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15th Annual Harvest Festival Oct. 24 to Nov. 3

Harvest Carnival October 27 on Central Ave. & Main St., Sidney

Agriculture is the backbone of the MonDak region and it's time to celebrate the end of harvest with The Roundup's 15th annual Harvest Festival October 24 through November 3.

Make It With Sugar

Whip up your tastiest creations Friday, October 26 and bring them to Reynolds Market between 9 and 10 a.m. for a chance to win a \$50 prize from Pifer's General Store, Cooks On Main, Johnson Hardware & Furniture, Ranger Lounge, Williston Saddlery or Larson Service Drug. Cooks also receive a bag of sugar for each entry. The Peoples Choice winner will win a \$100 Reynolds gift card. As an extra bonus this year, Reynolds will hold a drawing for a \$50 gift card for those who use Food Club products in their entry, and include them in their recipe. Enter in cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads and rolls, and other. The expert judges from Sidney Sugars will determine the winners.

Harvest Carnival

Follow the Trail of Treats with Key Club and Leo Club Saturday, October 27 and join in the Carnival fun on West Main and in the Yellowstone Marketplace starting at 10



a.m. Decorate a scare crow, dig for treats in a tub of grain, and toss a sugarbeet for a prize. Prizes include gift cards, candy, and more.

Head out to Reynolds Market for their costume judging contest at 12:30, then come back for an afternoon of fun for kids and adults. The cupcake walk takes place at 1:30 with winners taking home a tasty treat.

Pie Eating Conest

Bring your appetite to the

pie eating contest, featuring delicious apple pies from Reese & Ray's IGA, at 2:30. First prize for adults will be a \$20 gift card to a Sidney business of their choosing. Kids will receive a choice of gift cards and a "Sugarbeet Falls" book.

Mucho Si Pinata

Try whacking open the Mucho Si piñata at 3:00 p.m. Filled with candy and prizes, there will be plenty for everyone to enjoy.

The Richland Aces 4-H Club will also be holding a bake sale during the carnival.

\$500 Grand Harvest Festival Prize

Register at participating merchants through November 3rd to win a bag of sugar or \$500 in gift cards from local merchants!

Join us as we have fun celebrating our agricultural community and their valuable contribution to this area and the world.

Trail of Treats In Sidney, Williston And Watford City

The Key Club and Leo Club Trail of Treats for kids through 5th grade kicks off in downtown Sidney, MT, Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Reese and Ray's IGA would be the place to start for a free donut hole and apple cider. Maps will be available there listing the participating businesses. If needed members of the Leo Club and Key Club will be available to lead youngsters to the participating businesses. Starting at noon Reynolds Market will have a treat available for children and at 12:30 p.m. they will hold their annual costume contest. There will be awards for the best costume. Be sure to follow the trail to the rest of the shops of Fox Run. After the judging head on over for fun and games at the Harvest Carnival, outdoors at West Main Street and indoors at Yellowstone Marketplace, from 10 am - 4 pm.

The Williston Downtowners Association is celebrating 31 years of Trail of Treats on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in the downtown Williston, ND area and the street will be closed down from 1 p.m. and reopen at 5 p.m. Downtown businesses will set up outside of their store. Businesses that are interested in coming down for the event are asked to check in at the Downtowners tent located at Main and Broadway to be given a location. This event plans for 1,000+ kids and expect no adult is too cool for a Halloween costume.

The Watford City, ND Chamber of Commerce Trail of Treats is Wednesday, Oct. 31 on Main Street between Park and 4th Avenue, which will be closed to traffic from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The kids are invited to visit as many as 50 businesses on Main Street. There will also be Off The Beaten Path Businesses set up on Main Street if the weather is good. In case of bad weather they will be set up in the Vets building.

Halloween Open House, Pioneer Museum, Watford City

Come to the Pioneer Museum in Watford City, ND for a Halloween Open House from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. There will be hot drinks and samples of the Dakota Pride Products that are for sale in the gift shop. Guitarist Lane Sandstrom will be there providing "easy listening" for the guests. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a "Charles Bannon" panel discussing the stories of their ancestors that were told to them regarding the "Last Lynching" in North Dakota. The guests are encouraged to come dressed in fun costumes.

You will also be able to start early Christmas shopping in the unique gift shop. Choose from custom made products from local artisans, photographs taken by local photographers, books, toys and clothing galore!

Halloween Costume Dance Oct. 26

On Friday, Oct. 26 from 7-10 p.m., there will be a Halloween Costume Dance for 6th - 8th grade students at St. Matthew's Parish Center Gym, Sidney, MT with music by DJ Midnight Express.

Admission price for the dance will be \$7 if you are wearing a costume and \$10 if not wearing a costume. Concessions will be available to purchase. Those in costume may sign up once for a chance to win door prizes to be given away throughout the night.

The dance will be a lock-in for safety. Students will be allowed to leave early if picked up and signed out by a parent.

Don't Let Halloween Night End In A Nightmare

Ghouls and goblins galore, Halloween is a night of celebration for people of all ages. Whether young trick-or-treaters, or adult partygoers, Halloween is a time for friends and family to enjoy candy, costumes, and a night of make believe. Save the nightmares for the horror films, don't engage in drunk driving.

Each year, thousands of trick-or-treaters flock to the streets on Halloween night. Thousands of others head to local bars and restaurants to also partake in the merry-making. Don't put yourself or another at risk by choosing to drink and drive. To help spread the message that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with the Richland County Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force, to remind everyone of the dangers of drunk driving. Halloween poses a potentially dangerous threat to pedestrians, as more people are out at night on the hunt for candy. If your night involves alcohol, plan for a sober ride home. Remember, it's never safe to drink and get behind the wheel of a vehicle.

"If you know you're going to go out and party on Halloween night, make sure you have a sober driver designated to get you home safely," said Don Smies, Richland County Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force Coordinator. "It's a lot easier to enjoy the party when you're not worrying about how you're getting home." Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

If you have any questions, need some addition information or would like to be a member of the Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force please contact Don Smies, Coordinator 406-433-2207. Check us out on Facebook, www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment.

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McKenzie County Commissioner Candidates Eager To Serve The Public

By Jordan Hall

Four candidates are on the ballot for McKenzie County Commissioner. Two are incumbents, and two are challengers. All four spoke to the Roundup about their desire to serve McKenzie County as a commissioner.

John Rolfsrud, who is vying for a commissioner position with McKenzie County, first spoke with the Roundup. Rolfsrud explained his background and experience that is pertinent to the position.

"I'm a longtime McKenzie County resident. I was born here, and after college I went to work for a manufacturing firm in Montana and moved back here more than 20 years ago and have been farming since. Currently, I'm on a township board in Blue Buttes. I've been on the McKenzie County Rural Fire Department for more than 20 years, with more than 16 years as the chief. I've been a member of the local Lutheran Church board for more years than I can remember."

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ONEOK Continues Support for McKenzie County Healthcare Systems



Attending the hospital tour were (L-R) Jason Wright (ONEOK); Britanny Anicetti (ONEOK); Shelby Bruins (ONEOK); Thea Roff (ONEOK); Heather VanGelder (ONEOK); Patsy Levang (Chair MCHS Board); Dan Kelly (CEO of MCHS); Dr. Doug Nordby (McKenzie County Commission); Sam Perry (Rural Health Clinic-MCHS); Daniel Stenberg (McKenzie County Economic Development); Lynn Welker Fevold (Public Relations and Fundraising Director for MCHS and Benefit Fund of McKenzie County Healthcare Systems/Consultant Welker & Fevold PR); Sandra Sanford (wife of Lt. Governor Brent Sanford)

By Jody Wells

ONEOK has continued providing support for local health services by donating \$50,000 for medical equipment to the new McKenzie County Healthcare Systems (MCHS) facility in Watford City. In 2016, ONEOK contributed \$1 million to help kick-start construction of the new hospital located at 709 4th Ave. NE. ONEOK's initial gift was earmarked toward an emergency room that proved to be invaluable in the aftermath of the July 10 tornado that struck Prairie View RV Park.

On Oct. 17, ONEOK officials gathered for a check presentation and tour at the new MCHS facility. Local and state representatives also attended. The tour included completed and fully operational areas as well as other wings that are still a work in progress.

"The contributions need to continue," stated Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems CEO. The additional needs for the hospital have a price tag of over \$5 million.

"What they (ONEOK) do matters to people's lives," said Lynn Welker, Benefit Fund & McKenzie County Healthcare Systems Public Relations and Fundraising Director. The equipment purchased thus far has already saved lives and contributed to

the wellbeing of community residents.

Also in attendance was Sandra Sanford, North Dakota Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford's wife. Sanford read a statement from the Lt. Governor thanking ONEOK for their contributions to local and state economies as well as philanthropic donations. She also shared her personal experience from her work in the healthcare arena and as a resident of the area. "This is a game changer," stated Sanford. When she first moved back to Watford City 15 years ago the healthcare facility was largely outdated and lagged behind facilities in larger communities. She also explained that as a parent, it's healthcare that makes you comfortable when deciding to settle in a new area.

The new building opened to the public on July 1, 2018. Since then MCHS has seen approximately 1,519 emergency room patients, with a total of over 3,000 patients. The radiology department sees over 200 visits per month. This state-of-the-art, \$76.3 million facility features a brand-new hospital and clinic as well as updates to the connected Good Shepherd Home (long term care facility) and nearby Horizon Assisted Living.

The facility is comprised of 24 inpatient rooms, nine emergency room bays and two operating rooms.

