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# Richland Co. Sportsmen's Club Looking for Shooting Range Land

**Richland County Sportsmen's Club president Larry Christensen presents a slide show of various shooting ranges from across the region at the club meeting on Nov. 16 at the Sidney Elks Club.**

**By Jody Wells**

On Nov. 16 the Richland County Sportsmen's Club, Inc. held a meeting to discuss plans for a new shooting range in the county. The club has been making attempts to reach out to landowners for property to either purchase or lease for the new facility.

The club has been visiting other shooting ranges in surrounding counties to get different ideas on ways to layout and build the outdoor facility. Currently, Richland County doesn't have a designated public place to safely sight in firearms, conduct hunter safety courses, hold firearm safety and concealed carry classes or shooting competitions. The group plans to design the facility to NRA specifications. Ideally, the range would be located within 30 miles of the Sidney city limits.

The Richland County Sportsmen's Club has been working on this project for five years. They have held various fundraisers to obtain funds to begin the project. They would need between 160-320 acres of land to build a proper range. Ideally, 320 acres would accommodate a 1000-yard range.

The range would have controlled access for members with designated dates and times for the general public to use the facility. Range managers would watch over the facility to ensure people are adhering to the rules and keeping the range clean. They also plan to install a surveillance system to ensure the property is protected when unsupervised by managers.

Membership to the Richland County Sportsmen's Club is open to anyone in the community that is of legal age and doesn't have felonies barring them from owning firearms. The cost for membership is $50 per year for a single membership, $70 per year for a family membership.

Anyone interested in contacting the group to discuss property they might have available or to inquire about membership can call 406-489-0589, email rcsc-sidneymt@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

## Area Parades of Lights Events

**Watford City's Parade of Lights was well attended as residents lined Main Street to see this years entrants on Nov. 26 Pictured is Dakota West Credit Union's "The best Hoo-liday Ever" float. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)**

**Santa rode in his classic car at the end of the Parade of Lights in Sidney on Nov. 26.**

# Alexander To Kickoff Christmas Stroll Dec. 2

**By Anna Dragseth**

The Alexander Activities Club & FTC #9963 Team are hosting Alexander's Christmas Stroll on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 5-9 p.m.

There will be a dinner provided by the senior class of Alexander Public School, various vendors throughout town, a selfie station, photos with Santa, Christmas decorations, Color Guard, hot chocolate/apple cider booth, hayrides, lights on Main Street, and much more.

This event helps support the different classes at Alexander Public School and local businesses and vendors.

# Rough Rider Center Christmas Fest Slated For Dec. 4

**By Anna Dragseth**

The Rough Rider Center is holding a Christmas Fest with a variety of activities on Saturday, Dec 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

There will be several vendors, photos with Santa, Christmas wreath silent auction, crafts, food, and more. There is a $5 admission fee per person, which includes a Christmas craft kit for ages 12 and under.

"I am excited to bring a fun-filled Christmas event to the community of Watford City and surrounding areas," Rough Rider Center's Lead Event Coordinator Asha Kirkland said.

For more information on this event, visit the Rough Rider Center website at http://www.roughridercenter.com.

# Sunrise Women's Clinic To Host Their 11th Gala Dec. 9

**By Anna Dragseth**

The Sunrise Women's Clinic is hosting its annual Light the Way Christmas Gala at the Richland County Event Center Thursday, Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. MT.

There will be a banquet dinner, silent auction, Christmas choir, and guest speaker (Ashton Nielsen-Davis). The silent auction will have handmade or new Christmas items including ornaments, table runners, quilts, etc.

The proceeds from the gala will directly benefit the Clinic and expecting families in the area. The event helps pay for all the overhead costs. The Clinic is hoping to raise enough funds to upgrade their ultrasound machine, which is 11 years old.

This is the 11th year that the Clinic has hosted this event. "This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, this event helps the Clinic continue to support girls from around the area," Sunrise Women's Clinic Patient Services Manager, Karen Sivertson said.

The Clinic is privately funded and has very little grants. Most of the funding comes from community members and churches.

The Clinic helps women around the area with unplanned pregnancies. It provides information to women for the choices and decisions they may face, offering them services such as educational classes, pregnancy support, abortion information, free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds.

"The Clinic's goal is to provide young women with all their choices in a non-judgmental environment. It is such a great resource for girls, there is nothing else like this in the area," explained Sivertson. "We want to be here for those girls and support them; help them make some good life choices and have someone that truly cares for them and wants to see what is best and help them achieve that. "

The Clinic helps women from all over the area including Watford City, Williston, Bainville, and Culbertson.

RSVP is required by Dec. 3 and sponsorship opportunities are available, call the Clinic at 406-433-7772 for more information.

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## AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

**MONDAYS:**
**12 p.m. —** AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
**1 p.m. - 3 p.m. –** Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
**6 p.m. –** Al-Anon Family Group Meeting,Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave., Sidney, MT.
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**8 p.m.—** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
**TUESDAYS:**
**7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
**7 p.m. –** 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**WEDNESDAYS:**
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**THURSDAYS:**
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**7:30 p.m. –** Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
**8 p.m.—** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
**FRIDAYS:**
**6:30 - p.m.-** 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**7 p.m. –** AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
**SATURDAYS:**
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
**7 p.m. –** AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
**SUNDAYS:**
**7 p.m. –** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
**7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

## STATISTICS

### LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

| | Sakakawea |
|---|---|
| Current Elevation | 1829.7 |
| Last Week's Elev. | 1829.8 |
| One Year Ago | 1839.0 |
| Release For Day (C.F.S.) | 13,000 |

### SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 22 | 47 | 20 | 0.000 |
| Nov. 23 | 49 | 27 | 0.000 |
| Nov. 24 | 35 | 7 | 0.015 |
| Nov. 25 | 36 | 7 | 0.000 |
| Nov. 26 | 57 | 33 | 0.000 |
| Nov. 27 | 44 | 22 | 0.000 |
| Nov. 28 | 49 | 20 | 0.000 |

Total 2021 YTD Precipitation.....7.509

# OBITUARIES

## Eugene "Gene" Brost, 81, Sidney, MT

Services for Eugene "Gene" Brost, 81, Sidney, MT are pending at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Eugene "Gene" passed away on Wednesday morning, Nov. 24, 2021, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

## Eldon Moos, 63, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Eldon Moos, 63, Sidney, MT, are at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Mike Hussey officiating.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is caring for the family.

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

Eldon passed away on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at Billings Clinic, Billings, MT.

## Gary L. Schmoll, 70, Sidney, MT

Gary Schmoll

Memorial services for Gary L. Schmoll, 70, Sidney, MT are at Carpenters Church, Sidney, MT, 10 a.m., Friday Dec. 3, 2021, with Gloria Buxbaum officiating. Inurnment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Gary Schmoll passed away on Nov. 16, 2021, at Sidney Extended Care after his long battle with cancer.

Gary was born in Sidney, MT, to Phillip and Etha Schmoll on July 2, 1951. He graduated from Sidney High School in 1970. He worked as a watchman for Holly Sugars /Sidney Sugars for 40 + years. One can only guess how many sugar beet trucks Gary checked through the gates over the years.

Gary was a religious man with a strong Christian faith and was an active member of Carpenter's Church. Gary was knowledgeable of the Bible, and it was not uncommon for him to quote verses. We imagine Gary is chatting with everyone he knows in heaven.

Gary spent his free time reading, going to the library, watching movies, and listening to Christian music. He enjoyed watching DVDs and the History Channel. Gary could be seen riding his bicycle and walking around town. Dairy Queen was one of his many favorite stops for his afternoon Pepsi break. Gary was friendly with everyone he met.

Gary fought cancer for the last four years with endurance and a positive attitude. His strength and strong will helped him overcome obstacles when many would have given up.

