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Boys and Girls Club of Richland County a Very Busy Place

Annual Event This Saturday, April 1

By Dianne Swanson

With 150 kids registered and 90 receiving nurturing care every day after school, the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County is a very busy place. The annual event this Saturday will help ensure the continuation of this vital service to area youth.

In addition to the daily programs taking place at Central School, the Club has initiated new programs to help youth develop the skills they will need to succeed as adults.

Right Brain is a pilot program where, as a group, kids develop a story based only on pictures they are shown. It helps improve writing skills and creates an obligation for them to tackle issues they may have in the future.

The STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) meets for two hours per week, providing kids with hands on knowledge of those fields and helping them realize what courses they will need to take in high school in order to fulfill their goals as adults. One room in the new building is devoted to STEM, helped by a generous donation by XTO Energy. Sponsors are also needed for the STEM Summer Camp planned for June 12 – 23.

The Back Pack program provides weekend food for almost 50 kids and their families who need extra nutritional support. Central and Westside Elementary Schools in Sidney and Fairview Elementary School are currently in the program with the club is working to add Savage and Lambert schools as well. A healthy food element such as oranges is always included and toiletries are sometimes added also.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Color Run which will take place June 24 beginning at Peterson Park, Sidney. Kringen Construction has graciously offered to be the start/finish sponsor. Other sponsorships are deeply appreciated and volunteers are also needed. The Club is challenging teams to run against their staff in this fun fundraiser.

The capital campaign to fund the new building is moving forward with 1.6 million raised and approximately \$100,000 added monthly. A generous stock option donation was recently sold for a peak value of \$128,000. The club is working with the City of Sidney and Interstate Engineering to organize platting of the land which will allow two more grant applications to be filed.

Purchase your tickets at www.richlandbgc.org and celebrate "Derby Style" Saturday, April 1 at the Richland County Event Center. Richland County youth are depending on you!

Ragged Butte Roughriders 4-H Club Hosts Steak Fry



By Anna Dragseth

On Friday, March 17, Alexander's 4-H club hosted a steak fry at Alexander School's lunchroom. The 4-H members served steak, corn, baked potatoes, dinner rolls, along with salad and coleslaw.

The 4-H members have hosted a steak fry every year as a fundraiser for the club. This year the club sold approximately 100 steaks and raised \$1,920. The club hopes to raise enough money to provide 4-H jackets for all the members.

Andrina Turnquist, president of Alexander's 4-H club, said, "Overall it was a good turnout. It was more successful compared to last year's steak fry due to advertising and moving the event to a different location. Last year, the 4-H club held it at the Alexander City Hall. I would like to thank everyone for coming and donating their time to 4-H and helping raise money!"

Williston Saddlery Hosts Annual Horse Owners Workshop

By Anna Dragseth

On Saturday, March 18, the Annual Horse Owners Workshop was held at the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Ernie French Center located in Williston, North Dakota. The owners of Williston Saddlery, Bill and Karen Novak hosted the event this year. Attendants who brought a friend with them both received a free gift donated by the Williston Saddlery. There were also door prizes and refreshments provided by them as well.

Neil McLeod, Brady Hannah, and Bill Novak were the speakers for the Annual Horse Owners Workshop. Neil McLeod is a horse trainer who operates Thunderbird Horse Center Ltd. located in Manitoba, Canada. They breed, train, and sell high quality registered American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) horses. Brady Hanna is a certified farrier located in Alexander, North Dakota. Bill Novak is the owner of Williston Saddlery and also an equine nutritionist. The speakers provided lots of useful information to experienced and amateur horse owners.

The Novaks have hosted the event for approximately 37 years! Karen Novak said, "It went well and the speakers did a great job on providing the audience with information. It was not as successful as previous years, but it was still a great turnout!"



Attendees at the Horse Owners Workshop listen to speakers Bill Novak, Neil McLeod and Brady Hanna.

Behavioral Health Workshop Set for March 30

By Marcia Hellandsaas
NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

School counselors, law enforcement, clergy, public health professionals, teachers and others who work with people will have an opportunity to learn about mental and behavioral health during a workshop the North Dakota State University Extension Service is hosting March 30.

The three-hour Behavioral Health IVN for Your Community workshop will be offered through the Interactive Video Network (IVN) on the NDSU campus in Fargo and at the NDSU Extension Service Office, 205 6th Street NW, as well as at several other sites in North Dakota. The event starts at 9 a.m. Central time and is free of charge.

"We want people to be more confident in their ability to spot problems and get individuals the help they need to feel whole and healthy," says Kim Bushaw, Extension family science specialist.

Behavioral health specialists from Prairie St. John's in Fargo will present the program. The speakers and their topics are:

- * Emily Coler Hanson, who works in the day treatment program for youth with autism spectrum disorders - youth and stress issues, including cutting, eating disorders and other negative coping strategies

- * Shauna Erickson, who works in an inpatient child/adolescent unit and does outpatient therapy for children and adolescents - adults and stress, primarily stress management, depression and suicide

- * Monica McConkey, who works in business development and grew up on a family farm - farm stress and how farming and ranching can produce stress the whole family feels.

"Mental/behavioral health is an important topic, especially this year with difficulties in farming and ranching, the slowing of the oil industry and the state's looming budget cuts," McConkey states, "Many families are anxious about what will happen next to their farms, ag-related jobs, income, savings and futures."

A certificate will be available to those who complete the workshop.

For more information or to pre-register your attendance, please contact the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

Intake Diversion Dam Hearing Set For April 5

Buses Leave Sidney at 5:30 a.m.

By Dianne Swanson

The hearing to dissolve the injunction stopping the fish bypass and diversion dam at Intake has been set for Wednesday, April 5 in Great Falls.

Richland Economic Development is coordinating buses and food for those wishing to attend the hearing. Please call them at 406-482-

4679 to reserve your seat, or to let them know that you will be driving on your own. It is critical that RED get a head count since the judge will need to know how many people are there in support of LYIP.