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Sat, Oct 27 • 5-9pm

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“Charles Bannon” discussion at 6:30pm

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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1842.4
Last Week's Elev.....	1843.1
One Year Ago.....	1841.4
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	29,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
October 15.....	62	21	0.00
October 16.....	57	38	0.00
October 17.....	70	25	0.00
October 18.....	72	35	0.00
October 19.....	60	36	0.00
October 20.....	62	22	0.00
October 21.....	63	28	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....		13.69	

OBITUARIES

Clifford F. Brown, 69 Helena, MT

Clifford F. Brown, 69, of Helena passed away Tuesday, October 16. A viewing will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, with a Vigil to follow at 6 p.m. at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N Montana Ave. in Helena.

A funeral service will take place 1 p.m. Thursday, October 25 at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home.

Burial with military honors will follow the service at Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison.

A reception will follow in the social hall of the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Cliff's name be made to the East Valley Fire Department, 2694 Valley Dr, East Helena, "they were always there to assist Cliff when he needed them."

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Clifford.

Jerry Henson, 74 Sidney, MT

Memorial service for Jerry Henson, 74, of Sidney, MT was held at 10 a.m., Friday, October 19 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT.

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

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jerry passed away on Wednesday, October 10 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Harry Schmitt, 91 Sidney, MT

Harry was born October 15, 1927 in Bayard, NE to Filep and Amelia Kaufman Schmitt. He moved to Sidney when he was five years old to the family beet farm north of Sidney. Harry worked countless hours on the farm and helping friends in their beet fields during harvest. He attended Sidney High School and then enlisted in the United States Navy where he served in the Pacific Theater of action of WWII. After being honorably discharged he then was later drafted into the United States Army. While on leave he married Helen Schow in Miles City, MT on October 13, 1951. They lived in Colorado Springs, CO while he trained before being deployed to Korea. Upon completion of Harry's time in the service, he came back to Sidney and became a police officer where he served the community for many years. He was a truancy officer in the Sidney school system while on the police force and in his younger days he was an avid hunter and fisherman. Harry spent a number of years going to Glendive to help his brother-in-law Elmer harvest beets in October and also did custom crop spraying in the area.



Harry Schmitt

Harry was a confirmed member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where he served on the church board, was an usher and worked in maintenance and lawn service serving his faith community. He also helped his friend Kling at the gas station delivering bulk fuel and helping in the garage. Harry and Helen were proud supporters of the Sidney Eagles and the Fairview Warriors supporting their granddaughters in cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, and track. Harry was very proud of his grandson, Phillip, for his military service to our country.

Harry's favorite things were growing gardens (he loved red roses), his dog Crickett, and his grandkids and great grandkids that he dearly loved. One highlight was walking Toadie down the aisle at her wedding. He was appreciative of the Glendive VA and his daily nurse, Debra Kurly.

Harry is survived by his daughter G'Neil (Gerald) Sundheim of Colstrip, MT, his son Karlon (Helen) Schmitt of Sidney, MT, brothers Larry (Marilyn) Schmitt of Sidney, MT and Jim (Joan) Schmitt of OR, sisters Mickie Fleming of CA and Rose Gierke of Billings, MT, sisters-in-law Alvina Schmitt of Sidney, MT and Marge Schmitt of ND, grandchildren Chellie (Kirt) Gordan, Jeri (Paul) Matthews, Phillip (Lindley) Schmitt, Michael, Arnot, April, Brandie, and Kendra Schmitt, and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen, parents Filep and Amelia, sons Kennard and Kerwin, brothers John, Fred, and LeRoy, sisters Helene, Irene, Florence, Minnie, and his extended Steffan's family.

Harry passed away peacefully at home Monday, October 15, 2018 at home in Sidney, MT.

Fairview Bazaar and Fireworks Nov. 11

The Fairview Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to kick off the holiday season Sunday, November 11 with a full day of fun and shopping in Fairview. The annual craft bazaar runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fairview cafeteria and commons area, with vendors selling everything from crafts to delicious food items. Pick up that perfect gift or some special items just for yourself. As a special treat this year, Sunrise Brass will be providing music beginning at 2 p.m.

Head out to Sundheim Park for one of the most special nights of the season, beginning at 5 p.m. Enjoy huge holiday decorations, Christmas music, wagon rides with Katelyn Dynneson, and a visit with Santa Claus. Hot dogs and chili will be served by the Speech & Drama kids for a free will offering.

The spectacular fireworks display over the historic Fairview Bridge will start at 7 p.m.

Join us for a truly special day and evening as we celebrate our veterans and usher in the Christmas season.

Active Parenting 4th Edition Classes Available

Sidney, MT—MSU Extension Richland County and District II Alcohol and Drug Program are offering Active Parenting Classes. The school years of your child's life can present many different changes and challenges, for you as a parent and your child. Active Parenting is a program created by Dr. Michael Popkin who is a parenting expert. The Active Parenting 4th Edition program is a six-session class designed to help parents learn about a variety of items such as teaching responsibility, encouraging school success, how to defuse power struggles, and much more. Classes start October 29, 2018, at the Sidney-Richland County Library from 6-8 p.m. and are free of charge. Class size is limited; please RSVP by noon on October 26, by calling the MSU/Richland County Extension office at 433-1206.

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EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

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Wed., Oct. 24
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Williston Area Visual Artists Show**
This event will continue through Nov. 3. **The Falcon's Eye Nature Photographs** This event will continue through Dec. 29. Viewing is free and open to the public. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.
4-5 p.m. - **Teen Craft Club** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

Thurs., Oct. 25
5:30 p.m. - **Are You Ready For Medicare?** - Free community program to get a better understanding of Medicare. Light meal provided, space is limited. Call 406-433-3701 to reserve your seat or register at www.evenbrite.com. Community Services Building Conference Room, 1201 W. Holly St., Sidney, MT.

Fri., Oct. 26
9 a.m. - **Make It With Sugar Contest** - Entries accepted from 9-10 a.m. at Reynolds Market, Sidney, MT. Over \$500 in prizes will be awarded.
10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. - **Story Time** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.
6 p.m. - **Sidney Wrestling Club Casino Night Fundraiser** - Good food, music, prizes, bingo, poker. Special guest speaker, Nick Ackerman and more. Sidney Elks Lodge, Sidney, MT.
7-10 p.m. - **Halloween Costume Dance** - Grades 6th - 8th. Admission price with costume, \$7; without costume, \$10. Concessions available for purchase. St. Matthew's Parish Center Gym, Sidney, MT. Dance is lock-in for safety, allowed to leave early if picked up and signed out by a parent.

Sat., Oct. 27
10 a.m. - **Harvest Carnival** - Cupcake walk, sugarbeet toss, pie eating contest, candy harvest, Mucho Si pinata, baked goods for sale and more. Outdoors on Main Street, Sidney, MT and indoors at the Yellowstone Marketplace.
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - **Trail Of Treats** - For kids through 5th grade. Downtown Sidney. Start at Reese and Ray's IGA for treats and maps of participating businesses. 12:30 p.m. Halloween costume contest, Reynolds Market, Sidney.

Mon., Oct. 29
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. - **Tales For Tots** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.
6-8 p.m. - **Active Parenting Group** - A video and discussion program for parents of children ages 5 to 12. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. To register contact MSU/Richland County Extension, 406-433-1206 or email carrie.krug@montana.edu. The group will also meet Nov. 5, 19 and 26, Dec. 3 and 10.

Sat., Nov. 3
7-10 p.m. - **Annual Wine & Food Festival** - Wine and food pairings, silent auction and entertainment, Billings AlternaCirque. Richland County Event Center, 118 W. Holly Street, Sidney, MT. \$50 per ticket. Tickets available at Foundation For Community Care or call 406-488-2273. No tickets sold the night of the event.

Sun., Nov. 4
1-4 p.m. - **Music & Silent Auction** - Come listen to music, enjoy refreshments and start your early Christmas shopping. Savage Sunrise Manor, Savage, MT.

Mon., Nov. 5 - Fri., Nov. 9
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - **Veteran's Free Oil Change** - Free oil changes for Veterans and spouses of deployed active service members. No appointment necessary. Quick Change Oil, 714 W Holly St., Sidney, MT. 406-488-1915.

Sat., Nov. 10
9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Annual Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale** - Gift baskets, baked goods, cinnamon rolls, soup, sandwiches, pie and coffee. Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 211 East Holly, Sidney, MT.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., Oct. 26
6:30 p.m. - **Alexander Public School Foundation's 5th Annual Night Out, Eat Drink & Be Scary** - Come out for a night of Halloween fun and help support the education of Alexander students! Dinner, live music, auctions and dancing. Prize for the best costume. \$25 per ticket, at the school, the door or from a foundation member. Alexander Fire Hall, Alexander, ND.
7 p.m. - **3rd Annual Comedy Cafe** - Starring Jeff Civillico with Bob Stromberg. WCHS Performing Arts Center, Watford City, ND. Tickets \$25 each. Purchase tickets at iTickets.com.

Sat., Oct. 27
4-8 p.m. - **Chili & Fry Bread Matthew Family Benefit Games**, food, music, food, silent auction. Watford City Civic Center, 213 2nd Ave. NE, Watford City, ND. For more information call Amber, 406-212-3464.
5-9 p.m. - **Halloween Open House** - Hot drinks, samples of Dakota Pride Products, easy listening with guitarist Lane Sandstrom, Charles Bannon panel discussion, dress up in fun costumes and start your early Christmas shopping. Pioneer Museum, Watford City, ND.

