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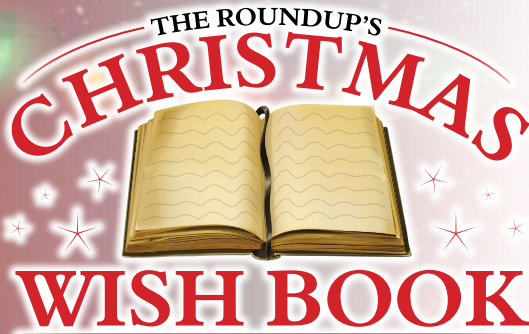
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“Gifts From The Heart” Annual Event To Be Held At Masonic Temple In Sidney Sat., Dec. 9



Pictured L-R) Maria Hodge, Kelly Feldman, and Rita Jacobson of A.B.A.T.E. brought the organization's yearly donation to “Gifts from the Heart” of toys, books, and bicycles in 2022. They are a major donator and much appreciated by the community and volunteers. (Submitted Photo)

By Jaymi Mozeak

Area volunteers will be holding the annual “Gifts from the Heart” event at the Masonic Temple, Sidney, on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 7 a.m.-noon. “Gifts from the Heart”, formally Christmas Coalition, is a program set up for people who feel they can't afford Christmas for their children.

The community donated all brand-new and unopened items for attendees to come Christmas shop at no cost. Each child shopped for will receive a hat and mittens. Reusable bags are filled with everything a family would need for Christmas dinner; including a \$15 meat voucher from Reynolds for you to choose a turkey or ham. There are

only two rules: the child or children (0-18) must live with the shopper, and they must live within Richland County. Jakkie Waller, “Gifts from the Heart” chairman said, “We don't have a lot of rules because we leave that to the Lord.”

The community-oriented event has been going on for around 30 years and is put on by volunteers from many different parts of the community and walks of life. Waller said, “Our motto is ‘From the community, for the community, back into the community’”. At the beginning of November, toy drops were set up at all four Sidney Edwards Jones offices, Jessica Cayko's Thrivent Financial office, MiMi's Kitchen, Meraki, Electricland, Rouge

llc, MT Bare Cave, and Michele Herres' State Farm office. In Fairview, there were drops set up at Neu's Super-Valu and Fairview Alliance Church. A.B.A.T.E. brings in toys and West Side Elementary, Sidney, also held a food drive for the event. The money for the meat vouchers was donated by an anonymous donor. Hat and mitten drives were done at all financial establishments in Fairview and Sidney. Area youth groups come in and volunteer to help set up, sort food, and whatever is needed, while three or four of the yearly volunteers have been doing it since the beginning. After the event, members of the Mormon Church come to help tear it down. Any baby items not

claimed at the event will be donated to the Sunrise Women's Clinic, food goes to community members in need who were not able to attend, puzzles go to the Crestwood, the Boy's & Girls Clubs of the MonDak gets what they can use for school age kids, and the rest goes to the Salvation Army. Financial donations may still be given at Stockman Bank or by contacting Jakkie Waller at 406-480-9117 and new, unwrapped items may be dropped off at the Masonic Temple, Dec. 8, from noon-6 p.m.

Local flyers about the event mention gift baskets for seniors but are talking about a separate event to be held Dec. 14 at the Richland County Food Bank.

Foundation For Community Care's Bridge Fund To Help Residents With Travel Expenses For Out Of Area Medical Appointments



The Foundation for Community Care's Bridge Fund is just one of the many services they have helped provide funding.

By Jaymi Mozeak

It is that time again and people across Richland County are receiving mailings asking for donations to the Foundation For Community Care's Bridge Fund. Those who donate have a chance to help ease one of the results of living in Eastern Montana.

There are times when Sidney Health Center patients need a specialist at a larger facility for further treatment. This can be a stressful time for the family because often the specialist is hundreds if not thousands of miles away. The Bridge Fund was created to help ease the financial burden associated with travel costs in these circumstances. The Bridge Fund is designed to help families and individuals who are currently receiving healthcare from Sidney Health Center and are required to seek treatment elsewhere. Each family in need is allowed to file one application per year for the grant program. If they are approved, patients are awarded up to \$500 to help ease the cost of transportation to their specialist appointment. Sidney Health Center patients can apply by picking up a printed copy at either the Foundation for Community Care office at 221 2nd St. NW, or Sidney Health Center, calling or emailing the Foundation for Community Care office, or just printing off an application from their website, foundationforcommunitycare.org, and turning it into the office.

Previous donors will be receiving a mailing soon if they have not already received one. According to the mailing, this year, they are featuring the Draggers, a family of six, whose youngest member was born with clubfeet. Nolan Drager was referred to Ortho Montana in Miles City after a few treatments; however, he was referred again to Shriner's Hospital in Spokane, WA, 739 miles away. “We were relieved to know that the Foundation for Community Care's Bridge Fund could help with the cost of travel for Nolan to get the care he needed,” said his mother, Kaylie. In 2023, the Bridge Fund has been awarded to 44 patients, covering \$20,750 in travel expenses. When donors make either a memorial or honorary gift to the Bridge Fund the Foundation for Community Care will send a special holiday card to whomever they want and if the foundation receives it before Dec. 13, they will recognize the memorials and honorariums in the Roundup Newspaper.

Foundation business hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. They can be reached by phone at 406-488-2273.

Alexander Christmas Stroll Dec. 7

By Robyn Heck

You won't want to miss the 3rd Annual small-town Christmas stroll celebration on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 5-8 p.m. CT in Alexander, ND.

There will be vendors on Main St., pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Hi-Way Lounge & Grill. Be sure to take in the hay rides, ornament decorating, dance numbers from our local little dancers, and musicians that will be sharing their talents. Along with food for sale at the Lion's booth (tacos, baked potatoes, soup, caramel apple nachos), and local organizations will be fundraising by selling cider, hot cocoa, edible cookie dough, and more.

“All are welcomed to bring an ornament to place on the city tree,” said organizer Krista Heen.

“The Christmas Stroll is a community event hosted by the Alexander Activities Club which is a group that was created when the Alexander PTO & Booster club combined. We would love to have more vendors!”, said Heen. “It's a fun, family event that you won't want to miss. Let us help get you in the spirit for the holiday season.”

For more information call Krista Heen at 701-770-0310.
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Eagle Wrestling Tournament This Week

The Sidney/Fairview wrestling team is holding their annual Eagle Wrestling Tournament Dec. 1-2. Wrestling action will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. For the boys, Friday will begin with all duals. There will be 10 mats running simultaneously. There will be six mats at the Sidney High School with top 16 seated teams and four mats at Central Elementary with the 15 lower seated teams. Championship duals will begin at 2:45 p.m. Friday with the first round of individual tournament beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday night. The individual tournament will continue beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday with the championship starting at approximately 5 p.m.

Girls wrestling will begin on Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Sidney High School in a round robin format. The first

round of individual bracket action will begin at 5:30 p.m. Girls action will continue Saturday at 9 a.m. with the placing rounds taking place at 3 p.m. All girls' matches will take place at the high school.

Teams from states across the country will be represented at this year's tournament. In addition to a slew of Montana and North Dakota teams, wrestlers from Adam City, CO; Post Falls, ID; Lake Stevens, WA; and Rapid City Central,

SD, will be competing at the tournament. Competing in the tournament for the first time will be Mead, CO. There will be a total of 30 teams at the event.

Sidney's returning state placers include Gordon Knapp and Brody Keysor as well as two-time state champion Reece Graves.

This year's team is a young group with over half the team in either 8th or 9th grade. “They are pretty young but they are well traveled,” stated head coach

Guy Melby. “They are pretty decent.” Most of these underclassmen have come though the AAU, USAW and middle school wrestling programs. They have experience at large national tournaments across the country.

These young wrestlers poised to be the heart of the team for years to come. “We are expecting some big things out of them,” continued Melby. “They work really hard. This will be the same team for virtually the next four years.”



Sidney/Fairview wrestlers warm up before practice on Nov. 24.



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MONDAYS:

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.

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

8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:

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

7 p.m. – 24-hour Women’s AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

THURSDAYS:

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

7 p.m. – Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.

8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:

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

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

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

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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....1840.0

Last Week’s Elev.1840.2

One Year Ago1832.4

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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 20.....	50.....	26.....	0.000
Nov. 21.....	47.....	18.....	0.000
Nov. 22.....	51.....	25.....	0.000
Nov. 23.....	25.....	5.....	0.000
Nov. 24.....	27.....	1.....	0.000
Nov. 25.....	37.....	7.....	0.000
Nov. 26.....	30.....	14.....	0.000
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation.....	13.454		

OBITUARIES

Dennis Scheetz, 74
Savage, MT

Funeral services for Dennis Scheetz, 74, are Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Dustin Morgan officiating. Visitation is Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Dennis will be laid to rest in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Dennis Scheetz

Dennis Scheetz, unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday Nov. 22, 2023, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, with family by his side.

Dennis Lloyd Scheetz was born Sept. 8, 1949, to Herman and Hilda (Odenbach) Scheetz in Sidney, MT.

After high school, Dennis joined the army and served his time. Returning from the army, he moved to Savage and purchased the Valley Garage with Gary Nelson. Years later, he sold his portion of Valley Garage to Gary and started work at Larson Motor in Sidney as a diesel mechanic. During this time, Dennis joined the Army National Guard where he served for 22 years and retired in 2004. Dennis worked for several years at Larson Motor before moving to American Ford Glendive, MT, where he continued his career as a diesel mechanic before retiring in 2010. Aside from being a mechanic, Dennis also served as a volunteer firefighter and EMT for the Savage Fire Department.

