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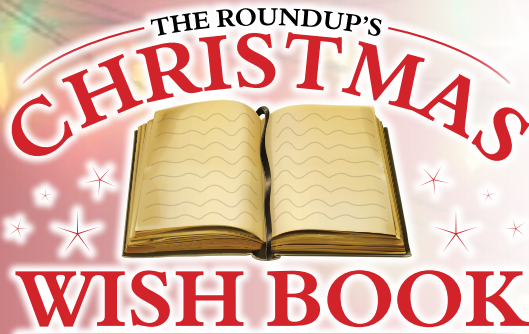
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2024 Richland County Fair & Rodeo Concert Tickets Available Now, Just In Time For Christmas

By Jaymi Mozeak

Early bird concert tickets for the 2024 Richland County Fair and Rodeo went on sale Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, just in time for Christmas. General fair admission, reserved seating, and all other ticketed events will not go on sale until May 2024.

Other than the rodeo, the only entertainment set up so far is the concert. Rodney Atkins will be the headliner this year but there are seven more months to find more entertainment for the event.

According to his web-

site, www.rodneyatkins.com, "Atkins expresses a refreshing simplicity and sincerity that reflects the values he holds so dear: Putting family first, making the most of what you have, and staying true to yourself in a rapidly changing world. When he's not in the studio working on new music, Rodney is working hard out on the road, connecting with loyal fans in cities across the country. An avid supporter of our military, with over 14 million records sold, over 1.5 billion on-demand streams, and multiple #1s, Atkins has become a

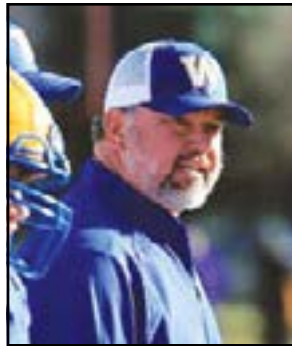
backbone of country music." According to Pam Sheldine, Richland County Fairgrounds manager, "The fair wanted to announce early so that concert tickets could be purchased before Christmas, as gifts."

Tickets can be purchased online at www.richlandcountyfairandrodeo.com or in person at the event center, 2118 W. Holly St., Sidney. For more information and to stay up to date with the fair developments visit the fairgrounds website or the fairgrounds Facebook page.



Tickets for the Rodney Atkins concert Aug. 3 at the 2024 Richland County Fair & Rodeo went on sale Monday, Dec. 18, just in time to grab some as stocking stuffers. (Facebook Photo)

Gackle Honored With 8-Man Football Coach Of The Year



Derek Gackle, Fairview High School head football coach, was honored by his fellow coaches statewide as they voted him Montana High School Association Coach of the Year. (Submitted photo)

By Dianne Swanson

Derek Gackle, Fairview High School head football coach, was honored by his fellow coaches statewide as they voted him Montana High School Association Coach of the Year. "It's a really special honor," Gackle said. "I'm really pleased for the team and assistant coaches."

Gackle began coaching football in 1995 at Valley City State University. He was fortunate to also spend three months as a player/coach in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he developed life-long friendships. His first teaching job started in Columbus, MT, in 1997, where he stayed for four years and coached under John Smith. Then it was off to the School of Mines, Rapid City, SD, in 2001 where he was offensive line coach and offensive coordinator for three years. He also completed his master's degree in administration at that time. From there, Gackle went to coach the wide receivers at Northern State, Aberdeen, SD, under Ken Heupel. He was able to spend a week working with Coach Heupel's son, Josh, at the University of Oklahoma. "It was an amazing experience. I was very fortunate to be able to do that," Gackle stated.

By then Coach Gackle was married with a young daughter that he never got to see, and the decision was made to give up college coaching. Derek being from Circle, his wife, Melissa, from Burlington, ND, wanted to move back closer to family. The next move was to Hardin where he was Dean of Students and head coach for three years. He is proud

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MNAXLP

McKenzie Health Extraordinary Nurse Recognized

Submitted by Lynn Welker-Fevold, MMHC, ACHE Consultant & CEO McKenzie Health

Watford City – Laura Olson, McKenzie Health, was recently honored with The DAISY Award® For Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY

Foundation's programs to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day. One nomination submitted read: "Laura provides such good care for the residents in the nursing home. She has a happy demeanor day in and day out, is very knowledgeable and gets

things done promptly." Additionally, the nomination cited Laura's compassion for others, attention to detail, and heartwarming relationships she builds with those around her. Having received a second nomination, another nominee stated, "My father wears an AFO brace and is

unable to walk without it. He also has an ulcer on his foot, which requires nightly care. Laura assists my father on days she works to ensure toe spacers are in place and applies moisturizer to my Dad's foot. When my Dad's brace became unusable due to the upper strap com-

ing loose, Laura personally made additional trips to my Dad's room to assist him and check on him while I was having the strap fixed in Bismarck. On a separate occasion, when my Dad was more confused than normal, Laura was brilliant to associate the reduced cognitive function with an infection, which she discovered during a thorough assessment of my Dad's skin integrity. She notices small details and makes informed decisions that greatly improve my Dad's quality of life as in the instance where she understood that my Dad would not call for help and without his brace, he was likely to fall if he tried to get up. She anticipated his needs and understood his habits so well that she timed her trips to his room to be ideal for assisting him. Laura has gained my Dad's trust in a way that no other nurse has been able to do. I am thankful and grateful for the consistently excellent and compassionate care that Laura provides."

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Doctor of Humane Letters (h.c) and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation said, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at McKenzie Health are called on to do every day

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(Pictured L-R) Niki Kirkland - DON, Good Shepherd Home; Laura Olson - DAISY Award winner; Cheryl Faulkner - DON, McKenzie Health; Pete Edis - CEO, McKenzie Health; and Gary Brown - Chairman, McKenzie Health Board of Directors. (Submitted photo)

SHS Class Project Shoe Drive Extended To End Of January

By Jaymi Mozeak

Earlier in December, the eight members of the leadership class at Sidney High School had to split into two groups and come up with a plan for their semester project. One group chose to attempt to change school policy about decorating graduation caps, but the other decided to hold a shoe drive.

