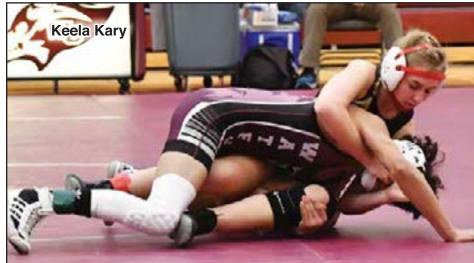
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Sidney Female Wrestlers to Attend First All Girls State Tournament





By Jody Wells

Sidney will have two wrestlers taking part in a historic tournament this weekend. The first ever all girls high school Montana state wrestling tournament will take place Feb. 19-20 at Lockwood High School.

Sidney junior Keela Kary will be wrestling at 120 pounds. Kary has wrestled for five years in the AAU program and stated wrestling in grade 7. Her dad and brother were her inspiration for starting her wrestling career. She is currently ranked 3rd and hasn't wrestled any of the girls ranked ahead of her this season. Kary is excited for the opportunity to be competing in wrestling. "Girls can do it if boys can," she said.

Kary also expressed her excitement in being part of the Sidney wrestling program. "It feels good to have a good team. Its nice to be in the first girls wrestling for Sidney and having everyone behind you," She stated.

Sidney freshman Amiaya Kirn will be wrestling at 126 pounds. Kirn has wrestled for nine years in both AAU and

junior high. She is a two time Winter Nationals folkstyle champion and an AAU all girls state champion. Kirn is currently ranked 2nd and has not competed against the wrestler ranked above her. She has beat all the girls she has met up with this season. She first became interested in wrestling at home with her sister. "I used to wrestle my sister all the time," she stated.

When asked about her feelings about wrestling against boys she replied, "I was pretty nervous at the time. But after awhile you get used to it and now I don't have to be nervous. I'm excited now."

SHS wrestling coach Guy Melby is proud of the hard work the girls have put into the season and expects great things for them at the tournament. "Both girls are ranked. This is a great opportunity for them to do really well. They have worked their tails off and we are looking forward to watching them this weekend."

Health Officials Urge Residents to Remain Vigilant With Lifting of Restrictions

By Jess Lyons

Governor Gianforte signed bill SB65 on Wednesday Feb. 10. This law limits when businesses, health care providers and other organizations can be sued for potential COVID-19. There is also an allowance for those groups to claim a defense if they took "reasonable measures" with accordance with guidelines provided by public health. With the passing of bill 65 it opened the door for the mask mandate to be lifted statewide. Gianforte explained the bill was necessary before the mandate would even be lifted. Stated wide lifting of the mask mandate began Feb. 12. Gianforte also wanted to wait until those who were at higher risk re-

ceived the COVID-19 vaccine. As of last week 149,263 have obtained one of two shots in the series while only 41,539 are fully vaccinated.

When Upper Missouri Valley Health Unit in Williston and the Richland County Health Department were asked about the mandate being lifted the response from Daphne Clark Public Information Officer and Stephanie Ler, RS, MPH Richland County Health Department environmental health director explained regardless of if the mandate is law or not people should still wear masks for protection for themselves as well as others, also to continue to social distance, wash hands for continued safety precautions.

Resistant, Persistent Weeds Focus Ag Research Summit Webinar Feb. 25

Submitted by Beth Redlin

Whether herbicide resistant or just aggressive spreaders, weeds are a constant plague in both crops and pastures, which is why management options are a key research subject for university and federal scientists. For Dr. Brian Jenks, North Dakota State University's North Central Research Extension Center weed scientist, Minot, weeds have been at the heart of his research program for more than two decades.

That research and its application to local farms and ranches is featured in the fourth webinar of the 2021 MonDak Ag Research Summit Series – entitled 2021 weed control update in the MonDak – to be held at 10 a.m. MT, 11 a.m. CT, Thursday, Feb. 25.

As the keynote speaker for the Feb. 25 webinar, Dr. Jenks will share his take on difficult to control weeds such as kochia, horseweed and narrowleaf hawksbeard, as well as added information on weed resistance to commonly used herbicides; methods for making spring burndowns more effective, and new herbicides coming available.

Jenks' holds a PhD in weed science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and conducts applied weed control research in most crops grown in western North Dakota.

Following him are three shorter presentations by USDA and MSU weed researchers in Sidney and Huntley, addressing weed issues found in rangeland, sugarbeet and aquatic systems:

 Purging Spurge: where are flea beetles most effective?
 Dr. Natalie West, Pest Management Unit; USDA Agricultural Research Service; Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory research ecologist, Sidney.

• Management of herbicide resistant weeds in sugarbeet systems - Dr. Lovreet Shergill, MSU Southern Agricultural Research Center Weed Scientist, Huntley.

Aquatic invasive weeds in Montana and North Dakota
 Dr. John Gaskin, Pest Management Unit; USDA Agricultural
 Research Service; Northern Plains Agricultural Research
 Laboratory research leader and research biologist, Sidney.

The webinar concludes at 11:30 a.m. MST/12:30 p.m. CST and is eligible for one pesticide recertification credit for Montana participants attending the live webinar. Sorry,



viewing the subsequent recordings – to be made available online – does not qualify for points.

All interested persons are invited to participate and anyone can join the day of the event by using the following (Zoom program) link: https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/91453448686. No registration is needed to participate.