Gary was well known at Crestwood Apartments for six years until he entered Extended Care in January 2021.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Etha Schmoll, brothers: Charles Schmoll, Harold Schmoll, and baby-brother Kenneth Schmoll, and brother-in-law Ralph Lynde.

Gary is survived by sisters, Anna Lynde, Sidney and Sandy Olson (Greg), Dallas, TX; brother, Robert Schmoll (Sheri), Portland OR; nephew, Larry (Shirley) Lynde; niece, Ruth (Dennis) Moore, Sidney and other numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

The family of Gary Schmoll wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Peterson and staff of Sidney Cancer Center, Staff of Home Health and Extended Care.

## Larry William Reidle, 74 Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT

Larry Reidle

Larry Reidle, 74, Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT, passed away Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 in Billings, MT.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at Heights Family Funeral Home, 733 West Wicks Lane, Billings, MT.

Larry William Reidle was born on May 21, 1947 in Sidney, MT. He was the middle son to William (Bill) Reidle and Irene (Eckart) Reidle.

Larry grew up farming alongside his father north of Fairview in Nohly, MT. He was a natural born farmer; it was in his blood and it was what he loved. Larry later joined the National Guard and spent years serving his country.

Red International tractors were his first love, until he laid his eyes on Nina Petersen in 1965; they later married in 1968. They had a great life raising their four daughters: Laura Lee, Myra Lynn, Melanie Marie, and Kimberly Ann. Larry was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He not only took care of all of his kids and family, he took care of all of their friends as well. He could often be heard raving about all of his kids and grandkids, and he was extremely proud of every one of them and their accomplishments.

Larry owned and worked his farm north of Sidney until they sold the farm and moved to Billings to be closer to all of his daughters and grandkids. He was excited and yet nervous about being in the city; however, he enjoyed being able to go to all of his grandsons' activities and getting to know all of his new neighbors.

If you knew Larry, he was one hell of a story teller. He always had a story about growing up on the farm, camping, hunting or fishing, and his laugh was so contagious you couldn't help but smile. He enjoyed riding his 4 wheeler down the street, mowing his lawn, and was fortunate enough to drive his 1968 Thunderbird aka Mr. Slick in the Burn the Point parade.

Larry passed away on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Billings Clinic. He is survived by his wife, Nina (Petersen); his sister Janice (Randy) Buck; brother Leroy (Arlene) Reidle; daughters Laura (Johnye) Kelly, Myra (Reese) Butler, Melanie (John) Hartman and Kimberly Connolly (Steve Carter); grandchildren, Jayme (Raquel) Kelly, JJ (Faith) Kelly, Dylan Hartman, Cashe and Cody Butler, Logan Connolly, Elicia and Casey Carter; and his great grandchildren Sophia and Stella (Jayme) Kelly and Cameron, Bella, & Sawyer (JJ) Kelly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Bill & Irene Reidle, and his mother and father-in-law, Soren and Lorna Petersen.

# EVENTS

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## RICHLAND COUNTY

**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.**
**Wed., Dec. 1**
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Dawson Community College Student Art Show** - On display thru Dec. 4 - **Kathleen-Herlihy-Paoli: Act Three Exhibit** - On display thru Dec. 23. - **Miniature Art Show** - On display thru Jan. 15, 2022. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/.
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Turkey noodle soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.
**Fri., Dec. 3**
7:30-10 p.m. - **Family Movie Night** - Public invited. Come enjoy movies in the back room. For sale items will include popcorn candy & pop. Sidney Moose Lodge.
**Fri., Dec. 3,** 4-8 p.m. **& Sat., Dec. 4,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **St. Matthew's Craft Bazaar** - 310 7th St. SE, lunch will be available. For more information contact Kelly, 406-482-5878 evenings.
**Sat., Dec. 4**
5:30 p.m. - **Sidney Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Dinner** - Richland County Fairgrounds. For tickets call Ryan, 406-404-0855.
6 p.m. - **Brittney Thrift Store Formal Benefit** - Dress up in crazy formal attire found in your local thrift store. Josh Kehr performing live. Live auction & 50/50 raffle. Special breakfast for dinner menu with half proceeds going to Brittney. Silent auction from Dec. 3-5. RodIron Grill. If you wish to donate contact Jennifer, 406-433-3300.
**Sun., Dec. 5, 12, 19**
8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.
**Sun., Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26**
4:30 p.m. - **Divorcecare Seminar/Support Group "Forgiveness"** - Featuring nationally recognized experts on divorce & recovery topics. Pella Lutheran Church. For more information or to register call 406-433-3350 or visit divorcecare.org/findagroup.
**Mon., Dec. 6 & 20**
7 p.m. - **Adult Anxiety/Depression Support Group** - Pella Lutheran Church fellowship hall, east door. For more information call the church office, 406-433-3350.
**Wed., Dec. 8**
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Chili soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.
**Sat., Dec. 11**
7 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Gifts From The Heart Shopping** - Requirements: children, ages 0-18, must live with the shopper & in Richland County, only residents who feel they are in need may participate. Masonic Lodge. For more information contact Jakkie Waller at 406-480-9117.
**Wed., Dec. 15**
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Beef vegetable soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.
**Thurs., Dec. 16**
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Christmas Lunch Meeting** - Sidney Country Club. RSVP by Dec. 14. Call Sylvia, 406-798-3882 or Margaret, 406-488-4613.

## MCKENZIE COUNTY

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone**
**Thurs., Dec. 2, 16, 30**
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
**Thurs., Dec. 2**
5-9 p.m. - **Alexander Christmas Stroll** - Christmas shopping with local businesses, photos with Santa, hot cocoa & cider, hay rides, lights on Main & more. Alexander Main Street.
**Sun., Dec. 5**
3 p.m. - **Winter Draft Volleyball Tournament** - Co-ed 4 V 4, $5 person. Rough Rider Center. Register at watfordcityparks.com/events.
**Register By Mon., Dec. 6**
**Light Up Watford City** - Deck your home with lights, lawn ornaments, wreaths & more for a chance to win a prize. Homes must be decorated by Dec. 7, judging Dec. 8. Register by emailing Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce, wcchamber@restel.com subject: Light Up Watford City, include: name, address, phone number.
**Tues., Dec. 7,** 5-7 p.m. **& Tues., Dec. 21,** 2-5 p.m. **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times & updates.
**Thurs., Dec. 9**
5 p.m. - **Johnson Corners Christian Academy Free Will Soup Supper & Live Sweets Auction** - Rough Rider Center-Fieldhouse.
**Fri., Dec. 10,** 5-9 p.m.; **Sat., Dec. 11,** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., **Sun., Dec. 12,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
**2021 Watford City Gun Show** - Antique & modern guns, ammunition, reloading equipment & supplies, Indian artifacts, old western items, & more. Rough Rider Center.
**Sat., Dec. 11**
9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **December's Jingle & Mingle Christmas Shopping Event** - Santa will be present for pictures. Live music by Brandon Foster. Watford City Civic Center Gym, 213 2nd St. NE.
10 a.m. - **Running Free Inaugural Santa Walk/Run** - 5K & 1 miles fun run. Gala at 1st International Bank & Trust. Adults $30, the first 100 registrants will receive a Santa suit; children $15, come dressed in holiday spirit. Register at https://www.RunReg.com/Santa-run. Cookies & hot chocolate will be provided at the finish line.
**Sun., Dec. 12**
4-7 p.m. - **"La Posada" Traditional Hispanic Christmas Celebration** - Everyone is encouraged to attend & experience some Hispanic cultural traditions celebrated during the holidays. Food vendors, carols, piñatas, live show & more. Watford City Civic Center.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY

**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.**
**Now through Fri., Dec. 31**
5:30-9:30 p.m. - **2021 Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - The park will be filled with lighted displays for a wonderful interactive evening drive. $5 per car. For more information on featured nights visit https://www.facebook.com/HolidayLightsDrive/.
**Sat., Dec. 4**
6-11 p.m. - **Williston Community Builders Festival of Trees** - Great meal, tree & wreath auction, music & fun. Formal attire requested. Williston Area Recreation Center. All proceeds will go to Williston Outdoor Pool project.
**Sat., Dec. 11**
9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Concordia Christmas Mission Sale** - Featured items include Christmas decorations, toys, baked items & hot chocolate. Concordia Lutheran Church, 1803 Main St. Proceeds go toward mission work.
**Sun., Dec. 12**
6-7:30 p.m. - **Our Redeemer's Live Nativity** - The live nativity will be on the front lawn of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 1024 W. 6th St., Williston. Enjoy sights, sounds and cookies & hot cocoa.

