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Sidney Graduate Serves on Navy Ceremonial Guard, Escorts Late President



Kyle Wilson, a 2011 Sidney High School graduate, assists in carrying late President George HW Bush during his term as a US Navy Ceremonial Guard. Wilson is third from the left.

By Stephanie Ler

Sidney High School graduate Kyle Wilson is currently serving on the Navy Ceremonial Guard

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Wilson joined the United States Navy in 2017, after working

several years for Uintah Engineering as a surveyor in Sidney. Though the 2011 Sidney High School graduate had always planned to join the Navy according to his parents, Jon and Nora Wilson, Kyle hadn't planned, necessarily, to take part as a prestigious Ceremonial Guard.

Members of the Ceremonial Guard are hand-selected, touted as the "one percent of the one percent" that join the US Navy. Members serve as casket bearers, color guards, and firing parties at the funerals of Naval Servicemen, as well as provide escort for dignitaries and others in the Pentagon and White House. Those selected for the Ceremonial Guard undergo rigorous additional training for ten weeks following Navy basic training.

According to Jon, Kyle was approached toward the end of his basic training to consider becoming a Ceremonial Guardsman. Those selected, however, aren't given much time to consider. "They don't give you a second chance," Jon explained. "It's either yes or no, right at the moment." For Kyle, it was a "yes". Kyle finished basic training on October 13, 2017, and reported for duty to train to be a Ceremonial Guard on October 20th.

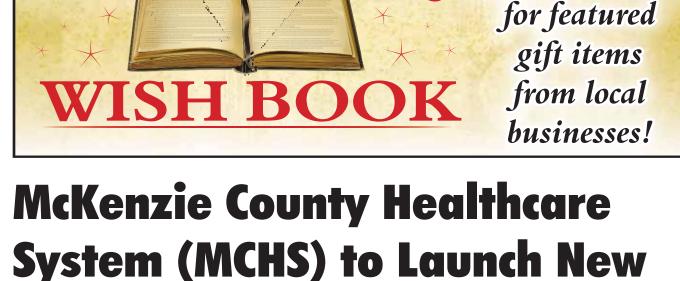
The training schedule Kyle received included extensive focus on appearance, as the Ceremonial Guard stands as the face of the United States Navy. "There's a lot of inspections, and everything had to be perfectly creased and everything polished," Jon explained. "They're very meticulous with their uniforms." Guards are expected to remain standing for long periods of time, remain somber-faced, and remained disciplined.

Though Kyle has escorted many dignitaries through the Pentagon and White House, his most recent assignment was to serve as a casket bearer for former President George H. W. Bush. "He was there when they escorted former President Bush off of Air Force One, and today he was there when they transferred him to be buried," Jon explained of Kyle's service during last week's funeral protoedings. The late President Bush's remains were transferred by the Union Pacific Railroad's Presidential Train Car for burial on the campus of Texas A&M University.

The funeral proceedings were broadcast live on major news networks across the country. Of seeing their son serve in such an honorable capacity, Jon and Nora replied, "We couldn't be more proud of him. It was breathtaking-something we've never experienced before."

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Kyle has served one year of his two-year service as a Ceremonial Guard. Following his service term, he will enter US Navy career training for cryptic technology.



Orthopedic Surgery Department



Michael Curtis, MCHS Chief Administrative Officer (left) and Dr. Ravindra Joshi in the new MCHS operating room.

By Jody Wells

Ravindra Joshi, MD, will be spearheading an orthopedic surgery department in the new McKenzie County Healthcare Systems facility at 709 4th Ave NE in Watford City.

Dr. Joshi is an orthopedic surgeon who has served patients in northwestern North Dakota and northeastern Montana for several years, provided him with first hand knowledge of the needs of rural communities. He is trained and board certified by American, British, Canadian and Indian Orthopedic boards. He received his Master of Surgery at Bombay University in India. Dr. Joshi completed his orthopedic residency at St. Thomas and Guy's Hospital Orthopedic Program, London. He also completed a joint fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and New York Orthopedic Hospital where he advanced his training in joint replacement, sports injury and trauma care.

