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2020 WATFORD CITY HIGHLIGHTS

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Sidney Health Center Cancer Care Celebrates 10 Years

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Sidney – January 2021 marks the 10th year anniversary of Sidney Health Center's Cancer Care radiation therapy services. In 2011, Sidney Health Center expanded its outpatient cancer services to include radiation therapy when it opened Phase I of the Cancer Care suite with the installation of a TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation system. This was the first of its kind in Montana.

The strategic decision to expand the cancer care services to include radiation therapy was the brainchild of Dr. Brett Bennion, Sidney Health Center otolaryngologist and Dr. Lyle Harrison, a radiation oncologist who was working in the area at the time. Following a feasibility study, the project plan was presented to the board of directors and groundbreaking ensued in July 2010 on the \$3 million construction of Phase I to build a vault for the radiation equipment, waiting area and exam rooms.

"The expansion of our cancer care services to include radiation therapy has proved to be a vital and necessary service, serving more than 600 area cancer patients living in the MonDak region in the last 10 years," stated Dr. Ralf Kiehl, SHC radiation oncologist, who transitioned from providing temporary coverage since 2011 to joining the medical staff full-time in 2018.

In fiscal year 2020, Sidney Health Center Cancer Care reached nearly 2,700 clinic visits despite the coronavirus pandemic including 1,708 medical oncology and 979 radiation oncology appointments respectively. In addition, there were 1,780 chemotherapy/IV therapy

treatments and 1,957 radiation therapy treatments during this timeframe.

"We treat most of the common cancers at our facility and have begun treating an increased number of less common and more complex cancer patients. Through the utilization of our tumor board that includes representatives from each specialty we are able to discuss and effectively treat and manage these more complex patients." Stated Robert Beery, Sidney Health Center Cancer Care Director.

Over time, Sidney Health Center Cancer Care has gone through various transformations to continue to meet the needs of those requiring treatment in the MonDak region including the completion of Phase II in 2012. Thanks to many people who donated to the Foundation for Community Care's Cancer Care Campaign, construction of Phase II became a reality – centralizing outpatient medical and radiation oncology in one convenient location.

Prior to the completion of Phase II in October 2012, medical oncology patients received outpatient chemotherapy and IV therapy treatments through the emergency room department. For more than 25 years, Sidney Health Center's oncology nurses worked closely with medical oncologists from Billings Clinic allowing patients to receive their treatment close to home.

In November 2017, Sidney Health Center successfully recruited a full-time medical oncologist when Dr. Chad Pedersen joined the cancer care team. With the addition of Dr. Pedersen, area cancer patients have the ability to connect with a local medical oncologist



Cancer care entrance June 2017 (Submitted photo)

upon receiving a cancer diagnosis. As part of the multi-disciplinary team, Dr. Pedersen and Dr. Kiehl work with area physicians, advanced practice providers, and clinical staff to provide comprehensive cancer care close to home.

"We are on a journey to become a rural cancer care center of excellence on a national level," stated Sidney Health Center CEO Jennifer Doty. "In 2018, we partnered with the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) to evaluate our work flows including access to care in rural America. This partnership has brought to light what is going well, recommendations for improvement, and the desire to become a nationally accredited cancer care center. I am excited to see where the next 10 years takes us in treating area cancer patients."

The Cancer Care team



Stacy Liudahl, Sidney Health Center Cancer Care radiation therapist, prepares the TomoTherapy machine. (Submitted photo)

is comprised of full-time, board-certified medical and radiation oncologists, a nurse practitioner, medical physicist, nurses certified in

chemotherapy administration, radiation therapists and administrative support staff who take time to understand and guide patients through

their care plan. The team is rounded out with support from pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, surgery and rehabilitation services.

City Of Williston Mayor Extends Mask Order

Submitted by
Caitlin Pallai,
Communications
Strategist
City of Williston

Williston – The citywide Mask Order introduced on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 by Mayor Howard Klug and approved by the City Commission remains in effect following the expiration of the statewide mask mandate on Monday, Jan. 18.

"While our COVID-19 numbers for Williams County remain under 100, until more vaccines are distributed, it is

important that we continue to keep what has worked in place," emphasized Mayor Klug.

The order will remain in effect until the current state of emergency ends. Currently, Executive Order 2020-03 which declared a State of Emergency for North Dakota is still active; thus, the citywide Mask Order remains until further action from the City Commission.

As a reminder, the Mask Order states:

"Every person shall, within the city of Williston, wear a face covering over the mouth and nose in all indoor environments where they are exposed to non-household members and where social distancing of

six (6) feet or more cannot be assured and in all outdoor settings where there is exposure to non-household members, unless there exists ample space of six (6) feet or more to practice social distancing."

These measures are being mandated with the strongest possible recommendation; however, there is no penalty for non-compliance with the order.

This order does not prohibit law enforcement or local officials from enforcing trespassing laws or other applicable laws in removing violators at the request of businesses or property owners.

To read the entire COVID-19 Emergency Municipal Declaration and print a Mask Order sign for your business, please visit bit.ly/WillistonCOVID-19.

In addition, the sus-

pension on the use of liquor licenses for the purposes of special events remains in place until further notice.

The City of Williston's internal COVID-19 Tiered Response Guidelines also remain in effect at the High Level.

Measures taken at the High level include:

- Office vestibules and reception areas remain open to the public, but masks are required for all visitors and shall be provided at entry points. Staff meetings are by appointment only.

- Until further notice, all public meetings will be offered virtually.

- Hand sanitizer will be made available in all office vestibules, reception areas, and conference rooms for staff and public use.

Citizens are encouraged to continue to minimize spread through appropriate

social distancing, respecting posted guidelines for businesses, and taking advantage of the opportunity to be tested.

Currently, the Upper Missouri District Health Unit (UMDHU), in conjunction with Williston State College (WSC), continues to offer Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing on Mondays from 4-6 p.m. in the Art Wood building at WSC.

The City of Williston, in conjunction with Williams County/Williston Emergency Management, will offer future BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen screenings but dates and times are subject to change.

COVID-19 testing events are open to the entire community.

Testing is free and takes only minutes, with walk up and drive thru options available. Pre-register for testing

at testreg.nd.gov to minimize waiting time and expedite testing. Pre-registration is not required if an individual has previously been tested.

For additional information on future local testing events, please follow UMDHU on Facebook (@uppermissouridistricthealthunit) and monitor the City of Williston website at: bit.ly/WillistonCOVID-19.

For additional information on PCR and Antigen testing, please read: https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/COVID19_PCRvsSerologyTesting.pdf.

For additional COVID-19 information related to the Williams County level, please visit www.williamsnd.com/Department/Communications/COVID-19.

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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.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave., Sidney, MT.
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.
7:30 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
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.....	1838.5
Last Week's Elev.	1838.6
One Year Ago	1838.1
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low
Precip.		
January 18.....	34	26
January 19.....	35	11
January 20.....	43	29
January 21.....	29	17
January 22.....	28	7
January 23.....	26	3
January 24.....	17	4
Total 2021 YTD Precipitation.....		.0.159

OBITUARIES

Curt Christensen, 72, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Curt Christensen, 72, Sidney, MT were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Richland County Fairgrounds Event Center with Russ Christensen, Curt's brother, officiating. Friends were able to stop by the funeral home to sign his book between 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home is caring for the family. All are welcome, but masks and social distancing are required. The service will be live-streamed www.fulkersons.com.