Wed., Oct. 31
3-5 p.m. - **Trail of Treats On Main Street** - Kids are invited to visit businesses on Main Street, Watford City, ND which will be closed to traffic between Park and 4th Avenue. Businesses not on Main Street are invited to set up and pass out treats and in case of bad weather the Vets building will be available.

Fri., Nov. 9
10:30 a.m. - **Tater Tot Time with Miss Sandy & Miss Val: Thankfulness** - For moms and their children ages infant to 4 years of age. Sing songs, read stories, play games and do a craft. Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, ND. This event will also occur Nov. 16, Thanksgiving Party; Dec. 7, Snowman/Winter; Dec. 14, Christmas Party; Jan. 4, New Year's Resolution and Jan. 18, Winter.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Fri., Oct. 26
6-11 p.m. - **Annual Frontier Museum Ghost Stories** - You will be indoors and outdoors , so dress for the weather. Apple cider and treats are provided. \$5 adults; \$3 students; ages 6 and under are free. Frontier Museum, 6330 1st Ave. W., Williston, ND.
7-10 p.m. - **A Night of Edgar Allan Poe Readings** - Bring your favorite Poe poem, short story or choose from our selection. Perform or listen, no charge for entry, donations welcome, refreshments served. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. West, Williston, ND.

Wed., Oct. 31
1 p.m. - **Trail Of Treats** - Downtown Williston, ND. The street will be closed at 1 p.m. and reopen at 5 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 3
4 p.m. - **6th Annual Bras For A Cause Bra Auction** - Free will donation, live DJ, BFAC apparel, cash bar. Silent auction, 4 p.m.; live bra auction, 6 p.m. New Armory, 10 S main, Williston, ND.

Fri., Nov. 9
6 p.m. - **Prison Fellowship International Presents Endless Hope** - Featuring Liz Curtis Higgs, author, speaker, encourager with music by Austin & Lindsey Adamec. Tickets at lizcurtishiggs.com. Life Church, 1905 26 St. West, Williston, ND. For more information call Kelly, 701-570-4274.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Fri., Oct. 26
5:30 p.m. - **Night of Hope 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner Glendive Community Caner Fund** - Dinner, live auction, silent auction, bra auction. Tickets \$40 per person and can be purchased at Stockman Bank or Glendive Chamber of Commerce. Moose Lodge, 415 N. Merrill, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-4639.
7-11 p.m. - **Haunted Trail** - Open to the public! Dawson Community College, Glendive MT. This event also occurs Oct. 27 and 31. Tickets available at Auxiliary Gym, \$12 for adults; \$10 for students; \$8 for Veterans; \$7 for 5th grade or younger. For more information call Phil McClure, 804-647-



Help for Carly

On Oct. 16, the Sidney Elks Lodge presented the funds from the Carly Candee benefit held Sept. 29 to the Candee family. The funds will go toward Carly's treatments for Ulcerative Colitis at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. The Candee family would like to thank the community and the Elks for their support. Pictured are Josh Entzel (Elks Lodge), Ryan Laqua (Elks Lodge) Amber, Carly & Lee Candee and Steve Geiser (Elks Lodge).

Sidney Volleyball Honors Seniors



The Sidney volleyball team held senior night during their home game against Miles City on Oct. 20. The Eagles fell to the Cowboys 3 sets to 1 (26-24, 25-23, 25-15). Pictured are seniors (L-R) Lilli Seitz, Brooke Franklin and Lauren Beenken. The team's next game will be Oct. 26 at Hardin. Go to roundupweb.com and The Roundup's Facebook page for more photos.

Eagles Earn Playoff Spot

The Sidney football team beat the Park High Ranger football team from Livingston 22-7 on Oct. 19. Senior players and cheerleaders were recognized. The Eagles will play in the first round of the playoffs on Oct. 27 at 1 pm in Lewistown. Pictured is Tate Wierich running the ball back after an interception. Go to roundupweb.com and The Roundup's Facebook page for more photos of the game and senior night.



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Afton Ray-Rossol and Trish Stevenson Brand Their Western-themed Paintings With Contemporary Flair

“Beneath these Western Skies” opens November 1 in Red Lodge, Montana



Above right: “Big Sky Bugle”
Watercolor by Afton Ray-Rossol



Above: “Turquoise Tornado”
Pastel by Trish Stevenson



Right: Trish Stevenson and Afton Ray-Rossol at The GalleRay

“Beneath These Western Skies” is the two-person exhibit of upbeat paintings by eastern Montana artists, Afton Ray-Rossol of Sidney, and Trish Stevenson of Savage. While Ray-Rossol uses watercolor and Stevenson works mainly in pastels, both artists approach western themes with a fresh, bold view using daring colors and vivid brushstrokes to explore energetic subjects that range from rodeo and ranching life to the wildlife of Montana. The venue is housed in the historic train depot in Red Lodge, Montana which is home to the Carbon County Depot Gallery and Arts Guild at 11 W. 8th St. The exhibit will run from November 1 through November 28, 2018. The public is invited to a reception November 28, 2018 from 5 - 7 p.m. to meet the artists, who will share their processes and answer questions.

The artists’ paths first crossed in the late 90’s when Stevenson judged a youth art show that included Ray-Rossol’s work. The judge took special notice of the student’s winning talents from that year on. Eventually the two came to know each other through custom framing at a gallery in Sidney, Montana. Through the years their friendship and artist camaraderie has grown and continues to thrive in their small rural community. “We really value the fact that we can ‘talk shop’ and provide support to one another,” Stevenson remarks.

Growing up in Sidney, Ray-Rossol’s art had strong support from her family and won her many awards. She considers her talent a gift that comes naturally. She received a full scholarship and studied art at DCC in Glendive and has exhibited her work throughout the Montana-Dakota region. Her favorite award was received in 2013 when George Strait personally chose her design for a poster that promoted 60 Number One hits for his 60th birthday. Ray-Rossol, her husband and daughter are an avid outdoors family and those outings provide endless inspiration for her artwork. She operates The GalleRay Art & Frame Studio in Sidney where she paints, conducts workshops and does custom framing. Find her “Bold West” original art and prints at www.thegalleray.com.

Stevenson grew up in a rural area west of Denver and attended the Colorado Institute of Art, which included a study trip to Europe. She has made Montana her home for over 20 years. “I am surrounded by my inspiration, living in the ranching country of eastern Montana with horses, cattle, cowgirls and cowboys,” she explains. Her pastels and oil paintings have been featured in Western Horseman Magazine, and exhibited at the Rockwell Museum in New York, the International Museum of the Horse, the Out West Art show in Great Falls and the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. You can see more of her artwork on her website: www.trishstevenson.com

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Annie’s Project Sign Up Ends On Oct. 26

By Marcia Hellandsaas
NDSU Extension Agent,
McKenzie County

Area farm/ranch women interested in becoming better business partners are encouraged to attend Annie’s Project, a program offering a series of educational sessions on the business side of farming and ranching.

Annie’s will be held from 9 am to 3:30 pm CT on Fridays—November 2, 9 and 16 in the Yellowstone Room of the McKenzie County Courthouse.

A noon meal will be provided at each session.

Registration cost for the course is \$125.00, which includes software, books, meals and materials.

The 3-day program will provide comprehensive information on key farm/ranch management topics. Guest speakers will address and discuss the following:

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For more information and to register, please go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/mckenziecountyextension or contact NDSU Extension in McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu. Full payment must accompany registration forms. Registrations must be postmarked by October 26, 2018.

Pie Day And Hay Rides At Chateau De Mores State Historic Site

By the State Historical Society of North Dakota

MEDORA, N.D. - The Chateau de Mores State Historic Site invites the public to Pie Day and Hay Rides on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. MT. Visitors can enjoy pie at the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center for \$4 a slice and be treated to free horse-drawn hay rides through the scenic river bottomlands.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The event is a partnership with the Friends of the Chateau de Mores, and funds raised support the educational mission of the Chateau de Mores site, including funding summer programming and assisting with the purchase of educational materials.

For more information, contact the Chateau de Mores

State Historic Site at 701-623-4355. The Chateau de Mores site and Interpretive Center near Medora is managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. It is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (MT). Find out about additional upcoming educational programs sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota at history.nd.gov/events or call 701-328-2666.

No Keys Until You Know The Rules

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens between the ages of 15-18 in the United States ahead of all other types of injury, disease, and violence. In 2016, there were 2,288 people killed in crashes involving a teen driver (15-18 years old), of which 814 deaths were the teen driver, a six-percent increase from 2015. All teens are invited to take the pledge during National Teen Driver Safety Week from October 21-27, 2018 to obey the rules every time you drive. It’s ultimately up to you to make the right decisions behind the wheel. During the week, Richland County Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force is teaming up with NHTSA to promote safe teen driving habits.

1. Don’t Drive Impaired. If you are under 21, it’s illegal for you to drink alcohol, and it’s illegal for you to drive after drinking alcohol. Did you know that in 2015, one out of every five teen drivers involved in fatal crashes had been drinking? Even scarier, in fatal crashes that involved a teen driver and alcohol, 88 percent of the time the teen driver was the fatality.

2. Buckle Up — Every Trip, Every Time. Everyone — Front Seat and Back. Seat belts are designed to keep you safe in a crash by preventing you from being ejected from your vehicle, whether you’re sitting in the front seat or back, no matter how long or short the trip. Before you start driving, buckle your seat belt and make sure all passengers do the same. It’s a simple task that could save your life.

