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Senior Seth Ullman Will Perform at Carnegie Hall in Feb. 2017

By Meagan Dotson

There are a lot of upcoming opportunities for high school senior Seth Ullman, who has been playing trombone for the last seven years. He found out just a few weeks ago that he was selected as a finalist for the New York Honors Performance Series Symphonic Orchestra. The approximately 200 finalists that were selected will venture to New York City, NY Feb. 2nd – 6th to perform at Carnegie Hall. All finalists are designated to one of four groups: Choir, Band, Symphonic Orchestra, or String Orchestra.

After several months of practicing his solo piece, Ullman attended Eastern A District Music Festival before going onto State Music Festival where he received a 1, the highest rating that can be given. All soloists who went to State Music Festival in the spring of 2016 were invited by the Honors Performance Series to send in an audio recording including one piece of requested music, as well as the piece of music they performed at state.

"Miss Sundt was pretty excited and posted it on the band's Facebook page," Ullman said of his band director. "It got around 100 likes; that's the most Facebook-famous I've ever been."

The cost of the trip is \$2,000 which includes hotel, museum tours, and a Broadway Show in addition to rehearsals. He has a GoFundMe Account under Seth Ullman Plays Carnegie Hall, and he's also gotten congratulation cards and letters from community members with enclosed donations sent to him at 524 3rd St SE, Sidney, MT, 59270.

"My brother told me that Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, and the Beatles all performed at Carnegie Hall, and that's pretty cool. It definitely gives me something to think about while I'm on stage," Ullman commented. "I don't think I'll be nervous, but I will be excited. I've never played in such a big room in front of



Seth Ullman has a busy year ahead of him, traveling both nationally and internationally with his trombone.

so many people."

Another adventure he will be having this year is a tour of Europe with a band composed of director-nominated juniors and seniors from Montana and North Dakota. He may even be going to Washington DC on a band class trip over the Fourth of July, and they are working hard to raise money for that trip.

"I'm going to be all over the place this year," he said.

When asked about his plans beyond traveling, Ullman said he wants to go to college at MSU Bozeman and get his degree in music education.

"I want to be a band teacher because music has played an important role in my life," Ullman concluded.

Light Up the Season With the Parade of Lights in Watford City

By Meagan Dotson

The Watford City Chamber of Commerce is inviting local businesses, organizations, teams, and churches to participate in the Parade of Lights that will be happening on Friday, Nov. 25th, the day after Thanksgiving. Entered floats will parade down Main Street at 6:30pm central time, and trophies will be given for Best Use of Lights and Best Theme, which is 'The Sights and Sounds of Christmas'. The line-up will be in the elementary school parking lot, and registered floats will be sent an email the week of explaining the details. Anyone is invited to participate at any time, but there are registration forms available online at www.watfordcitychamber.com. Be part of this great way to kick-off the Christmas season!

MonDak Christmas Dec. 4

The 30th Annual MonDak Christmas, will be celebrated Sunday, December 4, 2016 at the MonDak Heritage Center. Admission is free and there will be activities for all ages.

This fun afternoon will include live musical performances by the Sidney Public Schools 5th Grade Choir and others still being scheduled, a fundraiser bake sale, free yarn ornament creation and photos with Santa! Additionally, the Christmas trees and wreaths from the Parade of Trees will be on display. Everyone is invited.

The photographic exhibit "Chasing Time: Montana's One Room Schools, A Photographic Essay by Neil Chaput de Saintonge and Keith Graham" will be displayed at the MDHC from November 30 until February 1st. To celebrate the contributions those schools make to the heritage of Montana, a portion of the funds raised that day will benefit the Rural Schools in Richland County and we will also accept donations of school supplies on their behalf through Christmas.

This event is also a perfect time to shop for unique gifts by local artists in the MonDak's gift shop where new books, art, and new artists have been added in recent weeks. It will also be time to stock up on baked goodies at the MonDak's annual bake sale.

If you are interested in donating baked goods to the bake sale or participating in the entertainment, please contact Leann at 406-433-3500.

This event is FREE and open to the public, although donations for photos with Santa are appreciated. Sunday, doors open 1:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

For further information please contact the MonDak Heritage Center, mdhc@richland.org or call 406-433-3500.

