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Watford City High School To Host Mural Artist

The Watford City High School Art Department and the Long X Arts Foundation will be home to mural artist, award-winning arts programmer and teaching artist Markus Tracy from April 1-12.

Tracy's two week residency at WCHS is focused on working with the junior high, high school and after school art students to design, implement and create a comprehensive mural on the wall in the fine arts wing of the high school. This will be the first piece of public art in the school.

Tracy is known for his successful partnerships with schools, museums, civic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and correctional facilities throughout the United States. Along with exhibiting his work nationally, Tracy has been awarded numerous public art commissions, grants, and artist in residencies throughout the United States.

"The students are in good hands with Markus," said Jessie Scofield, director of the Long X Arts Foundation. "This year is our first year working with the art department on an after school art club for teenagers, and this mural project was something they really wanted to see through. We wanted to help make it the best possible experience for them so we sought partnerships from some great organizations who believe in the power of art experiences."

Tracy's visit is made possible through a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts and a generous sponsorship from OneOk, Inc. Meyer's Department Store is providing Tracy's lodging during his stay.

Tracy believes that the function of murals should go beyond an aesthetic appeal but bridge a common ground based on social and cultural understanding.

Tracy will be in the classroom working with students during his entire residency. The process includes helping them conceptualize the design, present it to the school for approval and then assisting them in organizing a plan to involve other students and volunteers to complete the piece. The idea is to put the process in the students' hands. By the time Tracy leaves on April 12, Watford City High School will be home to a complete piece of art that is unique to the students who designed it.

"This project is something the kids have been excited about since fall," said Jane Hadley, WCHS art instructor. "It gives the kids a sense of ownership in the building and pride in being creative. We are very thankful for the support we received to get him here to share his expertise."



Watford City High School art students begin work on the new mural. (Photo by Markus Tracy)

"This is truly a unique experience for these students and we hope that it opens the door to many more opportunities for the community to be involved and invest in public art," added Scofield. "Watch for your chance to help make this mural come to life in the coming week!"

To follow along with the process and learn about how to

get involved, follow the Long X Arts Foundation on Facebook, Instagram or visit www.longxarts.com.

A Community Work night has been scheduled for Thursday, April 11 from 3:30 until 9 p.m. People can come for a few minutes or stay all night. Open to all ages and skill levels. Come in the L6 North Door. Snacks will be available.

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E-rase Your E-waste Dates Set For 2019; Flood Damaged Items Accepted With Conditions

Save the dates! E-rase your E-waste organizers in Sidney have announced the dates for their annual spring and fall collection events, and this year Fairview is renewing its spring collection effort as well.

"We're pleased to be able to offer another springtime collection and to once again be working with the Fairview community to offer the service to city residents there," Beth Redlin, co-chair of the E-rase your E-waste Committee, said in making the announcement.

This year's spring collection is set for Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th in both Sidney (Fri. and Sat.) and Fairview (Sat morning only), and the fall collection will be on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7 in Sidney.

MonDak area residents are invited to bring their damaged and outdated electronic equipment to the event for free recycling, although Redlin noted CRT monitors and TVs are still not being accepted, nor are projection televisions.

"Unfortunately, our e-cycler still cannot accept any monitors or televisions with cathode ray tubes (CRTs)," Redlin noted. "But most other electronic devices are being accepted, and our e-cycler, Yellowstone E-waste Solu-



tions in Billings, has said they will even take flood damaged items, although with certain restrictions."

"I feel so bad for those folks who were affected by the flooding," e-cycler Kolbi Fox said. "They are probably needing an outlet for their dead electronics and we'd be happy to help. We just need to take special precautions."

In particular, she asked that those recycling flood damaged items remove any caked on mud and drain the electronics of any water before they turn them in for recycling. "The other thing is to have them let us know if the item/s were submersed in water so that we can put them in a separate gaylord box," Fox said, "That's just so we know they were water logged and they need to be handled more carefully by our staff."

General items accepted include computers and their components (printers, scan-

ners, keyboards, flat screen monitors, etc.), cell phones, cameras, VCRs, cable TV boxes, fax machines, copiers, stereos, game boys and specialized electronic equipment used in businesses such as hospitals, law enforcement, manufacturing and even the oil field.

Both the Sidney spring and fall events will once again be held at the Richland County Shop at 2140 W. Holly in Sidney, next to the Fairgrounds; while the Fairview spring collection will be held at the Fairview Water Depot, located across the railroad tracks on 9th Street. Please note, both locations are ONLY available for drop offs during scheduled event times, when employees with Yellowstone E-waste Solutions and local volunteers will be available to help with loading and unloading.

Additional details, including drop off times, will be announced soon, Redlin said.

Agricultural Adaptation to Climate Change in MT



Dr. Bruce Maxwell speaks at the NPARRL building in Sidney.

By Jaymi Loobey

Friday, April 5 was the final Brown Bagger of the season. Dr. Bruce Maxwell from Montana Institute of Ecosystems came and spoke on Agricultural Adaptation to Climate Change in Montana. His talk included a little about the current conditions and CO² levels, the projected conditions and impact on agriculture and technology the Montana Institute of Ecosystems is developing to assist producers to tap the wide array of data now available to help make agricultural decisions.

Dr. Maxwell started off by outlining his talk then dove in to current conditions. He explained he was referencing the 2017 Climate Assessment (montanaclimate.org) then gave a little history on how it came about. They did not expect too many producers to accept the concept of climate change so they held listening sessions with several groups of producers and what they heard was very different from what they expected. Bruce said, "My favorite quote was from a rancher who said 'I don't believe the weatherman either but I watch his segment every morning.'" Bruce said that pretty much summed up the response they got. They found that from 1895 to 2017 the temperatures in Montana had risen by 0.4o F per decade, the amount of precipitation stayed the same, the growing season has increased by twelve days, and there has been less snow in the mountains. They also discovered

that, while the temperatures have risen, the chance for spring frost has remained the same. Something also occurred in 2017 that had only ever been recorded in 1910, a flash drought. A flash drought is believed to occur when frequent rains in the spring are followed by unusually high heat in the summer. Using a slide, Dr. Maxwell showed that the CO² levels in 2017 were twice as high as they had ever been during any recordable interglacial period. Scientists can study the atmospheric content during previous years by studying the content of air captured in ice cores in Antarctica.

