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## Crocodile Rockin'

Elton John Tribute With Jim Witter in Watford City April 23.

Submitted by  
Jessie Veeder

Revel in an evening of the incredible music making of Elton John and Bernie Taupin, as Elton John Tribute performer Jim Witter comes to Watford City on Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m. at Rough Rider Center. Entertaining audiences for over 30 years, Jim Witter thrives on engaging audiences in the liveliness and dynamic appeal of Elton John. Audiences will see for themselves why Elton is one of the world's most beloved icons with his voice, his pia-

no virtuosity, the unmatched catalogue of hit songs and of course his dynamic and energetic performances. Jim's unique approach and rapport makes each concertgoer feel as though they are part of this communal performance experience.

Be captivated by the incredible catalogue of hits such as Rocket Man, Tiny Dancer, Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me, Candle In The Wind, and I'm Still Standing. Participate in audience sing-a-longs with the best-known hits and dress up in your favorite Elton

John attire for a chance to win a prize. Cash bar (21+) and appetizers will be available for purchase at the concert.

Crocodile Rockin' is the final of six concerts that are part of the Watford City Area Concert Association 2021-22 season. The 2022-23 Concert Series Season lineup will be announced at the concert. Use your membership or purchase individual tickets in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at longxarts.com or by calling 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.



## 60-year-old Male Found Dead In Watford City

By Anna Dragseth

On Thursday, April 14, around 2 p.m. Watford City Police were called to the 300 block of 25th Ave. NE following a report of a deceased male outside on the ground.

Officers arrived on scene and found the body of a deceased 60-year-old man in the snow.

The man's name is being withheld pending family notification. Police say there is no indication of foul play or criminal activity.

## Watford City's Dogs On The Deck Event To Take Place Throughout The Summer

By Anna Dragseth

Starting May 26, the Long X Visitor Center, Watford City, will be hosting a family-friendly BBQ event every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. This event will recur every Thursday night up until July 14.

The event brings the community together and helps raise funds for local nonprofits.

This community charitable event will have several vendors, live music by local artists, a beer garden, sampling, a \$5 meal, games, and fun activities for all ages.

The \$5 meal includes a foot-long hot dog, a bag of chips, bottled water, and a cookie. The Long X Liquor store will also be selling stadium cups - once an individual purchases a stadium cup for \$5, they can get a beer on tap for \$3 when they return the following Thursdays.

T-shirts and hats will also be available for purchase at the event and all proceeds will go to the chosen benefactor for the week.

"I am looking forward to everyone coming together. We had so much fun last year with the smiling faces, dancing, and kids playing," stated LeAnn Brown, Long X Liquor Store general manager.

"This year, we have a ton more event sponsors, which gives us the opportunity to give more this year."

For more information on the event, contact the Long X Liquor Store at 701-444-3335 or the Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County at 701-444-2990.

## Winter Storm Silas' Effects On The MonDak

By Jaymi Mozeak

Tuesday, April 12, and Wednesday, April 13 the MonDak area was struck with a snowstorm the likes of which it had not seen since 1997. Winter Storm Silas tore across eastern Montana and western North Dakota causing closures and delays all across the area.

According to officials at the National Weather Service, Glasgow, the storm began in the Pacific Ocean and made landfall in Oregon. The storm was dropping record amounts of snow from the beginning, leaving the first accumulating April snow since 1940 in Portland, OR, according to The Weather Channel's article, "April Blizzard Pummels Northern Plains; Brings Feet of Snow to North Dakota, Montana" on www.weather.com. The article also said it crossed the Rocky Mountains, dumping immense amounts of snow, 36-47 inches near Pony, west of Bozeman. It snowed two to three inches per hour Tuesday in Billings, piling up to a total of 13.9 inches. Interstate 94 was closed from Billings to Jamestown, ND, cutting off a major travel route for people, freight, and mail throughout the two states. The Mondak area began to shut down. Sidney Public Schools had already canceled classes for April 12 and 13 the day before. Culbertson Schools closed early on Tuesday and the whole day Wednesday because of the weather. Wibaux Public Schools closed early but went virtual on Wednesday and Thursday



Richland County authorities turn back drivers leaving Sidney from all directions on April 13.

so the children would not have to make up the snow days, according to their Facebook page. The closures continued into North Dakota, some businesses closed to allow their employees a chance to get safely home. Wednesday, the mail was running but nothing was coming from Billings, which is the location for Montana's USPS Processing and Distribution Center. The snowplows stopped and state highways closed all over the region because of visibility issues. Thursday came, the blizzard was gone and the snowplows were running again.

At first glance, all that snow would seem to be a blessing to farmers around the area and a possible step towards ending the drought. Snow and ice contribute to the water table in the Mondak area as it slowly melts. The snow was heavy and wet in Oregon, downing trees and knocking out the power but by the time it got past Billings much of the moisture was gone. Eastern Montana, generally, received between 6 and 18 inches of snow, with lesser amounts occurring to the northwest. According to the National Weather Service, Glasgow, the snow water

equivalent ranged greatly across the region, between only a trace and one inch. The water equivalent precipitation was higher along the Montana/North Dakota border with lighter amounts to the northwest including north central Montana, according to the US National Weather Service Glasgow's Facebook page. North Dakota got a little better with up to four inches of water in the harder hit areas but, then some areas in North Dakota got up to 36 inches of snow.

