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## MonDak Area Stockgrower's Association's 10th Annual "Rockin Your Heart" Weekend June 3 & 4

Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) will be hosting their annual MidYear Meeting in Sidney, June 1-3 and invites Montana's ranching community to attend.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association is a grassroots membership organization and is the trusted voice of cattle ranchers. With a 135 year history, MSGA advocates and ensures cattle ranching remains relevant, safe and a sustainable way of life for generations to come.

The MidYear Meeting is one of two meetings that

is held to set association policy that guides the Association through the year. While the main focus of the meeting is for the setting of interim policy they also use the meeting as a networking opportunity for the MSGA membership. Ranchers and allied industry professionals gather together from across the state of Montana for two days filled with meetings, entertainment, education, and fun!

This year Sidney has been selected for the meeting. The 10th Annual MonDak Area Stockgrowers'

Association 'Rockin' Your Heart' Weekend this year is scheduled for June 3 and 4 at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo Event Center.

The Run For The Brand 5k/10/Walk/Run and the Team Penning on Saturday, June 4 will be postponed until early fall to allow members to attend the funeral for a fellow stockgrower.

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interim policy we also use the meeting as a networking opportunity for the MSGA membership. Ranchers and allied industry professionals gather together from across the state of Montana for two days filled with meetings, entertainment, education, and fun!

Highlights of this year's mid-year meeting include an industry update from NCBA's CEO, Colin Woodall, mental health discussions from Stuart Ellis-Myers, and stories from Wally Badgett. MSGA members will also gather to vote on and set interim

policy during the Beef Production & Marketing, Land Use & Environment, and Tax, Finance and Ag Policy committee meetings.

The 10th Anniversary Cattleman's Ball will culminate the event Friday night. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the social hour and a beef dinner served by Rod Iron Grill, Sidney, at 6:30 p.m. Lots of live auction items are available to choose from with proceeds being donated to the area fire departments. A Planko Board will also be set up for all attendees to try their luck



to win prizes.

Kick up your heels with live music by "Exit 53" starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at Prewitt & Company, Stockman Bank, Rodeo Grill and Cattle-ac for \$50. Must be 21 to attend.

## Richland County Primary Candidates Participate in Forum

The Richland County Farm Bureau held a candidate forum on at the Sidney Elks Lodge May 26. The following candidates were in attendance for sheriff; John Dynneson and Shane Kyhl; both candidates for county commissioner, Shane Gorder and Brian Holst; county attorney candidates, Charity McLarty and Layne Johnson; county treasurer Candidate Amy Metz, Clerk and Recorder Candidate Stephanie Verhasselt, County superintendent of schools candidate Tim Sharp, and District 35 State Representative Brandon Ler. The event was also shared on the Richland County Farm Bureau Facebook page. Candidates had the opportunity to answer a mixture of prepared questions as well as some asked by voters in attendance.

The seats for commissioner, sheriff and county attorney are contested; all other candidates are running unopposed. All candidates running are Republicans so the June 7 primary will decide which candidate will eventually take office.

Due to space and deadline limitations, this story will focus on the most contentious races. Those races being county commissioner and Richland County Sheriff. Voters are encouraged to visit the Richland County Farm Bureau Facebook page to hear from all candidates participating in the forum.

### RICHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER What does economic development look like for Richland County and how do you propose making it happen?

Holst began his answer by mentioning the Ag Expo building near Watford City. "They are building a great big building on the fairgrounds. It's going to be a multipurpose building. They are going to use it for many events. That was one of my differences between Shane. I would have liked to have seen something we can use all year round instead of just four days out of the year," he stated. "I feel that's what is missing in this community."

Gorder replied by mentioning differences between how taxes are gathered and distributed in North Dakota as opposed to Montana. "I think you would want to look at North Dakota's sales tax. I think you would want to look at oil revenue, how it's shared back to communities. Thirdly, they have the Legacy Fund over in North Dakota that is tremendous," he said. "Montana and Richland County is structured different."

During the boom, hotels received tax abatement. Following that was the important need for new structures for the 4-H buildings. "Our insurance company was telling us we need to do something with two of our buildings. The structure was failing," Gorder stated.



He then continued by telling the story of how the old steer barn, built in 1918, had an I beam that fell from the ceiling hitting a steer and narrowly missing a 9 year old 4Her. "Where would we be today if that was a death?" he said.

Gorder said they worked very hard with 4-H and members of the community, a group of 15 to 20 people from Richland County, Roosevelt County and North Dakota. The process took 2 years. Gorder also said the new fair manager is working on different ways to utilize the buildings and market them. "We know that there is stuff coming. Give it time, it will be working. The difference between North Dakota and Montana is big."

### How do you plan to address the lack of transparency within the county?

Gorder stated that all of the of the issues the commissioners handle is available in the newspaper, the agenda is published online and minutes are available to the public in the clerk and recorder's office. He also said that reporter Bill VanderWeele leaving the community has left a void in reporting the commissioner's business.

Holst disagreed. He admitted that he does not read the paper, but he talks to people. Holst would like to see more public forums for discussion of issues.

Holst went on to say that a county employee told

him Gorder denied a request for a raise in pay.

Gorder countered this by stating that he has voted for pay increases for county employees every year. He said that all three commissioners vote on decisions and his record on voting on this issue is available for anyone to see in the minutes. In fact a pay increase comes into effect at the end of September.

### How do you plan to support existing ag businesses and expansion as well as developing new ag business in Richland County?

Gorder mentioned the formation of Richland Economic Development (RED). RED is still operating and giving out a revolving loan fund to businesses. Currently there are two individuals that are looking to start a new business or take over an existing one. "That's been in place and that has been working well in my opinion," he said. "As a county commissioner, downtown businesses are in the hands of the mayor and the city. Things out in the county, things come through us as major subdivisions."

Holst agreed that RED is a great thing for the county, but he would like to see the county work with the city more on new businesses coming in. "I feel there is a little separation in there and if we could all get along and get more businesses in town it would be awesome,"

he said. "Our downtown is falling apart as we speak. I just heard the other day our clothing store is going out of town."

Gorder rebutted by mentioning that as county commissioner, state statute bars them from loaning money to businesses directly. "What the county commissioners did with economic development was to fund that nonprofit group in order to bring the businesses in," he said. "I think our partnership with the mayor of Fairview and the mayor of Sidney is a pretty good partnership." Gorder continued by mentioning how the county worked with both towns to build new volunteer fire department facilities.

Holst agreed with Gorder that the fire department facilities were a good idea but pushed back on the relationship between the mayors and commissioners. "I'm all for infrastructure on our safety. I think we could work together a little bit better from commissioners to the city. I've talked to the mayors and I just feel like we are not talking to each other for some reason," he said. "There's a little animosity between them."