From this the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is predicting that by 2040-2060 the summer temperatures in Montana will increase by 7°F. In Montana, that will mean an even longer growing season but with frosts still happening at the same time each year as before. Anyone taking advantage of the longer growing seasons by changing what crops they grow are at risk of being devastated by a killing frost. Warmer temperatures would mean more of the yearly precipitation would fall as rain. This would increase the occurrences of spring floods and mean less mid-summer snowmelt in the rivers for irrigation. He also mentioned the breeds of cattle raised in Montana do not do well in prolonged heat when the temperature does not drop below a certain point at night. The amount of days above 90°

is projected to increase by 35 days a year. Dr Maxwell also said the impact of pests and winter annual weeds had not been studied enough to make a projection on.

Dr. Bruce Maxwell mentioned several times throughout the lecture that, "Uncertainty, in the day to day decision, is the hardest part of climate change for the producer." And "The best thing a producer can do is to look into public and private partnerships, take information into account, and learn for themselves on their own land. Montana Institute of Ecosystems is developing an app to take the information gathered by a farmer's own machinery on their own fields, satellite information, local weather measurements and the climate assessments to decide the best places within a field to place fertilizer for maximum profit. Dr. Maxwell said the technology is already available through many commercial companies but those using them run the risk that the app suggests adding more of the company's products other than what is actually needed. Montana Institute of Ecosystems' app would be unbiased. The app is currently in development and will be made available in the next year.

According to Montana Institute of Ecosystems' website, montanaioe.org, Dr. Bruce Maxwell is Professor of Applied Plant Ecology/Agroecology in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Science at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT.



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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....			1844.3
Last Week's Elev.			1842.4
One Year Ago			1839.8
Release For Day (C.F.S.)			13,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 1	47	26	0.00
April 2	49	28	0.00
April 3	56	20	0.00
April 4	67	39	0.00
April 5	56	33	0.00
April 6	62	39	0.00
April 7	67	41	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation		1.25	

OBITUARIES

Jodi L. Evenson, 52 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jodi L. Evenson, 52, of Sidney are at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 10 at Peoples Congregational Church with Pastor Sione Fungalei of the Lonsdale United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Visitation was held Tuesday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before service at the church.

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

Jodi passed away on Wednesday, April 3 at Sidney Health Center Emergency Room, Sidney, MT.

Linda Graham, 71 Sidney, MT

Services for Linda Graham, 71, of Sidney, MT are pending at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

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

Linda passed away on Saturday morning, April 6 at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Sidney-Richland County Library Closed April 9-13

(SIDNEY, MT) --- The Sidney-Richland County Library will be closed Tuesday, April 9 through Saturday April 13. Staff will be attending the annual statewide library conference in Helena.

The Montana Library Association Conference provides critical training and resources, as well as opportunities for libraries throughout Montana to network and share resources.

During the conference the Montana State Library Commission will recognize several libraries throughout the state who have provided outstanding services to their communities.

Sidney-Richland County Library will be awarded the Excellence in Library Service Award (ELSA) for the fourth consecutive year.

In order to be recognized for outstanding services to their communities, a library must exceed the essential Montana Public Library standards in all 13 categories. Categories include collection development, information access, policies, planning and evaluation, fiscal management, board accomplishments, continuing education for staff and trustees, and outreach to the community.

Alexander Public School Preschool Pre-Registration, April 24-25

From 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25 the preschool pre-registration will be held in the old gym at the Alexander, ND school.

Please call the school, 701-828-3334, to schedule an appointment for your student. Your child must be four years old by July 31, 2019 to be eligible.

Western North Dakota Home & Garden Show April 12 & 13

The Western Area Builders Association will host its 9th annual Home & Garden Show this Friday, April 12 from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Raymond Center in Williston.

Vendors from Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail and Williams County will be on hand showcasing the latest trends in home building, renovation, yard ideas and finance.

Local Financial Advisor Honored For Performance

Nick Lonski, who has been an Edward Jones financial advisor in Sidney since 2001, was recently invited to attend the Edward Jones Managing Partner's Conference April 23-26 in Scottsdale, Ariz. The prestigious annual event honors the top 400 of the firm's more than 17,000 financial advisors.

The meeting pools Edward Jones' most successful financial advisors for a discussion with Penny Pennington, Edward Jones' managing partner, on issues facing the firm and the financial services industry as a whole.

"It's rewarding and extremely beneficial to spend time with our firm's visionaries and colleagues who are so accomplished," says Lonski. "I know I'll return energized and with lots of fresh ideas to share with my clients."

This is the 6th time Lonski has been invited to this event.

Lonski and Branch Office Administrators Susan Duffey, Ashley Anvik and Ashley Volkman can be reached at 406-433-3600. You may also visit Lonski's website at www.edwardjones.com/nick-lonski.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
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Wed., April 10
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **The Pure Quill Exhibition by Barbara Van Cleve** - This event continues through April 27. **Dawson Community College Student Art Show** - This event continues through May. 4. - 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.

12-1 p.m. - **Blood Pressure Management Workshop** - Community Services Building, Room 201, Sidney, MT. For more information call Ashley VandeBossche, 406-433-2207.

Thurs., April 11
3:30 p.m. - **Local Working Group Meeting** - This meeting if for those who have concerns about natural resources that you feel need to be addressed. MSU Extension Building, 1499 North Central Ave., Sidney, MT. For more information call the Richland County Conservation District, 406-433-2103x3001.

6 p.m. - **Physical Faith Challenge** - A practical guide to running and a 12-week training plan aimed at completing a 5K while maintaining a Christian focus starting April 11. Fellowship Hall, Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT. For more information contact bolosn78@gmail.com.