In 1977, Dennis married Kathy Reynolds and from this union had two daughters, Kari and Erin. Upon their separation, Dennis became a devoted single father to his children. In 1992, Dennis discovered he had a son, Michael McDougal, and began to build their relationship as a father and son.

Later in life, Dennis met the love of his life, Emilyn. They were united in marriage on Jan. 15, 2004. He loved traveling with his wife and making memories all over the world. Dennis enjoyed attending church, going camping, hunting, and fishing. He was also passionate about riding his motorcycle. What Dennis enjoyed the most was spending time with his family and his grandchildren.

Dennis unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT with his family by his side.

Dennis is survived by his mom, Hilda Reck and stepdad Harold Reck; wife, Emilyn Scheetz; daughters Kari Kummer and Erin Wells; son Michael McDougal; sisters, Patti (Bryan) Cummins and Sherry (Scott) Lessman; brother Rick (Cheryl) Scheetz; and grandchildren Bethany Wells, Kaden Kummer, Michael McDougal II and Hope McDougal.

He is preceded in death by his father Herman Scheetz.

Gene E. Emly, 60
Wibaux, MT formerly of
Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Gene Emly were at 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. The viewing was one hour before services at the church. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures were shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Gene E. Emly

Gene Edsel Emly was born to Gladys (Enger) and M.P. (Pete) Emly on Jan. 19, 1963 in Sidney, MT.

He started school in Fairview Special Education before moving to the Friendship Village School in Fargo, ND, from 1977-1984. He returned to the MonDak area in 1984, living in Williston.

While in Williston, he went to the 660 radio station nearly every morning for coffee. Jeff Nelson called him “The Manager of the Stars”. He could frequently be found dancing at the Silver Dollar where he was called, “Gene, Gene, The Dancing Machine.”

He helped Bernell and Gerry Gardner at the Valley Cash store. When he was in the way, Bernell would tell him it was time to sweep the sidewalk and Gene would leave because he hated sweeping.

He moved to Sidney in the late 90s where he found a “home” at the Law & Justice Center. He patrolled the streets daily and checked on nearly every business in town, until he moved to the Wibaux nursing home in 2020.

One of Gene’s favorite people in his life was his nephew, Dawson. Whether they were wrestling around, playing in the swimming pool, telling jokes, or Dawson was sneaking him candy bars and root beer, they always had a good time together.

Gene passed away on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at the Glendive Medical Center, Glendive, MT.

Gene is survived by his sisters, Ina Ashcraft and Avis (Lonnje) Falcon; brothers Warren (Paula) Emly, Winston (Bonnie) Emly, Norman Emly, and Roscoe Emly; half-sisters Roxie (Rusty) Houchen, Alice Heinzman, Shirley Winsted, and Carol Mort; sisters-in-law Irene Emly, Donna Emly, Eilene Emly, Elaine Emly, and Rosanne Emly; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents M.P. and Gladys; brothers Miles, Myron, and Ronald; sister Alva; half-brothers Albert, Richard, Milo, Harold, George, Marvin, and Elgene; and half-sisters Mildred, Mary, and Ila.

Peggy Jean Zadow, 94
Sidney, MT

Funeral services will be Thursday Nov. 30, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the People’s Congregational Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Richard Evans officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday Nov. 29, 2023 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT.

Peggy will be laid to rest at Newlon Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Peggy Jean Zadow, 94 peacefully passed away on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT with family members by her side.

EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thursday, Nov. 30

Taxes due by 5 p.m. - **Richland Co. Treasurer Taxes Due Reminder** - 1st payment of the 2023 Real Property taxes & 2nd payment of the 2023 Mobile Home taxes are due. Payments may be mailed or brought to the Richland Co. Treasurer, 201 W. Main, Sidney, MT 59270. Office hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. A payment drop box is in the alley behind the Old Courthouse & credit card payments are accepted online at richland.org. Any late payments will be assessed penalty & interest charges. For more info call 406-433-1707.

6 p.m. - **It Takes A Community Fundraising Gala** - Speaker Jonathan Evans. Free admission. Meal at 6:30 p.m. Richland Co. Event Center, 2118 W. Holly St. This event benefits Sunrise Women’s Clinic.

Fri., Dec. 1, 4-8 p.m.; & Sat., Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Matthew’s Holiday Bazaar - Lunch available. 310 7th St. SE. For more info call Kelly, 406-489-1059, evenings.

Sat., Dec. 2

9-11 a.m. - **MonDak Boys & Girls Club Children’s Christmas Shoppe & Breakfast with Santa** - Area youth through age 12 can come & shop for their family for only \$5. Free will breakfast with Santa. Small gifts for moms, dads & kids of all ages are needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Richland Co. Boys & Girls Club, 205 3rd Ave. SE, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more info visit Richland Co. Boys & Girls Club Facebook page.

Sat., Dec. 9

7 a.m.-noon - **Gifts From The Heart** - A program set up for people in Richland County who feel they can’t afford Christmas for their children (0-18). Masonic Lodge, 220 W. Main St. Financial donations are accepted at Stockman Bank, or contact Jakkie Waller, 406-480-9117. New, unwrapped items may be dropped off at the Masonic Lodge, Dec. 8, noon-6 p.m.

10 a.m. - **8th Annual “Santa Fun Run”** - 5K course & 1-mile route for families, 414 N. Central Ave. Registration fee \$25, register online. Run as Santa, one of the elves or wear an ugly sweater. A portion of the proceeds will benefit “Gifts from the Heart”. Sponsors of this run are Reynolds Market, Run the World Run Club & High Caliber Sports.

1-5 p.m. - **Pet Photos With Santa** - Cats, dogs, & children welcome. Printed pictures, hand painted frames, & raffle tickets all for sale. Tractor Supply Company, 302 E. Holly St. All proceeds go to Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak.

Fri., Dec. 22

6 p.m. - **A Hometown Holiday Benefit for Janaye Rayman (Brown)** - Goodwill donation holiday dinner, silent auction & Christmas market, family friendly games & music. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW. To donate text or call Kaila Forbes, 406-489-0702.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Fri., Dec. 1 - 5 p.m. check in; 5:30 p.m. race starts

Jingle Bell Jog - Holiday fun run, holiday costumes encouraged, registration fee \$30. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway.

Sat., Dec. 2

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Making It Merry Open House** - Enjoy Pride of Dakota food & drink samplings & holiday shopping. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

2 p.m. - **Vintage Christmas Tree Class** - Long X Art Gallery. Register at longxarts.com.

4-8 p.m. - **La Posada 2023** - Hispanic Christmas, carols, live show, music, piñatas, food vendors & door prizes. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway.

Tues., Dec. 5

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Western Beef Summit** - Ag Expo building, 12880 25th St, NW. \$30 pre-registration by Dec. 1; \$40 at the door. For more info visit <https://www.mcagexpo.com/events>.

Mon., Dec. 6

4-6:15 p.m. - **Christmas Baking** - Grades 6-8, fee \$25. Rough Rider Center. To register visit watfordcityparks.com or call 701-842-3665.

Thurs., Dec. 7

5 p.m. - **Alexander 3rd Annual Christmas Stroll** - Downtown Alexander. Christmas shopping with local vendors, food options, hot cocoa & pictures with Santa. Hosted by Alexander Activities Club.

Fri., Dec. 8, 4-8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; & Sun., Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Gun Show - Buy, sell, trade, look. Admission \$10 per day. McKenzie Co. Sportsman’s Club, 2306-121X Ave. NW, 5 miles S. on CR 37, big blue building on left. For more info contact Heather Stabler, 701-651-2585 or 701-978-8129.

Sat., Dec. 9

10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **2023 Christmas Fest** - Photos with Santa, shopping, Christmas crafts, swimming, food, fun & more. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info visit roughridercenter.com.

5-7 p.m. - **High Tea at Heritage Park** - Enjoy an evening filled with laughter, good company & tea. Bring your own cup & saucer or borrow one for the night. 904 2nd Ave. SW.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., Nov. 29-Sun., Dec. 31

5:30-9:30 p.m. - **2023 Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - Take & go kids crafts, interactive exhibits, elf on the shelf bingo, photo stations & 1000s of twinkling lights. \$5 per car.

Fri., Dec. 1

5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Festival of Trees Reindeer Games Family Fun Night** - Crafts, games, caroling, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies. Free event. Williston ARC, 822 18th St. E.

Sat., Dec. 2

11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Cheer For Children Kick-Off Event** - Pictures with Santa, ornament decorating & hot chocolate bar. Ryan Motors, 1212 2nd St. W.

Mon., Dec. 4

7 p.m. - **Active Parenting First Five Years** - Video based discussion on ages, strategies & ways to encourage early learning. Free of charge to ND residents. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Dr. For more info contact Blanche Waggoner, 701-577-4595, blanche.waggoner@ndsu.edu.

Fri., Dec. 8

5-8 p.m. - **Williston Downtowners Association Holiday Stroll** - Downtown business sales, hot chocolate contest, live music, S’mores galore, horse carriage rides, & lots more. Downtown Williston.

Sat., Dec. 16

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Santa’s Workshop Craft & Vendor Show** - Get those last minute gifts for all of your loved ones. Raymond Family Community Center, 1002 11th St. W.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.