Curt Christensen

Dr. Curtis (Curt) Neil Christensen died early Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, after a courageous, hard-fought battle with cancer.

Curt was born Nov. 23, 1948, to Vernon and Mabel (Welter) Christensen, Williston, ND. He grew up in Plentywood, MT, where his dogged determination started young. He had relentless dedication when it came to school and sports. In fact, he played a full quarter of a high school football game with a broken arm until the coaches forced him to sit out.

After earning his undergraduate degree in three years at Montana State University in 1970, he married his childhood sweetheart and neighbor, Jill Johnston, on June 20 of that same year. In 1974 he earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree at University of Oregon. Curt and Jill then moved to Sidney, MT, where he began his 40-plus-year tenure at his dental practice. As a dentist he was skillful, but it was the constant banter with his patients that kept him in practice so long. Curt loved the Sidney community, and was involved numerous activities and organizations such as Kiwanis, baseball, softball, hockey, coaching his kids, working at high school sporting events, and bartending at the country club, just to name a few. He retired in November 2015.

He was proud of all of his roles, including husband, "papa," brother and friend. Those who knew him best easily saw past his sometimes-gruff persona to the teddy bear within. He had a special place in his heart for "his girls," a group of Mandi's close friends that considered him a "second dad." He enjoyed time with friends golfing, bowling, fishing, and more.

One of Curt's most poignant experiences was a trip in 2012 to Poland with his brother, Russ, and their wives, to spread some of their war-hero father's ashes at the site where his bomber plane was shot down during WWII and he became a POW.

In the more recent years, Curt also enjoyed times of solitude. His true passion (fishing, fishing, and more fishing) called him out to the lake spring, summer, and fall. He enjoyed teaching his grandkids how to properly fillet a fish and show them "the best view in all of ND" from the cabin deck. He often took a ribbing from his family about his fashion sense; shirt-free paired with flip-flops was his favorite style. His love of the sun took him to Arizona for several winters, too.

He will be remembered for his professional dental care, but maybe even more so for his stubborn nature, teasing banter and his slow smile that let you in on his joke. He often was a man of few words, and incredible hugs.

Curt leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Jill; his sons, Kai (Jamie) and Scott; daughter Mandi (Eric) Allen; grandchildren Mason, Kaitlynn, Taylor, Grady, Brody, Brayden and Cooper; his brothers Russ (Mari), Tom (Rhonda), and Craig; and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents, and cousin Jet Black.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to your local cancer care center or charity of your choice.

John Beagle, 77, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for John Beagle, 77, Sidney, MT are at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT with Pastor Tim Sharp officiating under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

John passed away on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings, MT.

Donna M. Swenson, 78, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Donna M. Swenson, 78, Sidney, MT were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Joe Denardo officiating.

Cremation followed services under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT.

Visitation was 11 a.m. to service time, Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at the funeral home.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Donna passed away on Monday morning, Jan. 18, 2021, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Orrin G. Qualley, 79, Bloomington, MN

Orrin G. Qualley passed away Sunday Jan. 17, 2021 at Minnesota Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN.

He was born on May 20, 1943 to Orville and Gladys Qualley and was raised on the family farm north of Brockton. He shared a gift for, and love of gardening with his mom, and always took great pride in meticulous maintenance of any garden he was in charge of.

Many of our best memories of Orrin were shared in the great outdoors. In his earlier years he was an avid fisherman and spent many summer days camping and out on the boat. He later added golf to his list of passions and enjoyed socializing and hunting for lost balls while perfecting his swing on the course. He especially enjoyed time spent bonding during a leisurely game with his son-in-law, Dave.

In later years, even as his health limited his ability to get out as much as he would have liked, he found even greater joy in socializing with people and formed fast friendships with many. He continued to enjoy being outdoors and always had dog treats on hand for any dog that stopped by for a visit.

He is survived by his daughters Tonya and husband Dave Haase, Tara and husband Kevin Schug; his grandkids, who he was so proud of; Kennedy, Sydney, Macey, and Grayson Haase, Jax and Hendrik Schug as well as siblings Gary, Marvin and their families and sister Diane. We know his parents, Orville and Gladys helped welcome him with so much joy as he went to be with Jesus in glory.

Orrin wished to be cremated and ashes returned to his family farm north of Brockton, MT. A small private memorial will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 in Bloomington, MN, longtime friend, Pastor Phil Haugen will lead the meditation.

EVENTS
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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Wed., Jan. 27

10 a.m. -4 p.m. - **Jodi Lightner: Straight There and Back** - This show features drawings examining "how architecture coexists with what we are thinking and imagining." Showing through Feb. 27. **Joseph Garcia: Visual Interpretation of Natural History** - Joseph Garcia's artwork looks at how nature, science, and history can be explained visually. Showing through March 13. MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Cheeseburger soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.
12:05-12:50 p.m. - **Yoga Class** - All levels welcome, bring your own mat or one can be provided. 121 2nd Ave. NE back of Louie Charles building. Every Wednesday. For more information check out 406inharmony.com, follow the Facebook link on the website.

Fri., Jan. 29
10-10:45 a.m. - **Yoga Class Teen Girl Empowerment** - Ages 13-18. All levels welcome, bring your own mat or one can be provided. 121 2nd Ave. NE back of Louie Charles building. Every Friday. For more information check out 406inharmony.com, follow the Facebook link on the website.

Sun., Jan. 31
9 a.m.-noon - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Mon., Feb. 1, 15, March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3
6:30-8 p.m. - **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Meetings** - Open to all Moms with school aged children and younger, including Moms who are expecting. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1101 Madison Lane. No childcare provided. For more information call Stacy Abar, 406-672-1463.

Sat., Feb. 6 & 20
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturdays** - All participants must make an appointment call 406-433-3500 or email mdhc@richland.org. Adults 18+ years old only, masks required, other restrictions apply. Take home an Art to go Kit for your little ones. MonDak Heritage Center. If you are unable to make it during open studio hours set up an appointment with Jessica, 406-433-3500. For more information e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Mon., Feb. 8 & 22
7 p.m. - **Snacks & Chats** - Anxiety & depression support group for teens ages 13-19. Board games, foosball, ping pong and treats. Pella Church, not church related.

Sat., Feb. 13
1-4 p.m. - **Celebrating Chocolate With The MonDak Heritage Center** - Order a basket of chocolate goodies, assortment of cheese and crackers, CD from Mighty Big Jim and the Tall Boys, 2 special wine glasses and wine for \$75 and on Sat., Feb. 13 have it delivered or pick it up at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. To order your basket stop by MonDak Heritage Center or call 406-433-3500. A limited number of baskets will be available.

Tues., Feb. 16
12 p.m. - **Job Service Employers Committee Meeting (JSEC)** - Open to everyone. Reynolds Market conference room. For more information call Margie 406-433-1204 ext. 204.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., Jan. 28, Feb. 11 & 25
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway with New Winter Hours** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

Thurs., Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
4-5 p.m. - **After School Art-3rd-6th by Long X Arts Foundation** - Children will take home a different art project every day! \$140 12 week session, must pre-register; drop-ins \$15 a class. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. For more information call Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.

Fri., Jan. 29, 4-9 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 30, Family: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; adult 5-9 p.m.; Sun., Jan. 31, 5-8:30 p.m.
Indoor Mini Golf - The Rough Rider Center will be transformed into a giant mini-golf course. Area organizations are designing unique holes that will be placed throughout the building. \$5 per person per round (2 and under free). Concessions available for purchase. Jan 30: Appetizers and adult beverages will be available from 5-9 p.m. and on-site childcare, \$10 per child (5 & older), 5-8:30 p.m. (provided by McKenzie County KidStop) For more information contact Josh at joshuan@roughridercenter.com or call 701-842-3665.