Spring snowstorms are not as much of a blessing for ranchers. It waters the summer grazing but, spring

is the time for the cattle to drop their calves. Calving season is always stressful because young livestock can die quickly because of the cold, especially when wet or with high winds. Drifting and accumulating snow also can make it difficult for even the adult animals to move in search of food or shelter. According to Jessi Roberts Wibaux, "It will probably be a while before people know how many calves they lost. The snow banks could be covering the calves well into May."

## Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony, Sidney, May 14

By Jaymi Mozeak

For the past 34 years, the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police has been hosting the Peace Officer Memorial Day. Every year officers from all across Montana and Canada come to the one in Montana to honor their fallen brothers and sisters.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed into law a joint resolution of Congress making May 15 Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 15, Police Week nationwide. The Association of Chiefs of Police in Montana has been holding the event since 1988. They choose a different city or town every year to host the event. Usually, the city is in western Montana but this year things are

going to be a little different. This year the association requested that they could host the ceremony in Sidney. Police Chief Mark Kraft said, "When we were asked to host this event I thought it would not only be an honor to do so but it would give an opportunity to showcase Sidney to people who may have never been out here before." Since May 15 falls on a Sunday, this year it was decided that the ceremony should be held on Saturday, May 14 so that more officers could attend. Also, this year, since the Sidney Police, County Sheriffs, and local Highway Patrol have such close working relationships with many North Dakota law enforcement agencies, the partner agencies in North

Dakota will be invited to attend as well.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the old Pamida/Shopko parking lot. Officers will march on foot followed by a vehicle procession to the historic Richland County Courthouse. A memorial ceremony will be held on the lawn at 11 a.m., just after the parade, where Montana Lieutenant Governor Kirsten Juras will give the keynote address.

Sidney's Chief Kraft wanted to thank the Sidney Chamber of Commerce for helping with the logistics of the parade. He also wanted to thank the Richland County Sheriff and Sidney Police Departments for helping to organize the event.



Sidney Police Chief Mark Kraft. (Photo submitted)

Sunrise City Events  
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Sat, Apr. 30 • 5:30 - 7 pm (or until gone)  
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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

Sakakawea

Current Elevation.....1827.6  
Last Week's Elev. ....1827.7  
One Year Ago .....1836.0  
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....14,500

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 11	47	24	0.000
April 12	29	19	0.000
April 13	22	17	0.000
April 14	25	18	0.000
April 15	26	6	0.000
April 16	35	6	0.000
April 17	29	13	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation			0.96

# Livestock Water Quality Concerns & Testing Clinic May 4

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

Hoping everyone faired the spring storm. As you begin to prepare to turn livestock out on rangelands, is it important to monitor both rangeland conditions and livestock water sources. Monitoring the quantity of water in your reservoirs, stock ponds, and wells is necessary, however, monitoring the quality of that is also imperative.

There are two main concerns with livestock water quality: elevated total dissolved solids (TDS) and cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, can be problematic in stagnant waters during periods of hot weather. It appears as a green scum on the surface of stagnant waters, and often turns blue when it has dried. When consumed, these algal blooms can be fatal for livestock.

TDS refers to the total amount of minerals, metals, nutrients, and salts that are dissolved in a water source. During times of drought, minimal precipitation results in limited runoff to recharge reservoirs and dilute these salts and solids. Although the recent moisture will aid in recharging these reservoirs, there is still potential for high TDS levels. Water with elevated TDS levels can cause severe dehydration and other complications. It is also possible that some of the salts and solids within the water are present at toxic levels, posing additional risks to livestock health. Because of the elevated risks to livestock health, it is important to test livestock water quality.

MSU Dawson and Richland County Extension Offices will be hosting a Water Testing Clinic in Glendive on Wednesday, May 4 at 9 a.m. in the basement of the Dawson County Courthouse. This is an opportunity to bring in water samples from your livestock water sources to be tested for TDS levels. Please bring your water samples in a clean container such as a plastic water or soda bottle. If you are unable to attend this clinic, TDS testing is always available at the MSU Richland County Extension Office. Please call 406-433-1206 or email [marley.manoukian@montana.edu](mailto:marley.manoukian@montana.edu) with any questions.

# Pure Live Seed Information from MSU Extension

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

As producers are preparing to start seeding, there are many factors to consider, and pure live seed (PLS) is one of them. Recommended seeding rates for crops are given in pounds of PLS per acre. Using these seeding rates would assume that every seed is viable and able to establish a plant, when in reality not every seed that is planted will result in a plant. Therefore, you must adjust the seeding rate based on the given germination and purity percentages. On a seed tag, there should be a germination percentage, which is an estimate of how many seeds are actually viable in that bag. The tag will also list other percentages that should be minimal such as weed seed, other seed, and inert matter. You can determine purity by subtracting these other percentages from 100, however, purity may already be listed on the tag as pure seed. Follow the steps below to determine the adjusted seeding rate based on your seed tag to achieve the desired stand establishment. Be sure to use whole number percentages in this calculation.

Step 1: (% germination x % purity) = PLS Index 10,000

Step 2: Seeding Rate = lbs bagged seed per acre PLS Index

Contact the MSU Richland County Extension Office with questions; 406-433-1206.