*Editors note: Following the candidate forum, on May 27, Sidney Mayor Rick Norby reached out to The Roundup to refute Holst's claims of lack of communication and animosity between the city (Continued on page 5A)*

## Richland County Door to Door Assessment June 8

Submitted by Stephanie Reynolds, MA Communities in Action Director Montana Public Health Corps Richland County Health Department

The Richland County Health Department and partners will be conducting the county-wide door-to-door Community Health Assessment on June 8, between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteers will be walking in designated neighborhoods within Richland County to collect survey information from residents. Volunteers will not be entering residences and will not be asking for personal information.

In order to volunteer there are certain expectations for volunteers to meet. Volunteers will be placed in teams of two. Volunteers are preferred to be over the age 18 and need to be of high mobility and able to walk and stand for a period (15+ minutes) and distance (1-4 blocks). Volunteers under 18 are required to be accompanied by a legal guardian. A safety vest and name badge will be provided and required to wear on the outside of clothing at all times when in the field.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Rita at the Richland County Health Dept. 406-433-2207.

## Letters to the Editor Available Online

Due to space limitations and early deadlines from the Memorial Day Weekend holiday, this week's Letters to the Editor will appear in the online story posts for the June 1 edition of The Roundup. Visit roundupweb.com and click on the Opinion tab to view them.

## Allcheck Medical Clinic Health Fair Sidney, June 8

By Jaymi Mozeak

On Wednesday, June 8 from 6 a.m.-1 p.m., Allcheck Medical Clinic in conjunction with Billings Clinic Laboratory Services will be holding their 2nd health fair of 2022.

June 8 is the second time Allcheck Medical Clinic has ever done a health fair. They held the first one back in January. As before, participants come to Allcheck Medical Clinic the day of the event and register with Billings Clinic Laboratory Services staff at the front desk. The testing is walk-in with

no appointment needed. There they can choose any number of the 12 different blood tests running in price from the Complete Blood Count at \$15 to the Women's Hormone Panel at \$90 with a blood pressure taken for free. Participants will be escorted to the drive-thru garage and seated in one of the blood draw chairs they will have for the event where the amount of blood needed for the selected tests will be drawn. The blood will be taken back to Billings Clinic Laboratory Services, Billings

where it will be tested for different markers that may indicate a health concern or disease. The results are sent directly to the participant and they are responsible for getting them to their primary care provider. All the tests are fasting, meaning that the participant must refrain from eating any food starting at midnight before the Health Fair. They may drink water and take their medications, though. Allcheck Medical Clinic owner, Janette McCollum told me the health fairs are to benefit individuals in

the community. She said, "It's such a great cost saver through Billings Clinic Laboratory Services." Due to the cost of each test being so low, health insurance will not cover the tests.

Allcheck Medical Clinic Primary Care Facility opened in June 2021. They are located at 223 North Central Ave., Sidney. They can be contacted by phone at 406-488-5500 for regular appointments.

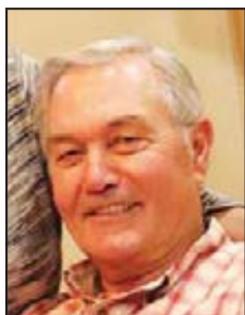


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# OBITUARIES

## David L. Nygaard, 73 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for David L. Nygaard, 73, Sidney, MT were held at 2 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022, at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Tim O'Shields officiating. Interment with Military Honors by the Montana Honor Guard and the V.F.W. Post #4099 was in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Visitation was 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022 and 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, May 27, 2022, 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](http://www.fulkersons.com).



David L. Nygaard

David Lane Nygaard, age 73, Sidney, MT went to be with the Lord on May 20, 2022, peacefully, and surrounded by his family. David was born in Crosby, ND on April 9, 1949 to Duane and Helen Nygaard. He attended school in Columbus, ND and later in Sidney, MT where he graduated.

In 1969, David enlisted in the United States Army. He was in the Army from 1969-1974. After being honorably discharged, he went to work for the United States Postal Service where he retired after 36 years of service.

On July 20, 1978, David was united in marriage to Cindy Martin. They were blessed with six loving children; Troy Nygaard, Todd Sletvold, Dustin Sletvold, Tanya Hansel, Michelle Sletvold, and Nikki Schriver.

Shortly after retirement, David started working at Reynolds Market. He enjoyed socializing with anyone, and everyone. He loved to hunt, fish, go to garage sales, and thrift stores, he loved collecting anything and everything. David also enjoyed playing cards, singing karaoke, spending time with family, camping at Medora, ND, and all the activities that his grandchildren were involved in. He loved to sing "You Are My Sunshine" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David is survived by; his wife, Cindy; his children, Troy (Jana) Nygaard, Todd Sletvold, Dustin Sletvold, Michelle Sletvold, Tanya (Clint) Hensel, and Nikki (Jamie) Schriver; his brothers, Donald (Marietta) Nygaard, and Tim (Barb) Nygaard; his grandchildren, Tia (Jon) Nelson, Ashley (Cody) Barber, Tierney (Travis) Martinson, Courtney (Jonny) Steed, Royce Horswill, Rowen Horswill, Raif Horswill, Destiny Sletvold, MacKenzy Sletvold, Remington Sletvold, Kori Hensel, Kaitlyn Hensel, Kaci Hensel, Derek Nygaard, Jaren Nygaard, Alexis Haggerty, Jordan Schriver, Kassidy Schriver, and Jazmyn Sletvold; his great grandchildren, Riley and Hadley Butler, Jon Jr., Emery, Avery, and Emryn Barber, Axten and Forrest Martinson, Paisley, Rylan, and Weston Steed.

David is preceded in death by; his parents, Duane and Helen Nygaard, and twin granddaughters, Megan & Madison Nygaard.

## Attention 1972 Sidney Graduates!

The Sidney Montana High School Class of 1972 is holding their 50th reunion Aug.5-6 at the Sidney Country Club. Classmates, please provide your name, email, phone, and mailing address to the following email address Sidney-72Reunion@gmail.com or leave a voicemail 515-287-1549.

## Gary W. Buckley, 74 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Gary W. Buckley, 74 of Sidney were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is caring for the family. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).



Gary W. Buckley

Gary was born on Sept. 9, 1947 to William and Jackie (Lyon) Buckley, Williston, ND. Gary attended grade school at Norgard Elementary and Dorn. He then went on to attend Culbertson High School. In 1965, at the age of 18, Gary joined the National Guard where he served for 6 years.

After returning from the guards, he worked for various farmers before finding a career in the oilfield working for R.H. Gifford. From there he did winter work at the sugar factory and had a long career with Penzoil/Choctaw. He then worked a few short years at Harper's fuel station. Gary also worked many good years at Franz Construction. In his later years he worked for Real Trucking. In his retirement years he worked at Metz Fuel where he enjoyed visiting, fueling up customer vehicles and was the best window washer around.