Sun., Dec. 3

10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Rickey Craft Bazaar** - Lunch provided. Table rental proceeds to benefit Rickey Senior Center; bake sale & silent auction to benefit Little Royal Park. Rickey Senior Center, S 4th St.

Sat., Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Santa’s Big Stop - All vendors craft show - Santa will be there, and food provided for both days. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave. For more info call 701-770-1904 or 406-989-2983.

Watford City Parade of Lights



The Watford City Chamber of Commerce held their annual Parade of Lights Nov. 24. Pictured is the fireworks display following the parade. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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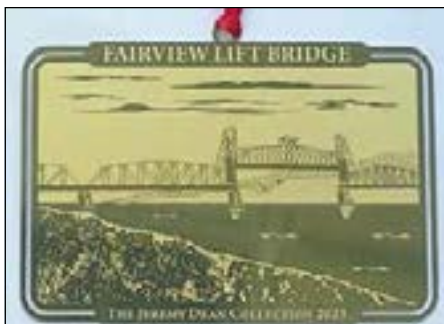
By Dianne Swanson
To celebrate the 110th anniversary of the iconic Fairview Bridge, the Fairview Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Fairview Bridge are offering the second in the highly collectible Jeremy Dean ornament, which features the bridge. Add a copy of "The Fairview Lift Bridge, 110 Years of History", as the perfect compliment. Filled with historical photos and stories, the booklet details the history of the bridge from construction to present day.

The booklets and ornaments are only \$15 each or purchase both for just \$25. They are available now at Merchants Bank, 216 S. Ellery Ave., Fairview. Call 406-742-5203 to reserve yours today. Booklets are also available at The Roundup, 111 W. Main, Sidney. Call 406-433-3306.

An excellent gift for fans of the iconic bridge, Fairview Lift Bridge, 110 Years of History is now available for purchase at Merchants Bank in Fairview and The Roundup in Sidney.



2023 Fairview Bridge Ornament by Jeremy Dean. (Photo submitted)



New In-House Children’s Counselor At Sidney’s Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center



Marissa Amato is the new children’s counselor with Sidney’s Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center. She loves to work with children and is looking forward to helping the children of Richland County. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

By Jaymi Mozeak
The Sidney branch of the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center is proud to announce they have a new kids counselor. Marissa Amato specializes in kids and families and can meet in person at the Sidney clinic.

Like many things in Eastern Montana, Sidney has been a little short on in-person child therapists. In fact, EMCMHC in Sidney has not had an in-person therapist since COVID-19 and has not had a children’s therapist for even longer. Children needing services from EMCMHC needed to go to other towns or do counseling through telehealth in the mental health clinic office.

Amato has always enjoyed working with children and, while attending college, decided she wanted to become a therapist. She attended Walla Walla University Satellite campus in Billings, pursuing a Master’s Degree in clinical social work. Shortly after finishing her bachelor’s degree, however, she was able to work with kids in a comprehensive school and community treatment program. She ended up working there for eight years. Her time there helped her decide to go into counseling. By this time, her younger sister and brother lived in Sidney, clear on the other side of the state, and frequent visits were no longer enough. She and her mom moved to Sidney to be closer to them. “When I got here I noticed there wasn’t many counselors that specialize in kids,” Amato said, but that was something she could help with. She finished her Master’s program in June 2023 and began working for Eastern Montana Mental Health Clinic in Sidney that July.

Amato is currently working under the supervision of a licensed therapist and is working towards becoming a fully licensed therapist in the state of Montana. She is currently taking patients. Amato uses play therapy, art therapy, talk therapy, and cognitive behavioral therapy(a treatment that usually involves efforts to change faulty or unhealthy thinking patterns) to help her patients. at Sidney Eastern Montana Mental Health Clinic in Sidney MT. The clinic is located at 1201 W. Holly St. #4 and is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. with an hour break for lunch from noon-1 p.m. For an appointment, call (406) 433-4635.

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Gerald “Jerry” Redlin, 99 Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Jerry Redlin, Sidney, MT, are Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Barb Haugerud officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Gerald will be laid to rest in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sidney, MT. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lutheran World Relief, the Foundation for Community Care, the MonDak Heritage Center, or a charity of your choice. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Gerald “Jerry” Grawunder Roger Redlin was born in Sidney, MT, on May 16, 1924, to Ernest and Hedwig “Hattie” (Grawunder) Redlin. He grew up on the family farm in the Three Buttes Community, initially attending the rural school there. His father’s determination that his sons all receive an advanced education led him and his brothers to also attend schools in Minneapolis and Seattle, as the family’s situation was buffeted by the Great Depression and the onset of WWII. Every spring, however, the family would return to the Montana farm.

With the world at war, Jerry was drafted into the army in 1944, attending basic training in California and Officer Candidate School in Georgia, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He boarded a troop ship to Japan in October 1945, where he was a member of the occupation forces, initially heading up a tank battalion motor pool because the military figured a farm boy would know his way around the machinery. The devastation he saw in firebombed Tokyo, and later in a specially authorized tour of war-torn Germany in 1948, made him a lifelong pacifist.

After mustering out of the Army in 1946, Jerry had an opportunity to attend the “Encampment for Citizenship” program in New York City, which brought together young people from all over the world to live and study together for several weeks. While there, he was notified that he had received a one-year scholarship to Ruskin College in Oxford, England, to study economic theory. He sailed for England in 1948. His time in Tokyo, New York, and Oxford afforded him several surprising encounters for a Montana farm kid, including a courtroom view of Tojo’s war crimes trial, a car ride with Eleanor Roosevelt, a concert with a young Pete Seeger, and a meeting with then Princess Elizabeth, to name just a few.

In 1949, with his classes at Oxford completed, Jerry returned to the family farm and enrolled in Business College at Minot, ND, earning an associate degree in accounting. Jerry had an entrepreneurial streak and in those early years started or helped start businesses leasing minerals, fabricating fiberglass burial vaults and dune buggy bodies, and selling steel Quonset buildings.

Jerry met his future wife, Elsie Hoversten, on a visit to Crosby, ND in 1952. Two years later on Feb. 7, 1954, they were married. They made their first home in Sidney and



Gerald “Jerry” Redlin

began their family with the arrival of twin sons Jonathon and Jeffrey, and daughters, Bethany and Meredith. The young family moved to Wolf Point where Jerry worked as an insurance adjuster and son, Nathaniel, was born, but once again they returned to the Sidney area, this time to take over the family farm. For the next 28 years, they lived in the Three Buttes Community near Lambert, MT, and raised their family – now including youngest sons, Bradley and Marcus. To help support their growing family, Elsie returned to teaching at Lambert High School for a short period, and Jerry started a machinery dealership (with his brother, Ernie) on the home farm.

While family always came first for Jerry, church and community were close seconds as he strove to provide his family with well-rounded lives that took into account those in less fortunate circumstances. Jerry, along with Elsie, was an active member and leader in the local Democratic Party. Jerry also served his community through his work with the local Farmers Union organization and grain elevator, the First Lutheran Church in Lambert and later Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney, and the rural Three Buttes Elementary School (the same one he had attended as a child).

Jerry also served 36 years on the Montana Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Board, and 20 years on the board of directors for the Grain Terminal Association, now Cenex Harvest States, a farmer owned cooperative and Fortune 100 company.

In 1991, Jerry and Elsie retired from farming and moved into Sidney where he lived for the next 30 plus years. In “retirement” Jerry continued to serve on various boards, including the Sidney Health Center board when plans for a new assisted living center, The Lodge, were initiated. He joined Kiwanis. He and Elsie worked as volunteers with the hospice program in Sidney. It was also in retirement that Jerry joined many lifelong (and new) friends for coffee and spirited conversation, meeting five days a week for more than two decades. It became a highlight of his day, even as his health failed.

Jerry and Elsie had another passion, traveling to new places to expand their appreciation for the diverse peoples and cultures of the nation and the world. They were able to travel extensively, including trips to Egypt, the Sinai Peninsula, Japan, England, Jamaica, Mexico, Spain, Australia, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Turkey, and more. For Jerry’s 90th birthday, his children returned with him to England where he shared stories and haunts from his time there as an Oxford student.

Jerry’s greatest joy and biggest challenge in retirement was completing a two-year lay ministry program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church alongside Elsie. The two of them accepted interim positions at three different multi-point parishes across northeastern and central Montana, serving as lay pastors for nearly three years.

Jerry was a very warm, kind, and generous man, who could strike up a lifelong friendship as easily as he did a conversation with a stranger. A caretaker by nature, he lovingly nursed two brothers and his beloved wife in their last days. His children were blessed to care for him, in turn.

Jerry’s greatest joys throughout his 99 years of life remained his faith, friends, and always his family. He passed on peacefully at home on Tuesday, Nov. 21, with his children at his side.

He is survived by his seven children and spouses, Jeffrey (Misty) Redlin, Jonathon (Karen) Redlin, Bethany

(Dan) Redlin Mocko, Meredith Redlin, Nathaniel Redlin, Bradley (Erin) Jordahl Redlin, and Marcus (Karen) Redlin. Jerry is also survived by 16 loving grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren including: Jen (John) McFadden and Mahayla; Steven Paulson; Jared (Chelsea) Paulson, Ely, Jesse, Neve, and Calum; Julian (Katie) Paulson; Jeanne (Chris) Sessing, Mattias and Olivya; Jacquie Redlin and Xavier; Stacey Redlin; Ian (Jeni) Redlin, Isabel and Finley; Melissa (Doug) Hagenbuch, Mason, Lily, and Maddalen; Rhea (Wes) Christensen, Molly and Jorgen; Devon Redlin; Eli and Asa Jordahl Redlin; and Emma, Kellyn and Daniel Redlin. He is also survived by nine nephews and nine nieces, with whom he also shared a special relationship.