# Garden Workshop, April 26, Sidney

Submitted by Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

MSU Extension – Richland County will be hosting a Garden Workshop 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, at the Richland County Extension Office. This workshop will cover the basics of garden soils, garden planning and planting, and common garden pests, among other things. If you are interested in this workshop, please RSVP to the office by Friday, April 22 by calling 406-433-1206 or emailing [marley.manoukian@montana.edu](mailto:marley.manoukian@montana.edu).

# Trades Persons Fair May 4, Fairview

By Dianne Swanson

In an effort to connect high school students and the public with local contacting businesses and tech training programs, the Fairview Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Trades Persons Fair from 9-11 a.m., Wednesday, May 4 at Fairview High School.

Trades people such as plumbers, electricians, equipment operators and more are in high demand. The tech industry is always looking for employees. The fair is an attempt to connect students with local businesses that can best explain the rewards of a career in those fields. It is also designed as a job fair where people seeking work can connect with businesses looking to hire.

There are far more businesses in Fairview than most people realize so the public is encouraged to attend the fair and meet the people who could fix a plumbing or electrical problem, or whatever they may need.

Spaces are free but limited. Anyone wishing to showcase their business and connect with students and potential customers may call Chamber president Ray Trumpower at 406-489-2624 or email him at [trumpwer@midrivers.com](mailto:trumpwer@midrivers.com).

EVENTS

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

**Wed., April 20**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Jennifer and Brian Matthews Perspectives in Nature Exhibit** - On display through April 30. **Youth Art Show** - On display through April 30. 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>.  
**Sat., April 23**  
5-8 p.m. - **US House District 2 Democratic Candidate Dinner & Forum** - \$15 per person, Sidney Elks Club. Call 406-480-1706 for tickets.  
**Sun., April 24**  
8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.  
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.  
**Mon., April 25**  
6 p.m. - **Sons of Norway Hardanger Class For Beginners** - Pella Church. For more information contact Becky Kallevig at 406-480-9190 or Lucy Lovec at 406-973-1594.  
**Tues., April 26**  
6 p.m. - **Garden Workshop** - Will cover the basics of garden soils, garden planning & planting, & common garden pests, plus more. Richland County Extension Office. RSVP by April 22 by calling 406-433-1206 or emailing [marley.manoukian@montana.edu](mailto:marley.manoukian@montana.edu).  
**Sat., April 30**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Celebrate Earth Day With Your Community** - Veterans Memorial Park. Do a garbage cleanup with family & friends before arrival and then bring your trash to the park for collection. Plant some trees and enjoy some light fair. For more information contact Amelia at [amelia.meier@richland.org](mailto:amelia.meier@richland.org).  
11 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Eastern MT Scootfest 2022 - Lower Yellowstone Abate Chapter Bike Show** - Motorcycle & bicycle rodeo, poker walk, vendors booths, food & beverages. Activities for kids & 2 bicycle drawings for ages 12 & under. Admission, \$5 for 13 & up; free for 12 & under. Richland Ranger Arena. For more information call 406-365-2175.  
6:30-9 p.m. - **Dragging On Main - Annual Food Drive** - Bring your family out for a night of fun, variety of cars & a good cause. Taking non-perishable foods & donations for the Richland County Food Bank. Everyone welcome. Footers.  
**Wed., May 4**  
9-11 a.m. - **Fairview Chamber of Commerce Trade Persons Fair** - Connecting students with local businesses such as plumbers, electricians, equipment operators & more & explaining the rewards of a career in these fields. It is also a job fair for people seeking work can connect with businesses looking to hire. Fairview High School. For more information call Ray Trumpower at 406-489-2624 or email [trumpwer@midrivers.com](mailto:trumpwer@midrivers.com).  
**Sat., May 7**  
7-11 p.m. - **St. Matthew's Spring Fling Semi-Formal Dance** - Grades 6th-8th. DJ music by Midnight Express. St. Matthew's Parish Center. \$10 person. Students will only be allowed to leave early if picked up or signed out by a parent. St. Matthew's Parish Center. For more information call Colleen Haralson, 406-482-2680.  
**Sat., May 14**  
**Letter Carriers' Food Drive** - Put your non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox. The letter carriers will deliver it to a local food bank. Or you take your donations to the post office.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

**Weds., April 20, May 4 & 18, 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 the general public, school students, & other community groups. Creative ideas welcome. 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).  
**Sat., April 23**  
12-4 p.m. - **Nerf Wars** - Ages 6 & up. \$5 per person. Bring your own gun, ammo provided. (Limited quantity of Nerf guns will be provided.) Rough Rider Center. For more information visit [watfordcityparks.com](http://watfordcityparks.com). Day of registration also available.  
**Tues., April 26, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**  
**& Wed., April 27, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**2022 Summit On Behavioral Health In Energy County** - Summit hosted by Vision West ND bringing together community leaders & professionals for education, networking & informational sharing. Rough Rider Center. For more information or to register visit <https://bit.ly/SBHECregister>.  
**Thurs., April 28**  
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