Gary was the father to three children, Bill, Missy, and Becky who were all born and raised in the Sidney area. In 2008 Gary married Linda (Miller) Buckley and he became the stepfather to her three children Kim, Kelly, and David.

Gary was always so proud of his grandchildren and enjoyed going to every event he could attend. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, junking, auctions, and more junking. He was a member of the Moose and The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

After battling colon cancer and many treatments Gary passed away Sunday May 22, 2022 in the comfort of his home with his loving wife by his side.

Surviving him are his wife Linda, his children Bill, Missy, Becky (Erik Brownlee), Kim (Kyle Strand), Kelly (Tiaan Burger), and David (Kade Ross); grandchildren Tyler, Emily, Ashton, Grady, Allison, Jaxson, Alyvia, and Annalise.

Sisters; Pat (Larry Syth), Bobbie (Terry) Nelson, Buckie McCoy, Cindy (Steve) Sundheim, Judy Syth Elletson, Jane Syth Wegley, and Carol Syth Anderson; brothers; Bill (Marsha) Buckley, Jim (Stacey) Buckley, Buck (Kim) Syth, and Brent (Linda) Coleman and many nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Jackie, stepdad Varlock Syth, infant sister, sister Shirley Buckley, and sister Judy (Buckley) Verplancke,

On behalf of Gary's family they would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Martha Nugent and Thy Neighbor LLC for her endless hours of hospice care. In honor of Gary, donations can be made to Martha for the hospice house project, Martha Nugent, 713 2nd St NE, Sidney, MT 59270.

## Steven George Lindecker, 50, Emerado, ND formerly of Alexander, ND

A memorial service for Steven Lindecker, 50, Emerado, ND, formerly of Alexander, ND, will be 1 p.m., Friday June 3, 2022 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is caring for the family. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Steve passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Altru Hospital, Grand Forks, ND.



Steven Lindecker

Steven George Lindecker was born on Feb. 5, 1972, Williston, ND to George and Hope (Danielson) Lindecker. He attended school in Williston and Alexander, ND, and Forsyth and Colstrip, MT. Steve attended college in Bismarck, ND where he was trained in welding. He also attended truck-driving school in Billings, MT, where he became a professional truck driver.

Steve worked for area farmers, growing up, and also helped his father, George (Lindecker Feeds), and his uncle, August (Lindecker Trucking), hauling grain and agriculture products. Steve later owned and operated Daddy's Pride Trucking, where he hauled cattle and agricultural products until he was forced to retire to concentrate on his cancer treatments.

Steve enjoyed being outside, camping, fishing, hunting and fixing or building anything and everything. He was a life-long member of the NRA, and the Independent Owner/Operator Drivers association. In his free-time, Steve enjoyed singing Karaoke. He made many friends, and considered many as family. His passion for singing never stopped him from singing at home to his family members whenever he could. He enjoyed teaching his kids everything he knew, as they were eager to learn. Many people looked up to Steve for support and advice.

Steve is survived by; his wife, Renee (Christensen) Lindecker, Emerado, ND; his daughter, Mary Jayne Hogue, Williston, ND; his stepchildren, Cody Christensen, Parker Christensen, and Haylee Christensen-Morin, Emerado, ND; his father, George Lindecker, Alexander, ND and his uncle, August Lindecker, Alexander, ND.

Steve is preceded in death by; his mother, HopeAnn Lindecker (Danielson); his grandparents, and many aunts and uncles.

## EVENTS

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### RICHLAND COUNTY

**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.**  
**Wed., June 1**  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **The Beast Within Us** Paul & Dakota Noot Art Show through July 2 - **Communities West IV: Biennial Western Printmakers Portfolio Exchange** - Opens June 7 - **Homestead Fever** - July 6-Aug. 27. -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](mailto:mdhc@richland.org) or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org>.  
**Fri., June 3**  
 5:30 p.m. - **MonDak Area Stockgrowers Association Rockin' Your Heart 10th Anniversary Cattlemen's Ball** - Social hour, beef dinner, dance & live auction. Richland County Event Center. Ticket price \$50 available at Stockman Bank and Prewitt & Company. All proceeds go to area fire departments.  
**Sat., June 4**  
 6 p.m. - **Murder of the High Wizard** - An evening of Murder Mystery dinner theater benefiting Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk. Sidney Moose Lodge. For more information visit [afsp.org/EasternMT](http://afsp.org/EasternMT).  
**Mon., June 6 - Fri., June 10**  
 8:30 a.m.-High Noon - **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School** - Open to kids age 3-6th grade, 211 East Holly, May register online at [svlcsidney.org](http://svlcsidney.org) or can stop down to the church or call the office, 406-433-7479. There is a suggested donation of \$30/child.  
**Tues., June 7, Election Day**  
 12-8 p.m. - **Pie & Coffee Fundraiser At Girard Hall** - The Girard Hall Association will be serving pie & coffee & the cost will be a free will offering.  
**Wed., June 8**  
 8 a.m.-7 p.m. - **Richland County Door to Door Community Health Assessment** - Improving the quality of life in Richland County.  
 5-6 p.m. - **Community BBQ** - This BBQ will be a kick off to a guest speaker, Kimheang Vance, who will be coming to Shepherd of the Valley Church to share on how Operation Christmas Child affected her life. 211 E. Holly Street. For more information call 406-433-7479.  
**Fri., June 10, 6 p.m. & Sat., June 11, 10 a.m.**  
**Hot Rods & Harleys 2022** - June 10: Cruise Main, 6-7 p.m.; 7 p.m. Movie at the Richland Co. Fairgrounds for the entire family bring a blanket & lawn chairs. June 11: Car & bike show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free to the public. Street Dance Night Show gates open 7 p.m., music starts 8 p.m. \$10 all ages. Richland Co. Fairgrounds.  
**Sat., June 11**  
 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Fairview Alliance Church Blessing Sale** - Proceeds go to Lance Waller Family. 702 Western Ave., Fairview. For more information contact Linda Simonsen, 406-798-3672 or [pullet27@midrivers.com](mailto:pullet27@midrivers.com).  
**Tues., June 14**  
 12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Advance appointments are strongly recommended. Call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.  
**Thurs., June 16**  
 11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sidney Country Club. RSVP by June 15. Call Sylvia, 406-798-3882 or Margaret, 406-488-4613.  
 12-5 p.m. - **Savage Community Blood Drive** - First Lutheran Church, 298 4th Ave. To make an appointment call 406-776-2218 or signup online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) & enter sponsor code: savage.  
**Sat., June 18**  
 12-4 p.m. - **3rd Annual Richland County Sportsman Club Car Show** - Admission \$5, kids 12 & under free. Moose Park. Concessions on site. For more information call 1-406-489-0589.