Fri., April 12
4-7 p.m. - **Easter Bake Sale** - St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, MT (use the 4th Ave. entrance) Baked goods will be accepted the afternoon of the sale. 1/2 of the proceeds will go to the Sunrise Women's Clinic. For more information call Teresa, 798-3464; Diana, 798-3429 or Tara, 488-6274.

5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Knights of Columbus 2019 Fish Fry** - \$9 per person. Ned Shinnick Hall, St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, MT.

Sat., April 13
10 a.m. - **Sidney Moose Lodge Community Easter Egg Hunt** - For 0-5 and 5-10 year old children. Moose Park (ball park by Ranger Arena and swimming pool) In case of inclement weather it will be held April 20.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Zion Lutheran Church Spring Bazaar** Hand-crafted items, baked goods, plants and seedlings, recycled treasures, quilts, lefse and lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 309 S. Central Ave., Fairview, MT.

6-10 p.m. - **Boys & Girls Club of The MonDak Out of the Gate Kentucky Derby Gala** - Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT. \$50 per person. Tickets available at BGCDerby19.givesmart.com or text BGCDerby19 to 52182. Also available at Boys & Girls Club office or call 406-433-6763.

Sun., April 14
2 p.m. - **Holy Week Ecumenical Procession** - Meet at the IGA parking lot and walk to St. Matthew's Parish Center. Bring palms, banners or other symbols of Palm Sunday. A snack will be provided at the end of the procession. All are welcome!

Mon., April 15
7-8 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - If a resident has a matter to discuss with City Council, contact City Hall to be put on the agenda. Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.

Tues., April 16
5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Boys & Girls Club Grand Opening** - Ribbon cutting, 6 p.m. 201 3rd Ave., SE, Sidney, MT.

6 p.m. - **American Legion Revitalization Meeting** - This meeting will determine if there will be an American Legion presence in the Sidney Area. Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW, Sidney, MT. For more information call Terry Jensen, 406-488-2759 or tbjens@midrivers.com or Clancee Collins, 406-234-8941 or 406-360-4254, clancee@midrivers.com.

Thurs., April 18
Noon Eggs-actly - **Fairview Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt** - Sharbono Park, Fairview, MT.

Thurs., April 25
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Rod Iron. RSVP by April 23. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.

Sat., April 27
6 p.m. - **Richland Opportunities Dinner & Comedy Show Fundraiser** - Roast beef dinner & no host bar. Featuring Jonnie W., razor sharp wit, multi-generational, off-beat standup and guitar humor. Sidney Moose Lodge. Tickets \$35 available at ROI, 406-488-3341, Sidney Chamber, Stockman Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

Fri., May 3
7 p.m. - **First Friday Film Series "The Rider"** - Free to the public. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney. For more information call 406-433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., April 10
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Market Day** - Students create a business and sell their products. Open to the public. Watford City High School, Watford City, ND.

Thurs., April 11
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Storytime** - Free event, no registration necessary. McKenzie County Public Library, Watford City, ND. This event continues every Thurs. through May. 2.

7-9 p.m. - **WCHS Dessert Theater** - Join the WCHS drama students for treats and entertainment. Watford City High School Auditorium, Watford City, ND.

Sun., April 21
10:30 a.m. - **Kids Ministry for Elementary and Younger** - Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND.

Wed., April 24 & Thurs., April 25
8 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Alexander, ND Public School Preschool Pre-Registration** - Old gym at the school. Call the school to schedule an appointment, 701-828-3334. Your student must be 4 years old by July 31, 2019 to be eligible.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Fri., April 12, 2-7 p.m. & Sat., April 13, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
2019 Western Home & Garden Show - Great ideas for updating your home or new construction. Raymond Family Community Center, Williston, ND. For more information, 701-572-5744 or eo@willistonbuilders.com.

Sat., April 13
1 p.m. - **Missouri-Yellowstone Interpretive Center Easter Egg Hunt** - Age groups: 0-3, 4-7 and 8-10. Food available for purchase on-site! For more information contact MYCIC, 701-572-9034.

Sat., April 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., April 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Northern Plains Military Show - Featuring only militaria from all wars and eras. \$5 admission. Upper Missouri Valley Fair Multipurpose Building, Williston, ND. Sponsored by and all proceeds benefit Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association and Fort Buford State Historic Site.

Thurs., April 18
7 p.m. - **Confluence History Book Club** - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri., April 19
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting** - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. This event continues on April 20. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Wed., April 10
8 a.m.-8 p.m. - **"Native Voices" Exhibition** - Dawson Community College Jane Carey Memorial Gallery, Glendive, MT. The exhibition will run through May 3. Fall & Spring Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., 12-5 p.m.

Fri., April 12, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat., April 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Glendive Spring Fling - Eastern Plains Event Center, Glendive, MT.

Wed., April 17
12-1 p.m. - **Lunch 'n' Learn "Petal Pushers"** - Join Penny Johnson and Peggy Iba as they talk about their adventure to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. Tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch. Glendive Public Library Community Room. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr>.

Letter to the Editor: Legislature Enters Final Month



Local city officials who went to Helena to testify in favor of HB 656, from left, Jeff Hintz, Tami Christensen, Jessica Redfield, Joel Krautter, Janet Sergent and Mayor Rick Norby. (Submitted photo)

By Joel Krautter

The past two weeks have been some of the biggest weeks in the House during the session.

Contentious bills we took up in the House included Representative Buttrey's Medicaid Reform and Integrity Act, as well as the Infrastructure Bonding Bill.

I supported Representative Buttrey's bill because I believe in the reforms it makes to the Medicaid law set to expire in June without reauthorization. The resolution from the Sidney Health Center Board of Trustees asking me to support continuation of the program was helpful to my decision. I also heard from constituents that they supported new work-requirements for able-bodied adults, which the reformed law includes, with a contingency sunset provision to the entire law that would be triggered if work requirements were invalidated.