The MonDak Ag Research Summit is coordinated by MSU's Eastern Agricultural Research Center; USDA ARS's Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab, both in Sidney; and NDSU's Williston Research Extension Center, Williston. Normally a one-day, in-person event, this year's MonDak Ag Research Summit was moved online due to COVID-19.

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Remaining webinar dates and keynote presentations in the 2021-webinar series include the following:

• March 11: Seasonal Outlooks and Potential Climate Change Impacts for eastern Montana and western North Dakota - Patrick Gilchrist, NOAA, National Weather Service Station warning coordination meteorologist/service coordination hydrologist, Glasgow.

March 25: Topic: marketing; Title: pending; Keynote
 Dr. Vincent Smith, Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis, Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics, Montana State University Professor, Bozeman.

Note, all webinars run from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. MST/11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CST and include opportunities to ask questions of the speakers during the live sessions.

For questions or more information on this series, contact Beth Redlin, 406-433-9427; beth.redlin@usda.gov, or Violeta Hobbs, 701-774-4315; Violeta.hobbs@ndsu.edu or visit our website at www.ars.usda.gov/pa/nparl/agsummit.

Gov. Gianforte Issues New Directives, Executive Order Rescinding Mask Mandate

Helena - Governor Greg Gianforte has issued two new directives and an executive order

The first directive rescinds and replaces all prior directives implementing Executive Order 2-2021, which the governor issued on Jan. 13, 2021.

Consistent with the governor's announcement on Feb. 10, the new directive allows the statewide mask mandate to expire. Local jurisdictions may still choose to implement their own mask requirements.

"Since Jan. 5, I have provided a clear, consistent path to rescinding the mask mandate," Governor Gianforte said. "First, we need to start getting the vaccine to our most vulnerable. Second, we need to protect businesses, nonprofits, places of worship, and health care providers from lawsuits if they make a good faith effort to protect individuals from the spread of coronavirus and follow clear public health guidelines. We have met both criteria, and the statewide mandate has expired."

Governor Gianforte emphasized how providing incentives and encouraging personal responsibility are more effective than imposing impractical, unenforceable government mondates.

On Feb. 10, Governor Gianforte signed SB65 into law, which provides a liability shield to businesses, nonprofits and others who protect their workers, their customers and their clients from the spread of COVID-19.

"We will provide incentives to protect the health and safety of Montanans, and we will emphasize personal responsibility. Since we're not out of the woods yet, I will continue wearing a mask and encourage all Montanans to do the same to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their neighbors," Gianforte said.

As of last week, Montanans have administered more than 167,000 doses, and nearly 47,000 Montanans are fully immunized.

The state remains in Phase 1B of its vaccine distribution plan, which the governor updated on Jan. 6 to protect the most vulnerable Montanans, including people 70 years of age and older, Montanans 16 years of age and older who have severe underlying medical conditions, and Native Americans and other persons of color who are at a heightened risk of severe COVID-19-related complications.

In keeping with the governor's Jan. 13 directive, which removed restrictions on hours of service and capacity for businesses, this directive continues to encourage businesses to adopt industry best practices or public health guidance to protect their employees and customers.

The directive also continues to promote the use of telehealth services, protect vulnerable Montanans from eviction or foreclosure, ease licensing for health care professionals, and reduce regulatory burdens.

The second directive repeals the election-related directive dated Aug. 6, 2020. The governor also issued Executive

Order 3-2021, which rescinds Executive Order 15-2018.

"Our Constitution makes it plain as day: the Legislature makes our laws, not the governor and not the courts,"-Gianforte said. "It's the responsibility of our Legislature to determine how Montana's elections are conducted, and it's the responsibility of our Legislature to determine whether an individual must disclose donations to a nonprofit group."

"These issues are up to the Legislature now, which is where they should have been decided all along," Gianforte said.



Personal Injuries & Pain Conditions







AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. – Grief Reovery 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. JESDAYS: 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

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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

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6:30 - p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW. Back door is open.

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7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

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STATISTICS **LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT** Sakakawea Current Elevation......1837.8 Last Week's Elev.1838.0 One Year Ago1838.3 Release For Day (C.F.S.)22,000 **SIDNEY WEATHER DATA** Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

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Total 2021 YTD Precipitation......0.229

OBITUARIES

James "Jim" Tveter, 77 Watford City, ND

Memorial services for James "Jim" Tveter, 77, Watford City, ND are at 11 a.m. CDT, Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at First Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND with Reverend Paul Balaban officiating.

Inurnment of cremains with Military Honors will be in North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Bismarck, ND at a later

Cremation has taken place under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND.

Friends may call at the funeral home to sign his book from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19, 2021.

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

COVID-19 regulations will be observed at the church. James "Jim" passed away early Saturday morning, Feb. 13, 2021 at McKenzie County Healthcare, Watford City, ND.

Arlene M. Johnson, 78, Watford City, ND

Funeral services for Arlene M. Johnson, 78, Watford City, ND were at 11 a.m. CDT, Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at First Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND with Reverend Paul Balaban officiating.

Interment will be in Schafer Cemetery, Watford City, ND under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND.

Visitation was 12:30-5 p.m. CDT, Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church.

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

Arlene passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at McKenzie County Health, Watford City, ND.

Michael (Mike) Myers, 74, Sidney, MT

A Celebration of Life for Michael (Mike) Myers, 74, Sidney, MT will be held 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at VFW, Sidney, MT. Memories will be shared and feel free to bring any photos/mementos you would like to include in this celebration.

A light meal will be provided.

Keith Eugene Willard, 80, Belle Fourche, SD formerly of Dupree, SD

Keith Eugene Willard passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021.