### McKENZIE COUNTY

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone**  
**Weds., June 1 & 15**  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Watford Wednesdays Job Service ND Outreach Program** - JSND staff will present interactive job-related information to, general public, school students, & other community groups. Rough Rider Center. For more information, feedback/ideas or to schedule: - Employer Hiring Booth/Event - Facebook Live - Presentation Contact JSND-Williston: 701-774-7900 [infojswl@nd.gov](mailto:infojswl@nd.gov).  
**Thurs., June 2 (Every Thurs. through July 14)**  
 5-8 p.m. - **Dogs On The Deck** - Food, beer garden, live music, crafts & games. Long X Visitors Center, 100 2nd Ave. SW.  
**Fri., June 3, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., June 4, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. & Sun., June 5, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**  
**Watford City Food Truck Rodeo** - Many of the state's best mobile food vendors will be there, full cash bar, kid's inflatables, cornhole tournament & more. Admission \$2; kids 10 & under free. McKenzie Co. Fairgrounds.  
**Tues., June 7, 5-7 p.m. & 21, 2-4 p.m.**  
**Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page.  
**Thurs., June 16 & 30**  
 2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

### WILLIAMS COUNTY

**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.**  
**Thurs., June 2**  
 5-8 p.m. - **Art & Wine Walk** - Downtown Williston. Pre-sale tickets \$40 at Cooks on Main & Castle Framing, for online tickets visit [willistondowntown.com](http://willistondowntown.com) & on Facebook. Presales ends June 1, 12 p.m. Day of \$50.  
**Sat., June 4**  
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Jean's Garden Party CHI St. Alexis Fundraiser** - Continental breakfast followed by a demonstration on "Plantings". Entertainment, vendors and a raffle. First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be \$10, available at the door & Gift Shop. Proceeds will go toward new mattresses for the ICU department.  
**Wed., June 8**  
 8 a.m.-6 p.m. - **E-rase Your E-Waste** - Each computer tower & laptop brought in for recycling means a donation to Bars for a cause. Chamley Pipe & Salvage, 5228 134th Ave. NW. For more information call 701-774-2248.  
**Sat., June 11**  
 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Change of Date: Grand Opening of Playground at Writing Rock State Historic Site** - Visitors will enjoy speakers, indigenous & historical games, & free root beer floats. For more information, contact Joseph Garcia or Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034, or KayCee Lindsay, 701-965-6006.  
**Thurs., June 16**  
 7 p.m. - **Confluence History Book Club** - Join our history buffs for a discussion of this month's book, "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann. For more information, call 701-572-9034  
**Thurs., June 16 - Sun., June 19**  
 10 a.m. - **39th Annual Fort Union Rendezvous** - Blacksmithing, pottery making, frontier cooking, period music, spinning & weaving, gunsmithing, black powder programs. For more information call 701-572-9083 or visit [www.nps.gov/fous](http://www.nps.gov/fous).

### DAWSON COUNTY

**Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone**  
**Fri., June 10, 8 a.m. - Sat., June 11, 5 p.m.**  
 8 a.m. - **Buzzard Days** - Activities include 5K, 10K, & half marathon run, disc golf, cornhole, movie under the stars, bluebird hike, Native American exhibits, archery, paleo hike, bouncy house, & more. Makoshika State Park.

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# FAIRVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH BLESSING SALE

June 11th • 8am - 2pm

702 Western Ave Fairview MT  
(right across from the FHS)

proceeds go to the Lance Waller family

For questions, contact Linda Simonsen at 406-798-3672 or [pullet27@midrivers.com](mailto:pullet27@midrivers.com)

## STATISTICS

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### LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

Sakakawea

Current Elevation.....	1829.3		
Last Week's Elev. ....	1829.3		
One Year Ago .....	1834.5		
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	19,000		

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### SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 23 .....	67	44	0.00
May 24 .....	72	37	0.00
May 25 .....	75	41	0.00
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....5.78			

## WEEKLY FRAUD TIP

BROUGHT TO YOU BY Stockman Bank

If you suspect ID theft has occurred, protect yourself as soon as possible.

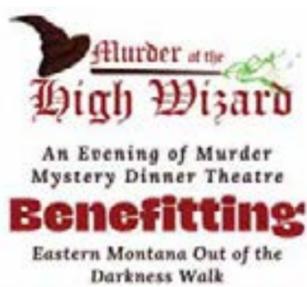
Place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN
- TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

- Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- File a police report to help you with creditors who may want proof of the crime.
- Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission.
  - Online: [ftc.gov/idtheft](http://ftc.gov/idtheft)
  - Phone: 1-877-ID-THEFT

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# "Murder Of The High Wizard" Dinner Theatre June 4



Sat, Jun 4, 2022 6:00 PM  
Sidney, Montana - The Moose

**By Jaymi Mozeak**  
The Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk Committee is bringing a fun and challenging event to start the summer. June 4, they are bringing "Murder of the High Wizard", An Evening of Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre to Sidney. The dinner is a fundraiser for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk Committee. On Saturday, June 4, 6-8 or 9 p.m. the event will be held at Sidney's Moose Lodge, 101 3rd St. SE. It is open to the public, not just members of the Moose. Those who attend are encouraged to dress up as their favorite magical being. A roast beef dinner followed by a dessert

of chocolate frog topped brownies and Butter Beer will be served. After dinner, the mystery will start. Each table will be a team of investigators responsible for figuring out who the murderer is and the Sidney High School Drama students will be playing the suspects. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and tickets are \$30 per person, \$55 for a couple, and a table of eight for \$250. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/murder-of-the-high-wizard-murder-mystery-dinner-p-tickets-276329688537](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/murder-of-the-high-wizard-murder-mystery-dinner-p-tickets-276329688537). Nick Kallem, Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness, said, "We as a walk committee wanted to try and bring something different to the community and we figured a murder mystery would be

fun." He said they found a company, called Playing With Murder, who provided them with the script and steps to hosting the event for a large group. According to their brochure, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention was founded in 1987. They have since grown from a few loss survivors and researchers to the nation's largest suicide prevention organization. The Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk Committee was started just a few years ago to help raise funds for the AFSP and bring suicide awareness to eastern Montana. They held their first walk in 2017. Seating is limited so get your tickets soon.

## Lawlar Running For Reelection

**By Anna Dragseth**  
Fifth generation McKenzie County farmer and rancher, Howdy Lawlar, is running for reelection for McKenzie County Commissioner. Elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2018, he has several years of experience under his belt. "I enjoy serving the people and I am dedicated to making McKenzie County a great place to live," said Lawlar.