I supported the Infrastructure Bonding bill (HB 652) because it will help our district, the entire state, and our eastern Montana neighbors. It included: \$125,000 for Savage Irrigation District, \$125,000 for Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, \$1.3 million for the Makoshika State Park Waterline, \$500,000 for Scobey (water), \$625,000 for Circle (water system improvements), \$600,000 for Baker (water), \$750,000 for Plentywood (wastewater), and \$100,000 for Fallon County (Baker Lake Restoration). It also creates the Delivering Local Assistance Grant Program with \$14 million dedicated to helping natural resource impacted communities and schools.

House Bill 8 – that helps fund rural water projects like Dry Redwater – was also being held up, unless HB 652 passed. Knowing the importance of this funding, I didn't want to see HB 8 fail.

Priority bills I've sponsored have passed the House and are now in the Senate.

HB 656, that would bring more oil and gas tax revenue back from the state to our cities and towns in oil and gas producing counties had a great hearing in House Taxation and passed out unanimously. It passed the House 89-10. I credit that result to having unified support from oil and gas producers, counties and cities. It was very helpful to have local city and county officials in Helena to testify in favor of this important legislation.

HB 405, the Catch and Keep Montana's Treasure Act that provides incentives to help rural communities with recruiting and retention of skilled workers and professionals passed the House and will have a Senate hearing this week. It continues to drive an

important conversation about the challenges and future of rural Montana.

HB 660 to create a Mobile Crisis Unit Grant Pilot Program will have its first hearing in the Senate this week after passing the House. This bill continues my focus on addressing mental health issues and ways we can support suicide prevention efforts.

HB 389 to reduce regulations and fees on our farmers and ranchers hauling hay was unfortunately tabled in the Senate Transportation Committee, after passing the House with a strong 90-5 mark. I am working with Senator Hinebauch and others to explore options to untangle the bill and move it forward.

Please feel free to contact me on any legislation during this last month of the legislative session.



**AMERICAN LEGION
REVITALIZATION MEETING
Tues, April 16 • 6pm
Elks Lodge (123 3rd St SW • Sidney, MT)**
To determine if there will be an American Legion presence in the Sidney area

Current and past members of Richland post #12 of the American Legion are encouraged to attend a revitalization meeting of the post.

All interested veterans of the Sidney community are also encouraged to attend. If you support American Legion Baseball, the Boy Scouts or any other youth organizations, come to the meeting and find out what an American Legion post in Sidney can do for you.

Please feel free to invite any family members or friends who may be interested in reorganizing an American Legion post in your community.

For questions or concerns:
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Walleye's Unlimited Winner

The MonDak Chapter of Walleye's Unlimited held their annual banquet on April 6 at the Richland County Event Center. Pictured is the Heads or Tales game winner Kyle Carter with the Hummingbird Helix7 G2N GPS he won. The proceeds from the banquet are used towards the Kids Fishing Day for Sidney 6th graders and improvements to local fishing access sites.





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Fairview Flood



ND Senator John Hoeven's Field Representative toured the flood damage in Fairview April 3. Pictured are (L-R) Western North Dakota Field Representative Shari Buck, Nancy Gross, homeowner - still not able to get into her house - and Fairview Mayor Brian Beiber. For more photos go to roundupweb.com. (Photo submitted)

Baker Honored For R.E.D. Service

Bryce Baker, who served on the board of Richland Economic Development for four years, receives a plaque from executive director Leslie Messer in appreciation of his valuable contributions. The award was presented at last Thursday's Kiwanis meeting where Messer updated the membership on the recent activities of RED.



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The MonDak Heritage Center Announces Its April & May Art Class Schedule

The MonDak Heritage Center announces its schedule of Art Classes & Walk-In Art Projects for April & May! Create artwork with us, strengthen your art skills, and have a great time! Our April & May schedule includes:

- April 11, 12-5 p.m., Walk-In Thursday: Handprint Bunny, \$15/handprint
- April 18, 6 p.m., Clay Garden Castle Turret Class, \$30/person
- April 25, 6 p.m., Clay Fairy House Class, \$35/person
- May 2, 12-5 p.m., Walk-In Thursday: Mother's Day Plate, \$25/plate
- May 9, 6 p.m., Clay Garden Gnome Class, \$25/person
- May 16, 6 p.m., Candle Carving Class, \$20/person
- May 21, 6 p.m., Acrylic Pour Painting: The Swipe Method Class, \$25/person
- May 23, 6 p.m., Glass Fusion Pendant Lamps Class, \$55/person
- May 25, Wheel Throwing Lessons, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., \$100/session (sign up in advance)
- May 28, 6 p.m., Acrylic Pour Painting: Creating Cells, \$25/person

May 30, 12-5 p.m., Walk-In Thursday: Father's Day Plate, \$25/plate
Plus, Open Studio Saturday the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month! Prices vary by project and medium.
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Each Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., April 9 through May 7 at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney. The MonDak Heritage Center announces our next session of the Toddler Tuesday Program! Designed for ages 2-6, this fun, hands-on art program introduces children to different forms of art, including painting and clay work, through instruction and storytime. The session meets for FIVE Tuesdays (weekly from April 9 to May 7) from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney. Children for this class must be accompanied by an adult. Program fees are \$50/child. MDHC members receive \$5 off! Scholarships available!! Space is limited. Sign up today! Call 406-433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org/education to enroll. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

Legislative Report



Montana State Senator Steve Hinebauch

By Steve Hinebauch
Greetings from Helena.
The big bill this week on the floor was HB 2, the budget. There are 5 parts to HB 2, so it took most of one day for the hearing and debate on the floor. We resisted several amendments, mostly by Democrats who wanted to raise the budget more. The main part of the budget is \$10.3 Billion, with several companion bills coming along behind. I voted against HB 2 because it is way too much money. This budget is an increase from last session.
In Judiciary Committee we heard bills ranging from driver's license suspensions to marshals in public schools to having gun safety education classes in schools. These bills all had interesting hearings. Every bill sponsor has the goal of making a law that better serves the people. But each time we change something it can also have a negative consequence. Votes on these bills are not always black and white.
On Friday, we tabled HB 658, Medicaid Expansion, in Public Health and Human Services Committee. My assumption is that it won't be dead very long because all the Democrats and a few Republicans think it is fine to transfer wealth from some people to others. They also forgot the mandate that "We the People" gave in the voting booth in November.
It was good to see a lot of people from SD 18 this week. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your questions or concerns. You can contact me by phone 406-989-1372, by e-mail hinebauch@mtleg.gov, or by regular mail Senator Hinebauch Capitol Station PO Box 200500 Helena, Mt 59620-0500.