Tues., Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
4-5 p.m. - **After School Art-K-2nd by Long X Arts Foundation** - Children will take home a different art project every day! \$15 a class. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. For more information call Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.

Tues., Feb. 2, 5-7 p.m.; Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m.
Food Pantry Handouts - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times and updates.

Tues., Feb. 9, 23, March 9, 23
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - **Percs & Rec Kids** - Free fun activities for children, crafts, story time, scavenger hunts, sport games, building blocks and more. McKenzie County Public Library.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Fri., Feb. 5
5:30-8:30 p.m. - **Kids Night Out** - \$15 1st child, \$10 siblings; parents drop off, kids party. ARC, 822 18th St. E. Register at www.willistonparks.com.

Wed., Feb. 10
9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **National Hard Spring Wheat Show** - Weather outlook, market outlook, diseases and grain quality and soil acidification. Williston Area Recreation Center. This program will be offered in a hybrid format, with limited in person attendance and unlimited virtual attendance. To register and reserve your spot visit <https://forms.gle/DnK317kfw6tWqQEWA>.
Fri., Feb. 12
6-9 p.m. - **Ladies Night** - Snackies, wine, sales and door prizes. Style Uncorked Boutique, 125 Main St.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., Feb. 4
6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Glendive Wordpress Meetup** - Anyone interested in WordPress or websites welcome. Free event. Beginner topics and expert tips for managing your Wordpress site! Mid-Rivers Communications, Service Center, 213 W. Benham St., come in the back door and go up the stairs, elevator available. Bring your own screw-top drinks.

Wed., Feb. 17
7:30-8:30 p.m. - **VietNam Veterans of America Chapter 234** - Glendive American Legion Hall, 105 N. Merrill Ave.

MT Masonic Foundation Presents Awards

Wade Riden, representing the Montana Masonic Foundation, was in Glendive on Jan. 23, to present local grant recipients with their grant award from the Montana Masonic Foundations Educational Grant Program. This program provides opportunity for Montana's Public Schools to apply for assistance in under-funded programs in the areas of: music, drama, science, libraries, or areas of student enhancement or learning that have experienced cut-backs or are experiencing start-up funding concerns.

Proudly supporting public education in communities all over the great state of Montana is a primary purpose of the Montana Masonic Foundation. These past three years the MMF gave out of \$150,000 to public schools-over \$50,000 this year alone!

Also receiving a grant award, was Ethan Igo, representing Wibaux Schools in the amount of \$1,650, for Spike Prime Education Kits.

One other local award will be presented to Georgie Gourneau, Northside Elementary School, Wolf Point, for the W.E.S.T.E.P.-U.P., environmental program in the amount of \$1,700.

Other meaningful proj-



Wade Riden, left, presents a check for \$1,370, to Jonathan Skinner, Fairview Public Schools, for the schools STEM Program. (Submitted photo)

ects that the MMF has sponsored in the past include donating \$9k to an "all abilities playground" in Missoula. We encourage educators to apply for grants during your next grant cycle, which opens Oct. 1 and closes Dec. 31. Those who submit grant requests will be notified as to whether their request has been funded or not in the following January.

Established in 1960, the MMF is a 501(c)(3) that dispenses charity (public and private); encourages and promotes free public ed-

ucation and schools through endowments, grants, scholarships; as well as hosts a Masonic Library and Museum.

The MMF's "Bike for Books" & "Kindles for Kids" reading achievement programs encourage children to learn to and enjoy reading. The MMF purchases bikes/helmets and Kindles, and then outside donors such as the local Masonic Lodge, purchase them at half price and award them to students at the end of the program as a reward and encourage-



Mr. Ethan Igo, representing Wibaux Schools is seen receiving a grant of \$1,650, for Spike Prime Education Kits. (Submitted photo)

ment for reading.

The MMF's Museum houses a collection of artifacts mostly related to Freemasonry (one of the Marquis de Lafayette's Masonic Jewels, for instance) and from territorial development through statehood of Montana - such as the trowel that laid the cornerstone for our capitol building. It is especially known, however, for displaying an object with a significant Montana legacy: the Masonic apron of Meriwether Lewis. The Museum is located in Helena.

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Sidney Squirts Place 2nd

Richland Ranger Squirts hockey team placed 2nd in a three-day tournament held in Rugby, ND on Jan. 22-24. The Rangers played Rugby, Northwood and Bottineau on Friday and lost to Bottineau in the finals 1-4 on Sunday. (Photo submitted by Brenda Filler)

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RCTS is also applying for \$177,010.88 under the Montana Department of Transportation's Operating Grant Program. Funding will be used for operating expenses associated with providing transportation services to the general public, elderly, and persons with disabilities within Richland County. Both applications are on file at 2190 W Holly St, Sidney. If requested, a Public Hearing will be held and public notice indicating the location, date, and time of the hearing will be provided. For more information or for those who require accommodations for disabilities, contact Richland County Transportation Service, Jodi Berry-Coordinator, at the address

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Lunch Menus

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Tues., Feb. 2: Turkey gravy over potatoes, peas, strawberries, dinner rolls.
Wed., Feb. 3: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic toast, applesauce.
Savage School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Hot dogs, baked beans.
Fri., Jan. 29: No school.
Mon., Feb. 1: Chicken burgers, fries.
Tues., Feb. 2: Spaghetti with meat sauce.
Wed., Feb. 3: Barber poles, au gratin potatoes.
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Thurs., Jan. 28: Chicken noodle soup, PB & J, snicker salad.
Fri., Jan. 29: No school.
Mon., Feb. 1: Egg rolls, rice, mixed veggies, pineapple.
Tues., Feb. 2: Lasagna, green beans, grapes, garlic bread.
Wed., Feb. 3: Pulled pork sandwiches, tater tots, mandarin oranges.
Froid School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Leftover soups, soft pretzels, veggies, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 29: Chicken patties on buns, rice pilaf, peas, fruit.
Mon., Feb. 1: Breakfast pizza, scrambled eggs, go-gurts, fruit.
Tues., Feb. 2: Italian dunkers, meat sauce, veggies, fruit.
Wed., Feb. 3: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, buns, veggies, fruit, dessert.
Bainville School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Meatloaf, baby bakers, corn, tropical fruit.

Fri., Jan. 29: Spaghetti, garlic toast, garden salad, bananas.
Richey School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, mixed veggies, applesauce, birthday cake.
Fri., Jan. 29: No school.
Culbertson School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Corn dogs, tots, mixed fruit.
Fri., Jan. 29: Chicken sliders, cooked carrots, pudding.
Mon., Feb. 1: Pizza, salad, pineapple.
Tues., Feb. 2: Hard shell tacos, refried beans, mandarin oranges.
Wed., Feb. 3: Popcorn chicken, smiles, peaches.
Lambert School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Slushburgers, green beans, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 29: Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit.
Fairview School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 29: No school.
Alexander School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Chili, cheesy breadsticks.
Fri., Jan. 29: Tater tot hot-dish, green beans, buns.
Mon., Feb. 1: BBQ riblets or BBQ chicken legs, wedges, baked beans, biscuits.
Tues., Feb. 2: Stroganoff, green beans, dinner roll.
Wed., Feb. 3: Build your own pizza.
Watford City School
Thurs., Jan. 28: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy.
Fri., Jan. 29: Chicken nuggets, fries, pudding.
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Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation Scholarships Now Available

Submitted by Jaimee Green, MBA, BS Marketing/ Foundation Director Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation Roosevelt Medical Center

The Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation welcomes scholarship applications for 2021! For area students interested in pursuing a career in healthcare, RMHF is currently offering two, \$500 scholarships to graduating students from the Culbertson, Froid and Bainville School Districts.

