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Mark Your Calendars For The "Best Of The West" Ribfest & Street Fair Aug. 11

Country music act Blackhawk opening for this year's headliner, Hairball.

By Meagan Dotson

Get your grub and good times on at the 19th Annual "Best of the West" Ribfest & Street Fair on Main Street, Watford City, Friday, Aug. 11.

Ribfest teams must be set up and ready to cook by 10 a.m.; judging will start at 3 p.m. There is no limit to the number of teams that can register, but there is a minimum of 200 lbs. of ribs that each team must cook during the day. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and bragging rights, of course. Second place will get \$500 and third place will receive \$250. Teams can set up the night before as well as the morning of.

The 12th Annual Classic Car & Truck Show, sponsored by Panther, is happening from noon-7 p.m. with judging beginning at 4 p.m. This is open to vehicles of all ages. Awards for both the Classic Car & Truck Show and Ribfest winners will be held at 5 p.m.

The Bags & Bones Cornhole tournament is being sponsored by RTC Networks and will start at 11 a.m.

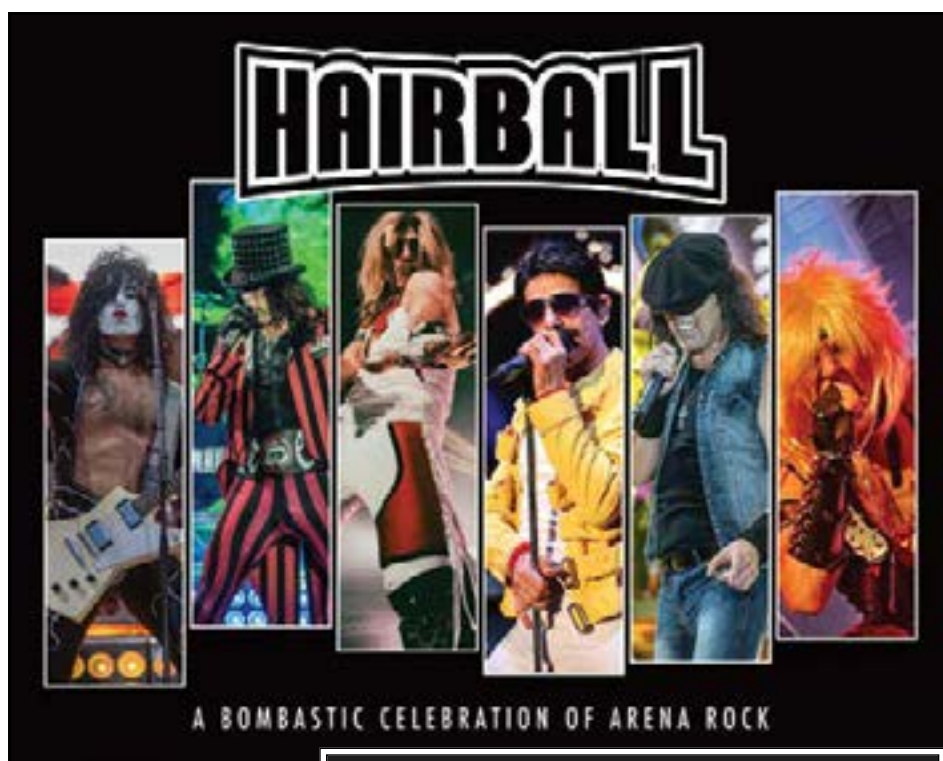
Legendary Smiles Kids Zone will be open from noon-8 p.m. with Jump & Fun Inflatable Games. This is free, however kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be food vendors available throughout the day, as well as craft vendors for anyone who would like to do a little shopping.

Ribs will be served to the public at 6 p.m. and the "Best of the West" Ribfest entertainment will kick off at 7:30 p.m., with country music act *Blackhawk* opening for this year's headliner, *Hairball*. *Hairball*'s 'Bombastic Collaboration of Arena Rock' will take the stage at 9:30 p.m.

To register as a team or vendor, a complete list of team rules, or for more information in general, visit www.watfordcityribfest.com. Additionally, you can check out the event at www.facebook.com/BestOfTheWestRibfest, contact the Watford City Chamber of Commerce at 701-570-5084 or email them at wccchamber@restel.com.

If this is your first year, or if this is a tried-and-true tradition, you won't want to miss this awesome event which invites you to 'Come for the Ribs, Stay for the Music!'



Above: Hairball photo courtesy of hairballonline.com.

Right: Blackhawk photo courtesy of blackhawklive.com.



Professional Workshops Scheduled For July, Aug. & Sept.

By Meagan Dotson

Richland Economic Development Corporation is excited to be partnering with the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Great Northern Corporation and the Small Business Development Center to bring important workshops to Sidney and the surrounding area.

Exit Strategy will be the first workshop, scheduled for Thursday, July 27, at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N Central Ave., Sidney, from 8-10 a.m. The class will shed light on the long-term planning process of transferring ownership of a business, also known as succession planning.

The following course is Fraud Security being presented by the State Auditor's Office and will address fraudulent activity and scams, what to be on the lookout for, and how to handle those situations. Speaking at the only workshop independently brought in, will be Investor Education and Public Outreach Coordinator Blair Stapleton with the State Auditor's Office and State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing who will be here as part of his eastern Montana tour. This workshop will be held from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Girl Geek will be presented by Miranda Gilbert, Girl Geek Communications owner and founder, Thursday, Aug. 31. This all-day social media workshop will teach participants how to create a digital marketing campaign.

The final workshop in this line-up is the in-demand Quickbooks Class slated for Wednesday, Sept. 20. This presentation will be covering Online Quickbooks and will be held from 9 a.m.-noon; that afternoon participants can schedule one-on-one consultations to work on their own books.

There will be more information to come about locations and cost. Anyone interested in these valuable resources that are being brought to the area can contact Richland Economic Development Corporation at 406-482-4679 or the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at 406-433-1916.

Richland County Sheriff's Office Urges Caution Due To Railway Traffic

Photo submitted



Submitted by Bob Burnison

It has come to the attention of the Richland County Sheriff's Office that the railroads in Richland County have seen and will continue to see a higher volume of

train traffic than normal. This is due to the rail companies having to divert trains due to a railroad bridge out on a major railway artery in central Montana. Many drivers pay little or no attention at highway and county road

rail crossings they drive across day after day because they never see a train there. They don't realize that freight trains do not run on set schedules and can be anywhere at any time going in any direction! At all cross-

ings. We ask that you Always Expect a Train!!!!

The Richland County Sheriff's Office asks all pedestrians and motorists to be alert at all railroad crossings. We ask those moving farm equipment from

one area to the other to take extra time to make sure that it is clear to cross the railroad tracks. Be on the watch for trains. TRAINS CAN'T STOP QUICKLY!!

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

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

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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
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, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

WEDNESDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 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:
6:30 - 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. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....1841.9
 Last Week's Elev.1841.9
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
 Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 17.....	81	46	0.000
July 18.....	84	59	0.300
July 19.....	75	52	0.000
July 20.....	80	49	0.020
July 21.....	88	51	0.060
July 22.....	92	54	0.000
July 23.....	96	63	0.070
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation.....	6.664		

Local Student Represents Montana At American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation

Submitted by Jennifer Donovan, Public Relations and Media Manager, American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

Washington, D.C. - Ella Norby, Sidney, is one of 94 high school seniors selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls Nation July 22-29 in Washington, D.C. The week-long program, founded in 1947, has provided exceptional civic education to thousands of students, teaching them about how the federal government works.

Norby is one of two participants who will represent Montana as a "senator" at ALA Girls Nation. Two delegates from each ALA Girls State program are chosen to represent their state after participating in an ALA state-level program held across the country. At ALA Girls Nation, senators will participate in mock Senate sessions complete with caucuses and debating bills that range from personal to political interests.

Other activities on the agenda include a visit to Arlington National Cemetery where they will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with real-life U.S. senators from their state, and a tour of D.C. monuments.

Norby, a rising senior at Sidney High School, was active in many ways during her week at ALA Montana Girls State. She also participates in many activities in her school and community. Some of her activities include Student Class President, National Honor Society, American Politics Club, Mathematics Club, Academic Olympic Honors, Lion's Scholar, Science Olympiad, Montana High School Association Student Council Advisory Board, Sidney Eaglette Drill Team, member of Cutting Edge Dance Studio Elite Team, basketball, golf, and swimming.

"ALA Girls Nation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our nation's future leaders to learn about the inner workings of the federal government before they are of voting age," said Donna Dillard, ALA Girls Nation Committee chair. "After attending their local ALA Girls State program and then ALA Girls Nation, the participants return home ready to be engaged citizens at all levels of government."