Buses will leave promptly at 5:30 am from the MSU – EARC building north of Sidney. Please park in the back two rows of the parking lot.

Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project manager James Brower urges the community to show its support at the hearing stating, "It's very important that all aspects of the community come and show their concern."

The injunction has to be removed by April 15 so the Army Corps of Engineers can issue a Notice to Proceed or all federal funding will be lost. LYIP will still be required to provide fish passage or stop diverting irrigation water from the Yellowstone River.

In order for the injunction to remain in place, it should not harm the public. Local people are needed to attend the hearing to show concern for the adverse impact on our local communities if the funding expires.

Those attending the hearing cannot wear their yellow t-shirts, but must be dressed respectfully for court. A valid ID will be necessary to pass through screening.

The hearing takes place at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, April 5 at the Missouri River Federal Courthouse, 125 Central Avenue W. Great Falls, MT.

Bakken Brew Fest Coming April 22

Music, food and beer...lots of different beers...are all part of the 6th annual Bakken Brew Fest beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 22 at the Richland County Event Center in Sidney.

With at least 70 beers from 20 to 30 breweries in Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming, beer enthusiasts are sure to find several that tickle their taste buds. Pair a beer with a brat or other tasty food and enjoy music by Two Bit Franks, a bluegrass band from Bozeman, MT. Don't miss out on the Tapping of the Firkin shortly after 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets are also available for \$100 each or \$1000 for a table. VIPs will be admitted at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy special food including a pig roast, plus specialty beers and a VIP gift.

Sidney Shuttle vouchers will be given out for transportation within a 1.5 mile radius of Sidney.

Tickets are available now at the Sidney Chamber of Commerce office, 909 S. Central Ave., call 406-433-1916 or at Meadowlark Brewery, 117 S. Central Ave., Sidney.



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For tickets, contact 4-H Jr. Leaders or call the
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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

	Sakakawea
Current Elevation.....	1840.8
Last Week's Elev.	1839.3
One Year Ago	1837.8
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	14,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 20.....	49.....	25.....	0.00
March 21.....	38.....	21.....	0.00
March 22.....	54.....	31.....	0.00
March 23.....	57.....	32.....	0.00
March 24.....	63.....	29.....	0.00
March 25.....	59.....	41.....	0.00
March 26.....	63.....	34.....	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....			0.79

OBITUARIES

**Gretchen Marie Capin
Luxton, 73
Idaho Falls, Idaho**

Gretchen Marie Capin Luxton passed away after a long fight with diabetes and heart disease on March 19, 2017 at Parkwood Meadows Assisted Living in Idaho Falls, Idaho.
At Gretchen’s request no services will be held.

**Daniel “Danny” James
Miller, 44
East Fairview, ND**

Funeral services for Daniel “Danny” James Miller, 44, of rural Fairview, MT were held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 24 at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Joel Westby. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, ND under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.
Daniel “Danny” died on Saturday evening, March 18 at Sidney Health Center ER, of injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

**Twyla S. Petrik, 65
Lambert, MT**

Graveside services for Twyla S. Petrik, 65, of Lambert were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 25 at Lambert Community Cemetery, Lambert, MT with Pastor Neil Lindorff of First Lutheran Church of Lambert.
Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.
Twyla died on Monday morning, March 13 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Pasta with a Purpose April 20

Purchase your tickets now for a delightful evening of food and music as the Sidney High School band presents Pasta with a Purpose Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney. The event includes an Italian meal, music by the jazz band as well as solos and ensembles, plus a silent auction. Advance tickets are on sale at Sidney High School or from band members for \$10 per adult and \$7 for students. Tickets at the door will be \$15 and \$10.

Celebrate “Derby Style” With the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County

By Dianne Swanson
The Boys and Girls Club of Richland County is “Off to the Races”! They invite everyone to celebrate Derby Style at their annual fundraising event Saturday, April 1 at the Richland County Event Center. Post time is 6 p.m. Tickets are only \$50 per person and available now at www.richlandbgc.org. Proceeds go towards the club after school and summer camp programs.
At the starting gate, feast on Kentucky Bourbon cuisine by The Meadowlark followed by desserts by Anita Karst. Assorted beverages will also be available.
The Daily Double will have you bidding on both silent and live auction items. An NFR package, beer pairing dinner, golf package, scoria and gravel, a Citizen watch and a Dr. Pepper bicycle are just some of the live auction items. Pre-register to view all auction items at bgcderby17.gesture.com. Bidding starts March 27. All funds from the auctions go towards operating costs for the club.
Bet on the ponies during four “Horse races”. There will be three board races with the Club kids’ stick horse race as the championship.
Complete the trifecta by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a complete package to the 2018 Kentucky Derby, which includes two days of racing and VIP access to the winner’s party. Tickets are \$50 and available on the club website. Proceeds go towards the building fund. You do not need to be present to win, but you’ll want to be! Dress in your Kentucky Derby best and come out and enjoy the evening, all while supporting the youth of Richland County.

Sidney Middle School Play March 31 & April 1

Sidney Middle School students are rehearsing their annual production sponsored by the Eagle Foundation. “Be Careful What You Wish For” is a compilation of stories in which the wishes go awry. Stories of the Nearsighted Gardener, The Stonecutter, The Fisherman and His Wife and the Magic Sausage will provide plenty of thrills and laughs.
Students participating in this production include Aiden Berntson as Superintendent Grant, Zariah Gonzalez as Mitsuko, Brianna Brost as Henda, Tristyn Brost as Zelda, Daniel Schneider as The Woodcutter, Emma Cundiff as His Wife, Anna Allen as Chieko, Gage Johnson as The Stonecutter, Lillana Johnson as The Nearsighted Gardener, Zoe Fahnrow as His Wife, Kodi Schulz as Clarimond, Jazmine Hernandez as The Fisherman, Josie Yockim as His Wife, Shoua Vang as Celestine, Alexis Obergfell as Angelique, Gabby Juarez as Anina and Velvel and Michelle Loan and Jayden Schmitt are assistant student managers.
There will be two public performances of “Be Careful What You Wish For”. The cast warms up with a school assembly March 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sidney Middle School Auditorium. Performances for the parents and public will be Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m. “Be Careful What You Wish For” is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado. A freewill donation will be solicited with all proceeds going to the Eagle Foundation. Don’t miss this wild, energetic comedy.