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Members Recognized At Watford City FFA Banquet, April 4

The Watford City FFA Chapter held their 60th annual banquet on April 4. Chapter officers presented the opening ceremonies. Many parents, members and guests were in attendance. Lucas Rath, our State Sentinel brought greetings from the State FFA Officer Team and Calli Thorne inspired members with her keynote speech. The Cooperative Work Experience students presented their supervisors with a certificate of appreciation. Members were presented with proficiency awards for their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects and leadership awards. The Watford City FFA Chapter continues to develop its' members through premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

The STAR Discovery Awards went to Savanna Olson & Clay Ceynar. Both of these young members have helped whenever needed, volunteering to serve at the Bakken Expo, Cowgirls & Conservation, the Tornado

Relief Fundraiser and at football concessions. They definitely demonstrate at a young age what it means to live to serve. They've also been active as Savanna showed sheep for FFA at the State Fair last summer and Clay competed in livestock judging this spring. Both of these young members have a great future in store for them and our chapter looks forward to what's to come in future years.

The 2019 STAR Greenhand was Jenna Mandler. Her accomplishments this past year include competing in the Employment Skills Contest at District Leadership this fall, attending the Winter Leadership Conference in January, and competing in Livestock Judging this winter. Jenna has helped out at several FFA events and has a great start to her SAE project.

The Blue and Gold Award went to Gabriella Kaufman. Her FFA pride has been on display ever since she was a freshmen. She has served as a chapter officer for each of the past two years and has been to State Convention, leadership conference, and district leadership about every year. She also was a teacher's assistant last year for the Ag department. If asked to volunteer & wear her FFA official dress, she always wears the blue & gold with pride.

This year's Star in Agriscience is Jacob Grieger. His passion for agriculture, responsibility and work ethic has been recognized within our agriculture department consistently over the past 4 years. Jacob has an excellent SAE that includes both grain and beef production. He plans to go on to college and get an agriculture degree.

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Chapter FFA Degrees, front: Ryley Walker, Dalton DeFoe, Kell Helmuth and Kyle Cluchie; back Jacob Goff, Connor Cross, Isabell Boekelman, Cassidy Belcourt and Kaleb Goff. For more photos go to roundupweb.com. (Submitted photo)

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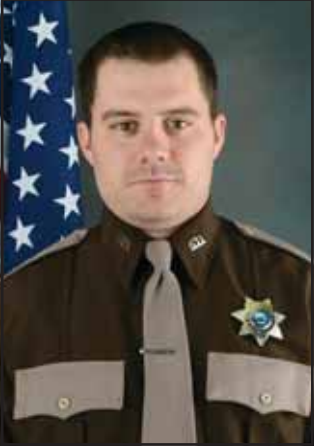
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By Dianne Swanson

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Law enforcement, dispatch and jail services are provided by a staff of 35 people, led by Sheriff John Dynneson, and Un-

dersheriff Bob Burnison.

Besides solving crimes, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for serving any civil or court papers throughout the entire county. Those include protective orders, subpoenas, divorce papers, writs of execution, and more. They also conduct Sheriff's sales.

When asked about the greatest challenges currently facing the office, Dynneson said he is concerned about slight downturn in the growth of the local economy which results in less revenue

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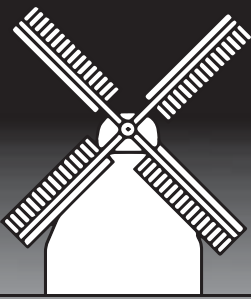
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dollars to fund services. Those services still must be provided, but Dynneson said he must be conscientious of the cost and work to be as efficient as possible, saving dollars for the county. Budget cuts are being made but requirements like new technology and ad-

vanced equipment are critical to maintaining an effective infrastructure. He also must budget what is needed to run a compliant jail. Inmate count is down but that means the cost per inmate, per day, goes up since the same staffing is required.
Burnison noted that the size of the county and the

effort required to cover it all effectively is a challenge. Depending on where an officer is needed, and his location at the time, it can sometimes take up to an hour to respond on site to a call.
The Richland County Sheriff's Office works well with adjoining counties and other county entities. "We

have a good relationship with the County Attorney's office and other law enforcement," Burnison said. "We're all small so we need each other."
On a positive note, Dynneson is seeing less crime, particularly the theft of metals as these are less readily available. Staff is stabilized which is a big relief from the chaotic days during the most recent boom. "They (Deputies) support what we're trying to do," he said. "We're reaching the goals I set in the last election and are finally starting to obtain the technology, equipment and training we need. Keeping up with technology is a big stumbling block for rural areas but we have to get there. The deputies are embracing the tools they're given."
Every day is a different day Dynneson said about his position as sheriff. "New experiences and new challenges were what I was looking for when I asked to be Sheriff," he stated. "It hasn't let me down yet." He plans to run for the office again in 2020 if his health is good. He notes he has spent his adult life in Law Enforcement and feels his experience is valuable to the citizens of Richland County.
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According to worldhunger.org, there are two basic types of malnutrition/undernutrition. The first is a micronutrient deficiency such as Vitamin A deficiency. The second type is protein-energy malnutrition (PEM) where there is a lack of calories and protein in the diet. Protein is necessary for key body functions including the development and maintenance of muscles. In the United States, most malnutrition is found in our overweight or obese population. The article The Dual Burden of Malnutrition in the United States and the Role of Non-Profit Organizations, describes that even though a person is receiving enough food, it is important to ensure these foods are nutrient-dense and heart healthy. Whole grains, fruits, and vegetables supply more fiber than refined grains and are protective against heart disease. Proteins such as nuts, beans, and legumes are great options and protect against cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