The Parade of Trees Lights Up Another Season of Giving

By Meagan Dotson

Break out the tinsel, twinkle lights, and tree toppers all in the spirit of giving! That's right, the 2016 Parade of Trees is fast approaching, with proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County's Back a Kid Fund, and supporting the mission of the MonDak Heritage Center.

Businesses, organizations, and individuals can donate decorated Christmas trees and wreaths to be auctioned off at 6:00pm on Saturday, Nov. 26th as part of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Stroll.

This is the 14th year the Parade of Trees has been a fundraising event for the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, and the second year it will be held at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE in Sidney. The Parade of Trees began in 2006 as a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County and the Family Resource Center, having raised thousands of dollars for the participating organizations.

Trees will be on display from Nov. 22 through Nov. 26. Purchased trees can be picked up Dec. 6 – 9 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Anyone needing special considerations for setting up or picking up trees and wreaths can contact Leann Pelvit at the MonDak Heritage Center at 406-433-3500.

There is room for thirty-two trees and eight to ten wreaths, depending on size. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County Facebook page or they can be picked up at the Club, 200 3rd Ave SE. Those who donate are asked to glue the sections of the tree together, glue bulb ornament tops onto the bulbs, and wire all ornaments to the trees to prevent them from being broken when they are picked up. It is also asked that there are no loosely glittered ornaments, real feathers, or live plants including fruits and vegetables on the donated trees and wreaths. Please do not include anything that you do not wish to donate except an extension cord. Extension cords must be picked up following the event, so please include your name on the cord. A separate entry form must be filled out for each donated item. Voting for Best of Show, People's Choice, Most Creative, and Best Wreath will start Nov. 22nd, with winners announced just before the auction on the 26th.

The club will be decorating a tree that will display handmade ornaments representing different aspects of the new building; those ornaments will be available for purchase, with those specific funds being put towards the new building project.

For more information about the Parade of Trees, Back a Kid Fund or the Building Project, please contact Michele Seadeek, Development Director with the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, at 406-433-6763 or email her at m.seadeek@richlandbgc.org.



Sara Romo is presented with a check for \$200.

By Meagan Dotson

Since September of this year, Farmers Insurance Agent Tiffany Steffan, has given away \$800 in grants to Sidney teachers through the "Thank America's Teachers Initiative." On a national level, Farmers Insurance will give away \$1 million to teachers across the country this year. Teachers can go to www.thankamericasteachers.com for more information on how to win anywhere from \$2,500 to \$100,000, but their generosity doesn't stop there.

Each agency is allotted a certain amount of marketing dollars that agents can invest in their community, and Steffan has decided to offer two \$200 grants to Sidney teachers each month.

In September, Kathi Roberts and Tymbre Stender were awarded the grants and in October, Sara Romo and Tammy Linder were the recipients. Not only is this a valuable and worth-

while investment made to our community by a local business, but the application process is as simple as sending a paragraph to Steffan explaining how that money will be used in the classroom. Steffan plans to continue the program throughout the school year as long as there is an interest and a need, and hopes to eventually open it up to all Richland County Schools.

When a teacher is chosen, Steffan will surprise them at their school with a \$200 Visa gift card.

For more information, or to apply for the monthly grants, email Steffan at tsteffan@farmersagent.com or call 406-433-1377.

The Tiffany Steffan Insurance Agency would like to thank all of the teachers in our community for their time, talent, and knowledge! You are appreciated!

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MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Reovery Support group at First Lutheran Church, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

WEDNESDAYS:
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — NA meeting, MonDak Trucking office Bldg., 725 W. Holly, Sidney.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - AA meeting, basement of Wilmington Lutheran Church, Arnegard.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones faith based recovery meeting, Sidney Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Path to recovery at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m. — AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
3 p.m. - NA meeting, Straight The Path Grp, MonDak Office, 725 W. Holly St., Sidney.
7 p.m. — AA 24 hour group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

SUNDAYS:
3 p.m. - NA meeting, Straight The Path Grp, MonDak Office, 725 W. Holly St., Sidney.
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....	1839.1
Last Week's Elev.	1839.4
One Year Ago	1841.1
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	13,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 14	65	33	0.01
Nov. 15	53	40	0.00
Nov. 16	51	36	0.00
Nov. 17	36	26	0.00
Nov. 18	32	15	0.01
Nov. 19	41	12	0.00
Nov. 20	45	22	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation			14.54

OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Grandlund, 68 Savage, MT

Shirley was born January 11, 1948 in Sidney Mt. to Clara and Reinhold (Micky) Wagner. She attended grade school in Froid Mt. and high school in Townsend and Helena Mt. On March 19, 1966 she was united in marriage to Roger Lassey. Of this union two children were born, son Ronald and daughter Rochelle. She remarried April 7, 1989 to Robert Grandlund.