In 2000 Dr. Joshi was convinced by one of his professors and a recruiter to come to North Dakota. He quickly warmed up to the idea of practicing here. "I came to visit and I loved the place," he stated. "The people were phenomenal." Since moving

to the area he has practiced in Minot, Williston and has served patients in rural towns throughout northwest North Dakota and northeast Montana as a traveling physician.

With the goal of becoming an "orthopedic network," the new hospital in Watford City will be key in providing better service to smaller towns and reduce the need to travel to larger cities to receive care. The state of the art facility provides all the necessary equipment to provide total diagnosis, surgery and treatment services for patients. "The goal is to look purely at the patient experience and consolidate visits to one day other than three," said Michael Curtis, MCHS Chief Administrative Officer.

Dr. Joshi, with the assistance of Leah Brewster, DNP, will begin taking appointments on December 27. Surgeries are set to begin in February 2019.

There are several options to schedule an appointment. Patients can call the MCHS clinic directly at 701-842-3771 or stop by the clinic in person at 709 4th Ave NE in Watford City. Scheduling can also be done utilizing the mobile MyChart application or online resource to contact reception staff.

Communities in Action to Hold Winter Light Up Community Contest in Sidney

Montana has one of the most unique and spectacular landscapes in the nation. The state's vast and textured terrain allows for so much preservation of the natural beauty that communities are spread far and wide. Because of this spread, Montana has one of the darkest skies in the country. Normally it's up to the stars to shine, but this holiday season it's time for the Sidney community to shine. The Communities in Action AmeriCorps members come from all across the country and are excited to see how the Sidney community celebrates the holidays. They are so thrilled to host the first Winter Light Up contest!

The Communities in Action Corps work to provide a better quality of life in Richland County through various programming, partnerships, and, the Communities in Action Corps members and local sponsors hope that this event will provide a unique opportunity for holiday family time and community connection.

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Any building (home or business) within the Sidney city limits is eligible to enter. Houses will be photographed and featured on the event Facebook page. The houses will be judged by the Communities in Action Corps members on each of the following categories: Brightest, Most Creative, and Fan Favorite. The deadline to enter will be December 14 by 5 p.m. The Community

nities in Action Corps members will be judging the decorations

starting the 16 and going through the 18. Judging hours will be 6-8 p.m., and only lights/decorations visible from the street will be judged. The winners will be announced on December 21 via the event Facebook page. You can enter by emailing kpodsiad@richland.org, calling the Richland County Health Department at 406-433-2207 (ask for Kristin), or registering online via the link on the Winter Light Up Facebook event page.

The winners of the "Brightest" and "Most Creative" categories will receive \$50 gift cards to Reynolds. The runner-ups in those categories will receive a \$25 gift card to Johnson Hardware or High Caliber Sports. Fan Favorite will be the category that is selected based on the community's opinion. The "Fan Favorite" prize is sponsored by ONEOK and will be revealed at a later date, so stay tuned on the Facebook event page! If you already have decorations put up, be sure to enter your house! The group of Communities in Action Corps members can't wait to see Sidney's holiday spirit! Follow the Winter Light Up event page on Facebook to see updates on the contest and to vote for the "Fan Favorite." Prepare your home to brighten the Sidney sky, because the Communities in Action Corps members are looking forward to being dazzled by Sidney's holiday shine.

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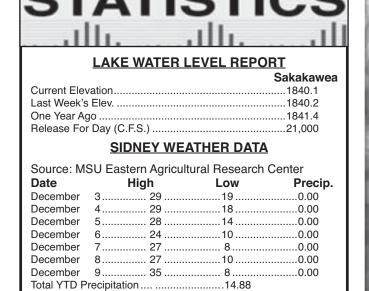
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Jade M. Larson, 23, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jade M. Larson, 23, of Sidney are at 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 12 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Sidney, MT with Pastor Jordan Hall officiating.

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

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared

with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Jade passed away on Thursday morning, December 6 in Sidney, MT.

Greytak Calendars Available Now

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The popular Don Greytak calendars are available now at area financial institutions, just in time for Christmas giving.