Keith was born on Jan. 13, 1941 in Huron, SD as the last sibling in a family of two sisters and two brothers. His parents were Clyde and Leota (Moore) Willard.

He enlisted in the Army right after graduation. In March

1961, he married the love his life, Dorothy Harrington and she joined him in Massachusetts. It was during this time that their first child, Clyde was born in April 1962. After being honorably discharged he moved his

small family back to Wessington, SD, In February 1964. their second child, Sandra was born. He worked at several jobs before starting his career in the banking business at the Bank of Wessington in 1967. Their last child, Susan was born in August 1967 to complete their family. In 1977, he moved the family to Edgemont. SD and went to work for the Southern Hills Bank. In 1983 the family moved to Sidney, MT where he worked for the Montana Bank. While in Montana he was a member of the Sidney Lions Club and the Loyal Order of the Masons.

Keith Eugene

Willard

In 1988, Keith and Dorothy moved to Dupree, SD to work for Farmers State Bank. After working for two years, the bank was purchased and Keith started his long time career working with Al Hegyi and the 1st Financial Bank USA team as president and CEO. He had finally found his place in the banking industry and remained with them for many happy years. He retired from actively working in the bank in 2005 but remained as a director on the board and loan underwriter until his death.

Keith was always a farmer at heart as evidenced by the years raising sheep, cattle and horses along with pigs, chickens, pheasants, geese and even the occasional donkey. In his later years, he and Dorothy could be found in one of his horse drawn wagons at the local parade. He also enjoyed participating in the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally where he and Dorothy would ride their trike but always being home by dark. He loved fixing things - including many old tractors and could often be found tinkering in his shop. He was a very special person and will be deeply missed.

Keith is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Dorothy. His son, Clyde (Roberta) Willard, Ashland, NE; daughters Sandy (David) Christensen, Sidney, MT and Susan (Bart) Freitag, Williston, ND. Nine grandchildren, Patrick (Halie) Willard; Kyle Willard; Chelsea (fiancé, Wyatt) Willard; Justin (Mauve) Willard, Las Vegas NV; Ben (Lena) Christensen; Wes (Rhea) Christensen; Alyson Freitag; Alexis Freitag and Trenton Freitag. Three great grandchildren: Ryan and Aela Willard and Molly (and one due in March) Christensen. He is also survived by his brother, Norm (Sharry) Willard and his sister, Dorothy Ransom. His sister-in-law, Evelyn Butts and brother-in-law, Richard (Jeannie) Harrington.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Leota Willard, his grandson, Ryan Willard; his brother Clyde Earl Willard, his sister, Elva Mae Erdahl, his in-laws Harold and Alice Harrington, sister-in-law Joan Davis, brother-inlaw, Lyle Orr, sister-in-law, Betty Orr.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Month of Feb. - Mon.-Thurs.

8 a.m.-4 p.m. - Kindergarten Registration for the fall 2021 School Term - Registration for children who will be 5 before Sept. 10. Bring child's birth certificate and immunization record. West Side School.

Wed., Feb. 17

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.

Tomato soup. Sidney Moose Lodge. Sat., Feb. 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/.

Sun., Feb. 21, 28 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. 22, March 8 & 22

7 p.m. - Snacks & Chats - Anxiety & depression support group for teens ages 13-19. Board games, foosball, ping pong and treats. Meetings on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, Pella Church, not church related.

Mon., Feb. 22 & March 1, Tues., Feb. 23 & March 2 2:30-7:30 p.m. - Child Find/Preschool Screening At Central School - This screening will identify those children who may need educational, medical or other types of assistance for problems or handicaps that may not have been detected. Appointments are necessary and to make an appointment call Middle School, 433-4050 during school hours, Mon.-Thurs., 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The screening is provided at no cost as a public service of Sidney Public Schools. Wed., Feb. 24

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - WOTM Soups - Open to the public. Potato soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Mon., 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,

Tues., March 2

10 a.m. -4 p.m. - Cataclysm Exhibition - A portfolio exchange curated in response to the current global political climate, featuring artists from around the country and Canada who were asked to create work based around their hopes and fears given the current global state of affairs. Showing through May 29. 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/. Tues., March 16

12 p.m. - Job Service Employers Committee **Meeting (JSEC)** - Open to everyone. Reynolds Market conference room. Meetings every third Tues. of the month. For more information call Margie 406-433-1204 ext. 204.

Sat., March 27

5 p.m. - Dick Davidson Medical Benefit - Silent auction. 5-7 p.m.; free will donation meatball supper, 6 p.m.; live auction, 7 p.m.; cash bar. Richland County Event Center. For more information contact Travis Morrill, 406-480-9514. To make a donation for the silent or live auction contact Sheila Marker, 406-480-3442. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation an account is set up at Stockman Bank under "Dick Davidson Benefit". All proceeds will be used for medical expenses and supplies to aid in Dick's recovery.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Thurs., Feb. 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! \$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. 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. 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. Thurs., Feb. 25

2-4 p.m. - Food Giveaway with New Winter Hours -First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE. Fri., March 5, 8 a.m. - Sun., March 7, 7 p.m. 3rd Annual Nodak Northern Lights Gymnastics Meet - Rough Rider Center. For more information visit the Nodak Northern Lights Facebook page.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone. Thurs., Feb. 18 7 p.m. - Confluence History Book Club - Join history

buffs to discuss this month's book, "Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence," by Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnese. Free refreshments. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call Debbie Crossland or Joe Garcia, 701-

