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## Long X Arts Foundation to Kick Off Concert Series with Mainstreet Souvenirs

### A Free Concert by Pianist Scott Kirby

"Critics call Scott Kirby one of the best interpreters of rag-time music on the scene today." Charles Osgood, CBS Sunday Morning

The Long X Arts Foundation is excited to present Mainstreet Souvenirs, a concert by pianist Scott Kirby on Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 pm at the Watford City High School Theater.

The concert is free and open to all ages and is a kickoff event to the organization's first membership driven concert series that will feature three quality concerts in the 2018/2019 season, as well as reciprocity with four additional communities.

In search of the American Heartland, Scott Kirby presents a multi-media stage performance which features live piano music, a spoken narrative and a video presentation. This performance will serve as an example of the quality entertainment that members of the Watford City Concert Association will enjoy.

The music in the first half of the program will span about 150 years of American pop, jazz and folk music, including tunes by Scott Joplin, Stephen Foster, John Philip Sousa and many others continuing up to present time.

The second half will feature Kirby's original compositions for piano, his original paintings, old photos from long ago all joined together as he plays piano and talks about the history of the American Great Plains and prairies. The visual "projected" dimension of the program accompanies both the narrative and the music throughout the second half. Scott talks about small town American life and times and his comments will bring back wonderful memories to the members of the audience.

Scott was first a musician and fine pianist, but his artistic passion grew to include visual art, and he has completed 75 paintings and 28 piano compositions. He now lives in Boulder,

Colorado and divides his time between composing, painting, performing and teaching.

Membership prices for the Watford City Area Concert association are as follows:

- Adult-\$50
- Family-\$150
- Students-\$25

Become a Patron to provide further financial support to the Concert Association and receive name recognition display and reserved seating

- Pioneer-\$100+ 1 ticket
- Badlands-\$250+ 2 tickets
- McKenzie-\$500+ 4 tickets
- Roosevelt-\$1,000+ 6 tickets

Members receive access to the following Watford City Concert Association line up as well as all concerts in Crosby, Williston, Dickinson and Hazen.

• Sunday, October 28, 2018: Todd Oliver-"The Funniest Night" AGT Performer, Ventriloquism, music, magic

• Tuesday, March 26, 2019: Charlie Albright - Classical Pianist

• Tuesday, May 14, 2019: Sons of Serendip - Tenor, Harp, Cello and Keyboard, AGT Finalists

In addition to performing for the community, each performer will be doing a program for select schools in the community during their visit.

Find out more about the concert association and sign up to become a member by contacting Jessie Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director at 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com or visit www.longxarts.com



Scott Kirby

## Jerry Carrol to Perform at 2018 MonDak Ag Days

By Jordan Hall

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and the Richland County Extension Office are hosting MonDak Ag Days, and along with it, the Ag Days Banquet, on March 1 at 6 p.m., with a social beginning at 5 p.m.. Extension Agent, Tim Fine, spoke to The Roundup and explained the purpose of Ag Days.

"The purpose of Ag Days," Fine said, "is really about educating our agriculture producers on the latest and greatest in what's going on in the agriculture world, both in educational presentations and by our trade show exhibitors."

As a part of Ag Days, the banquet will provide an opportunity for a social gathering and some levity.

"The banquet itself is more of a fun time to celebrate agriculture. For the past four years, the Richland County Conservation District has held their award presentation in conjunction with the banquet, to recognize their cooperator of the year. But, really it's more about coming together as an agriculture community and for entertainment."

The entertainment this year will be the comedian, Jerry Carrol. Carrol is a "country comedian" who injects his comedic routine with stories about everyday life in a rural setting. He grew up on a farm and worked it for 20 years before becoming a comedian, so his rural routine comes out in a way that farmers, in particular, will enjoy.

Carrol has performed for groups of up to 20 thousand people, including the Provincial Parliament in Toronto, Canada and large venues across the United States. He also performs his routine for conventions, associations, comedy clubs and has opened concerts for artists like Patty Loveless, Lyle Lovett, and Michael Bolton. In the off-season, Carrol still works on the family farm.

When asked about the state of agriculture in Richland County, Fine explained, "The state of agriculture in Richland County is definitely good. It's facing some challenges in regards



to opposition to the irrigation project and questions about what's going to happen in regards to the Busch facility now that they're vacating it. But, the feeling is that agriculture is still the backbone of our county."

Ag Days is a special tradition in Richland County, and is a tradition that goes back many years.

Fine said, "We've done Ag Days for at least eight years, which is as long as I've been here. Usually, we get anywhere from 200 to 250 people, which is about all we can fit in the county event center. It's about what that room will hold, and we pretty much max out our space there."

If you would like to come to the event, you can purchase tickets at Stockman Bank, the Chamber of Commerce, or Tri-County Implement. A free drink during the social is included with the ticket price of \$40.



### Feed Like A Champion

On Feb. 18 R&J Ag Supply of Sidney held thier second annual Feed Like A Champion seminar for area 4H and FFA members raising show and market animals. The multi-species workshop featured speakers Corey Rieker - Rabbits, Kyle Topp - Chickens, Wyn Reimann - Lambs & Goats, Jason McNally - Swine and Ben Johnson - Steers & Heifers. If you have any questions about feeding your market animals call R&J Ag Supply at 406-488-1953. Above: R&J Ag Supply's Ben Johnson passes around samples of various types of beef feed during his talk on Sunday.

## Conservation Cost Share Funding

Submitted by Julie Goss

Time is running out to apply for conservation cost share funding through the Richland County Conservation District. Examples of eligible practices include irrigation projects, stock wells, pipelines, grass seeding, fencing or any project that enhances or protects the natural resource.

Landowners in Richland County seeking to implement conservation practices on their property may be eligible for 50 percent cost share on the practices. The conservation districts share for 2018 is limited to \$4050 per applicant. Practices must benefit the natural resources in Richland County, design standards and specifications need to follow NRCS specifications where applicable. Applications are available at the conservation district office and will be accepted February 28. The conservation district will rank the applicants using ranking criteria and contracts will be awarded by March 31. Proposed practices must be completed within one year of approval and payment will be made upon completion and inspection of the project. Projects that have been implemented prior to contract agreements are not eligible for cost share. The Richland County Board of Supervisors will make all decision on prioritizing and acceptance of applications.

If you have a smaller conservation practice that would enhance the natural resources in Richland County, stop by the conservation district office at 2745 W Holly ST to pick up an application or call 433-2103x3 to have an application sent to you. Applications are due back to the conservation district by February 28 and applicants will be notified by March 31 if they will be funded.

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**12 p.m. —** AA Monday Noon Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**1 p.m. - 3 p.m. —** Grief Reovery Support group at First Lutheran Church in the music room, Watford City.  
**6 p.m. —** Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**7 p.m. —** Fairview Alive and Kicking at Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.  
**8 p.m. —** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**TUESDAYS:**  
**7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**7 p.m. —** 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.