**Thurs., April 21**  
7 p.m. - **Confluence History Book Club** - Join other history buffs for a discussion of this month's book, "Sea of Glory" by Nathaniel Philbrick. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information, contact Joe Garcia or Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034.  
**Sat., April 23**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Williston State College CTE Open House** - Diesel Tech, Welding & Ag Programs are offering the opportunity to find out more about their programs for prospective student & parents. Also 4 \$500 CTE scholarships are being offered for these programs to those who attend. Williston State College. For more information visit [www.willistonstate.edu](http://www.willistonstate.edu), call 701-774-4200 or stop by 1410 University Ave.  
**Sat., April 30**  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Clean Zone Clean Home Clean Williston** - In celebration of Earth Day & in preparation for Band Day volunteers are needed to help clean Williston. Davidson Park, 11th St. W & 9th Ave. W. Sign up for a zone at [bit.ly/CleanWilliston](http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston). Weather permitting, backup event date TBD. For more information email [CleanWillistonEvent@gmail.com](mailto:CleanWillistonEvent@gmail.com).

**DAWSON COUNTY**

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

**Fri., April 29**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Trauma Informed Care** - Heidi Lester will present an introduction to trauma informed caregiving for parents, caregivers and other community members. Dawson Community College Rm UC102. For more information visit <https://familyconnectionsmt.org/event/introduction-to-trauma-informed-caregiving/>.  
**Wed., May 4**  
9 a.m. - **Livestock Water Testing Clinic** - Bring in samples from your livestock water sources in a to be tested for TDS levels. Bring your samples in a clean container such as a plastic water or soda bottle. Dawson County Courthouse basement. If unable to attend this clinic TDS testing is always available at the MSU Richland County Extension Office. For more information call 406-433-1206 or email [marley.manoukian@montana.edu](mailto:marley.manoukian@montana.edu).

# Books on Broadway to Hold Book Signing, Williston, April 23

## Author Chronicles Life During Bakken Boom

Michael Patrick F. Smith will be at Books on Broadway, Williston, Saturday, April 23 from 1-4 p.m. CST to sign his book "The Good Hand". There will be paperback and hardcover copies of his book available for signing. If you would like to reserve a copy of this book check with the store, online, or call 701-572-1433.

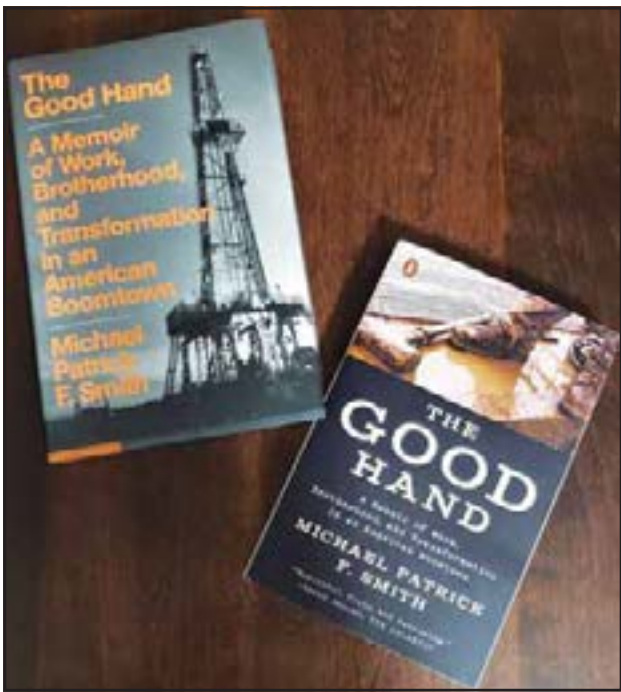
Smith is a folksinger and playwright currently based in central Kentucky. His plays, including Woody Guthrie Dreams and Ain't No Sin, have been staged in Baltimore and New York. As a musician, he has shared the stage with folk luminaries such as Ramblin' Jack Elliott, as well as several prominent indie rock bands. Smith has also worked as a stage actor, a bartender, junk hauler, furniture mover, book store clerk, contractor, receptionist, event producer, driver, office temp, stage hand, waiter, security guard, set fabricator, legal assistant, grocer, oil field hand, and now writer. "The Good Hand" is his first book. Visit his website at thegoodhand.org.

**About the Good Hand**

Like thousands of restless men left unmoored in the wake of the 2008 economic

crash, Michael Patrick Smith arrived in the fracking boomtown of Williston, ND. Five years later homeless, unemployed, and desperate for a job. Renting a mattress on a dirty flophouse floor, he slept boot to beard with migrant men who came from all across America and as far away as Jamaica, Africa and the Philippines. They ate together, drank together, argued like crows and searched for jobs they couldn't get back home. Smith's goal was to find the hardest work he could do—to find out if he could do it. He hired on in the oil patch where he toiled 14-hour shifts from summer's 100 degree dog days to deep into winter's bracing whiteouts, all the while wrestling with the demons of a turbulent past, his broken relationships with women, and the haunted memories of a family riven by violence.