Students leave the program with increased confidence and leadership skills for college and in their future career paths. Some participants of the program go on to have careers in public service at the local, state, and national levels. No matter what their future holds, all leave with a better understanding of civic responsibilities.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. Our members also support the mission of The American Legion in improving the quality of life for our nation's veterans. Proud sponsor of ALA Girls Nation, National Poppy Day® and recognized for advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the more than 550,000 ALA members across the country volunteer millions of hours annually and raise millions of dollars in service to veterans, military, and their families. Founded in 1919, the ALA is one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A. To learn more and to volunteer, join, and donate, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Little Mo Writer Tour Stops In Watford City Aug. 3

Submitted by Jessie Veeder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director

Watford City ND - July 18 - The Humanities North Dakota, in partnership with The Long X Arts Foundation, is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated Little Mo Writers Tour's stop in Watford City on Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Long X Visitor Center.

Published authors Debra Marquart, Tayo Basquiat, Erika Bolstad and David Bjerklie will be hosting a series of sessions designed to meet people in their communities and what their interest in writing, creative expression and discussion.

Little Mo Writers Tour has something for everyone. The event features an hour and a half author reading and community discussion, followed by two writing workshops - for adults over 18 and for youth ages 10-15. A light supper will be provided!

All are invited to participate! Pre-registration is required for Little Mo Writers Tour are available to the public for free. Tickets can be obtained through the Humanities ND website at <https://www.humanitiesnd.org/classes-events>.

Little Mo Writers Tour Williston Aug. 2

Submitted by The H Pam Elliott, JMPS Admin

Williston, ND - The Humanities North Dakota, in partnership with the James Memorial Art Center, is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated Little Mo Writers Tour, a series of literary outreach activities designed to meet people in their communities and what their interest in community discussions of literary texts and creative expression. Author-mentors Debra Marquart, Tayo Basquiat, Erika Bolstad and David Bjerklie will be touring western North Dakota from July 29-Aug. 6. The tour will be in Williston on Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. at the James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W., Williston, ND.

Little Mo Writers Tour has something for everyone. The event features an hour and a half public reading and community discussion of literary texts, followed by two writing workshops - for adults over 18 and for youth ages 10-15.

To ensure accessibility and inclusivity, tickets for Little Mo Writers Tour will be available to the public for free. The James Memorial Art Center, in collaboration with Humanities ND, invites literature and writing enthusiasts from all walks of life to experience this extraordinary event.

Tickets can be obtained through the ND website at <https://www.humanitiesnd.org/classes-events>.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
 Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.
Wed., July 26
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Carol Hartman's "Courage Enough" Exhibition - Runs through July 29. - Pat Olding "Montana Fabric" Exhibition - Runs through Aug. 26. - "Montana By Food" Exhibit - Runs through Aug. 26. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.
Sat., July 29 (Every Sat. through Oct. 14)
 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market - Richland County Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St. NW & 2nd Ave. NW.
Thurs., July 27 & Aug. 10
 6 p.m. : Pinch Pot Animal Planters - Come design your Pinch Pot Planter in this 2-part class. Members: \$20; Not Yet Members: \$30. MonDak Heritage Center. To reserve your spot call 406-433-3500, stop in, or check out our website <https://mondakheritagecenter.org>.
Sat., July 29
 10 a.m. - Backpack Giveaway - Stop by the Verizon Store, 323 S. Central Ave., to receive your free backpack. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Tues., Aug. 15
 12-6 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive - St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. To make an advance call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate blood.

McKENZIE COUNTY
 Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.
Thurs., July 27 - (Every Thurs. through Sept. 28)
 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Watford Market - Bringing together farmers & makers with the public. Includes live music, food & demonstrations. Kent Pelton Nature Park, 501 7th St. SE. For more info visit Watford Market Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/watfordmarketnd>
Sat., July 29 (Saturdays July & Aug.)
 1-3:30 p.m. - Kids .22 Shoot at McKenzie County Sportsman's Club - Ammo provided by the club for under 16. 16+ \$5 box. Parental supervision a must.
Sat., July 29
 9 a.m. - Maah Daah Hey Trailrun Series - Experience the unique challenge of running on North Dakota's Maah Daah Hey Trail. Watford City to Medora, ND. For more info contact Grazi Indvik, grazi@experienceland.org, 701-391-5717.
Thurs., Aug. 3
 6 p.m. - Little Mo Writers Tour Stop - This event features 1 1/2 hours of authors, Debra Marquart, Tayo Basquiat, Erika Bolstad & David Bjerklie reading & community discussion, followed by 2 writing workshops, for adults over 18 & youth 10-15. A light supper will be provided! Long X Visitor Center, 100 2nd Ave. SW. Pre-registration required & available for free. For tickets visit Humanities ND website at <https://www.humanitiesnd.org/classes-events>.
Thurs., Aug. 3 & 17
 5 p.m. - Wildlife Management Program Rules and Proficiency Class - Rules & proficiency class for archery hunters. McKenzie County Sportsman's Club. Call Watford City Police Department at 701-444-2400 to register.
Mon., Aug. 7
 6:30 p.m. - Door 204 Open Mic Night - 2 songs or 10 minutes. For more info stop in at Door 204, 204 Main St. N. or call 701-842-6441.
 7-8:30 p.m. - Watford City Chamber of Commerce Summer Series: Conversations With Nikki - 3rd Session: Trauma: What it looks & feels like to live with as a 40 something year old woman - Nikki will leave participants with improved positivity, ideas, & tools to COPE (Concentrate On Positive Energy). Rough Rider Center.
Fri., Aug. 11
 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. - Best of the West Ribfest - Ribs, car show, kids zone, cornhole tournament, food, great music & more. Watford City's Main Street. For more info visit the Facebook page.
Sat., Aug. 12
 4 p.m. - Jen Lincoln Benefit - Hot dog & burger feed & silent auction to help raise funds for Jen's incoming medical bills. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1904 Main St.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
 Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.
Thurs., July 27
 5-9 p.m. - Summer Nights On Main "Rock Creek Revival" - Live music, amazing food, drinks, kids activities & more. Downtown Williston.
Sat., July 29 (Every Sat. until Sept. 30)
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Main Street Market - Vendors will offer homemade & homegrown goods & foods. Hedderich's Lot downtown Williston. Hours are 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 2
 6 p.m. - Little Mo Writers Tour Stop - This event features 1 1/2 hours of authors, Debra Marquart, Tayo Basquiat, Erika Bolstad & David Bjerklie reading & community discussion, followed by 2 writing workshops, for adults over 18 & youth 10-15. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave W. Pre-registration required & available for free. For tickets visit Humanities ND website at <https://www.humanitiesnd.org/classes-events>.
Thurs., Aug. 3
 5-9 p.m. - Summer Nights On Main "Chloe Marie" - Live music, amazing food, drinks, kids activities & more. Downtown Williston.
Fri., Aug. 4
 12 p.m. Registration - Williston Young Professionals Cornhole Tournament - Gather your team of 2 & showcase your tossing skills. Play begins at 12:30 p.m. A cash prize will be offered to the top team, & surprise giveaways. Davidson Park Tennis Courts.
Fri., Aug. 4, 3 p.m. - Sun., Aug. 6, 6 p.m.
 Family Fun Weekend Lewis & Clark State Park, Epping, ND. - Free event, open to the public. Traders Bay Visitors Center will be open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Vehicle passes required for park entrance, daily pass \$7, annual pass \$35.
Sat., Aug. 5 & Sun., Aug. 6
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Indian Arts Festival - Cowessess First Nation drumming & dancing group; Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers; Indigenous Games Society, games demonstration & participation; Lissa Yellow Bird Chase, Matt Schanandore traditional native American flutist; Laine Thom, modern & historical trade blankets; Debbie & Willie Lemere, flintknapping & beadwork; & more. All events free to the public. Fort Union Trading Post, 15550 Hwy. 1804, Williston.
Fri., Aug. 11-Sat., Aug. 12
 2023 North Dakota Chokecherry Festival - Family friendly event featuring live music, family activities, vendors, free burger feed, mini golf & more. Davidson Park, 11th St W & 9th Ave W. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/ChokecherryFestival/>.

DAWSON COUNTY
 Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT
Fri., July 28
 8:30 p.m. - Campfire Program: The Bats of Makoshika - Free event. Learn about the bats found in Makoshika & the important ways they contribute to a healthy ecosystem. Hiatt Amphitheater. For more info on programs, call Makoshika visitor center, 406-377-6256 or check out the Facebook page.
Tues., Aug. 1
 9 p.m. - Full Moon Hike - Free event. Makoshika State Park staff will lead a hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. Caprock Trailhead.

Sidney Tiger Sharks Take 2023 Eastern Divisionals



Left: Parade of Athletes Sidney's theme was Swimmer Shark Era, dress as you are going to a concert for Taylor Swift. (Submitted photo)



Right: High Point Winners Morgan Kindopp, Toby Kleinke, Braya Radke, Paisley Obergfell, and Beckett Norby. (Submitted photo)

Sidney Tiger Sharks are the Eastern Divisional Champions for the fourth year in a row. The heat in Chinook was in the 100s, but that did not stop the Sharks from persevering and bringing home 1st both in relays and the meet.

The Tiger Sharks had many top point achievers, but the top High Point winners were in the 9-10 age division, Braya Radke tied with Paisley Obergfell, while Toby Kleinke took high point in the 9-10 boys age division. Morgan Kindopp took home the high point trophy for the 13-14 girls. She also set a federation record in the 100 breast and broke her own federation record in the 50 free. Morgan is definitely on a roll.