Fri., Feb. 19 & Sat., Feb. 20

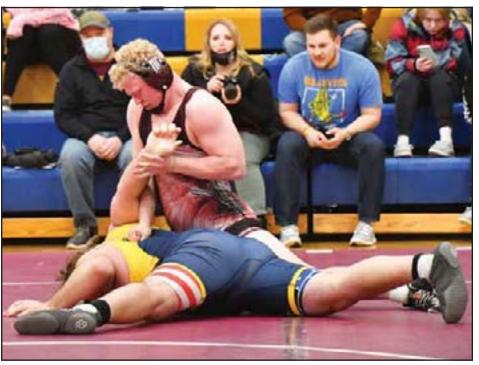
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Confluence Sewing & Quilting - All experience levels welcome and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call Debbie Crossland or Joe Garcia, 701-572-9034.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Hypertension Screening Event -Providers will offer blood pressure screenings, check blood glucose (sugar) levels and offer diabetes education. Insurance will be billed. If you currently do not have insurance, financial counselors are available. Call 701-572-7651 to schedule an appointment. Craven Hagan Clinic, 1213 15th Ave. W. Event by CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Fri., March 5, 4-8 p.m.; Sat., March 6, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., March 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Glendive Gun Show - Antiques, art, books, collectibles, coins, jewelry, western items, firearms and accessories. 170 tables, food and refreshments available. \$3 per day, \$6 for all 3 days. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill.



Sidney/Fairview heavyweight Brodey Skogen turns Miles City's Gabe Walker with an arm bar. Skogen beat Walker 5-0.

Custer Co. (Miles City) vs. Sidney/Fairview, Feb. 12, Fairview

103: Gordon Knapp (S/F) won by decision over Caleb Smith (CCMC) 7-2

113: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by fall over Isaac Beardsley (CCMC) 4:00 120: Kolby Hutzenbiler

(S/F) received a bye 126: Zander Dean (S/F)

won by decision over Bryce Hirsch (CCMC) 9-1

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132: Kolton Reid (S/F)

received a bye

138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by fall over Morgan Buckingham (CCMC) 0:57

145: Daimian Leidholt (CCMC) won by decision over Zander Burnison (S/F)

152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Brenen Hager (CCMC) 2:53

160: Kade Graves (S/F) won by fall over Easton De-Jong (CCMC) 1:17

170: Dylan Lutz (S/F)

Fairview Wrestlers Take on Miles City in **Fairview**

Sidney/





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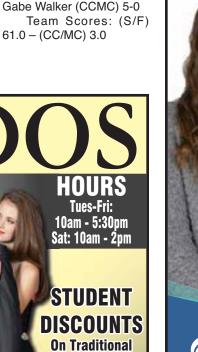
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205: Riley Waters (S/F)

285: Brodey Skogen

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Gibson (CCMC) 3:12



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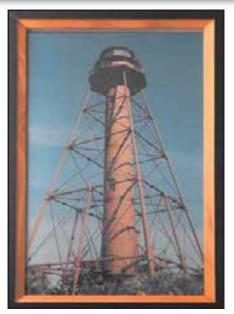


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19U Hockey **Jamboree**

Left: Watford City's Lanie Hall #8 and Hannah Mayes #37 team up for a shot on goal against Crosby on Saturday, Feb. 13, during the 19U Jamboree held in Watford City. The Oilers defeated Crosby 4-0 and were 2-2 on the weekend also defeating Grand Forks and recording losses against Fargo and Bottineau. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Bottom left: Scout Hofer, #7 attempts a wrap around goal during the Richland Rangers 19U Girls game against the 19U Lady Comets Crosby. The Richland Rangers girls won the game with a final score of 3-1. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Fairview Lady Warriors played MonDak on Feb. 6 in Fairview. MonDak beat Fairview with a score of 49-25.

Pictured is #15 Emily Sundheim jumping off against #1 Sayler Stewart of Mondak. (Photo by Bobbi George)

Visit roundupweb.com for more photos.



Area **Basketball Action**

The Fairview Warriors played Richey/Lambert on Feb. 4 in Fairview. Fairview beat Richey/ Lambert 44-35.

Pictured is #13 Kanyon Taylor guarding #32 Toby Clinton as he drives in for a shot. (Photo by Bobbi George)





Wacky Neighborhood

By Lois Stephens

Our neighbor lady has quite a few talents. She has imagination, a sense of humor and artistic talent to boot. She excels at creating posters, cards and other graphic materials. Three years ago, she produced a collage as a memento of the first year the four of us had spent in our respective mountain homes. The collage featured many of the humorous and unexpected events our two

households encountered over the course of that first year.

This past Christmas she gifted us with a new collage, one that totally captured the year of 2020; logging in a snowstorm, constructing a double decker outhouse, COVID, and a few hilarious moments we encountered while taking a camping trip together, to name just a few.

I will share a few of these moments captured

in the collage. Our husbands have the unfortunate habit of specializing in spending money, plenty of money. They want, for the most part, outlandish items that are about as useful or necessary as an earthquake. It became a favorite joke of ours that when our husbands began wishing and wheedling for something totally unneeded or gratuitous, (which happened multiple times a week, incidentally), my neighbor lady would ball her right hand into a fist, smack it against her open left palm, and say "denied by the budget office!" Those five words would quickly deflate whatever pipe dream the two husbands were attempting to bring

There it is on the collage, "Denied by the

to fruition.

every time I see it.