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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.
Wed., March 29
5-7 p.m. - Sidney Tiger Sharks Swim Team Registration - Individual swimmer, \$70; each additional swimmer, \$30; shark pups program additional \$25 fee. Upstairs hockey dome. For more info, Sean Dodds, 406-488-9467 or Trisha Klempel, 406-488-7120.
Fri., March 31
5-7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - This event also occurs on April 7. \$9 per person - St. Matthew’s Church Parish Center, Sidney, MT.
6:30 p.m. - “Be Careful What You Wish For” - Sidney middle school wild, energetic comedy production. This event also occurs 2 p.m., April 1. Freewill donation with all proceeds going to the Eagle Foundation. Sidney Middle School Auditorium.
Sat., April 1
6 p.m. - Celebrate Derby Style Richland County Boys & Girls Club - Meal, dessert, drinks, horse races, silent auction, unique trip raffle, live auction. Dress Kentucky Derby style. Tickets \$50 per person. Go to www.richlandbgc.org. To purchase tickets. Richland County Event Center.
Tues., April 4
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - MOPS - Mothers of 0-5 years old can come and connect, laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. Breakfast and childcare provided. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney, MT. For more info contact Rachel Dasinger, 406-480-0924, sidneymops@hotmail.com.
Fri., April 7
11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting - Sidney Country Club. RSVP by April 5. Call Slyvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.
5:30 p.m. - 4-H Jr. Leaders Dinner & Dance - Cost \$30 a plate. For tickets contact 4-H Jr. Leaders or call the Richland County Extension Office, 406-433-1206. Moose Lodge, 101 3rd St. SE, Sidney, MT.
Sat., April 8
10 a.m.-2 p.m.-Spring Bazaar - Quilts and plants, baked goods and lefse, homemade items, kid’s fun carnival corner, new-to-you gently used items, silent auction Easter baskets. Lunch served by Luther Lights Youth. Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT.
2 p.m. - Bingo - Will be playing for 20 hams and 5 surprise items. Door prizes. Drinks, baked goods and popcorn available for purchase. Sidney Gymnastics Club Building Fundraiser. Central School Gym.
6 p.m. - Walleyes Unlimited Annual Banquet - Fish races, raffles, 50-50, walleye games, silent and live auctions, walleye and BBQ beef will be served. \$50 for single, \$60 for couple, includes membership. Tickets at the door, everyone welcome. Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT.
Sun., April 9
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lambert First Lutheran Church Spring Dinner & Bazaar - Roast beef, salads, homemade pie, free will donation. Bazaar with homemade food, canned goods, crafts and Easter baskets. Everyone welcome. Lambert School, Lambert, MT.
Mon., April 10
7 p.m. - Slow-Pitch Adult Softball Signups - Sidney Elks Lodge. For more information contact Art Herman, 480-9885.
Thurs., April 13
5:30 p.m. - Donkey Basketball - Meal at 5:30 p.m., burgers, chips, drink and dessert are available. Games start at 7 p.m. Sponsored by FFA. Tickets, adults, \$9; 7-12, \$6; K-6, \$4. Teams included FFA, BPA, Art Club, SHS Band. Sidney High School Gym.
6 p.m. - Damsel In Defense - A free class for women to learn how to be aware and prepared to protect themselves and their family. MainStay Suites, 1000 3rd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
Wed., April 19
5 - 10 p.m. - Community Pint Night- Meadowlark Public House. \$1 for every pint sold will go to support a community organization.
Thurs., April 20
6 p.m. - Pasta With A Purpose - Silent auction, Italian meal, music by Jazz band, solos and ensembles. Tickets \$10, adults; \$7, students or \$15 and \$10 at the door. You can get your tickets at the school or from band members. Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT.
Sun., April 30
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Jerry Watson Fundraiser - Free will offering breakfast, silent auction, ending with a gallery on the go painting. Moose Lodge, Sidney.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone
Fri., March 31
12 p.m. - McKenzie County Law Enforcement Center Ribbon Cutting & Tours - Public is invited. - 12 p.m., ceremony; 12:30-2 p.m., light lunch/tours. McKenzie County Law Enforcement Center, 1201 12th St. SE, Watford City, ND.
Sun., April 2
10 a.m.-1 p.m. - McKenzie County Healthcare Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast - \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Civic Center, Watford City, ND.
Wed., April 12
7 p.m. CDT - Free Severe Weather Seminar - How to stay safe in severe weather, report severe weather to the National Weather Service, storm strength and structure. Neat pictures and cool video. No registration needed, just show up and bring a friend. For more information, www.weather.gov/bis. Local contact, Karolin Jappe, 701-580-6936. Alexander City Hall, 112 Manning Ave., Alexander, ND.
Sat., April 15
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt - Ages 0-9 years old, bring your own basket. Meet the Easter bunny, bunny bingo, bunny petting zoo, face painting, bouncy house, water egg hunt (small pool entry fee), prizes for everyone. Roughrider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Pkwy, Watford City, ND.
Thurs., April 27
5:30 p.m. - Badlands Arts Showcase and Fundraiser - Art show, 5:30 p.m.; Performance, 7 p.m. Featured entertainer, visionary hoop dancer and Native American flutist and story teller Kevin Locke. Also featuring student music and art and a silent auction and art show. Tickets \$15 advanced, \$20 at the door. Watford City High School Theater. For more information www.longxarts.com.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.
Fri., March 31
7:30 p.m. - Bonnie and Clyde: The Musical - This event will also occur 7:30 p.m., April 3 and 6 and 2:30 p.m. April 9. Tickets \$20 adults; \$10 students. Ticket information is available by calling 701-577-3179 or at www.EntertainmentInc.org. Old Armory Theatre, 320 1st Ave. E, Williston, ND.
Tues., April 4
4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 2017 Shrine Circus - Death-defying aerial acts, animal attractions and kids will have a opportunity to ride and pet different types of animals. This event also occurs on April 5. Raymond Family Community Center, Williston, ND. Tickets available at Cash Wise Foods and the Williston ARC, adults, \$10, 13 and under \$5. For more information, 701-570-7389.
Fri., April 28
2 p.m. - Williston State College Lucky Duck Races Fundraiser- To participate purchase a duck from the Alumni Association. The ducks will be numbered and labeled. Prizes will be given away in three categories, the business division, adult individual race and kids individual race. Williston Area Recreation Center’s waterpark/lazy river.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone
Mon., April 3
1-5:15 p.m. - Glendive Community Blood Drive - Contact UBS at 406-248-9168 to create an appointment or walk-in. United Blood Services, 105 Highland Park Road, Glendive, MT.
Sat., April 8
10 a.m. - Glendive Cancer Support Group - Survivors and caregivers welcome. GMC Canary Center, 202 Prospect Dr., Glendive, MT. 406-377-4639.