Students must be attending or planning on attending a two, or four-year accredited college or university. The scholarship is also available to current college or graduate students in the healthcare field of study who are seeking higher education.

The RMHF Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications until the March 15, 2021 deadline.

Applications will be available through the high school counselor's offices and at the front desk at RMC. Applications can also be emailed to interested students.

"One of the greatest challenges for healthcare organizations in frontier America is recruiting professional staff that will come here and want to stay. Ideally, through these

scholarship opportunities, we hope our local youth will someday want to return home and use their professional talents in our area," said Jennifer Kessner, CFO for RMC. "However, the scholarships are a great way for us to assist local students with achieving their educational goals, whenever their professions take them," she added.

Since the program began in 2010, a total of \$8,000 has been given in scholarships.

"The generosity of our donors allows the Foundation to invest in the future of healthcare. It's the Foundation's way of giving back to the community through educational support of the next generation of healthcare professionals," said Audrey Stromberg, Administrator for RMC.

For more information, contact Jaimee Green at 406-787-6476, or email jgreen@roosmem.org for an application.

Applications should be mailed to: RMHF Scholarships Program, PO Box 419, Culbertson MT, 59218.

The RMHF Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation with the mission of enhancing and securing the future of quality healthcare for the region.

Guest Opinion: Legislative Update

Greetings from Helena! We are starting to see more bills come before the committees and onto the floor. A couple bills we heard in Senate Health and Human Services committee were SB100 and SB108. SB100 deals with the corruption involving welfare benefits. DPHHS has the biggest budget in state government. SB108 takes power away from unelected officials (county health departments) and gives it to elected officials.

In Senate Fish and Game, we heard SB115, which spreads the authority to approve Conservation

Easements, and disperse millions of dollars, to five elected officials (the Land Board) instead of just one (the Governor).

One of the longest hearings we have had was on the Convention of States bill that we heard in Senate Judiciary Committee (SJ2). COS deals with Article V of the US Constitution. A lot of people are concerned about how much overreach the Federal Government is trying to have over state governments and its citizens. That sentiment was reflected in this committee hearing.

The new administration in DC while talking about

unity wasted no time in trying to change our values in this country. Some of the things that happened on the first day via executive order were: shut down the Keystone Pipeline (which potentially could have been \$100 Million in taxes per year for Montana, mostly eastern Montana), opened the door for transgender athletes to compete against the opposite sex (boys against girls), joined Paris Climate Accord (giving India and China a big advantage over America), and many others. I am proud to live in SD 18 where this President got only 17% of the vote. We did not

like these values. These are things we must think about as we consider legislation in Helena.

This week's scare about the "far right" causing problems during the administration change was a farce. However, ANTIFA and BLM from the far left did lots of damage in Portland, Seattle, and other cities in the United States. Many people contacted us concerned about our safety but there were no problems here.

If you are in Helena be sure to stop and see us. If you want to look up the text of a bill you can find it at <https://leg.mt.gov>.

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Annual Celebrating Chocolate Event with the MDHC

Submitted by Joe Bradley, Board President MonDak Heritage Center

Announcing a Different Celebrating Chocolate 2021 at the MonDak Heritage Center.

With COVID-19 crashing all in-person celebrations this year, the MonDak Heritage Center is bringing the celebration to you.

On Feb. 13, we will deliver to your door a decadent basket of chocolate goodies prepared by Rian Cobb, Big Sky Bakery, an assortment of cheese & crackers, a CD from Eastern Montana's own Mighty Big Jim and the Tall Boys, two special wine glasses and something to pour into them. This celebration package will have more than enough dessert to share. All this for only \$75 per package.

We will deliver within Sidney city limits or your basket can be picked up at the MonDak Heritage Center between 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Other delivery areas may be available, ask when you place your order.

You decide when you will enjoy it. With all the zoom meetings and virtual events going on in everyone's life this year, we wanted to offer the ability to Celebrate Chocolate when it is convenient for you. There is

no tuning in at a designated time on your phone or computer. We deliver, you enjoy when you wish to.

Celebrating Chocolate at MDHC is sponsored by Stockman Bank and proceeds from the event helps to ensure the future of live music events at MDHC in a post-pandemic world.

Call the MonDak Heritage Center at 406-433-3500 or stop in to order your basket. You get to choose your beverage selection, ask for details when you place your order. You must be 21

to order a package. A limited number of baskets will be prepared so order early.

The MonDak Heritage Center is located at 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney and is open Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., 1-4 p.m. Open Studio Saturday is scheduled for Feb. 6 and 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. by appointment. Please call to schedule your Studio time.

Admission to the MonDak Heritage Center is free. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

New Winter Reading Challenge Begins Jan. 25

Submitted by Kelly Reisig, MBA Director

Sidney - The Sidney-Richland County Library has a way for you to beat those winter blues! Sign up for the 2021 Winter Reading Challenge! Then settle in with a cup of warm hot cocoa and dive into a good book! Sign-up is free online at <http://srclmt.readsquared.com/Login.aspx> or by downloading the READSquared app on your device. If you registered for READSquared during the Summer Reading Program you can use the same login information.

The library will also offer additional ways to earn points through our online events, a special craft for Valentine's and Date with a Book. The challenge ends on Feb. 22. Everyone who finishes the challenge will be entered into a drawing to win one of several gift basket prizes.

The library is still offering curbside services and patrons can place holds on items either with the online catalog, or with the new Montana Shared Catalog app on their device. If you prefer to come in and browse for your books, you can make an appointment by calling 433-1917.

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Sidney Drama Speech & Debate Team Competes at Divisionals

Submitted by Christy Pierce
Sidney Drama Team is 2nd in their division and Speech and Debate Team is 5th!
Drama Team: Senior Noah Kyhl is divisional champion in Humorous Solo; senior Dramatic Soloist Daniel Schnieder is 2nd! Juniors Wyatt Reid and Emma Cundiff are Divisional Champions in Classical Theatre! Noah Kyhl, Kodi Schulz and Benjamin Stevens placed 2nd.
Humorous Theatre juniors Garrett Dodds and Markalen Watson placed 2nd, Emma Cundiff, Wyatt

Reid, Kodi Schulz and Benjamin Stevens placed 4th!
The Speech Team was lead by Informative Speakers Chloe Go placing 2nd, Josie Yockim 3rd and Colten Dahl 7th.
Humorous oral interpretation Abby Kyhl placed 6th.
Original Oratory Speaker Kaileigh LaRoche placed 6th.
Lincoln Douglas Debaters led by Brandon Smith placed 5th, Alexa Iversen placed 8th.
The entire Speech Drama and Debate will be heading to state in Sidney next week for a three-day meet.



Fairview Basketball Action

Fairview Warriors boys played Bainville on Jan. 15 in Fairview. Fairview beat Bainville with a score of 61-41.
Pictured is #13 Kanyon Taylor shooting a jump shot over a hand full of Bainville Players.