Shirley was a country girl through and through. She enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting. She enjoyed riding horses and raising sheep. One of her many talents was gardening, cooking and canning the fruits of her labor. She enjoyed cooking a variety of foods but one of her favorite dishes was pigs in the blanket (cabbage rolls). She also loved to knit afghans and granny squares, which she made into pillow cases. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, who were often the topics of her conversation. She always had a caring heart and it showed in the pride she had caring for the residents of the Sunrise Manor in Savage. She was never at a loss for words and could carry on conversations for hours if need be. A talent she probably inherited from her grandfather.

Shirley is survived by her mother Clara Longmire of Helena MT, son Ron (Jeannie) Lassey of Sidney MT, grandsons Kory (Megan) Lassey and Brandon Lassey of Sidney MT, daughter Chelle (Kevin) Schmidt of Powell WY, granddaughter Kelle (Cody) Blake of Powell WY, granddaughter Chris Schmidt of Powell WY, grandsons Caleb (Juliette) Schmidt and Kyler Schmidt of Powell WY, Two great grandchildren, Janessa and Kaden, sisters Sharon Meyers and Debbie (Mel) Briesse. brothers Richard, Darrell (Kathy), Terry (Debb), Jim (Nina), Jerry Wagner and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Reinhold Wagner, brother Roger Wagner and husband Robert Grandlund.

She will be dearly missed by all.

Shirley M. Grandlund

Cell Tower Meeting Nov. 29 in Williston

Public Input Meeting to be held on November 29, 2016, to discuss updating the City's overall cell tower ordinance to incorporate new technologies. We are looking for input from the community on ways that you use or would like to use cellular services, gather input on the appearance and siting of these newer systems, and find out about technological advances which should be considered.

A Public Input Meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the Williston ARC, meeting room #3, 822 18th St. E, Williston, ND. The Public Input Meeting will utilize an open house format with a formal presentation at 6:30 pm.

The Public Input Meeting will provide opportunity for public comment. Representatives from the City of Williston and consultant River Oaks Communications will be present.

For further information contact Christine Edwards, Office Manager / Planning Technician, Planning and Zoning Department, City of Williston at (701-577-8104) or christinee@ci.williston.nd.us. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Sidney Young Professionals are Holding a Winter Clothing Drive, Dec. 8th – 16th

By Meagan Dotson

Sidney Young Professionals (SYP) will be holding a winter clothing drive Dec. 8th – 16th; donations can be dropped off at the donation box housed at Meadowlark Public House, 117 S Central Ave in Sidney. The kickoff begins during the SYP monthly meeting, Thursday, Dec. 8th at the Meadowlark Public House from 6pm – 8pm. The recently formed group is seeking donations other than coats, such as boots, hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants, socks, and long underwear in children's sizes. Donated items will be distributed to Richland County schools.

"We knew there was a need because we have educators on our board," explained SYP board member Katie Dasinger. "One of our goals is to fill the gaps between other organizations' service projects, such as the LYREC coat drive, Edward D. Jones toy drive, and the Lions' and Kiwanis' 'Gifts from the Heart' drives. We didn't want to detract from other fundraising events, so we focused on meeting supplemental needs."

SYP is a business service with the purpose of creating networking opportunities and outreach through events and classes, as well as develop a social element that highlights what Sidney has to offer outside of work. It was also formed as a way to address the high turnover of young professionals in the area, acting as a resource for businesses to help them recruit and retain employees.

SYP meets the second Thursday of the month, and is open to anyone in Richland County. There is no cost to attend, however the group asks for at-the-door donations to help cover the costs of the monthly meetings.

The Dec. 8th meeting will start with appetizers and social, and includes a 30-minute program, addressing some of the needs of young professionals in the area. They invite the public to visit with them about their organization when dropping off donations.