"The Good Hand" is a saga of fear, danger, exhaustion, suffering, loneliness, and grit that explores the struggles of America's marginalized boomtown workers—the rough-hewn, castoff, seemingly disposable men who do an indispensable job that few would exalt: oil field hands who, in



the age of climate change, put the gas in our tanks and the food in our homes. Smith, who had pursued theater and played guitar in New York, observes this world with a critical eye; yet he comes to love his coworkers, forming close bonds with Huck, a goofy giant of a young man whose lead foot and quick fists get him into trouble with the law, and The Wildebeest, a foul-mouthed, dip-spitting truck driver who torments him but also trains

him up, and helps Smith "make a hand."

### Spring Classes Open For Registration

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# Celebrate Earth Day, Sidney, April 30

Come celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with us! Communities in Action and AmeriCorps have been working with the community to put together a fun, Earth and tree focused event to celebrate both Earth and Arbor Day, and honor National Week of Service! They will be gathering in Veterans Memorial Park, Saturday, April 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to plant some trees, talk about the Earth, and enjoy some light fare. They would also like to see just how much garbage can be collected, so they are suggesting that you gather some family and friends and clean up your street or a park you love, and then bring your bags of trash to the park to be collected and disposed of. For more information and to see the fun posters made by Sidney middle schoolers please visit the Richland County Health Department's Facebook page or give them a call at 406-433-2207.

COME CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH US! DO A GARBAGE CLEAN UP WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY BEFORE ARRIVAL AND THEN BRING YOUR TRASH TO THE PARK FOR US TO COLLECT! THEN WE WILL PLANT SOME TREES AND ENJOY SOME LIGHT FARE.

When: Saturday, April 30th from 11am- 1pm  
Where: VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AMELIA AT [AMELIA.MEIER@RICHLAND.ORG](mailto:AMELIA.MEIER@RICHLAND.ORG)

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## National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

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## April 30, 2022

-PERMANENT DROP-BOX LOCATION-  
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# Spring Storm Effects On McKenzie County

By Anna Dragseth

Area emergency service personnel have been busy clearing roads after a massive winter storm swept through the MonDak area this past week, causing the North Dakota



Pictures of Pederson Farm in McKenzie County.



DOT to close more than 7,000 lane miles of roadways. The National Weather Service reported more than 20 inches of snow in western North Dakota, with the highest totals at 30 inches on Thursday, April 14, around Minot. McKenzie County remained under a no-travel-advisory throughout April 13 and 14; emergency management encouraged everyone to shelter in place and remain indoors. The Fairview and Sidney Police Department reported driving conditions as severe and urged the public to stay home and avoid travel. Adding to the large amount of snow, winds reached more than 60 mph in certain areas. The combination of snow and wind caused drifts that kept people in their homes and made things difficult on ranches. The extreme weather and large snow drifts can bury livestock, cause newborn animals to freeze to death, and extreme temperature fluctuations can create respiratory issues in cattle. Thanks to advanced warnings, many ranchers were able to get their livestock into enclosed areas, protecting them from snow drifts. Although it can have devastating effects on livestock, ranchers across the area are thankful for the precipitation. After the past two years of drought, the MonDak region will take as much precipitation as it can get. Temperatures are increasing, causing the snow melt, which will help the soil to retain moisture. According to the National Weather Service, additional snowfall is expected throughout the week, which will continue to add additional moisture to the MonDak region.



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# Announcement Of The 2022 Minnow Tank Winners

**Submitted by Quincy Walter**

The Great Northern Development Corporation Small Business Development Center and the MDT Small Business Enterprise program would like to congratulate the 2022 Minnow Tank Business Plan Competition winners. Stephanie Smotherman, the BB Farms Soap Co (Garfield County) owner, was awarded the \$5,000 prize in the start-up business category. Beth Conroy, the owner of Conroy Care (McCone County), won the \$5,000 prize in the existing business category.

This seven county-wide competition ended with 12 small businesses competing in a live presentation pitch of how they would start or grow their already established businesses to a panel of judges in a Shark Tank-style competition. In addition to the judges' vote, the live audience had the opportunity to vote on their favorite business pitch. The Minnow Tank competition followed the Rise and Restore Small Business Summit held on April 12 in Sidney. "It is

wonderful to see the passion and growth that is happening in our local communities for those who want to start and expand their businesses," says Quincy Walter, Small Business Development Center's Program coordinator. "This competition helps small businesses develop a business plan and allows them to see all the opportunities of resources that the Great Northern Development Corporation offers. It also demonstrates how many different programs can come together to support our rural small business entrepreneurs to lay the groundwork for their business to take off."

Great Northern Development Corporation (CRDC) is a certified regional economic development nonprofit that offers free business technical assistance and community development services to residents in northeast Montana. GNDC has been in the region for nearly 30 years and partners with local, state, and federal programs and services to support entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their busi-

nesses. GNDC also offers flexible lending programs to help meet the gap financing needs of local small businesses. Please visit [www.gndc.org](http://www.gndc.org) for more information on these opportunities.