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Sidney Health Center named a “Top 100 Critical Access Hospital” for 2017

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) recently announced the names of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in America for 2017 and among the list was Sidney Health Center.

“It’s quite an honor to be named in the Top100 again this year. I believe it says a lot about the staff across our organization who are dedicated to providing the best possible care to our

McKenzie Co. Public Library Board Discusses New Bookmobile, March 15

By Joshua Smallwood

The McKenzie County Public Library Board convened on Wednesday, March 15th to vote from which company the library would purchase a new bookmobile. Among those present were Kathleen Trana, head librarian, Rebecca Cook, the librarian who will drive the new bookmobile, Judy Olmid, President of the library board and John Manning, technical advisor.

Prepared with a list of companies, recommendations and specifications for each vehicle, a long and involved discussion followed. There are many considerations that must be had in deciding on a bookmobile including patron space, ground clearance, access for patrons with handicaps, graphics for which to display the library logo, librarian desk placement, and contingencies for roadside emergencies.

Bookmobiles are especially important for rural communities, allowing access for patrons who live in isolated areas and may not find it easy to get to town during library hours.

The board took every detail into important consideration and decided on OBS Inc. of Canton, Ohio, the same company from which they purchased their last bookmobile which has served the library well since 1999.

patients and residents,” stated Rick Haraldson, Sidney Health Center CEO.

Currently, there are more than 1,300 Critical Access Hospitals across the nation. Eleven Montana and seven North Dakota facilities made the list this year. Sidney Health Center is among a small percentage of facilities nationwide to make the list multiple years – five times in the last seven years.

Sidney Health Center scored in the top 100 of Critical Access Hospitals on iVantage Health Analytics’ Hospital Strength INDEX®. The INDEX is the industry’s most comprehensive rating of rural providers. It provides the data foundation for the annual Rural Relevance Study and its results are the basis for many of rural healthcare’s most prominent awards, advocacy efforts and legislative initiatives.

The Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals play a key role in providing a safety net to communities across America – and the INDEX measures them across eight pillars of hospital strength: Inpatient Share Ranking, Outpatient Share Ranking, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspectives, and Financial Stability.

A Critical Access Hospital is a hospital certified to receive cost-based reimbursement for Medicare. The reimbursement that these hospitals receive is intended to improve their financial performance and thereby reduce hospital closures. Sidney Health Center received the Critical Access Hospital designation in 2005.

Critical Access Hospital requirements are very similar to general acute care hospitals. One of the main differences is the inpatient bed count. Critical Access Hospitals may have up



to 25 acute care inpatient beds. For hospitals with swing bed agreements, any of its beds may be used for either inpatient acute care or swing bed services.

Critical Access Hospitals must provide 24-hour emergency services, with medical staff on-site; or on-call and available on-site within a designated amount of time.

Although the cost-based reimbursement is advantageous, it may not keep a hospital financially sound. Each hospital must perform its own financial analysis and continue to look for ways to be sustainable in the long-term.

The Hospital Strength Index is a wonderful tool to help identify the top performing hospitals that have a safety net in place to help withstand the reduction in reimbursement funds available now and in the future.

The list of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and more information about the study can be found at www.iVantageINDEX.com.

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County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

Weak Calf Syndrome

Calving season provides all types of challenges for the rancher. Nothing is more frustrating than when a normally delivered calf is slow to get up and nurse. This could be due an extended labor, a large sized calf, a premature calf, cold weather, wind chill or other factors. Helping the calf nurse or providing colostrum replacement/supplement usually helps the calf eventually show some vigor.

However, sometimes the calf dies even with human assistance. While 5 percent death loss of the calf crop may be considered normal, it certainly is an economical loss. When losses are greater than normal, and they share the same symptoms of normal delivery and born alive calves but are weak and eventually die, it could be weak calf syndrome.

Weak calf syndrome is associated with reduced nutrition to the mother. Cows are usually in reduced body condition. A cow with a body condition score of 3 or 4 would have more incidences of weak calf syndrome than cows with more body fat. However, the

lack of body fat isn't the only issue involved, although it is a good physical sign to observe.

Adequate protein in the ration for the pregnant cow may help. A classical study by Bull and coworkers from the University of Idaho reported less weak calf syndrome with higher level of protein fed to the mother 60 days before calving. Late gestation rations with more than 10% crude protein had a 0.6% incidence of weak calf syndrome while rations less than 10% crude protein had 8.5% incidence.