Corbin Steinbeisser, Corben Holler, Hailey

Holzworth, and Treyce Bowler looked around at the world around them. They noticed that several of their classmates had shoes that had holes in them, were very dirty, or just falling apart. Holler said he even had a cousin that needed new shoes. They noticed that there are organizations around Sidney that hold food drives, toy drives, and clothing drives yearly but no one holds shoe drives. They decided that

holding a shoe drive would not only be a good semester project, it would also benefit the community around them. They set up a drop-off box in the main entry of the high school and left flyers with a number to call if someone wanted them to pick shoes up from their home or office. They started taking shoes on Dec. 12 and planned to finish on Dec. 19 but quickly realized that seven days is not enough time for a drive of

any kind. Now, even though the class ended in the fourth week of December, they plan to continue to take shoes until Jan. 31.

Once the drive is over, the group first plans to go to the school administration and see if they know of anyone in need of new shoes. From there, they will take some to the Salvation Army and shelters in Sidney. If there are any more left the

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Sidney: Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Activities/Cards
Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;
Women's Cards: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Senior Commodity Distribution (Change)
2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

We Will Be Closed Monday, Dec 25th

The Deadline for the Wed,
Dec 27th issue is Thurs, Dec 21st
at 9am. Classifieds will be welcome
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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

Sakakawea

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Last Week's Elev.1839.8
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 11	36	15	0.000
Dec. 12	38	16	0.000
Dec. 13	41	23	0.000
Dec. 14	42	23	0.000
Dec. 15	35	19	0.000
Dec. 16	45	17	0.000
Dec. 17	36	16	0.000
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation.....	13.644		

Christmas Movie & Sock Donation Event Coming To Sidney Dec. 22

By Jaymi Mozeak

Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center Prevention Services and Richland County Drug Free Communities is having their first ever Christmas movie and Sock Donation event in the Richland County Event Center Friday, Dec. 22.

They will be showing "Elf" and attendees will be treated to hot cocoa during the movie. Those who come are expected to wear Christmas pajamas, bring socks, and their own blankets. The staff of Drug Free Communities provide chairs for those who do not have blankets to sit on.

During the movie the audience will be asked to roll up their socks in preparation of the next part of the event. After the movie, all the rolled-up socks become indoor snowball replacements and the battle is on. An anonymous donor who will not be attending donated extra socks so that if families are not able to buy socks they may still participate in the snowball fight.

The free event is the idea of Lauren Rogers, prevention specialist, and was created as another fun thing for kids to do over the winter months. This will be a family friendly event and people of all walks of life are welcome to attend.

Follow Drug Free Communities on Facebook for updates on the event.

MOGA Applauds Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission For Strategic Hunting Season Changes

Submitted by Lyndsey Medsker, Clear Skies Strategic Communications president

Helena – The Montana Outfitters and Guides Association has recognized the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission for making important changes to the state's hunting season rules and regulations. The Commission's actions strike a delicate balance between wildlife management, conservation efforts, public access, and hunter opportunity.

Speaking on behalf of MOGA, Mac Minard, executive director, emphasized the critical nature of these changes. "These are pivotal adjustments designed to protect mule deer populations, enhance hunting opportunities in specified regions, and re-establish vital boundaries," stated Minard. "The commission demonstrated careful consideration in addressing concerns related to hunter overcrowding and took proactive measures to tackle issues like the alarming decline in mule deer numbers. These changes underscore the commission's commitment to striking a balance between managing wildlife populations and habitats while supporting Montana's hunting community."

MOGA recognizes the importance of these amendments in supporting sustainable hunting practices and ensuring the long-term health of Montana's wildlife. The association recognizes the commission's ongoing efforts to preserving the state's resources and providing a fulfilling hunting experience for residents and visitors alike.

Examples of specific changes were:

- Conservation efforts for mule deer in Regions 6 and 7 by limiting doe mule deer harvests
- Improved antelope management precision and hunter distribution to reduce crowding
- Improved elk hunting opportunities in HD 314
- Addressed mule deer declines in HD 417 while balancing hunter opportunities
- Took initial steps to preserve Wild Sheep hunting in the unlimited areas while addressing hunter crowding

"This suite of changes, passed unanimously, represent significant conservation achievements for mule deer and antelope and will help distribute elk and antelope hunters across the state," added Minard.

LIFTT Receives Grant From Otto Bremer Trust To Support Ongoing Operations

Submitted by Jed Barton, Communications & Government Affairs

Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow (LIFTT) is pleased to announce a grant received from the Otto Bremer Trust in the amount of \$60,000. to support LIFTT's ongoing operations.

The award is LIFTT's second in recent years from the St. Paul, MN-based foundation. Since its founding in 1944, the Otto Bremer Trust has been committed to "investing in people, places, and opportunities in our region of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin."

"LIFTT is very grateful to the Otto Bremer Trust for showing confidence in our stewardship of their funds by awarding us this additional grant; said LIFTT executive director Carlos Ramalho. "These dollars come at an important time for our organization as we continue to look towards an exciting future of expanding programs and services for and with the disabled community of southeastern and south-central Montana."

If you are interested in donating to LIFTT's work, you can do that by going to liff.org/get-involved/donate-support/ or contact Executive Director Carlos Ramalho at 406-294-5190 or carlosr@liff.org.