He was proceeded in death by his parents; wife of 58 years, Elsie Redlin; brothers, Ernie, Rolland, Ward, and Robert Redlin; sisters-in-law Thelma Golden and Christine Redlin; brother-in-law Ted Hoversten; nieces Julie Kottsick, Kristi Redlin; and nephew Bruce Redlin.

Rosa Anderson, 72 Sidney, MT

Rosa Linda (Abraham) Anderson, 72, Sidney MT, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, in Superior, MT, at the home of her daughter, Tasha (Anderson) Dent.

Rosa was born Sept. 14, 1951, to Raymond and Phylliss Abraham near Wolf Point, MT. She was the third of 12 siblings. Rosa loved her church, Bible Baptist, Sidney, MT, her family, and her best friends, Pauly McElhenny and Linda Posivio. Rosa had a beautiful smile and loved to tell jokes and stories to everyone she met.

Rosa married Robert Anderson and they had three children; Jason, Anthony, and Tasha, whom she loved dearly. Rosa was a good and caring nurse’s aid most of her life. She also worked at Sidney Sugars for a while and was working at Sidney Health Center in the housekeeping department until the surgery in 2017, which confined her to a wheelchair. After that she was at home with her kitty, did gardening at home, and always looked forward to Thursday cards with the girls. Rosa loved life and lived it to the fullest in everything she did.

Rosa is survived by one daughter, Tasha (Justin) Dent and grandson, Brendan, Superior, MT; brother, Henry Abraham, Vida, MT; and sisters Mary Abraham and Brenda Abraham, Vida, MT, Sally (Roger) Hollowell, Lewistown, MT, and Betty (Tom) Romo and Vicky (Shawn) Boysun, Wolf Point, MT. Rosa was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Jason and Tony Anderson; brothers Ken, Les, and Abe; and sisters Anna and Nancy.

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Art In Business Shopping Event Nov. 24–Dec. 24

Submitted by Jessie Veeder Scofield

The Long X Arts Foundation is combining the arts with small business this holiday season as it hosts the Art in Business Shopping Event Nov. 24–Dec. 24.

The foundation has partnered with area Watford City Main Street businesses as well as local artists to make shopping local, unique gifts, and art easy and fun. Nine local artists will have their work on display and for sale in seven different retail locations in Watford City.

“With the holiday shopping season in full swing this is a great way to offer a unique experience for shoppers as well as artists and retailers,” said Jessie Veeder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director. “The local businesses have

been so gracious to host these artists, and the hope is that it will help bring more traffic through their stores as well. Shopping local is so important.”

Participating artists and businesses include Shop Local Artists in Local Businesses this Holiday Season! Door 204- Bryan Fevold Photography | Diane Kay Photography | Karatcake Art Elle’s Boutique LLC- Nikki Rodriguez Fine Art Larsen Service Drug & Soda Fountain- Chad Ziemendorf Photography Long X Arts Foundation-Doug Engberg Art on Leather Pioneer Gifts & Books and Long X Visitor Center-Trish Stevenson Fine Art Meyer’s Department Store-Bold West Art Saddle Up - Saddles,

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In conjunction with hosting local artists, the Long X Visitor and Art Center and Pioneer Gifts and Books will be hosting a Holiday Open House on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. featuring discounts at the gift shop and Pride of Dakota food samplings.

The Long X Arts Foundation will also be hosting some fun holiday themed art classes including a vintage ceramic Christmas tree class that day at 2 p.m. Additional classes include a vintage ceramic Christmas tree night light on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and a small vintage ceramic

Christmas tree on Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. Then join them for a cute ceramic Christmas cookies dunk mug on Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. All classes take place in the Long X Art Gallery located in the lower level of the Long X Visitor Center. For more information about these classes visit www.longxarts.com.

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Montana Supreme Court Says Counties Wrong On 95-Mill Tax Issue

Ruling means 49 of 56 counties under-collected state school equalization dollars with property tax bills sent this fall.

By Eric Dietrich
Montana Free Press

The Montana Supreme Court Wednesday ruled against Montana county governments in a dispute over the Montana Department of Revenue's authority to order the full collection of the 95-mill state-level school equalization levy, a formerly obscure piece of tax bills that became a flashpoint this fall as state and local officials contended with frustration over rising property taxes.

The ruling means that the 49 of 56 Montana counties that chose to collect a lower, 77.9-mill rate on tax

bills sent to property owners this fall will likely have to make up the difference when they mail their next round of semi-annual tax bills in the spring.

"I'm amazed," Beaverhead County Commissioner Mike McGinley said of the ruling, which was issued by justices the day before Thanksgiving. "I guess I'm going to have to donate this turkey and go get some crow."

Rising property values meant the 95 mills, which fund part of a state effort to balance funding between tax-base-rich and tax-base-

poor school districts, are expected to bring in about \$99 million more this year than last, revenues that were baked into the budget passed by this year's state Legislature.

The revenue department directed counties to collect the full 95 mills in September, interpreting the relevant tax law in the way it has for decades. McGinley and many other county officials, however, rallied around an interpretation of the tax code that, if it had been accepted by justices, would have limited the growth of the school

equalization collections to the lower millage rate.

The county-backed rate would have reduced collections by about \$80 million a year statewide, producing savings of roughly \$104 a year for a home valued at \$450,000.

McGinley and most other county officials have been adamant that, with the state General Fund relatively flush, the state could accommodate lower collections without hurting schools. Education advocates have worried, however, that reducing collections would force them to put a \$160 million request

for supplemental education funding before potentially skeptical lawmakers when the Legislature meets in 2025.

The dispute has produced at least four separate lawsuits filed before state district judges and the Montana Supreme Court. Wednesday's Supreme Court ruling came in a case filed by the Montana Association of Counties and some individual officials against the state and the revenue department, which is run by a director appointed by Gov. Greg Gianforte.

Montana's 1972 Constitution requires the state to provide the public with an education system that provides "[e]quality of educational opportunity." The 95 mills, technically a bundle of multiple school taxes that are in some cases displayed separately on property tax bills, were adopted by the Legislature in an effort to meet that requirement.

In their 7-0 ruling, Supreme Court justices said they generally defer to state agencies like the Department of Revenue when questions arise about a law that agencies have consistently interpreted in a particular way for considerable lengths of time.

"DOR's methodology has been untested for two decades, and its interpretation of the statute is consistent with the State's constitutional directives," Chief Justice Mike McGrath wrote

on behalf of the majority.

Gianforte's office and education advocates applauded the ruling Wednesday.

"Today's decision reaffirms what has guided us: We have an obligation, both constitutional and moral, to ensure each Montana child has access to a quality education, and we won't defund our public schools," Gianforte said in a statement.

The governor also touted his administration's efforts to offset rising taxes by offering property tax rebates of up to \$675 a year this year and next. The property tax rebates are available to homeowners, but not to renters or commercial property owners.

Lance Melton, the director of the Montana School Boards Association, said in an interview that schools had "dodged a bullet" with the ruling. Melton also said he believed the ruling would preempt a lawsuit filed against county governments by the Montana Quality Education Coalition.

Montana Federation of Public Employees president Amanda Curtis, whose members include unionized teachers, said through a spokesperson that the ruling "protects our local schools from becoming collateral damage as Montanans grapple with the fallout from the Legislature's failure to find long-term solutions to rising property taxes."