The coaches are beyond proud of these athletes and can't wait to see what kind of time they will cut at State this weekend, and of course, the Sharks are swimming to defend the two-peat State Champion title.

Chip & Putt Qualifier Event Watford City July 19

Fox Hills Golf Course, Watford City, was proud to host the local qualifier for PGA Jr. League's Drive, Chip & Putt program on July 19. The event was one of only two local qualifiers in North Dakota, and saw over 60 kids from around

the state participate in age divisions from 7-15 years old. Successful participants that qualified for the Sub-Regional Qualifier will move on to Oxbow Country Club in Fargo on Aug. 1 for their next round of action.



Pictured left: All three kids are seen in various stages of the Drive, Chip and Putt competition at Fox Hills on July 19. Participants were given three attempts in each category, with a cumulative score taken from Drive, Chip and Putt. Each region has local, sub-regional, and regional qualifiers, with successful participants from each region qualifying for Nationals at The Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA. (Photos submitted)



Fall Classes Open For Registration

For details and to register, visit handyandynursery.com or our Facebook page

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German Exchange Wrestling Dual, Aug 2

By Jaymi Mozeak

Right before the fair on Aug. 2 a team of wrestlers composed of student wrestlers and alumni from Sidney, Poplar, and Circle will be able to compete in a wrestling duel against the German Exchange wrestling team.

This friendly competition has been going on since 1991. It started with a friendship between a wrestling coach in Billings and a wrestling coach in Germany, a 14-day tour of Montana and eight duels, which lead to a yearly competition.

Because of 911 and COVID they lost a few years in the exchange, according to Shane Gorder, but every other year the German National Team comes and tours Montana, having a wrestling duel with teams in different cities around the state. In the alternate years, a team comprised of Montana wrestlers does the same in Germany.

The German team will be hosted by five towns: Billings, Miles City, Sidney, Kalispell, and Missoula. They will compete with the local wrestling team in each town. This will be the fourth time Sidney has been on the schedule of their tour and they will be spending three days in Sidney to take in the fair.

This is the first year the team, composed of two coaches and 17 athletes ages 16-24, will have two female wrestlers.

This year's Sidney dual will be held at Sidney High School at 5:30 p.m. Shane Gorder said, "We'd like to hold it outside but that is dependent on the temperature and weather."

For more information, contact Shane Gorder at 406-489-1983.



The German team poses with the Sidney team during the dual held at the Richland County Fair July 31, 2019. (Photos submitted)



Team Germany 2019 swimming in the Yellowstone River.

Still Time To Donate "Fill The Bus" School Supply Drive Sidney

Help the Boys and Girls Club distribute school supplies to families in need this school year.

The Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak is doing a "Fill The Bus" drive to provide school supplies for local students. They are in need of donations to help fill their bus to assist local families with the high cost of school supplies.

School supplies that are needed include glue sticks, crayons (8, 16 and 24 count); 6 pack play doh; black fine-tip dry erase markers, Kleenex, baby wipe refills, backpacks, water bottles, non-perishable/nut free snacks, 1 lb. dry beans, gallon freezer, snack, quart, and sandwich sizes Ziploc bags, pencil boxes or bags, pencil top erasers, red pens, Clorox wipes, wide ruled loose leaf paper, 1" binders, large pink erasers, child and adult scissors, colored markers, blue, yellow, pink and green highlighters, colored pencils, 8 oz. bottle Elmers glue, expo markers, wide rule spiral notebooks, pocket folders, 12" rulers, standard

and metric, non-bendable; wide rule composition notebooks, #2 pencils, dry erase markers, earbuds or headphones, colored dry erase markers.


Partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak for this promotion is MT Bare Cave. They have bags made up for \$25, which if you purchase to donate to this event, you will receive a coupon for your next visit to MT Bare Cave.

The Sidney Montana Dragging Main will also be holding an event on Friday, July 28 to help collect donations. Make sure to watch the Club's facebook page for more information to come.

You can drop off your donations at the Boys & Girls Club, 201 3rd Ave. SE, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., by Aug. 4.

The supplies will be distributed at the Back to School BBQ, Aug. 7 and 8, 5:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club Yard.

Sports Physicals




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Richland County

August 7 & 8

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

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Franzen Meet And Greet Following National Jr. High Rodeo Finals



Cye Franzen won 2023 National Junior High School Rodeo Finals, Steer Saddle Bronc Riding. (Photos submitted)



He won round one with 71 points, 4th in round two with 58 points, won the short go with 70 points, winning the average with 199 points on three head.

By Katelyn Sponheim
This last June, Cye Franzen earned his ticket to the National Junior High Finals Rodeo in Perry, GA; and he punched that ticket as the now reigning 2023 National Junior High School Rodeo Steer Saddle Bronc Rider. Over three rounds, Cye accumulated 199 points on his three steers. Round one he won, with 71 points.

Round two he placed fourth with 58 points, and he won his last ride, in the short go, with a 70-point ride. Cye's family will be hosting a meet and greet for the public on Friday, July 28, from 6-8 p.m., at the Rodiron Grill, Sidney, MT. They invite anyone interested in celebrating Cye's victory, and having the opportunity to meet the young champion, to join them!

Stable Flies On Cattle

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension
If your cattle have been bunched up in corners of your pastures, they may be affected by stable flies. These stable flies are an annoyance, but they can also reduce average daily gains. Animals that are fighting stable flies may flick their tails, stamp their legs, twitch, stand in water, or bunch up. The economic injury level is as few as four flies per leg. A study from the University of Nebraska saw a reduction of 0.44 lb. of average daily gain from cattle affected by stable flies that did not receive an insecticide treatment vs. cattle that did receive a treatment. These stable flies required two blood meals a day, and they typically feed on the legs and belly of the animal. After their meal, they rest in shaded areas to digest. There are limited control options for stable flies, unfortunately. Weekly spray of control product such as Coumaphos, Permethrin, and Phosmet are the most common. As range conditions dry up, stable fly number should be reduced.



Boys & Girls Club Of The MonDak Donation

Reynolds Market raised \$650 at its BBQ on the patio event during Boys & Girls Club Week, June 24-30. Emma Stevenson, BGCLUB kitchen manager, left, and Jade Scholthauer, No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassador, accept the donation. Money was raised by selling Reynolds Own Smoked Bacon Cheddar Brats and Reynolds Own smoked ribs on June 30. (Photo submitted by Libby Berndt)

Fort Union Indian Arts Festival Set For Aug. 5-6

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Submitted by Alice Hart, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site Superintendent
Williston, ND - Get ready to experience a rich variety of Indian Arts and Culture at the much-anticipated Fort Union Indian Arts Festival. The Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site is set to come alive with dancing, drumming, singing, music, games, demonstrations, and kids' activities. On Aug. 5-6, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CT daily, visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to experience the vibrant culture of the tribes who played an essential role in the history of the Upper Missouri River Region. New special headliners for 2023 include: "The Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers" who wowed the judges on Canada's Got Talent "The Indigenous Games Society" who will demonstrate and invite you to play Native games "Matt Schanandore", a Traditional Native American flutist and flute maker "Lissa Yellow Bird Chase", subject of the Pulitzer Prize Finalist book "Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country" "Shalie Sommer", Turtle Mountain/Lakota beadwork artist Returning artists include: The spectacular "Cowessess First Nation Dancers and Drummers" "Laine Thom", Shoshone beadwork artist and expert on modern and historic trade blankets "Debbie and Willie Lemere", Shoshone beadwork and flintknapping artisans Admission and parking are free. Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site: Fort

Right: Pictured (L-R) Miss Sidney Teen Volunteer Makayla Sparks, poses with Sophie Peters, Executive Director Kali Godfrey, Director Lonnie Swigart, Lisa Gorder, Intern Hunter Simmons, and Karen Olson Beenken from the Sidney Chamber and spoke with people about the chamber at the Sunset Fest, Sidney, MT. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

