Roth said one of his biggest current concerns is the dry weather conditions in eastern Montana. He stresses residents to use extreme caution while using farm machinery and enjoying outdoor activities.

"It's really dry out there," Roth explained. "The dry conditions obviously present a danger."

He noted there are also flooding concerns in the area for this spring.

His office has been working on hazmat prevention and response efforts. Proper procedures have been discussed with fire departments regarding dealing with chemicals.

Roth said he has learned from experience to be ready for any sort of emergency. One year, the office was concentrating on

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Ancillary Services Critical To Patient Care

Sidney Health Center provides a wide range of services that are critical to the diagnostics and well-being of its patients. The center provided the following information explaining those services and their role in ensuring the best possible outcome for patients. They also provided training and education requirements for those positions.

Laboratory

"We are the science behind the medicine." shared Danielle Russell, Sidney Health Center Laboratory

The Laboratory provides a wide range of critical diagnostic services essential for the well-being of Sidney Health Center patients. From chemistry and hematology to serology, coagulation, microbiology, urinalysis, and blood banking, we cover all aspects of diagnostic testing. These services are vital for accurately diagnosing conditions, guiding treatment plans, and monitoring patient health. By leveraging state-of-the-art instrumentation and expertise, we

ensure timely and precise results, ultimately promoting the diagnostics and well-being of our patients.

·Medical laboratory technicians generally need an associate degree or certificate

· Medical laboratory technologists must typically hold a bachelor's degree

· The Phlebotomist position is an on-the-iob training, but there are also phlebotomy certification courses available. Upon completion of the course, students can sit for a national certification exam to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

Radiology

At Sidney Health Center our dedicated Radiology Team, comprised of experienced radiologists and technologists, utilizes state-of-the-art technology to produce high-quality digital images across a range of modalities including CT, MRI, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, Diagnostic Radiography and PET CT. Our commitment to excellence ensures accurate diagnostics and compassionate care for our patients. Whether it's detecting abnormalities, monitoring treatment progress, or guiding therapeutic interventions, our team is committed to ensuring accurate and timely

diagnoses for our patients. · Radiologic technologists complete an associate or bachelor's degree

· Additional certifications are encouraged to recognize individuals who are certified and registered

in certain disciplines "It has been an honor to be the Imaging Director for the past 21 years," shared Linda Labatte, Sid-

director. "I work with the (Continued on page 9)

ney Health Center Imaging

Different Types Of Siren Explained

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He reminds the pub-

This siren is a steady tone for up to five minutes. Roth said people should check news channels or other devices for emergency information.

Roth encourages people to sign up for the CodeRED emergency notification at www.richland.org. The system alerts residents and businesses during an emergency. CodeRED can notify through cell phones. landlines, emails or social media.



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disaster such as a tornado. flood prevention, but that

turned out to be the year that the area dealt with a strong wind storm. "It taught my office to be ready for everything," Roth said.

lic of the different types of warning sirens. The siren with the wavering tone is to notify residents that there's a fire and that they should be aware of volunteers heading to the fire hall and then fire trucks responding. The second siren is for a natural

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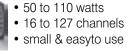




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(Continued from page 8) most caring and dedicated Imaging Technologists who honor Sidney Health Center's mission statement which is to 'Help those we serve achieve their highest level of health and well-being.' Sidney Health Center is committed to providing our community with stateof-the-art equipment and compassionate care."

Respiratory Care

Respiratory Care at Sidney Health Center includes diagnostic testing, oxygen therapy, ventilator management, bronchodilator therapy, airway clearance techniques, sleep medicine, cardiopulmonary rehab and patient education. These services are critical for diagnosing and treating respiratory conditions like asthma, COPD, and pneumonia, sleep apnea, improving patient outcomes, and promoting respiratory health. Respiratory therapists play a

vital role in delivering these services and empowering patients to manage their respiratory health effectively.

· Respiratory therapists may complete an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree program

· Additional certifications can be obtained in advanced care of cardiopulmonary issues, sleep disorders and national certifications in Respiratory Therapy

"The Respiratory Therapy, Sleep Medicine and Cardiopulmonary Rehab department works tirelessly to improve patient outcomes and enhance their quality of life," stated Nancy Dynneson, senior executive Hospital Services. "Their expertise and compassion make a considerable difference in the lives of the patients and their families."