Fairview Lady Warriors played Bainville, on Jan. 15 in Fairview. Bainville beat Fairview with a score of 33-21.
Pictured is #25 Emily Johnson fighting for a rebound. (Photos by Bobbi George)



OBITUARY

Anita Louise Ellefson Wagner, Chaska, MN formerly of Watford City, ND

Anita Louise Ellefson Wagner was born in the home of Dr. Leonard and Twila Belle Ellefson, Hettinger, ND on Nov. 3, 1939, along with her fraternal twin sister Annette. She passed away on Jan. 24, 2021 in Excelsior, MN. The funeral is 2 p.m. Mountain, Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at Hettinger Lutheran Church, Hettinger, ND.
The "twins" were inseparable as they grew up in this wonderful little town, were quite recognizable, and well thought of by most residents. Anita's childhood years were spent having fun with her siblings and neighbor kids in the area surrounding their house on the northern edge of Hettinger, where they played in what was called the "pasture" behind their house. She attended Hettinger Public School and graduated in 1958.
Her mother was very active in the Lutheran Church, and Anita was active in many church activities and went to Bible Camps, which had a positive influence on her life. Anita was active in band and chorus, and competed in contests and played her double French horn in concerts, ball games, contests and public performances. She was chosen by the band to receive the Arion Foundation Award. She also took piano lessons, and even used that talent later in her life when she worked as activities director at Wishek Nursing Home.
Anita began dating Paul Wagner in her junior year in high school, which resulted in a marriage (June 27, 1959) that lasted over 60 years. Paul maintained that they were pretty combatable, but also compatible, and they always loved each other very much. This union resulted in five wonderful children, and a life filled with many happy days and experiences. She was a wonderful mother and wife. The five children were crucial to the operation of Wagner's Fairway Grocery Store, which the family owned and operated for 14 years. Most of Anita's and Paul's adult lives were in Watford City, ND, and all of the children graduated from WCHS. Paul was hired as a teacher in Watford City in 1961 and taught at WCHS for over 20 years. Anita helped with income by taking care of other children, she worked for the McKenzie County Farmer for a short time, and she was the radio host and representative for KTGO for a time.
Hettinger was a wonderful place to be born and raised, and Watford City was a wonderful place for this family of seven for most of their lives together. While there, Anita and Paul and kids pretty much built their primary residence, did a lot of rebuilding in the businesses they became involved in, such as the grocery store, a car wash, a laundromat, the Wagner rental building, the old hotel, a restaurant in Alexander, and a Lake store at Tobacco Gardens. Anita enjoyed being in Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce as a business person. She was a good bridge player, enjoying that activity very much, and she and Judy Stenehjem made a pretty formidable pair as bridge partners. Anita was in a sorority and formed lifelong very special friends as a result of that association.
Church was always important in the Wagner family. The family were members of the Lutheran Church and very active in that church for many years and have many good memories there. After the "bust" in the early 80s, some members of the Wesleyan Church provided much spiritual support to Paul and Anita, and this resulted in attendance at that church, some serious life changing experiences, and the acquisition of some serious spiritual friendships. Anita became a very sincere "prayer warrior."
As a consequence of the "bust" in WC, Paul enrolled at UND and received a degree allowing him to be a school administrator. Anita worked as a para-professional at South Junior High, Grand Forks. After graduation, Paul worked as an administrator at the public schools in Fisher, MN; Lehr, ND; and Richey, MT. Many more new experiences and friendships resulted, especially in the Richey area. Paul retired in 2002, and Paul and Anita returned to Watford City for retirement, rejoined the Lutheran Church, fixed up what properties they still owned in McKenzie County, re-established some old friendships, and had some relaxing years.
There was one more move in their lives. They followed daughter Nancy and husband Mark to Chaska, MN to finish out their lives in that location. After arriving in Chaska, the accumulation of family and friends expanded again, especially with new son-in-law Mark Hanson and his family, friends, and associates. Many happy gatherings resulted. Paul and Anita joined Mark and Nancy in attending Grace Church, Eden Prairie, and underwent immersion baptism.
Anita is survived by her husband, Paul Wagner; sisters Annette Reents and Dona Severson; brother Michael Ellefson; children Kimberlye (Jim) Berg; Patrick Wagner and special friend, Deb Halvorson; Michael (Lynda) Wagner; Daniel Wagner; Nancy (Mark) Hanson; grandsons Vincent Wagner, Eric Arntson, and Tyler Berg; granddaughters Nancy (John) Persson, Morgan (Lukas) Croaker, Natalie Wagner and fiancé Nathan Staigle, Ella Wagner, Shelby Arntson, and Megan Berg; great-granddaughter Charlotte Croaker; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Leonard and Twila Ellefson; brothers Franklin and Edward; sister Janice Monroe; grandson Michael Paul Berg and granddaughter Cora Jane Wagner. God blessed Anita with a family that supported and loved her until her passing.
May this wonderful mother, wife, friend, prayer warrior, Christian, and devoted American Lady rest in peace, joined with others, past, present, and future, in heaven, now and forever.
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ANOVA Family Health Center Offers Rapid COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing

By Anna Dragseth
The ANOVA Family Health Center, 301 12th St SE, Watford City, ND, has been offering COVID-19 drive-thru testing since March, but more recently, they have been providing rapid COVID-19 testing. The clinic performs up to 60 tests Monday-Thursday and up to 30 on Fridays.

If someone suspects they have COVID-19, they can schedule a time to be tested by giving the clinic a call. "When they call the clinic, we do a North Dakota Department of Health intake on them. Once that is complete, we input the information into our computer system and schedule a time to come through our drive-thru testing facility," explained Dori Sparby, ANOVA Family Health Center Clinic Manager.

When patients arrive, Dr. Anita Pedersen DNP, FNP-BC, comes out in full PPE, goes over paperwork with the patient, and then swabs the inside of the patient's nostrils. "The sample



ANOVA Family Health Center is located at 12th St SE, Watford City.

is then processed with our machine; this process takes around 15 minutes. Once we have the results, the patient is called and informed of their results, and then we send the results to the North Dakota Department of Health," added Sparby.

ANOVA staff members are dedicated to serving not only the Watford City community but the northwestern region of North Dakota. Sparby said, "Prior to ANOVA performing drive-thru testing, Dr. Anita Pedersen had been doing research and had our clinic and staff preparing for it by obtaining PPE and cleaning supplies.

Once we began testing, Pedersen lived in the clinic for almost six weeks to make sure that she did not take anything home to her family members as some have underlying health conditions." Sparby explained that the goal of testing is to try and limit the spread of COVID-19. She said, "We recommend that everyone, even if they have a negative test but are sick, that they stay home for at least 48 hours or until they are symptom-free. We continue to recommend social distancing, wearing masks in social settings, and washing your hands."

Watford City Middle School Student Chosen ND Winner In Doodle For Google Competition

Google announced the 54 state and territory winners in its 12th annual Doodle for Google competition, a contest open to K-12 students across the United States to design a Google Doodle in-

spired by the theme "I show kindness by..." Leah Dokken, 4-5 grade group, Watford City Middle School, is one of the 54 state and territory winners across the country. Leah's doodle

was selected from thousands of entries received this year. The Doodle for Google competition winner was Sharon Sara, Frisco, TX.