For more information about SYP, contact Richland Economic Development Corp at 406-482-4679, or visit their Facebook page.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., Nov. 23
6 p.m. - Free Community Meal - Everyone welcome. Pella Lutheran Church, 418 West Main.
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Worship On Wednesdays - Kids & youth night with laughter, encouragement, worship, prayer and fun! Lonsdale United Methodist Church, Sidney.

Sat., Nov. 26
3-7 p.m. - Christmas Stroll - 'Christmas Around The World' with the Parade of Lights following the stroll. Santa will be at Reese and Ray's IGA after the parade. Community wide bingo game will begin, vendors/side-walk sales outside of businesses, 1 p.m. free movie at Centre Theater; 3 p.m., Sidney-Richland County Library will be showing Merry Christmas Charlie Brown at no charge. Downtown Sidney.
6 p.m. - Parade Of Trees - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney, MT.

Sun., Nov. 27
2-5 p.m. - Bingo - Sidney Moose Lodge.

Wed., Nov. 30
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Chasing Time: Montana's One Room Schools - Free and open to the public. This event will continue through Jan. 28, 2017. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m. MonDak Heritage Center.

Fri., Dec. 2
4-8 p.m. - St. Matthew's Craft Bazaar - This event continues on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch will be available. 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. For more information call Kelly 406-482-5878, evenings.

Sun., Dec. 4
1:30-3:30 p.m. - MonDak Christmas - Free entertainment, photos with Santa, refreshments, crafts for kids. Annual bake sale. Free and open to the public. MonDak Heritage Center.

Tues., Dec. 6
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - MOPS - Mothers of 0-5 years old can come and connect, laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. Breakfast and childcare provided. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney, MT. For more info contact Rachel Dasinger, 406-480-0924, sidneymops@hotmail.com.

6 p.m. - Create a winter wonderland in time for Christmas. Support the sophomore class and have a blast. Savage High School. \$26 per person. For more information call Ms. Henwood, 776-2317 extension 217.

Wed., Dec. 7
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - QuickBooks for Farmers - Learn how to track and manage income, expenses, bank loans, farm budgets and more. \$99 fee. Preregister by December 2 with the Job Service Sidney, 406-433-1204.

Fri., Dec. 9
11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Christmas Lunch - Rod Iron. RSVP by Dec. 7, call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.

Sat., Dec. 10
10 a.m. - Santa Run - Run starts at Shops at Fox Run, 10 a.m., 5K; 11 a.m., 1 mile. Registration fee \$25. For more information and to register, https://runsignup.com/RACE/MT/Sidney/SantaFunRun2016.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Wed., Nov. 23
7 p.m. - Tippy Turkey Pub Crawl - Starts in the Gallery at Outlaws' to get your Tippy Turkey mug and wrist bank. Gobble up drink specials at The American Legion, City Bar, D & M's, J.L Beers and Outlaws, in Watford City. All proceeds will go to a local charity.

Thurs., Nov. 24
Turkey Trot - Untimed, for Fun, 5K walk/run beginning at the Connie Wold Wellness Center, Watford City.

Fri., Nov. 25
3 p.m. - Big Buck Contest & Gun Raffle - Prizes to be given for entering your antlers! Drop off bucks after 3 p.m. Prizes at 8 p.m.; gun raffle at 8:30 p.m. Outlaws' Gallery, Watford City.
6:30 p.m. - Annual Parade of Lights - Starting on main street, Watford City, ND. For more information contact the chamber office, 701-570-5084 or wcchamber@ruggedwest.com.

Sat., Nov. 26
6 p.m. - Festival of Trees Gala - Silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, Christmas tree auction and music. Tickets \$25. Rough Rider Center, Watford City. For more information call Laura Sanford, 701-580-9022.

Thurs., Dec. 15
6 p.m. - Johnson Corners Christian Academy Soup Supper - 6 p.m., soup supper; 6:30 p.m.; silent auction; 7 p.m., live auction. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Fri., Nov. 25
6 p.m. - Holiday Lights Parade - The "Animation" parade starts at the New Armory and ends at Harmon Park. For more information contact the Williston Chamber, 701-577-6000 or wchamber@willistonchamber.com.
6:30 p.m. - Warm-Up After Light-Up - Meet family and friends at the James Memorial Art Center after Williston's Holiday Parade for hot cider, tea, hot chocolate and homemade goodies. Live holiday music and pictures with Santa.