**THURSDAYS:**  
**7:30 p.m. —** Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.  
**8 p.m. —** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.


**FRIDAYS:**  
**12 p.m. —** AA Friday Noon Edition of Monday Noon Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.-** 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.  
**7 p.m. —** Fairview Alive and Kicking Group, Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.  
**8 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, 214 S. Lincoln, Ave., Sidney.

**SATURDAYS:**  
**9 a.m. & 7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**7 p.m. —** AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**SUNDAYS:**  
**7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

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# OBITUARIES

## Curtis Brown, 55 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Curtis Brown, 55, of Sidney are at 2 p.m., Thursday, February 22 at Rau School with Pastor Steve Poetzl of the Faith Chapel officiating.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney is entrusted with arrangements.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Curtis died on Thursday, February 15 in Keene, ND.

## 500 Watford City Volunteers To Hand-Pack 101,088 Lifesaving Meals

**Submitted by Angie Hartel**

What: In March, 500 community members of Watford City will rally to be a part of the hunger solution through the nonprofit Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

Who: 500 volunteers will make a difference by packing 101,088 meals with their own two hands in just two days.

When: March 9-10, 2018

Where: Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City, ND 58854.

How: Community members can support this MobilePack by making a donation to cover meal costs, or by volunteering to package food at the event. Donations may be given immediately. Volunteer registration is available at [give.fmsc.org/watford](http://give.fmsc.org/watford).

**About Feed My Starving Children**

A Christian nonprofit founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children tackles world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to 70 countries, where they're used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty. Last year, FMSC welcomed nearly 1.1 million volunteers to pack more than 284 million meals to feed more than 779,000 kids daily for a year. The Minnesota-based charity spends more than 90% of total annual donations directly on feeding kids. More at [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org).

**About MobilePack™ events**

Volunteers just like you join hands with neighbors across the U.S. to pack and fund life-saving FMSC MannaPack™ meals through FMSC MobilePack™ events. Churches, businesses, community groups and schools host these food-packing events and make a real difference in the fight against world hunger.

## MDHC Announces an Exhibition Reception for the Captured Memories Exhibit

Please join the MonDak Heritage Center for an exhibition reception for the Captured Memories art exhibit by Daphne Clark on Friday, March 2 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (MST) at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, MT 59270. Enjoy refreshments and drinks, explore the exhibit and museum, and meet artist Daphne Clark. Daphne is the daughter of Darwin and Dorothy Johnson from Fairview and Granddaughter of John and Annie Walker of Cartwright. She was born and raised in rural East Fairview, North Dakota only three miles from the Montana border, where she spent the majority of her childhood at her grandparents' nearby ranch; chasing cows, building fences, milking cows, and helping check for spring calves. Her artwork reflects her family and upbringing and the rural landscape of the MonDak region. The reception is FREE and open to the public. For more information call (406) 433-3500 or e-mail [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org) or visit [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org).

## Gianforte Staff to Hold Office Hours in Richland County

Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte announced that a member of his staff will conduct mobile office hours in Richland County 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 28 at Richland County Extension Office, 1499 North Central Avenue.

Area residents are invited to visit with Tayla Snapp, a field representative for Gianforte, on an individual basis and share their views, questions, or concerns regarding the federal government. These comments will be shared with Congressman Gianforte.

Residents may also inquire about federal programs or seek help with a federal agency, such as the Social Security Administration or the Veterans Administration.

Residents may drop by the location or make an appointment by calling Tayla Snapp in Gianforte's Billings office at 406-969-1736.

If residents are unable to attend and would like information or assistance, please contact Gianforte's Billings office at 406-969-1736.

## Correction

In the story entitled "Joel Krautter Running For Montana House District 35" that appeared on page 7 of the Feb. 14, 2017 issue there are the following corrections.

In the second paragraph the word successful should have been omitted.

In the third paragraph of the story the sentence that read, "Joel also told me of how when he ran at the last election a group supportive to him launched a smear campaign against one of his competitors. He denounced it and quickly approached the managers to correct them." should have been worded as "Joel also told me of how, when he ran during the last election, a group put out a negative campaign and he publicly denounced them quickly."

## Correction

On page one in the Feb. 14 issue of The Roundup in the photo outline for the story entitled "U.S. Senate Candidate Troy Downing Visits V.I.S.I.O.N. in Sidney" the name Shawn Appleburg should be spelled Sean Appelberg.



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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22**  
12 p.m. and 6 p.m. - **Glass Fusion Suncatcher Class** - \$20 MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or e-mail, [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).  
**Fri., Feb. 23**  
**Senior Commodities Distribution Postponed** - Due to the holiday and shipping issues the senior commodities distribution has been postponed until March 2.  
**Sat., Feb. 24**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturdays** - Do your own project with wet clay, paint with acrylics, or create something special together with your little one. Pricing is based on the medium and the size of your project, and ranges from \$10 to \$65 with all supplies included. For more information visit <http://mondakheritagecenter.org/events/open-studio-saturdays/>. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500.  
**Tues., Feb. 27**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Youth Art Show** - Features art work from 7th-12th grade students from area schools. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through March 31. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.  
**Wed., Feb. 28**  
10 a.m. - **Gianforte Staff Holds Office Hours In Richland County** - Area residents are invited to visit with Tayla Snapp, a field representative for Gianforte, on an individual basis and share their views, questions, or concerns regarding the federal government. These comments will be shared with Congressman Gianforte. Residents may drop by the location or make an appointment by calling Tayla Snapp in Gianforte's Billings office at 406-969-1736. Richland County Extension Office, 1499 North Central Ave., Sidney, MT. If residents are unable to attend and would like information or assistance, please contact Gianforte's Billings office at 406-969-1736.  
**Fri., March 2**  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - **Senior Commodities Distribution** - Back door of Nutter Building, 123 W. Main, Sidney, MT. Message phone is 406-433-4353.  
**Mon., March 5**  
7-8 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - If a resident has a matter to discuss with City Council, contact City Hall to be put on the agenda. Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone**  
**Fri., Feb. 23**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Hygge** - Pencil art lessons, board games, soup, finger foods, door prizes, quilts exhibit and more. Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, ND.  
**Sat., Feb. 24**  
7:30 p.m. - **Mainstreet Souvenirs Concert By Scott Kirby** - Free concert featuring live piano music, spoken narrative, and a video presentation. Watford City Performing Arts Center at Watford City High School.  
**Sun., Feb. 25**  
2 p.m. - **Alexander Youth Wrestling Wood Sign Painting Party Fundraiser** - Make a awesome sign and support The Alexander Youth Wrestling group. Bring a snack and drink of your choice. \$30, Alexander City Hall, Alexander, ND. To register call 760-577-9482 by Feb. 19.  
**Fri., March 9**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Watford City Mobile Pack** - 500 volunteers will make a difference by packing 101,088 meals. This event continues 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 10. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City, ND. Community members can support this my making a donation to cover meal costs, or volunteering to package food. Volunteer registration is available at [give.fmsc.org/watford](http://give.fmsc.org/watford).  
**Fri., March 23**  
6 p.m. - **Leanne Melberg-Abelmann Benefit** - Free will offering Slushburger feed, bake sale, live and silent auction, full bar. Funds raised will go toward medical expenses. Firehall, Alexander, ND. For more information contact LaShell Tjelde, 701-770-6317, [Tjelde71@gmail.com](mailto:Tjelde71@gmail.com). Donations can be made at Western Cooperative Credit Union payable to Leanne Abelmann benefit account.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