## DAWSON COUNTY

**Events in Richey unless otherwise listed. MT Zone**
**Sat., Dec. 4**
12-3:30 p.m. **- Cookies & Books with St. Nick & Mrs. Clause -** Bring your kids to hear Mr. Clause's stories & enjoy cookies. Then they can tell Santa their wish list & pick an ornament from the tree to take home. Charley Montana, 103 N. Douglas St.

Sidney wrestling coach Guy Melby leads the team through take down drills during practice on Nov. 26.

# Eagle Tournament To Bring Teams From Across The Country

The Sidney High School wrestling team will be competing in the Eagle Invitational Tournament Dec. 3 & 4 at Sidney High School. The annual tournament was not held last year due to COVID restrictions.

This year seven teams from out of the area will be competing. Teams from Post Falls & Columbia, Idaho; Manhattan & Seymour, Illinois; Oak Harbor, Ohio and Rapid City, South Dakota will be in attendance as well as many other schools from Montana and North Dakota. Montana Class AA schools will not be competing because they started their season a week later than Class A, B & C.

The Sidney wrestling squad will be defending their three-time state wrestling team titles this year. The Eagles will have nine state placers returning this year; seven boys and two girls. Returning state champions are Owen Lonski, Aden Graves and Amia Kern.

Although several state champions graduated last year, coach Guy Melby is confident this year's team will perform well. "We have some good dudes coming back this year." Melby said. "We may not be as dominate this year but we should score 180 to 200 points at the state tournament."

Even though the team isn't as deep and talented as in recent years, there are ten promising freshmen coming in this year. Many of have competed in the off-season. "We are developing some guys coming up. I'm going to have to coach this year!" Melby joked.

The Eagle Tournament will begin with the dual tournament starting on Dec. 3 at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 teams will compete at Sidney High School with the remaining 16 teams competing at Central School. The dual team finals will be held at 2:45 p.m. at the high school.

The first round of the individual tournament will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The quarterfinals round will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 4 followed by the semifinals at 11:30 a.m. Varsity placing rounds will begin at 5 p.m.

# Holiday Giving Gala Set, Dec.11, Watford City

**By Anna Dragseth**

The Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County, Long X Liquor Store, and Long X Arts Foundation is looking to give back to the community this holiday season with a Giving Gala at the Long X Visitor Center, Watford City, 6:30-10 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11.

"Our main effort is to provide an enjoyable evening for the community, bring everyone together and provide a chance to "give back," Long X Pioneer Museum Director Jan Dodge said.

This semiformal event will have valet parking, tons of dancing, live holiday music by Mick Soiseth and Lane Sandstrom, appetizers by local restaurants and beer and wine tastings by Long X Liquor, plus a fun silent auction with one-of-a-kind items.

Tickets are $35 for one individual and $65 for a couple; tickets can be purchased on www.eventbrite.com.

This Holiday Giving Gala is all about giving back to the community. The profits from the ticket sales go directly to a McKenzie County non-profit organization. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for one of the three non-profit groups: McKenzie County Veterans Memorial Park - Phase 3, McKenzie County Food Pantry or Watford City Parks and Recreation Scholarship program.

Everyone is welcome to attend. "I am excited to have everyone come out to showcase that we really are a close-knit community. We are trying to get the community involved so people have some holiday fun to look forward to," Long X Liquor Store General Manager LeAnn Brown said.

While at the Long X Visitor Center you will be able to view the variety of exhibits at Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County; included during Christmas is a cultural poster visual exhibition that will showcase the variety of Christmas Traditions Around the World. "It is an opportunity to learn about what other people do to celebrate Christmas," Dodge added

The facility will also have a variety of unique gift options available for purchase. The Museum supports local entrepreneurs by selling their products at their gift shop. They also carry a variety of Christmas gift boxes, baskets, and items perfect for stocking stuffers and gifts.

For more information call the Museum at 701-444-2990 or visit www.longxarts.com.

## Kiwanis Welcomes New Member

**Don Garsjo, commercial loan officer at Yellowstone Bank, became the newest member of the Sidney Kiwanis Club, Wed., Nov. 24. Pictured left is Garsjo's sponsor, Joe Bradley. (Submitted photo)**


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"LIGHT THE WAY"
CHRISTMAS GALA

Thurs, Dec 9th
Doors Open at 5:30pm,
Dinner at 6pm
At The Richland County Event Center
(Sidney Fairgrounds)
*Music by the Community Christmas Choir & Liberty Christian Bell Ringers. Call 406-433-7772 to reserve seats. Meal is free, but donations are appreciated. Proceeds go to a new ultrasound machine.*

Sunrise women's clinic
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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
Baker's Bundle Giveway!
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# GOOD LUCK AT THE SIDNEY EAGLE INVITATIONAL!

## Sidney High School

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:30 a.m. ..... Dual Tourney Begins
2:45 p.m. ..... Dual Tourney Finals
5:00 p.m. ..... Individual brackets start
7:30 p.m. ..... Complete 1st Round Matches