Leah Dokken, Watford City Middle School, is the 2020 North Dakota Doodle for Google winner and her Doodle is pictured above! The theme this year was "I show kindness by..." (Photo submitted)

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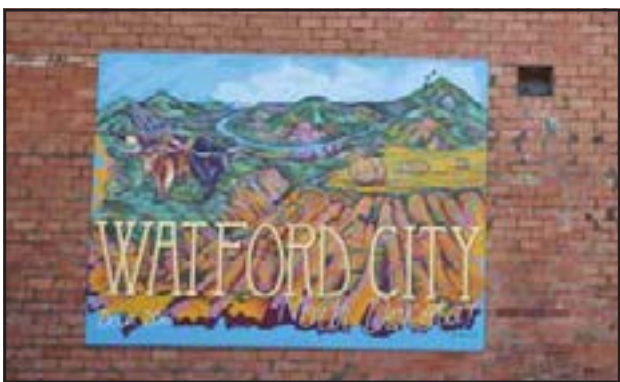
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Door 204 Adds A Vibrant Mural Featuring The Landscape Of Watford City

By Anna Dragseth
Located on the bricks outside of Door 204, Watford City, sits a brand-new mural that features contemporary and historical parts of Watford City, including Badlands, Long X Bridge, oil wells, hay bales, and longhorn cattle. "The mural depicts a scene of driving into Watford City like the Badlands and landscape of the area," stated Linda Roesch, artist that painted the mural.
Roesch finished the mural Sept. 1. "I really have enjoyed doing this mural. I'm glad I can do something like this for a community like Watford City; it really makes me feel honored that of all the artists in the world I was picked to do this piece," explained Roesch.
Roesch has vast experience in doing a variety of artwork, but she claims that murals are one of her favorite types of art. "I really enjoy doing public art like this - this might be my favorite type of art that I do just because I know it will reach so many

different people."
Roesch has done several murals in South Dakota, and more recently, she did a mural in Jamestown, ND. "This summer, a mural project really just fell in my lap. A business in Jamestown got a grant for a mural, and the style they wanted was really close to what I do already, and it was only a block from where I live, so it really couldn't have been more perfect."
Jesse Veeder Scofield, Watford City, saw the mural she did in Jamestown and contacted Roesch to see if she could do one in Watford City. "I designed Jesse's most recent album cover earlier this year - it was such a huge opportunity. And then she had seen the mural I did in Jamestown, and asked if I would come do one in Watford City and here we are!"
Roesch is originally from Roscoe, SD, but currently resides in Jamestown, where she has been pursuing her career as an artist. She said, "The last six years I've been doing art full time



The new mural located on the Door 204 building on Main Street, Watford City.

self-employed. I sell art at festivals in the summer and teach artist residencies at elementary schools. I have also started teaching one college credit at the University of Jamestown."
When asked how she became involved in art, she responded, "art is just something that I have been doing since a young age, I just kept doing art until I became an artist. When I was young, my most inspirational person was my grandpa - he's a farmer and rancher in South Dakota, and he is quite good at drawing; he doesn't do

anything professionally, but as a kid, I thought he was the best artist in the world, and I wanted to be an artist just like him, so I kept practicing. He's 93 years old, and he is still a big supporter and influencer in my life."
Roesch displays her artwork on many different social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. Examples of her artwork can be viewed by searching "sketching spot" on social media platforms and by visiting her website: www.sketchingspot.com.

Rhianna's Dance Studio Offers Variety Of Classes To Watford City Area

By Anna Dragseth
Rhianna's Dance Studio, located on 360 Main St N Suite #2B, Watford City, offers many genres of dance lessons for all ages and abilities.
"We offer over 20 classes a week in many different styles including ballet, hip hop, jazz and more. Our approach is supportive and positive so you or your child's love of dance can flourish," said Rhianna Johnson, owner of the studio.
The studio opened its first ever enrollment in September 2020. Johnson's passion for dance is what ultimately influenced her to open up the dance studio. She added, "I have always had a passion for dance, and danced as a child throughout high school. I have always wanted to have my own dance studio. The opportunity came up and my husband and I decided it was a great idea for Watford City!"
Johnson explained that this studio is an outlet for kids to come and learn and be themselves. She said, "It is a place for kids to come and be with friends and have fun socializing while learning something that they will take with them forever!"
In addition to this, the dance studio can be used for a variety of different things, not just dance. "We love that our space is very open and big. We have had our space used for photography and dance so far, but the opportunities are endless up there!"
Johnson's long-term goal for the studio is to be able to provide dance for all kids that want to be in dance, whether it fits in mom and dad's budget or not. "All children deserve to dance!! Some other goals we have are to offer adult dance classes. Also have great success with our competition team," added Johnson.
"We are so blessed as a family and a small business to be able to offer dance in the community of Watford City! We have amazing instructors, amazing dancers, and amazing dance families!! We want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts!!" For more information on Rhianna's Dance Studio, visit www.rhiannasdancestudio.com.

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Jackson Dodds Continues To Excel At Hockey

By Anna Dragseth
Last year, Jackson Dodds broke a Watford City Oilers scoring record. He broke The Career Points Record with 323 points in just three seasons. "A lot of hard work and commitment is what helped me break that record," said Dodds. He broke that record his senior year at Watford City High School when he was playing for the Watford City Oilers.
Before Dodds, that record was broken in 2001 (the year Dodds was born) and that individual broke the record in four seasons.
Dodds added, "I broke that record with just five games left to play my senior year. I felt pretty good when I broke that record - it made

me feel like I was making a difference in the hockey club there because people were looking up to me and my brother and that made other kids in Watford City want to join hockey."
Dodds is now a freshman at Williston State College where he is pursuing a degree in sports management and playing hockey for the WSC Tetons. He said, "I


just wanna try to keep playing hockey and develop as many skills as I can - I also want to do as best as I can in school so that I have something to do after hockey."
Dodds is hoping to play hockey for a four-year college like Minot State College. He is also going to try out for the Bismarck Bobcats, which is a Tier II junior ice hockey team in the North

American Hockey League's Central Division.
Dodds has been playing hockey since the age of four and explains that his favorite part about hockey is the opportunity to let loose and have fun with his friends.
He said that the main reason why he and his twin brother, Fox Dodds, are so successful is because, growing up, they were always competitive with each other. He stated, "We were always pushing each other to do better and my brother, Fox, actually broke the record after me."
He also added that he has had so much hockey success because of his family and coaches. He said, "My family has always supported me, and I have had several good coaches, Dave Hansen, Chaz Mosby, and Cody Brooks, who were always there to help guide me through hockey and life."



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Fox Hills Elementary Ribbon Cutting

Fox Hills Elementary held their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Sept. 25 in Watford City. (L-R) Lee Dobrinz, Brad Foss, Nate Ziegler, Nick Fiecke, Katie Becker, Doug Larson, Pam Ramage, Dr. Steve Holen, Virginia Ceynar, Dawn Maki, Heather Wisness and Jacob Pennington.