Howdy Lawlar with his family. (Photo submitted)

He is also heavily involved in the community, serving as a firefighter for over 16 years and serving on the 4-H livestock committee board, actively lending a hand to the McKenzie County 4-H program. "Being a volunteer is a way of giving back for what the community has done for me during my high school days; it is a way to return the favor," He said, "It is important to volunteer as much as you can." As someone who is

running to serve, Lawlar enjoys hearing what the people of McKenzie County have to say. "I like politics and visiting with people and listening to their perspective on what goes on in the county, hearing things that as a normal citizen you don't ever hear." McKenzie County's Primary Election is set for June 14. In addition to Lawlar, Kathy Skarda, Tommy Glover, Thomas McCabe

and Dustin Newman are running for a seat on the McKenzie County Board of Commissioners. Voters will be deciding on which four of the five candidates running for two open seats on the board will be advancing to the November General Election. The top four candidates in the June 14 Primary Election will be on ballot for the Nov. 8 General Election.

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**Old Text Books**  
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**Misc. Items**  
The subject property is obsolete for school purpose. The items are no longer needed for operations and classroom function in the school.  
As provided in § 20-6-604, MCA, the trustees of the Savage School District hereby resolve to dispose of the property identified above because it is or is about to become obsolete for school purposes of the Savage School District. **You may indicate an interest in all or any of these items by calling the school office at 406-776-2317. These items will be for sale for \$300.00 each or best offer.**  
The trustees of the Savage School District further resolve that notices of the resolution shall be published for the next fourteen days in public areas.  
This resolution shall become effective 14 days after publication of the notice identified in the immediately preceding paragraph, unless appealed to the district court by a taxpayer in compliance with and as provided in §20-6-604, MCA.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Savage School District this **19th Day of May 2022.**  
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**Shawn Conradsen**  
Board Chair, Savage School District  
Attest: **Michelle Miller**  
District Clerk  
  
(Publish June 1, 2022)

**SAVAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL INVITATION TO BID - REBID**  
Sealed bids will be received until the closing time of 2:00 p.m. on June 9, 2022 and will be publicly opened and read aloud in the boardroom of Savage Public Schools, 368 Mesa Street, Savage MT 59262, at a special board meeting of the trustees at 7:00 pm on **June 9, 2022** for: **SAVAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - PIPING REPLACEMENT PROJECT - REBID.** Bids shall be submitted on the form provided within the Contract Documents. Contract documents may be obtained at the offices of: **FourFront Design 46 Hibbard Way HELENA, MT 59601 PHONE # (406) 441-4000 ray.dawes@**

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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.  
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# Richland County Primary Candidates...

(Continued from page 1A) and the county commissioners. Norby stated that he had no such conversation with Holst. "It was total crap. I have no idea what he's up to there," he said. "We have a very close relationship. We don't always see eye-to-eye of course but there is no feud, there's no rift, there's nothing like that. I have a close relationship with all three of those guys and I know Brian Bieber does too."

## How will you support existing value added agriculture businesses such as Eastern Montana Meats and pursue more opportunities for Sidney Sugars?

Gorder began his answer describing the battles local agriculture has faced in his time as commissioner. He spoke of how the ag community and local businesses banded together to travel to Great Falls to make a statement during the Intake

Diversion Dam court battle. He also mentioned the closure of the coal fired MDU Lewis & Clark Station near Sidney.

"Agriculture was at my front page when the MDU coal fired facility plant was ready to start looking at closing," he said. "We three commissioners battled MDU all the way through it. If we weren't in Helena in front of them, we were meeting them here and we had them in our office. It was something that was going to close no matter what we did but we wanted to make sure we got our point across." The closure of the Savage coal mine will have an impact on Savage School resources and will force Sidney Sugars to look at converting to natural gas.

Currently, the commissioners are dealing with the possibility of the test flows on the Missouri River to be conducted by the corps of engineers. "Is it a battle I think we can win? I'm not sure, but I'm not going to give up on it," Gorder said. "We have our public comments be heard. We've been there in person and we now have our attorney general, Austin Knudsen, ready to fight for it too."

Holst stated that he thinks that Gorder and the commissioners have done a good job fighting for agriculture. "We do need to fight for all of our agriculture needs around here," he said. "I worry about Sidney Sugars. Last year they were at 30,000 acres. This year I heard they were at 18,500. The writing is kind of on the wall. I think they want to close this place down." Holst spoke of the financial incentives to move acre allocations to western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. "Shane might know a little bit more about how we can keep the acres. That may be what Austin Knudsen is trying to fight for," he stated.

Holst also said Eastern Montana Meats (EMM) is a good idea. "Love your idea. Just hope you follow everything according to law,"

he said speaking to EMM owner Steve Lunderby who was in attendance at the forum. Holst has previously opposed the major subdivision of property proposed by Lunderby to county commissioners last year.

## RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

**Is it the proper role of the sheriff's office to determine if laws are constitutional? How would you determine which laws are constitutional? Is it a personal judgment or would a committee make the decision? Please explain the process of deciding constitutionality.**

Kyhl, running as a constitutional conservative, answered first. He wouldn't be opposed to a committee but he thinks the decisions are black and white. "Its pretty black and white when it comes to the constitution. When we are talking about freedom of speech, as far as I'm concerned it's black and white," he stated. "Everybody has their right to their opinion. I see myself as a constitutional guard for freedom, freedom of speech."

Dynneson responded by stating, "I have a duty to uphold and have taken an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States and Montana State Constitution. And I believe that the laws that are established by the legislature gives us guidelines in how to ensure that your rights are protected under those constitutions." Dynneson said those laws often need to be interpreted. "That can be difficult. So we reach out to maybe the county attorney or we research case law to help us determine whether or not the laws we are attempting to enforce are in fact constitutional and that changes all the time." Dynneson continued by stating that it isn't black and white. "We would like to think so. It would certainly make our job a lot easier. That's why it's important to have a

more experienced person. A person that's willing to look beyond just the words on the page and think about enforcing the law, what kind of effect that might have on the individuals and the community."

## How would you attract more people to work as a peace officer given today's issues?

Dynneson stated that currently the sheriff's office is fully staffed with deputies. "Since I took over our retention in that area has gone up significantly," he said. "We still have a difficult time finding public safety officers such as dispatchers and detention officers. It's grueling work." Dynneson said that people have to have a passion for the work and people need to reach out to them and express an interest in the jobs. "You aren't going to find that. Not right now," he said. "There just isn't the work force right now."

Kyhl believes that a person needs to have a calling to work in law enforcement. "There is a lot of people out there that have always had that interest," he said. Kyhl feels that people with more life experience could be better than officers that are 18, 19 years old. "If I become sheriff I would like to open it up. I'm a firm believer in more mature deputies," he stated. Kyhl feels that people that have gone through personal issues, including prior issues with the law, would be good deputies. "I believe that people that have gotten in trouble but have eventually learned from their mistakes would make better deputies."