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each calendar are three raffle tickets for a chance to win a leather bound book of almost 30 years of Greytak calendars.

Health Department to Hold Accreditation Reception

The Richland County Health Department will hold a reception to celebrate the achievement of PHAB National Public Health Accreditation on Thursday, December 20,

The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation's state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments. The Richland County Health Department is one of fewer than 200 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011. The Richland County Health Department joins Missoula, Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, Cascade, Yellowstone and Flathead Counties in becoming accredited.

The reception will be held at the Community Services Building, located at 1201 West Holly, in Sidney. A ribbon cutting by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce will mark the beginning of the Department's accredited period, and will take place at 1:30 p.m.

The public is invited to celebrate this achievement with refreshments from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 20.

Time to Order Trees

Richland County Conservation District is currently accepting tree orders for spring 2019 delivery. If you are interested in planting a wind break, shelterbelt or living snow fence contact the local conservation district for assistance. Order forms are available from the conservation office. The district has a wide variety of trees available and various sizes also. Call Julie at 433-2103 x3001 to receive an order form or to place an order.

Chamber Christmas Cash Giveaway Rescheduled to Dec. 21

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture congratulates the winners of the 2018 Christmas Cash Giveaway. Six local individuals won \$250 and \$500 prizes in Chamber Bucks on December 1 at noon during the live drawing at Reynolds, on Power 95 and the Chamber Facebook page. We thank ONEOK for sponsoring the Christmas Cash Giveaway and the Parade of Lights.

The Chamber was not able to finish the live drawing because the live radio feed ended, meaning people listening at home could no longer hear the drawing. As part of the Official Rules, Section 2, Eligibility, the Chamber has the discretion to terminate or suspend the contest at any time for any reason without notice. The Trade Promotion Committee of the Sidney Chamber will hold a special Christmas Cash Giveaway to award the \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks to a lucky member of the community. Please come to the Chamber between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday until December 21 at noon and fill out a special Christmas Cash ticket with your name and phone number to enter the Giveaway. We will draw one \$1,000 winner at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 21 live on the Chamber Facebook page and call the winner via phone after the drawing. You must be 18 or older to enter, one entry per person, no purchase necessary. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

Thank you for choosing to "Shop Sidney First" and supporting our Sidney businesses.

If you have any questions, please contact Chamber Staff, Madina McGlothern or Susan Joy at 406-433-1916, info.chamber@sidnevmt.com. or at 909 South Central Avenue in Sidnev anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Thank you Reynolds for hosting the Christmas Cash Giveaway, Power 95.1 for broadcasting, and ONEOK for sponsoring the Christmas Cash Giveaway.

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RICHLAND COUNTY Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., Dec. 12 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **The Falcon's Eye Nature Photographs** This event will continue through Dec. 29. **Bandits & Heroes** Poets & Saints - Popular art of the northeast of Brazil. This event will continue through Jan. 7. **28th Annual Miniature Art Show** This event will continue through Jan. 12. Viewing is free and open to the public. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4

p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. 4-5 p.m. - **Teen Craft Club** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

Thurs., Dec. 13

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Walk In Holiday Art - Create personal and festive holiday art with your kids. Choose from Handprint Santa ornament or reindeer plate and finger print heart necklace. \$15 an item; \$25, large plate. All items will be ready by Dec. 22. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org.

6 p.m. - Bingo - Sidney Moose Lodge. This event occurs every Thursday.

Fri., Dec. 14

10:30 a.m. - Storytime - Ages 2-5. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

7 p.m. - Sonido Brasil At The MonDak - The band will blend Brazilian musical performances with discussions on the history of the Brazilian music. Free to attend, limited seating. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org.

Sat., Dec. 15

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Safe Sitter® Course - For young teens, grades 6th-8th. Course offers hands on practice in lifesaving techniques. Lunch provided. Registration deadline Dec. 14, space limited to 16 participants. To register call 406-433-1917. Cost \$28. Sidney-Richland County Library, Sidney, MT. 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-studiosaturdays/. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney 406-433-3500.