3. Eyes on the Road, Hands on the Wheel. All the Time. It’s tempting to answer a phone call or text, check social media, or ‘go live’ while driving, but those few seconds that you take your eyes off the road could be your last.

4. Follow the Posted Speed Limit. Speed limits aren’t just suggestions; they are the law, and are there to keep you and other motorists safe. In 2016, almost one-third (31%) of teen drivers of passenger vehicles involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of the crash. Remember to always drive within the speed limit; it could be what saves you from a deadly crash.

5. Passengers. Driving your friends to school may seem like a good idea, but it’s not. According to data, teen drivers are 2.5 times more likely to engage in one or more potentially risky behaviors when driving with one teenage passenger, when compared to driving alone. The likelihood of teen drivers engaging in risky behaviors triples when driving with multiple passengers.

6. Avoid Driving Drowsy. Everyone is busy studying, participating in extracurricular activities, and keeping up with friends. For many teens, the easiest thing to skimp on is the thing they need the most: sleep. This is a dangerous behavior that can lead to drowsy driving. Make sure you get a good night’s sleep; your grades, your friends, your passengers, and other drivers will thank you because you’ll be safer on the road.

Now that you know the most important behaviors to follow to keep yourself and your passenger’s safe, be sure to follow them each and every time you get behind the wheel.

If you have any questions, need some additional information on teen drivers or would like to be a member of the Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force please contact Don Smies, Coordinator 406-433-2207. Check us out on Facebook, www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment.

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Spooktacular Halloween Tips

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The most dangerous day of the year for child pedestrians is Halloween. On average, over two times as many child pedestrians die on Halloween compared to other days. Why? According to the National Safety Council, 89% of kids participate in Halloween and 73% of kids go trick-or-treating door-to-door.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Costumes should be made of fireproof fabric and include reflectors and bright colors.
- Costumes should not obstruct vision or movement.
- Make sure masks have large eye, nose and mouth openings.
- Costumes including shoes should be well-fitted.
- To increase visibility carry a flashlight or clip a glow stick to their outfit.
- Remind your child to never enter a stranger's home.
- Adults should always accompany children under 12.
- Children over 12 should go in groups and stick to familiar areas.
- The lights at street corners provide safe places to

cross.

- Look left-right-left when crossing streets and keep eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you.
- Watch out for vehicles backing out of driveways.

Halloween is an exciting time for kids, but can be worrisome for parents. This year leave the fear to spooky movies and pick a costume that's fun and safe for your child. "Parents with children in car seats need to make sure their costume doesn't interfere with the proper fit and function of the car seats," said Heidi

Moran, Richland County Car Seat Coordinator. "Also, have your little ghouls and goblins buckled-up when the vehicle is in motion, everyone, every time." Be Safe out there, Happy Halloween!

If you have any questions, need some additional information on Halloween Safety or would like to be a member of the Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force please contact Don Smies, Coordinator 406-433-2207. Check us out on Facebook, www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealth-Department.

Savage Sunrise Manor Presents Music And Silent Auction Nov. 4

On Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1-4 p.m. visit Savage Sunrise Manor for music, refreshments and early Christmas shopping with items from their silent auction.

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We are inviting moms and their children ages, infant up to four years of age to come and play, learn and grow together. Come ready to sing songs, read stories, play games and do a craft.

The following events will be on Fridays, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, ND. November 9: Thankfulness; November 16: Thanksgiving Party; December 7: Snowman/Winter; December 14: Christmas Party; January 4: New Year's Resolution and January 18: Winter.

Annual Fall Bazaar And Bake Sale, Sidney Nov. 10

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By Jeffrey M. Chilson, MSU Extension and Dr. Frankie Crutcher, MSU EARC

At 2 pm, on November 1st, 2018, MSU Extension in Roosevelt County will be hosting Dr. Frankie Crutcher, plant pathologist from MSU Eastern Agriculture Research Center, to discuss disease pathogens of corn. The presentations will be held at the Roosevelt County Complex at 307 Broadway in Culbertson.

Dr. Crutcher will be discussing "Understanding molds and mycotoxins in corn". Mycotoxins, produced by fungal pathogens of corn and other cereals, pose a serious threat to crop production as well as human and animal health. During this presentation, Dr. Crutcher will discuss ear molds of corn and their subsequent production of the mycotoxins DON (vomitinol), aflatoxin, and fumonisins. Methods of identification, disease management, and mycotoxin prevention will also be discussed.

Following Dr. Crutcher's presentation, MSU Extension Agriculture Agent for Roosevelt County, Jeffrey Chilson, will be discussing "Mitigating dangers from mycotoxins in feed corn." He will be discussing how these mycotoxins impact livestock health, especially cattle health and performance. Additionally, Mr. Chilson will discuss how to monitor for signs and symptoms of contaminated feed, and how to mitigate damage to livestock when dealing with contaminated feed.

The presentation is open to the public and there is no registration or cost. Commercial and Private applicator points have been submitted for approval. For additional questions, please contact Jeffrey Chilson at 406-787-5312 or jeffrey.chilson@montana.edu.



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Back: Elise Rattling Thunder, Morgan Lucas, McKinsey Justice, Kelsie Williams, Kylie Portra, Tristan Burshia, Fallon Sun Rhodes. **Front:** Sondra Big Leggings, Cody Larsen, Ashtyn Aton, Mariah Cathey, Anissa Bengochea, Chloe Burks.



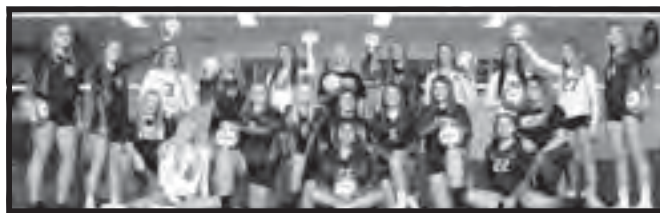
R&L FUSION VOLLEYBALL

Front (L-R): Isabelle Fatzinger, Brylee Brost, Peyton Sodr, Shawna Eggert. **2nd Row (L-R):** Paige Carda, Laurel Sponheim, Anjali Singh, Kodi Bireley, Daejha Gibson, Lauren Krenning, Laman Hanifayeva. **3rd Row (L-R):** Jacalyn Wright, Sarah Helmuth, Rhiannon Reichel, Haley Olson, Jaylyn Klempel. **Back Row (L-R):** Asst Coach Shasta Senner, Stats Courtney Herman, Head Coach Erin Switzer. **Not Pictured:** Manager Jordin Holland



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Front: Reese Downs, Katie South, Kaitlyn Adkins, Kailin Pippenger, Lakyn Rabbe, Aubrey Picard & Matti Woodward. **Back:** Karisa Goebel, Kodi Bilquist, Bonny Krogedal, Lextyn Portra, Allie Romo, Rona Butikofer, Paytyn Wilson, Gianna Boyd, & Micah Anderson.



FROID/LAKE VOLLEYBALL

Back (L-R): Sandi Hicks, Chloe Taylor, Carlyne Christoffersen, Sydney Labatte, Mackenzie Dethman, Assistant Coach Kayla Johnson, Sydney Dethman, Haley Labatte, Dasani Nesbit, Bailey Davidson, Kayla Kidder. **Middle (L-R):** Manager Lily Johnson, Kennedy Ereth, Ella Taylor, Head Coach: Kiah Smith, Meg Ator, Kinsey Rasmussen, Emma Barrick. **Front (L-R):** Aleah Johnson, Diamond Baxter, Taylor Neeley.



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Top (L-R): Coach Karst, Emily Sundheim, Logan Schipman, Becca Deming, Macy Seadeek, Bailey Seader, Emily Axtman, Hanna Skov, Allyson Young, Montana Zevenbergen, Jady Gackle & Coach Kara. **Bottom (L-R):** Shaniyah Harris, Lauren Kjos, Teigan Taylor, Megan Asbeck, Avery Seadeek, Dani Berry, Piper Hurley, Scout Hopes, Morgan Slade & Tanasia Harris

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Savage School
Thurs., Oct. 25: Scalloped potatoes.
Fri., Oct. 26: No school.
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Tues., Oct. 30: Tater tot hotdish.
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Thurs., Oct. 25: White chicken chili, corn muffins, grapes.
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Wed., Oct. 31: Cooks choice, ghostly surprise.

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Thurs., Oct. 25: Broccoli cheese soup, ham sandwiches, veggies, fruit.
Fri., Oct. 26: Finger steaks, sweet potato fries, veggies, fruit.
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Tues., Oct. 30: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, veggies, fruit.
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Thurs., Oct. 25: Beef stroganoff, peas and carrots, apple.
Fri., Oct. 26: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit cup.
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Tues., Oct. 30: Monster spaghetti, vampire repellent, toast, grass clippings, fruit guts.
Wed., Oct. 31: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, pineapple.