When protein content in feeds is low, it indicates other nutrients may also be less than required. These nutrients include energy, calcium, phosphorous, cooper, zinc, selenium, as well as other minerals and vitamins. Providing a vitamin and mineral supplement to pregnant cows is encouraged. Managing rations for increased weight gain (or avoiding weight loss) with extra protein and energy will help. Weather stress can play into weak calf syndrome. A healthy, good conditioned cow fed a balanced ration can still give birth to a weak calf because of

an associated weather event.

Issues that arise due to weather events may include:

1. The cow has reduced feed intake due to a weather event that lasts longer than a day
2. Combine that with the growing fetus and the increased energy and nutrient demand during the last few days or weeks of pregnancy
3. Reduced feed intake due to the fetus competing with the rumen for internal body cavity space
4. Reduced competition for feed during the last few days before calving
5. Lack of bedding, wind-break or barn space to reduce nutrient demands due to stress as a result of adverse weather.

When the cow eats less nutrients, she has less nutrients available for the fetus. Adverse weather events might lead to weak calf syndrome since the mother may not be eating enough for two. Better nutrition during late pregnancy will help reduce weak calf syndrome. This information is from Dr. Karl Hoppe at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

“Was a Farmer, had a ‘HOG,’ and BINGO was his Name O!”

Submitted by Pat McWilliams

Actually Sidney Gymnastics Center (SGC) will have 20 hogs, or one should say 20 hams PLUS door prizes, drinks, popcorn, and baked goods at its “Ham Bingo Night” gymnastics center addition fundraiser scheduled April 8, 2 p.m. at the Central School gym in Sidney.

SGC is a parent run 501 3c organization in Sidney, MT, dedicated since 1989 to providing Richland County and the surrounding areas with an opportunity to experience a high quality gymnastics experience. Beginning with its “Tumble Toddler” program for age walking

to age 3, continuing with a 3 to age pre-kindergarten “Tumble Bugs” class, “Tumble Bugs BIG” for kindergartners, beginning-intermediate-advanced classes for elementary through high school age, and an award winning competitive team; SGC continually strives to provide gymnastics movement education at a very affordable price.

SGC is bursting at the seams with gymnastics students these days, and is looking to double its current facility size from 5,000 to 10,000 square feet with a 100 x 50 foot addition, costing \$650,000. Coach Pat McWilliams talks about the enrollment history at SGC and the current need for the addition:

“In the 90s and through the middle 2000s, the gym had an enrollment of 150 to 160 students. In the late 2000s and into the early tens, the enrollment had slipped down to 60 to 80 students. When my wife Jan and I started teaching at SGC in 2011, only about 60 kids were taking classes. Over the last several years we have seen significant increase. SGC began hitting the 200s in enrollment with the school year 2014, and had over 300 students taking classes the 2015-2016 school year. We’ve had about 230 come through the program so far the 2016-2017 school year.”

With this growth has come crowding. With only 3700 of SGC’s 5000 square foot facility available for actual gymnastics equipment, things can get pretty tight, with some classes having over 40 students in them. Building an addition would have a number of advantages for SGC students and parents.

One of the greatest advantages would be the ability

to open up more classes, and have classes available with a later start time to benefit those families with two working parents. Another advantage would be the opportunity to run several different types of classes simultaneously; for example a pre-school class, and elementary age class, and a team workout all operating at the same time.

Other advantages include the addition of locker rooms, an improved parent viewing area, and an area dedicated solely to pre-school gymnastics classes.

An additional significant advantage of the addition would be the ability to add new equipment such as a “foam pit.” A gymnastics “pit” is a large 6’ deep hole with a trampoline bed 3’ down, filled to the top with foam cubes. A pit would open up a lot of fun activities for all classes, pre-school through elementary, as well as provide the competitive team with the ability to train more difficult skills. If one visits a “Trampoline Gym” such as can be found in Minot and Billings, one will see foam pits in use by all age children.

SGC would like to invite all Richland County (and beyond!) to come to our Ham Bingo Night on April 8, 2 p.m. at the Central School Gym. Be prepared to enjoy a festive night of Bingo, door prizes, refreshments and all around good clean fun while helping SGC move closer to its goal of a 5000 square foot addition to its current facility.

For further information on Ham Bingo Night, or to sign up for a birthday party or enroll a student in a gymnastics class, call Sidney Gymnastics Club at 406-433-3008 or visit our “Sidney Gymnastics Club” Facebook page today!

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Heitkamp Highlights How Paid Family & Medical Leave Bill Can Promote Working Families & Small Businesses

U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp met with working women in Watford City to discuss a commonsense federal paid leave policy she helped introduce that would help support local families and economies by enabling working families to have paid flexibility to care for their loved ones, and strengthening small businesses so they can retain employees.

During her conversations with working North Dakota women – including teachers, nurses, ranchers, entrepreneurs and others at Wolf Pup Daycare, Heitkamp heard about the challenges working families face in trying to remain healthy, dedicated employees while being able to care for their families. Too often, North Dakota working families lose out when workers aren't able to afford time to care for a newborn, a sick child, or an elderly parent. The lack of a federal paid leave policy also hurt small businesses that often aren't able to afford to provide paid leave, making it hard to retain good employees. Across the state, less than 35 percent of working adults are eligible for and can afford unpaid leave, and almost 46 percent of the state's private-sector workforce cannot earn a single paid sick day. That's a big problem for businesses' bottom lines – nationwide, businesses spend an average of one-fifth of an employee's annual salary on replacing workers.