Pharmacy

The Sidney Health Center Pharmacy offers critical services such as dispensing medications, counseling patients on proper usage, managing complex medication regimens, and compounding customized medications. These services ensure patients have access to necessary medications, understand how to use them safely, and receive preventive care. The pharmacy at Sidney Health Center is comprised of a Retail Pharmacy, a Hospital Pharmacy, a Cancer Center Pharmacy, and a Long-Term Care division that all function together to provide topnotch medication services to our entire geographic area. From assisting providers with medication questions and therapeutic alternatives to talking patients through new medications and therapies, the pharmacy staff at

· Pharmacy Technicians complete a certification program typically finished within

answer the call.

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a few months. The certification is nationally recognized and is accomplished through a combination of on-the-job training and online course work that is completed both at home and with the assistance of the team in the pharmacy.

· Pharmacists typically graduate with a doctoral degree, Pharm D, and are an integral part of the healthcare team at SHC. Pharmacists go through a diverse educational program that blends classroom work with clinical experiences and rotations in a variety of different disciplines so you can focus on the type of medicine that interests you most. A strong interest in biology and chemistry certainly helps, but a candidate with a big heart and the desire to be an important part of the patient experience is what is really

important! "The pharmacy is the center of the healthcare

hub," stated Steve Case, Sidney Health Center Pharmacy Director. "The medications and information about the proper dosing, interactions, administration, and use affects nearly every patient. Working closely with nurses, providers, patients and the rest of the healthcare team is what drives the pharmacy team at Sidney Health Center."

At Sidney Health Center in fiscal vear 2023, more than 141,000 prescriptions were filled, over 131,000 laboratory tests were ran. 24,900 imaging exams were performed and more than 12,400 inpatient respiratory therapy treatments were provided in addition to 3,448 EKG tests, 26 EEG tests, 217 sleep tests and approximately 800 cardiac rehab appointments.

What types of resources are you using to recruit new employees?

Recruiting and retaining

initiative for Sidney Health Center, and we've taken proactive steps to achieve this goal. We created a role within our Human Resources department that has undertaken recruitment and engagement for the facility.

We're actively engaging with local youth to spark interest in healthcare careers. Recently, Sidney Health Center hosted a Healthcare Career Exploration Day for area high school students, collaborating across departments to provide valuable insights. Through hands-on activities and information sessions, students learned about various healthcare careers and were given information on how to move forward with their chosen career path. Recognizing the importance of hands-on experience, Sidney Health Center offers job shadow opportunities to area students.

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Constrast Enhanced Mammography Offered In Watford City

Watford City—It is with great excitement that McKenzie Health's Radiology Department is now offering contrast enhanced mammography (CEM)! The ability to offer this service was made possible by the following generous contributors: Enerplus, Rural Community Grant Fund, Paul and Sandi Wisness, Ardis Peterson, and Tammy James.

Providing this important service in Watford City will save patients a 200-mile drive one way to have the procedure performed. Same week appointments are available in Watford City for those that are recommended to receive a contrast enhanced mammogram following their screening mammogram. This same exam is scheduled out one month plus in other locations across the state, so the Radiology Department is pleased to be able to schedule patients more quickly, speeding up care when time is of the essence.

The goal for our radiology team is to catch breast cancers at annual screenings before patients present with symptoms giving them the best diagnosis and prognosis possible. Success is saving lives and accomplishing that through annual screenings while caring for patients and developing a relationship with them as they continue to return annually



Pictured (L-R) Karlee (McKenzie Health), Mica (Hologic), and Hali (McKenzie Health), Mica provided onsite training to Karlee and Hali. (Photo submitted by Lynn Welker)

and as needed for callbacks requiring additional imaging. McKenzie Health's comprehensive breast care program now provides screening and diagnostic breast imaging services. Biopsies, with the addition of Dr. Leszek Jaszczak – radiologist, will be offered soon. Dr. Gillian Lavik – general surgeon, is providing lumpectomy procedures when/if needed.