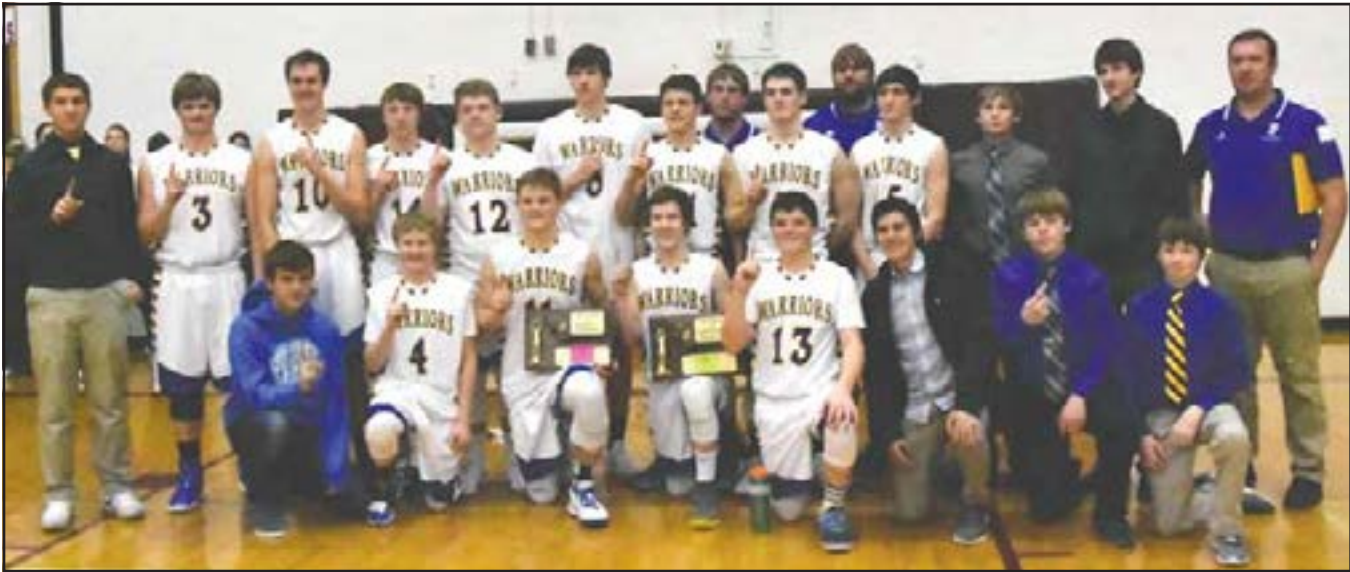
**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22**  
7-8:30 p.m. - **Outreach To Hope** - Grief support group for individuals and families who are experiencing the difficult and painful journey through grief after the loss of a loved one. Open to the public. Parish Life Center, Williston. For more information or to preregister call or text Audrey LaFave, 906-291-0920 or [griefsupport@stjparish.com](mailto:griefsupport@stjparish.com). This event continues every Thursday through March 15.  
**Sat., Feb. 24**  
11 a.m. - **Lutefisk And Meatball Dinner** - Tickets available at the church office. Adults/\$18, \$15 before Feb. 20; students through junior high/\$8; preschoolers/free. Delivery service until 3 p.m., take out service 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. First Lutheran Church, 916 Main Street, Williston, ND. 701-572-6363.  
**Wed., Feb. 28**  
11 a.m. - **Northwest Regional Science Fair** - Regional science and engineering fair competition for junior high and senior high students from the northwest region of North Dakota. Free admission, open to the public. Williston State College.  
**Sat., March 3**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Scrapbooking** - Participants should bring their own materials and lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.  
**Tues., March 13**  
7 p.m. - **Autism Support Group** - Support group for parents, foster parents and caretakers of children with autism. The Williston ARC, 822 18th St. East, Williston, ND. For more information contact Valerie Goldade, 701-570-4646, [valerie@dakotafamilysolutions.org](mailto:valerie@dakotafamilysolutions.org).

**DAWSON COUNTY**

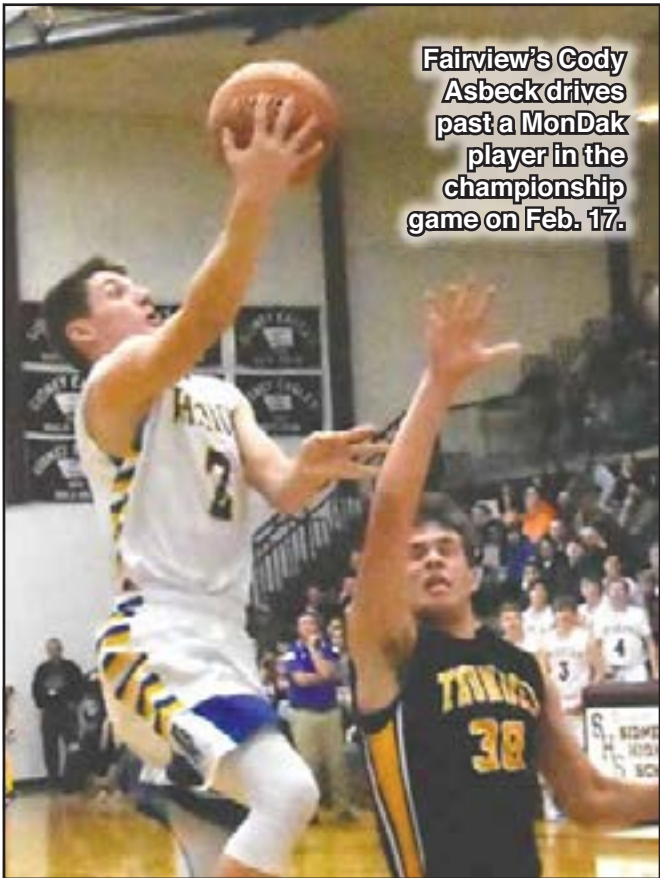
**Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22**  
2-4 p.m. - **Free Movie Matinée - The Lego Ninjago Movie** - Popcorn provided, bring your own water, juice or pop. Glendive Public Library, 200 S Kendrick Ave., Glendive, MT.  
**Fri., March 2**  
4-8 p.m. - **Glendive Gun Show** - This event continues March 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; March 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill, Glendive, MT. For more information call Ernie, 406-377-3969.  
**Sat., March 3**  
5-9 p.m. - **Our Savior Lutheran Child Care Ministry Fun & Fellowship Fundraiser** - Moose Lodge, 415 N. Merrill, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-3890.  
**Thurs., March 8**  
5-7 p.m. - **Free Smartphone & Tablet Classes** - 704 Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-7917.  
**Sat., March 10**  
7:30 p.m. - **Frank & My Honky Tonk Heroes Concert** - DCHS, 900 N. Merrill, Ave., Glendive, MT. For more information call Bruce Peterson, 406-377-5846 or [emca.pres@gmail.com](mailto:emca.pres@gmail.com).  
**Tues., March 13**  
6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. - **Dawson County Health Fair Blood Drives** - This event continues through March 16 and March 19-22. Basement of Dawson County Courthouse. To schedule your blood draws call 406-377-5213 or visit [www.dawsoncountymontana.org](http://www.dawsoncountymontana.org).