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Submitted by Marla Prell, Communications & Education Program Manager  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region 7

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There will be an orientation/walk in registration for the class on June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Richland County Extension Office, 1500 N. Central Ave., Sidney. Students should print all required files on the website and bring them to registration. Workbooks will be handed out then. All chapter quizzes must be done before the first night of class. Students must attend orientation and all classes. Those under 18 must have a parent or guardian present at orientation. Students must be 11 years of age by the orientation date to register.

Class on June, 16 and 17 will be from 6-9 p.m. Bring a #2 pencil to class sessions. The June 18 session will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., with a field day included. Wear proper attire for hunting and for the weather on field day. Students must wear hiking type shoes, and shorts will not be allowed. The field day with this class will not be open to online students.

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# New Richland Co. 4-H Buildings To Offer Fun Year Round

By Anna Dragseth

The new Richland County 4-H buildings are providing more than just a place for 4-H members, people from around the community have been able to take advantage of the new facilities.

"Through the upgrading of the fairground's facilities portfolio, Richland County can continue providing Sidney and the region with facilities that have diverse utilization. It opens so many doors of possibilities here at the fairgrounds and that's what is exciting," said Richland County Fairgrounds Manager Pam Shelmidine.

The new complex includes three separate barns: a horse barn and stalls, a swine, sheep, and goat barn and a cattle barn. There is also a new show area with expanded grandstands.

The new buildings are located where the old agriculture building once stood, to the east and north of the 4-H food booth. The exhibits and booths that were in the old agriculture building are now in the commercial building.

Richland County Extension Agent Josie Evenson

explained that the Richland County 4-H program has needed this expansion for many years. "We outgrew the barn and needed new space. Our 4-H program is one of the largest in the state as far as the population; we have 243 kids enrolled, which is roughly 11% of the school population in Richland County," said Evenson.

As the buildings continued to age, they became unsafe with some structural issues, which caused safety concerns.

The process for deciding what buildings should be constructed, involved a panel of 12 people including Richland County officials, fair board members and 4-H leaders. They spent a full year evaluating what was needed with two years of study. They used projected growth data, input from 4-H participants and fair board members to assess what was needed.

When the buildings were constructed, the planning committee thought about how they could be used for 365 days of the year, not just 4 days for

the fair.

"We thought long and hard about what was needed, meeting over 30 times to discuss different things," explained Evenson.

The buildings were finished in July 2021 and attracted several people to the facilities during the 2021 fair.

"The shows were better attended, and more people were able to walk through the barns and see the animals. Overall, using them this past year was a great experience for not just 4-H but the entire community," added Evenson.

There are many different ways the new complex can be used in the off-fair season.

"The cattle barn with its dirt floor can be used for livestock shows or sales, auctions, cornhole tournaments or even rustic weddings! The building used for sheep and swine during the fair has endless possibilities from indoor dances to livestock shows to a marching band practice-maybe even a recreational vehicle or pool and spa show. The curtain sides feature of the building provide lots of ventilation so



The cattle barn is just one of the buildings that can be used for a multitude of events year round.

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Easy access for trailers, convenient off-loading and loading area to the stalls," explained Shelmidine.

The Richland County 4-H is very appreciative of the new space. This year the 4-H kids will be taking full advantage of the new facilities. There will be 105 market steer projects, which is the largest county fair

in Montana as far as steer numbers.

Shelmidine said, "It is wonderful to have these facilities! We are so happy to be able to offer them to the public for their use - I can't wait to see what people come up with to do out here!"

# THE RACING ROUNDUP

## Gaudreau Brothers Racing in the Basin

By Anna Dragseth

Landon and Sawyer Gaudreau, Williston, have thought about racing for as long as they can remember. Their dad, Terry Gaudreau, brought them to the races before they were even old enough to start racing slingshots.

"My dad raced for a long time and built the racetrack in Williston. He has been taking us to the races ever since we were little and once the slingshots became a thing, we eventually got one and the next year got Sawyer one," said Landon.

Landon, 13, is in his third year of racing the No.10x slingshot and Sawyer, 9, is in his second year of racing the No. 17 car.

The two of them have raced around North Dakota including tracks in Williston, Watford City, Minot, Dickinson, and Jamestown.

Landon and Sawyer's favorite thing about racing is helping their dad work on their cars and competing at the racetrack.

"I like everything about racing. I like working on my car and the feeling of racing

and seeing who can edge out the other one on the racetrack." He said, "My dad and I work on my car, there is definitely a lot of maintenance you have to do after every race."

The boys pressure wash and deep clean their cars after every race, taking off the wheels and scrubbing them down, making sure there is not a spec of dirt on the car. They then grease bearings and change oil on both cars. Landon said, "We want our cars to look their best and run great at every race we go to."

Landon has placed well at many races, winning the 2021 Jr. Slingshot Track Championship at the Williston Basin Speedway and 1st place at the "Battle at the Barn" indoor race in Watford City. Sawyer continues to improve at every race he competes in.

Sawyer added, "I've always wanted to get 1st and I hope this year I can make that happen."

Landon hopes to go to more races this year and race at more tracks. "I want to go after the Track Cham-



Sawyer Gaudreau

ion title again in Williston and go to more tracks because I will be moving up to a bigger car in the near future."

Terry is excited that both of his boys are involved in racing. He says it is a great thing for the whole family to be a part of.

"We are doing something together that is meaningful. These kids are learning mechanical abilities and a lot of lifelong lessons that they will carry on for lifetime, even if they don't continue racing."

The boys are learning to win and lose with grace and

are safe while doing it. The cars have full containment seats and run nearly 50 mph at the Williston Basin Speedway. Kids can start racing slingshots as early as 8 years old, or earlier if a waiver is signed by their parents.

"Racing is not only a great family sport and adventure, but also a great way for Lindsay and I to stay in touch with our boys during their most impressionable years. With a lot of choices right around the corner... we're doing our best to keep them focused and pointed in the right direction!"



From left Landon and Sawyer Gaudreau holding Landon's 2021 Jr. Slingshot Track Champion Award.



Landon Gaudreau

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## Watford City Food Truck Rodeo This Weekend

The Bakken will experience a tasty new family event this summer as the Watford City Food Truck Rodeo rides into the McKenzie County Fairgrounds June 3-5. Foodies can expect many of the state's best mobile food vendors, a full cash bar, kid's inflatables, a cornhole tournament as

well as other activities to be announced. Mike Schmitz, event producer and owner of 701 Food Trucks says he's excited to bring a mobile food event to the heart of the Bakken and share a "taste" of the Food Truck scene from around the state. "I have so much admiration for this community, how

it's grown and molded into what it has." He added, "Our vendors and staff have been excited about this for a while, and we've already realized the community is as well."