The consequences of experiencing food insecurity are numerous. Children are more likely to have impaired cognitive development, lower math and reading scores, and increased rates of absenteeism in school as well as both physical and mental health challenges. This can lead to long-term ramifications in a child's life, affecting their health and success even as adults. For example, hunger among seniors can lead to a variety of health problems including an increased chance of hospitalization, worsening of chronic conditions, and a weakened immune system. Due to preventable health care costs, lower educational attainment, and lost pro-



ductivity in the workforce; hunger not only impacts individuals, but it has a significant economic impact on our state as well. The good news is there are numerous ways to help fight childhood hunger. Last month, AmeriCorps members gathered in Helena along with First Lady Bullock to round up food through the citywide food drive Doorsteps to Kid Packs. Locally, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak, Richland Unit maintains the Backpack Program that allows students to receive meals over the weekend when school food is not available. Food bags include a prepackaged meal from the Montana Food Bank Network and fresh produce that are assembled and delivered each week. The Boys & Girls Club is currently serving fifty students in Richland County. Communities in Action works to prevent hunger through its action group, Nutrition Coalition, by offering unique ways to prepare healthy meals.

Want to know how you can help? Fight Childhood Hunger Week is April 14-20, 2019! We encourage you to help raise awareness and participate in Wear Orange Wednesday,

April 17. Orange represents child hunger awareness. Post your photos on social media using the hashtags #WearOrangeWednesday #WOW or #serveMT to show your support! If you want to learn more about Fight Childhood Hunger Week and how to get involved, visit <http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/fight-childhood-hunger/>! If you want to stay updated locally, visit the Richland County Nutrition Coalition Facebook Page www.facebook.com/1rcnc1.

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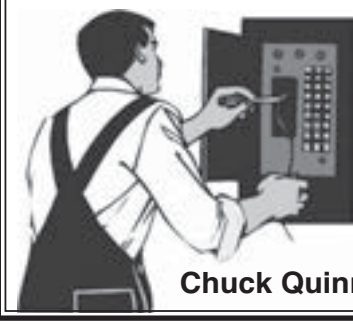
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Tues., April 16: Super nachos, banana, frosted gelatin.
Wed., April 17: Chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Savage School

Thurs., April 11: Mini corn dogs.
Fri., April 12: No school.
Mon., April 15: Hamburgers.
Tues., April 16: Easter dinner.
Wed., April 17: Tostadas.

Rau School

Thurs., April 11: Beef stroganoff, carrots, applesauce.
Fri., April 12: Pizza, salad, fruit salad.
Mon., April 15: Crispito, spanish rice, refried beans, banana.
Tues., April 16: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, mixed berries.
Wed., April 17: Ham or turkey, potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches.

Froid School

Thurs., April 11: Ham and cheese casserole, buns, veggies, fruit.
Fri., April 12: Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, buns, fruit.
Mon., April 15: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, go-gurts, fruit.
Tues., April 16: Shepherd's pie, buns, fruit.
Wed., April 17: Molly's day! Hamburger on a bun, potato fries, veggies, mystery dessert.

Bainville School

Thurs., April 11: Cheeseburger bake, celery and peanut butter, craisins.
Fri., April 12: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, orange wedges.
Mon., April 15: BBQ chicken on a stick, cheesy potatoes, peas, pineapple.
Tues., April 16: Meatball bubble up bake, veggie sticks, applesauce.
Wed., April 17: Cheese and chicken fajitas, beans, mandarin oranges.

Richey School

Thurs., April 11: Taco soup, pretzel, peaches.
Fri., April 12: Popcorn shrimp, fries, fruit cocktail,

broccoli.

Mon., April 15: Egg rolls, stir fry veggies, applesauce, fortune cookie.
Tues., April 16: Tater tot casserole, dinner roll, green beans, pineapple.
Wed., April 17: No school.
Culbertson School
Thurs., April 11: Tacos, refried beans, fruit.
Fri., April 12: Pizza, salad, fruit.
Mon., April 15: Meatball sub, carrot and celery sticks, fruit.
Tues., April 16: Egg rolls, chinese rice, fruit.
Wed., April 17: Easter dinner! Ham, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit.

Lambert School

Thurs., April 11: Casey's lunch! Chicken parmesan, corn, fruit.
Fri., April 12: Fish sticks, fries, fruit.
Mon., April 15: Finger steaks, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, fruit.
Tues., April 16: Paxton's lunch! Bacon cheeseburger, tots, fruit.
Wed., April 17: Garrett's lunch! Chili, cheese, crackers, caramel rolls, fruit.

Fairview School

Thurs., April 11: Corn dogs, baked beans, fruit, dessert.
Fri., April 12: No school.
Mon., April 15: Chicken burgers, fries, veggies, fruit.
Tues., April 16: Cheeseburgers, sun chips, veggies, fruit.
Wed., April 17: Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, veggies, fruit.

Watford City School

Thurs., April 11: Corn dogs, battered fries.
Fri., April 12: Stuffed crust pizza.
Mon., April 15: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy.
Tues., April 16: Taco in a bag with all the fixings.
Wed., April 17: Sweet and sour meatballs, rice.

Alexander School

Thurs., April 11: Pulled pork on a bun, wedges, baked beans.
Fri., April 12: Baked chicken breast or cod, rice pilaf, broccoli with cheese.
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Watford City FFA Banquet...