This brings up another, related piece of the collage. A simple statement at the bottom of the collage that says, "hard done by" makes me smirk as well. We can apply this phrase to our husbands immediately after the budget office has denied an expenditure.

I grew up with this saying, which, of course means that when one of us kids had a tantrum or otherwise chose to feel sorry for ourselves, the expression 'you are so hard done by', usually stated by our mother or father, served as a reminder that, of course we were not treated unfairly or discriminated against, so we needed to get over our unfounded dissatisfaction with the world.

My neighbors had

but they quickly adopted it and it now comes up frequently, especially when the two husbands realize they can't purchase a sawmill or buy another mechanical device that for the most part would sit in the back of the shop collecting dust and mouse poop.

Then I see the picture of crackers on this treasured crazy quilt of delightful memories, a picture of normal ordinary crackers that we like to eat with cheese. Except crackers has also become a bone of contention between the sexes on this mountain. The ladies of the respective household purchase tasty crackers, but ones that also offer a semblance of healthy eating connected with them. We buy whole grain crackers, select those with less sodium, and treats that feature other supposedly more healthful benefits but still provide taste. The men of the households, of course object. They prefer 'real' crackers, those made of lifeless refined flour, loaded with salt, and containing 17 chemical additions that no one can pronounce. A delightful Triscuit made with three ingredients -wheat, salt and oil- is not acceptable. Manly crackers must also contain possible carcinogens, dyes and other assorted badness in order to qualify as an edible snack.

Obviously, when we invite the neighbors over for cheese and crackers, the choice of cracker can become a topic of heated discussion.

Then, of course there is the cheese that one needs to slather on the crackers of questionable value. Our neighbors introduced us to Boursin cheese, which quickly became a mountainside favorite. Of course, when we visit them for crackers

and cheese, our neighbor reminds us that Boursin cheese costs more than regular cheese, so we are not to eat much of it as it is quite expensive. Naturally this encourages my husband and I to pile it on thickly and to savor every bite. The little saying on the collage reminds us 'that cheese

is expensive.' My husband was in the service. Since I have known him, he calls an overnight bag a ditty bag. We were visiting the crazy neighbors one evening discussing an upcoming camping trip. My husband announced he would pack his ditty bag for the occasion. The neighbors had never heard of such an expression so our neighbor lady looked up 'ditty bag' on Google (where on earth would we be without Google???) and discovered that yes, there is such a thing. It equates to a schnitzel bag (Germany), overnight bag, tote bag, or shower bag. The words 'ditty bag' are now enshrined on the collage.

I'll share one more gem from our collage. My husband has the distressing habit of destroying lawn ornaments. He's backed over the trellis, leaving a sizeable dent on one side, he demolished a marvelous gazing ball and solar night light by dropping a ladder on it, and he ran over a solar light with the lawn mower. These unlucky incidents are memorialized on our much-loved collage, which by the way hangs in a prominent spot in our living room.

Here's to great memories and a fantastic way to remind us of the fun and fellowship we enjoy on our little corner of the mountain.

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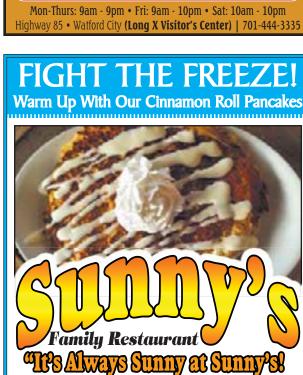
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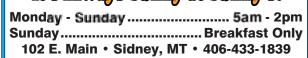
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Thurs., Feb. 18: Hobo stew, breadsticks, snicker salad. Fri., Feb. 19: No school. Mon., Feb. 22: Breaded beef patties, potatoes, gravy, peaches.

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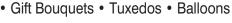
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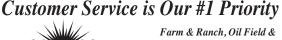


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Questions: contact Rhonda Grimmer at 701-571-8317 or Connie Erickson at 406-489-3089.

City Of Williston Mask Order Ends

Williston - Effective mean that we are not going immediately, the citywide Mask Order introduced on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 by Williston Mayor Howard Klug and approved by the City Commission is now expired.

Until further notice, masks are still required for entering City buildings and for any in-person city meetings. The next City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, will be held in-person in the John Kautzman Chamber Room.

At the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Mayor Klug made a motion to rescind the COVID-19 Emergency Municipal Declaration and the citywide Mask Order. The City Commission approved this motion.

The City Commission also approved the resumption of events, including those requiring an alcohol permit, beginning Monday, March 1, provided they follow state guidelines. Event permit applications can be submitted after Monday, Feb. 15.

Additionally, the leasing of the New Army remains suspended except for medical uses, including blood drives, and use by the Williston Senior Center.

"With the mask mandate lifted, this does not to follow social distancing anymore," explained Mayor Klug. "I strongly encourage the citizens of Williston, the store owners and the emplovees, to do what is prudent with wearing masks in their establishments. I also want to thank the stores that stayed open, that took care of their customers, and that provided masks."

Citizens are encouraged to continue to minimize spread by respecting posted guidelines for businesses and organizations that require masks and taking advantage of the opportunity to be tested and vaccinated.

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 the next BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen screening on Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m.-1p.m. at the former Sloulin Airport Hangar, 408 Airport Road. Individuals must be 18 years or older and asymptomatic.

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For additional information on PCR and Antigen testing, please read: www. health.nd.gov/sites/www/ files/documents/Files/MSS/ coronavirus/COVID19 PCRvsSerologyTesting.pdf.

For additional COVID-19 information related to the City of Williston, please visit bit.ly/Williston-COVID-19.