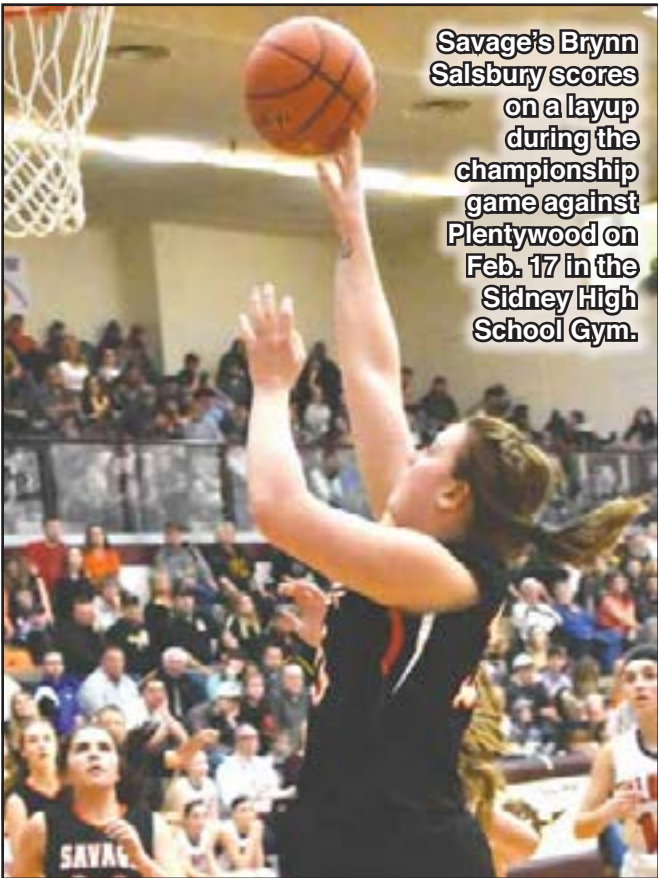
Fairview Warriors Take District II Class C Title



The District II Class C Basketball Tournament was held in Sidney last week. The Fairview boys won the District II Class C title over the MonDak Thunder with a score of 39-25. Front (L-R) Albert Garcia, Gerit Johnson, Carson Cayko, Alex Schriver, Lak Kloker, Luis Santana, Steve Rice, Jace Buxbaum. Back (L-R) Hunter Sharbono, Paul Hardy, Josh Herron, Brady Buxbaum, Gabe Schipman, Braiden Taylor, Luke Lebsock, Coach McGinnis, Cody Asbeck, Coach Hurley, Trevor Karst, Kaden Skogas, Kanyon Taylor, Coach Kopp.



Fairview's Cody Asbeck drives past a MonDak player in the championship game on Feb. 17.



Savage's Brynn Salsbury scores on a layup during the championship game against Plentywood on Feb. 17 in the Sidney High School Gym.



Savage Girls Win District II C title over Plentywood with a score of 48-47. Pictured back row (L-R) Coach Kola Miller, Jordan Romero, Soda Rice, Tyler Lien, Brynn Salsbury, Haylie Conradsen, Kayla Miller, Reghan Prevost and Coach Henry Huber. Front row (L-R) Kayla Nelson, Alexia Papka, Ashlind Conradsen, Taryn Hagler and Shayanne Castro.

Savage Girls Win Second Straight District II Class C Title

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# Monsen Promoted to Market President

Cornerstone Bank is proud to announce Vicki Monsen as the Watford City Market President. Originally from Watford City, Monsen not only brings local expertise to her new position, but she also brings a wealth of banking experience. She is committed to supporting the continued growth and success of the Watford City area.

When asked about her new role, Monsen said, “I look forward to continuing to provide our tradition of community banking to our customers and community along with our great team.”

Monsen joined the bank while still in high school through a vocational program with the Watford City High School. She returned to the bank as a full time employee in January 1989. She has worked as a Customer Service Representative, a Real Estate Loan Officer and most recently in the Finance Department as the Controller. Monsen holds an associate degree from Interstate Business College and is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, Colorado. She is also a graduate of Rural Leadership North Dakota and has served on the Rural Leadership North Dakota Council.

Monsen is very active in the community through the Watford City Economic Development Corporation, Watford City Housing Authority, 4-H, along with the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee. She has been recognized as an Outstanding Woman in Banking by NorthWestern Financial Review and Prairie Business Magazine. Monsen and her husband Clayton have four children: Ryan, Allison, Karissa & Kaylin. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting.



Monsen stands in the bank lobby in front of her new office.

cation, but the bank’s commitment to community has remained unchanged. Last summer Cornerstone Bank moved into their new Watford City location at 106 8th Ave SE (on Hwy 85 to the east across from Heggen Equipment) providing a welcoming environment, a drive up ATM that’s available 24 hours a day, and convenient parking. McKenzie County Bank was started in Watford City in 1982 by the Darold Petersen family, who also owned and operated Lakeside State Bank in New Town, originating back to 1952. The Petersen family remains Cornerstone Banks’ largest shareholder. McKenzie County Bank was formed on the premise of serving the community and helping customers, which remains true today at Cornerstone Bank.

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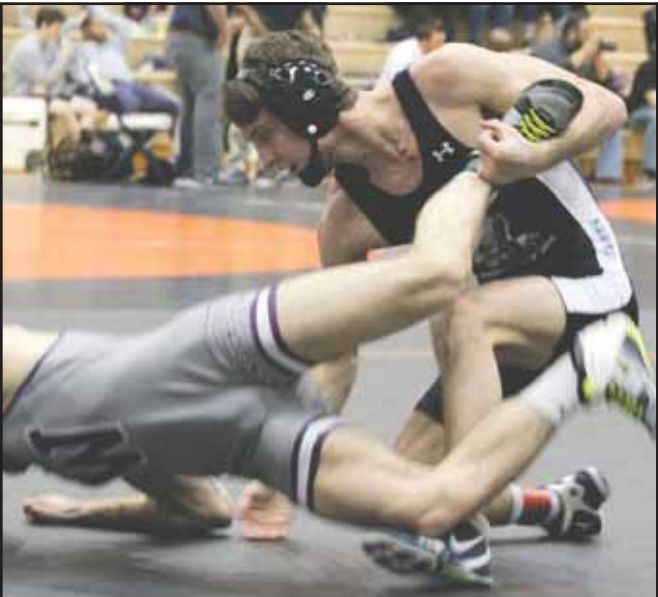
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Scott Swenson, a Founder of McKenzie County Bank and Cornerstone Bank Corporate Board Member, said, “Jane and I have had the pleasure of working with Vicki for over 30 years. She has been successful in every area of the bank and in her many positions in the community. It is exciting and historic for Vicki, starting as a Vocational Office Education student here in 1986 and now moving into the Market President position. We know she will excel in her new role.”