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Stephanie Smotherman, BB Farms Soap Co (Garfield County) owner, was awarded the \$5,000 prize in the start-up business category. (Photo submitted)



Beth Conroy, Conroy Care (McCone County) owner, won the \$5,000 prize in the existing business category. (Photo submitted)

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**By Jaymi Mozeak**  
The Richland County Fire Department consists of four different stations spread throughout Richland County. Each of them is staffed with fearless and quick volunteers ready to drop what they are doing at a moment's notice to run to the aid and protection of man, beast, and property from fire. Although it did not use to be this way, there are paid firefighters in the United States. However, as of 2022 according to the United States Fire Administration, 83.6% of all Montana fire departments are volunteer departments. According to franklinva.com, the first United States volunteer fire department was founded in Philadelphia, PA by Benjamin Franklin in 1736. Franklin's firehouse, the Union Fire Company, had only 30 men who courageously fought the fires, but unfortunately still only had leather

buckets, strong bags, and baskets for carrying goods out of the building, to begin with. Wildlandfirefighter.com said in their article titled, "A History of Fire Pumps", that in the 1700's the first fire pumps were getting patented in Great Britain. They shot water 135 feet but still required a bucket brigade to supply water. Around 1850, horse drawn wagons began to be used. Fast-forward a few years and in 1914, Richland County comes into existence. Sidney Fire Department began in 1888 but did not become incorporated until 1911. It started in Dawson County. Sidney's fire department has been protecting the area since 1913. Currently, 29 firefighters serve out of the Sidney fire hall. Adam Smith is the fire chief,

Derek Carda and Justin Verhasselt are the deputy fire chiefs, and Kale Rasmussen serves as the Fire Marshal. There have been no recent advancements and there are a few who have served long enough to retire but have not requested it. The building is fairly new. They moved in there in 2017 from the former fire hall next to Sidney City Hall. They were planning on getting a new tanker truck last Thursday but not much more is expected to change. The Sidney Fire Department is called out to emergencies within and outside Sidney city limits. Lambert Fire Department began in 1914 and never got incorporated. Fire Chief Ken Hill said no one is sure when they first got a fire department, but the fire hall they are in now was

built in 1969 with an addition being built in 1991. They are thinking about adding to it again or building a new one. They also want a new piercing nozzle, new SCBAs, and a used structure truck. Seventeen brave firefighters serve in Lambert. Just like in Sidney, there have been no recent advancements, however, two or three of the firefighters have been talking about retirement. Savage Fire Department, is not incorporated either. They only finally became a census-designated place in 2010, however, the citizens of Savage have had their fire station since 1952. According to Fire Chief Lee-Roy Schmierer, they started with one truck and a few men but now have seven trucks, and equipment van, 27 firefighters, and 10 EMTs. They even have a spot in their fire hall for one of Richland County's ambulances. Savage Fire Department just received new SCBAs or self-contained breathing apparatuses and they are trying to get their compressor upgraded. All three of these departments are capable of doing wildland and structure fire fighting along with vehicle extraction, auto extraction, and river rescue. Every department can be called out to aid in emergencies outside their normal areas of service if needed.

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Submitted by Kerri Huso, Senior Communications Manager, Frontier Psychiatry

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"Working in agriculture is stressful—plain and simple," said Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture director. "Montana's farmers and ranchers are carrying heavy workloads, braving the elements no matter the weather, not to mention taking care of equipment, animals, family members, and everything else that comes along with their work of feeding the world. Our department is excited to roll out resources to ensure our producers are taken care of first and foremost, because they are truly the most important part of their operation."

Frontier Psychiatry CEO Eric Arzubi, MD, explains, "Any farmer or rancher can tell you, farm life is stressful. In the last two years alone, our state's producers have faced a pandemic, a worsening drought, financial pressures due to fluctuating commodity prices, labor shortages, and trade disruptions. We are excited to be supporting our Montana farmers and ranchers by increasing access to mental health resources no matter where they live."

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**By Anna Dragseth**  
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**Fairview Fire Department at First Responders Dinner from left, Pat Asbeck, Lloyd Fugate, Derek Gackle and Donald Fugate. (Submitted photo)**

"Four of these departments have a Quick Response Unit that have trained medical personnel faster than our ambulances and can start medical treatment while waiting for the ambulance to arrive," said Karolin Jappe, McKenzie County Emergency Manager.

QRUs provide emergency medical care to individuals in rural areas, where it may be challenging for an ambulance to arrive quickly. McKenzie County's QRUs are located in Alexander, Arnegard, Grassy Butte, and Keene.

These fire departments provide fire protection and emergency response services with a mission to prevent the loss of life and property. In addition to responding to calls for fire suppression, McKenzie County Fire Departments respond to medical emergencies, incidents involving hazardous materials, rescue calls, and motor vehicle or other accidents

"Our fire departments and first responders are amazing. The people in their department really care about their community and they want to be there to help. I enjoy working very closely with these departments and am there to offer any help or resources that they may need. To be on one of these departments, takes time away from their families as they are just not responding to calls; training is a big part of being a member of a department. You never want someone to be put in a situation they are not ready for," added Jappe.

Each fire department has at least 20-30 members, with some having more.

"It is good to have those older/seasoned firefighters on deck as well. They have

seen a lot in their time and can always provide good input for the chiefs as well as their department," said Jappe.

"The fire service is like a brotherhood, and if things get out of hand or there is a need for more help, the chief can pick up the phone and call in mutual aid with another department or departments. I have seen it time and time again and they all work very well together."