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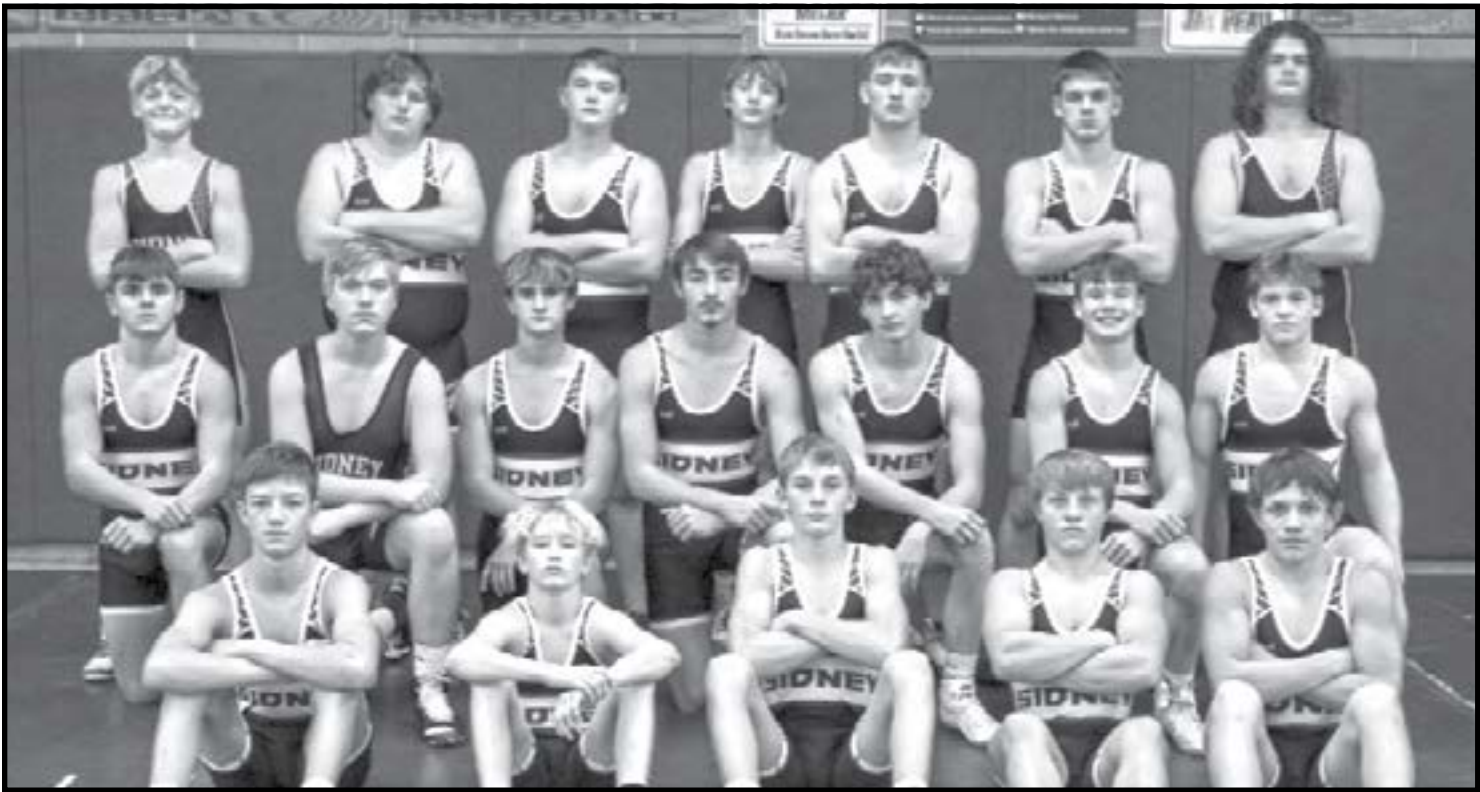
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Boy's Schedule

Thursday November 30, 2023

4pm Weigh-ins at home (bring weight sheets with you)
6pm Mats open for practice

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:30am Gym open for warmups
7:30am Weigh-ins for those that choose (1 pound)
7:45am Coaches meeting in weight room
8:30am Dual Tournament Begins
*Top 16 seeded teams on six mats at high school
Next 16 seeded teams on 4 mats at the grade school will wrestle in a pool format*
2:45pm Finals of Dual Brackets
Small Break
5:30pm Individual Bracket Starts
*Varsity on mats 1-4 (Round of 32-16)
JV's/Girls Mats 5-6 (First Round only)*
8pm All matches Complete
8:30pm Winners Pub Social

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:am Quarters - 1st Round Wrestle Backs
11:30am Semis - 2nd Round Wrestle Backs
1:30pm 3rd Round Wrestle Backs
3pm Varsity Consolation Semis
JV Placing Rounds
5pm Varsity Placing Rounds

Girl's Schedule

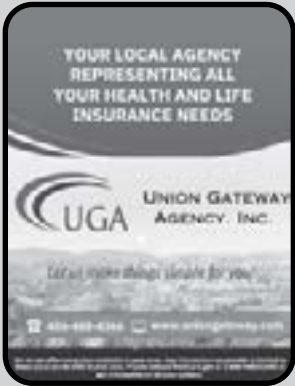
All girls wrestling will be at the high school. Weight-ins are all the same

Friday, December 1, 2023 (Round Robin until 5pm)

1:30-2:30pm Mat 6 (Round Robin)
2:45-5pm Mats 5-6 (Round Robin)
5:30pm 1st round of bracketed tournament
Mats 5-6 (One Round Only)

Saturday December 2, 2023

7:30am Weigh-ins (Plus 2 pounds)
9am Continue wrestling mats 5-6
3pm Placing Round 1-8
5pm Introduction of Awards
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Sidney Health Center Holds Annual Membership Meeting

Sidney – The Annual Membership Meeting of Sidney Health Center was held on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Sidney Country Club. Highlights of the meeting included presentations from Clifton Larson Allen on the audited financials as well as reports from the Dr. Malua Tambi, Chief of Medical Staff; Jennifer Doty, Chief Executive Officer; and Bob Burnison, Board of Directors President.

Two board members were elected to the board including incumbent, Burnison, and Mike Weber. Lance Averett, outgoing board member and past president, was thanked for

his seven dedicated years of service to Sidney Health Center. Other board members include Rebecca Bradley, Eric Beenken, Stephanie Livers, Susan Duffey, Randy Johnson, and Cheryl Van Every, as well as Dr. Tambi, and Dr. Noel Nguewoun from the Medical Staff.

Sidney Health Center reportedly ended the fiscal year (July 2022 – June 2023) with a negative 1.2% operating margin. This was actually better than the budgeted negative \$1.8 operating margin for fiscal year 2023. Rising costs in labor, drugs, and supplies have negatively impacted the operating margin the

past couple years and the organization has been able to withstand the downturn due to strong financial performance in pre-pandemic years. Strategic efforts continue to be a priority as the organization rebuilds and manages its finances.

Annual employee turnover results reported a 21% for fiscal year 2023, compared to the national healthcare average of 26%. Since fiscal year 2017, the annual employee turnover rate has hovered around 18% indicating a stable workforce. In addition, 88% of Sidney Health Center employees participated in the annual employee engagement survey that was held in June 2023. Based on the employees' feedback and compared to other healthcare organizations, the organization scored in the 50th percentile meeting the organizational employee engagement goal and scoring 15 percentage points above last year's results.

"I am impressed with the number of employees who took the time to complete this survey. To me this indicates a willingness and desire to provide leadership with valuable input to improve the work experience," noted Doty, CEO, during her presentation. "Research confirms that an engaged, patient-centered workforce is foundational for the delivery of efficient and effective health care services and positively impacts the safety, quality and experience of care."

Sidney Health Center is

one of the largest employers in Richland County with over 600 employees amounting to wages and compensation in excess of \$60 million.

Other highlights of the meeting included building project updates, quality recognition awards, key statistics, and medical staff recruitment efforts and updates. In the past year, Sidney Health Center secured two additional emergency department physicians, a full-time orthopedic surgeon, a physician assistant, a pediatric hospitalist, and additional cancer care support.

Sidney Health Center's medical staff includes 33 physicians, who offer services including emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, ENT, podiatric medicine, oncology, interventional pain management, aes-

thetic medicine, pathology, and radiology. In addition, four nurse practitioners, one adult-gerontology nurse practitioner, six physician assistants, three nurse anesthetists and an audiologist compliment the medical staff and round out the team.

Sidney Health Center is a membership organization. To become a member of Sidney Health Center, individuals and businesses pay a one-time membership fee of \$100. In the last year, 15 new members joined the organization, totaling 214 individual members and 60 business memberships. To become a member or for more information, please call Melissa Papka, Executive Assistant at 406-488-2027 or stop in at Sidney Health Center administration. You can also visit our website at: www.sidneyhealth.org/About/Membership-Info.

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Featured Nights At The Holiday Lights Drive:

Tuesday, Nov. 28: Barbie Night - Join the fun! Stop and take each other's photos in the Barbie-pink photo booth. Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Thursday, Nov. 30: Ninja Turtle Night - Weather permitting, costumed ninja turtles will be patrolling the park to-night! They also have a themed photo op spot on the east side of the park, and take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Monday, Dec. 4 and Wednesday, Dec. 6: Grinch Night - Someone green is out lurking around at the Lights Drive! Is he causing mischief or just out for a walk? See if you can spot him! Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 7: Monsters, Inc - There are monsters loose in Spring Lake Park. Weather permitting, you might see Mike and Sully enjoying the holiday lights. There will also be a themed photo booth on the east side

of the park and take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Monday, Dec. 11-Tuesday, Dec.12: Santa Nights - Santa is making an appearance for visits and photos for two nights at the Lights Drive from 6-8 p.m. in the keel boat building. Bring your own camera or phone to commemorate the visit! Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Wednesday, Dec. 13-Thursday, Dec. 14: Unicorn Nights - Drive slowly so you don't miss our live unicorns hanging out in the keel boat parking lot! Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Sunday, Dec. 17: Luminary Sunday - Traditionally held the Sunday before Christmas, the evening features hundreds of additional lights in luminary bags lighting up the park along the roadway. Don't miss this one-night event. Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Monday, Dec. 18-Tuesday, Dec. 19: Reindeer Nights - The reindeer are visiting Williston! You can find them in our drive by display in the keel boat parking lot. Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Wednesday, Dec. 20: Bumble the Abominable Snowman Night - Can you spot the Abominable Snowmonster? Sometimes Bumble is hiding, but other times you might drive right by him! This themed night comes with a take-home craft for children in the vehicle while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 21: Sledding - Bring your sled! Park in the amphitheater parking lot at the bottom of the first hill after the ticket booth. We plan to have extra lights on the sledding hill,

and Salvation Army plans to be on hand to hand out hot cocoa. There will also be a take-home craft distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Saturday, Dec. 23: Cookie Decorating Kit - What would the holidays be without holiday treats? Individual cookie kits are available to kids in the car while supplies last!