Sat., Nov. 26
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Christmas Craft Fair - Handmade touches for your holiday gift giving or decorating. The Grand Williston Hotel, 3601 2nd Ave. W, Williston, ND.
5:30-9:30 p.m. - Holiday Lights Drive - Features thousands of holiday lights set around a one mile loop. \$5 per car. Special activity nights held in the keel boat on select dates. This event continues through Dec. 31. Spring Lake Park, Williston, ND

Thurs., Dec. 1
4-8 p.m. - Downtown Holiday Stroll - Free kids activities, street activities, ugly sweater discounts 21+, shop specials all day, downtown Williston.

Fri., Dec. 2
5:30-8:30 p.m. - Reindeer Games Family Fun Night -Holiday activities your kids will love. Free admittance with one donated non-perishable food bank item per person. Williston State College, Skadeland Gym. For more information go to willistonfriendlyfaces@gmail.com.
7-9:30 p.m. - The Reason: A Family Christmas Experience - A high energy night of music and a family Christmas experience designed to celebrate and share the reason for the season featuring Brandon Heath and Nichole Nordeman. New Hope Church, 721 26th St. W, Williston.

Sat., Dec. 3
5 p.m. - Festival of Trees Gala- Holiday themed formal event; 5 p.m., social hour; 6 p.m., dinner followed by tree auction and dance. Skad Gym, Williston State College. Purchase tickets at Clothing Connection, 1008 Main, Williston, 701-713-4383 or check the Friendly Faces facebook page for more information.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Thurs., Nov. 24
8-9 a.m. - Turkey Trot - 5K, 10K and Kids 1K fun run. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT. For more information GlendiveTurkeyTrot@yahoo.com.

Fri., Nov. 25
7 p.m. - Light Parade - Starts down Merrill Ave and Parade ends at the EPEC in downtown Glendive, MT. For more information, 406-377-5601 or events@glendivechamber.com.

Fri., Dec. 2
6-9 p.m. - Kids-Mas Christmas - Dawson County Boys & Girls Club will offer wrapping from 6-9 p.m. Kids shopping 6-8 p.m.; parents shopping; Hell Creek Music & More, 101 N Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT. 406-377-3876.

Sat., Dec. 3
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4:30-7 p.m. - Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner - Tickets sold at the door, adults-13 years, \$15; 6-12, \$6, under 6, free. Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview, Glendive, MT.

Sun., Dec. 4
4 p.m. - Nutcracker Performance - Performed by La Donna's School of Dance. DCHS, 900 N. Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT. 406-377-5265.

Get Ready for Christmas Around the World, Sat. Nov. 26th

By Meagan Dotson

Kick-off the Christmas season and celebrate during the Christmas Around the World Stroll the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26th, from 3:00pm – 7:00pm with the Parade of Lights to follow. Businesses are invited to participate by decorating their windows and stores with the Christmas Around the World theme, using the country of their choice as inspiration. Be sure to check out the great sales going on at retail businesses, including those participating in Shop Small Saturday.

The Parade of Lights is another fantastic way that businesses, organizations, and non-profits can contribute to the fun, decorating a float and organizing volunteers to hand out candy during the parade; candy is not allowed to be thrown from the floats. Parade line-up will start at 6:00pm in the Shopko parking lot on the south end of town. It will start at 7:00pm, proceeding north down Central Ave, turning left on 2nd St. NW, and ending in the Reese & Ray's IGA parking lot. To participate in the parade, contact the Sidney Chamber of Commerce at 406-433-1916, and send or fax completed registration forms to Power 95 Radio Station, Attn: Maverick, 120 East Main St., or 406-433-5095 (fax).

Be sure to see Santa inside Reese & Ray's IGA after the parade, where he will be handing out candy and parents can take pictures of their kids on Santa's lap.

The 14th annual Parade of Trees will be having their auction at 6:00pm at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE. Trees are on display from Nov. 22nd – 26th, and the MonDak will open at 10:00am the day of the stroll; be sure to stop in and vote for the Best of Show, People's Choice, Most Creative, and Best Wreath, and show your support for the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County and the MonDak Heritage Center.