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This year's Star In Ag Placement is Jake Leppell. His SAE involves working at Moberg Ranch. Jake has taken every agriculture class possible and has demonstrated a strong work ethic. He has stepped in FFA over the past few years, serving as Sentinel the past two years and earning gold in Parliamentary Procedure at District Leadership. He also attended National FFA Convention.

This year's Star in Agri-

business is Gracie Dahl. Gracie has been a leader of our chapter in serving as a chapter officer for the past three years, the past two in which she was the FFA President and has earned gold in Parliamentary Procedure at District Leadership. Gracie has competed in Agronomy, Floriculture, was the chapter Creed winner, attended FFA leadership conferences, National FFA Convention, and has been a very active member all through her high school career. It's going to be hard to imagine FFA next year without Gracie leading. She has also been one of our top fruit sellers each year in high school and works at Cornerstone bank for CWE.

This year's Star Farmer & recipient of the Casey Johnson scholarship is Cauly Hartel. His SAEs involve working for the City of Watford City, on his family's ranch, and as a teaching assistant for our department. He has been very involved in FFA all through high school. He has volunteered to help whenever needed and competed in numerous CDEs. He was our Vice President this year and has been a chapter officer for the past three years. He earned gold in state Ag Sales & Courtesy Corp, which he was selected to represent our state at National FFA Con-

vention. Cauly has attended leadership conferences, district leadership and National FFA Convention throughout high school.

The FFA chapter also awarded certificates to the outstanding member of each grade level. Members earn points for participating in activities, volunteering their time, entering projects in the fairs, and fundraising. The Outstanding Freshman this year was Kristen Clark. The Outstanding Sophomore was Shayla Rolla. The Outstanding Junior was Kell Helmuth. The Outstanding Senior was Cauly Hartel.

Receiving the Chapter FFA Degree were Leo Becker-Johner, Cassidy Belcourt, Isabell Boekelman, Tyler Cannavo, Kyle Cluchie, Connor Cross, Dalton DeFoe, Colton Daly, Fox Dodds, Jackson Dodds, ShaAllen Fladland, Paige Flippin, Kensey Graham, Michael Fields, Jacob Goff, Kaleb Goff, Kell Helmuth, Trey Polivka, and Ryley Walker.

Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) is an integral part of the Agriculture Education Program. Receiving proficiency awards for their SAE projects this year were Kell Helmuth (Poultry Production), Jenna Mandler (Poultry Production & Equine Science), Connor Cross (Beef production), Shayla Rolla (Beef Cattle, Diversified Agriculture, Diversified Crop & Feed Grain Production), Jacob Grieger (Beef & Grain Production and Diversified Agriculture), Cauly Hartel (Engineering, Agriculture Education & Beef Production), Riley Headings (Energy & Power), and Jake Leppell (Diversified Livestock & Beef Production).

Members were also recognized and presented leadership awards for their FFA accomplishments. Receiving recognition for Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure & Quiz Team were Kiaran Olson, Dede Tepse, Madison Spacher, Neil Dahl, Ismael Carrillo, Caleb Boothe, Dakota Wollan, Karsen Kling, Brandon Rorex, Tyler Erickson, Kristen Clark,

Jenna Mandler, Brenna Johnston, Alex Lundberg, Kanyon Tschetter, Izaak Boekelman, Braeden Farnsworth and Alician Garcia. Other awards included Ian Lewis and Alician Garcia for Public Speaking, Alexis Davis for Demonstration, and Jenna Mandler for Employment Skills.


Career Development Event Awards were given to Jenna Mandler, Laney Hartel and Kell Helmuth for Livestock Judging, Shayla Rolla, Connor Cross & Kristen Clark for Agronomy and Cauly Hartel for Ag Sales. Brandon Edwards was our top salesman this year and the top 10 included Halle Carlson, Alex Cook, Javier Reyes, Sean Brothers, Dakota Wollan, Connor Cross, Gracie Dahl, Kanyon Tschetter, and Shayla Rolla.

Cauly Hartel was this year's recipient of the Kent Pelton Memorial Scholarship, which goes to a senior who has demonstrated leadership and service to FFA. Bridger Smith and Garrett Thorgramson were recipients of the Ben Johnston Memorial Scholarship.

The chapter officers presented with their retiring plaques included President Gracie Dahl, Vice President Cauly Hartel, Secretary Kell Helmuth, Treasurer Shayla Rolla, Reporter Isabell Boekelman, Sentinel Jake Leppell, Student Advisor Gabriella Kaufman, Historian Laney Hartel, and Parliamentarian Mirana Voegelé. Inducted as officers for the 2019-2020 school year were President Kell Helmuth, Vice President Cassidy Belcourt, Secretary Isabell Boekelman, Treasurer Shayla Rolla, Reporter Laney Hartel, Sentinel Connor Cross, Student Advisor Miranda Voegelé, Historian Jenna Mandler, Parliamentarian Izaak Boekelman and Assistant Officer Kristen Clark.

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Letter To The Editor: Legislative Bill HB 710

Submitted by Rep. Katie Sullivan House District 89

I will never forget the day I learned the cost of my husband's new medication: \$9,000 per month, totaling \$108,000 per year. Panic set in as we wondered how we would pay. We researched alternatives. There weren't any, even though the drug has been on the market for over 20 years.

To our great relief, our health insurance covered - and continues to cover - this expensive medication, which we could otherwise not afford. With this drug my husband stays out of the hospital, can go to work, pay taxes and remain a productive member of society. My family is lucky that our drug costs are covered. I know many Montanans are struggling and cannot afford their prescription drugs, especially when the prices keep going up without warning.

Even though insurance is paying for my husband's medicine, the expense does not simply disappear. Big Pharma still gets paid and Montanans foot the bill through monthly health insurance premiums, at the pharmacy till, and through our taxes to support Medicare and Medicaid. For every \$1 of our monthly health insurance premium, 24¢ are spent on prescription drug costs alone. The amount spent on pharmaceuticals has now overtaken the money spent on doctor visits, hospital stays and medical services.