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

9 a.m. ... Quarters - 1st Round Wrestle Backs
11:30 a.m. ... Semis - 2 Round Wrestle Backs
1:30 p.m. ..... 3rd Round Wrestle Backs
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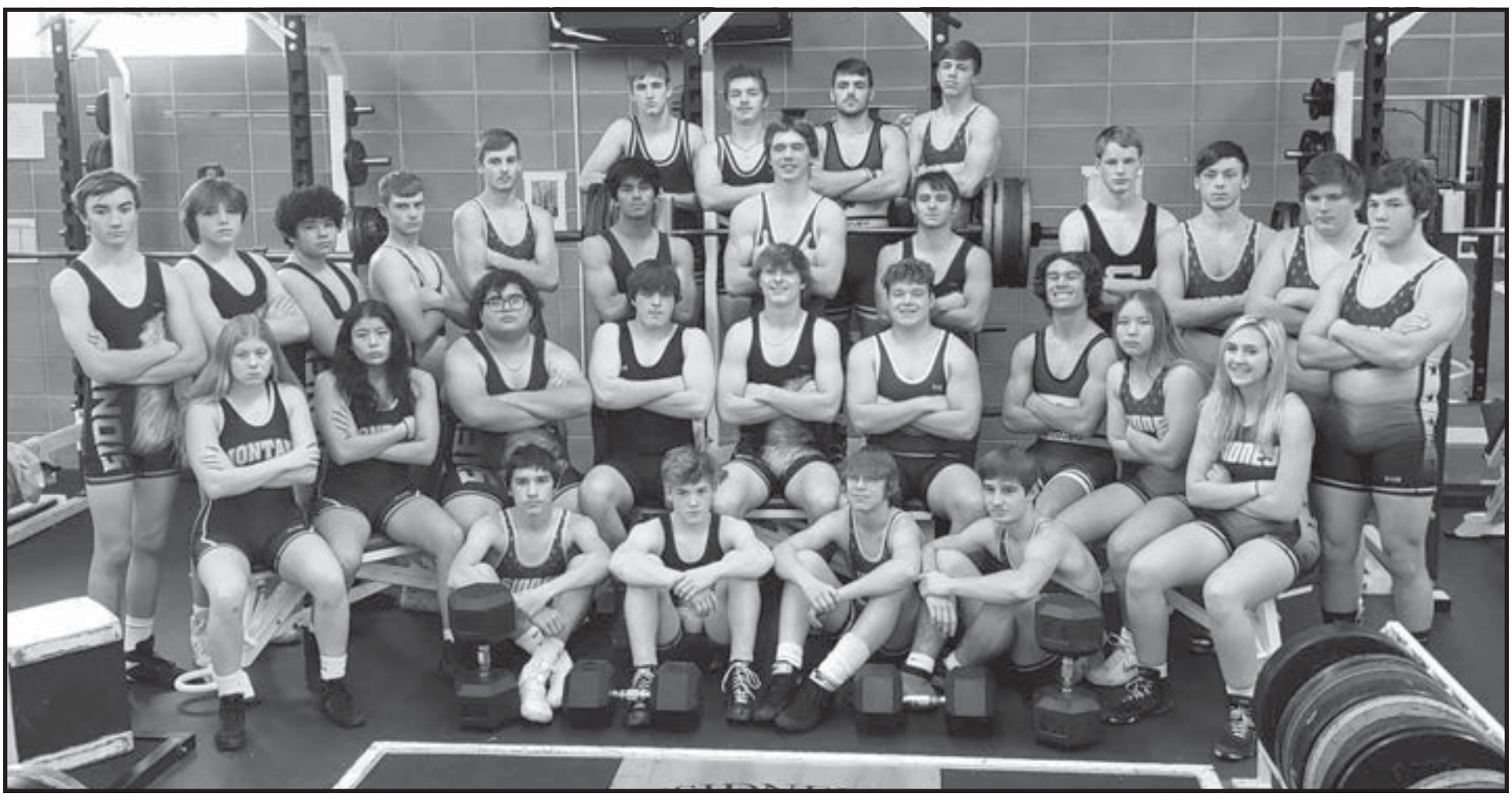

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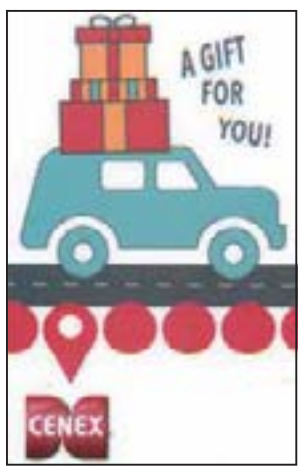


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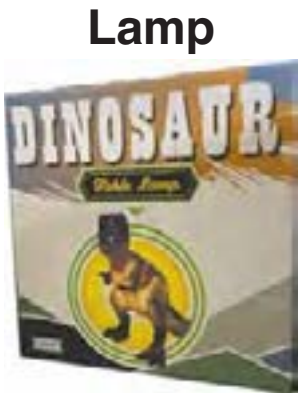


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# Watford City's Future Bakken Area Skills Center (BASC)

**By Anna Dragseth**

Watford City is hopeful that it will be home to a one-of-a-kind facility that would "up-skill" area employers' current workforce, create more opportunities for students, and provide a variety of services to the area.

Since 2016, economic development and industry partners have discussed a technical skills center at various levels.

"The Workforce Skills Initiative has met regularly for several years to discuss ways the school district, economic development, and local business and industry can collaborate at a higher level to better prepare students for post-secondary experiences as well as provide employer-specific training to assist with workforce needs across the region," McKenzie County Public School District #1 Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Steven Holen said.

Three major areas identified are healthcare, building trades, and automation. These will be the major areas covered; each of these fields will have a lab/shop and classroom space.

Students would be able to take courses and learn more about careers that are currently available and learn directly from industry experts that are currently in the field.

"I am most excited to be able to get students matched up with careers that will fill a need in our community. We can serve the student by finding their interests, providing some training and access to companies that have positions to fill," Watford City High School Principal, Jim Green said.

Employers would be able to take employees that they already have a relationship with and train them to fill open positions. Companies would also provide training sessions that identify potential employees and influence the curriculum of a specific course, to ensure that the teaching is relevant to the real world.

Many companies will pay for additional training or education in exchange for a commitment to work for the company. This also serves the community by filling a needed position and keeping graduates in the area. High school students would take classes during the day and community members would attend class during the evening.

"Not only will it serve to get high school students interested and prepared to start careers in these fields, but it will allow companies space to "up-skill" their current workforce. In addition, the BASC will include a public maker space, storage for mobile training trailers, a better home for the Corp of Discovery equipment, and potentially the Wolves Center Academy (Alternative High School)," Green added.

The benefits of the facility would go beyond Watford City, serving as a Career and Technology Education Regional Center. That means that the courses will be offered online to all schools in the northwest. Additionally, it will house mobile training trailers that can be rotated to area schools to serve their needs.

"For example, we could have a building trades trailer that has a ton of construction equipment, plumbing equipment, and electrical equipment. Instead of all area schools having to purchase their own equipment, we can rotate the trailer," Green said.

The funding of the Center is reliant on the grant opportunity made available through the ND Legislative Assembly and the ND Career and Technical Education Department in which up to $10 million in a 50% match is available to grant applications eventually approved by the ND CTE Board of Directors. The grant awards are expected to take place in December.

The substantial matching grant and support of local political subdivisions, service groups, and business/industry partners would allow for the project to move forward and the building to begin construction in the Spring of 2022, followed by a fall of 2023 opening.

"This has been a long-awaited project that may be close to reality if the grant application is successful and awarded in the next few weeks," Dr. Holen explained. "We appreciate all the support of our local and regional partners, including Williston State College and TrainND, to create a vision for the Center and to provide opportunities to K-12 and adult learners in our region."

Green said, "The best thing about the BASC is that it serves our local schools, community, and industry partners. I have no doubt that this building will have a major impact on our entire region."


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# Gifts From The Heart, Dec. 11, Saturday

Gifts from the Heart is set for Saturday Dec. 11, at Masonic Temple across from the Main St. courthouse from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

There are a few things we implemented last year that served us well, so we are going to keep the numbering of the vehicles with one tweak. When you arrive at the Masonic Temple please come to the front door immediately to receive your number, instead of us coming to you. You will then return to your car, placing your number on your windshield, until you see your number on the board our callers will be carrying. Bring your number with you to the door to be allowed entrance and make sure to watch for your number so you are not overlooked!

We all thought COVID would be "gone" by now but since it is part of life at this point, we are requiring masks to participate in this program. There Are No Exceptions! In order to keep everyone safe, masks are a must. If you refuse, we will be unable to serve you. There will be masks and hand sanitizer available. If you have any symptoms of any illness, please be responsible and stay home out of consideration of others.

This non- profit program is for the community, from the community, back into the community. Thanks to many volunteers, donations, toy drops, food drives, mitten collections, fundraisers and generous donors, this one-day event provides a few hundred local children with Christmas gifts, plus warm winter gear and families a full Christmas dinner! Toy drops are located at all Edward Jones offices, Family Dollar, Anytime Fitness, Meraki Boutique, Rouge LLC, Pfiefer General Store in Sidney and Super Valu in Fairview. All local financial institutions are accepting mittens and gloves on our behalf. At the Christmas Stroll in front of Johnson's Hardware, ABATE will be doing a toy drive and selling delicious chili along with homemade goodies! Same night across the street at Rouge LLC there will be hot cocoa for sale, with all proceeds going towards the family food bag contents. If you or your place of business wants to donate or volunteer, please contact Jakkie Waller at 406-480-9117. Monetary donations may be dropped off at Stockman Bank or by contacting Jakkie Waller as well.