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Now Through Jan. 31
Sidney High School Leadership Class Shoe Drive - Four members of the Leadership Class are collecting shoes for those in need. If you would like to donate a pair of shoes there is a drop box at the main entry of the Sidney High School. For more info or to schedule a pickup for shoes no longer needed or wanted call 406-599-5143.
Wed., Dec. 20
10 a.m. - **Sabrina Ramey "Made of Prairie" and Miniature Art Show** - through Jan. 13. - **Thriving In The MonDak Chill Exhibit** - through Feb. 3 - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.
Wed., Dec. 20, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
10 a.m. - **Storytime** - Ages 4-5, but all ages welcome. Focuses on kindergarten readiness and includes songs, fingerplays, stories & a craft. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave NW
Fri., Dec. 22
6 p.m. - **A Hometown Holiday Benefit for Janaye Rayman (Brown)** - Goodwill donation holiday dinner, silent auction & Christmas market, family friendly games & music. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW. To donate text or call Kaila Forbes, 406-489-0702.
6 p.m. - **Community Christmas Movie & Sock Donation** - Free family-friendly event. The movie showing will be "Elf" & hot cocoa will be available. Wear Christmas pajamas, bring socks & a blanket to sit on. The rolled up socks will become indoor snowball replacements for the battle to come after the movie. Richland Co. Event Center, 2118 W. Holly St.
Sat., Dec. 23
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - **Annual Ranger Alumni Tournament** - Players fees \$40, check in at the front desk. Richland Ranger Arena, 762 6th St. SW. It will be followed by the ugly Christmas sweater party at the Ranger Lounge. For more info contact Jason Schmierer or Mike Fink on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/730013338994568>.
Mon., Dec. 25
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner** - Turkey, ham & all the trimmings. Free will offering. Everyone invited, volunteers welcome. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. Delivery available by calling 406-433-2510 Christmas morning.
Mon., Jan. 1
2024 Winter Reading Challenge Kick Off - Register early on READsquared and get a koala-ty head start on your 2024 reading goal. For more info call the Sidney-Richland County Library at 406-433-1917 or message them on Facebook.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.
Now Through Dec. 27 (Mon.-Sat.)
10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Doug Engberg "Art on Leather"** - A beautiful 25-piece exhibit featuring wildlife & landscapes of western ND burned & painted on leather. Free & open to the public. Long X Art Gallery 100 2nd Ave. SW
Wed., Dec. 20
6 p.m. - **Switcholio Cornhole Tournament** - Registration 5-6 p.m. To participate download the Scorehlio App & create a profile. You will be randomly drawn partners to play some round robin games & then will be placed with a partner for a tournament. For more info email Nikki at nicoles@roughridercenter.com. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway
Fri., Dec. 22
2-4 p.m. - **Milk & Cookies Mug Class** - Paint an adorable mug for your (or Santa's) milk & cookies! All ages welcome. \$20 per mug. Long X Arts Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit longxarts.com or call 701-770-8659.
2-6 p.m. - **Watford City Figure Skating Club Skating With Santa Christmas Fundraiser** - Cookies, hot cocoa, candy canes, & performances by WCFSC's own skaters. Get your picture taken with Santa, enter to win a door prize. Admission \$10. Rough Rider Center 2209 Wolves Den Parkway.
Sun., Dec. 31
7 p.m.-1 a.m. - **Leather & Lace** - Bull riding, women's bronc riding & bull fighting event followed by live music and dancing! Afterwards ring in the New Year with "32 Below". Tickets, \$40 presale. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leather-lace-tickets-763959813367> McKenzie Co. Ag Expo, 12880 25th St. NW.
Fri., Jan. 5 (First Friday of each month through April)
6-8 p.m. - **Wintering Well Classes** - Free, supplies will be needed. Reconnect with creative arts such as crocheting, knitting, sourdough, embroidery & more. Feel free to bring your own projects. McKenzie County Heritage Park & ND Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave. SW.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.
Now Through-Sat., Dec. 23
Square Your Actions Inc. Toy Drive - Bring new, wrapped or unwrapped toys for boys and girls newborn-16. Label by age & gender. For more info call, 701-580-8100. Drop off the toys at the office at 1411 W. Dakota Pkwy Suite 3A Unit 103.
Now Through-Sun., Dec. 31
5:30-9:30 p.m. - **2023 Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - Take & go kids crafts, interactive exhibits, elf on the shelf bingo, photo stations & 1000s of twinkling lights. \$5 per car.
Fri., Dec. 22
10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Santa At Gramma Sharons** - Visit Santa, tell him your Christmas wishes, & snap a picture. Gramma Sharons, 1501 16th St. W.
5 p.m. - **Williston Police Department First Ever Blacklight Snowball Fight** - Free event where kids can battle their parents or members of the WPD in a (fake) snowball fight, under blacklight! Kids can decorate their own mini Christmas Tree! Drinks & snacks will be available. Raymond Family Community Center 1002 11th St. W.
5-7 p.m. - **Swim With Santa** - All ages event. Come swim with Santa at the Williston ARC, 822 18th St. E. Free for members or the cost of a day pass.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.
Thurs., Dec. 21
6 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Test your knowledge, enjoy a brew, & be a supporter of your library. Up to 4 people per team, entry fee \$10 or be your own team for \$3 per player. Cross Country Brewing, 320 E Allard St.
Thurs., Dec. 21 & Fri., Dec. 22
9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Cookie Walk** - Featuring cookies, baked goods & a silent auction. Dawson County Courthouse foyer, 207 West Bell St. For more info contact The Nurturing Tree, 406-377-7515. All proceeds benefit The Nurturing Tree Parent Resource Center.



(Pictured L-R) SHS leadership class members Hailey Holzworth, Treyce Bower, Corben Holler, and Corbin Steinbeisser decided to have a shoe drive as their end of the semester project and will continue to collect shoes for it until the end of January. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

SHS Class Project Shoe Drive Extended...

(Continued from page 1A) rest will go to the women's prison in Billings. All shoes will be accepted no matter the look. All four members of the group are confident in their choice of project and are proud to be able to help the community in this way. For more information or to schedule a pickup for shoes no longer needed or wanted contact the group at 406-599-5143.

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The Bridge Fund is a grant program available for those that need financial assistance to travel to receive necessary healthcare that is not available in the area.

This year alone, the Bridge Fund has assisted 44 Sidney Health Center patients needing to receive specialized care elsewhere. That is \$20,750 granted to patients who, if not for this grant, would most likely not get the care they so desperately need.

By donating to the Bridge Fund, you are potentially impacting a friend, neighbor, or family member in their greatest time of need. Please consider making a gift to the Bridge Fund this holiday season.

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Ranger Bantams Go Undefeated In Minot



Minot Tournament Champs. (Photo submitted by Brenda Filler)

Submitted
The Richland Ranger Bantams added a few wins to their season. They travelled to Minot this past weekend for the Tournament of Champions and brought home the championship!