Sunset Fest Held In Sidney July 22

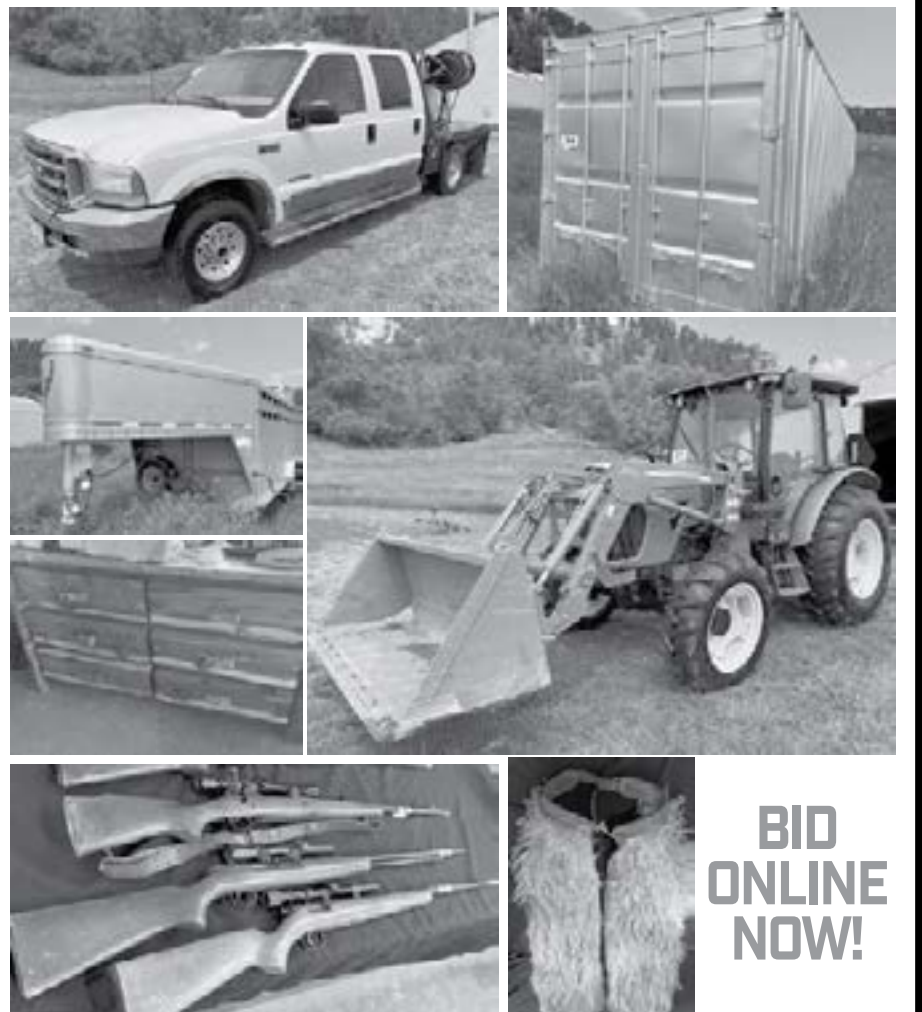


Yin Yu, an acrylic and mixed media artist from Sidney, MT, participated in the Live Quick Draw and Auction at the Sunset Fest, Sidney. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

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NOTICE OF TOWN OF FAIRVIEW'S PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 14, 2023, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Fairview, Montana (the "Town"), adopted its Resolution No. 559 of its Intention to Increase Rates and Charges for the Users of the Water System.

The City currently owns and operates a municipal drinking water and distribution system (the "System") and imposes a monthly rate charge on all connections to the System (the "Monthly Rate Charge"). The costs of the System covered by the Monthly Rate Charge are the amount necessary to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System, to pay the principal of and interest on any outstanding or authorized debt of the System and to establish and maintain any reserves and other debt service requirements.

The current Monthly Rate Charge for the System is as follows:

Size of Water Meter	EDU Multiplier	Monthly Base Rate	Water in Base Rate
3/4 inch	1	\$52.00	1,000
1 inch	1.7	\$88.40	1,700
1.5 inch	4	\$208.00	4,000
2 inch	7.1	\$369.20	7,100
2.5 inch	11.1	\$577.20	11,100
3 inch	16	\$832.00	16,000

The Town charges a rate of \$20.00 each month for fire protection on all improved properties within the Town that are neither hooked up nor using the Town water System where available. The Town proposes to not change this Fire Protection rate.

The proposed new Monthly Rate Charge for the System is proposed to be as follows:

Size of Water Meter	EDU Multiplier	Monthly Base Rate	Water in Base Rate
3/4 inch	1	\$64.00	1,000
1 inch	1.7	\$108.80	1,700
1.5 inch	4	\$256.00	4,000
2 inch	7.1	\$454.40	7,100
2.5 inch	11.1	\$710.40	11,100
3 inch	16	\$1,024.00	16,000

The reason for the proposed increase in rates is that the Town will need to borrow approximately \$675,000 (payable over 30 years at an interest rate of 2.5% per annum) as part of the Town's waterline replacement Project, and the costs of operating the Town's water system. The debt service coverage requirements for such loan repayment and reserves, as well debt service coverage on existing water debt, will be approximately \$149,513 per year and the expenses for that water system, including operation and maintenance are estimated at \$260,449 per year. These obligations, along with the increasing costs of operation and the need to maintain reasonable reserves, require a monthly base rate increase of \$12.00 per month per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU).

On August 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Fairview Senior Center, located at 217 West 5th Street, Fairview, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed water rate increase. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing to the address below before 3:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

Further information about the proposed rate increases may be obtained by contacting Norma Faye Carlson, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 426, Fairview, Montana 59221, phone: (406) 742-5616.

Done by Order of the Council of the Town of Fairview, Montana, this 19th day of July, 2023.

Norma Faye Carlson, Town Clerk

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Edsel "Ed" Schilling, 80 Minot, ND formerly of Watford City, ND and Sidney, MT

Graveside services for Edsel "Ed" Schilling, 80, Minot, ND formerly of Watford City, ND and Sidney, MT were held Thursday July 20, 2023 at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT, at 3 p.m. with Al McGahan officiating. Visitation was Thursday July 20, 2023 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers please consider making donations in Ed's name to a charity of your choice. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Edsel "Ed" Schilling

Edsel "Ed" Schilling passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Trinity Medical Center, Minot, ND, with family by his side.

Edsel Robert Schilling was born March 24, 1943, Sidney, MT, to Robert "Bob" and Corinne (Simard) Schilling. He married Beverly Johnson on June 1, 1962. Ed attended Northern Montana College, Havre MT, where he obtained his degree in teaching. After graduation, they moved to Scobey, MT where he taught Vo-Ag. They moved to Sidney, MT in 1974 where they made their home.

Ed worked construction with Johnson Lumber and then he started in the oil patch servicing saltwater disposals. Ed and Bev purchased their farm across the river where they raised their three children Mabelle, Laurie, and Robert.

Ed and Bev enjoyed many years with family and friends over at the lake house at Tobacco Gardens and their retirement home in Yuma, AZ. Ed was a devoted husband taking care of his wife for many years after her stroke. Ed enjoyed fishing, hunting, farming, and ranching and his time in the oil patch.

Ed's health eventually deteriorated. He moved to Minot Health and Rehab where he spent his last years. He enjoyed his stay there. He made many friends and was voted in as resident president and took his responsibility very seriously.

Ed is survived by his daughters Mabelle Sivertson, Watford City, ND, and Laurie (Dirk) Schlothauer, Fairview, ND; son Robert (Vickie) Schilling, Cartwright, ND; brother Bill Schilling; sister Linda (Donny) Marlenee; sisters-in-law Terry Schilling and Kathleen (Dave) Harris; brother-in-law Scott Johnson; grandchildren Ryan (Beverly) Schilling, Ashley Briggs, Tyler (Renee) Schilling, Trent (Katlyn) Schilling, Derik (Paige) Sivertson, Cody Sivertson, Jade Schlothauer, and BayLee Schlothauer; and great-grandchildren Abigail Schilling, Olivia Schilling, Raegan Schilling, Elle Schilling, Rhett Schilling, Hadley Sivertson, Carly Sivertson-Simonson,

and Winston Sivertson.

Ed is preceded in death by his wife Beverly Schilling, parents Bob and Corinne Schilling, and brother Leslie (Tad) Schilling.

Jeanne M Johnston, 70 Wibaux, MT formerly of Sidney, MT

Funeral services were held Thursday July 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Visitation was Wednesday July 19, 2023 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Jeanne M Johnston

Jeanne Mae Johnston was born on Feb. 6, 1953 to Fred Kindopp and Mary Moore, Miles City, MT. She was called home as she passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 12, 2023.

In her youth she was a go-getter. She was also a little rebellious. One time she took a snow-mobile down a steep hill after being told it was too dangerous just to get a reaction from her parents.

Jeanne would play gin rummy and beat everyone at the table. She left her sister Paige dumbfounded at the idea that Jeanne understood the game so well. She was undefeated.

She attended Sidney High School. While there she became the first woman in the school to have the first chair playing trumpet in both band and pep band. She was very proud of this accomplishment, and she graduated in 1971.

After high school she moved to Billings, MT, where she graduated from the Coiffure Arts Academy with a degree in Cosmetology. She loved being a beautician and was very good at it. Her favorite part was making all the ladies feel beautiful.

In 1980 she met and married Greg Johnston and moved to Texas. During this union a son, Jeremy Johnston, was born in 1981. Jeanne loved and doted on Jeremy. She and Greg divorced in 1983.

In 1995 Jeanne met Tom Prevost. They were together for many years and he was the love of her life. She loved playing music with him and he made her feel as special as she was.

She gained a daughter in 2001 when her son met his wife, Kehanna. Jeanne and Kehanna were very close and loved spending time together. In 2006, her granddaughter Ashlynn was born. In 2009, Korbyn-Artreyu made his debut as her first grandson and Keltic-James made his appearance in 2013. Her three grandchildren were the sparkle in her eye. The look of pure love and joy when she was with them was priceless.

All the children in her son and his wife's family called her grandma. Her special treats were LifeSaver Mints. She always had a full bag to divide among the kids.