Since opening in Watford City 35 years ago, McKenzie County Bank has changed its name to Cornerstone Bank and has moved to a new lo-

# Sidney Graduates Move on to NAIA Nationals



Former Sidney wrestlers Gresh Jones and Cody Johnson qualified for the 2018 NAIA National Tournament last weekend at the Heart of America Conference tournament in Kansas. Jones and Johnson are currently sophomores wrestling for Dickinson State University. Jones took first place at 133 lbs and Johnson placed fourth at 197 lbs. The NAIA National Championships will take place in Des Moines, IA on March 2-3. Above: Gresh Jones scores a takedown in his semi final match against fourth ranked Taylor Lehman. Jones won the match with a 11-4 decision. (Photo by Kari Jones)

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10:45 am .....“Cow Herd Nutrition Tools for Monitoring and Managing Nutrition in the Beef Cow Herd”- Hudson Hill, Area Educator, U of Wyo. Extension  
11:15 am .....Break (Sponsor: Betaseed)  
11:30 am .....“Economic Ranch Tools and Risk Management”- Bridger Feuz, U of Wyoming, Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist  
12:30 pm .....Lunch Break (Lunch stand on site by LeRoy Strasheim)  
1:30 pm .....“Range Management Tools for Building a Range Management Plan”- Barton Stam, Area Educator, U of Wyo. Extension  
2:30 pm .....“Does the Exempt Water Rights Bill apply to you?” - Jim Beck, Retired, Montana DNRC  
3:30 pm .....Break (Sponsor: Betaseed)  
3:45 pm .....“Crop Insurance Update” - Gary Heilig, VP and Northwest Division Mgr. of Rain and Hail  
5:00 pm .....Social (Sponsors: Prewitt Cattle Co./Sidney Livestock Market and Yellowstone Bank)  
6:00 pm .....Banquet at Event Center: Entertainment - Jerry Carroll

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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7:00 am .....Sidney Chamber Breakfast (Sponsor: Advanced Communications)  
8:00 am .....Trade Show Opens  
9:00 am .....“Narrowleaf Hawksbeard and Maretail” - Chet Hill, Hefty Seeds  
10:00 am .....“5 Common Mistakes in Grain Marketing” - Ed Usset, U of Minnesota, Grain Marketing Specialist and Research Fellow, Dept. of Applied Economics  
11:00 am .....Break (Sponsor: Montana Farmers Union and Agri Industries)  
11:15 am .....Ed Usset, continued  
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- Game 3.....**  
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Frazer vs. Westby-Grenora

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Brook Skov- Vault 8.90 (4th place), Bars 8.85 (3rd place), Beam 8.50 (3rd place), Floor 8.70 (2nd place), All Around 34.95 (3rd place)

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# An Evening of Hygge in Watford City, Feb. 23

By Stephanie Ler

The Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County will hold this season's second Hygge event on Friday, February 23rd.

Hygge is a Scandinavian term, pronounced "HOO-gah", which celebrates coziness, shared meals, and companionable interactions with friends and loved ones. Hygge is Danish perspective on life that emphasizes warmth, kinship and an appreciation for the little things, and is said to contribute to Denmark's consistently high rate of happiness.

The event features a candle-lit environment where adults can visit, enjoy a warm meal, and partake in relaxing activities. The Pioneer Museum's Director of Outreach, Sandy Rieker, began hosting the event last year, and chose to continue the event based on feedback from participants. "We had one last month and it's turned out to be something that the people of the community look very forward to. People just generally like to visit, and then go shopping a little bit in the store. Everybody was so

happy last time. Just very Scandinavian," she said. "It's turned out to be a nice date night for parents, providing another fun thing to do in Watford City on a Friday night," Reiker explained.

This month's event will feature local artist Arden Omlid, teaching pencil art lessons, as well as music and board games and door prizes. The Prairie Rose Quilt Guild has quilts on display at the museum to go with the warm and cozy theme. On the dinner menu will be Swedish meatball soups, Danish cheese and crackers, and hot cider and coffee.

The hygge begins at 6:30PM CST and runs until 8:30, though Reiker explains that lingering past 8:30 is common. Entrance to the event is free. The Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County is located at 100 2nd Ave SW, in Watford City. Parking is available on the east side of the street, and across the street. For more information about the hygge, contact the Museum at 701-444-2990.

## Poplar AAU Wrestling Tournament

### Results For Sidney Wrestling Club On 2/17/18

Tot 36-39 A - Raiden Olmstead - 2nd Place  
Tot 36-39 B - Camdyn Batty - 5th Place  
Tot 38-41 - Flint Solem - 1st Place  
Tot 42-45 - Ryker Heckler - 3rd Place  
Tot 44-46 A - Graeden Trudell - 1st Place  
Tot 44-46 B - Toby Kleinke - 1st Place  
Tot 46-47 - Tamara Taylor - 4th Place  
Tot 46-50 - Hatch Wills - 1st Place  
Tot 49-52 - Kyler Stevens - 4th Place  
Tot 49-52 - Konnar Ulrich - 3rd Place  
Bantam 44-47 A - Briar Hanson - 5th Place  
Bantam 45-46 - Mason Swisse - 5th Place  
Bantam 46-48 - Hazen Hoss - 2nd Place  
Bantam 48-49 - Kash Josephson - 2nd Place  
Bantam 49-51 - Max Kleinke - 1st Place  
Bantam 49-53 - Cyé Franzen - 1st

Place  
Bantam 50-54 - Jordan Simpson - 4th Place  
Bantam 55-57 - Bryson Thomasson - 3rd Place  
Bantam 56-59 - Kash Mullin - 1st Place  
Bantam 64-68 - Brenner Mullin - 1st Place  
Bantam 71-74 - Aaron Schmitz - 1st Place  
Bantam 79-86 - Jeremiah Hill - 3rd Place  
Midget 48-53 - Ryland McGahan - 2nd Place  
Midget 53-56 - Tyson Syth - 1st Place  
Midget 53-57 - Wyatt Conn - 4th Place  
Midget 55-59 - Carson Propp - 4th Place  
Midget 58-63 - Kade Kutzler - 5th Place  
Midget 65-69 - Silas Wichman - 4th Place  
Midget 66-69 - Allen VanGorder - 4th Place