2-4 p.m. - **Santa Is Coming** - Come and visit and have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Join in some fun activities. Free event. Sidney Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Sidney, MT. Mon., Dec. 17

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. - **Tales For Tots** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

7-8 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809. Thurs., Dec. 20

1-3 p.m. - PHAB National Public Health Accreditation Celebration Reception - Refreshments will be served. Ribbon cutting, 1:30 p.m. Community Services Building, 1201 West Holly, Sidney, MT.

5:30-7 p.m. - Talk Saves Lives - This free presentation will teach the participants the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe. Simply Scrumptious Bakery, Sidney, MT. For more information contact Nick Kallem, 406-702-6487. Fri., Dec. 21

9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Senior Commodities Distribution - Back door of the Nutter Building, 123 W. Main, Sidney, MT. Tues., Dec. 25

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Sidney Knights of Columbus Annual Community Christmas Dinner - Free will offering, St. Matthew's Parish Ned Shinnick Hall, 310 7th St. SE. For delivery call 433-2510.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Thurs., Dec. 13

11:30 a.m. - **Special Holiday Storytime** - Join us at the McKenzie County Public Library, Watford City, ND for a fun, magic and holiday-filled storytime. Free event for all ages. The stories are geared toward children between preschool and 2nd grade. 6 p.m. - Johnson Corner Christian Academy Soup

Supper & Sweets Auction - Free will soup supper, live auction begins 7 p.m. Rough Rider Center, Watford City. Fri., Dec. 14 10:30 a.m. - **Tater Tot Time with Miss Sandy & Miss Val:**

Christmas Party - For moms and their children ages infant to 4 years of age. Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, ND. This event will also occur Jan. 4, New Year's Resolution and Jan. 18, Winter. Thurs., Dec. 20

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Storytime - For children between the ages of preschool and 2nd grade, along with their parent, caregiver, friends and family members. Sing songs, use finger-plays and read stories with related themes and topics. Arts and crafts or take home items. Free event, no registration necessary. McKenzie County Public Library, Watford City, ND. This event continues every Thursday through May, 2, 2019.

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

Wed., Dec. 12 - Thurs. Dec. 20

Dress The Christmas Tree - Help the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center get their Christmas tree ready for the holiday by making a special "traditional" ornament to put on the tree. A special prize will be awarded. Ornaments must be submitted no later than Dec. 20. For more information call 701-572-9034 or email shsbuford@nd.gov.

Wed., Dec. 12 - Tues., Dec. 31

5:30-9:30 p.m. - Holiday Lights Drive - This event will continue through Dec. 31. Enjoy thousands of holiday lights in over 60 displays every evening. Entry fee \$5 per car. Spring Lake Park, Williston, ND. For more information call 701-774-9041.

Thurs., Dec. 13

6-8 p.m. - Storytime With Mrs. Claus - Fun for the whole family. Hot cocoa and cookies, Kids take home a free book and coloring tote! Williston Community Library, Williston, ND.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch and unfinished projects. This event continues on Dec. 15. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Sat., Dec. 15
2-4 p.m. - Wrapping Up The Holidays - Free event open to patrons 18 years and older. Come wrap your presents out of sight of prying eyes. Have them boxed up and ready to wrap. Bring your own supplies or use those provided by the library. Hot cocoa and holiday music while you work. Williston
Community Library, Williston, ND. For more information call

Thurs., Dec. 20 7 p.m. - Confluence History Book Club - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone Sat., Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. "Last Chance Gift Show" - Food will be served. Santa coming Dec. 16, 12-4 p.m. Moose Lodge, Glendive, MT. For more information call Barb Polette, 406-377-3602.

Wed., Dec. 19

12-1 p.m. - Lunch 'n' Learn "Ringing In The Holidays
With A Cappella Harmony" - Join the Red Top Singers, as
they sing in the season with four-part a cappella harmony.
Tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch.
Glendive Public Library Community Room. For more information visit http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr.

Tues., Dec. 25 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Community Christmas Dinner - A full Christmas meal, live Christmas music, Santa Claus, gifts for the kids and a Christmas meal. Accepting free will donations and donations for the Food Bank during the meal. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT.