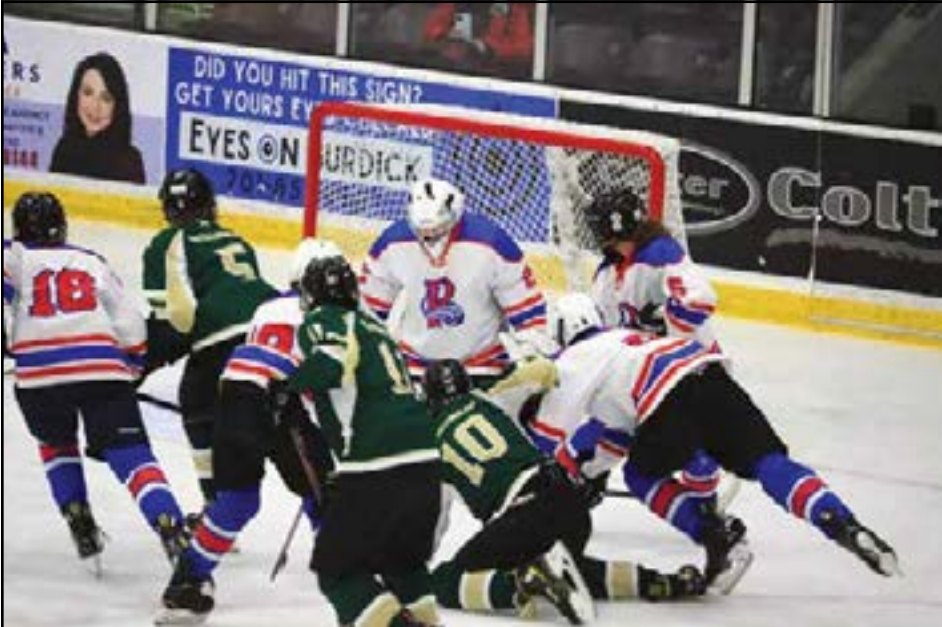
Friday night in their first game of the tournament the Bantams faced Seven Oaks, a team out of Winnipeg. The Bantams were victorious over Seven Oaks with a score of 10-1.

Saturday would bring the Bantams two games. First, they faced Bismarck White and defeated them 7-0. That afternoon they would be matched up with Hazen's B1 team and end with another win and a score of 4-1.

On Sunday, the Bantams found themselves another two games. The first game was the Rangers against Grand Forks. The Rangers defeated Grand Forks 5-1 placing them in the championship games. This brought them face to face with Hazen B1, who had won the Wild Card spot, again. After a tough game the Rangers came out on top, defeating Hazen B1 once again with a score of 4-3 thus naming the Ranger Bantams as champions of the tournament.

The Bantams ended the weekend with a total of 30 goals and 27 assists. In the net, Paxton Berry faced 139 shots and made an incredible 133 saves!

The next tournament will be the Capitals Cup in Bismarck, Jan. 12-14, 2024.



Championship game. (Photo submitted by Brenda Filler)



Above: Korbyn Johnston vs. Bismarck White. (Photo submitted by Brenda Filler)

Right: Wyatt Conn vs. Bismarck. (Photo submitted by Brenda Filler)



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Art In Business Shopping Event Through Dec. 24 In Watford City

Submitted by Jessie Veeder Scofield

The Long X Arts Foundation is combining the arts with small business this holiday season as it hosts the Art in Business Shopping Event through Dec. 24.

The foundation has partnered with area Watford City Main Street businesses as well as local artists to make shopping local, unique gifts, and art easy and fun. Nine local artists will have their work on display and for sale in seven different retail locations in Watford City.

"With the holiday shopping season in full swing this is a great way to offer a unique experience for shoppers as well as artists and retailers," said Jessie Veeder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation director. "The local businesses have been so gracious to host these artists, and the hope is that it will help bring more traffic through their stores as well. Shopping local is so important."

Participating artists and businesses include Shop Local Artists in Local Businesses this Holiday Season!

Door 204- Bryan Fevold Photography | Diane Kay Photography | Karatcake Art

Elle's Boutique LLC- Nikki Rodriguez Fine Art

Larsen Service Drug & Soda Fountain- Chad Ziemendorf Photography

Long X Arts Foundation-Doug Engberg Art on Leather

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Watch for additional open house and shopping events from participating retailers throughout the holiday shopping season!

For more information contact the Long X Arts Foundation at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com

McKenzie Health Extraordinary Nurse Recognized...

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epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award." Said Cheryl Faulkner, Director of Nursing, "I am thrilled that McKenzie Health has joined the over 6,0000 healthcare facilities to offer this to the nurses that work at our facility. I am pleased that Laura is our first recipient in this celebration and recognition of our nursing staff."

Niki Kirkland, Good Shepherd Home, Director of Nursing, added, "Laura is the perfect example of an exceptional nurse. Her work ethic and dedication to our residents is beyond anything I have witnessed in my 26 years in health-care. It is a pleasure and honor to observe her interactions with the residents and staff with empathy and compassion."

If you or a loved one has received extraordinary care, please nominate your nurse for the DAISY Award! You can apply by written or digital application. To apply online, please visit mckenziehealth.com/daisy-award-nomination/.

Pete Edis, McKenzie Health CEO said, "We are proud to have implemented the DAISY Award recognition program at McKenzie Health. Laura Olson is the first-ever recipient of the DAISY Award at our facility, and she exemplifies core values embraced by our organization. Congratulations to Laura and thank you to our excellent nursing staff for the care and dedication provided to our patients each day!"

Gackle Honored...

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of the success of the Hardin team under his coaching, helping them to a record of 21-10 in those three years, including many firsts for the program.

In 2009, the family made the move to Fairview where Gackle is principal at East Fairview School while his wife teaches high school math at Fairview. He became assistant coach of the Warriors in 2010, then head coach in 2013. In 2014, he left the job mid-season but returned as 5th and 6th grade coach in 2017 when his son, Deacon, started to play. In 2021, he resumed the position as head coach of the high school. Because Gackle started coaching the kids who are now seniors and juniors while they were in elementary school, he was able to build the program from the ground up and had a good idea back then that the team would be good. "The talent was there," he said. He is extremely proud of his players and credits their success with their work ethic, saying that they didn't just play football three months of the year, but put in the work year-round. Gackle said that losing the semi-final game, last year, motivated them and proved to the players that they were good; they just needed to keep working hard. "They're also a joy to be around," Gackle said. "There's no 'me first', no drama. They play for each other, it's We, not Me." Even the long road trips were a treat. Gackle said, "The players knew they had a shot to be good and didn't waste that opportunity." "It was fun watching the kids get better and realize their potential," he continued. Even some kids who the coaches didn't expect things from this year surprised them with their prowess on the field.

Looking ahead to next season, Coach Gackle feels pretty good about his team. They will lose a lot of good seniors but because the Warriors were so far ahead most games, the entire team got to play in most games this season, giving them the experience they need. "It's the culture that builds winners," Gackle said. "The young guys will carry the torch," he said. "I'm really excited about what we have coming back and defending our title."

Congratulations Coach Gackle, Coach Buxbaum, Coach Schriver, and Players!