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Thurs., Oct. 25: Fish burgers, peas, fruit cocktail, brownies.
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Thurs., Oct. 25: Chicken fajitas, fresh veggies, fruit.
Fri., Oct. 26: Spaghetti, peas, fruit, garlic bread.
Mon., Oct. 29: Ham and turkey subs, fresh veggies, fruit.
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Fairview School
Thurs., Oct. 25: Cheeseburger, fries, caesar salad, fruit, dessert.
Fri., Oct. 26: No school.
Mon., Oct. 29: Scalloped potatoes with ham, corn, fruit, dessert.
Tues., Oct. 30: Fajita steak tacos, spanish rice, fruit.
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Thurs., Oct. 25: Beef and cheese slider, veggies with dip, chips, dessert.
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Sidney Wrestling Club Casino Night This Friday



Lisa and Shane Gorder, Terry Williams, Troy and Janelle Jensen all met to discuss future events for the Sidney Wrestling Club like the Wrestling Club Casino Night with Speaker Nick Ackerman. (Photo by Jaymi Loobey)

By Jaymi Loobey
Friday night, October 26, 840 Sidney Wrestling Club supporters are in for a real treat. At 6 p.m. the Wrestling Club's Annual Casino Night fundraiser begins at the Sidney Elks Lodge. They will enjoy delicious parmesan chicken and chicken fried steak, music, prizes, bingo, poker, and other fun things as one would expect but this year the special guest is inspirational speaker, bilateral amputee, and Hodge Trophy Winner Nick Ackerman.

According to Bob Dotson in a 2011 segment of Today's American Story Nick Ackerman, an Iowa native, had to have both of his legs amputated below the knee when he contracted meningitis at 18 months. That did not stop him from competing in various sports such as football and wrestling. He continued to wrestle while attending college at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa where he made it to the 2001 NCWA Championships and beat a wrestler who had been undefeated. He was given the Hodge Trophy that year for being the outstanding wrestler of the year. He shared the honor with repeat winner, Cael Sanderson. He had wanted to become a park ranger but chose another path in the end. Nick ended up taking classes to learn how to make prosthetics like the ones he had worn most of his life. According to their website, www.apoinc.com, Nick now works for American Prosthetics & Orthotics. Nick Ackerman, CP, LP, is APO's

Director of Prosthetics. An ABC-certified prosthetist, he is C-Leg® and RHEO KNEE® certified and sees patients in the Des Moines office. Nick, who has been an APO patient since childhood, joined the staff in 2001. He is a graduate of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, as well as the prosthetics program at Northwestern University. In addition to seeing patients, Nick is responsible for educating staff on new developments in prosthetics, establishing company-wide prosthetics practices and protocols, supervising prosthetic residents, and developing curriculum for training.

Lisa said that since they were going to honor and acknowledge Coach Guy Melby for his induction into the AAU Hall of Fame last summer, they wanted to do something special. Shane had heard Nick speak at an AAU Convention in Des Moines, Iowa last year and had struck up a friendship with him. Nick was coming to Montana to hunt this year and they asked him to stop by and share with the Poker Night attendees. Lisa Gorder, one

of the many organizers of the Sidney Wrestling Club's Casino Night, told me she believes that anyone who comes to listen will benefit from listening to Nick. Her husband and fellow organizer, Shane Gorder said, "Any community member facing a challenge would benefit from listening to Nick speak."

Tickets are \$40 and include dinner for two and a chance to win the progressive raffle and they will not need to be present to win. Tickets for those who just want dinner are \$10 at the door. The tickets for the entire event are being sold in the Elks Lodge at 123 3rd St SW in Sidney, Montana and by individual local wrestling club members. Those not up for dinner can come later in the evening for the games, prizes, and opportunities for fun throughout the night. Over \$4,000 in cash and prizes are up for grabs and include Denver Broncos tickets, a fishing trip to Lake Traverse in South Dakota and much more. Lisa told me, "Tickets are limited and they sell out every year so if you want to come, hurry to get your tickets soon."

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McKenzie County Commissioner Candidates...

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When asked why voters should cast their ballot for him, Rolfsrud answered “I do have a mechanical engineering background. That gives me some idea of how to deal with documents, contracts and bids. I have a background in unpaid public service.”

Asked if the county was currently run well by the sitting commissioners, Rolfsrud explained graciously, “Every county has its issues. Some things could be done differently. Recently, there’ve been lots of improvements to the county that have made a real difference. I don’t understand how certain things have cost a certain amount, and yet I can’t judge the current commissioners because I don’t have the data to work with.”

The Roundup also spoke with Howdy Lawlar, a longtime resident of McKenzie County who is also running for McKenzie County Commissioner.

Lawlar explained his time in the area, saying, “I’m the fifth generation on our farm and ranch. I went to college and then I taught school for two years and I’ve been home ever since. So, for all my years, I’ve been in McKenzie County all but seven.”

According to Lawlar, he believes there is a communication problem between commissioners and the public and he hopes to fix it.

Lawlar said, “I think the need that needs to be met is that we should work on our communication with the public. That’s why I’m running, to be honest. The commissioners should be the ears for other people. That’s how I got into this. The current commissioners aren’t really telling us what’s going on with the county. Our county is huge and we don’t know what’s going on.”

When asked why there was, in his opinion, a communication problem, Lawlar responded, “I don’t know why. I think part of it is we think everybody can get on a computer and research but that’s not the case. Why aren’t our minutes published in more places? We’ve got to take the whole county and think about how we can communicate better with everybody.”

“I’m going to listen to what voters have to say,” Lawlar added, “and I’m going to be the voice for the citizens of McKenzie County. We have to look down the road. We have to look ten years down the road and see if something is going to backfire. I’m looking

out for the betterment of my kids and grandkids.”

Current McKenzie County Commissioner, Vawnita Best, also spoke to the Roundup about her aspirations to continue in the office should the voters give her another term. Best, who has been in the area for all but ten years of her life, is finishing her first term as a commissioner. Best has been raising an Angus herd with her husband since 2006. She feels that good work has been accomplished in her term as commissioner.

Best said, “A lot of what we do in McKenzie County requires revenue that’s collected by the state and redistributed to McKenzie County. I think we’ve been working really hard at using those dollars wisely and establishing a capital improvement plan for the future that focuses on quality of life, community, and on a reliable industrial transportation grid on the county level.”

When asked what she would work on in the future, Best answered, “I think the theme should be ‘more of the same.’ We rely strongly on our gross production tax and every two years that formula comes up and the legislature establishes a new formula. In the last two years we’ve been working on providing a lot of analytical data the legislature can use to determine our future needs. We definitely have established the fact that over the next twenty years we have over 475 million in roads and bridge needs. It’s the highest in the state by far. We need to work with our legislative partners on the state level to get those dollars back here.”

Best also argued that commissioners should work on making family housing more available. Speaking of those needs, Best said, “At some level the county is going to have to get involved in the process of how we get single family housing units online. We have to double our single family housing capacity in the next twenty years, and probably more quickly than that because of our growing area and thirty thousand laborers. That figure will probably double.”

When asked how the county can help facilitate additional housing, Best answered, “We need to research that. We need to make this a competitive place to build single family housing and to make housing

go vertical.”

Best continued, “We’re going to have to roll up our sleeves and research that but it’s definitely a problem we’ll have to solve in the near future because people need quality housing and a quality community.”

Finally, the Roundup spoke to Kathy Skarda, who also explained her longtime history in McKenzie County.

Skarda said, “I’m a lifelong resident of McKenzie County. I’m originally from the Squaw Gap area. I married my college sweetheart and we farm and ranch by Johnson’s Corner, with three kids and two grandkids. I’ve worked in banking for thirty-plus years.”

Skarda said of her last term, “I think it’s been very interesting and a learning experience. We’ve had lots of different issues with the oil field and different contentious matters.”

She continued, “Each situation is unique, and I always try to visit with our citizens regarding each situation and voice our citizen’s concerns. We try to work together to make sure we come out with a solution.”

Regarding positive changes made during her last term, Skarda said, “In my opinion I think it’s good that we have now approved making the videos [of the meetings] available. That way there’s more transparency in regard to why we make decisions we’ve made.”

Skarda also spoke of infrastructure needs, saying, “We do have a lot of infrastructure that needs addressed. I’d like to see us keep funding to make McKenzie County a better place to live. We would like to see counseling services available and affordable housing. The commissioners should look for solutions, but the county can’t fully fund these things. We need to pay down our jail loan and things like that, but ultimately it all depends on what we receive from the gross production tax.”

Skarda finished her comments with an encouragement to vote.

“I would like to encourage everyone,” Skarda said, “to get out to vote. If they select me as their next commissioner I will do my very best to make sure I’m listening to McKenzie County citizens so they have a voice.”

RSVP Establishes Action Group

By Molly Brodhead

A new action group has recently been assembled to help build stronger veteran services across this side of the state. The Northeast Montana Regional Veterans Services Action Group is striving to determine how many veterans are in this region so that current and needed services may be more effectively distinguished. Veterans can be challenging to connect with at times. They don’t always want to admit they are veterans and often don’t identify themselves for a variety of reasons. Some might feel that being a veteran is a liability, while others may convince themselves they didn’t serve long enough to receive benefits or are less significant because they didn’t serve in combat. This action group stresses the true importance of breaking down these, and any other, stigmas by working together to support all Montanans who have so nobly served this country.

There are several organizations that actively make up the committee and many of them support additional organizations as well. The Northeast MT RSVP volunteer program is leading the charge for this action group. With an established partnership with the Richland County Communities in Action, as well as the tools that link volunteers to various service gaps, RSVP is pushing to enhance both the quality and quantity of services in Montana’s northeast frontier. This simply cannot be done without the help, input, and support of the many active members: Rhone’s Farm & Retreat LLC, Job Service of Wolf Point & Sidney, Operation: Vision, Action for Eastern MT (Senior Companion Program), VFW Auxiliary Sidney, Richland County Health Dept., and numerous individual veterans. The volunteer program also receives valuable assistance from a variety of service providers across eastern and central Montana.