Jeanne's friend Mark Berg and Jeanne had their own

language when they were together. He would get her laughing so hard her cheeks would turn red. She was also very close to her brother Gary and her sister Paige. One of her favorite joys was calling them and catching up with them. Other special people in her life included her mother Mary, her stepfather Les and Greg's sister Holly.

Jeanne was loved by so many people. When she loved you, you knew it. She had the biggest heart, loved to throw parties and to cook for her family. She loved to tell you stories and to make you laugh. She was a great listener and always had a hug for you. She never left by saying goodbye; it was always "see you later."

She is survived by her son Jeremy (Kehanna) Johnston; grandchildren Ashlynn Johnston, Korbyn-Artreyu Johnston, and Keltic-James Johnston all of Sidney, MT; brother Gary Kindopp, Sidney, MT; sister Paige George, Billings, MT; niece Hanna (Brad) Wagner, Billings, MT; nephews Trenton (Katherine) Kindopp, Carlsbad, N.M., Bo (Deb) Kindopp, Sidney, MT, Sage Rugg of Plevna, MT, and Evan George of Billings, MT; uncle Roscoe Emly, Sidney MT; aunt Irene Emly, Sidney, MT; And numerous other aunts, uncles, great nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father Friedrich Kindopp; mother Mary M. Moore; stepfather Les Moore; brother-in-law Ron George; sister-in-law Linda Kindopp; life partner Tom Prevost; uncle Albert Emly; ex mother-in-law Jeannine Williams and ex-husband Greg Johnston.

Edward Barlow Dunbar, 76 Wichita Falls, KA

Edward Barlow Dunbar, 76, passed away Wednesday July 19, 2023 in Wichita Falls. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2023 in the Morrison Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at 2 p.m. in Hittson Cemetery, Palo Pinto County.



Edward Barlow Dunbar

Barlow was born Nov. 23, 1946 in Billings, MT, to the late Agnes Lavern (McCaffrey) Dunbar and Lloyd Marland Dunbar. He married Linda Pennington, Feb. 14, 1992 in Fort Worth.

Barlow was a former employee of the Tandy Company where he was a leather tooler and a production supervisor. He moved to Loving in 2006 from Poolville. He enjoyed raising dogs including chihuahuas and dachshunds.

Survivors include; wife, Linda Dunbar, Loving; daughters, Angela Diane Dunbar, Mindy Lou Dunbar, Weatherford, Barbara Ann Dunbar, Houston, Amie Guthrie and husband David of Burlison, Michelle Moore and husband Charles, Fort Worth; son, Edward L. Dunbar, Lake Dallas and Steve Nelson, Dallas; 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Barlow was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Loydelle Robinson.

Family visitation was held Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Morrison Funeral Home.

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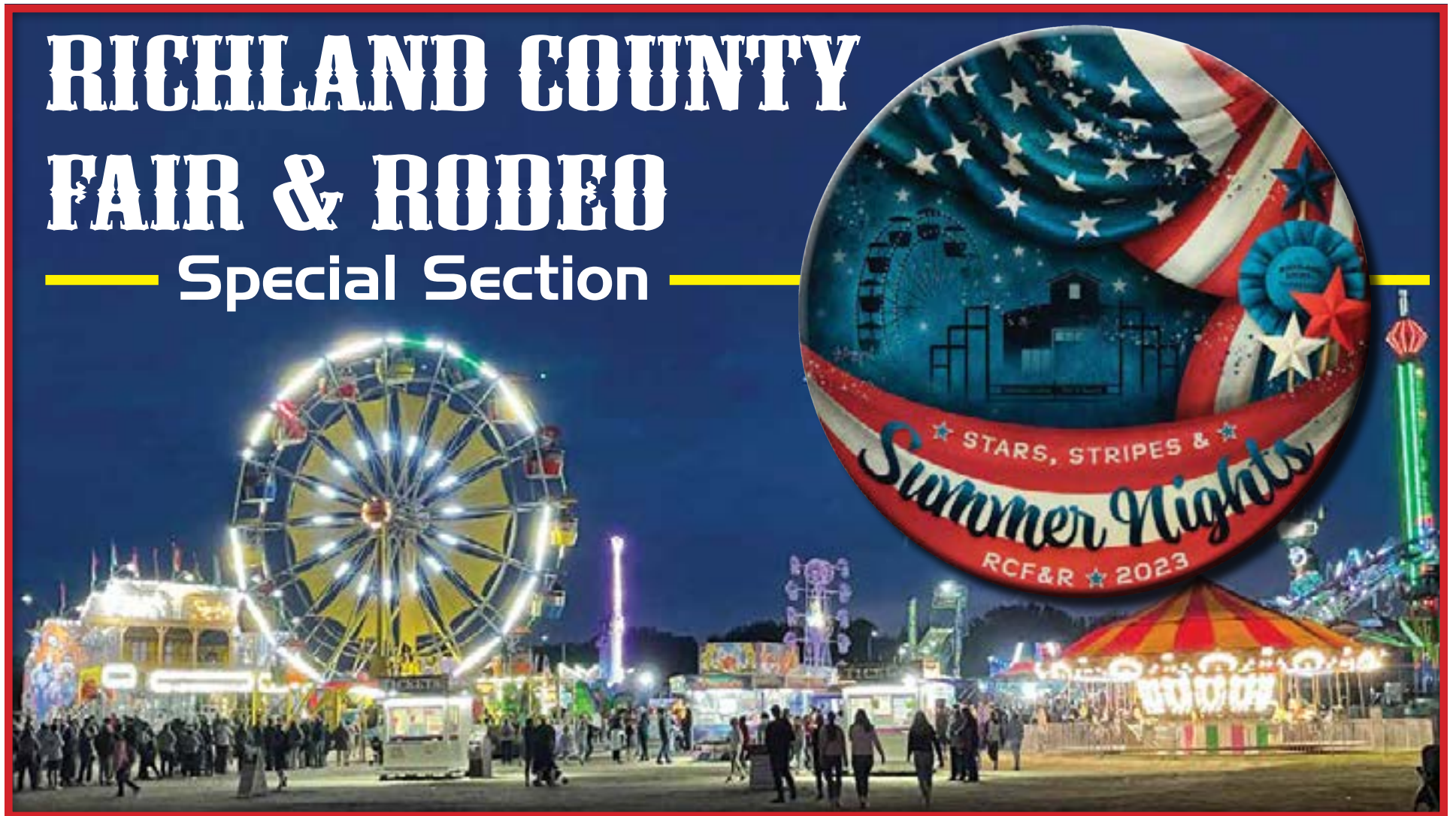
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Richland County Fair is Almost Here

By Jaymi Mozeak

The Richland County Fair and Rodeo is not too far away. All the rip-roaring fun that Richland County has been waiting for all year long will be Aug. 2-5 this year.

Kip Moore is doing the Saturday night concert with special guest, Chancy Williams. According to www.songkick.com, Kip Christian Moore is an American country music singer-songwriter originally from Nashville, TN, who has been active as a musician since 2008. According to his website, www.chancywilliams.com, Chancey Williams is a saddle bronc athlete turned neo-traditional country music sensation. He has gone from competing on horseback to performing on center stage. Moore and Williams will be playing the main concert on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. Early bird tickets are \$60 for reserved seats and \$55 for general seating. The week of the fair, prices go up to \$65 for reserved seats and \$60 for general seating.

The PRCA rodeo will again be presented by Brookman Rodeo, LLC, a locally owned stock company. They have been providing the livestock for Richland County's Rodeo since 2009. Thursday will be Heroes Night, sponsored by Kraken Resources. Friday is Tough Enough to Wear Pink night, sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications, Duane

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Richland County Fair & Rodeo Has An Extravaganza Of Entertainers For 2023



Chancey Williams will be opening for Kip Moore during the Richland County Fair & Rodeo, Saturday, Aug. 5. (Photo submitted)



Kip Moore will be headlining the Saturday night concert at this year's Richland County Fair & Rodeo. (Photo by PJ Brown)

By Meagan Dotson
Get ready to be entertained at the 2023 Richland County Fair & Rodeo, happening Aug. 2-5. Country artist Kip Moore will be headlining this year's concert on Saturday night. He recently released two new singles and his album "Damn Love" which dropped April 28. Neo-traditional country singer and songwriter Chancey Williams will be opening. The Wyoming native was named iHeartRadio's 2022 Rocky Mountain Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year. Williams also won Songwriter of the Year for "The Saint", and Album of the Year for "3rd Street", produced with country hitmaker, Trent Wilmon. The performance will include

songs from his most recent album, "One of These Days". Of course, there will be rodeos Thursday and Friday nights, with Friday being "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" in which attendants will wear pink to show their support and raise funds for cancer awareness. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 406 FMX will be wowing the crowd with their freestyle motocross show in the arena and tickets are just \$15. It will be 90 minutes of adrenaline as the crowd watches motorcycle jumps, snowmobile jumps, and a back-flipping UTV. "It really should be an awesome show," said Fair Manager Pam Shelmidine of the Montana based 406 FMX entertainers. "It is always great to get local talent

to showcase in our arena." Free entertainment will be held every day with a rotating schedule that will be posted on the Richland County Fair & Rodeo website and Facebook page in June. Strolling acts include **Continued on page 23A.**

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Sons of Norway volunteers ready to go this year with their all-new equipment. Visit (L to R): Kendall and Becky Kallevig, Marsha Buckley, Suzie Kringen, Marlys Anvik and Kathy Hintz.