Emergency responders have a heart for service and for protecting their communities. "When something happens, it seems like everyone turns out to help. If it's a big enough event, I have local people that will call me saying they are bringing food/water and how much food do you need. I also have several districts where the wives will just immediately get things taken care of and will go above and beyond to make sure their husbands have everything they need. I love this County, everyone always says what a great job I do, but yet it is not just me, we have a very strong knit community that pulls together in time of need. We are very lucky in McKenzie County. I should probably include all the counties around us as they are part of our pack as well."

As the Emergency Manager, Jappe is responsible for several things. She is the go-to person for many things such as resources, people, whatever they need on an incident – she will track down when responding to natural or disasters and other emergencies and helps lead the response during and after emergencies.

Jappe says her job changes from day-to-day, phone call to phone call. She tries to do all that she can for the volunteer departments

whether it is helping them find a grant or whatever else they may need.

The department recently obtained a mobile air trailer, which has helped a lot with structure fires, explained Jappe. It has been used five times in the last 1 1/2 years.

"The trailer allows us to go out and fill their SCBAs up on scene. When you are in a structured fire, you need air because structures are so full of carcinogen."

Jappe also wrote a grant for a Hazmat trailer, which can be used for firefighter rehab, EOC in the field, and assisting firefighters during big fires. This last year, McKenzie County Rural established another fire department in the Tobacco Gardens area – Twin Valley. They are set up to address the many grass fires in that area.

One very important thing Jappe is working on right now is building a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members help assist firefighters, EMS, law enforcement, and search and rescue in times of emergencies.

"I now have a new Program manager for that, Carl Stroh and he is extremely passionate about growing his team. I encourage people to take the training whether they want to be on the team or not as it is an excellent training. There is a free 12-hour online course followed up with 16 hours hands-on training. McKenzie County is also serviced by five ambulance districts who are simply amazing as well."

For more information on emergency services in McKenzie County, visit <https://county.mckenziecounty.net/Department/Emergency>.



# Richland County Emergency Notifications Via CodeRED

Richland County Disaster and Emergency Services has implemented a new system called CodeRED. This system will be used to notify residents of emergencies, notifying them of a threat or danger and providing them with information on what they should do.

This system will help Richland County instantly notify specific areas of emergencies such as hazardous materials, crime, evacuations, shelter-in-place, wildfires affecting populated areas, and other times of emergencies.

It will be used to supplement Fire, Law, EMS, DES, and other agencies to be able to instantly alert residents of immediate danger.

Residents will receive alerts via mobile SMS, mobile voice message, landline voice message, and/or email. A CodeRED mobile app can also be downloaded.

Through online registration, people can register what phones/email they would like notified and what type of notifications they would like to receive from DES or county emergency agencies.

More information on CodeRed can be accessed on the Richland County website at <http://www.richland.org>.

Utilizing CodeRED, emergency officials may

quickly and easily reach residents through a variety of ways, including:

- Cell Phone - Voice, Text, or Emergency Message
- Landline Phone - Via Voice Message
- Email
- Social Media
- EAS - Emergency Alert System via Radio, NOAA Radio, or Cable Provider

#### Sign Up Instructions

When signing up for CodeRED, you will come to a page where you can either create an account or enroll as a guest. We recommend creating an account as you can easily monitor your settings in the future.

- You will be asked to provide your info and address. This is so when we send an Alert to a specific location, it will pick your location and notify you if the emergency is in your area.
- Your phone number will allow us to send voice or text alerts to your phone.
- For Hearing Impaired, please select "TDD/TYY device" otherwise please leave this unselected.
- Your email will allow us to send Alerts to Email to further reach residents with important Emergency Alerts.
- General Alerts: Are non Emergency alerts that may be sent out for information or notification.

- Optional Weather Alerts: Are alerts sent by the Weather Service and provide information regarding the weather.

The last page will provide the numbers Alerts will be received from. THIS IS IMPORTANT. Please add these numbers to your contacts under a name that is easily identifiable such as:

- 866-419-5000 "Richland Emergency Alert"
- 855-969-4636 "Richland General Notification"
- 800-566-9780 "Richland Weather Warning Alert"

#### Data Privacy

CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications Network which takes security and privacy very seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any data residents supply to any third parties. Your data provided will only be used for emergency notifications.

#### How to Register for Emergency Notifications

You may register for CodeRED Emergency Notifications for Richland County

by clicking on the image above, or by following the following link:

<https://public.codered-web.com/CNE/en-US/BFC-E930C6D6D>

#### Annual Testing

Currently, we are developing a plan to test our system annually. We will test both the Emergency Alert



and General Notification systems.

We will notify everyone prior to testing the system to make sure it is recognized.

#### Questions & Help

If you have any questions or need assistance signing up for notifications, please feel free to contact the Emergency Management office at 406-433-2220.



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## Two Candidates Running For Richland County Sheriff

**By Jaymi Mozeak**  
Sheriff John Dynneson's current term expires on Dec. 31, 2022 so, June 7 voters will have a chance to allow him another term or elect a different sheriff. Shane Kyhl is campaigning against him for the position. The Richland County Sheriff is the chief peace officer in Richland County. According to the county's website, [www.richland.org](https://www.richland.org), the Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services for Richland County, including the towns of Lambert, Savage, and Crane. In addition to the state highways, which run through Richland County, they patrol over 1,200 miles of county roads to serve and protect its 9,500 residents living in 2,084 square miles. The City of Sidney has their own police force.