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

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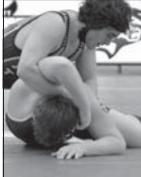
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DPHHS To Receive More Vaccine Doses

On Feb. 9, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) was notified the state would receive 16,425 first doses and 13,525 second doses for those completing the vaccine series.

This allocation will be distributed to local jurisdictions and started on Feb. 15. DPHHS continues to be notified week-to-week regarding vaccine allocation. However, the agency has been assured the amounts will not be less than current levels.

While the federal government's vaccine shipments to the state remain low, DPHHS continues its work to equitably allocate doses across Montana. Factors that affect vaccine allocation to counties include the local jurisdiction's estimated population of those eligible to receive the vaccine in each phase, previous allocations to each specific provider and the amount of vaccine that provider has left to administer.

DPHHS then uses this information to determine specific allocations to local jurisdictions before they are notified every Friday. The local jurisdictions then begin to make their vaccine allocation plans for the following week.

Updated county vaccine administration numbers are posted every Monday on the state's vaccine dashboard https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/ index.html?appid=7c-34f3412536439491adcc2103421d4b.

Federal Pharmacy Program Moving Forward in Montana

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 vaccination is starting to move forward in Montana. This program represents the federal strategy to expand access to vaccines. The initial phased implementation of the program will include select retail pharmacies administering COVID-19 vaccines.

DPHHS officials say initially about 30 pharmacies will start to receive a limited amount of vaccine doses this week, and will make plans to begin administering doses next week. Once the list is finalized, DPHHS will post online the pharmacies that will receive these initial shipments. State health officials say that pharmacies will be responsible for allocating the vaccine in their local communities following the Phase 1B recommen-

149,263 Total Doses Now

Administered Montana is in Phase 1B. In Phase 1B, COVID-19 vaccines are available to Montanans 70 years of age and older, 16 to 69 years of age with a high-risk medical condition, and Native Americans and other persons of color who may be at elevated risk for COVID-19 complications.

As of Feb. 10, a total of 149,263 Montanans has

received the COVID-19 vaccine first dose and 41.539 people are fully immunized. These numbers are updated daily on the new vaccine dashboard. The new dashboard includes information on total vaccine doses administered, Montanans fully immunized, and doses administered per 1,000 eligible people across Montana counties.

DPHHS has New Vaccine Map and Website

DPHHS has launched a new COVID-19 vaccine website landing page, including a map with local information and resources. Local jurisdictions continue to hold vaccine clinics for those eligible in Phase 1B and are providing regular updates online about vaccine availability at the local level. This information changes constantly so Montanans are encouraged to check the map frequently.

The DPHHS map links to online and social media sites where jurisdictions share information regularly on vaccine availability and scheduling. The map also includes the best local phone number to call, but Montanans are urged to utilize the online information first.

Health officials also state that during the vaccination process, it's important to remain vigilant to limit the spread of COVID-19. Montanans need to continue to practice basic public health prevention methods to keep case numbers low while the vaccine rollout continues: wear a mask to protect yourself and others, practice social distancing by staying six feet apart, stay home if you are sick, cover your cough, wash your hands often, and avoid large crowds.



Tax Season Opens: Montana Offers MT QuickFile Option

The Montana Department of Revenue has begun accepting 2020 individual state income tax returns, and Montanans with simple taxes can file their state returns online, quickly, and for free.

MT QuickFile is now available for Montanans who:

- Were full-year Montana residents in 2020; · Only have income documented on W-2, 1099-DIV or 1099-INT forms;
 - · Do not have unemployment income;
- · Are filing as single, head of household, or married
 - · Are taking the standard deduction;
- · Are not claiming any tax credits (other than the Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit.)

Montanans who meet all these criteria should check if they could use MT QuickFile. Just go to MTRevenue.gov/ FilingOptions and complete the short questionnaire. Those unable to file with MT QuickFile can find links to other approved tax software.

Electronic filing is the safest and fastest way to file your return and get your refund as quickly as possible.

The department also reminds those who worked remotely in Montana for part of 2020 that wages earned while working in the state are taxable in Montana.

Montana and federal individual income tax returns are due April 15.

For more information, visit MTRevenue.gov.

Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena!

In Fish and Game committee we confirmed the Governor's appointment for Director of FWP, Hank Worsech. A couple words that were used by the proponents to describe Mr. Worsech were "integrity" and "fair". We also confirmed 3 members of the Parks Board: Jody Loomis, Russ Kipp, and Eastern Montana's own Kathy McLean. These appointees, along with others from different departments, were all approved in the full Senate.

In Health and Human Services Committee, we also considered a Governor nominee as Director of DPHHS. Adam Meier. This department is the biggest department in state government as far as employees and the budget goes. The Republicans on the committee made known to him our concern about the overreach of DPHHS. From all indications his goal is to change the direction of DPHHS.

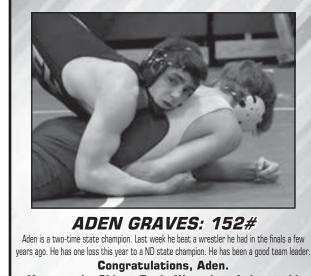
In Judiciary there were a lot of bills addressing government ernment overreach in light of the events of the past year and the new administration in Washington DC. Most of the sentiment up here is that we, as Montana citizens, are smart enough to know what to do and we don't need government intervention every time we turn around.