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The previous original equipment was approximately 70+ years old. Everything has been completely installed using local contractors.
The largest piece of equipment is the overhead fan system which doesn't emit the grease either inside or outside of the building. This year, the Vikings and Norskies will be made in the new fryer.
Marlys Anvik, Sons of Norway Lodge president, is excited to try out the newly equipped booth that includes an air conditioner in their storage area. This year, the volunteers will be working in style. if you're interested in volunteering call Marlys at 406-480-0891.
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Floriculture Department Beautiful Way To Show Creativity At Richland County Fair

By Jaymi Mozeak

Amid the rodeo, performances, booths, displays, and 4-H animals it can be easy to miss the other exhibits. In the commercial building on the far east side of the fairgrounds is Department B, Floriculture.

The floriculture department includes five different classes. Class 1 is for flowers and collections of flowers. Class 2 is for artistic design. Class 3 is for container

plants. Class 4 is for yard art. Class 5 is for youth, ages 12 and under. All classes except Class 5 will award first prize with \$5, second place with \$4, and third place with \$3. First place for Class 5 will win \$3, second place will win \$2, and third will win \$1. More information can be found in the 2023 Richland County Fair and Rodeo Premium book or by contacting the fair office at 406-433-2801.

Mary Ann Danielson

has been the floriculture department superintendent for 14 years. She was born and raised in Fairview and works as the clinic nurse at Richland County Health Department for most of those years. She started helping out at the fair with her mom in needlework for over 20 years. Then she moved to arts and crafts with her sister and helped her. After that she helped at Leeann's for a year in the arts and crafts.

Next when Yvonne Swenson, the previous floriculture department superintendent was diagnosed with cancer and was unable to continue, Danielson moved over to floriculture and eventually became the department superintendent.

While helping her friend over the years she learned how to do the job. As superintendent of the floriculture department, Danielson does all the entries for floral and then sets them up for judging day and displays them for the rest of the fair for people to enjoy looking at the flowers. Her daughter, Lindsey, helps her during the fair as she had with her mother. Danielson said, "Get your entry forms in for all your pretty flowers. It's fun to see what everybody grows in their yards. It's not too hard."



Mary Danielson, Fairview, stands among last years entries in the Floriculture Fair Department.

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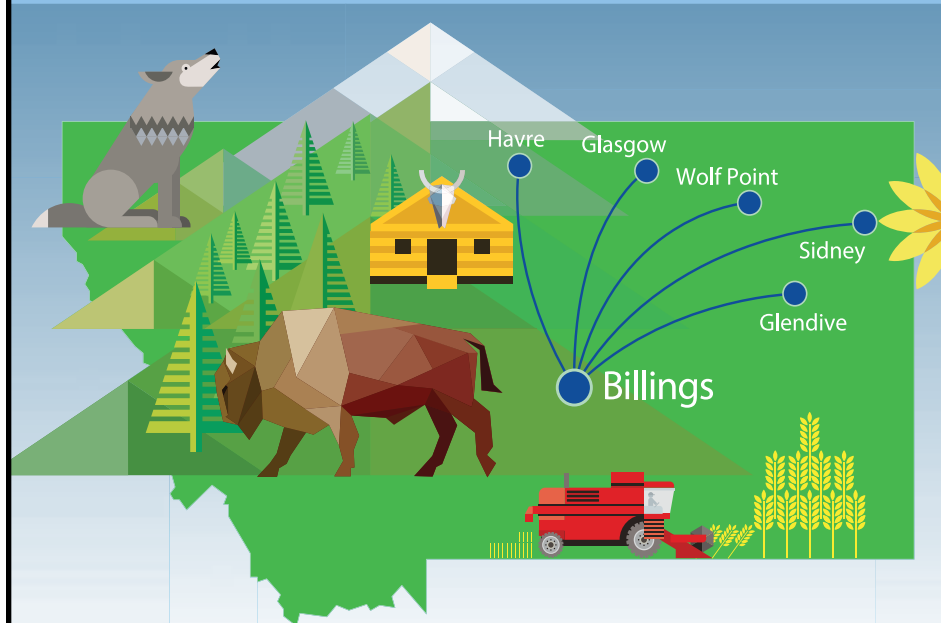
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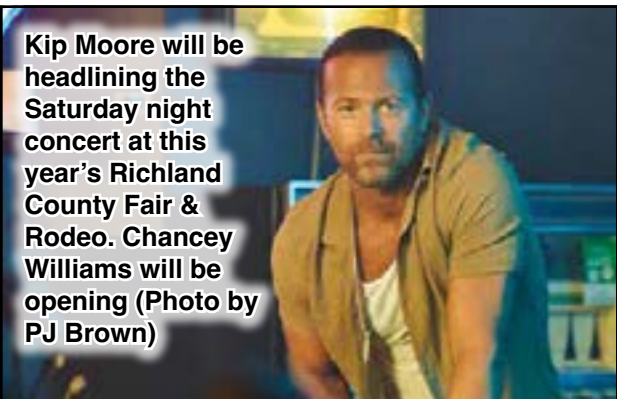
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PRCA Rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3 in the grandstands. To purchase tickets visit richland.saffire.com/p/tickets or buy at the fair office. (Photo by Ellen Wznick)



PRCA Rodeo "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" night will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4 in the grandstands. (Photo by Ellen Wznick)



Kip Moore will be headlining the Saturday night concert at this year's Richland County Fair & Rodeo. Chancey Williams will be opening (Photo by PJ Brown)



Buster the T-Rex will be strolling the fair three times per day. (Facebook photo)



The MAGIC BEAN will be performing three shows a day. (Photo from richlandcountyfairandrodeo.com)



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New Local Food Trucks Entering Richland County Fair



Lisa Combel is the owner and operator of Orleans Cuisine. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



Cal Gordon is going to be able to take his food truck, Island Cuisines, to the Richland County Fair & Rodeo.



Pictured (L-R) Lynne Turville and her daughter, Alyssa Amato, are the owners of Sunrise Berry Bowls and are ready to go to the Richland County Fair & Rodeo. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

By Jaymi Mozeak

A lot of things have changed for the 2023 Richland County Fair. One that will be very obvious is that a few of the local food trucks have been able to make it into the fair. Orleans Cuisine, Island Cuisines, and Sunrise Berry Bowls were a few of the businesses.

Island Cuisines is a locally owned and operated food truck that fuses Jamaican Style cooking and flavors with classic American foods creating a delicious flavor profile. Island Cuisines is owned and operated by Cal Gordon, a Jamaican-born and raised man who migrated to Sidney 10 years ago and now calls Sidney home. Gordon has been cooking for over 15 years professionally and jumped at the opportunity to enter the food industry with the two restaurants in Sidney and Watford City. He transitioned to a mobile unit this year to give wider access and flexibility to his operations and to share his delicious cuisine all over the Mon-Dak region. Gordon said,

"We look forward to serving the patrons of the Richland County Fair and delivering a special menu designed specifically for the 2023 fair. We will have something for the entire family so be sure to stop by our food trailer as you attend the Richland County Fair this year."

Orleans Cuisine is a food truck owned and operated by Lisa Combel that showcases traditional southern American food and desserts. It is Lisa's truck but her sons and, occasionally, her husband, Chris, help her. She plans to have a special menu. She will also be set up by the beer garden and because of that, plans to open later than the other food vendors at 1 or 2 p.m. and remain open until 1 or 2 a.m. but she has not decided, yet. Orleans Cuisine will have more than just the Combels operating it. A few friends of the family have asked to help out as well. She said, "Gauging the amount of food to bring is going to be the hardest part."

Sunrise Berry Bowls is owned and operated by

Alyssa Amato. They will be offering some of their toppings as add-ons to the main menu bowls. From 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., they will be found next to the agriculture building by the fair office and across from the restrooms. The ladies at Sunrise Berry Bowls said, "The fair is a big deal around here! We are excited to be a part of it." They will be getting a little help from family as they pride themselves on quick service and want to continue to deliver that to their customers.

Fair manager Pam Shelmidine said, "We are working on finding areas around the fairgrounds as we undergo construction where we can accommodate additional food and straight sale vendors. We strive to be as inclusive as possible to our local vendors to keep a strong bond with our community. We will continue to work tirelessly together to keep our fair the highlight of the summer for our vendors as well as our patrons as we grow."