Heitkamp is dedicated to changing that by making sure both small businesses and working families can stay healthy and continue to grow. Last month, she helped reintroduce the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act to make sure all Americans have access to paid leave – including for child birth and adoption, or to care for an elderly or ailing family member – so they can take care

of their families without losing their jobs. And when 61,100 North Dakotans are caregivers to ailing or elderly family members, and 74 percent of North Dakota's children live in households where both of their parents work, the need for paid family leave is clear.

"North Dakotans know that small businesses and economies thrive when working families are healthy, but for too long Washington policies have lacked that commonsense – it's past time to change that," said Heitkamp. "Today I spoke with working women in Watford City whose businesses, hospitals and schools depend on them every day, but too often they are faced with the lose-lose choice of keeping their job to put food on the table, or caring for their loved ones. That's a choice that no parent, loved one, or dedicated employee should have to make – and we can do better. That's why I'm supporting sensible reforms to help both small businesses and employees pay about the amount of a cup of coffee per week so they can afford to take and offer paid leave when families need it most. If we're serious about strengthening jobs, our economy down the road, we need strengthen options for working families today."

Her visit builds on Heitkamp's work championing fairer, workable solutions that recognize the need for work-life balance, including by supporting the reauthorization of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – landmark legislation guaranteeing job-protected unpaid leave for specific family and medical reasons – in the U.S. Senate. The FAMILY Act – first introduced by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) last Congress and supported by Heitkamp – would seek to strengthen those provisions by making sure working families

have up to 12 weeks of partial income when they take leave for their own serious health condition, including pregnancy and childbirth recovery, the serious health condition of a child, parent, spouse, and the birth or adoption of a child. Funded through small employee and employer earned benefit of less than 0.2 percent of wages each, or about \$1.50 per week for a typical worker – about the cost of a weekly cup of coffee. This legislation would create a self-sufficient program that would provide working families the flexibility they need without adding to the federal budget.

The bill also levels the playing field for businesses large and small so they have the resources to provide flexibility to retain good, hardworking employees without forcing businesses into the red. The bill would help prevent difficult situations for families and businesses across the country, where men and women will lose \$284,000 or \$324,000 respectively, over their lifetimes because of the lack of paid leave policies in their workplaces.

Last April, Heitkamp and Gillibrand highlighted the need for proactive, workable family paid leave policies both for working families and successful businesses during visits with local leaders, advocates, and working families in Jamestown, as well as Zandbroz in Fargo, a small family-owned business, where they spoke about the plight of many small businesses that cannot afford to offer paid leave, and too often risk losing good employees when they need to care for a newborn or a family member.

Currently, the United States is the only industrialized nation in the world that does not offer paid maternity leave. The other countries that do not offer it are Swaziland, Lesotho, and Papua New Guinea.

2017 Home and Garden Show Scheduled for April 7-8, 2017

The Williston Area Builders Association (WABA) is excited to announce that the date for 7th Annual Home and Garden Show has been set for April 7-8, 2017 at the Raymond Family Community Center in Williston.

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"Both days will have great food provided by the Boy Scouts, fun, entertainment and prizes for the family. We'll have Miss North Dakota, Handy Andy, and special activities throughout the show. Participants will be able to register for outstanding door prizes and raffle tickets will be sold. We

have some great items.", Ken Callahan, Home and Garden Show Committee Chair said.

More information will be released as it becomes available.


Sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths are still available! For information, visit WABA's website at www.willistonbuilders.com. Vendors will receive a discount for registering before February 16th.

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What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number (27-270-6613-402) and the applicant's name (Mucho Si 2, LLC); (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; and (5) the protestor's signature.

A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter. **What are valid protest grounds?** The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

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Thurs., March 30: Spaghetti.
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Thurs., March 30: Cheese-burger casserole, green beans, pineapple.
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Thurs., March 30: Hamburger and potato casserole, veggies, buns, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Fri., March 31: Fish sticks, rice pilaf, veggies, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Mon., April 3: Chicken supreme, veggies, buns, salad bar, fruit, milk.
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Wed., April 5: Turkey sandwiches, chips, veggies, fruit, milk.

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Thurs., March 30: Chicken nuggets, fries, broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk.

Fri., March 31: Tacos, fresh veggies, peaches, milk.

Mon., April 3: Burritos, spanish rice, corn, pineapple.

Tues., April 4: Spaghetti, breadstick, green beans, pears.

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Thurs., March 30: Roast beef and swiss, chips, fruit, milk.
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Thurs., March 30: Chicken balls, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed fruit, dessert, milk.

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Tues., April 4: Chicken strips, corn, peaches, bun, dessert, milk.
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Thurs., March 30: Scalloped potatoes with ham, breadstick, steamed cauliflower, yogurt.

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Richland County Crimestoppers Crime of the Week

By Richland County Crimestoppers

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believes that someone may have information on the person or persons that entered this garage or someone that sold or tried to sale items described in the theft. If you have knowledge or information on any crimes in Richland County, contact CRIMESTOPPERS by calling 433-6666 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can also contact Crimestoppers in Richland County anytime (24/7) by going to our New Crimestoppers website at www.richlandcs.com then going to Submit a Web Tip or by texting the code "CSRC plus your message to: 274637 (CRIMES). You can also contact the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919

The new Richland County Crimestoppers restarted in 2013 has already paid individuals providing information to law enforcement that led to the arrest of those committing crimes in Richland County.

Richland County Crimestoppers

toppers is asking anyone in the Savage and Lambert Communities that would be interested in serving on the Crimestoppers board in Richland County to please notify Undersheriff Robert Burnison with the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919

** Check the Wanted Person section of the Richland County Crimestoppers website www.richlandcs.com each week for those wanted in Richland County. At least one new entry will be posted each week with photo if available. Crimestoppers is asking for information that would help lead to the arrest of those with an active warrant in Richland County.

Remember: As with all Crimestoppers tips, calls are not recorded and the call will remain confidential. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for information concerning this case or any other serious crime.