On Wednesday I was Chairman of the Day during the

Senate Floor session. There were a couple heavily debated bills that day which made it an interesting day to keep order in the Senate. One of the bills, SB169, was about voter ID. There is a philosophy that if we require voter ID we are being unconstitutional to rural people or native Americans or poor people or whomever. Our Founding Fathers didn't write the Constitution to favor different ethnic groups or income groups

or where people lived. So, if it is unconstitutional for one it is unconstitutional for all. I voted for the bill because voter integrity is at the root of this great country. The other bill, SJ2, was about Article 5 of the US Constitution. Both sides of this debate are sick and tired of the overreach of the Federal Government. I think that is the sentiment

of SD18, also. For Freedom, Senator Steve Hinebauch



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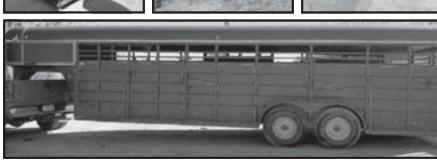












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Guest Opinion: Rep. Brandon Ler Legislative Update Weeks 5 & 6

Hello from Helena!

The House of Representatives continues to be busy hearing and voting on important legislature. I appreciate all of the input I've received from Richland County residents on each of these important proposals.

We recently heard HB 325, which proposed to break Montana into seven districts able to elect a Supreme Court justice. This would bring better representation to Eastern Montana, and my constituents overwhelmingly support this bill. This would be put to the Montana voters in 2022 to determine whether this becomes law.

One bill that I've received a lot of feedback on is HB 324, which is the "country of origin placarding bill", or the COOP bill. Many

have mistaken this bill for the COOL bill, or the country of origin label. The COOL bill required every package of meat to be labeled with its country of origin, from packer to processer. Unfortunately, the COOP bill, or HB 324, requires only the retailer to post a placard stating the meat's country of origin. If the retailer is not 100% sure of the country of origin, they have to put up a sign that says the origin of the product is unknown. I believe this will scare consumers away from purchasing beef and pork. I would support a COOL proposal, but I will be voting against the COOP bill.

This week I will be presenting two bills on the House floor. First is the Interstate Meat Compact. HB 336, which proposes to form an agreement with neighboring states to allow state inspected meat processing facilities to sell their products to other states that are in the compact. The purpose of this bill is to reduce government intervention in meat processing, putting more money in the pocket of the local rancher rather than the middleman.

I will also be presenting HB 372, which proposes to eliminate the business equipment tax. What I heard from many constituents before I came to Helena was that the business equipment tax was an enormous burden and disproportionately affected both the farmer and rancher and the oil industry. Governor Gianforte has proposed to increase the threshold at which the tax must be paid, but this simply isn't enough to reduce this

burden-the tax should be eliminated.

While I would hope that each of these bills will have the support of the House and Senate members, more importantly, they will start the conversation about reducing government oversight and tax burdens on the farm and ranch and the oil industries. That would be a step in the right direction to benefit Richland County and Eastern Montana.

I will continue to vote to protect our families and children, our individual liberties, and our livelihood as I promised during my campaign. I look forward to hearing your input and welcome your call at 480-5687 or email at lerforrichland@gmail.com.

Eastern Montana Business Webinars Held Twice a Month

The Job Service offices in Glendive, Miles City, Sidney and Wolf Point have put together a series of free educational sessions for employers - Eastern Montana Business Webinars. They take place via ZOOM the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

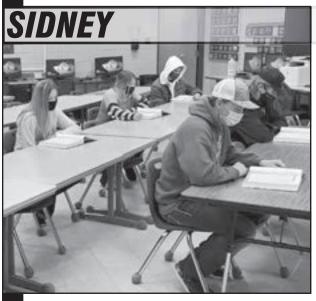
The next presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. Christy Robbins, program manager, will be providing information on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program is designed to assist individuals who are facing barriers transitioning into gainful employment. The tax credit can save Montana employers up to \$9,600 per qualifying new hire during their first year of employment. The number of qualifying new hires is unlimited and is available to for-profit and tax-exempt organizations hiring individuals with documented barriers to employment that meet targeted group requirements.

During the presentation, businesses will learn about who is eligible for the program, targeted group requirements, benefits of the program, paperwork submission requirements, which forms are needed and where they are located.

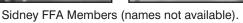
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Gymagic Kim Lupo Gymnastics Meet, Minot, Feb. 6-7

Badlands Gymnastics Club had a great competition at Minot, capturing second place team in every division they had a full squad.

Level 3 Team: Badlands "Fearsome Four-some" rookie Level 3 gymnasts came up yet another notch in relation to the competition wining the second place trophy out of both sessions of L3 athletes.

1st American Gold 108.550; 2nd Badlands 107.950; 3rd. Red River Valley 105.850; 4th T Bismarck Gymnastics 105.700; 4th T Dakota Star 105.700; 5th Gymagic 104.350; 6th Acro Stars 103.750; 7th Western Edge 103.450; 8th Jamestown 66.100; 9th Sidney 68.150

Level 3 Top Ten Placements:

Vault: Brooke Roscoe 1st 9.450; Brooklyn Spotted Bear 3rd 9.400; Emma Job 4th 9.350; Clara Wisness 6th 9.200

Uneven Bars: Brooklyn Spotted Bear 1st 9.450; Emma Job 4th 8.900; Clara Wisness 6th 9.200