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Whitney Van Hook Appreciates Her Time As Richland County 4-H Member

By Dianne Swanson
Whitney Van Hook, Brorson Farmhands 4-H Club, has a long history with the program, starting as a Clover Bud when she was just 6 years old. She has been a full-fledged 4-Her since 2013 with various projects over the years including poultry, rabbits, steers, horses and sewing projects. But

she has always had a quilt project and a hog. This year, she will show a steer and a hog, and have a beautiful quilt to enter in the Richland County Fair. The quilt project has been a constant throughout Van Hook's 4-H years, with a more difficult pattern each time. She also took a fiber tech class in school last

year where she learned new things. She has participated in the County Quilt Revue each year except this one, where judges are different than the ones at the fair. Winners are then qualified to attend Congress, which she has chosen not to do, but she values the feedback from the judges. Van Hook said that her favorite part of 4-H is showing her projects at the fair. She has done very well with those projects over the years, winning Reserve Champion with her poultry, Grand Champion several times with her family pen of three hogs, Best of Fair and Judges Choice multiple times in quilting. She has also taken her steer to Jackpot Shows in Glendive and Billings where she learned valuable showmanship information.

Big brothers William III and Wes have provided valuable assistance over the years with William III helping to break the steer and both helping with shots for the hogs. It's preferable to have someone else do the shots so the hog doesn't associate that process with the 4-Her, making it easier to handle in the ring.

The livestock sale at the fair is the culmination of all the hard work put in by the kids raising livestock. Van Hook would like to thank all the buyers for their support of Richland County 4-H and for the purchase of her animals over the years. The money she has raised will

go towards her education and she truly appreciates it. In her club, Van Hook has held leadership positions including historian, club treasurer and vice-president. She has also logged tons of community service hours with projects such as Operation Shoe Box, making

benches for the fair, delivering Meals on Wheels, conducting food drives, and participating in multiple events at Crestwood Inn. Whitney is the daughter of William Jr. and Vonnie Van Hook. She plans to attend NDSU this fall with the goal of becoming a Vet Tech.



4-H member Whitney Van Hook works to finish her quilt for this year's fair. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

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Richland County Event Center Remodel Ongoing

By Jaymi Mozeak
The expansion of the event center at the Richland County Fairgrounds marches on and the Richland County Fair is just around the corner. The construction is still well underway. As said before, it will not be ready for

this year's fair. The estimated time of completion of the project is June 2024. The construction area is located to the east of the event center and is fenced off for the safety of all of the fair attendees. During the 2022 Richland County Fair, it was es-

timated that 30,000 people attended. Food truck vendors come every year from several different towns and even states to sell food at the fair. The construction will not impact the fair experience in any way. They will still have all of the events, exhibits, entertainment, and food that

we have had in the past, they are just laid out in a slightly different manner this year and into the future. No competition will be affected by the construction project. The construction is an

addition to the event center, providing additional space for the community to utilize for events throughout the year. Since 2021, at fair time the exhibits have been housed in the old commer-

cial building and will be there again this year. When the construction is complete, the exhibits will be in the new structure, opening the old commercial building back up for seating during the fair.



The addition to the Richland County Event Center will still be under construction during the 2023 Richland County Fair but fair staff are doing everything in their power to not allow it to interfere with the fair goer's experience. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



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4-H Members To Participate in Richland County Fair & Rodeo

By Josie Evenson, Richland County 4-H/ Youth Development Agent

The 2022-2023 4-H year, thus far, has been a large success for the 235 4-H members and 92 adult volunteers in the ten active 4-H clubs in Richland County.

4-H focuses on growing confident, capable, and caring youth through science, citizenship and healthy living projects that provide hands on learning and engagement in their home and community. 4-H has come a long way since its beginning in 1902. 4-H now offers a wide variety

of projects including animal science, aerospace, robotics, woodworking, entomology, shooting sports, sport fishing, babysitting, sewing, quilting, gardening, leathercraft, photography, cooking, leadership and many more. Along with the projects, 4-H members attend many events and activities that have an emphasis on citizenship, service learning and leadership. All the members in Richland County practice service learning by completing community service projects at the club and county level. Youth also attend local, regional, state, and national workshops

and events that aid them in learning and developing leadership skills throughout the 4-H year.

This year at the 2023 Richland County Fair and Rodeo, 4-H members will be showcasing all that they have learned and accomplished during the 4-H year, which runs from October-September. Member's projects will be on display from Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. to the conclusion of the fair on Saturday, Aug. 5. We invite all to check out the indoor exhibits, walk through the livestock barns and chat with 4-H members as they

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Papka Credits 4-H With Helping Him Grow



Lane Papka with his steer Charlie. (Submitted photo)

By Dianne Swanson

Lane Papka, Savage, has really enjoyed his time in 4-H and how much it has helped him grow as a person. Over the past five years with the Yellowstone Valley Trailblazers, Papka has raised pigs and steers along with completing photography and woodworking projects. His favorite is the steers which he purchases from and keeps at Morgan

Ernster's farm. His pigs have been housed at the Peter's farm.

He has earned a Perfect Quality award for his pig and blue ribbons for the majority of his entries. He also served as vice president of his club for two years.

Papka said his favorite parts about 4-H are learning new things and having good experiences. Demonstration day was a challenge for

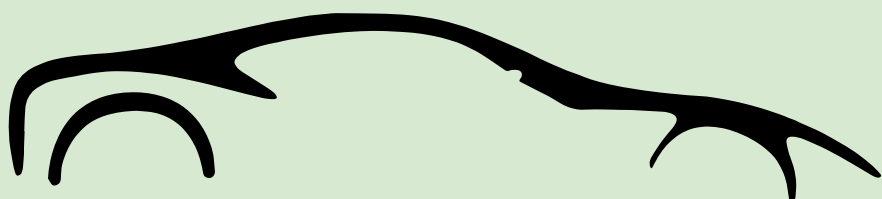
this young man who never used to talk in front of people, but the experience was rewarding as it really got his confidence up and he appreciates that.

The son of Melissa and Levi Papka, Lane will attend NDSCS, Wahpeton, ND, this fall to become a welder. The sale of his 4-H animals has helped to fund his education, something he is very thankful for.

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work the 4-H food booth. The horse show will be on Monday, July 31 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We would like to invite all to attend the horse show and cheer on the members for all their hard work this year. We also invite all to come and watch the poultry and rabbit shows on Tuesday, Aug. 1 starting at 2 p.m. The livestock shows will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 8:30 a.m. and continue Thursday beginning at 8 a.m. On Thursday members will be showing their cats and dogs and competing in small animal round robin. On Friday, Aug. 4 the members will be competing in large animal round robin, as well as participating in the Cloverbud animal parade. In addition, the market livestock program will be holding their annual sale on Friday, Aug. 4 at 3 p.m. at the 4-H arena. The sale will be following the 4-H award ceremony starting at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 5, the 4-H members and Alumni will be participating in a cornhole tournament at 10

a.m. and there will be a free concert at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend these fun and entertaining events to support the Richland County 4-H members and program.

4-H Calendar of Events
Monday, July 31
 8:30 a.m. - Horse Show, Fair Grandstands
 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Indoor interview judging, 4-H Exhibit Building; Optional delivery for poultry and rabbits

Tuesday, Aug. 1
 8 a.m.-12 p.m. - Entry of hogs, sheep, goats, beef, dairy, alpaca & llama; Weighing of market animals, Ultra-sounding
 1 p.m. - Poultry and rabbits need to be on grounds by this time
 2 p.m. - Judging of poultry (includes Cloverbuds), 4-H Arena
 5 p.m. - Judging of rabbits (includes Cloverbuds), 4-H Arena

Wednesday, Aug. 2
 8:30 a.m. - 4-H Livestock Judging of swine, sheep, goat, alpaca & llama, 4-H Arena
 12 p.m. - Lunch Break
 1 p.m. - 4-H judging of Dairy and Breeding Beef, 4-H Arena

5 p.m. - 4-H Market Beef judging, 4-H Arena

Thursday, Aug. 3
 8 a.m. - 4-H Showmanship (Sr., Jr. & Novice) hog, sheep, goat, alpaca, llama & beef, 4-H Arena
 4 p.m. - Judging of Dogs, Cats, 4-H Arena
 5:30 p.m. - Small Animal Round Robin - 4-H Arena

Friday, Aug. 4
 9 a.m. - Large Animal Round Robin (Sr. & Jr.), 4-H Arena
 1 p.m. - Cloverbud Animal Parade, 4-H Arena
 1:30 p.m. - Trophy & Awards presentation, 4-H Arena
 3 p.m. - 4-H Livestock Sale, 4-H Arena

Saturday, Aug. 5
 10 a.m. - Member & Alumni Fun Event
 1-2 p.m. - Horse check out (if not during this time, must wait until Sunday)

Sunday, Aug. 6
 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Check out of all 4-H Exhibits, including livestock
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gle, Riley O'Donnell, Lane Papka, Garrett Partin, Burton Pollari, Josh Pollari, Lauren Prevost, Kenley Prewitt, Shelby Reese, Evyn Reid, Quinn Reid, Casey Rettke, Logan Rettke, Beau Rindahl, Rhett Rossol, Maddie Schieber, Marett Schieber, Jayden Schmidt, Shay Schmidt, Arrabella Schow, Jaden Severson, Shay Severson, Brooke Skov, Elicia Snodgrass, Macey Sparks, Makayla Sparks, Makena Sparks, Brooke Spinner, Sage Spinner, Claire Steinbeisser, Corbin Steinbeisser, Liam Steinbeisser, Calvin Stepler, Brody Swigart, Whitney Van Hook, Cade Verschoot, Kandal Vitt, Kendyl Wacha, Iris Waltner, Jude Waltner, Lily Waltner, Hadli Williams, ShaeLyn Williams, BrookLynn Wunder, Parker Wunder