Rising drug costs are one of the biggest contributors to the increasing price of our health care. If we want to address these costs, we must rein in Big Pharma's price-gouging practices which hurt Montanans' health and finances.

This is why I brought the bipartisan Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act (HB 710) with co-sponsor Representative Joel Krautter (R-Sidney). This bill requires drug manufacturers to justify price hikes and become accountable players in our healthcare system. This bill will identify the key drivers of price hikes so Montana can make informed decisions to tackle the rising costs of our medicine and put greater public pressure on drug companies to deter excessive price hikes.

Drug price hikes are common stories in our National news.

We all remember the outrage when we learned that the price of EpiPens - which reverse life-threatening allergic reactions - had increased from \$100 to \$608 per pack. Another example is the skyrocketing price of insulin to treat diabetes. Insulin has been available since 1923, and a vial that used to cost \$25 now costs \$400-\$500 even though the drug itself hasn't really changed. Yet another example is the drug Narcan that reverses opioid overdoses. It was invented in 1961 and has been saving lives the past 50 years. One manufacturer recently increased the drug price by 600% (from \$575 per dose to \$4,100 per dose) during the height of our country's opioid crisis. There are many more stories like this.

Congress and journalists have asked the Pharma CEOs for justification. One CEO who raised the cost of antibiotic Nitrofurantoin by 400% (from \$500 to \$2,000), replied "I think it's a moral requirement to make money when you can ... to sell the product for the highest price." And Martin Shkreli, the Pharma CEO called his company's 4,000% price increase of a 62-year old anti-parasite drug "altruistic" for patients.

This bill is a needed step in the right direction. Once we know the key drivers of drug costs we can make smart decisions as policymakers and consumers, and our health care payers can take appro-

prate steps to contain costs.

This important solution is now headed to the Senate after passing the House with overwhelming bipartisan support, 76-24 including the support of Republican Speaker of the House Greg Hertz.

We must require transparency from drug manufacturers because they set the price for drugs sold in America. Until we do, our health care costs will keep going up and Montanans will continue pay.

79th Annual Meeting

Sat, April 13th at the Office/Shop in Lambert

Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm
Meeting to commence at 6:30 pm

The board positions of Jeff Johnson and Brent Goosen are up. Anyone is eligible to run regardless of what district you reside in. Both Jeff Johnson and Brent Goosen have decided to run for re-election. Russell Larson and Russell Thiessen are on the nominating committee so please contact them if you are interested in these positions.

Upon conclusion of the annual meeting, we will be having an informational meeting, followed by a vote regarding the unification with Farmers Union Oil Company Circle/Terry and Prairie Ag Cooperative of Bloomfield/Lindsay.

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ConocoPhillips Announces More Than \$273,000 in Grants to Local Organizations in North Dakota

DICKINSON, N.D. - ConocoPhillips today announced the presentation of \$273,275 in charitable grants to 17 organizations in North Dakota.

Each year, ConocoPhillips invests in local communities through charitable giving, employee volunteering and sponsorships. This year's donations are primarily targeted toward education, conservation, first responders and other local services. They also include a \$100,000 donation to the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture that protects, restores and enhances high-priority wetland and grassland habitat to help sustain bird populations.

"At ConocoPhillips, we believe it's important to build strategic relationships with organizations in the areas where we live and work," said Peter Bazin, Williston operations and maintenance superintendent. "All of our philanthropic contributions this year are going to organizations that provide vital services to the local communities in North Dakota through local services or conservation, and we are pleased to be able to support their efforts."

ConocoPhillips has offices in Dickinson and Watford City, North Dakota. This year's grant recipients are: Able, Best

Friends Mentoring Program, Dickinson Fire Department, Dickinson Public Schools Regional After School Program, Farm Rescue, Foundation for Community Care, Gateway to Science, Great Plains Food Bank, Heart River Elementary School, Hilltop Heritage Foundation, Kildeer Saddle Club, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, McKenzie County Public School District, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, North Dakota Petroleum Fund, Prairie Pothole Joint Venture, and the Southwest ND Museum Foundation.

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Watford City FFA Banquet...



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for once again serving an excellent meal, the Eagles Club for sponsoring the banquet, and the Rough Rider Center for hosting it. Members are looking forward to their State Convention June 3-6.

Green, Hawbaker and Smith Receive Honorary FFA Degree

The highlight of the 2019-year for the Watford City FFA Chapter came Thursday, April 4th, where our chapter held its 60th annual Awards Banquet. Every year, the chapter honors local people who support the FFA by presenting Honorary FFA degrees. This year's recipients were Jim Green, Bailey Hawbaker & Justin Smith.

Jim Green is the Activities Director for Watford City High School. Mr. Green taught math for 5 years prior to coming to Watford City, one in Willmar, MN and four in Wahpeton. His blue & gold shines through, as he was President of his FFA Chapter in high school and even attended the Washington Leadership Conference. Our members have recognized his support in FFA this year in helping coordinate concessions, donkey basketball, serving on our officer screening committee, and every other activity throughout the year. Mr. Green has had a huge, positive impact on our program this year.

Bailey Hawbaker has been the advisor of our chapter this past year. Miss Hawbaker's energy & enthusiasm for FFA can be seen by anyone who meets her or steps foot in her class. She started last summer and jumped right in by helping at our county fair, organizing an officer retreat, and helping to plan our tornado relief fundraiser. She has given countless hours to our program this year and it is greatly appreciated. Miss Hawbaker has brought positivity & energy to our program this year and we are all very appreciative for all she has done.

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Justin Smith is the superintendent of public works for the city and has been a strong supporter of our program. Since moving to Watford City, Justin has supported our program as both his daughter, Asha and son Bridger were involved in FFA. He has also provided a positive Cooperative Work Experience for multiple members at the city, including Cauly this year. He has served on our Advisory Committee and his advice has been very valuable to our program.

"Honorary membership" - farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, business people, and others who are helping to advance Agricultural Education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meetings or convention.

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