The Veterans Services Action Group held its first meeting in July of 2018 and continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1pm. Several pressing issues have since been discussed, including the need for veteran-specific mental health and wellness services, PTSD counseling, and more localized access to VA services. For a lot of veterans in northeast Montana, services can be up to eight hours away. Other key issues call for increased assistance with maneuvering through the VA system paperwork, bringing in a local veterans’ advocate, and establishing more supportive housing. While all of these issues are important to address, this committee would also like to collaborate with local organizations that may already be working toward similar objectives. The group has identified their top three action items, which they will be working towards throughout this next year. These action items include “Operation Headcount,” Peer-to-Peer Support Services, and Veterans Court.

Additionally, this group has formed a sub-committee that will plan and execute a Day of Service project in select service area communities. “Day of Service” has taken on the role of replacing the project formerly known as “Veterans Standdown.” Similar to community services fairs, they will be totally open to the public; but these particular events would have a special emphasis on connecting with veterans. More details about the Day of Service projects and their locations will be available as planning moves forward. For more information on this or the Veterans Services action group, please contact Jessica Gilbert at the Richland County Health Department by calling 406-433-2207.


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Featured comedian, TV Host Personality and Philanthropist Jeff Civillico has been a Las Vegas Headliner with Caesars Entertainment for 7 years, having performed 1000+ shows at The LINQ, The Flamingo, and now at The Paris Hotel & Casino. Jeff's Vegas show at Paris Las Vegas is highly-acclaimed and was named the #1 place to "Kick it with Kids in Vegas" in 2015 by Las Vegas Magazine. Jeff was also named 2015's "Cultural Advocate/Entertainer of the Year" by Vegas Inc. Jeff has hosted national programs on ABC, NBC, ESPN, Travel Channel, Cooking Channel and more. In addition, Jeff is ridiculous. He holds a world record for bungee jumping of his unicycle off a cliff in New Zealand and goes "joggling" (juggling while jogging) for fun. Jeff will perform a family friendly show tailored to the community, bringing his unique blend of humor and entertainment, and a bit of Vegas to the Bakken.

Opening the show at 7 pm is Comedian and Speaker Bob Stromberg. Bob is "a genuinely funny man," according to London Times. Stromberg has been delighting audiences of all ages for over thirty years, traveling the world performing his very unique and perfect blend of standup, story and shtick. He's the co-author and original star of the

megahit theatrical comedy, Triple Espresso (A Highly Caffeinated Comedy), which has been seen by over two million people from San Diego to the West End of London. The Chicago Sun Times calls Bob, "...a mesmerizing physical comedian."

Along with a good laugh, guests will also enjoy locally-made desserts by Hometown Homemade, coffee and hot apple cider provided by Door 204 as part of their café experience.

The Comedy Café is the primary funding source for the operations of Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, which began in 2013 with a mission to find ways to meet the needs of new incoming families in the community. The ministry started as a mobile thrift store, operating out of an enclosed trailer, where they gave away everything. It has now grown to occupy a building and a quonset and has expanded services to offer furniture and other goods at minimal pricing. All proceeds from the Comedy Café will work to fulfill that mission.

"The support for this event and this cause has been amazing," said Jim Konsor, the founding pastor of the ministry. "Demands for household items and clothing have greatly increased over the last six months with the return of increased energy production in the area, so the support we receive at this event makes a huge difference in how we can help fill these needs."

According to Konsor the ministry has helped over four thousand families and individuals since the last Comedy Café.

"Last week, we gave away over two hundred coats during our annual coat giveaway, said



Jeff Civillico



Bob Stromberg

Melanie Smith, who serves on the Comedy Café committee. "The Christmas Toy Event is right around the corner and we hope to provide toys and entertainment to over one hundred children."

Bakken Oil Rush is expanding its operations to accommodate the additional influx of young families with plans to renovate both the retail store and the sorting facility, including more space for large items such as appliances and furniture. These expansion projects are incomplete and in need of more funding.

To help expand outreach on this event, the Long X Arts Foundation has teamed up with the Comedy Café as a sponsor and a host, offering this event as part of their Member Concert Series. Watford City Concert Series Members will also enjoy three additional concerts throughout the year.

"The Long X Arts Foundation is all about collaboration and support and using the arts to bring community together," said Jessie Scofield, Concert Series President. "We saw this as a perfect opportunity to lend a hand on a unique

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Tickets to the show are \$25 per person with all proceeds going to further the work of the ministry. Tickets can be purchased in advance at iTickets.com and at area churches. Watford City Concert Series member tickets are accepted and memberships will be available for sale at the event. The arts foundation will donate a percentage of sales at the event back to the ministry.

The Comedey Café begins at 7 pm on Frinday, October 26. The Performing Arts Center is located at Watford City High School, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City. For more information visit facebook.com/comedycafend. Find out more about the concert series and art foundation at longxarts.com.

To donate to the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, contact Jim Konsor at 605-268-0058 or jameskonsor@gmail.com. Ministry store hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12-5:30 pm. They are located at 600 12th St. NE. Find out more at facebook.com/oilrushministry

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Sugar Days 2018

Beet Harvest Wraps Up



By Dianne Swanson
It has been a rocky harvest with rain, snow and frost slowing progress on what should have been an excellent tonnage crop. However, good weather has provided good digging recently and beet harvest is coming to a close with Savage and Pleasantview completed and the other stations projected to be done by the end of this week.
According to Sidney Sugars Agricultural manager Duane Peters, their earlier tonnage predictions have not born out due to cold weather in September and October, which stopped growth. "The beets just stood still after September 15 instead of growing

like they normally do," he explained. At 31.5, tonnage is still really good and a few 40 ton fields were seen, with at least one in each district. Peters attributed that to field selection and grower practices. "It shows the potential for higher tonnage," Peters said.
Sugar content is really good with a 17.8 average as of October 18 and lots of 18s coming in. Peters said the average should be closer to 18 by the end of harvest.
Peters said the growers seemed to be happy with the pre-pile and things were going fairly well until the frost hit and harvest was stopped from October 14 through 16. Up until that time, there were areas

that didn't get rain and were able to continue digging. The healthy canopies were able to protect most beets from severe damage, with only a 1/2" or so in the crown being affected. Crops with poor canopies saw the worst damage.
Peters thanked the growers for their patience, dealing with adverse conditions, and knowing that some of them have lost drivers.
The upside of the cold weather is that the beets are storing really well. The factory, which started processing on September 12, is also running smoothly with campaign projected to run in a normal time frame.

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Follow the Trail of Treats with Key Club and Leo Club Saturday, October 27 and join in the Carnival fun on West Main and in the Yellowstone Marketplace starting at 10 a.m. Decorate a scare crow, dig for treats in a tub of grain, and toss a sugarbeet for a prize. Prizes include gift cards, candy, and more.

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Pulse Crop Farming Proves Rewarding for Girard Area Family

By Stephanie Ler

Ryan Kopp and his father, Ron, have found success farming pulse crops on the family farm.

Ron's parents grew up in the Girard area, and Ron returned in 1981 to farm with Bill Lewis. Ryan followed suit, recently reducing his hours as a Civil Engineer at Interstate Engineering to spend more time on the farm.

The family farms pulse crops—dry, edible legumes that are generally high in protein. These include chickpeas, peas, lentils and beans. This growing season, the Kopp's planted yellow peas and chickpeas.

There are many benefits of pulse crop farming, according to Ryan. "One of the benefits of pulse crops is that you can spray for grass. If you have a lot of grass in the field, you can spray for it in-crop and the land can remain productive. Pulse crops also have the ability to put nitrogen into the ground and reduce fertilizer costs. With wheat, you have to apply a lot more fertilizer. They are also used to break up the wheat disease cycle," he explained.

Pulse crops require more maintenance than the typical dryland wheat crop, as they are more prone to diseases, and it is difficult to control weeds in the field. "To control weeds, we're going to use burn-down spraying. We'll spray in the fall after the crop is harvested, and spray again in spring. Then we spray in-crop for grass," Ryan explained. "With chickpeas, you have to spray at least once and up to 4-5 times for ascochyta as

well."

Because pulse crop plants are shorter in height than a typical wheat crop, the Kopp's use a roller after seeding to avoid harvest-time mishaps. "We push all the rocks and the furrows down, so at harvest time we aren't running rocks through the combine. That could be costly," he said. "We're switching to a flex header, so the header flexes when it's close to the ground so you don't dig in the dirt." The Kopp's also use a conveyor auger during harvest, as a standard auger will crack and devalue the pulse crop. "If they're split in half, they aren't as valuable," he explained.

Though Ryan admits "there is more input cost and probably more risk" in pulse crop farming, "historically, the price of pulse crops is better than that of wheat. If you get a good chickpea crop and you don't have to spray a lot for disease, you can do really well," he said.

The price of the crops is largely driven by the market, and this year is especially affected by international tariffs.

"Chickpeas are worth about half of what they were last year. A lot of that has to do with tariffs. India has a tariff on US pulse crops," he said. The yellow pea market, he said, hasn't been good for two years. "We're not going to plant them next year. Chickpeas are still profitable though. What the market is currently and where it is going is a big factor in what you plan to plant next year," Ryan said. He credits crop diversification to evening out the profit margin in the face of tariffs and low market values.

Pulse crops are used for everything from making hummus from chickpeas or yellow pea flour used to make traditional Indian bread products. This year, Ryan said, "We hauled some yellow peas that were sent to London. They put them outside of town to draw the pigeons out of town."

Ryan enjoys taking his two-year old son, Rory, on the farm with him. "He goes everywhere I go. His favorite word is 'tractor'," he said. Ryan, his wife Tessa, and Rory live in the Girard area as do Ron and his wife Peggy.