It's not their first rodeo, 701 Food Trucks started the Fargo Food Truck Festival in 2013. And since then, they have added annual Bismarck, Grand Forks and Dickinson events to their mix. Watford City foodies will recognize a few familiar Food Truck faces, such as Williston's Rock N Roll Tacos, but also an awarded mix of ND's best of the best mobile purveyors. Ten+ mobile food vendors will be featured, along with non-food vendors and family friendly activities. There are daily Food Truck competitions; Friday is the Sweet Tooth Taste Test, where select vendors offer up a one-day only \$3 sweet treat. Then, Saturday's competition is the Bloody Mary Matchup,

where event goers can purchase a bloody mary from the cash bar and collect \$2 skewers from contributing vendors. Finally, Sunday's Makin' Bacon Challenge pits participating pork purveyors against each other to produce the best bacon dish.

"It gets pretty fun, a little bit crazy and definitely flavorful, with each of these daily competitions", says Schmitz. Foodies in attendance will also get to cast their vote, for the highest honor in Food Truckland, the "Best of The Fest- People's Choice" award. Many of the chosen trucks have won several of these culinary distinctions, throughout the state circuit in recent years. The event producers are confident that this will become an annual event for Watford City.

Event Hours: Friday, June 3 – 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, June 4 – 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, June 5 - 11a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission is only \$2; kids 10 & under are free, free parking all weekend. The McKenzie County Fairgrounds is located at 3rd Ave. SE, Watford City, ND.

For more information, contact Mike Schmitz at 701-527-7868 or mikeschmitz@701foodtrucks.com.



## Breeding Season Considerations

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

The breeding season may have already begun for some, but it is coming up in the near future for others. Here are a few considerations as you prepare to turn your bulls out.

Having a breeding soundness exam (BSE) on

your bulls prior to breeding season is critical. To put it into perspective, in one breeding season an individual cow is expected to contribute to one pregnancy, whereas a bull is expected to contribute to 20-50 pregnancies. The BSE that is conducted by your veterinarian includes a physical exam, an exam of the reproductive organs, and a semen evaluation. The process of producing sperm takes approximately 60 days, meaning that subzero temperatures, infections, stress, or similar situations that have occurred during that time could negatively impact semen quality. It is important to schedule a BSE close enough to the breeding season that allows for enough time for animals to recover from any winter injuries, but far in advance enough to retest or replace bulls that do not pass the exam.

It is important to note that a BSE does not evaluate bull libido. This makes it important for producers to monitor bulls after they have been turned out, to ensure that they are actively breeding cows.

The bull to cow ration must also be considered prior to the breeding season. The average ratio for mature bulls is 1 bull to 25 cows and 1 bull to 15 cows for yearling bulls. Higher rates of up to 50 cows are used in some situations, with an understanding that this higher rate may lead to cows not becoming pregnant in their first cycle of the breeding season and subsequently calving later that following year.

Be sure to schedule a BSE with your veterinarian prior to turn out. Contact the MSU Richland County Extension office with any questions, 406-433-1206.

## Lambert School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

Lambert School supports two honor roll awards. Students maintaining a 4.0-3.5 will earn an "A" honor roll status. Students with a 4.0 are indicated with an "A". "B" honor roll status is for students earning a 3.0-3.49.

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**"B" Honor Roll 3.0 – 3.49**  
Jr. High: Izabella Carter, Brooke Lien and Ashlyn Sattler.

High School: Makyya Beyer, Logan Adams, Morgan Candee, Tiegen Cundiff, Austin Lien, Caitlyne Carter, and Thomas Young.

## Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Bible School, June 6-10

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# Richland County Primary Candidates...

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Dynneson responded by stating that anyone is open to apply. "We don't discriminate against age, religion, color. I would encourage anyone out there that has a passion for law enforcement, they should do so," he said. "That doesn't necessarily mean that if they

apply that they'll get the job." Public safety and law enforcement officers are held to a high standard. Montana law requires them to pass certifications and background checks determined by the state. "I understand that people make mistakes but sometimes those mistakes can't be overlooked,"

Dynneson said. "That isn't necessarily up to me. That's what the laws are."

### What is the highest issue facing our county as far as crime?

Dynneson answered by saying that we have not seen a significant rise in crime. "Things stay pretty steady," he said. The county is not seeing an increase in burglaries, home invasions, etc.

"Obviously we are not winning the war on drugs across the United States," Dynneson said. "Probably my biggest concern about drugs is the new influx of fentanyl across the county. It's going to have a very big impact on every community." Dynneson feels they have to work on combating the distribution of drugs. The sheriff's department works closely with the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force, FBI and DEA to relay information regarding the move-

ment of drugs coming into and out of the community. "We are actively involved with the Stonegarden Grant which puts more officers and boots on the ground." The Operation Stonegarden Program gives grants through homeland security to provide money for overtime and extra patrols to interdict drugs moving into and out of Canada.

Dynneson's other concern for the county is problems dealing with behavioral health issues in relation to the legalization of marijuana. "I think that there is a trend we are going to see. The amount of THC in this new marijuana is as high as 30, 50 and 90%," he said. "We are going to start seeing overdoses. It takes individuals with mental illness in a direction that they end up in severe psychosis or have issues that need medication to get them out of crisis."

Kyhl feels the number one law enforcement issue in the community is drugs. "What the public is looking for is someone that is going to go out there and target and rid this county of drugs," he said. "I'm a firm believer in working with the community with what I call sheriff volunteers." Kyhl would like to get the community involved to find out where the target areas are to potentially have more patrols and person's involved in drug activity.

Dynneson does not agree with Kyhl's position. "You are not going to rid this problem. We have been dealing with it for years

and years," Dynneson said. "All you can do is deal with it the best that you can." Dynneson does not feel it's the public's responsibility to get rid of drugs. "Your job as a good citizen is to not use drugs and if you see something you notify us. It isn't your job to go out there to do my job."

Kyhl countered Dynneson by saying that we all have a responsibility as residents of the county. "If we don't come together you are right. Nothing will ever change," he stated. "We are probably not going to rid it 100% but we can't just turn a blind eye."

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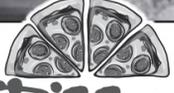


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# 6 Scholarships Awarded By Masons

Lower Yellowstone Lodge #90 of Masons has awarded five \$500 scholarships in memory of Earl & Clona Hawley.

The 2022 scholars recognized are Kodi Schulz, Brielle Gorder, and Trudi Speldrich, Sidney High School, Paige Carda of Lambert High School and Riley Bushnell, Fairview High

School. Kodi plans to attend New York University to study counseling psychology.

Brielle will attend University of Montana to study business and dance.

Trudi will be attending MSU-Bozeman as a chemical engineering major.