Edward Jones Offices Collect Toys

The four Edward Jones offices in Sidney collected toys for the Christmas Coalition for the 16th year. Pictured are, L to R. Jamie Malsam. Enid Houtari, Jerry Hughes, Nick Lonski and Lauren Sukut with just some of the toys collected from their clients and other community members.



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A Visit to the Dentist

By Lois Stephens

Occasionally a few childhood memories remind me that the good old days weren't necessarily all that good. Dentistry comes to mind here, and how a visit to the dentist has greatly changed for the better over the course of the last fifty years.

As a child, when my mother made a dental appointment for me, this meant a date with doom. The dreaded event would lurk on the horizon and when the dire day arrived, all other activities palled with the thought of the looming meeting with the man holding weapons of torture.

Remember the high-speed drill, the one that tore into one's decayed tooth with great glee? It sounded like an extremely ill-natured, voracious giant mosquito out to extract every ounce of blood and with the express intent of inflicting great pain in the process. After the furious mosquito had caused as much emotional turmoil and distress as possible, the dentist exchanged that bad boy with the slower drill, this one sounding like an irritated bumblebee that dug into the tooth, shredding nerves and scattering enamel along the way. This drill didn't hurt quite so much as the high speed one, but it still caused pain, heated up the tooth and produced extreme discomfort for the poor victim sitting in the dentist chair. The combination of the drill, the pain, the stench of a hot tooth, and the noise of the disgruntled bumblebee working away in my mouth did nothing to endear me to the dentist, his work, or how

I had to spend that hour.

The dentist of my youth never used Novocain, unless the tooth damage was so great that even the dentist himself (and they were all men in those days) would be considered inhuman if he did not offer that option. I remember the raised eyebrows if I dared squirm in my torture seat or exhibit any other emotion other than stoic acceptance of my fate, and the sneer on his face when he asked if I really thought I needed Novocain. His attitude, and the manner in which he inquired if I needed a shot in the mouth to dull the pain ensured that I always refused his offer and kept as stiff an upper lip as I could manage. That's a lot to ask of a seven-year-old, in my opinion. Come to think of it, it is a lot to ask of a little old lady.

Of course, the needle he used to insert the Novocain into my gums, on those rare occasions when I actually did get any pain killer, resembled a huge straw in size and diameter. When he inserted the needle, it felt like my fiendish dentist decided to drive a stake into the roof of my mouth. The pain of the needle lasted a lot longer than the pain of the drill, when I think about it.

To say I dreaded visits to the dentist may be a slight understatement. The dislike has continued right up to my older age, even though dentistry has changed dramatically in the last several decades. Modern dentists have learned

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new tricks, they have a bit more compassion than the dentists of my youth, and the equipment and techniques have greatly improved.

However, those evil tooth demons of my youth still haunt me when the time comes to visit my friendly neighborhood dentist. I haven't had a cavity in years, but I have required crowns, I have lost fillings, chipped or broken a few teeth, and of course I do my duty and have my teeth cleaned once or twice a year. So, I still need to visit the dentist and submit myself to poking, prying, picking, scraping, and the occasional drill.

I recently visited the dentist for an overdue teeth cleaning. The dentist I entrust with my mouth recently retired, and his daughter has taken over the practice. She wants up-to-date medical information, so when I arrived at the office, the receptionist handed me the new questionnaire to complete.

First question: Are you afraid of the dentist, and if so, why? Hah, what a loaded question to ask me. I circled YES and proceeded to explain that I was a product of the Dark Ages, and when I was a kid, my dentist used a pick and shovel with no Novocain to fix problem teeth. Of course I am leery of dentists.

More routine questions followed, including "Do you have trouble eating?' I understood what the question meant, but I answered truthfully, that no, unfortunately I have no problems whatsoever in eating, in fact I generally eat just about everything placed in front of me.

Another question asked if I had ever had orthodontal work done. I replied that yes, I had, but again it was back in the age when pterodactyls still roamed the earth.