The current sheriff, John K. Dynneson, has 38

years of experience serving Richland County in law enforcement. He started as a jailor, then worked as a deputy, before running for County Sheriff for the first time. He drove truck in the oil field and was a farm-hand before his stint in law enforcement. When asked if he would change anything should he be elected again John said, "No, because no two days or situations are ever the same." Sheriff Dynneson has a lot of history in this area and he feels that would make him the best candidate. "I know the people," he said, "And they know me."

Shane Kyhl has over 20 years of leadership experience overseeing daily operations, managing budgets, and setting performance objectives. Kyhl said, "I have the perseverance to see things through and am well-versed in managing



Sheriff John Dynneson. (Submitted photo)



Shane Kyhl. (Submitted photo)

multiple concurrent operations." Right now, he is currently in a leadership role managing a fleet of trucks in Sidney. Kyhl said, "I'm a team builder with outstanding customer service. With my leadership experience managing, and my Criminal Justice degree I would be able to facilitate key process improvements at the Richland County Sheriff's Office." In an election flyer for his campaign, he plans to

have door transparency with the community, will prioritize community engagement, prioritize the Richland County Crime Prevention Program, staff a more diverse and welcoming work force, and introduce a "Fit for Service" program.

Both candidates are running as Republicans. The winner of the primary will run unopposed in the Nov. 8 general election.

## After Two Years, It's Time To Resume Health Screenings & Procedures, Anesthesiologists Advise

(BPT) - The pandemic caused massive disruptions in health care, from cancellation of elective surgeries to patients putting off critical screenings and procedures, including colonoscopies, mammograms, knee or hip replacement surgeries, and even in some cases more urgent heart procedures. As a consequence, many preventable health problems may show an alarming increase in the near future. Anesthesiologists who provide anesthesia or sedation for many of these procedures urge patients to get back on track and schedule your test, screening or surgery as soon as possible, especially because some hospitals and health systems are experiencing a backlog.

Nearly one in four people experienced a disruption to their plans to have a procedure or test during the past year. Of those, 16% said they are planning to reschedule, but haven't yet, and 10% aren't planning to



reschedule at all, according to the National Poll on Healthy Aging. Nearly 10 million cancer screenings were missed during the pandemic, according to cancer researchers.

"With safety measures in place and COVID-19 numbers decreasing, it is vital for everyone to resume their lifesaving and life-changing screenings and procedures," said Randall M. Clark, M.D., FASA, American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) president. "Your health and well-being may depend on it."

If you are scheduling a long-delayed screening or procedure that requires anesthesia or sedation, ASA recommends seven ways to ensure you are prepared and as healthy as possible.

**Practice healthy behaviors**  
Adjusting your diet to include healthier choices in the weeks leading up to your surgery or procedure can help you become stronger and recover quicker. Exercise can also help reduce complications and hospital stays, so if you are active, keep it up, and if not, consider working with your doctor to increase activity levels in the weeks before surgery. Losing weight can help too, as excess weight can make it more challenging to administer anesthesia safely.

**Stop smoking**  
Smoking increases the risk of anesthesia-related problems such as wound infections, pneumonia and heart attacks. Quit smoking as soon as possible before

the procedure - preferably a week or more before - and for as long as possible afterward. Quitting even the day before surgery helps.

**Connect with your anesthesia care team**  
Be sure your anesthesia care is led by an anesthesiologist, a medical doctor who has 12-14 years of education and clinical training to deliver safe, high-quality care. Whether you have an appointment with your anesthesiologist in advance of your procedure or meet them immediately before, be sure to share details about your overall health, medications you are taking, use of recreational drugs (including marijuana) and alcohol, your previous experience with anesthesia, your fears and any questions you have. If you have concerns, reach out to schedule a call or meeting with the anesthesiologist in advance.

**Understand COVID-19 testing**  
You likely will be tested for COVID-19 a day or two before your surgery. If you have had COVID-19 recently, your surgery may be delayed for your own safety. Unvaccinated patients may need to wait seven weeks after a COVID-19 infection before having a procedure, depending on the severity of symptoms.

**Know what - and when - to eat and drink**  
When your surgery is planned, your anesthesia care team will let you know when to stop eating or drinking prior to the procedure. The answer may vary de-

pending on factors such as the type of anesthesia you are having and the time of day your procedure is scheduled. In many cases you will be told to stop eating eight hours before the surgery, but you may be able to drink clear fluids such as coffee, water or pulp-free juice up to two hours before.

**Don't assume you should stop your medications**  
In most cases, you should continue taking your medications before the procedure because they are important to your health. There are exceptions, so be sure your surgeon and anesthesiologist know which medications - both prescription and over the counter - you are taking, as well as any vitamins and supplements, so they can direct you.

**Learn about your pain management options**  
Many people assume opioids are the only drugs that will relieve postsurgical pain. In fact, there are many pain management alternatives that don't carry the same risk of misuse, including ibuprofen and acetaminophen. Your anesthesiologist will work with you to develop a safe and effective plan to help you manage your pain.

Advance preparation can help ensure you are ready for a procedure, but it's important to take that first step by scheduling your important test or surgery without delay. Download ASA's "The Path to Safe Surgery" fact sheet for more information.