Midget 68-72 - Shay Severson - 1st Place  
Midget 69-75 - Brody Keysor - 1st Place  
Midget 74-78 - Quentin Waters - 1st Place  
Midget 74-78 - Tayleigh Olmstead - 5th Place  
Midget 79-84 - Ty Schepens - 1st Place  
Midget 90-97 - Beau Mullin - 2nd Place  
Midget 106-116 - Koltyn Mullin - 2nd Place  
Novice 61-65 - Maliek Taylor - 3rd Place  
Novice 67-71 - Brandon Vonderheide - 5th Place  
Novice 68-73 - Clayton VanGorder - 4th Place  
Novice 74-77 - Parker Wunder - 4th Place  
Novice 80-87 - Liam Stevens - 5th Place  
Novice 84-88 - Brooks Solem - 2nd Place

Novice 124-135 - Deion Taylor - 2nd Place  
Schoolboy 165-170 - Britten VanGorder - 1st Place

## Wrestling Results Choteau Dual Tournament

2/17/18 And Cyclops, Butte, MT, 2/18, 18

Submitted by Amy Kleinke  
Sidney took 1st Place in the Cyclops in the Team division.

We took 2 teams Eagle Force and Delta Force. Delta Force beat Eagle Force 55-49. Delta received 1st Place and Eagle Force got 2nd Place.

Sidney individual results:  
Tyler Loan - Novice 70 - 6th Place.  
Reece Graves - Novice 74 - 2nd Place.  
Ryker Wise - Novice 63 - 3rd Place.  
Amayia Kirm - Novice 86 - 3rd Place and in Girls Novice 85 - 1st Place.

Aiyana Kirm - Intermediate 105 - 3rd Place and in Girls Novice 102 - 1st Place.  
Amariah Kirm - Girls Novice 60 - 3rd Place.  
Kaden Wise - School Boy 87 - 5th Place.  
Zander Dean - School Boy 87 - 1st Place.  
Owen Lonski - School Boy 90 - 5th Place.  
Grady Nelson - School Boy 114 - 4th Place.  
Nathan Romo - School Boy 130 - 2nd Place.  
Zander Burnison - School Boy 136 - 2nd Place.  
Shandyn Gurney - School Boy 149 - 5th Place.

Caleb Kleinke - School Boy 165 - 4th Place.  
Cole Humphries - School Boy 250 - 3rd Place.  
Aden Graves - Cadet 126 - 2nd Place.



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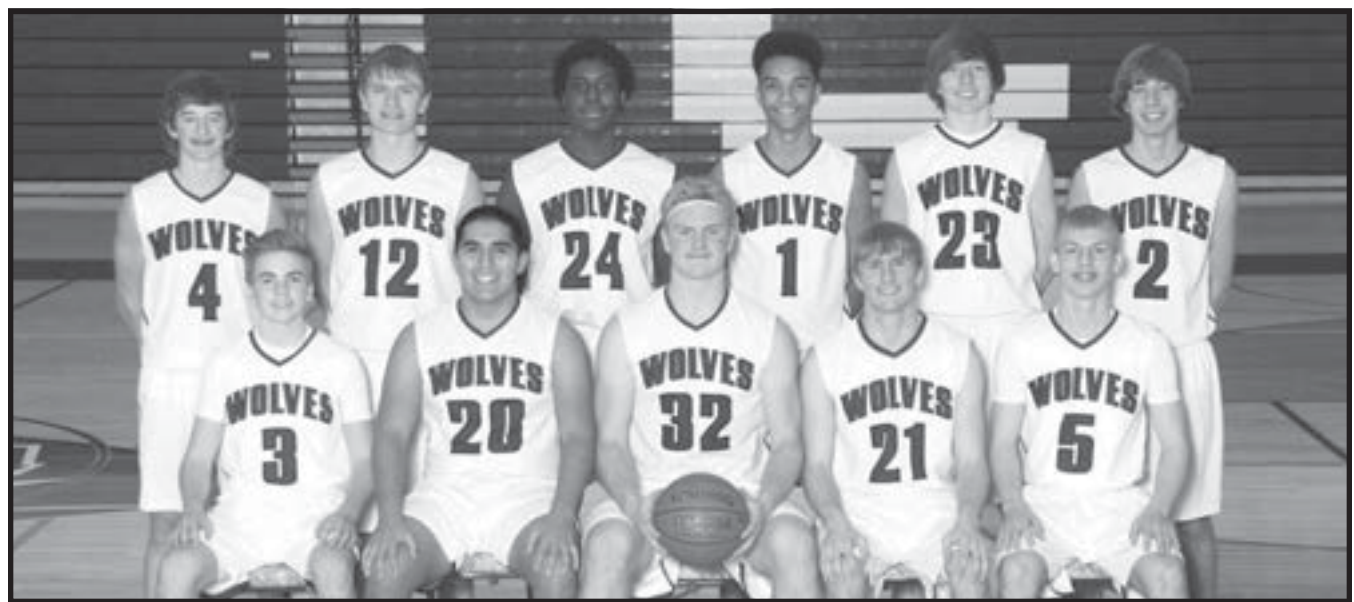
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**Wed., Feb. 28:** Chicken alfredo over pasta, steamed broccoli, pears.

**Savage School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** Hamburgers, baked beans, chips.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Hot dogs, fries, vegetables, fruit.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Tater tot casserole, bread.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Tostadas, refried beans, vegetables.

**Rau School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** No school.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** No school.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Chicken strips, smiley fries, garlic veggies, banana.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Tater tot hotdish, peas and carrots, mandarin oranges.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Taco, rice, salad, grapes.

**Froid School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Taco pockets, refried beans, taco bar, fruit, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** Cheeseburger macaroni, veggies, buns, fruit, milk.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Chicken patty on a bun, rice pilaf, peas, fruit, milk.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggies, fruit, milk.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, buns, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Bainville School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Chicken and wild rice soup, broccoli, apples.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** Fish sticks, smiley fries, green beans, banana.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Tater tot nachos, taco bar, beans, pears.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Pork roast roll, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, oranges.

**Richey School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Pizza, lettuce salad, pineapple, jello, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** Hot dogs, baked beans, pears, milk.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Egg rolls, fortune cookie, stir fry veggies, mandarin oranges, milk.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Chicken fried

steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, applesauce, milk.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Taco soup, breadstick, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Culbertson School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** Hot dogs, chips, fruit, milk.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, fruit, milk.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Chicken drumsticks, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk.  
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**Lambert School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Italian dunker, green beans, fruit, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** No school.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Tuna noodle hotdish, peas, fruit, buns, milk.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Super nachos, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, fruit, milk.

**Fairview School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Pizza, fruit, salad with ranch, dessert, milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** No school.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Hot dogs, chips, peas, fruit, milk.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Pork chops, fries, green beans, applesauce, milk.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, milk.