The Earl & Clona Hawley scholarship was created

by Richland Chapter #62 of Eastern Star to recognize the devotion of Mr. & Mrs. Hawley to their community.

The Masons also awarded a \$500 Ben York Memorial scholarship to Jace Vitt, Fairview High School.

Jace will attend Bismarck State College to train to become an electrical line-

man. The Ben York Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Ben York, a Master Mason and long-time builder who specialized in plumbing and HVAC in Sidney and was also a Master Electrician.



Brielle Gorder



Jace Vitt



Kodi Schulz



Paige Carda



Riley Bushnell



Trudi Speldrich

# SRCL Kicks Off Two Programs This Summer

Submitted by Kelly Reisig, MBA Director

Sidney – The Sidney-Richland County Library staff are looking forward to a fun summer. This year's Summer Reading Program, "Oceans of Possibilities", is free and anyone can join. Read what you want, when you want. You can keep track either online or through the dedicated library app, READsquared. There are lots of special programs planned at both SRCL and at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Watch for announcements of special events as well. The first event will be "The Lego Guy", Curtis Mork. Curtis has been a Lego fan since the age of 6 and has over 800 sets in his collection. He will bring fun and interactive exhibits. He will also lead a creative workshop for all participants. The kick-off event for the Summer Reading Program will be held on June 13 with a Scavenger Hunt from 3–5 p.m.

The second program is new to the Library. "100 Books Before Graduation" is open to all Richland County High School students and builds on the success of "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten". The program rewards students for their continued dedication to reading. Participants will be able to track their progress either online or through the dedicated READsquared app.

"We are very excited for this new program. "100 Books Before Graduation" is a new program that is just gaining traction nationwide. It will be the first of its kind in Montana, due to the research and hard work of Teen and Adult Services Librarian Kathryn Murphy", explained Kelly Reisig, SRCL director. The kick-off party for this program will be held on June 14 at 4 p.m.

Stop by the library or call 406-433-1917 for more information. Updates and announcements throughout the program will be posted on the Sidney-Richland County Library's Facebook page and via the dedicated app, READsquared.

# Red Cross Blood Drive Sidney June 14

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 14, from 12-6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.

Advance appointments are strongly recommended, as there is limited availability for walk-ins. Please call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

Only 3% of eligible Americans donate blood. Yet, every two seconds, someone needs it.



# Petroleum Engineering Graduate Student Works To Offset Carbon Emissions From Oil And Gas Wells

Submitted by Megan Strickland, Marketing and Communications Specialist

The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 280,000 metric tons of the greenhouse gas methane are emitted from 2.15 million abandoned oil and gas wells each year. Methane is a greenhouse gas that affects atmospheric warming 30 times greater than that of carbon dioxide. A Montana Technological University graduate student is testing ways to reduce emissions from both orphan and operating well sites to help reduce the industry's environmental impact.

Robb Braden, Wibaux, MT, is a Petroleum Engineering student fully qualified to enter the energy sector when he graduates in 2023. Increasingly, however, prospective employers want to hear more from Braden about his master's thesis project, which focuses on how to reduce the carbon footprint of petroleum extraction projects past and present.

"This research has the potential to aid in the process of capping orphaned oil and gas wells. It also could help decrease the carbon footprint of oil well cementing industry wide," Assistant Professor Dr. Lee Richards

said. "It also has the potential to provide an avenue to permanently sequester unwanted waste material."

Braden's project involves adding waste materials from other industries to cement. Cement is the source of 8% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions. Every oil or natural gas well drilled involves massive amounts of cement used to encase the wellbore, to seal off underground formations and to plug the wells for good once they are finished producing. This use of cement drives the carbon footprint of a drilling project higher and higher. In an attempt to reduce that footprint, Braden has been adding hemp hurd, which is a byproduct of IND Hemp in Fort Benton, to the cement and testing its strength, how it flows, and how quickly it sets.

"There isn't a large-scale industrial usage of this material right now," Braden said of the hemp hurd.

In his research, Braden is also using non-recyclable plastic and biochar, a byproduct of forestry and agricultural wastes as potential additives. Biochar is 85% carbon by mass, so having it sequestered in the cement can be a significant offset for companies. By adding the plastic to the cement it both removes the refuse

from the waste stream, and creates a significant amount of sequestered carbon.

"Certain plastics just can't be recycled because of their characteristics and their chemical makeup," Braden said. "Some examples of this include Saran wrap, the little six-pack rings, and plastic straws. When plastic is burned, which is the typical method of discarding plastic that isn't recycled, it produces three pounds of carbon dioxide for every one pound of plastic that is incinerated."

Energy companies can earn carbon credits by sequestering the carbon in the biochar, plastic and hemp hurd. At the same time, the cementing process requires less cement, further reducing emissions.

Braden has tested these hemp hurd enhanced cements in the field on wells near Shelby, on the state's Hi-Line that were long-since abandoned. He interned with The Well Done Foundation, a Montana-based nonprofit that is endeavoring to plug abandoned oil and gas wells across the nation.

"Primarily what I'm doing is looking into the basic mechanical properties of the cement, and the different strengths," Braden said.

Braden wants to find the maximum amount of additives that can be put into the cement while main-



Robb Braden works on a carbon sequestration project in a lab at Montana Technological University (photo submitted).

taining the structural integrity needed to support drilling or plugging operations.

A diverse set of companies can purchase carbon credits to help offset their total carbon footprint. Tito's Vodka was recently a sponsor of a well plugged by the Well Done Foundation.

The companies benefit by reporting smaller carbon footprint, but there is some business sense to participate in carbon sequestration as well. More than 40 nations around the world have already implemented carbon taxes, and the proposal to implement similar policies in the United States has been



Robb Braden works with Hemp Hurd in a lab at Montana Technological University (photo submitted).

a perennial political topic since 1990.

"I think if these companies want to get ahead of it, they need to start implementing projects like these," Braden said.

Several industry professionals have wanted to learn more about Braden's study of the additives, and he is taking that knowledge with him as he interns with a company in Oklahoma City this summer.

"I think this project is important because it shows all these different applications in the industry where if you put your mind to it, you can find these little niches where you can do good and you can decrease your net emission," Braden said. "It's so important nowadays that we find these better methods of doing operations."

To arrange an interview or receive photos, please contact: Amanda Badovinac at abadovinac@mttech.edu or 406-496-4828.

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## Kids Fishing Day

The Walleyes Unlimited MonDak Chapter held their annual kids fishing day May 25 at Gartside Reservoir. Richland County 6th graders enjoyed learning about fish species, casting, water & boating safety and hypothermia.



Gracelynn Free (middle) photo bombs Sophie Sundheim (left) and Sophia Schoepp (right) while they pose with a bluegill they caught.

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