Tuesday, Dec. 26: The Great Elf Send Off - The Elf on the Shelf has been busy keeping an eye on you all month and deserves a party before heading back to the North Pole! Visit the Lights Drive and see if you can find all the miniature elves partying around the park, visible from your car. This is also your last night to complete the Elf on the Shelf bingo card! Take home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 28: Meet the First Responders - Follow the lights! Come meet Williston's 1st Responders at the Lights Drive, parked in the keel boat park-

ing lot. Take-home crafts will be distributed from the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Saturday, Dec. 30: New Year's Eve Eve - Bring the kids for a spin through the Lights Drive to celebrate their own mini New Year's celebration, saving Dec. 31 for your own plans, if you have them! We will be handing out party favors at the gate house for kids in the car while supplies last.

Other activities, weather permitting:

Wednesday Night Hayrides with Ironhide: Hayrides are available on Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 for up to 10 people or two families per ride, maximum (which-ever threshold is met first). Check in with the driver in the parking lot of the keel boat to verify availability. Hayrides are first come, first served, 6-8 p.m.

Elf On the Shelf Bingo: Play bingo with us! Every night through Dec. 26, our larger-than-life size Elf on the Shelf will be moved in the park. Find him and mark off the corresponding square

with the date on your bingo card! Cards are available at the Lights Drive gate. Complete a row and return your winning card to the Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau for a prize!

Self-Guided Photo Opportunities: Check out all the Holiday Lights Drive photo stops! Can you find them all? If another party is using the photo op, please wait until they finish to approach. If you are using the photo op spot and notice a vehicle waiting, please finish in a


timely manner and return to your vehicle so others can see it. Refer to the map from the gate house for specific locations.

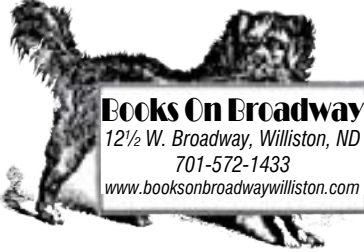
Letters to Santa: Write your letter to Santa and leave it in the red mailbox at the keelboat. These are picked up daily and replied to, if a return address is provided! You can use the blank letter form you receive at the Lights Drive gate. Feel free to ask for more if you have multiple kids (or kids at heart) in the vehicle!

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Watford City's Rough Rider Center To Host Inaugural “Border Battle: High School Basketball Showcase”

Submitted by Brock White, Watford City Marketing & Communications Coordinator

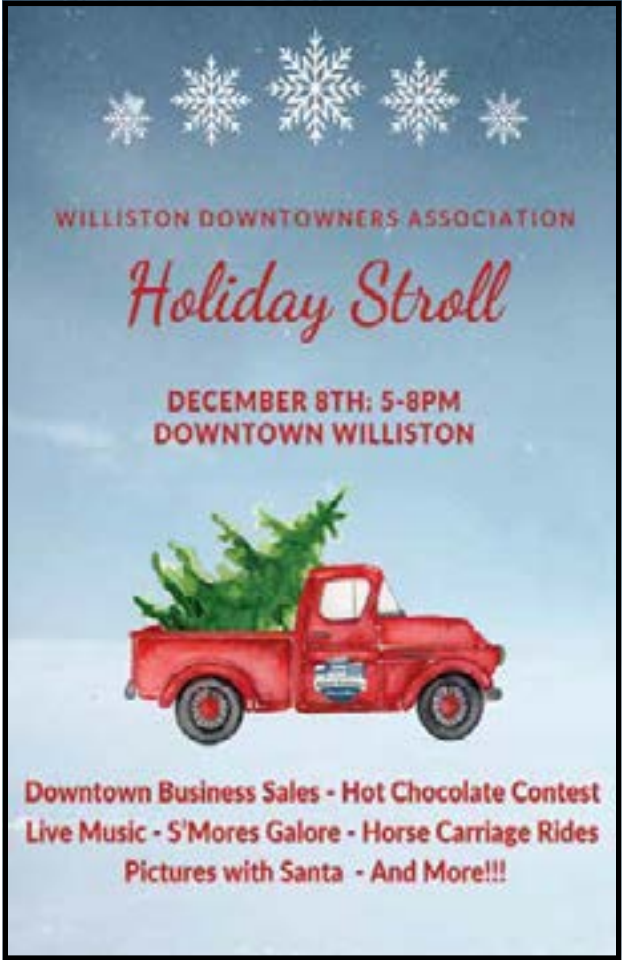
Continuing on in the tradition of dynamic, exciting programming for the community and region, Watford City's Rough Rider Center will host the inaugural “Border Battle: High School Basketball Showcase” Dec. 8-9.

Featuring boys and girls varsity teams from North Dakota and Montana, The “Border Battle” will boast unique and never before seen matchups, as the region's best up and coming basketball standouts show their skills under the bright lights of The Rough Rider Center.

“The Rough Rider Center already has such a great reputation as being the number one choice for sports tournaments, and we wanted to capitalize on that momentum by creating a new event that's over the top, unique, and gives the region's best high school basketball players a chance to stand out on a big stage” stated Joshua Nollmeyer, Rough Rider Center's recreation and events director.

Varsity boys and girls teams from North Dakota include Alexander, Berthold, Watford City, South Heart, Ray, and Dickinson Trinity. Montana will be represented by the true east border teams of Sidney and Bavinille.

One day admission for the event starts at \$10, while a weekend pass runs \$15. For a full schedule and more information, visit www.roughridercenter.com/ events. For hotels and accommodations, visit www.visitwatfordcity.com/travelguide to plan your stay today.



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Dec. 8.....	Home vs. Wibaux.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Dec. 15.....	Home vs. Brockton.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Dec. 16.....	Bainville.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB....1/2:30/4//5:30pm
Dec. 21.....	Grenora.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 5.....	Culbertson.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 12.....	Home vs. Plentywood.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 13.....	Froid/Lake.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Jan. 19.....	Brockton.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 20.....	Home vs. Bainville.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Jan. 26.....	Home vs. MonDAk.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 27.....	Wibaux.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Feb. 2.....	Home vs. Culbertson.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Feb. 3.....	Richey.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Feb. 9.....	Plentywood.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Feb. 10.....	Home vs. Froid/Lake.....	JVG/JVB/VG/VB.....3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Feb. 13-17.....	Sidney Districts.....	VG/VB.....TBA
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Dec. 14	Plentywood	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Jan. 26.....	Med Lake vs. Culbertson	3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Dec. 16	Med lake vs. MonDak	1/2:30/4/5:30pm	Jan. 27	Med Lake vs. Poplar	1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Dec. 19	Poplar.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 2	Brockton.....	6/7:30pm
Dec. 21	Culbertson	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 3	Froid vs. Bainville.....	1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Jan. 5.....	Froid vs. Brockton.....	6/7:30pm	Feb. 9	Froid vs. R&L.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 6.....	Bainville.....	1/2:30/4/5:30pm	Feb. 10	Savage	1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Jan. 12.....	Richey	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 12 - 17	Sidney Districts	TBA
Jan. 13.....	Froid vs. Savage	1/2:30/4/5:30pm	Feb. 29 - Mar. 2.....	Glasgow Divisionals.....	TBA
Jan. 19.....	Med Lake vs. Plentywood...	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Mar. 6 - 8	Great Falls State	TBA



Sidney Eagles

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boys Basketball

Date.....	Location.....	Group.....	Time
Dec. 5.....	Home vs. Wolf Point.....	Varsity.....	7pm
Dec. 8.....	RRC vs. Watford City.....	Varsity.....	7pm
Dec. 9.....	RRC vs. Dickinson.....	Varsity.....	2:45pm
Dec. 14.....	Home vs. Fairview.....	Varsity.....	6pm
Dec. 15.....	Glasgow.....	Varsity.....	7:30pm
Dec. 21.....	Home vs. Hardin.....	Varsity.....	6pm
Dec. 22.....	Billings.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Jan. 4.....	Fairview.....	Varsity.....	6pm
Jan. 6.....	Home vs. Fergus.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Jan. 11.....	Glendive.....	Varsity.....	7:30pm
Jan. 13.....	Home vs. Custer County.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Jan. 19.....	Havre.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Jan. 23.....	Home vs. Glasgow.....	Varsity.....	5pm
Jan. 26.....	Fergus.....	Varsity.....	7:30pm
Jan. 27.....	Lockwood.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Feb. 1.....	Home vs. Glendive.....	Varsity.....	7pm
Feb. 3.....	Custer County.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Feb. 10.....	Home vs. Havre.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Feb. 22 - 24.....	Billings Divisionals.....	Varsity.....	TBA
Mar. 7 - 9.....	Bozeman State.....	Varsity.....	TBA

Girls Basketball

Date.....	Location.....	Group.....	Time
Dec. 5.....	Wolf Point.....	Varsity.....	7pm
Dec. 8.....	RRC vs. Watford City.....	Varsity.....	5:15pm
Dec. 9.....	RRC vs. Dickinson.....	Varsity.....	1pm
Dec. 14.....	Home vs. Fairview.....	Varsity.....	7:30pm
Dec. 15.....	Glasgow.....	Varsity.....	6pm
Dec. 21.....	Home vs. Hardin.....	Varsity.....	4:30pm
Dec. 22.....	Billings.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Jan. 4.....	Fairview.....	Varsity.....	7:30pm
Jan. 6.....	Home vs. Fergus.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Jan. 11.....	Glendive.....	Varsity.....	5pm
Jan. 13.....	Home vs. Custer County.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Jan. 19.....	Havre.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Jan. 23.....	Home vs. Glasgow.....	Varsity.....	6:30pm
Jan. 26.....	Fergus.....	Varsity.....	6pm
Jan. 27.....	Lockwood.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Feb. 1.....	Home vs. Glendive.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Feb. 3.....	Custer County.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Feb. 10.....	Home vs. Havre.....	Varsity.....	5:30pm
Feb. 22 - 24.....	Billings Divisionals.....	Varsity.....	TBA
Mar. 7 - 9.....	Bozeman State.....	Varsity.....	TBA