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# Johnson Corners Christian Academy Fundraiser, Dec. 9, Watford City

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This year's event will be held in the fieldhouse at the Roughrider Center, Watford City. There will be a free will soup supper starting at 5 p.m., silent auction and the live auction will start at 6:30 p.m. The live auction will consist of many homemade sweets/breads and five guns from Big Boy's Toys that Kirby and Michele Vogele are generously donating.

Funds from this fundraiser will go to the daily operational expenses for the school. Operations consist of, paying for salaries of staff, all supplies, paying for the Abeka Curriculum, which is an outstanding Bible based curriculum that is 68 years old.

This year, the Soup Supper and Live Sweets Auction is set for Thursday, Dec. 9 beginning at 5 p.m. CT at the Rough Rider Center. There will be silent auction baskets as well as homemade breads/sweets that will be auctioned off live.

If you would be interested in sponsoring a table for this year's event there are three tiers of table sponsorships:

Gold-$2,500—name on banner and announced throughout the night and a chance to have your name put in a drawing to win a gun purchased from Big Boy's Toys

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# Events Celebrating Cowboy Christmas Planned At Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center

Medora, ND - The public is invited to celebrate Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas Dec. 4-5 at Chateau de Morès State Historic Site, Medora. Held in conjunction with events in the Medora community, visitors can participate in a gingerbread house competition and enjoy an open house. All event times are Mountain time.

The Interpretive Center will host the open house Friday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 5, noon-5 p.m. Activities include the Gingerbread House Contest viewing and voting on-site and at facebook.com/ChateauDeMores Dec. 1-5, with winners announced Dec. 5 on Facebook; Eats on the Streets, Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Victorian Games and Crafts on Dec. 4,1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site at 701-623-4355. The Chateau de Morès 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 additional upcoming educational programs sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota at history.nd.gov/events or call 701-328-2666.


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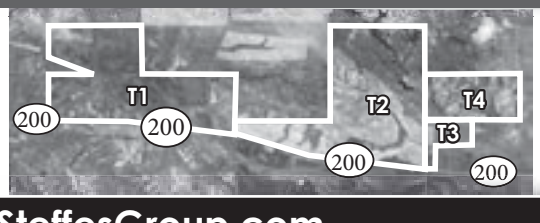

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# Irrigation Workshop Set For Dec. 9

## Dealing with drought will be one of the main topics.

Proper irrigation management during drought makes a difference in crop production. (NDSU photo by Tom Scherer)

**By NDSU Agriculture Communication**

The weather this year has presented many challenges. A drought that started in 2020, a frost in late May and hot, dry weather during the summer had a huge effect on crop production.

"Having the ability to irrigate during droughty weather conditions makes a difference in crop production," says Tom Scherer, North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension agricultural engineer.

To help farmers with their irrigation management, NDSU Extension is holding an irrigation workshop in conjunction with the North Dakota Irrigation Association on Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Grand Pacific Room at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck.

Presentations will focus on how to deal with the drought. An irrigation exposition for suppliers to display their products and services will be held at the same time.

Irrigation provides more consistent crop production on a year-to-year basis, allows growth of longer-season crops, diversifies the farm enterprise and provides a consistent supply of forage for animal agriculture. North Dakota typically has excess water in the spring but insufficient rain during the summer when crops are maturing and using the most water.

Finding ways to store excess water received in the spring for later use in the growing season is one way to ensure a reliable irrigation water supply during a drought, according to Scherer.

"The competition for water is increasing every year and access to good quality water for expanding irrigated acres will become more difficult in the future," says. Scherer. "However, with a reliable water source, investing in irrigation is a great hedge against drought periods during the growing season."

The registration fee of $50 is payable at the door and includes lunch.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and workshop presentations begin at 8:30 a.m.

The morning session will include an update on water permits and the impact of drought on aquifer water levels, irrigation development along the McClusky Canal, funding resources for irrigation and the status of U.S. federal irrigation policy.

The North Dakota Irrigation Association will hold its annual meeting in the same room from noon to 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Andrea Travnicek, North Dakota Department of Water Resources director.

The afternoon session will include updates from irrigation research stations, an update on drought resiliency, the remote monitoring and irrigation management research project and the impact of drought on irrigation infrastructure.

# Upcoming Film Premier in Watford City Dec. 17

*A Heart Like Water*, a film set in 1887 Dakota Territory, will be premiering next month in Watford City. The film, based on true events, chronicles the experiences of a husband and wife as they struggle to keep their family together as new residents on the Dakota frontier. The film stars Daniel Bielinski & Tiffany Cornwell and is directed by Charlie Griak. The film will show at the WCHS Theater--one night only--on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. It will also be showing in other North Dakota cities such as Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Belfield and Minot. For more information, to see the trailer, and ticket details visit the official website www.aheartlikewater.com.

# Enjoy Holiday Events In Williston

**Williston Community Builders Festival of Trees, Dec. 4**

On Saturday, Dec. 4 from 6-11 p.m., the Williston Community Builders will hold their annual Festival of Trees event at Williston Area Recreation Center. The event this year will be bigger and better than ever, with all proceeds from the event pledged to the Williston Outdoor Pool project. The evening will consist of a great meal, tree and wreath auction, music and fun! Formal attire is requested. You can get in touch with the Williston Community Builders via Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/Williston-CommunityBuildersND, or e-mail them at willistoncommunitybuilders@gmail.com

**Williston Downtown Holiday Stroll, Dec. 10**

There's something for everyone in downtown Williston. Join us for the Holiday Stroll on Friday, Dec. 10, 3-8 p.m. MST, Main Street. There will be free children's activities, including free photos with Santa at Jackie's Therapeutic Massage, shopping deals at locally owned stores, music, drink and app specials for those 21+ wearing ugly Christmas sweaters, and even Christmas trees sold by the Boy Scouts.

**Concordia Christmas Mission Sale, Dec. 11**

Concordia Lutheran Church invites you to their Christmas Mission Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11 at the church,1805 Main St. The sale is made possible with gently used donations of toys and décor.

Featured items included Christmas decorations, toys, baked items and hot chocolate. Proceeds raised will go toward mission work.

**Our Redeemers Live Nativity, Dec. 12**

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# Still Time To Participate In Williston's Second Community Christmas Tree Ornament Contest

Individuals are encouraged to get creative and make their best ornament to hang on the community Christmas tree for a chance to win a prize pack. The deadline date to place their ornaments is Friday, Dec. 10. The tree was donated by Marilyn McGinley and was moved on Monday, Nov. 22 to its holder on the corner of 26th St. E. and 2nd Ave. W.

The contest is open to all ages with the following age groups:

- Under 6
- 7-10
- 11-14
- 15+

To successfully enter the contest, individuals must:

- Take a picture of their ornament on the Community Christmas Tree or a picture of them placing their ornament on the Community Christmas Tree
- Submit pictures via Facebook Messenger to the City of Williston (@cityofwilliston) or the Williston Community Library (@willistoncommunitylibrary) or email to communications@ci.williston.nd.us
- Include their name and age and a name for the ornament

Two winners from each age group will be selected on Monday, Dec.13. All submissions will be showcased on the City of Williston Facebook and Instagram pages.

Individuals are reminded that ornaments will be outside, but a future timeframe will be provided for those who would like to retrieve their ornaments, if desired. The Community Christmas Tree will stay up until early January 2022.

Individuals are also invited to place ornaments on the tree without participating in the ornament contest.

For more information contact Caitlin Pallai, Communications Strategist, at 701-713-3800 or caitlinp@ci.williston.nd.us.

**Marilyn McGinley with the future Community Christmas Tree. (Submitted photo)**


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**Wed., Dec. 8:** Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, bananas.