Fox Wanted by Authorities

By Richland County Crimestoppers

On January 16, 2014 a Bench Warrant was issued out of Seventh Judicial District Court in Richland County, Montana for Alayna Faith Fox for violating the conditions of her sentence. Crimestoppers would like to remind everyone that it is a crime to knowingly harbor a person that is wanted by a law enforcement agency.

Alayna Faith Fox is 32 years of age, Native American Female, 5'0", 130 lbs with brown eyes and black hair. The subject was originally charged with Theft, a felony and received a sentence for that charge and placed on probation. On January 15, 2014 the Richland County Attorney's Office filed a Petition for Revocation for Alayna Faith Fox for failure to meet the requirements of her sentence. On January 16, 2014 a Bench Warrant was issued out of the Seventh Judicial District Court in Richland County, Montana; with a bond of \$5,000.00 being sent by the Judge. Alayna Faith Fox was born in Montana, is known to have lived in Poplar, Montana, and has been known to travel to Williston, ND and Sidney, MT. Has gone by the names; Crystal Marie Loves Him, Blair Welch and Crystal Welch in the past. This warrant can be served in Montana or Surrounding States (ND,SD,WY and ID) Only.

If you have any information about Alayna Faith Fox, you are urged to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 433-6666 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can also contact Crimestoppers in Richland County anytime (24/7) by going to our New Crimestoppers website at www.richlandcs.com then going to Submit a Web Tip or by texting the code "CSRC plus your message to: 274637 (CRIMES). You can also contact the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919 or Sidney Police Department at 406-433-2210.

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Alayna Faith Fox

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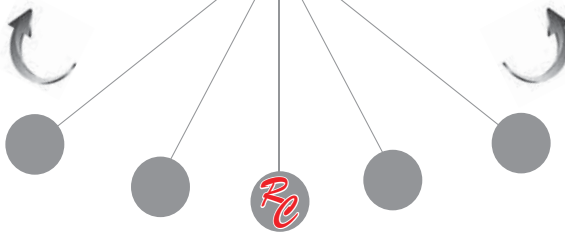
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SIDNEY TRACK

Date...	Group ...	Location.....	Time
Mar. 31	HS.....	Glendive Quad	TBA
Apr. 7.....	HS.....	Dickinson Boys	TBA
Apr. 8.....	MS	Sidney Invite.....	9:00 am
Apr. 13.....	HS.....	Billings.....	TBA
Apr. 20.....	MS	Glendive	4:00 pm
Apr. 22.....	HS.....	Sidney Invite.....	9:00 am
Apr. 22.....	MS	Glasgow Invite	TBA
Apr. 25.....	HS.....	Dickinson Girls	TBA
Apr. 29.....	HS.....	Glendive Elks	TBA
Apr. 29.....	MS	Miles City Invite	9:00 am
May 2.....	HS.....	Glasgow Top 10.....	TBA
May 4.....	HS.....	Dickinson	TBA
May 6.....	HS.....	Miles City.....	TBA
May 6.....	MS	Glendive Invite	9:00 am
May 12.....	HS.....	Glendive	TBA
May 19-20....	HS.....	Divisionals at Belgrade	TBA
May 26-27....	HS.....	State at Missoula.....	TBA

SIDNEY SOFTBALL

Date...	Group ...	Location.....	Time
Apr. 1	HS.....	Miles City Jamboree	TBA
Apr. 4.....	HS.....	Glendive	3:00/5:00 pm
Apr. 11.....	HS.....	Miles City.....	3:00/5:00 pm
Apr. 14.....	HS.....	Lewistown Tourney	TBA
Apr. 18.....	HS.....	Home vs. Glasgow.....	3:00/5:00 pm
Apr. 20.....	HS.....	Home vs. Hardin	3:00/5:00 pm
Apr. 22.....	HS.....	Glendive	11/1/3/5:00 pm
Apr. 27.....	HS.....	Home vs. Miles City	3:00/5:00 pm
Apr. 29.....	HS.....	Blgs. Central/Laurel	11/1/3/5:00 pm
May 1.....	HS.....	Home vs. Glendive.....	3:00/5:00 pm
May 4.....	HS.....	Hardin	3:00/5:00 pm
May 8.....	HS.....	Home vs. Watford City	3:00/5:00 pm
May 9.....	HS.....	Glasgow	3:30/5:30 pm
May 12-13....	HS.....	Butte Tourney	TBA
May 18-20....	HS.....	Divisionals at Glendive.....	TBA
May 25-27....	HS.....	State at Sidney.....	TBA



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Date	Group	Location	Time
Apr. 4	Varsity	Bowman	3:00 pm
Apr. 7	Varsity	Dickinson BAC	1:00 pm
Apr. 11	Varsity	Hazen	2:00 pm
Apr. 13	Varsity	Belle Fourche SD	TBA
Apr. 18	Varsity	Bowman	3:00 pm
Apr. 21-22	Varsity	Bismarck Bowl	2:00 pm
Apr. 22	Varsity	Hazen	TBA
Apr. 28	Varsity	Bismarck Bowl	2:00 pm
Apr. 29	Varsity	Rugby	12:00 pm
May 2	Varsity	Bowman	2:00 pm
May 6	Varsity	Dickinson BAC	TBA
May 9	Varsity	Williston HS	2:00 pm
May 11	Varsity	Home at NWC Outdoor	TBA
May 12	Varsity	Glendive	TBA
May 13	Varsity	Minot HS	TBA
May 15	Varsity	Velva	3:30 pm
May 16	Varsity	Hazen	3:30 pm
May 16	Varsity	Dickinson BAC	TBA
May 19-20	Varsity	Minot HS	TBA
May 26-27	Varsity	State at Bismarck Bowl	TBA