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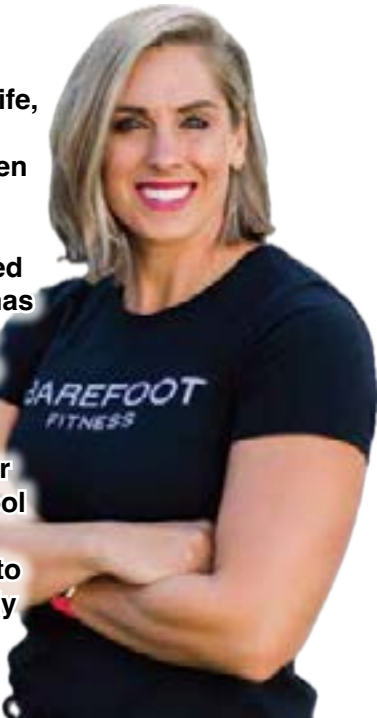
By Jaymi Mozeak

A Hometown Holiday Benefit for Janaye Rayman will be held at the Sidney Elks Lodge, Friday, Dec. 22 from 6-11 p.m. This benefit is for a Sidney High School alumna, by her fellow alumni.

The daughter of Ron and Cyndee Brown; Janaye made many friends, was an all-star athlete, and did well in school. After graduating Sidney High School, she went on to Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD, to get a bachelor's degree in radiology. She met her husband, Elliot, there and started a business, Barefoot Fitness. She and Elliot married and had two daughters. Then, six years ago, Janaye was diagnosed with breast cancer. She successfully battled it; however the cancer has returned and there is now metastatic disease in her lungs, liver, bones, and brain. The treatments she had been receiving in Rapid City have lost its effectiveness in battling the cancer, however, she has been accepted to a new clinical trial at Mayo Clinic for which she must travel 600 miles to Rochester, MN every month.

The friends of Janaye are planning a family-friendly holiday event, which will include a free-will offering roast

Janaye Raymen, Sidney native; small business owner; beloved wife, mother, daughter, and friend has been battling cancer for six years. Her treatments stopped working but she has been accepted to go to Mayo Clinic for experimental treatments. Her friends and former Sidney High School classmates are holding a benefit to help her financially with her travel and treatments. (Submitted)



beef dinner provided by Jerry and Judy Foss and desserts provided by The Burns Creek Inn. There will be a silent and live auction and music provided by DJ Nate Strasheim. The Elks banquet room will be decorated in all its Christmas glory. Janaye's friends are pulling out all the stops and welcoming the entire community for a gathering with fun, camaraderie, and goodwill donations for Janaye just ahead of the holidays.

Those not able to attend that still wish to donate can do so via the Janaye Rayman Benefit at Stockman Bank or

Winter Is Bear-Able At The Sidney-Richland County Library

Submitted by Miranda Evenson

Sidney-Richland County Library is bringing back the Winter Reading Challenge! A twist on SRCL's Summer Reading Program, the Winter Reading Challenge aims to keep reading skills strong while also being fun and entertaining. From Jan. 1-31, patrons of all ages can register and participate through READSquared.

The 2024 Winter Reading Challenge theme is "Winter is Bear-able." The annual program challenges patrons to track their progress as they read, attend library events, and complete weekly missions in READSquared. Examples of missions include "Check out an item from our Library of Things", "Make a snow angel", "Read with a stuffed animal" and many more.

Last winter, 86 Richland County residents participated in the program. The Library's goal for 2024 is to have 100 participants. Patrons who log 400 minutes and complete the challenge will be entered into a prize drawing. Another way to earn a prize entry is to complete three of the four missions. There are six food-themed prizes!

Studies show the benefits of reading can include reducing stress and increasing quality of sleep, slowing down the onset of dementia. The benefits of regularly putting time aside to lose ourselves in a good book are far-reaching and, in some cases, life-changing.

For more information on the Sidney-Richland County's Winter Reading Challenge, visit the Library, call them at 406-433-1917, or check out their Facebook page.

venmo @janayeraymanbenefit. They can also call or text Kaila Forbes at 406-489-0702. For more information visit the benefit page on Facebook.

Montana State University Extension Hosting Livestock Birthing Webinar Series In December & January

Submitted by MSU News Service

Bozeman — Livestock producers across the country will be welcoming new piglets, lambs, kids, and foals in the winter and spring months. Montana State University Extension in Cascade County will host a free webinar series this and next month on how to assist livestock giving birth.

The "You've Got to be Kidding?!" webinar series will address neonatal care; handling difficult births, called dystocia; colostrum; and other topics. Presenters will include a veterinarian and experts from MSU Extension. The webinar series welcomes livestock producers and youth in agriculture to learn about farrowing pigs, lambing sheep, kidding goats, calving cows, and foaling horses.

Webinars will be held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Included in the series are the following webinars:

- Dec. 21, 2023: Farrowing with veterinarian Dr. Anna Forseth, National Pork Producers Council.
- Jan. 4, 2024: Lambing and kidding with Brent Roeder, MSU Extension sheep specialist.
- Jan. 18, 2024: Calving with Megan Van Emon, MSU Extension beef cattle specialist.
- Jan. 25, 2024: Foaling with Rose Malisani, MSU Extension agriculture agent.

Registration is available online at https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dd63ZSVTGHsIZLM?Q_CHL=qr. Contact Rose Malisani, MSU Extension Cascade County agriculture agent, at 406-454-6980 or rose.malisani@montana.edu for more information.

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Former Area State Representative Attorney Krautter Kicks Off Congressional Campaign in Sidney



Republican Congressional candidate, Joel Krautter, kicked off his campaign to serve as central and eastern Montana's next representative in the state's 2nd Congressional District with friends and supporters at the renovated Sidney Yellowstone Mercantile, Nov. 28. (Photo submitted)

Submitted by Joel Krautter

Sidney – Republican Congressional candidate, Joel Krautter, kicked off his campaign to serve as central and eastern Montana's next representative in the state's 2nd Congressional District with friends and supporters at the renovated Sidney Yellowstone Mercantile, Nov. 28.

"America is not the best we can be right now. Our country is plagued by growing debt and a sense of discouragement in the future. I offer Montanans a new generation of leadership in the U.S. Congress, focused on striving for statesmanship, protecting our Constitution and getting the job done right for citizens and our communities," said Krautter, candidate to be the next person to represent Montana in the U.S. Congress (MT-02) in the 2024 election.

"Montanans tell me they are exhausted by the dysfunctional way Washington, D.C., is doing things today, with chaos, confusion, extremism, a broken budgeting process, and a total lack of leadership frustrating our ability to get common sense legislation accomplished for Montanans," said Krautter.

"Our issues don't earn national headlines, but they impact our communities every day and into the future. We need resources to improve public safety and to support law enforcement. We need a strong new Farm Bill. We must ensure our access to a robust water supply during times of drought, and maintain the quality of our roads, bridges, and highways.