**Savage School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Burritos.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Nachos.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Chicken nuggets.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Hamburger gravy on mashed potatoes.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Chicken alfredo lasagna.

**Rau School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Chili, cinnamon rolls, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** No school.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Lasagna, buns, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Tacos, rice, fruit, salad bar.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Chicken alfredo, fruit, veggies, salad bar.

**Froid School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Pizza, lettuce mix, fruit.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Cheeseburger pockets, fries, veggies, fruit.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, go-gurts, fruit.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Riblets on buns, chips, veggies, fruit.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, buns, dessert.

**Bainville School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, breadsticks, baked apples.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Poutine - hamburger gravy over french fries, cooked carrots, banana.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Chicken fajitas, peppers/onions, applesauce.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, carrots, mixed fruit.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Ham & cheese hoagies, sandwich bar, cucumbers, fruit cups.

**Richey School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Pizza, broccoli, fruit, dessert
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Goulash, peas & carrots, dinner rolls, fruit, dessert.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Chicken N waffles, corn, fruit.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, fruit.

**Culbertson School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Cheeseburgers, onion rings, pears.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Chicken nuggets, corn, mandarin oranges.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Hot dogs, chips, apple slices.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Super nachos, refried beans, pineapple.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Chili, cinnamon rolls, applesauce.

**Lambert School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Chicken bacon ranch, peas, fruit.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Chili, cinnamon rolls, crackers, fruit.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Spaghetti, peas, garlic bread, fruit.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Taco, fresh veggies, fruit.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Chicken strips, tots, fruit.

**Fairview School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Turkey/ bacon subs.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** No school.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Lasagna.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Homemade chicken chimichangas, Spanish rice.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Burgers, french fries.

**Alexander School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potatoes, corn.
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Sandwiches, chips, fruit, vegetables.
**Mon., Dec. 6:** Breakfast for lunch.
**Tues., Dec. 7**: Cavatini, corn, garlic toast.
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Orange, teriyaki or General Tso's chicken, fried rice, egg rolls.

**Watford City School**
**Thurs., Dec. 2:** Sichuan chicken with teriyaki noodles, fortune cookies.
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Featured Nights

Thursday, Dec. 2 - Polar Express at the Lights Drive - Kids can pick up a mini train puzzle and hot cocoa packet at the gatehouse, while supplies last.

Monday, Dec. 6 & Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Unicorn Nights - Don't miss the live unicorns hanging out in the Keel Boat parking lot. Take home crafts will be distributed from the gatehouse for kids in the car, while supplies last.

Wed., Dec. 8 & Thurs., Dec. 9 - Ice Carving Demonstrations - Holiday crafts will be available for children in the vehicle while supplies last at the gatehouse and then cruise by the keel boat to see what the ice sculptor is making.

Thurs., Dec. 9 - Free Book Night - Williston Library Foundation has donated books for kids to adults to enjoy. Stop at the icehouse in the Keel Boat parking lot to get your free book.

Sat., Dec. 11 - Christmas Luau - Kids can take home a sand craft and lei while supplies last and Elf on the Shelf will be wearing his favorite Hawaiian shirt somewhere in the park. Wear a Hawaiian shirt and enter to win a prize in the raffle at the gatehouse.

Monday, Dec. 13 - Bumble Night - Can you spot the Abominable Snowman? Sometimes Bumble is hiding, but other times you might drive right by him! There will be a take home craft for children in the vehicle, while supplies last.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Cookie Night - What would the holidays be without holiday treats! Each child in the vehicle gets to take home a cookie decorating kit, with some favorite cookie recipes, while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Grinch Night - See if you can spot the Grinch making mischief in the park. A Grinch themed craft kit will be available at the gatehouse for kids.

Friday, Dec. 17 - Pajama Night - Dress in your coziest pajamas and the first 50 cars to visit in their pajamas will receive a special holiday movie and popcorn surprise.

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Luminary Sunday - This evening will feature hundreds of luminary lights placed along the Lights Drive road.

Mon., Dec. 20 & Tues., Dec. 21 - Reindeer Nights - Find the reindeer in the drive by display at the Keel Boat parking lot. Take home crafts will be distributed from the gatehouse for kids in the car, while supplies last.

Sunday, Dec. 26 - Great Elf Sendoff - The Elf on the Shelf has been busy keeping an eye on you all month and deserves a party before heading back to the North Pole! Visit the Lights Drive and see if you can find all the miniature elves partying around the park, visible from your car. This is also your last night to complete the Elf on the Shelf bingo card!

Thursday, Dec. 30 - New Year's Eve Party - Party swag bags to ring in the New Year are available for children in the vehicle at the gatehouse, while supplies last! Come early and find a spot in the park to watch the ten minute fireworks show starting at 8 p.m. Traffic inside the park will be stopped ahead of the launch area a few minutes prior to 8 p.m. If parking in the Lights Drive, please pull to the right side of the road or in a designated parking area to watch the show!

Friday, Dec. 31 - Techno Night - See the Lights Drive in a whole new way! The luminaries will be out again, with a colorful twist. Pick up your 3D glasses at the gatehouse and enjoy one last turn through the Holiday Lights Drive.

Other activities weather permitting:

Wednesday Night Hayrides with Ironhide - Weather permitting, hayrides are available on Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15 for up to 10 people or 2 families per ride, maximum (whichever threshold is met first). Check in with the driver in the parking lot of the keel boat to verify availability. Hayrides are first come, first served, 6-8 p.m.

Elf on the Shelf Bingo - Play bingo every night through Dec. 26, the life sized Elf on the Shelf will be moved in the park. Find him and mark the date on the corresponding square on your bingo card! Cards are available at the Lights Drive gate. Complete a row and return your winning card to the Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau for a prize!

Shelf Guided Photo Opportunities - Check out these new additions to the Holiday Lights Drive! Can you find them all? If another party is using the photo opp, please wait until they finish to approach. If you are using the photo opp spot and notice a vehicle waiting, please finish in a timely manner and return to your vechicle so others can enjoy the photo opp. Refer to the map from the gatehouse for specific locations.

Letters to Santa - Write your letter to Santa and leave it in the mailbox on the south edge of the park near the playground (see the map). These are picked up daily, and replied to, if a return address is provided! You can use the blank letter form you receive at the Lights Drive gate. Feel free to ask for more if you have multiple kids (or kids at heart) in the vehicle!