Ron and two-year old grandson Rory Kopp watch this year's pulse crop harvest.

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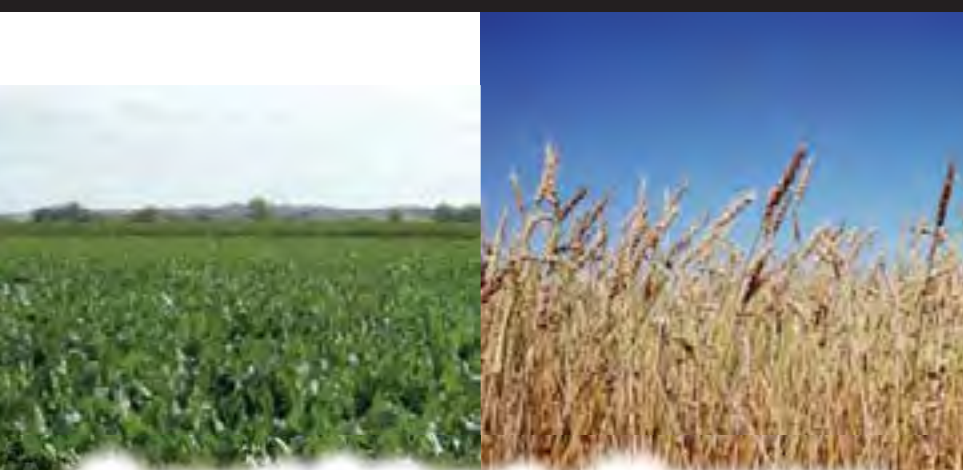
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By Marcia Hellandsaas
NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

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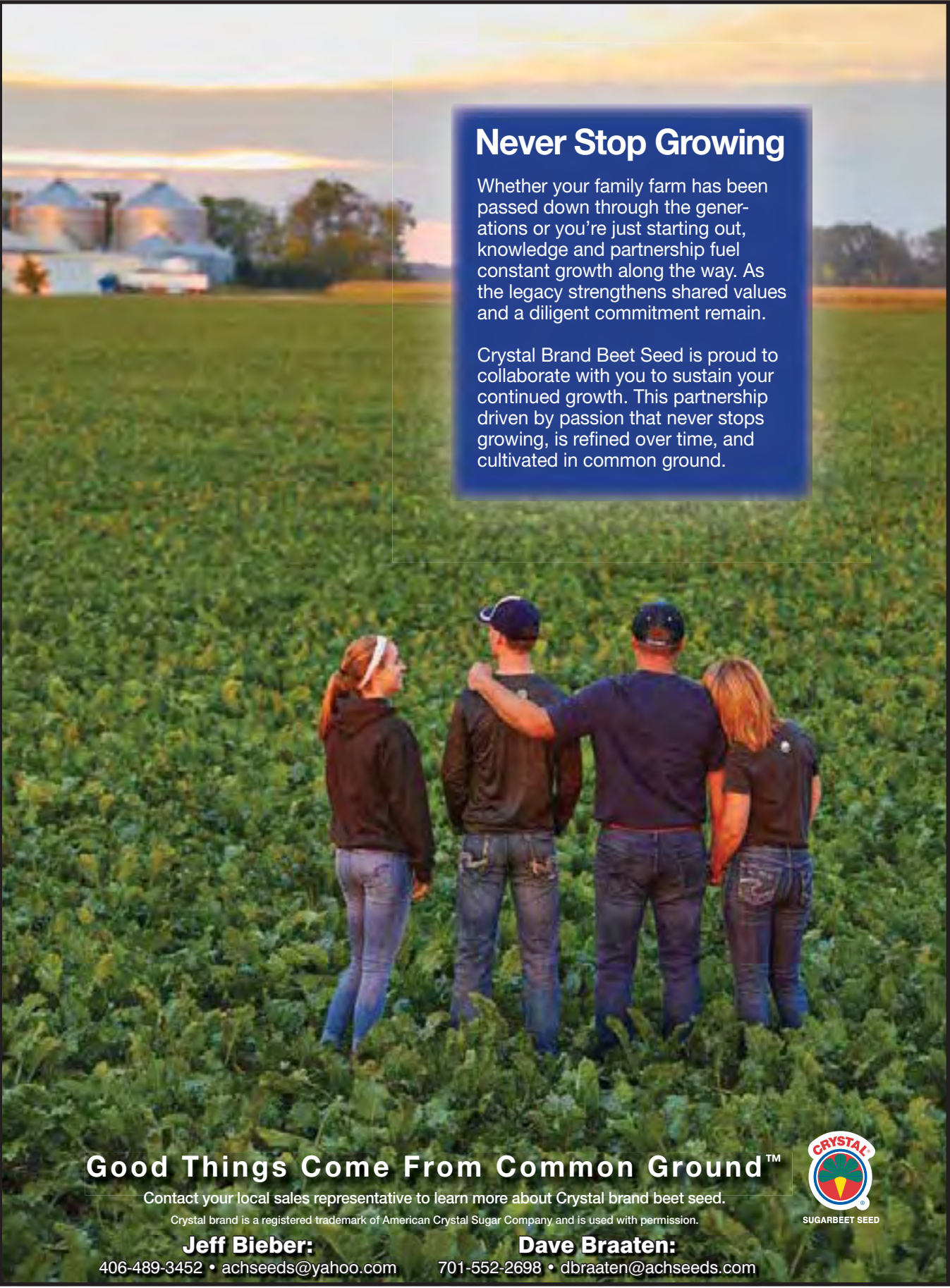


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The Wisness Farm and Ranch



Beau and Heather Wisness with their four kids in the combine.

By Anna Dragseth
In 1903 Andrew Wisness staked his claim on a piece of land seven miles north of Keene, North Dakota. He began farming his quarter then passed the farm on to his son Lester.
Now 115 years later, that piece of land has expanded into a large commercial beef cattle and dryland crop operation. The farm has been passed down from generation to generation and is now managed by Lester's son Milo, and Milo's two sons, Beau and Chase Wisness.
Beau Wisness has been farming as an occupation for a little over 11 years. He attended college at South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, South Dakota. After graduating SDSU with an Agricultural Systems Technology degree, he came back to the farm to carry on the family tradition of farming and

ranching.
Today, the farm grows spring wheat, durum, canola, lentils, corn, soybeans, barley, and oats. "We grow a little bit of everything," said Beau Wisness. They also raise commercial Black Angus and Herefords.
This year the Wisness farm has had success with no-till farming. "We started switching over to no-till farming, which in the drought side of things has really helped conserve what little moisture the crops do get," explained Beau. No-till farming also helps builds soil structure and health while providing excellent erosion control. Beau has also had success incorporating corn, peas, lentils, and soybeans in crop rotations. He added that it has helped decrease the amount of weeds and plant diseases.
Some of Beau's goals from this past growing season

were to increase yields, be as productive as possible, and to try and make it through another possible drought year. "Last year with the lack of rain, we needed to make sure and save enough grass to feed our cows. So this year we tried to game plan and make the right decisions so that we would have enough hay to feed our cows over the winter," said Beau.
Beau enjoys the farming lifestyle. Beau said, "I enjoy the busy hustle and bustle of planning and preparing for different times of the year. I also enjoy the opportunity of getting to spend time with my wife and four children and sharing the farming experience with them." He hopes to continue the family tradition and also to keep passing down the Wisness Farm and Ranch to the next generation and many more to come.

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Savage Beet Farmer Grateful for Industry



(R-L) Alex McPherson and Craig McPherson, 3rd and 4th generation beet farmers from Savage.

By Stephanie Ler

Savage's Alex McPherson is grateful for his family's success in the beet farming industry.

McPherson is a fourth generation beet farmer, delving into farming following his 2006 graduation from Savage High School. Alex began helping his father, Craig, and more recently began taking over more of the day-to-day operations. "It's figuring out what needs to go where, and who needs to do what," he said.

The family has about 550 acres of beet crop, and has an otherwise very diversified operation. "Sugar beets are our main irrigated cash crop. We just got out of malt barley, and now we have wheat, corn and irrigated alfalfa, cows, and a small dryland operation. It keeps us pretty busy," McPherson said.

During harvest, McPherson is grateful that the beet industry is so successful in the area, mentioning the Intake court battle. "We kind of got a win. We need the sugar beet industry around Sidney. It brings in a ton of revenue for the County, and lots of jobs. There's no other cash crop around that pays what the sugar beet pays," he explained.

The McPhersons complete beet harvest with help from many others. "This year I probably had ten people out in the field. A lot of them are just locals that take time off work to come help," he said. They also have two South African workers that help about nine months of the year. "One is in his sixth year here, and the other is in his third year. They know what needs to happen. They've been great."

This year's crop has been plentiful, according to McPherson. "So far our tonnage is high. It's well over 30 tons. We shoot for 30 tons every year. Our sugar has been 18.5% sugar. Last year was a little bit higher but the tons were a little bit lower," he said.

McPherson and his family enjoy their farming life. "I like working for myself, and I like being able to see something start to finish-putting the seed in the ground and seeing it harvest at the end of the year. It's pretty rewarding."

McPherson's wife, Carly, "gets to be the boss at home," and his daughter, two-year old Abby, gets to "spend quite a lot of time in the combine. The couple also has a six-month old son, Nolan. McPherson hopes they'll want to be involved in the family farm. The family makes their home in Savage.