Balance Beam: Brooklyn Spotted Bear 2nd 9.000; Brooke Roscoe 3rd 8.850

Floor Exercise: Brooklyn Spotted Bear 1st 9.550; Brooke Roscoe 7th 8.700

All Around: Brooklyn Spotted Bear 1st 37.400; Brooke Roscoe 4th 35.450; Emma Job 6th 35.450

Level 4 Top Ten Placements:

Balance Beam: Leonora Arnold 1st 9.250

Level 6 Team: Badlands had a great L6 competition with Skye Cutshall wining the age 9-11. All Around and Sasha Stieg and Annabelle Coughlin going 1 & 2 in the 13+ age group. Badlands narrowly missed the 1st team position by a mere 0.20

1st Bismarck 102.500; 2nd Badlands 102.300; 3rd Jamestown 101.700; 4th Gymagic 101.625; 5th Red River Valley 70.875; 6th Western Edge 32.850

Level 6 Top Five Placements:

Age 9-11: Skye Cutshall: Vault 1st 8.300; Bars 1st 8.775; Beam 1st 9.225; Floor 6th 8.400; AA 1st

Age 13+: Sasha Stieg: Vault 3rd 7.850; Bars 3rd

8.025; Beam 1st 8.950; Floor 2nd 9.025; AA 1st 33.850

Annabelle Coughlin: Vault 2nd 8.125; Beam 2nd 8.675; Floor 1st 9.050; AA 2nd 33.750

Bronze Xcel Team: Badlands Bronze Xcel once again brought home the second place trophy.

1st Acro Star 112.500; 2nd Badlands 109.800: 3rd Northern Lights 109.050; 4th Western Edge 103.050

Bronze Xcel Top 5 Placements:

Age 5-7

Bars 9.350; Beam 8.950; Floor 9.250; AA 36.650

Aubree Roerick: Vault 8.950; Bars 9.550; Beam 8.450; Floor 9.150; AA 36.100

Age 8-9

Tynlee Fahrman: Vault Aria Job: Vault 9.400; 1st 9.600; Beam 5th 8.500;

Floor 2nd 9.100; AA 3rd 36.400

Madison Kelly: Beam 82nd .900; Floor 5th 8.950; AA 5th 35.950

Also competing Age 9-11 Keagan Mell

Age 10+: Makayla Klamm: Bars 4th 9.050

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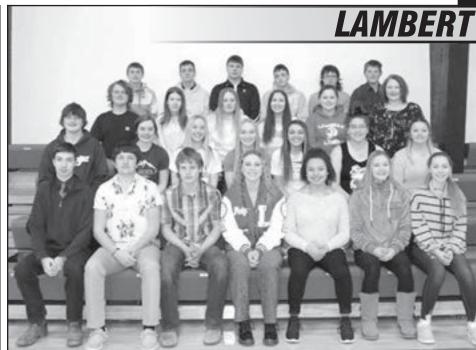




Above: Watford City FFA Members working on High Tunnel Shayla Rolla, Laney Hartel, Alician Garcia, Kristen Clark, Dominic-Jordan Robertson, Savanna Elliott, Brendalyn Clark



Above and Below: Watford City FFA Members (names not available).



Above: Front (L-R): Trace Krenning, Brett Mullin, Colby Williams, Paige Carda, Myakka Beyer, Jayla Huft, Rhett Rossol. 2nd Row (L-R): William Martin, Lauren Prevost, Grace Gonsioroski, Shae Williams, Brie Mullin, Halley Mullin, Caitlyn Carter. 3rd Row (L-R): Bobbie Knotts, Grace Hill, Baylee Ligon, Courtney Hofman, Piper Carter, Mrs. Verschoot. Back Row (L-R): Tiegen Cundiff, Damian Pflughoft, Layne Herman, Morgan Candee, Corbin Mullin, Landin Ligon.



Left: Lambert FFA Officer team (Brett Mullin, Paige Carda, Lauren Prevost, Makyya Beyer and Trace Krenning).



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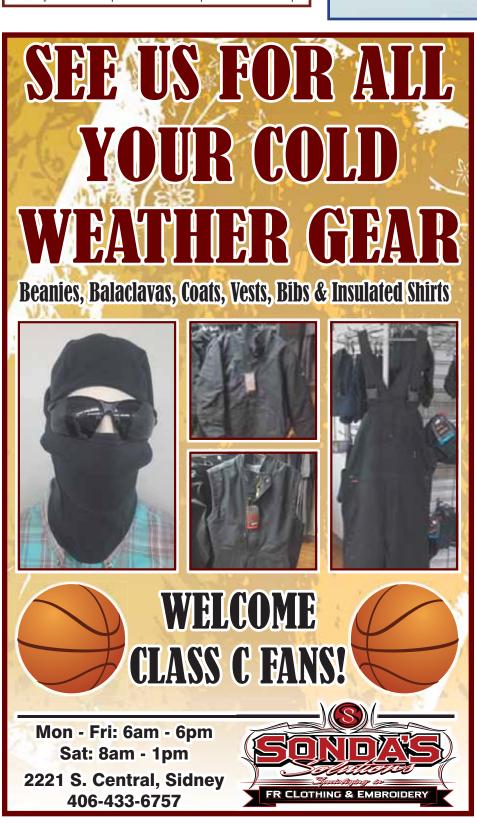


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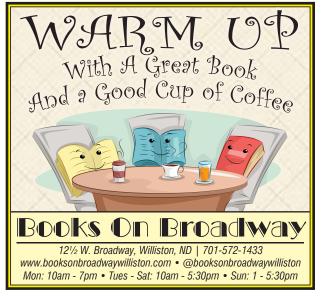
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