CLASS C TRACK

Date	Team(s)	Location	Time
Apr. 1	Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Glasgow	TBA
Apr. 8	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake	Glasgow	TBA
Apr. 8	Fairview	Baker Invite	TBA
Apr. 13	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Fairview	TBA
Apr. 17	Savage/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake	Scottie Qualifiers	TBA
Apr. 22	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Sidney Invite	TBA
Apr. 25	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	RL Invite (Lambert)	TBA
Apr. 28-29	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Fairview	Glendive Elks	TBA
May 2	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Glasgow	TBA
May 5	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Wolf Point	TBA
May 6	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion	Glasgow	TBA
May 9	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Districts In Sidney	TBA
May 18	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Divisionals in Wolf Point	TBA
May 26-27	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	State in Missoula	TBA

CLASS C GOLF

Date	Team(s)	Location	Time
Apr. 7	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Glasgow Invite	TBA
Apr. 8	RL Fusion	Malta Invite	TBA
Apr. 11	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Sidney	TBA
Apr. 12	Savage	Forsyth Invite	TBA
Apr. 13	RL Fusion	Pryor Creek Course	TBA
Apr. 18	RL Fusion	Wolf Point	TBA
Apr. 21	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Sidney	TBA
Apr. 26	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Plentywood	TBA
Apr. 28	Savage	Broadus Invite	TBA
Apr. 29	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Plentywood Invite	TBA
May 3	RL Fusion	Roundup Invite	TBA
May 8	RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	Scobey Invite	TBA
May 16-17	Savage/Culbertson/RL Fusion/Froid-Lake/Fairview	State in Seeley Lake	TBA

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More Swift Foxes Observed in Area; Reporting Urged

By MT FWP

The swift fox is an elusive animal, but in recent years more sightings of these small, gray-red foxes with black-tipped tails have been reported in southeastern Montana. “We are seeing more in the area,” said Region 7 Wildlife Manager John Ensign. “We hope to get a study funded. This is the time of year where they’re starting to move around and set up territories.”

In Montana the swift fox is a species of concern, managed through season quotas. But numbers are sparse in Region 7, so there is no hunting or trapping season here.

Swift foxes were once abundant on the Great Plains, but in the early 1900s numbers began to decline in response to government poisoning campaigns aimed at wolves, prairie dogs and ground squirrels. Swift foxes lost a prey source in prairie dogs and squirrels, and when wolves declined, they couldn’t out-compete coyotes and red foxes for food. In 1969, Montana declared swift fox basically extinct locally. But due in part to transplant programs, sightings of swift foxes have increased in eastern and central Montana since the 1980s.

“There is a fairly substantial, stable population in Region 6 (north-central Montana), but it’s spotty here, and south into Wyoming,” Ensign said.

To find out why, Region 7 wildlife biologists are hoping to research swift fox population and distribution.

“We want to look at connectivity – that’s the thrust behind the research project,” Ensign explained.

with some variations, and have white-tipped tails. Swift foxes have grayish-red fur and a black-tipped tail. Coyotes can have similar coloring and tail markings, but again are much larger.

Juvenile coyotes could resemble swift foxes, but Ensign cautioned that people would not be seeing coyote pups this time of year. And while coyotes and red foxes can be shot or trapped in Region 7, swift foxes cannot.

Region 7 Non-game Biologist Brandi Skone notes that swift foxes also often have a darker, teardrop-like pattern descending from their inner eye alongside the nose.

Swift foxes are year-round residents, inhabiting prairies and arid plains. Largely nocturnal, swift foxes can range over several square kilometers a night. They breed from late December to early March, with a single litter of three to six pups born late March to early May. Young are raised in an underground den, emerging in early June and dispersing in late summer or early fall.

Skone urges recreationists and others to contact the Miles City office if they see live or road-killed swift fox in the area. She can be reached at 406-234-0900, extension 148, or at bskone@mt.gov.

To help them in that research, they encourage people to report any live or road-killed sightings of swift foxes to FWP.

In order to report sightings, however, people need to be able to tell the difference between swift foxes, red foxes and coyotes. Swift foxes are about the size of a house cat, smaller than red foxes and only about a fifth the size of coyotes. Red foxes are red,

Sidney Wrestlers Compete at Montana Open



Riley Waters pins his opponent. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos. (Photos by Kari Jones)

The Sidney Wrestling Club traveled to Billings this weekend to compete in the Montana Open. SWC had 45 wrestlers that competed against other wrestlers from Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Washington, North Dakota and Oregon. The tournament set a record of wrestlers competing at the tournament with 1460 wrestlers. Sidney had 3 champions; Brenner Mullin, Jett Jones and Trey Schepens. Following are the result with age group, weight and place.

6&Under 55 - Brenner Mullin - 1st
8&Under 70 - Ty Schepens - 6th
10&Under 57 - Reece Graves - 4th
12&Under 78 - Kaden Wise - 4th
12&Under 122 - Zander Burnison - 3rd
12&Under 130 - Shandyn Gurney - 4th
12&Under 165 - Caleb Kleinke - 6th
15&Under 102 - Aden Graves - 2nd
15&Under 123 - Kade Graves - 3rd
15&Under 123 - Everett Jensen - 5th
15&Under 144 - Riley Waters - 6th
15&Under 158 - Jett Jones - 1st
15&Under 158 - Brodey Skogen - 4th
15&Under 250 - Trey Schepens - 1st
18&Under 160 - Avery Gurney - 3rd
18&Under 285 - Ryan Horner - 4th

Spurs Win in Baker

The Sidney Spurs competed in the 15th Annual Baker Jam Youth basketball tournament in Baker, MT on March 26, 2017. The Sidney Spurs (8th Grade Boys) sponsored by Reynolds Market and Healthy Smiles won all three of their games, including the championship game. (Photo by Dan Peters)

Front Row (Left to Right): Boston Peters, Logan Nelson, C.J. Nevins. Back Row (Left to Right): Ian Jurgens, Tate Wieferich, Paul Hardy

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