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Kids Learn About
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Boys & Girls Club kids shred chard and kale to put in smoothies during their Harvest of the Month class last Wednesday. The kids participating included Ally Dignan, Abriel Ruiz, Isaac Garcia, Aiden Sifers, Julien Ruiz, Hope Fine, Jaida Garcia, Reilly Miller, Shaylea Iversen, Aspyrn Sorteberg, Amaya Musselwhite and Bentley Miller.

By Dianne Swanson
Kale? Chard? Kohlrabi? Most adults say “eww” when offered those foods. Offer them to kids and the “eww” is just a bit louder!

That was the reaction at the Boys & Girls Club last Wednesday when program director Janelle Buxbaum explained to her group of kids that their “Harvest of the Month” class would be about those three foods.

Once a month, the kids are able to attend the after school class which is a program from MSU Bozeman that promotes eating locally grown foods. “It’s a fun activity,” Buxbaum said. “It goes through the cultural aspects of Montana. All the produce is grown in Montana and they learn about what can be, and is, grown here and what it tastes like.” In the summer, the Club has a garden so the kids can actually learn how to

grow the vegetables, and then eat them. The kale, chard, and kohlrabi used last week were donated locally by Alida Dore. The club also receives a lot of other generous donations for the program.

Buxbaum educated the kids on the health benefits of vegetables and had them try the stem of the chard and pieces of kohlrabi, to mixed reactions. The kids then shredded the chard and kale in order to make smoothies. Do we HAVE to put KALE in our smoothies? was the favorite question.

Americorps Vista Chandler Padgett and Boys & Girls Club assistant Natalie Deleon-Robles cut up apples, gathered yogurt and orange juice and helped make the smoothies, with assistance from the kids.

Not quite sure about the green color of the smoothie, the kid were brave and took a hesitant sip. Good! Really

good! Excellent! Those were the most frequent remarks. There were also a few who didn’t get beyond the first taste.

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Braya Radke, 5, with her 1st place 'elephant'.



Cameron Unruh, 7, with his 1st place 'alligator'.



Cooper Thiel, 7, with his 2nd place 'bumble bee'.



Isabella Miller, 9, with her 1st place 'Hedwig'.



Kayson Radke, 12, with his 1st place 'headphones'.



Jacob Unruh, 9, with his 3rd place 'house elf'.



Kylie Frazier, 10, with her 3rd place 'waterfall'.



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Skyler Fox, 5, with her 3rd place 'glitter monster'.



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By Jordan Hall

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Keller told the Roundup, "Yield-wise, the earlier crops that went in were really good. There was good yield and good protein. The yield was about 30 to 55 bushels per acre in our area. In terms of protein, the numbers were all over the place from 12 to 15 pro."

Numbers were up from last year.

Keller reported, "Compared to last year, the numbers were up. Last year was a drought. It's been up considerably. Last year we were lucky if we cut 20 bushels of wheat per acre or even 15 bushels of wheat."

Keller spoke of wheat, peas, canola, lentils, and Winter wheat, all of which are crops grown in the Mondak region. "All crops fared similarly to grain, and it's been a bumper harvest."

Keller continued, "Most people are growing spring wheat, durum and peas, and that's what we're seeing the most of."

There are some concerns, however, that the high crop yields are keeping prices relatively lower. This is a mixed bag for growers. Whereas there have been more crops harvested, the overall prices are lower.

Keller also explained that prices are being kept low not only by supply-and-demand economics, but also by international tariffs and the price of international competition.

"The price has dropped off quite a bit," Keller explained. "A lot of it has to do with the inventory out there in the world. And another thing is the tariffs with the foreign countries that aren't helping."

Keller was referring to other nations "dumping" their agri-

cultural products into American markets, providing an excess of inventory that lowers prices. He was not optimistic there would be quick relief through governmental policy.

Speaking of possible governmental assistance, Keller added, "There's no program that I'm aware of. I know they're going to pay back seven to eight cents per bushel for spring wheat, but other than that we're hoping that these tariff trade wars are going to get hammered out and things will turn around."

There is some speculation that the Montana wheat industry may profit handily from a possible U.S., Canada, and Mexico trade agreement, which aims at restructuring the already-existing North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). President Trump announced that changes were agreed upon by the three partner nations in mid-October, but the changes have yet to be finalized. With more than 560 million dollars of wheat going from Montana to Canada, the Montana Farm Bureau president, Hans McPherson, has reportedly indicated that the prospect for Montana farmers is positive. Unfortunately, the process by which the new agreement would be reached will not help growers in the short term.

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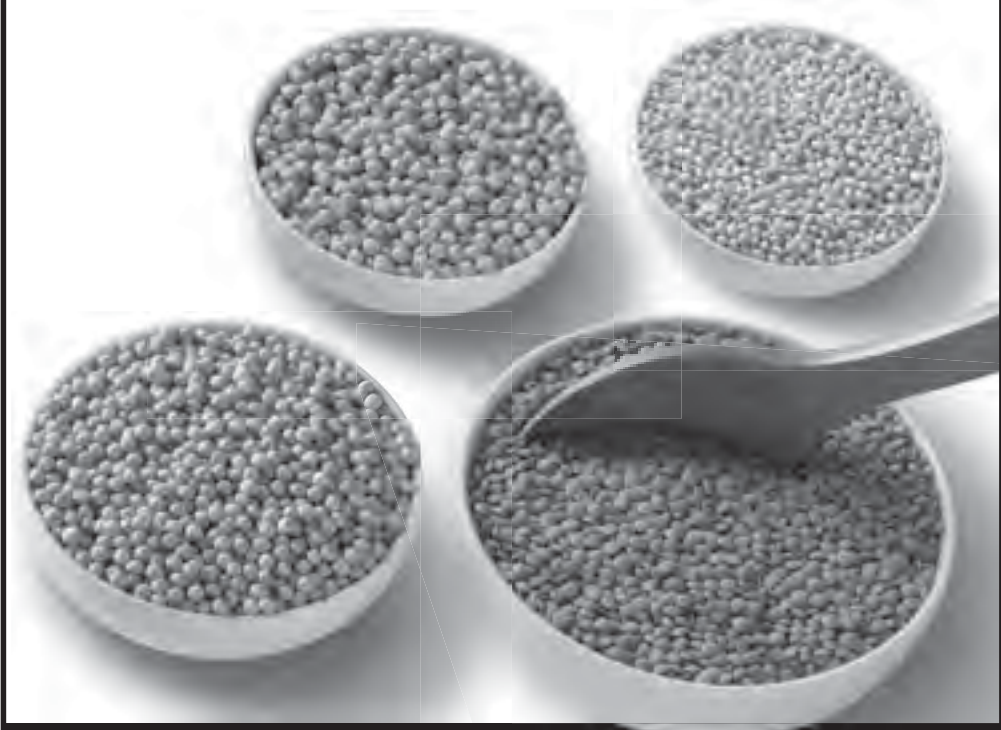
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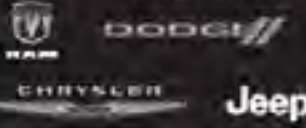
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By Stephanie Ler
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Ryan Acra, author of the Sugarbeet Falls book series, with students during one of his school visits.

superhero, who hands him an extra roll.

Acra's inspiration for the book series was his son Zack, who was born in Acra's senior year of high school. "We kind of grew up together," Acra said. "He liked to come up with superheroes. One time he came up with one called the Mist. He's invisible, but he makes people wet when you get around him." Inspired by his son's non-traditional superheroes, Acra went on to pen the first Sugarbeet Falls book, "Fantastic Friends".

The series title is an homage to two of the places he grew up, Chinook and Great Falls. The Chinook school mascot is the Sugarbeeters, which Acra describes as "terrifying". Mixed with Great Falls, the series title was born.

Acra began writing the first book about three years ago. So far, he has completed two volumes of the series, with the third set to come out around Halloween this year. Acra has four more volumes outlined in his head, yet to be penned.

Acra has made an unexpected career out of writing and touring the Sugarbeet Falls series. "I actually was in a big corporate job. I worked for Loenbro, a big oil and gas company. When I started to learn about the publishing industry and how hard it is to get books published and get it out to readers, I decided to start my own publishing company," which he calls The Get It Factory. Acra publishes the Sugarbeet Falls series through his company.

Touring with the series was equally as unexpected. "When I finished writing the books I didn't even consider touring them. I didn't think anyone would read them," he explained. "Then I went and talked to my daughter's class on career day. I went to three or four more schools in Great Falls, and I had a lot of great feedback," Acra said. "I found a void, and I found a passion for talking to kids about kindness and creativity, and helping kids think creatively," he said.

During his school visits, "we create a superhero together. I draw a circle and we talk until we have a superhero with all these wild powers. Some shoot pepperoni pizza out their eyes; others burp poisonous gas."

Acra has been all over the country with his series, including a trip to the Cincinnati area, and many towns in Montana. Acra was recently in Culbertson, and will be heading to the Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, California area soon.

Acra continues to book school visits, and has started Superhero School, "an online program that allows me to give parents and kids writing prompts. There's a community to share your work and a chance to win prizes," he explained. The program begins November 1st.

Acra lives with his wife, Becky, and three daughters, Perry, Haven and Lakey, in Great Falls. His son Zack, the inspiration for Sugarbeet Falls, is a television producer in Billings.

To learn more about the Sugarbeet Falls series or Superhero School, visit www.sugarbeetfalls.com, or follow Acra's pages on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sugarbeetfalls, or on Instagram at [#sugarbeetfalls](https://www.instagram.com/sugarbeetfalls).

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