Artist Brings Joy To Residents At Good Shepherd Home

Artist Melissa Gordon arrived on the grounds of the Good Shepherd Home on Tuesday, April 21 and visited the outside of 50 residents’ windows. Gordon individually communicated with them through the window to design a piece of art that the resident was be able to watch come to life, as well as enjoy for weeks to come. Left: Artist Melissa Gordon puts the finishing touches on “Snoopy” (Photo submitted)



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MCHS Adds New Specialty: Urology



Dr. Robert Bates, MD, FACS

As of the beginning of November, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems (MCHS), welcomed Dr. Robert Bates, MD, FACS, a board-certified clinical urologist to their clinic. Urologists primarily focus on the kidneys, ureters, urinary bladder, and urethra. Dr. Bates specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of both male and female urinary tract conditions as well as the diagnosis and treatment of male reproductive problems. He has advanced training in pediatric urology and can treat a full range of adult and pediatric urological conditions. Dr. Bates will be at MCHS one week out of the month in residence and will also be providing telemedicine visits. He said, “I can see patients in person as well as electronically. With telemedicine, patients can be seen quickly without having to travel or wait for a long period - all while supporting their community.”

Rhianna’s Boutique Relocates

By Anna Dragseth Rhianna’s Boutique recently changed its location to 360 Main St N, Watford City, ND. The boutique sells a variety of different items including, women’s clothing, accessories, handmade earrings and necklaces, real leather purses and duffle bags, shoes, and a little bit of baby clothes. Their hours are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays. Rhianna’s Boutique started as an online boutique in September 2017 and in March 2019, Rhianna Johnson, the owner and operator of the boutique, and her husband, Jordan Johnson, saw the opportunity to open up the business as a storefront boutique in Watford City, so

they took it. “We have always wanted to start our own business. My husband and I were personal trainers before, so owning our own business is something that we have always wanted to do. In March, the opportunity pre-

sented itself, and so we took that opportunity, and it has been an absolute success so far,” said Rhianna. For more information on Rhianna’s Boutique, you can visit their website at www.rhiannasboutique.com.



McKenzie County Healthcare Systems Now Offers Suboxone Clinic

By Anna Dragseth McKenzie County Healthcare Systems Inc. (MCHS) has added many different services to their clinic, and more recently, they have implemented a Suboxone Clinic. This is a program offered to people who are seeking treatment for substance abuse. Anyone who struggles with pain medication addiction or physical or psychological dependence with morphine, dilaudid, methadone, heroin, kratom, codeine, oxycodone, or opioids is encouraged to take advantage of the Suboxone Clinic. The idea for establishing this program stemmed from a passion of MCHS Dr., Warren Looney, M.D. He started the Suboxone Clinic to help people in Watford City and western North Dakota who have challenges with substance abuse. Dr. Looney said, “I want people to know there is help and resources available out there for those who struggle with substance abuse and there are opportunities that can help them live a normal life without those substances.” According to www.rehabcenter.net, suboxone is a medication used to alleviate or reduce withdrawal symptoms from heroin or other opioids. Suboxone contains both buprenorphine and naloxone. Buprenorphine is an opioid medication, and naloxone blocks the effects of opioid medication, including pain relief or feelings that can lead to opioid abuse. “Opiates are one of the hardest drugs to get off, and most people who try to get off of them experience bad withdrawal symptoms, so Suboxone is made to help alleviate some of the withdrawal symptoms that users will experience when coming off of an opiate.”

Like the Suboxone Clinic, medically assisted treatment programs have been shown to be the most effective way to treat addiction. Dr. Looney explained, “It is becoming more and more popular nationwide as it is determined to be the most likely avenue for a successful recovery. But in order for the program to be effective, patients have to be compliant and be willing to make their appointments.” Dr. Looney added, “Suboxone Clinic programs have resulted in many success stories, and we hope that this program at MCHS will produce many more of them.” To schedule an appointment for an initial



Dr. Looney in the clinic room. (Photo by Lynn Welker) consultation, you can call 701-842-3771.

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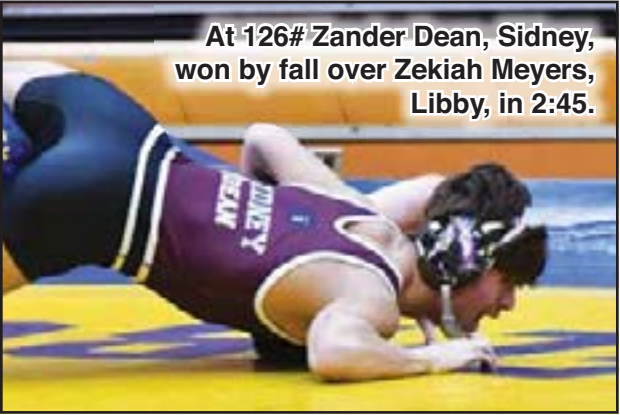
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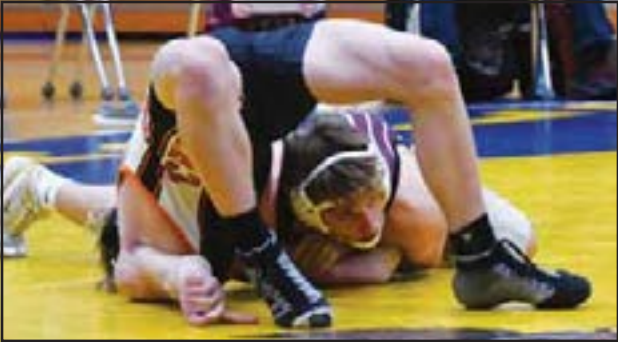
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Sidney Wrestlers Continue to Dominate

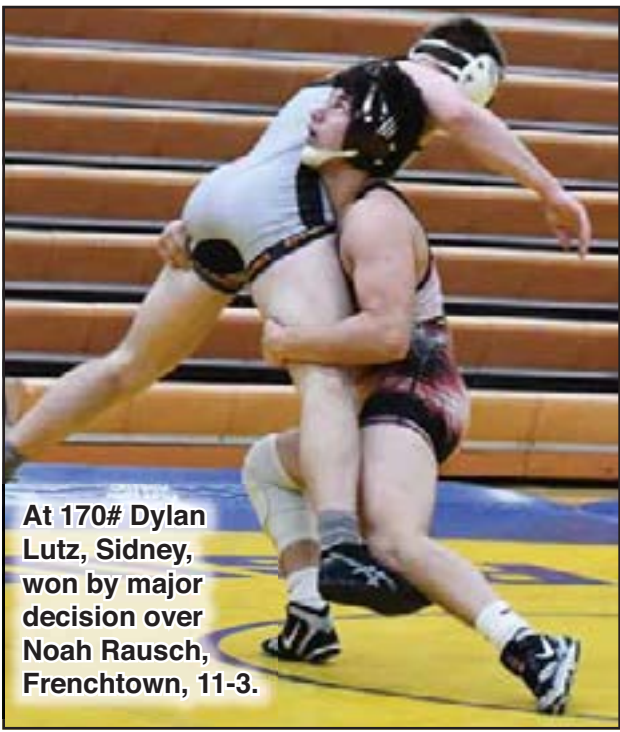


At 126# Zander Dean, Sidney, won by fall over Zekiah Meyers, Libby, in 2:45.



At 138# Jordan Darby, Sidney, won by fall over Landon Bishop, Ronan, in 1:35.

The SHS wrestling team continued to dominate the competition last week. They held a home mixer against Glasgow, Baker and Circle on Jan. 19 and two duals on Jan. 21 followed by two days of duals in Lewistown Jan. 22-23. Sidney beat #4 ranked Miles City (78-0) and Huntley Project (68-0) on Jan. 21, #2 ranked Frenchtown (60-3) & Libby (70-0) on Jan. 22 and #9 ranked Ronan (76-0) & Corvallis (78-0) on Jan. 23. The team is currently ranked #1 in the state with seven individuals ranked #1. Sidney has wrestlers ranked in the top four in all 13 weight classes.