**Watford City School**  
**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Hamburger gravy over buttered noodles, bread with butter, green beans, dessert.  
**Fri., Feb. 23:** Cheesy breadsticks with marinara dipping sauce, veggies with dip, fruit cocktail.  
**Mon., Feb. 26:** Hot dog, macaroni and cheese, veggies, fresh fruit.  
**Tues., Feb. 27:** Au gratin potatoes with ham, roll, steamed carrots, peaches.  
**Wed., Feb. 28:** Italian pasta bake with melted cheese, garlic breadstick, green beans, applesauce.

**Alexander School**  
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# Insecticide Trials Show Promise in Combatting Springtails

By Stephanie Ler

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Springtails are tiny, wingless insect-like hexapods that live in the soil and cause damage to growing beets. They are visible to the naked eye and can be found just under the soil crust. Springtails live in straw during the winter, but feed on both the root and meat of the sugar beet.

It was a "perfect storm" that created favorable conditions for springtail infestation in the 2016 growing season. The cool, wet start slowed down plant growth, long enough for insecticide to wear off. "Part of our seed package comes with an insecticide, but it's wearing off of these plants too quickly," explained Cayko. "It's only active in the plant for about two to four weeks, so when the plant growth is slowed down, the insecticide wears down faster." These conditions, then, are favorable for springtails to feed on the growing beets.

A single female can lay up to 400 eggs, which take about ten days to hatch. The springtail life cycle only requires three molts until it is full grown, and able to reproduce. This means that the offspring from one female springtail can be up to 16 million in just thirty days. "They are laying their eggs in the seeds," Cayko explained, which means the beet barely had a chance to grow at all before it was damaged.

Cayko focused her study on the insecticide as a means to combat the springtails. Beets were planted using specially formulated seeds containing Poncho Beta seed treatment, the current insecticide included in the seed package, and then treated with Counter, an older, more noxious insecticide. Cayko tested seeds containing zero, 75 and 90 grams of Poncho Beta, with Counter concentrations ranging from zero to 8 pounds per acre in special test plots. She conducted stand counts and checked for problems with stunted growth regularly.

In terms of plant production, though Cayko found that overall the test plot soil wasn't optimal, she found that the addition of Counter to the soil produced healthier-looking plants. At a Counter concentration of 3.5 pounds per acre, even the plants with zero Poncho Beta seed treatment produced well. At 8 pounds per acre of Counter, plants produced well regardless of Poncho Beta concentration. "They looked much healthier. They didn't have to overcome so many challenges," Cayko explained, though "there was still a lot of feasting from the springtails." The highest level of Poncho Beta, 90 grams, delayed emergence of the plant and overall, stunted the growth of the beet.

The beets were then processed and analyzed by tons per acre and sugar content. The results showed a clear trend in tons per acre with increasing levels of Counter, and a decrease in tonnage from 75 to 90 grams of Poncho Beta. The sugar content dropped off with higher concentrations of Counter. The best sugar content was found at 3 and 4.5 pounds of Counter per acre.

Overall, Cayko found the best combination to combat springtails was 75 grams of Poncho Beta, which is closest to the current market variety at 65 grams, to 4.5 pound per acre of Counter. Ultimately, the study concluded that high levels of Poncho Beta had detrimental effects on the beets, and relatively low levels of Counter were effective in controlling springtails.

In terms of cost, the addition of Counter will run slightly less than double, at about \$1200 an acre at 4.5 pounds per acre, compared to \$791 an acre with no Counter treatment.

Because Counter is considered a noxious insecticide, and both the Food and Drug Administration and the US Environmental Protection Agency have limitations on its use in high



Soil showing the springtails.

concentrations, the use of Counter in sugar beets is not ideal. As such, Cayko will repeat the trials in the upcoming growing season in hopes of finding a better alternative. The next insecticide to be tested is Movento HL, a post-emergence systemic foliar application meant for chewing insects, like the springtails.



A research plot with no Counter and no Poncho Beta treatment, showing the damage springtails can do with no treatment.

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By Dianne Swanson

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According to general manager David Garland, Sidney Sugars has had a very good campaign. Slicing ended February 16th, with campaign scheduled to be completed February 21st or 22nd. Although the cold weather was hard on employees, beet storage was phenomenal due to less fluctuation in temperatures. Processing has gone well with the factory slicing an average of 6,320 tons per day.

Tons per acre were slightly down this year but 32,276 acres were harvested at an average 31.3 tons per acre. Sidney Sugars purchased 1,010,307 tons of beets at an average 17.99% sugar. Sugar content was up, meaning Sidney Sugars will end up producing around 275 million pounds of sugar this season compared to 260 million pounds last year.

Garland credits early harvest as one of the reasons for a successful campaign. Each district harvested 10% of the crop, beginning September 14th, with the factory able to start processing on the 16th. "The early start will continue with million ton crops," Garland said.

Sidney Sugars management and employees are proud of the EXCELLENT rating the factory received during an unannounced audit of the facility on January 11th. Each year, the factory is audited for Food Safety and Food Quality. Over 2 ½ days, the auditor inspects every corner of the factory, interviews employees and examines all policies and paperwork. Customers looking to purchase sugar can review the results of the audit before they make a decision.

Campaign is over for this year, but Sidney Sugars will spend the spring and summer doing upgrades and maintenance on the facility, getting ready for harvest in the fall.



Sidney Sugars general manager David Garland stands with a pile of dried beet pulp. The pulp is used in feed rations for livestock.

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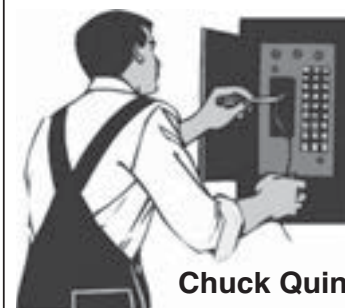
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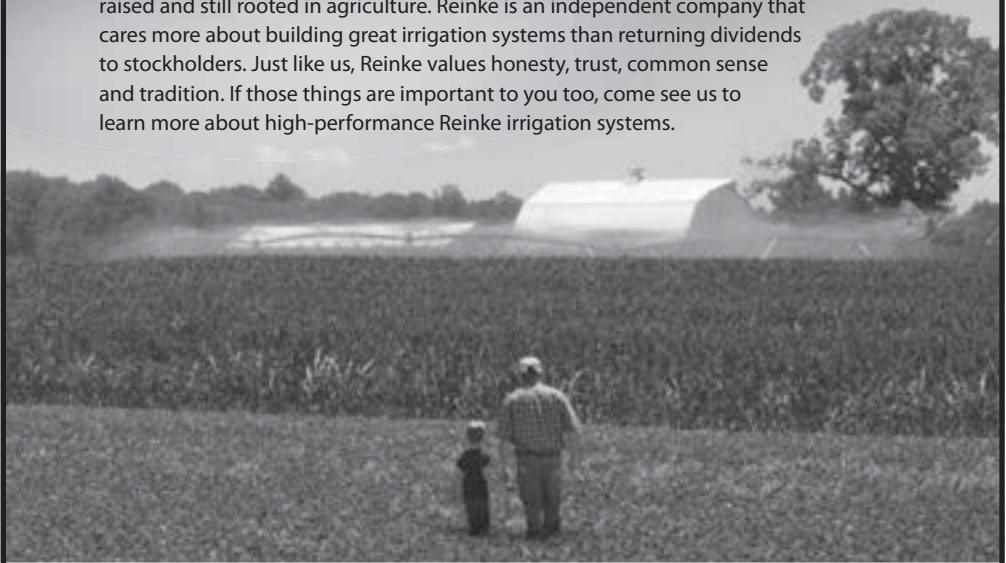
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Growers Tim, left, and Adam Cayko with agriculturalist Kathryn Cayko.