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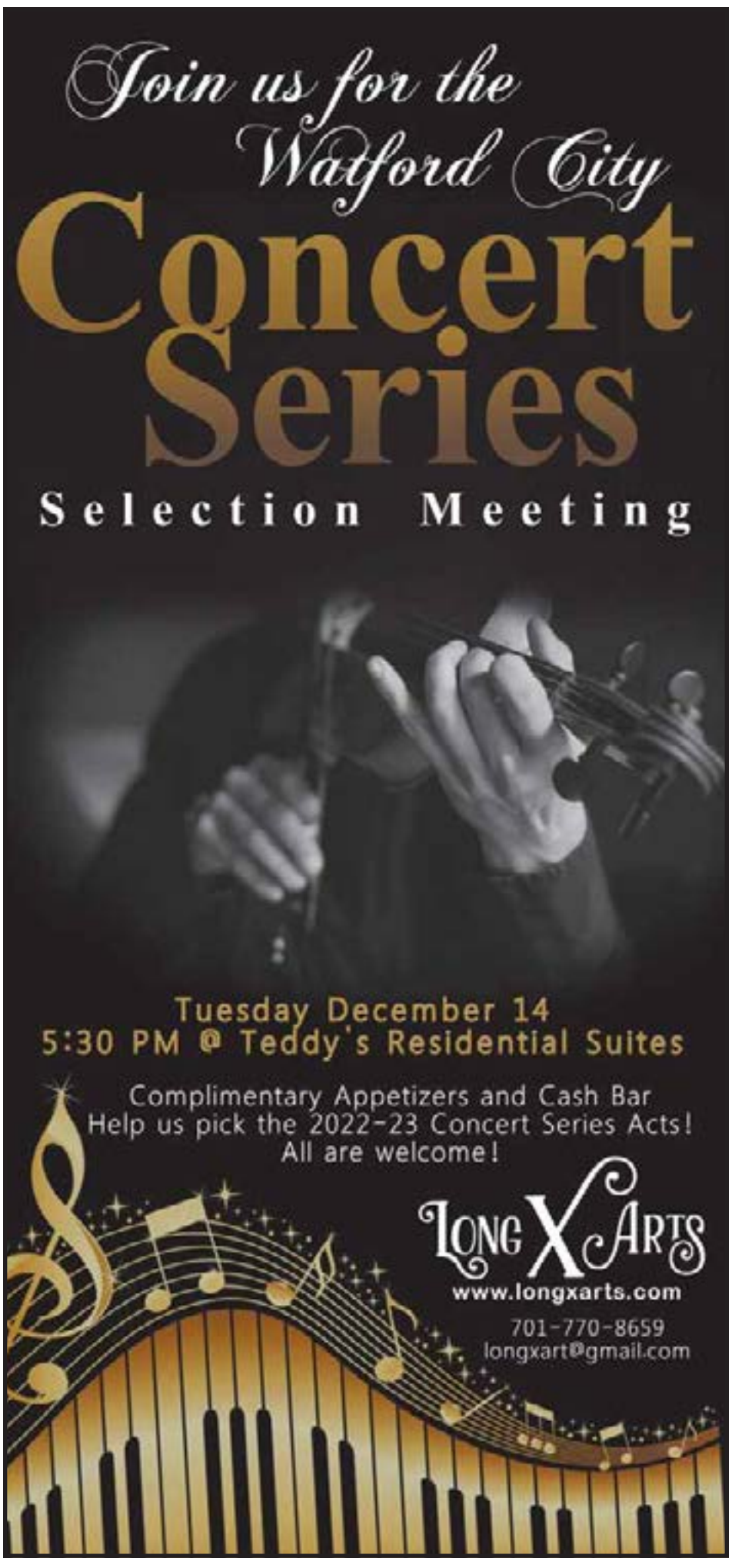

# Rise and Restore Summit April 22, Sidney

**Submitted by Quincy Walter**

In response to COVID-19, Great Northern Development Corporation has partnered with Headwaters RC&D, America's Small Business Development Center of Montana, Big Sky Economic Development, and the MDT Small Business Enterprise Program to present the Rise & Restore Small Business Summit. This event will take place 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 12, 2022, at Richland County Event Center followed by the Minnow Tank Business Competition.

Nikki Edmonds, creator, and owner of Canty Boots®, will be featured as keynote speaker. Nikki, of (cantyboots.com), disassembles and redesigns standard cowboy boots into short one-of-a-kind ankle boots with pizazz. Nikki, together with her husband, raise their four children on a cattle ranch, continuing to access and disrupt the massive western fashion industry all while living in a town without a stoplight.

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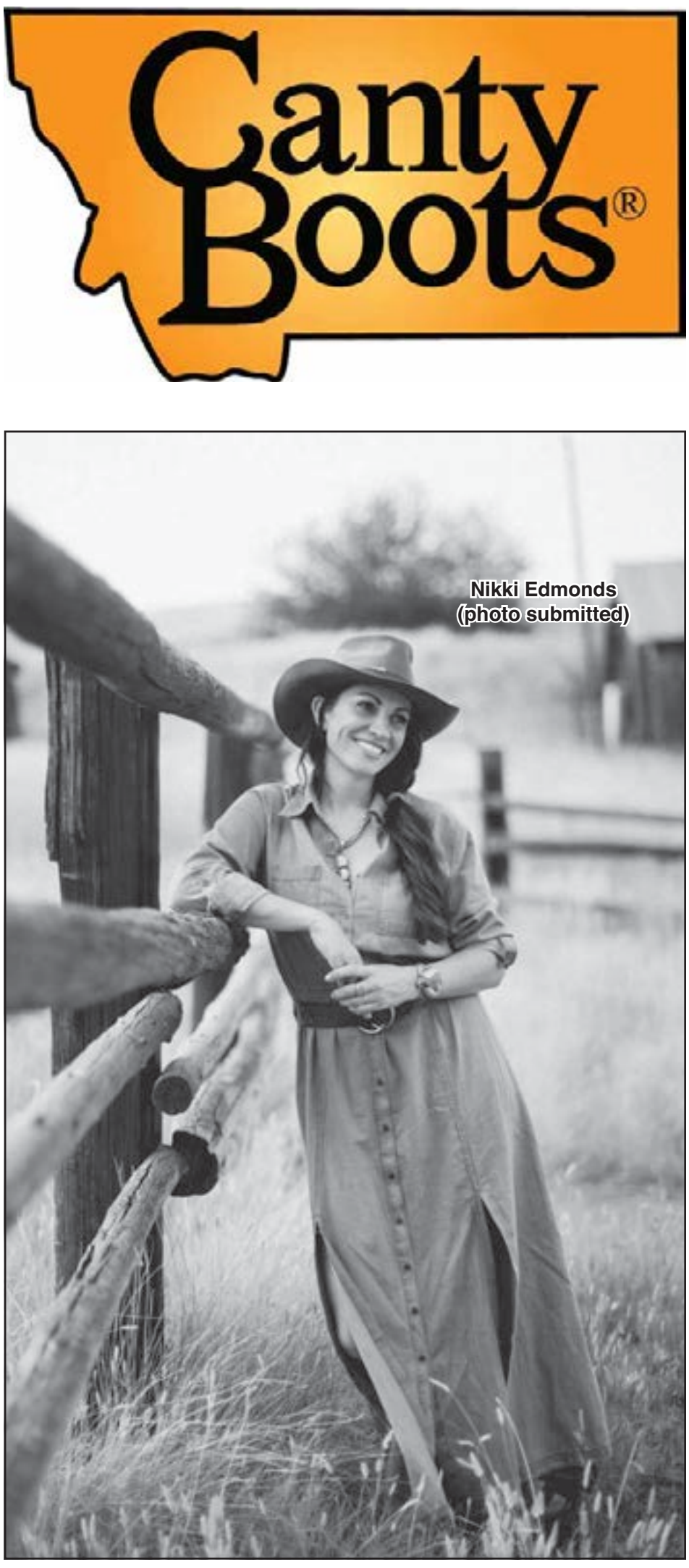
Throughout the day attendees will have the opportunity to attend multiple breakout sessions including; Quickbooks, Digital Marketing Strategies, Human Resources, Cash Flow, and Breakeven Analysis. Also, you will hear from a panel of prevalent industries and how they pivoted during covid.

This free live event will be focused on COVID-19 recovery and where do we go from here. The latest information will always be available at www.gndc.org/randr. Use the following link to register: https://mtsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/5213

*Advanced registration is required! If you have any questions, please reach out to Quincy Walter at quincy@gndc.org or at 406-650-2524.




Nikki Edmonds (photo submitted)

# Montana/Wyoming Sugar Beet & Malt Barley Symposium To Be Held Jan. 12-13, Billings

**From MSU News Service**

Bozeman — Registration is now open for the 2022 Montana and Wyoming Sugar Beet and Malt Barley Symposium, which will be held Jan. 12-13 at Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Billings. The event is hosted by the Mountain States Crop Education Association, or MSCEA, which is comprised of industry representatives as well as Montana State University Extension faculty members.

The first day of the event will focus on barley production. Presentations will cover topics including precision agriculture and disease, nutrient and weed management. Featured speakers include Lester Jones, National Beer Wholesalers Association; Raj Khosla, Kansas State University; and Clain Jones and Uta McKelvy, MSU Extension.