CEM is less invasive and often recommended before a breast MRI which is much more expensive, uncomfortable, and requires traveling out of town to a different facility. CEM helps the radiologist determine if the suspicious area has blood flow present and whether it would require an MRI and/ or biopsy. Many patients are spared the pain, cost, and inconvenience of a breast biopsy if the CEM is negative. Now offering CEM at McKenzie Health spares the patient prolonged anxiety over what the diagnosis could be, while waiting for their appointment at a department that is booked out weeks or even months. Our ease of local availability could save the patient's life by providing CEM.

Pete Edis, McKenzie Health CEO, states, "The addition of contrast enhanced mammography at McKenzie Health is big news for residents. Thanks to our generous donors and talented radiology team, we can provide the most detailed images of the breast needed to help diagnose cancer. One of the cornerstones of healthcare is accessibility. Residents will no longer have to travel 1-3 hours, nor wait for months for a potentially lifesaving diagnosis, putting McKenzie Health at the forefront in the fight against cancer."

If you haven't had your annual mammogram, have your provider take care of a referral today! Questions? Please call 701-444-8800.

Reaching Out To Students

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Through this program, students immerse themselves in a healthcare career, gaining firsthand insights into the daily activities of their chosen field. We aim to ignite passion and empower informed career choices among the next generation.

Sidney Health Center also welcomes area schools for facility tours, providing them with a firsthand look at our operations. Additionally, we participate in local and college career fairs, facilitating face-to-face interactions with potential candidates.

Virtual platforms have become essential for outreach, enabling Sidney Health Center to connect with candidates regardless of location. We host virtual lunch and learn sessions in

collaboration with colleges. offering a virtual gateway to our facility and career opportunities. In addition to in-person and virtual outreach, we've implemented targeted media campaigns across social media, radio, and newspaper platforms to amplify our recruitment message and reach diverse audiences. Acknowledging the invaluable role of employee advocacy, Sidney Health Center empowers our workforce to serve as ambassadors for recruitment. Through our referral program, we incentivize our workforce to refer qualified candidates from their networks. This fosters a culture of collective ownership and shared success, reflecting our commitment to cultivating a diverse and dynamic healthcare workforce.







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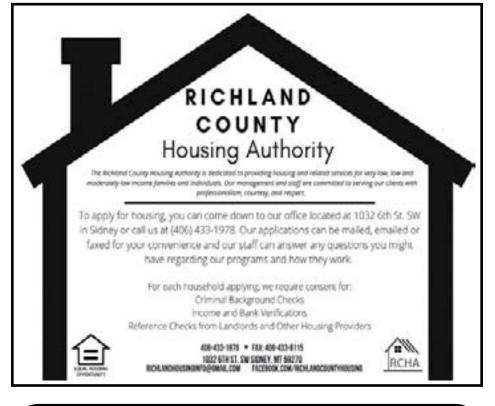
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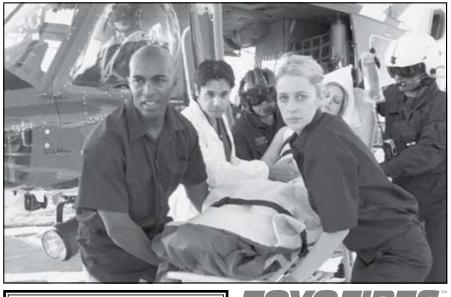
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Richland County Spelling Bee Features 117 Students



First-grade winners were Emily Edwards of Sidney in first, Hayzleigh Dilldine of Fairview in second and KyAnn Nelson of Sidney in third. (Photos submitted)



Second-grade winners are Voss Evanson of Sidney in first, Liam Kuylen of Savage in second and Finley Thompson of Fairview in third.



Third-grade winners are Vaughn Verhasselt of Savage in first, Cash Coppel of Sidney in second and Zoe Mercer of Sidney in third.



Fourth-grade winners are Rosalie Stevenson, Rau, in first, Avalynn Peterson, Sidney, in second and Kinley Peters, Savage, in third.



Fifth-grade winners included Kannon Sheehan, Sidney, in first, Zach Green, Fairview, in second and Blake Pust, Sidney, third.



Sixth-grade winners were Brent Simard, Sidney, in first, Donovan Seely, Sidney, in second and Summer Lange, Savage, in third.