Wrestling

Date.....	Location.....	Group....	Time
Dec. 1 - 2.....	Home Invite.....	JV/V.....	8:30/9am
Dec. 5.....	Fairview vs. Watford City.....	JV/V.....	5:30pm
Dec. 7.....	Wolf Point.....	JV.....	5pm
Dec. 8 - 9.....	Glasgow.....	JV/V.....	12pm/9am
Dec. 14.....	Beach.....	JV.....	6pm
Dec. 15 - 16.....	Gillette.....	Varsity.....	8am
Dec. 15 - 16.....	Worden.....	JV.....	8:30am
Dec. 22.....	Home vs. Dickinson.....	JV/V.....	1pm
Jan. 4.....	Dickinson.....	JV/V.....	5pm
Jan. 5 - 6.....	Bismarck.....	JV/V.....	9:30am/8am
Jan. 9.....	Home vs. Glasgow/Williston.....	JV/V.....	3pm
Jan. 9.....	Home College Duals.....	College.....	6:30pm
Jan. 11.....	Glendive.....	Varsity.....	6:30pm
Jan. 12 - 13.....	Miles City.....	JV/V.....	9am
Jan. 16.....	Home vs. Dawson/Custer County.....	JV/V.....	5pm
Jan. 18.....	Worden.....	Varsity.....	1pm
Jan. 19 - 20.....	Butte Duals.....	Varsity.....	11am/9am
Jan. 20.....	Killdeer Duals.....	JV.....	10am
Jan. 23.....	Miles City.....	JV/V.....	5pm
Jan. 25.....	Bismarck.....	Varsity.....	4pm
Jan. 26.....	Broadus.....	JV.....	5pm
Feb. 2 - 3.....	Hardin Divisionals.....	Varsity.....	9am
Feb. 8 - 19.....	Billings State.....	Varsity.....	TBA

Speech & Drama

Date.....	Location
Dec. 2.....	Froid/Lake
Dec. 9.....	Laurel
Dec. 16.....	Livingston
Jan. 6.....	Glendive
Jan. 7.....	Dessert Theater, Home, Pella Church
Jan. 13.....	Lewistown
Jan. 19 - 20.....	Home Divisionals
Jan. 26 - 27.....	Columbia Falls State

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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Basketball

Date... Location..... Group ...Time

Dec. 8	Red Lodge	VG/VB	6:30/8pm
Dec. 9	Red Lodge vs. Columbus..	VB/VG	12:30/2pm
Dec. 14	Sidney	JV/V	3pm
Dec. 16	Baker	JV/V	1pm
Dec. 19	Home vs. Culbertson	JV/V	3pm
Dec. 22	Malta	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 4	Home vs. Sidney	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 6	Home vs. Baker	JV/V	1pm
Jan. 12	Home vs. Harlem	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 13	Poplar	JV/V	1pm
Jan. 18	Glasgow	JV/V	3:30pm
Jan. 19	Home vs. Wolf Point	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 25	Culbertson	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 27	Home vs. Malta	JV/V	1pm
Feb. 2	Harlem	JV/V	3pm
Feb. 3	Home vs. Poplar	JV/V	1pm
Feb. 9	Wolf Point	JV/V	3pm
Feb. 10	Home vs. Glasgow	JV/V	1pm
Feb. 16 -17	Wolf Point Districts	VG/VB	TBA

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Date.....	Location	Time	Date.....	Location	Time
Dec. 1	Glasgow vs. Plevna.....	3pm G/4:30pm B	Jan. 19.....	Home vs. MonDak	3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Dec. 2	Glasgow vs. Turner	9am G/10:30pm B	Jan. 20.....	Savage	1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Dec. 9	Watford City vs. Alexander ...	6:15pm G JV/8pm B JV	Jan. 26.....	R&L.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Dec. 15	MonDak.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Jan. 27.....	Lustre	2:30/4/5:30pm
Dec. 16	Home vs. Savage.....	1/2:30/4/5:30pm	Feb. 2	Home vs. Plentywood.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Dec. 19	Home vs. Lustre.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 3	Froid/Lake	1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Dec. 22	Home vs. R&L	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 9	Culbertson.....	3/4:30/6/7:30pm
Jan. 5.....	Plentywood	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 10	Home vs. Brockton	1/2:30/4/5:30pm
Jan. 6.....	Home vs. Froid/Lake.....	1/2:30/4/5:30pm	Feb. 13 - 17	Sidney Districts	TBA
Jan. 12.....	Home vs. Culbertson	3/4:30/6/7:30pm	Feb. 28 - Mar. 2....	Glasgow Divisionals.....	TBA
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Date.....	Location	Time
Dec. 7	Savage	TBA
Dec. 9	Wibaux.....	TBA
Dec. 15	Richey vs. Culbertson	TBA
Dec. 16	Brockton.....	TBA
Dec. 22	Bainville	TBA
Dec. 23	Lambert vs. Plevna.....	TBA
Jan. 5.....	Richey vs. MonDak	TBA
Jan. 6.....	Lambert vs. Wibaux	TBA
Jan. 12.....	Richey vs. Froid/Lake.....	TBA
Jan. 13.....	Plentywood	TBA
Jan. 18.....	Culbertson.....	TBA
Jan. 20.....	Lambert vs. Brockton.....	TBA
Jan. 26.....	Lambert vs. Bainville	TBA
Jan. 27.....	Plevna.....	TBA
Feb. 2	Grenora vs. MonDak.....	TBA
Feb. 3	Richey vs. Savage.....	TBA
Feb. 9	Froid	TBA
Feb. 10	Lambert vs. Plentywood	TBA
Feb. 14 - 17	Sidney Districts	TBA
Feb. 21 - 24	Divisionals	TBA
Mar. 6 - 9	State	TBA

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Date	Location	Group	Time
Dec. 5	Poplar	JV/V	4:30pm
Dec. 15	Richey	JV/V	3pm
Dec. 16	Home vs. Plentywood	JV/V	1pm
Dec. 19	Fairview	JV/V	3pm
Dec. 21	Home vs. Froid/Lake	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 4	Brockton	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 5	Home vs. Saage	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 12	Bainville	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 13	Home vs. MonDak	JV/V	1pm
Jan. 18	Home vs. R&L	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 20	Plentywood	JV/V	1pm
Jan. 23	Home vs. Poplar	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 25	Home vs. Fairview	JV/V	3pm
Jan. 26	Med Lake	JV/V	3pm
Feb. 2	Savage	JV/V	3pm
Feb. 3	Home vs. Brockton	JV/V	1pm
Feb. 9	Home vs. Bainville	JV/V	3pm
Feb. 10	Westby vs. MonDak	JV/V	1pm
Feb. 21 - 24	Sidney Districts	Varsity	TBA
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2	Glasgow Divisionals	Varsity	TBA
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Dec. 8	Watford City vs. Berthold	Varsity	4:30pm
Dec. 9	Watford City vs. Bainville	Varsity	9am
Dec. 12	Home vs. Divide Co	JH/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Dec. 16	Trenton	JV/V	2/5pm
Dec. 18	Home vs. South Heart	C/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Dec. 28	Berthold vs. Drake/Anamoose	JV/V	2/3:30pm
Jan. 2	Crosby vs. Divide Co	JH/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Jan. 5	Home vs. Trenton	JH/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Jan. 9	Home vs. Belfield	JV/V	6/7:15pm
Jan. 11	Williston	JH/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Jan. 13	Home vs. Ray	JV/V	3/6pm
Jan. 18	Home vs. Parshall	JH/JV/V	4/5:15/7pm
Jan. 20	Beach	JV/V	2:30/6pm
Jan. 26	Home vs. Powers Lake	JH/C/JV/V	3/4:15/5:45/7pm
Feb. 1	Tioga	JH/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Feb. 3	Kenmare	JH/C/JV/V	12/1:15/2:45/4:15pm
Feb. 5	Ray	JH/JV/V	4:30/5:45/7:15pm
Feb. 12	Home vs. Mandaree	JV/V	5:30/7pm
Feb. 23, 26, 27	New Town Districts	Varsity	TBA
Mar. 4, 5, 7	New Town Regionals	Varsity	TBA
Mar. 14 - 16	Minot State	Varsity	TBA

Girls Basketball

Date	Location	Group	Time
Nov 30	Home vs. Divide Co	JH/V	5/6pm
Dec. 5	Bowbells vs. Kenmare	JH/V	5/6:30pm
Dec. 8	Watford City vs. Berthold JV	Varsity	2:45pm
Dec. 9	Watford City vs. Bainville	Varsity	7:15pm
Dec. 14	Plaza vs. NSP	JH/V	5/6:30pm
Dec. 16	Trenton	Varsity	3:30pm
Dec. 21	Crosby vs. Divide Co	JH/V	5/6pm
Dec. 28	Berthold vs. Drake/Anamoose	Varsity	2pm
Jan. 4	Ray	JH/V	5:30/7pm
Jan. 8	Tioga	JH/V	5:45/7:15pm
Jan. 12	Home vs. NSP	JH/V	5/6:30pm
Jan. 13	Home vs. Ray	JH/V	2/4:30pm
Jan. 18	Home vs. Parshall	JH/V	4/5:30pm
Jan. 20	Beach	Varsity	4pm
Jan. 23	Home vs. Powers Lake	JH/V	5:30/7pm
Jan. 25	Williston	JH/V	5:45/7pm
Jan. 30	Belfield	JH/V	6/7:15pm
Feb. 2	South Heart	JH/V	6/7:30pm
Feb. 6	Districts	Varsity	TBA
Feb. 8 - 10	Alexander Districts	Varsity	TBA
Feb. 19, 20, 22	Regional Tourney	Minot Regionals	TBA