Serving the healthcare and educational needs of our veterans and their families is essential. They earned it, and our country owes it. We must stop talking, and take action to take on drug traffickers, human traffickers and secure the southern border of the United States," said Krautter.


"I intend to go to Washington and use my leadership skills and my ability to bring people together to focus on delivering for the people of Montana, not myself and not partisan politics," he states.

Krautter is an attorney with the law firm, Netzer, Krautter & Brown, P.C. with offices in Sidney and Billings and formerly represented Montana House District 35, covering Richland County.

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Sidney Speech & Drama Teams Park County Results

Submitted by Christy Pierce

The Speech and Drama Teams travelled to Park County for the final meet before the new year. It was a huge meet with all class schools represented, and over 200 competitors.

The Drama Team placed 3rd overall!!

Newcomers to the team (only their second tournament) Sam Pacarro and Raine Bones placed 1st in Dramatic Theatre.

In an event that has been growing this season to 14! Whisper Enriquez placed 2nd in Pantomime.

Competing in the toughest event of the competition, Cedar Hovde placed 4th in Humorous Solo.



Raine Bones and Sam Pacarro. (Photo by Christy Pierce)

Pictured right:

Sidney's Speech & Drama team front row, Nicholas Jordstad, Luca Verville and Tytus Carter; second row, Sam Pacarro, Raine Bones and Cedar Hovde; third row Mason Quick, Keaton Burke and Whisper Enriquez. (Photo by Christy Pierce)



Kessler Passes Geriatrics Re-certification

Submitted

Dr. Jerome Kessler recently passed the Geriatrics 2023 re-certification exam. This was the 15th National Board certification and/or recertification exam that he has successfully passed. He strives to keep up to date with the latest scientific studies and apply these guidelines to his practice. He and his wife, Shelley, moved to Sidney MT in December of 1985. He remains accredited in 4 different areas: Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine, Geriatrics, and Family Medicine. He has enjoyed serving the needs of patients in the eastern Montana and western North Dakota region for over 30 years. He plans to stay active for years to come.



Dr. Jerome Kessler (Photo submitted)

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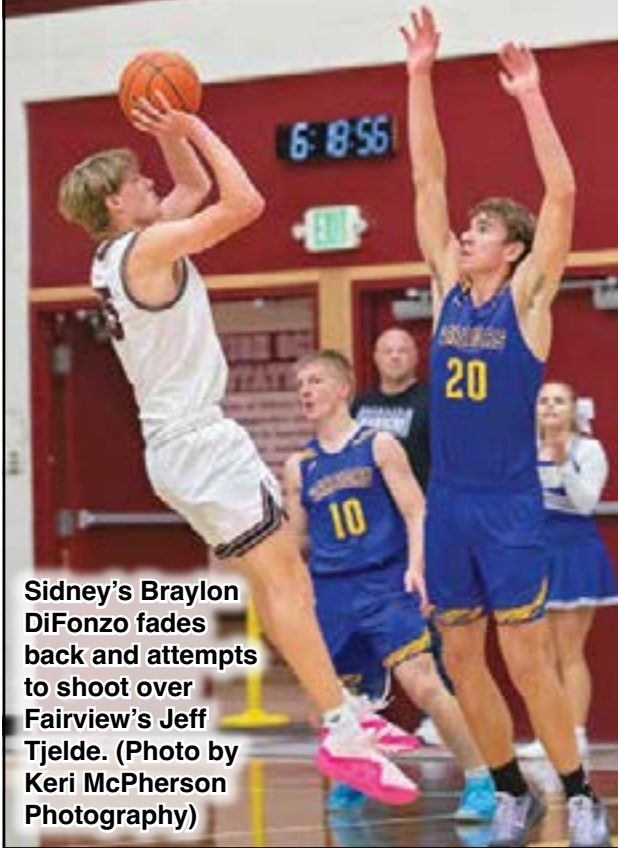
At The Shops At Fox Run

Sidney and Fairview Compete on Dec. 14



Fairview's Allison Weiss looks for an open teammate to pass to around Sidney's Savanna Anderson. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

The Fairview Warriors traveled to Sidney on Dec. 14 to play the Sidney Eagles. The Sidney Eagles came out on top for both girls and boys varsity games. Fairview will travel to Malta on Dec. 22. Boys: Sidney 56-Fairview 50; Girls: Sidney 41-Fairview 30.



Sidney's Braylon DiFonzo fades back and attempts to shoot over Fairview's Jeff Tjelde. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Fairview's Bridger Free lines up for a three-point shot. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



The Sidney Eagles girls and boys basketball teams both won when they traveled to Glasgow on Friday, Dec. 15. The girls won 51-48, and the boys won 57-37. The Eagles host Hardin this Thursday. Pictured: Ava Norby makes a free throw. (Photo by Robyn Heck)



Fairview's Emily Johnson works to box out and rebound in front of Sidney's Maci Nelson. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Lovec Donates to Christmas For Seniors



(Pictured L-R) Red Lovec, an area gardener, donated 280 lbs. of his harvest to Candy Markwald, of the Richland County Food Bank Dec.11, to be used for the Christmas For Seniors event held at the food bank Dec. 14. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

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Brew Your Business To Launch Jan. 10, 2024

Submitted by Barb Peterson,
Williston Economic Development

Williston - One Million Cups (1MC) Williston has held its final meeting. The organization is disbanding at the end of 2023 in favor of a new independent group for entrepreneurs called Brew Your Business, (BYB) Williston.

Williston has been a 1MC community for the past seven years. The first meeting was held in March 2017.

"We felt that the 1 Million Cups program had run its course and we were ready to move onto a new format that will better service our entrepreneurs," said Cyrena Weeks, Small Business Development Center, and a BYB organizer.

The Williston 1MC was started by Williston Economic Development with support from the SBDC and Williston Area Chamber of Commerce. The same organizations are partnering to bring BYB to Williston.

"We are excited to announce that Brew Your Business will offer a different format that will provide more engagement between business owners, lenders, CPAs, marketing firms, and anyone else who provides resources and services for small businesses," said Weeks.

The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month in the Teton Lounge, Williston State College campus. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The presenters will be the co-owners of The Range Sports Bar and Simulators in Williston. Jeremy Stahowiak and Eli Black will offer a wide range of information about starting and expanding a business. The co-owners are experienced entrepreneurs and have a wealth of information to share.