Junior high winners were Jayden Halvorson, Sidney, first, Triger Henline, Fairview, in second

and Camerson Unruh, Fairview, in third. **Fairview, Savage Teams**

Place at Baker Meet

The Fairview and Savage track squads enjoyed strong performance at the Baker Invitational held on

Saturday. Fairview placed third the boys' team standings with 52 points and placed seventh in the girls' standings with 30 points. Savage's girls earned third with 65 points and scored nine points in the boys' division.

Fairview's Jeffery Tjelde finished first in the 400 with a time of 52.77 seconds. Tyler Loan placed second in the 100 at 11.68 seconds and took fourth in the 200 at 24.0 seconds. Troy Karst took sixth in the 200 at 24.27 and seventh in the 100 at 12.02.

Jaxon Vitt placed third in the long jump at 19-9 and ninth in the high jump at 5-6.

Deacon Gackle earned fourth place in the discus with a mark of 133-7. Gackle took sixth in the shot put at 39-9. Landon Thompson was seventh in the shot at

Fairview's boys' 1600-meter relay team of Ryan Lustig, Karst, Loan and Tjelde finished first with a time of 3.42.60. The 400-meter relay team of Curt Rice, Lustig, Vitt and Loan placed second at 45.73 seconds.

In the girls' division, Kambre Kloker placed second in the pole vault at 9-6 and fourth in the long jump at 16-7. Kailee Hopes ran the 400 in 66.67 for third place. Averi Riedle finished sixth at 68.58.

Carly Buxbaum earned fourth place in the triple jump with a mark of 30-9. Kynlee

Vitt cleared 4-8 for fifth place in the high jump. Riedel cleared 6-6 for eighth place in the pole vault.

Riedel took seventh and Buxbaum was eighth in the 100. Vitt placed eighth in the 200 and Brookyln Anderson was 10th in the 1600.

Fairview's girls' 400 meter relay team consisting of Riedel, Buxbaum, Hopes and Vitt finished third at 52.04 seconds.

Savage's girls were led by Brooke Reuter who earned first in the 100 at 12.52, 200 at 25.71 and triple jump at 34-3.

Miley Pilgeram captured first in the javelin at 100-0. KD Lyons placed sixth in the event at 79-2.

Cambry Conradsen placed second in the 100 at 12.7 and third in the long jump at 16-10. Mylee Reuter finished fifth in the 800 at

Placing seventh were Lyons in the triple jump and Mylee Reuter in the pole vault. Matilda Verhasselt took ninth in the high jump and 800.

Savage's girls' 400-meter team of Conradsen, B. Reuter, M. Reuter and Verhasselt placed second at 51.72 seconds.

On the boys' side, Sayer Erickson cleared 11-0 for fourth place in the pole vault. Adden Erickson cleared 7-6

for ninth place. Cade Tombre took sixth in the javelin and 10th in the 200. Savage's boys' 1600-meter relay team of S. Erickson, Jack DaBill, Cade Tombre and Jaeger Tombre placed fourth at 3:57.17.

Bike Rodeo Planned May 11

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 Fair-

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

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. and April 29 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Fairgrounds' Commercial Building. Please use the Fair Office entrance.

Reuters Signs With Montana State Track Program By Bill Vander Weele 12.35 seconds in the 100.

Savage's Brooke Reuter has decided to take her running talents to Montana State University in Boze-

Reuter, a five-time state champion sprinter in Class C, said the decision was fairly easy since her father, Brady, and her track coach/ uncle, Jerren Erickson, are each big supporters of the Bobcats.

"Since I was a little kid, that's where I wanted to be," Brooke said of attending

Reuter has won the state championship in the 100-meter dash in each of her three prior seasons. The senior has finished first in the 200 twice. She has placed third in the 400 three times and has also placed in the long jump.

Her school records are

25.33 seconds in the 200 and 58.36 seconds in the 400.

Reuter's goals for her senior season include four-peating in the 100 and repeating in the 200. Her best triple jump mark has been 35-05, and she is hoping to break Melanie Foster's school record of 36-5.

After a team finish of third place at last year's state meet, Reuter wants the Warriors to place at least that high this year. "All the girls really want it," she said.