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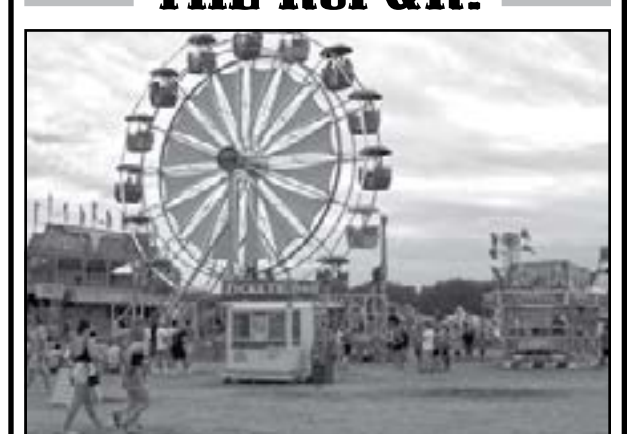
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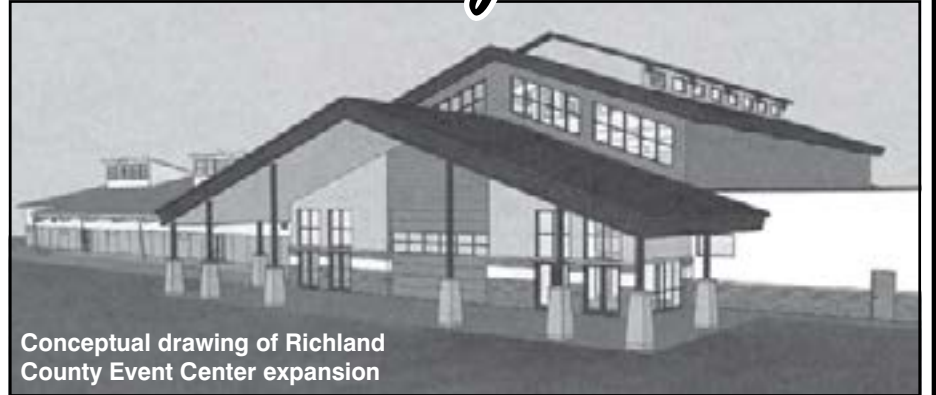
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By Dianne Swanson

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ware Hanks, a tire shop and a car wash in Killdeer, ND along with C-stores in Manning, ND and Sidney, MT complete the holdings of this 88-year-old business. Founded in 1935 as Farmers

Union Oil, the coop became Western Choice in 2016. It is member-producer-owned with a board of directors and a general manager who hires department managers who oversee each location and hire shift leads, etc. Controller and HR and

Payroll administrator Andy Frost explained that the Manning and Sidney locations follow the Killdeer model which has been very successful. However, customers are the backbone of the business and their opinions are valued. If they feel

something needs to change or be added, the directors listen.

The Sidney store was purchased from CHS Farmers Elevator in 2019. Manager Michelle Judd is proud of the location which offers a full functioning deli open

Monday-Friday from 5 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The fully stocked and staffed deli offers pizza as well as cook to order items.

An extensive remodel created the new deli as well
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2023 Richland County Fair Features Local Needlework Creations

By Jaymi Mozeak

Tammy Linder, Sidney, works at West Side Elementary School as a teacher/librarian. She is also the superintendent of the Needlework Department during

the Richland County Fair. She has helped out at the fair and rodeo in this way for over 20 years. She has lived in Sidney since 1983 and was approached to be the temporary superinten-

dent when the department superintendent had to leave. She was asked to continue being the superintendent of the Needlework Department before the end of that year's fair. As superintendent of the Needlework Department, Linder is in charge of the record books and has to sign off on them. She enters projects into the book, goes around with the other judges to decide the winners, and displays the projects. Linder said, "It's been a privilege to talk to the people who have done needlework for years and to see the new stuff come in from the younger entrants."

In the middle of the commercial building on the far east side of the fairgrounds is Department D,

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Hardanger or Norwegian handwork. Class 8 is for miscellaneous items. More information can be found in the 2023 Richland County

Fair and Rodeo Premium book or by contacting the fair office at 406-433-2801.



Tammy Linder, Department D Needlework superintendent, looks forward to talking with the people who have done needlework for years and seeing the new items brought in by some of the competitors. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

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Freestyle Motocross Pulls Up To The Fair Wednesday, Aug. 2

By Hunter Simmons 406FMX is a freestyle motocross team that brings top riders from X-Games and Nitro Circus to pull off the biggest tricks in the world. They will be bringing their "High Air Tour" to the Richland County Fair Wednesday night, Aug. 2.



406's FMX team consists of athletes from across the globe. Their full roster and nationalities are as follows: Jarryd Mcneil (Australia), Javier Villegas (Chile), Destin Cantrell (USA), Levi Renz (USA), Adam Jones (USA).

FMX stands for "Freestyle Motocross." In addition to their FMX team, 406 also has athletes that perform riding snowmobiles and UTVs.

Look forward to witnessing their nail-biting, engine-revving performance.

You can find more information on the group at <https://www.406fm.com/athletes>.

The 406FMX Freestyle Motocross Team will be performing at the Richland County Fair in the arena on Wednesday, Aug. 2. (Submitted photo)

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Left: Grady Larsen presenting his grand champion steer during the 2022 livestock auction.

Richland County 4-H Livestock sale will be held in person or online at dvauction.com Friday, August 4th at 3:00 PM

Below: Cooper McNally showing his 2022 grand champion hog.

Richland County Fair is Almost Here...

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and Sherry Mitchell, Sidney Health Center Cancer Care, White Claw, and Prairie Electric. Early bird tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The week of the fair adult tickets go up to \$17.

This year for the first time at the Richland County Fair and Rodeo, the 406FMX Freestyle Motocross Team will be performing Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main arena. The team is multinational with one member from Australia, another from Chile, and one from Butte.

North Star Amusements will be the carnival this year again. They originate in Bridger, MT, and travel throughout Montana, Wyoming, and North Dakota during the spring and summer. In the fall and winter, they go down to Arizona. They are offering prepaid wristbands for unlimited rides per day for \$30 each while supplies last.

There is much, much more to see and do at the fair, with food, vendors, exhibits, and free entertainment there is sure to never be a dull moment.

Fair buttons are \$5 and can be purchased at the fair office. Tickets for the events can be purchased online at the Richland County Fair Website, www.richlandcountyfairandrodeo.org.

For more information and times for the Richland County Fair and Rodeo visit the fair's website or contact the fair office at 406-433-2801 Monday-Friday. The Richland County Fairgrounds is located at 2118 W Holly St., Sidney, MT.

Richland County Fair & Rodeo Has An Extravaganza Of Entertainers...

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Pippi the Clown and Buster the Baby T-Rex. Buster and his handler will be roaming around the fairgrounds for an hour at a time, three times a day.

Additionally, there will be The Magic Bean, which is an agricultural education show for kids, explaining to them in fun fashion how a little bean seed becomes food on the table. There will also be a pedal tractor pull for the kids that will happen three times each day of the fair. These acts will be set up in the grassy area behind the fair office and there will be signs set up to make sure everyone knows where to go to take in these fun events.

Don't forget to swing into the carnival and check out the more than 100 vendors that will be set up in and outside the event center. Get your grub on for a good cause and sample some delicious fair food while supporting a variety of nonprofits that raise a bulk of funds for their organizations feeding hungry fair-goers. Remember the reason for this particular season is to showcase some of Richland County's finest via awesome fair exhibits. Baking, photography, sewing, seed pictures, school exhibits, 4-H exhibits and so much more will be proudly displayed. The 4-H schedule will be available on the fair website by the end of the week. Fair buttons, concert tickets and rodeo tickets will be available May 30 at the fair office; buttons will also be available at local banks.

Get geared up for Stars, Stipes, & Summer Nights at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo!

Western Choice Cooperative...

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as new bathrooms. Frost stated that their number one goal is to make their customers happy with a clean, efficient, easy to use facility. "We pride ourselves on making our locations easy to do business at," he said.

Regular store hours are 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays. Their 24 hour pay-at-the-pump station accepts all major credit cards as well as Western Cooperative cards.

Judd is a Sidney native who currently resides in Fairview with her husband. She is the mother of three, step-mom to five and grandma of ten kids. With her extensive experience including several years in management, retail and the food industry, Frost says she is a fantastic fit. Her goal is to make the Sidney store the best she possibly can. Judd also donates a great deal of time to Special Olympics in both Sidney and Fairview, helping with many events.

Some exciting news! A client has rented the vacant space next to the C-store and is installing batting cages for the public. It will be open soon.

Western Choice Cooperative operates on the same business model as other coops, owned by its members, and beholden to its customers. It truly appreciates the support of the communities it serves.

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