I handed in the questionnaire, selected a magazine, and settled back to read while waiting for my turn in the chair. A few minutes later I heard a muffled snort from the receptionist's

glasses at the young lady sitting behind the desk. She caught me looking at her, and she burst into laughter. Lifting my questionnaire and pointing at it, she said. "You made my day. Some of these answers really made me smile."

desk. I peered over my

Well good! At least one of us had a good day at the dentist's so the day wasn't a total waste. Fifty years ago, you would never catch ANYONE smiling while in a dental office, and laughter would be unheard of.

Incidentally, I received another all clear from my dentist. I even came away with a new toothbrush. I rather enjoyed the visit, to the extent that anyone can enjoy sitting in a dental chair while someone pokes around in his or her mouth. Maybe if I live long enough, in another few decades the memories of early dental visits will go the way of the

Senior Commodities Distribution

The Senior Commodities distribution will be Friday, December 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the back door of the Nutter Building located at 123 W. Main. Message phone is 406-433-4353.

Faith United Methodist Church in Williston to Hold Free Christmas Dinner

Church in Williston celebrated its 5th Anniversary of Out In Faith Bakken Oil Rush Ministries during its weekly Saturday evening meal December 8th.

For five years now, the church has provided a free meal at 6:03 p.m. each Saturday for anyone who wishes to come. "It's been a great blessing," pastor Ross Reinhiller said. "We've had lots of folks come, from all walks of life and all circumstances. You never know who you may be sitting next to. They might be new to the area, possibly homeless, or they may be a business owner just looking for fellowship. When we started this five years ago, we mostly

Faith United Methodist but now we're seeing more families." The Saturday event includes the free dinner, plus a take away meal, and conversation followed by a worship time. There's also a Kid Zone which is like Sunday School for the kids.

> On Saturday, December 22, a special Christmas meal will be served at 6:03 p.m. CST. All are invited to enjoy food, fellowship, and special music by the Jore family. "The Thanksgiving meal we served was really good," Pastor Reinhiller said. "We're hoping for a great turnout for our Christmas meal as well."

> The main focus of the ministry is outreach. The 'baby brigade' supplies diapers and other baby items as well as support for the women. And,

in the last six weeks, over 200 coats and 100 blankets have been given to those in need of some warmth. In addition, the ministry teams up with Community Connections, which is a Lutheran outreach in Williston, to provide sack lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday for anyone who needs one.

"It's been wonderful to see the growth and see lives change through this ministry," Reinhiller stated. For more information on Faith United Methodist Church, Out In Faith Bakken Oil Rush Ministries and Gift Saturday Meals, please visit their Facebook page, call 701-572-7694, or stop by the church at 219 1st Ave., W., Williston.

Safe Sitter® Course Now Being Offered, Students Learn Home Alone Safety & More

The Sidney-Richland County Library, in partnership with the Richland County Health Department and the Montana State University Extension Agency, will offer Safe Sitter® courses for young teens, grades 6-8, Saturday, December 15 at Sidney-Richland County Library. Registration deadline is Friday, December 14, and space is limited to 16 participants. Class is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lunch is provided.

More than 600,000 young teens have graduated from the medically-accurate program which teaches how, why, and where injuries happen so they can be prevented. The cost of the course is \$28. Call 433-1917 to register your son or daughter or your child's babysitter.

The course provides hands-on practice in lifesaving techniques to young teens who are home alone, watching younger siblings, or baby sitting so they are equipped with the skills and confidence to act in an emergency. They learn basic first aid and infant and child choking rescue. Students also receive instruction on how

a child's age affects how to care for them, how to prevent problem behavior, and how to run their own babysitting

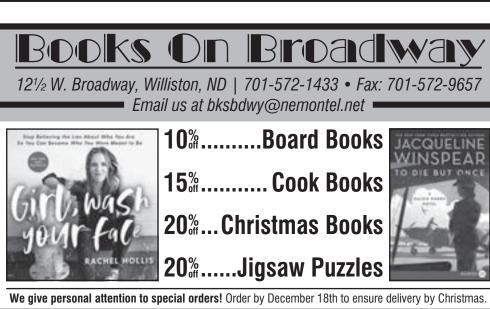
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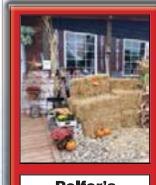
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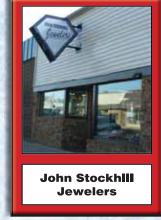


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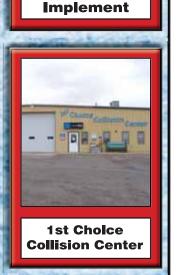
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'Vote Yes Committee' Encourages McKenzie County Voters to Attend Upcoming Forum

By Jordan Hall

McKenzie County voters will decide whether to approve or deny two requests designed to fund upcoming anticipated needs of the school district.