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**By Dianne Swanson**

Sugarbeet growers Tim and Adam Cayko of the Sugar Valley district conduct strip trials each year to determine which variety of beet seed works best in their heavy soils. In addition to cooperating with Sidney Sugars, Caykos do their own real world testing, some through strip trials. “The best fields are the ones with the least amount of work, where the seeds come up well and the ground doesn’t crust,” Tim said. “The digging is more weather dependent.”

With two passes of each seed, side by side in the field, Caykos determine which variety is most disease resistant, drought tolerant and works best in different soil types. Planting the strips right next to each other highlights different leaf color and how healthy the plant is. Leaf growth is not always an accurate marker, but three root pulls during the growing season determine quality as well.

Stand counts are done for three weeks after emergence. Both growers and agriculturalists take lots of pictures and conduct day to day travels to document performance.

Trial beets are harvested and processed separately, either at the very beginning or very end of harvest. Harvest is usually completed in a day, using separate trucks for each variety to allow for the greatest accuracy.

Disease pressure is the main concern, especially after growing beets for years and years. Cercospora is always a concern, with rhizoctonia and aphanomyces relative newcomers to this area. Microscopic insects such as springtails and nematodes are also potential problems.

Growers like to compare results in each others’ fields, particularly in similar soils. “I like to see what they did compared to what we did, with the same seed variety,” Tim stated. “It helps determine how the seed did, and if it did well in both areas.” More than just the seed variety will factor into the end result. Spraying, ridging and other practices matter. The strips are usually planted next to a road where passers-by can view the crop.

Caykos’ rotation includes one year of beets to two years of spring wheat through their 500 acres. They crop beets on

200 acres each year and double crop as much as possible. Using 26” spacing, Caykos are in the minority, with most growers using 24” or 22”. “The wider spacing lets us dig in the mud, and we can use bigger tires without moving beets. We like more room for spraying and every other application,” Tim explained. Caykos plant a little tighter stand to make up for the lost acres, using 50,000 to 60,000 seeds per acre at 4” spacing in the rows. They find flood irrigation works better on their fields than pivots, with only one extra irrigation required last year during the drought. Their crop averaged 32.27 tons per acre with 17.97 sugar.

Adam is the 4th generation on land originally home-steaded by his great grandfather George and continued by his grandfather Andy. Sidney Sugars agriculturalist Kathryn Cayko praised them saying, “They do a really good job. They’re one of our top growers.” Tim is married to Rhonda; Adam and his wife Anna are expecting their first child in March.

Sidney Sugars only conducts strip trials with two growers in each of their three districts at any given time. Agriculturalist James Johnson led strip trials on flood irrigated ground in the Savage district while Kathryn had growers in the Buford area for the first time. “They really liked doing it,” she said. “They have different, heavier soils.”

Sidney Sugars hosts a tour in mid August for all the growers with an opportunity to actually walk out in the crop and see how well it’s growing. Seed reps are on hand to visit and tout their particular variety, and will use results from the strip trials in their future presentations.

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# Less Input, Increased Production Goal of Strip Tillage



No till beets near Nesson Valley, ND (Photo submitted)

By Dianne Swanson

Strip tillage, the method where only the narrow strip of land to be planted is actually tilled, is in the trial stages. With only a 4 to 6" strip disturbed, the process leaves a lot of residue on the ground, helping to reduce inputs and erosion from wind and water.

Sidney Sugars agriculturalist James Johnson for the Savage, Pleasant View, and Powder River areas, has more growers in his area doing no till and strip till. About 30% of his growers use the reduced tillage practices.

The trials involve multiple variables including irrigation methods, spacing, ridging and soil type.

He sees a 50-50 split between flood and pivot irrigation with the three-year average showing better yield and sugar content with pivots. The three-year average also shows the highest yield on 26" spacing

but only about 15% of the growers use that spacing, all of which are up in the Sugar Valley area. Most growers are 22-24" spacing partly due to equipment manufacturing. Ridging, which is done in the fall, usually provides higher yields plus it helps when doing flood irrigation.

85-90% of the test beets follow small grains such as wheat or barley, usually

providing the highest yield and sugar content. Beets can also follow corn or pinto beans but the yields are typically lower and disease such as rhizoctonia can be a problem.

If the trials can show positive results, including higher production with less costs, strip till and no till may become the way of the future.

## Spent Lime Delivers Results in Beet Fields

By Dianne Swanson

In an ongoing quest to improve production in sugarbeet fields, Sidney Sugars and a small group of cooperators have been testing spent lime on fields in the factory growing area. The lime is part of the process of making sugar. It starts out as calcium carbonate limestone, is heated up in the lime kiln where it separates into calcium oxide and carbon dioxide, then hot water is rushed over the calcium oxide to create a milk of lime which is injected into the sugar purification process. It attaches to impurities in the juice and is recombined with carbon dioxide to bring it back to its original composition of calcium carbonate which then is separated off. In 2012, lime presses were first used so that the spent lime is now being moved with less water and hauled off in trucks to stockpile.

Testing in other areas of the country showed positive impacts of spreading the spent lime on fields to help control disease. In 2013, the factory started looking for cooperators who were willing to experiment on test fields. Four cooperators with five fields targeted eight to ten tons per acre. Half the field had lime, half did not.

In the four growing seasons since then, each year has seen better and better results according to Sidney

Sugars agriculturalist Vanessa Pooch. The initial reason for the lime testing was to stop the disease aphanomyces; then it was to see what else it could do. Results show improved soil tilth and drainage with no detrimental effects. "You can actually see the line going down the middle of the field, and see the difference in soil health," Pooch said. Besides the disease suppression, improved drainage results are another benefit, especially in a wet spring, or where water normally sits after rain or irrigating. The micronutrients that come with the lime are also beneficial. One grower who helped pull root samples

could tell the difference immediately, seeing a healthier root which logic indicates a healthier plant.

Three of the four original growers continue to conduct the trial plots. A manure spreader has been used, but a wider fan spreader would be ideal. Pooch said there is a large interest from farmers in western North Dakota for use on non-irrigated land, not for disease suppression, but for soil tilth.

"I wish more people would create their own trials, even if it's a small portion of the field," Pooch said. "The lime is free and the results are pretty amazing."

## Pure Ag Provides Data at Your Fingertips

By Dianne Swanson

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