At 170# Dylan Lutz, Sidney, won by major decision over Noah Rausch, Frenchtown, 11-3.

Sidney High School Wrestling Results

Custer Co. (Miles City) vs. Sidney/Fairview Miles City Jan. 21
103: Gordon Knapp (S/F) received a bye
113: Owen Lonski (S/F) received a bye
120: Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) won by fall over Brady Hoverson (CC/MC) 0:52
126: Zander Dean (S/F) won by fall over Jacob Shurtliff (CC/MC) 3:42
132: Kolton Reid (S/F) received a bye
138: Jordan Darby (S/F) received a bye
145: Zander Burnison (S/F) received a bye
152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Dayne Langston (CC/MC) 2:41
160: Kade Graves (S/F) won by fall over Noah Haascr (CC/MC) 1:23

170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) won by fall over Dalton Tvedt (CC/MC) 3:30
182: Easton Hopes (S/F) received a bye
205: Riley Waters (S/F) won by fall over Hudson Blackwell (CC/MC) 0:41
285: Brodey Skogen (S/F) received a bye
160: Extra: Grady Nelson (S/F) won by fall over Garrett Anderson (CC/MC) 1:42
Team Scores (S/F) 78 - (CC/MC) 0

Sidney/Fairview vs. Huntley Project at HP/Miles City/ Sidney Jan. 21

103: Gordon Knapp (S/F) received a bye
113: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by fall over Gavin Nedens (HP) 2:52
120: Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) won by fall over Ryan Fox (HP) 0:40
126: Zander Dean (S/F) received a bye
132: Kolton Reid (S/F) won by fall over Ashton Christman (HP) 3:44
138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by fall over Eli Broadbrooks (HP) 3:12
145: Zander Burnison (S/F) won by technical fall over Garrett Sholley (HP) 15-0 6:00
152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Hayden VonOlnhausen (HP) 1:15
160: Kade Graves (S/F) won by decision over Wylee Lindeen (HP) 6-5
170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) won by decision over William Loveridge (HP) 8-4
182: Easton Hopes (S/F) won by decision over Stran Selman (HP) 7-4
205: Riley Waters (S/F) won by fall over Cade Buchanan (HP) 2:36
285: Brodey Skogen (S/F) won by fall over Gunnar Oblander (HP) 0:45
103: Extra: Gordon Knapp (S/F) won by decision over Teagan Anderson (HP) 6-2
113: Extra: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by fall over Teagan Anderson (HP) 1:46
145: Extra: Zander Burnison (S/F) won by fall over Jackie White (HP) 2:19
145: Extra: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by technical fall over Hayden Anderson (HP) 15-0 6:00
160: Extra: Grady Nelson (S/F) won by fall over Hunter Dare (HP) 4:40
285: Extra: Trey Schepens (S/F) won by fall over Gunnar Oblander (HP) 1:41
285: Extra: Brodey Skogen (S/F) won by fall over Frank Weigum (HP) 0:28
Team Scores (S/F) 68 - (HP) 0
Sidney/Fairview East West Duals Lewistown Jan. 22
Sidney/Fairview vs. Frenchtown
103: Gordan Knapp (S/F) received a bye

113: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by major decision over Jett Campbell (F) 9-0
120: Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) won by fall over Gavin Bauman (F) 3:45
126: Zander Dean (S/F) won by fall over Nic Blanchard (F) 1:34
132: Kolton Reid (S/F) won by fall over Grant Hoskinson (F):04
138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by decision over John Warner (F) 6-0
145: Zander Burnison (S/F) won by decision over Zane Martin (F) 3-0
152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Smokey Stoker (F) 1:22
160: Gavin McLean (F) won by decision over Kade Graves (S/F) 7-5
170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) won by major decision over Noah Rausch (F) 11-3
182: Easton Hopes (S/F) won by major decision over Canyon Shope (F) 12-4
205: Riley Waters (S/F) won by fall over Nathan Hansen (F) 0:25
HWT: Brodey Skogen (S/F) won by fall over Philip Herald (F) 1:19
Team Scores: (S/F) 60-(F) 3
Sidney/Fairview vs. Libby/ Troy

103: Gordan Knapp (S/F) received a bye
113: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by fall over Xavier Reatz (L/T) 1:04
120 - Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) won by fall over Cael Schwindt (L/T) 0:54
126: Zander Dean (S/F) won by fall over Zekiah Meyers (L/T) 2:45
132: Kolton Reid (S/F) won by major decision over Xander Spady (L/T) 16-2
138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by fall over Zack Morrison (L/T) 1:08
145: Zander Burnison (S/F) won by fall over Elijah Edwards (L/T) 1:22
152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Cody Crace (L/T) 0:40
160: Kade Graves (S/F) won by fall over Jace DeShazer (L/T) 2:36
170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) won by decision over Tucker Masters (L/T) 5-1
182: Easton Hopes (S/F) won by fall over Zhane Jenkins (L/T) 0:58
205: Riley Waters (S/F) received a bye
HWT: Brodey Skogen (S/F) won by decision over Aydan Williamson (L/T) 3-2
Team Scores: (S/F) 70-(F) 0
Sidney/Fairview vs. Ronan
103: Gordan Knapp (S/F) won by fall over Ian Dillard (R) 0:40
113: Owen Lonski (S/F) received a bye
120: Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) received a bye
126: Zander Dean (S/F) won by fall over Trevor Bartel (R) 1:16
132: Kolton Reid (S/F) won by fall over Beaudean Decker (R) 1:23
138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by fall over Landon Bishop (R) 1:35
145: Zander Burnison (S/F) won by fall over Caleb Cheff (R) 3:08
152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Julian Strait (R) 0:49
160: Kade Graves (S/F) received a bye
170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) won by major decision over Daniel Collins Bishop (R) 12-1
182: Easton Hopes (S/F) won by fall over Tristan Fisher (R) 2:29
205: Riley Waters (S/F) received a bye
HWT: Brodey Skogen (S/F) won by fall over Max Morency (R) 0:45
Team Scores: (S/F) 76 - (R) 0
Sidney/Fairview vs. Corvallis
103: Gordan Knapp (S/F) won by fall over Kiera Davis (C) 1:53
113: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by fall over Gideon Stoker (C) 3:43
120: Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) won by fall over Ashton Slate Buhler (C) 1:20
126: Zander Dean (S/F) won by fall over Ted Melott (C) 1:18
132: Kolton Reid (S/F) won by fall over David Christensen (C) 0:26
138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by fall over Jason Davis (C) 3:28
145: Zander Burnison (S/F) won by fall over Jonathan Williams (C) 2:47
152: Aden Graves (S/F) received a bye
160: Kade Graves (S/F) received a bye
170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) received a bye
182: Easton Hopes (S/F) won by fall over Ben Holtzen (C) 1:07
205: Riley Waters (S/F) won by fall over Clay Barcus (C) 0:35
HWT: Brodey Skogen (S/F) received a bye
Team Scores: (S/F) 78 - (C) 0

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- Don't count on receiving a refund by a certain date. Some refunds are required to be held until after late February.
- Track your refund on IRS.gov or the IRS mobile app, IRS2Go.
- All IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) are by appointment only. Don't wait until it's too late to ask questions! However, Most questions can be resolved on the IRS.gov website without visiting a TAC.
- There are tools, filing options and other services and resources available on www.IRS.gov.

Consumer Alerts on Tax Scams

Note that the IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

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