Question one asks residents to approve a general obligation bond in an amount up to 35 million dollars, for the purpose of providing funds necessary to construct a new elementary school. It will raise millage an additional 13 mills, which is equal to \$13 dollars on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation for the first taxable year.

Question two asks residents to approve an increase of its school Building Fund Levy from 10 mills to 20 in order to approve additional anticipated building needs.

The Roundup spoke with Shilo Chavez, who works with the 'Vote Yes Committee,' which is advocating for the passage of both questions on the ballot. Chavez has lived in Watford City for about a year and a half, and is a parent volunteer. She explained the purpose of the committee.

Chavez explained, "The 'Vote Yes Committee' is trying to get the word out about an upcoming vote we have on January 8 in McKenzie County. There's going to be two questions on the ballot. The first question addresses

the school that was approved by the school board and the bond that we need to build that school. The second question addresses the future challenges the school will have. Our projections currently show that by the time the new school is built, we will likely be at capacity again. The second question deals with this, saying that in the event we reach capacity and need a third elementary school we can go ahead and increase the building fund mill levy from 10 to 20, so we can address the needs for a new school in the future.

When asked why, if the new elementary school being built is not expected to be sufficient in size, why not just build a bigger school to begin with, Chavez asserted that to do so wasn't a practical solution.

"We've had that asked," Chavez said. "One, studies have shown that kids learn better in a smaller environment. Kids do better in a smaller school. We don't want them to feel like they're lost in a crowd in a big school. But also, it doesn't make sense to do a bigger building especially for an elementary school because parents' pick-up and drop-off becomes a nightmare. Also, in regards to a cafeteria, it's difficult. Right now we have kids eating as early as 10:40 a.m. and others as late

as 12:40 p.m., and with more kids in one facility it would become that much more difficult logistically."

According to Chavez, there aren't many vocally opposing the initiatives.

"I've not talked to anyone who is actively encouraging people to vote against it. We have had some negative comments on the Facebook page questioning lay out and design," Chavez reported.

Chavez also claimed that taxpayer burden would not be exorbitant should the two ballot initiatives pass.

The Vote Yes Committee is encouraging people to attend an upcoming forum at the Rough Rider Center, designed to answer questions about the two ballot initiatives.

Chavez explained, "There is a forum coming up December 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. It's a walk-up style forum where people can come up and ask questions and view some of the graphics that are out. The architects and engineers and the Superintendent of Schools will all be there to answer any type of informational questions people may have. That's not put on by the Vote Yes Committee, but we are really encouraging people to come and have their questions answered."

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Badlands Gymnastics Finishes 1st

The Badlands Gymnastics Club of Watford City Level 5 gymnasts finished in 1st place at the Dullum Qualifier in Dickinson on Dec. 1. Pictured are Front Left to Right: Emma Coughlin, Eastyn Wold and Avery Barker with coach Pat McWilliams (back). (Photo submitted)



Silver Junction Under New Ownership

Silver Junction in Sidney held a ribbon cutting on Dec. 10. Pictured are (L-R) Susan Joy, Chamber Executive Director; Cody Shanks, Silver Junction Owner; Madina McGlothern, Chamber Communications/ Office Manager; and Bill VanderWeele, Chamber **Board Member. (Photo submitted)**