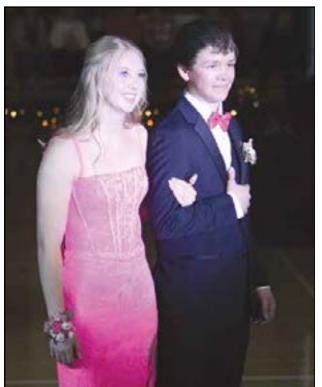
She is thankful for the support from her family, coaches and teammates. She credits teammate Cambry Conradsen, a junior, for pushing her during practices and meets. "I wouldn't be where I am without her," Reuter said.



Savage's Brooke Reuter is joined by family members for the signing ceremony. (Photo submitted)



Maverick Marquardt and Sasha Stieg ride through the Watford City's grand march in style. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Brier Arnegard escorts Amelia Wisness through the Grand March of Watford City's Prom. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Sidney Softball Team Wins Game In Lewistown

Sidney's softball team dropped an exciting 14-12 non-conference game against Glasgow on Tues-

After Glasgow gained a 10-4 lead at the end of four innings, Sidney struck back with five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Singles by Kylin Siatta, Aiyana Kirn, Amiya Steinbeisser and Jayla Huft highlighted the inning.

Glasgow moved ahead 12-9 with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth. Allison Thiel doubled to score Izzy Baisch in the bottom of the sixth to cut the margin to 12-10. After the Scotties added

a pair of runs in the top of the seventh, A. Kirn and Huft scored for the Eagles in the bottom of the seventh to come as close as 14-12.

Siatta led the Eagles with four hits and four runs batted in. Kirn added three hits. Having two hits each were Steinbeisser and Huft including a double.

The Eagles won one game, tied a game and dropped two contests during action in Lewistown. The victory came against Shelby.



Watford City's Ethan Dennis records a time of 42.47 for a first place finish for Watford City in the 300 M hurdles. Watford City had a great day at its home track and field meet. Parker Schuster qualifed for state in the 200m with a time of 22.89. He was also an individual winner in the 400m dash, getting a little closer to the qualifying time. Ethan Dennis was an individual winner in the 300m hurdles. There were many personal records throughout the team as they continue to work hard in practice and meets. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)





Fairview Scores During Track Action

Fairview scored 37.5 points in the boys' division and 22 points in the girls' division during track action held in Watford City on Tuesday.

Highlights for Fairview's boys included Deacon Gackle placing second in the discus with a mark of 142-2 and the 1600-meter relay team featuring Ryan Lustig, Trov Karst. Tyler Loan and Jeffery Tjelde taking third at 3:42.91.

The boys' 400-meter relay team of Curt Rice, Lustig, Jaxon Vitt and Loan finished fourth in 47.31 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, Tjelde finished fifth at 55.97 and Loan was sixth at 56.03 seconds.

Rice placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles at 47.74 seconds. Gackle placed sixth in the shot put with a best of 42-7. Vitt took seventh in the high jump at 5-6. Loan finished seventh in the 100 at 11.72 and Rice took eighth in the 110-meter hurdles at 26.02.

A first-place efforts led the way for Fairview's girls.



Fairview's freshman Karlee Nay competes in the 100-meter hurdles at the Watford City Early-Bird (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)

Kambre Kloker cleared 9-6 for top honors in the pole

Kallee Hopes had a mark of 32-4 for fifth place in the shot put.

The girls' 1600-meter relay team featuring Carly Buxbaum, Kynlee Vitt, Hopes and Averi Riedel

finished fifth with a time of 4:40.32.

Hopes finished seventh in the 200 at 28.28 and Averi Riedel was eighth in the 100 at 13.5. Also placing eighth were Kloker at 15-10 in the long jump and Riedel by clearing 7-0 in the pole vault.

Eagles Win Three Of Four Games

By Robyn Heck

On April 8, the Sidney Eagle baseball team traveled to Stanley, ND, to defeat the Blue Jays 17 to 2, and the Ray Jays 15-4.