Participants are invited to begin arriving at 8:30 a.m. for a complimentary cup of coffee. Specialty drinks will also be available for purchase at the WSC bookstore. The program will start at 9 a.m. with a 20-minute interview with the owners of The Range. Following the interview, attendees are encouraged to participate in a 20-minute round table discussion and a 20-minute speed networking session.

"We believe this new format will further expose the resources and services that are available for entrepreneurs in our community," said Weeks.

For more information visit the Brew Your Business, Williston, Facebook page.

City Of Williston Seeks Participants For Infrastructure Safety Action Plan Focus Group

Submitted by Mitch Melberg,
City of Williston Communications Director

Williston – The City of Williston is seeking 10 participants for a focus group on infrastructure safety in Williston. The effort is part of the Infrastructure Safety Action Plan for which the City of Williston, with assistance from SRF Consulting and Interstate Engineering, has received funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The Infrastructure Safety Action Plan will combine data about crashes and other transportation information with community input. This information will be used to prioritize transportation infrastructure projects that address safety challenges for those traveling in the Williston area and to support future funding opportunities for safety projects.

This focus group would be one of a series of focus groups that will speak directly to citizens regarding their concerns. Input will be used in coordination with crash and safety data, community data, and additional analysis to form project priorities during the planning process.

The plan is especially intended to identify and eliminate fatalities and serious injuries from vehicle crashes for everyone (pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers). The plan will focus on people and communities most affected by traffic-related injuries and fatalities—including pedestrians, bicyclists, and underserved segments of the city population—to improve safety for all users.

The plan will apply to all transportation systems (roads, sidewalks, and trails) within the city limits with a scheduled completion for the spring of 2024.

The focus group will be held in person at 2 p.m. Dec 20. Please email communications@ci.williston.nd.us to participate. Location details will be provided.

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Featured Nights At The Holiday Lights Drive:

Wednesday, Dec. 20: Bumble the Abominable Snowman Night - Can you spot the Abominable Snowmonster? Sometimes Bumble is hiding, but other times you might drive right by him! This themed night comes with a take-home craft for children in the vehicle while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 21: Sledding - Bring your sled! Park in the amphitheater parking lot at the bottom of the first hill after the ticket

booth. We plan to have extra lights on the sledding hill, and Salvation Army plans to be on hand to hand out hot cocoa. There will also be a take-home craft distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Saturday, Dec. 23: Cookie Decorating Kit - What would the holidays be without holiday treats? Individual cookie kits are available to kids in the car while supplies last!

Tuesday, Dec. 26: The Great Elf Send Off - The Elf on the Shelf has been busy keeping an eye on you all month and deserves a party before heading back to the North Pole! Visit the Lights Drive and see if you can find all the miniature elves partying around the park, visible from your car. This is also your last night to complete the Elf on the Shelf bingo card! Take home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 28: Meet the First Responders - Follow the lights! Come meet Williston's 1st Responders at the Lights Drive, parked in the keel boat parking lot. Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Saturday, Dec. 30: New Year's Eve Eve - Bring the kids for a spin through the

Lights Drive to celebrate their own mini New Year's celebration, saving Dec. 31 for your own plans, if you have them! We will be handing out party favors at the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Other activities, weather permitting:

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Elf On the Shelf Bingo: Play bingo with us! Every night through Dec. 26, our larger-than-life size Elf on the Shelf will be moved in the park. Find him and mark off the corresponding square with the date on your bingo card! Cards are available at the Lights Drive gate. Com-

plete a row and return your winning card to the Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau for a prize!

Self-Guided Photo Opportunities: Check out all the Holiday Lights Drive photo stops! Can you find them all? If another party is using the photo op, please wait until they finish to approach. If you are using the photo op spot and notice a vehicle waiting, please finish in a timely manner and return to your vehicle so others can see it. Refer to the map from the gate house for specific locations.

Letters to Santa: Write your letter to Santa and leave it in the red mailbox at the keelboat. These are picked up daily and replied to, if a return address is provided! You can use the blank letter form you receive at the Lights Drive gate. Feel free to ask for more if you have multiple kids (or kids at heart) in the vehicle!

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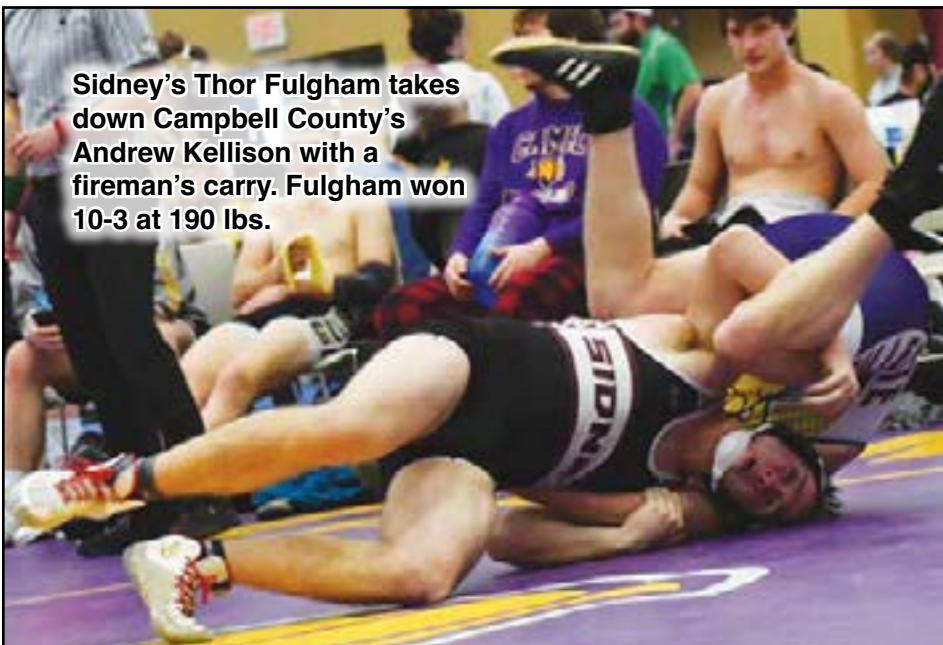
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Sidney's Reece Graves wins the 144 lb. match against Adam Wylde, Bismarck Century. Graves pinned Wylde in 0:51.



Sidney 132 pounder Aaron Schmitz pinned Thunder Basin's Rylee Brown in 1:38.