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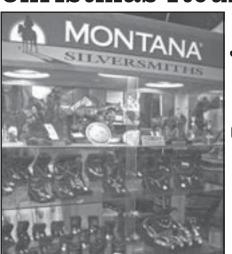
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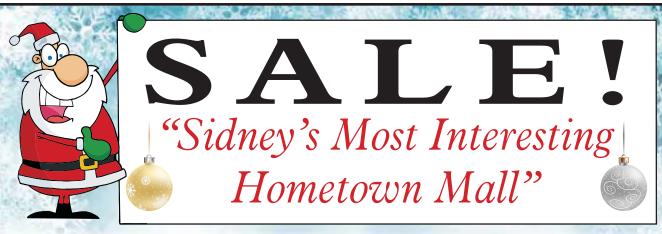
Above left: Jessen Homiston #5 lays up 2 points for the Wolves in their home opener against the Sidney Eagles. The Wolves defeated the Eagles 71-59. (Photos by **Kathy Taylor**)







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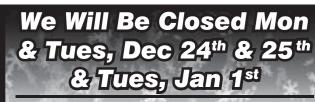
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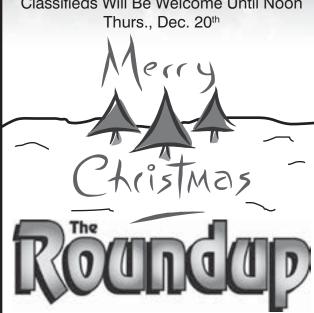
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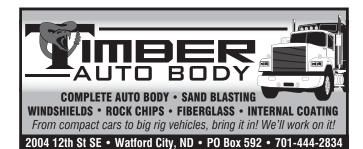


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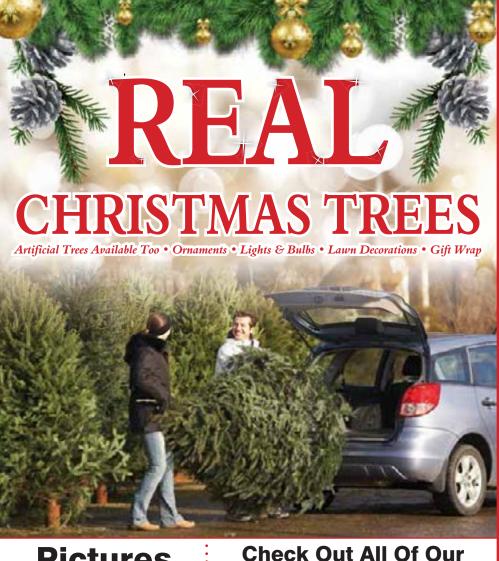
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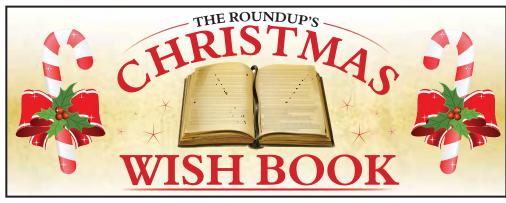
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Weber Honored at Kiwanis

Thursday, December 6 was Mike Weber Day at Kiwanis, honoring him for his long and illustrious career as Richland County Attorney. Pictured, Kiwanian John Olson, right, presents Weber with a Ronda Whited drawing of the Justice Center. (Photo submitted)





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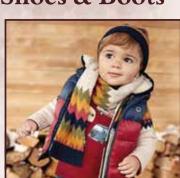
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24K Gold **Plated Oil** Field Units

(Pictured right) Ritter **Brothers Diamond Cutters,** 319 Main Street, Williston 701-572-2051



North Dakota Souvenirs



Available at Farmer's Union Oil Co. 501 6th Ave SE **Watford City** 701-444-3639

Youth Saddles

(Pictured right) Williston Saddlery, Hwy 2 West, Williston 701-572-2267



Available at **Tri-County** Implement Inc. 2429 W. Holly St., Sidney, 406-488-4400

Cook Books

(Pictured left) Available at Books on Broadway, 12 1/2 West **Broadway**, Williston

LED Equipment Lights



HP Omen Laptop

Available at Computer O 236 Main St N, Watford C 701-609-2101





Christmas Greens

Available at Handy Andy's Nursery, 3515 W. Front St, Williston, 701-572-6083