Wrestling

Date	Location
Dec. 1 - 2	Velva
Dec. 8	Kenmare
Dec. 9	Tioga JV
Dec. 15 - 16	Linten
Dec. 28 - 29	Fargo
Jan. 5	Tioga JV
Jan. 6	Tioga
Jan. 12 - 13	Miles City
Jan. 20	Killdeer
Jan. 26 - 27	New Salem
Feb. 3	Des Lacs Regional Duals
Feb. 10	Killdeer Individual Duals
Feb. 15 - 17	Fargo State

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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Richland Ranger Hockey (All Times MST)

Dec. 1 - 3.....	Girls HS at Bozeman Tourney, TBA Jr. Gold at Damon Tourney, TBA Squirts at Minot Tourney, TBA	Jan. 27.....	10U Home vs. Hazen, 2pm Bantam Home vs. Minot, 6:30pm PeeWee Home vs. Bismarck Gray, 5pm
Dec. 1.....	Bantam at Mandan, 7pm		Squirts Home vs. Crosby, 11:30am
Dec. 2.....	Bantam at Jamestown, 2:30pm		Termites Home vs. Crosby, 10am
Dec. 3.....	Bantam at Dickinson, 11:30am		Mites Home vs. Crosby, 10am
Dec. 8 - 10.....	Girls HS at Damon Tourney, TBA PeeWee at Bismarck Tourney, TBA Squirts at Watford City Tourney, TBA	Jan. 28.....	10U Home vs. Williston, 1pm PeeWee Home vs. Williston White, 11am
Dec. 10.....	10U at Watford City, 11am	Feb. 2 - 4.....	10U at Bismarck Tourney, TBA Squirts at Fargo Tourney, TBA
Dec. 15 - 17.....	Bantam at Minot Tourney, TBA	Feb. 2.....	Bantam Home vs. Bismarck Red, 6:30pm Girls HS at Watford City, 5pm
Dec. 15.....	Girls HS at Mandan, 7pm PeeWee at Dickinson, 5pm		PeeWee Home vs. Watford City, 5pm
Dec. 16.....	Girls HS at Fargo, 2pm PeeWee at Mandan, 9am PeeWee at Dickinson, 5pm	Feb. 3.....	Jr. Gold at Watford City, 7pm Bantam Home vs. Dickinson, 2pm
	Jr. Gold Home vs. Glasgow, 1pm Termites at Crosby, 1pm		Girls HS Home vs. Langdon, 4pm
	Mites at Crosby, 1pm		Jr. Gold Home vs. Langdon, 6pm
Dec. 17.....	10U at Dickinson, 11:45am/3pm Girls HS at Grand Forks, 8:30am PeeWee at Watford City, 10am	Feb. 4.....	Termites at Cross Ice, 9am Mites at Cross Ice, 10am
	Jr. Gold Home vs. Crosby, 12pm Squirts at Crosby, 2pm		Bantam Home vs. Bismarck White, 8:30am
Dec. 29 - 31.....	Jr. Gold at Moorhead Tourney, TBA		Girls HS Home vs. Crosby, 10am
Jan. 5 - 7.....	10U at Bozeman Tourney, TBA Jr. Gold at Yorkton Tourney, TBA Squirts at Bismarck Tourney, TBA	Feb. 9.....	Jr. Gold Home vs. Minot, 12pm PeeWee Home vs. Bismarck White, 5:30pm
	Termites Home Jamboree, TBA Mites Home Jamboree, TBA		Jr. Gold at Fargo, 6pm
Jan. 5.....	PeeWee at Williston, 6pm	Feb. 10.....	10U at Watford City, 11am Bantam Home vs. Rugby B1, 3pm
Jan. 6.....	Girls HS Home vs. Bottineau/Rugby, 10am PeeWee Home vs. Crosby, 1:30pm		Girls HS Home vs. Grand Forks, 10:30am
Jan. 12 - 14.....	Bantam at Bismarck Tourney, TBA PeeWee at Minot Tourney, TBA		Girls HS Home vs. Mandan, 6:30pm
Jan. 12.....	Girls HS at Hazen, 6pm Jr. Gold at Northwood, 6pm	Feb. 16 - 18.....	PeeWee Home vs. Bismarck Blue, 9am PeeWee Home vs. Bismarck Red, 5pm
Jan. 13.....	10U Home vs. WatfordCity, 12pm Girls HS at Rugby, 6:30pm Jr. Gold at Grand Forks, 6pm		Jr. Gold at Minot, 1pm
	Termites at Watford City, TBA Mites at Watford City, TBA	Feb. 11.....	Termites at Cross Ice, 12:30pm Mites at Cross Ice, 1:30pm
Jan. 14.....	10U at Williston, 9am Girls HS at Langdon, 9am Jr. Gold at Langdon, 11am	Feb. 16.....	10U Home vs. Watford City, 1:30pm Bantam Home vs. Mandan, 11am
Jan. 19 - 21.....	10U at Minot Jamboree, TBA Squirts at Miles City Tourney, TBA Termites at Miles City Tourney, TBA	Feb. 16 - 18.....	10U at Watford City Tourney, TBA Termites at Glasgow Tourney, TBA
	Mites at Miles City Tourney, TBA		Mites at Glasgow Tourney, TBA
Jan. 19.....	Girls HS Home vs. Hazen, 5pm PeeWee Home vs. Minot Maroon, 7pm	Feb. 17.....	PeeWee at Minot, 6pm Jr. Gold Home vs. Northwood, 7pm
Jan. 20.....	Girls HS Home vs. Fargo, 4pm PeeWee Home vs. Minot Maroon, 10am		Bantam at Crosby, 10am
	Jr. Gold Home vs. Grand Forks, 6pm		Girls HS Home vs. Watford City, 4pm
Jan. 21.....	Bantam Home vs. Jamestown, 9:30am PeeWee at Crosby, 2pm		PeeWee at Minot, 10am
	Jr. Gold Home vs. Fargo, 11:30am	Feb. 17.....	Jr. Gold Home vs. Watford City, 6pm Squirts Home vs. Glasgow, 11am/2pm
Jan. 26 - 28.....	Girls HS at Fargo Jamboree, TBA	Feb. 18.....	Girls HS at Crosby, 12pm PeeWee at Williston, 11:45am
Jan. 26.....	Bantam Home vs. Williston, 6:30pm PeeWee Home vs. Williston Orange, 5pm		Jr. Gold at Crosby, 2pm



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a party must file a petition to intervene with the Commission no later than **December 1, 2023**. In order to afford due process: (1) data requests must be issued no later than **December 13, 2023**; (2) MDU must respond to data requests within five business days of service (excluding weekends and holidays) or by **December 18, 2023**, whichever is earlier; (3) parties wishing to submit comments or request a hearing must do so no later than **December 22, 2023**; and (4) the Commission may hold a public hearing, if requested by an intervenor or upon its own action, at the Commission's offices. If the Commission does not issue an order by **January 2, 2024**, the proposed rates will be considered approved. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-308(2)(c) to (d) (2021).

4. A party seeking intervention must file an electronic petition on the Commission's website at reddi.mt.gov. All filings must be made in REDDI and hard copies are not required. A party seeking intervention must also mail a copy of the petition to MCC at 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, MT 59620-1703, and to MDU's attorney, Wiley Barker, Crowley Fleck PLLP, 900 N. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 200, Helena, MT 59601.

5. The Commission invites members of the public who do not wish to formally intervene to submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601, or by email to pschelp@mt.gov. Public comment may also be submitted in REDDI. Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help (select "Submit a Public Comment").

6. The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided in Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana Code Annotated; Title 38, Chapters 2 and 5 of the Montana Administrative Rules; and any prior orders

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Attendees watch a video explaining the GTL facility building project planned by Cerilon at the open house at Trenton High School Nov. 8.

Cerilon Holds Open House Nov. 8

By Jaymi Mozeak
Cerilon, a company based out of Alberta, Canada held an open house at Trenton High School on Wednesday, Nov. 8. At the meeting, members of Cerilon's leadership and technical teams were available to provide an update on the project and answer questions about the 24,000 barrel-per-day gas-to-liquids facility they are planning near Trenton.

The facility will use natural gas which is abundant in the region to create premium quality synthetic energy products including lubricant base oils, ultra-low sulfur diesel, and naphtha. They explained some of the various products they would be producing and a few of the methods they would be using like the Fisher-Tropsch production method. According to the National Energy Technology Laboratory's website, www.netl.doe.gov, Fisher-Tropsch technology uses a well-known and established catalytic chemical process to produce liquid transportation hydrocarbon fuels and various other chemical products. Trenton was selected due to its access to utilities and infrastructure, abundant natural gas supply, suitable geology for carbon sequestration, and available transportation to markets. Construction is planned for mid to late 2025 with operations in 2028.

After the open house, Rochelle Harding, Cerilon's Director of Sustainability and Engagement, said "We were extremely pleased with the turnout to this event and really appreciated the thoughtful input and questions we received from residents and business owners."

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