The second day will focus on sugar beet topics, with Scott Herndon, American Sugarbeet Growers Association vice president and general counsel, serving as the keynote speaker. Other presentations will highlight soil fertility, soil microbiome improvement and pest management. A complete agenda can be found on the MSCEA website at mountainstateag.org.

The symposium will also feature nationally known ag commentator and agriculturalist Damian Mason. Mason will discuss trends and issues impacting the future of food and agriculture.

Pesticide applicator and certified crop adviser credits will be available. Symposium registration and other details are available online at mountainstateag.org. Pre-registration for the event is $35 per day and onsite registration will be $40 per day. Please note that a convenience fee will be added to online transactions. A special hotel rate of $96 per night is available until Dec. 28.

For more information, contact Callie Cooley, MSU Extension agent in Yellowstone County, at 406-256-2828 or callie.cooley@montana.edu.

# ONEOK Restarts Construction Of Natural Gas & NGL Projects

Tulsa, OK - Nov. 15, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- ONEOK, Inc. (NYSE: OKE) has announced plans to complete previously announced natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) infrastructure projects, including:

• Demicks Lake III, a 200 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) natural gas processing facility in the Williston Basin.

• MB-5, a 125,000-barrel per day (bpd) NGL fractionator in Mont Belvieu, TX.

"Increasing producer activity and improving demand for natural gas and NGLs drove the decision to restart these attractive return projects," said Pierce H. Norton II, ONEOK president and chief executive officer. "We continue to align our capital investments with our customers' needs and expectations, and remain focused on further enhancing the reliability of our infrastructure.

"Demicks Lake III will support producer development plans in the core of the Williston Basin while continuing our commitment to help customers reduce natural gas flaring and MB-5 will accommodate NGL volume growth from across our operations, including the Rocky Mountain region and Permian Basin."

The remaining capital investment necessary to complete these projects is significantly less than building greenfield facilities, and will provide needed capacity at an attractive return on invested capital.

Demicks Lake III plant:

The 200-MMcf/d Demicks Lake III natural gas processing plant in McKenzie County, ND, is expected to cost approximately $140 million to complete. The facility, which is supported by acreage dedications with primarily fee-based contracts, is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

The new plant will increase ONEOK's Williston Basin natural gas processing capacity to approximately 1.9 billion cubic feet per day.

MB-5 fractionator:

The 125,000 bpd MB-5 fractionator in Mont Belvieu, TX, is fully contracted and expected to cost approximately $250 million to complete. The facility is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2023 and will increase ONEOK's total NGL fractionation capacity to more than 1 million bpd.

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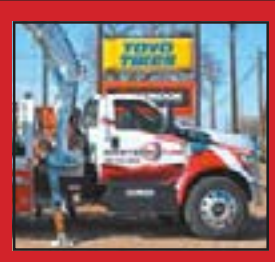

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# Richland County Commissioner Mitchell Pens Letter To Senator Tester

Honorable Senator Jon Tester,

Thank you for all your keeping the interests of the citizens of Montana first and foremost in all your decisions while serving as a Senator from Montana.

Currently All Montanans are facing a critical situation because of the threating mandate from our Federal Government. As one of the Richland County Commissioners I am on the Board of Eastern Montana Community Mental Health, which serves seventeen counties in eastern Montana. I also serve on the Board of Foundation for Community Care and know some of the employees at Sidney Health Center. There are a vast number of employees that are not in favor of the COVID vaccines for a number of reasons, and many that are opposed to the government mandating them to get a shot or lose their jobs.

We teach our children that bullying isn't correct and will not be tolerated, however the government thinks blackmail, coercion and threats are acceptable. How is it that a government that is by the people and for the people threatens the very people they are supposed to represent?

Senator Tester, you know the difficulty families are working through each day; raising children to be responsible citizens, house and car payments, paying for groceries, and much more. They do not need to be in fear of losing their livelihood because they choose not to be vaccinated by a shot that has too many unknowns and too much misinformation.

We have many small businesses struggling to survive. They can't take another hit, especially from our government.

All Montanans NEED your help. Please speak to President Biden and his administration to STOP the vaccine mandate allowing the people the freedom we are to enjoy and make their own choices.

Thank you,
Commissioner
Duane Mitchell
Sidney, MT

# Making Grazing Management Decisions After Severe Drought

**Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, Ag NewsWire**

Dr. Jeff Mosley, MSU Extension, talked to a packed room in Grazing Management; Decisions After Severe Drought workshop at the Montana Farm Bureau Federation Convention, Billings, last week. In his presentation, Mosely explained that drought is an inevitable part of normal climate fluctuations in the semi-arid rangeland that exists in Montana.

"The severe drought in 2021 makes it necessary to adjust grazing management not only for 2022 but into 2023, especially for pastures that will be grazed in spring and early summer of 2022 or 2023,"

Mosley said. "Abnormal conditions require abnormal management."

Mosely's advice? With a very minimal chance of any grass carryover for spring 2022, turnout on pastures should be delayed even if it rains. It's essential to let the grass get ahead of the livestock, if at all possible.

He cautioned against the harmful results of drought in the spring and early summer of 2022: grass tetany and poisonous plants.

"Many poisonous plants are early season forbs that weren't harmed by the drought," he said. "They will grow well early in 2022 while grass growth is slow, making up a larger portion of the available forage. Remember, the poison is in the dose."

He noted that because of the reduction of forage in 2021, total standing forage will be less than normal until the seed is set for 2023; therefore, plan a lower stocking rate in 2022.

"Reduce stocking rates by grazing fewer livestock over the same amount of time, or the same number of livestock over a shorter amount of time," the extension range management specialist shared.

Ranchers can estimate how much forage they will have by determining spring precipitation using different mathematical equations: looking back over the past 30 years of moisture in April, May and June; looking at moisture from Sept. 1 through June 30 over the same 30 years, or a combination of the two.

"Keep in mind that 90% of the forage will grow before July 1," he added.

His advice to all the ranchers was to say you can, instead of can't, and keep a positive attitude.

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# CMS Vaccine Mandate Protest Held in Sidney

A group of Sidney Health Center employees and members of the community held a protest against the vaccine mandate that the Biden Administration's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) seeks to impose on healthcare workers. Attendees for the event were appreciative of the support from the community and urged the public to contact their legislators to voice their concerns regarding the Covid-19 vaccine mandate.

The mandate is to go in to effect Jan. 4, 2022. The Montana Hospital Association has advised all member facilities to comply with the mandate or they may lose the ability to provide services to patients receiving Medicare or Medicaid assistance. The Montana Attorney General has joined a lawsuit challenging the mandate and seeking a preliminary injunction in the U.S. District Court for Western District of Louisiana. The judge is yet to make a ruling.

In a separate lawsuit a federal judge blocked the rule from going into effect on Nov. 29. This lawsuit flied in the Eastern District of Missouri involves ten states, including North Dakota.


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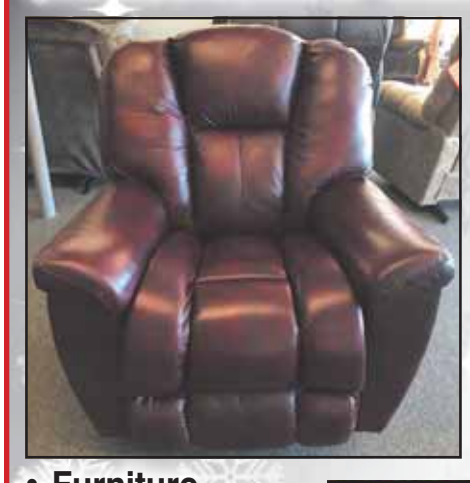

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