The first game was against the Ray Jays. Ty Schepens drove in four runs on three hits to give the Eagles a lead. Schepens doubled in the second inning, scoring three runs and singled in the first scoring

The Eagles won, thanks in part to eight runs scored in the second inning. Treyce Bower grounded out, Kayson Radke drew a walk, Cooper McNally drew a walk, and Blake Johnson singled, each scoring one run. Schepens doubled to score three runs.

Cayden Heck earned the win giving up one hit and one run (zero earned) over two innings, striking out one and walking three. Radke finished the game as relief pitcher. Ryder Hansen collected two hits in three at bats. The team accumulated 11 walks during the game. Braden Harris, Bower and Trace Bain led the team with two walks each.

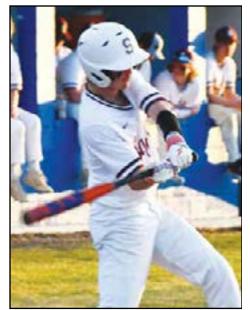
Next, the Eagles took on the Stanley Blue Jays. The Eagles scored three in the first inning after Heck singled and a wild pitch scored two runs. The Eagles extended their lead in the third inning with help from a single by Schepens and a ground out by Radke. The Eagles scored five runs on two hits in the top of the fourth. Heck singled scoring two runs, Radke grounded out, scoring two runs, and Blake Johnson grounded out scoring one run.

In the fifth inning, the Eagles scored six runs on one hit. Hansen, Heck, McNally and Radke each drew a walk and scored a run. Johnson singled and scored another run.

Johnson earned the win pitching for Sidney. The righty surrendered three hits and two runs over 4 1/2 innings, striking out seven and walking two. McNally finished the game as the relief pitcher.

Heck led the Eagles with three runs batted in. The outfielder went two for two on the day. McNally led the Eagles with four walks. The team had a strong eye on the plate accumulating 12 walks for the game. Mcnally, Heck, Harris and Hansen each stole multiple bases during the game. The team tallied 14 stolen bases. The Eagles were sure handed and didn't commit a single error. Schepens made the most plays with seven.

On Friday, the Eagles won their first home game of the season beating the East Helena Vigilantes 1-2. The game was tied at one in the bottom of the sixth when Johnson singled, scoring one run. Both teams were strong on the mound. The Eagles struck out four while East Helena sat down nine. East Helena was the first to get on board in



Ryder Hansen takes a swing during home baseball action. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

the fourth inning when a wild pitch scored one run.

The Eagles jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the sixth after Kayson Radke grounded out and Johnson singled, each scoring one run.

Hanson earned the win for Sidney. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and one run over 6 1/2 innings, striking out four and walking six. Heck collected the save.

Johnson and Radke were a 1-2 punch in the lineup as each drove in one run for the Eagles. Hansen lead with two hits in three at bats from the lead off position. The Eagles turned one double play in the game.

On Saturday, the Eagles had a tough conference loss at home against the Columbus Cougars. The score was 9-8.

The Eagles got on board in the bottom of the first after Gradin Sukut doubled, scoring two runs, and Blake Johnson singled, scoring one run.

The Columbus Cougars flipped the game on their head in the top of the third, scoring five runs on one hit to take the lead 5-3. The biggest blow in the inning was an error that drove in two. The Eagles came back in the bottom of

the fourth, scoring five runs on three hits to take an 8-5 lead. Johnson hit a single that drove in two.

Columbus made the score 9-8 in the top of the sixth after scoring four runs.

Gradin Sukut led the Eagles with two runs batted in. The centerfielder went one for one on the day. Johnson lead the team at the plate with two hits in three at bats.





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Eagles Score At Billings Track Meet

Sidney's boys tallied 14.33 points and Sidney's girls scored four points at the Billings Invitational on Saturday.

Sidney's Chace Waters took second place in the shot put at 50-6 and eighth

133-9. Daniel Stevens cleared 13-6 for fourth place in the pole vault.

Aren Larson cleared 5-10 to take fourth in the high jump. Kevin Hutzenbiler was 10th in the triple jump at 39-10.

The boys' 400-meter relay team consisting of Re-

ece Graves, Larson, Xander Schlothauer and Joseph Yadon finished in eighth place at 45.40 seconds.

In the girls' division, Morgan Kindopp cleared 10-6 for fourth place in the pole vault.

The Eagles will host the Sidney Invitational on Saturday.



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