Sidney's Thor Fulgham takes down Campbell County's Andrew Kellison with a fireman's carry. Fulgham won 10-3 at 190 lbs.

Sidney Wrestling Results Pat Weede 2 Dec. 15-16
Round 1: Rapid City Central defeated Sidney 41-38
Round 2: Sidney defeated Bismarck Century 47-31
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Round 4: Thunder Basin High School defeated Sidney 54-24
Round 5: Sidney defeated Natrona County 45-33
Round 6: Star Valley defeated Sidney 49-27
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Round 8: Sidney defeated Campbell County 48-30



Sidney 106 pounder Tyson Syth pins Tristan Martin, Bismarck Century, in 1:27.



Brandon Pederson, Sidney, pinned Landon Hofer, Thunder Basin High School, in 0:42 at 165 lbs.

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Submitted by Julie Rehbein

Fritz Rehbein is the 13th child from a family of 15, born in Lane, MT, Jan. 27, 1929. His parents are Alfred and Agnes Rehbein. Fritz's twin sister was born a little bit before he was. From this day forward, he came to say that 13 is his lucky number, and always "Ladies first"! Fritz's mother would describe him as being a very independent child. He loved animals and ranch life at a young age. At age 3 he would help his older brothers do chores. He would jump on the calves to see how far he could ride them. Fritz started rodeoing in 1946. He was in his teens, competing against guys in their 20s and 30s. He held his own, winning here and there.

In 1958, he won the all around in Terry, MT. Forty

years later, his grandson, Joe Blankenship, won the all around in Terry. Fritz rode in Broadway, MT in 1971, along with his sons, Kurt; Kent; and his nephew, Bobby Rehbein. The last rodeo he entered was in 1978. Fritz was raised and attended school in Lambert. He graduated in 1947, a class of 12.

Fritz met the love of his life, Ann Heiser, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, in Lambert. Two years later,

they were married at St. Theresa's. Fritz said he wanted to marry sooner but his dad would not sign for him. He had to wait until he was 21. To this union eight children were born. Fritz and Ann were married for 68 years. They moved away from Lambert, MT, in 1973. To this day, when asked, "Where are you from?" Fritz will say, "Lambert, Montana. I live by Rozet, Wyoming, but I am from Lambert."

Fritz's big event of the year is going back to Lambert for the 4th of July celebration. At the last all school reunion he won the award for being the oldest one there. He was 92.

Lambert's 4th of July celebration in 2023 was a great time for Fritz. He was very pleased with the float his goddaughter, Julie Rehbein, lined up for him. Fritz will turn 95 Jan. 27, 2024.



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The meeting agenda is published below. Contact the County Planner by email at planner@richland.org or call (406) 433-6886 to obtain further information. If you wish to submit written comments to the board, please do so by 4:00PM on January 2, 2024, to the County Planner. To request an accommodation for a disability, please contact the County Planner.
City/County Planning Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 2, 2024
7:00 PM
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7:00 pm - Meeting Call to Order
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1. Roll Call: Verify Quorum
2. Election of Officers: President: Vice-President: Sidney Jurisdictional Area "Standing" Committee Chair: Fairview Jurisdictional Area "Standing" Committee Chair: Executive Secretary:
3. Approval of preceding meeting minutes:
a. November 7, 2023 minutes
4. Petitions and Communications from audience (Public Comments):
5. Public Hearings: none
6. Regular Business/Action Items:
a. Final bylaws document (approved July 18, 2023
b. Request from staff to set a regular meeting the first Tuesday of February (Feb 6, 2024) to discuss and approve updates to the Richland County Subdivision Regulations based on the 2021 and 2023 MT Legislatures.
7. Written Communications: none
8. Reports from Planning Board Committees: none
9. Staff Reports: none
10. Discussions on land use issues in Richland County, City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview: none
11. Adjourn:
Next Board meeting: February 6, 2024
Rachel Laqua
Richland County Contract Planner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given: the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana will, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 8th, 2024, at 2:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers in the Richland County Courthouse, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana, hold a public meeting to consider the final plat application for the proposed llene's Place Subdivision, a major subdivision. The Commission will review the recommendations and decide whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the proposed subdivision's final plat and application.
The subject property is located in the SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 18 of Township 24 North, Range 60 East, P.M.M., Richland County, Montana. Sabrina K. Steer and Sheila R. Dore are the owners of the subject property, and the subdivider is Sabrina Steer. The proposed subdivision is located at the NE corner of the intersection of MT Highway 200 and County Road 133, at 35467 County Road 133. The site is approximately 0.7 miles southwest of Fairview.
The application is for a three-lot subdivision of 11.36-acres: 2.78-acre Lot 1, 2.86-acre Lot 2, and 5.73-acre Lot 3. Lot 3 would contain an existing 10-lot mobile home park as a subdivision created by rent or lease, resulting in a major subdivision. The mobile home park on Lot 3 is served by existing multi-user water supply and wastewater treatment systems. Proposed Lot 1 is developed with an existing single-family dwelling served by an existing wastewater treatment system and individual water supply. The water well on Lot 1 is to be abandoned, with a new replacement well to be drilled to serve the dwelling. Proposed Lot 2 is currently vacant and is proposed for single-family residential use, to be served by a new individual water supply and new individual wastewater treatment system. The application includes record of County Commissioner approval of a variance request to Section V-H of the Richland County Subdivision Regulations, which requires that "All roadway improvements including approaches, pavement, curbs, gutters, traffic control devices, and drainage systems shall be designed and constructed in accordance with these regulations and the applicable design standards adopted by the governing body." The variance applies to the subdivision's internal private road that serves the existing mobile home park, which was previously approved during subdivision review in 2012, but did not comply with all design standards in the 2019 updates to the Richland County Subdivision Regulations. The approved variance allows the road to remain as is.

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THE FAIRVIEW JURISDICTIONAL AREA "STANDING" COMMITTEE
The Fairview Jurisdictional Area "Standing" Committee of the City/County Planning Board and the Richland County Commissioners recommended conditional preliminary plat approval and approval of the variance request during the preliminary plat hearings in 2022.
Contact the Richland County Planner by email at planner@richland.org or call (406) 445-3133 to obtain further information or a copy of the application documents to be submitted for review to the County Commissioners. If you wish to submit written comments, please do so by 9:00 A.M. on the day of the hearing (January 8, 2024) by emailing the Planner at planner@richland.org or submitting to the Commission Chambers in the Richland County Courthouse, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, Montana.
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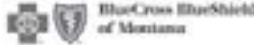
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