There will be a community-wide BINGO game beginning that day, as well. Each BINGO square will have the logo of a participating business and when BINGO players stop into those businesses, they can get that logo stamped. Once the card is complete, with all the squares stamped, they can be turned in at participating retail stores. Be sure to make a donation to the Food Bank Christmas Tree that will be housed at Ribbon & Rail to



get that square stamped, and the Sidney – Richland County Library and MonDak Heritage Center are on the card too. The BINGO cards will be available in the Roundup and Sidney Herald newspapers Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, as well as in businesses. The game will run for two weeks, with all completed cards needing to be in by Saturday, Dec. 10th. Be sure to take some time to look around each business and do some Christmas shopping while you're there! The winning BINGO card will be drawn the week of Dec. 12th and the winner will receive \$425 in Chamber Bucks.

Businesses will have vendors/side-walk sales outside of their stores from 4:00pm – 6:00pm, which is a great opportunity for non-profits. If you are a non-profit business that would like to be a vendor, please contact the business that you would like to be in front of to get their approval and work out the details. Agreement forms can be set or faxed to Maverick at Power 95.

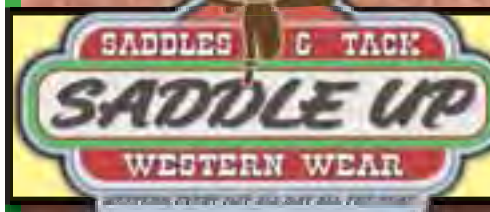
Centre Theatre will have a free showing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas at 1:00pm, and the Sidney-Richland County Library will be showing Merry Christmas Charlie Brown at 3:00pm. The library will be open until 6:00pm and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to listen to children's wish lists, so be sure to join them for some festive fun and get a lollipop from Mrs. Claus.

A new addition to this year's stroll is free public transportation, which is being provided courtesy of Richland County Transportation. Bus stops will be located in the Reynolds parking lot at Fox Run, the old Stockman Bank Parking lot off of Main St., in the parking lot east of the Sidney – Richland County Library, and in front of Central School. Bus stops will be denoted with signs and cones. Public transportation is being provided as a convenient way for Christmas strollers to take in all of the activities that day, get into all of their favorite businesses, and the best part is that is a

completely free service!

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Support Local Businesses on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 26th

By Meagan Dotson

Support your local businesses on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 26th, and take advantage of great sales and great shopping. Shop Small Saturday is a national movement that was created by American Express in 2010 to promote local business.

Two of the businesses that are participating in Shop Small Saturday are The Lucky Buckle and High Caliber Sports. The first 20 customers through The Lucky Buckle's doors will get a Shop Small bag with the business's logo on it that will be good for 15% off throughout 2017, anytime it's brought into the store. The Lucky Buckle offers 'fashion with a little bit of attitude and home décor with a lot of style...' and owner Marci Sondeno has been on-board with Shop Small Saturday since it began six years ago. The store is located at 422 N Central Ave. in Sidney, and will be open from 9:00am – 6:00pm on the 26th; regular store hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:30pm, and Saturdays from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Contact the store at 406-433-LUCK, or visit The Lucky Buckle on

Facebook.

High Caliber Sports will also be handing out Shop Small bags to their first 20 customers, which will get them \$5 off a purchase of \$50 or more, good anytime that bag is brought into the store for the next year. As one of the leading outdoor sporting goods stores in the area, they have a large selection of guns, ammo, and accessories, and offer a wide variety of hunting, fishing, shooting, and paintball supplies. This is the third year High Caliber Sports has participated in Shop Small Saturday, and they will be having great specials and sales in all departments both Nov. 25th and 26th. They are open Monday – Saturday from 9:00am – 6:00pm, and on Sunday from 10:00am – 4:00pm, and are located at 440 N Central Ave in Sidney; contact them at 406-433-1800 or visit High Caliber sports on Facebook.

Moreover, when customers use their American Express cards on No. 26th, they'll get double points. Instead of taking business out-of-town or shopping on-line, the promotion reminds consumers to invest in their local community and economy by keeping their dollars local. So, while out and about during the Christmas Around the World Stroll, get a head-start on your holiday shopping at Sidney businesses, and look for Shop Small Saturday signs, flags, and balloons at participating stores.

Any businesses that are interested in being part of the nation-wide effort to promote small businesses can visit www.americanexpress.com/small-business/shop-small/ to learn how to participate.



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Thank you Richland County Transportation for generously volunteering your time & service to the Christmas Around the World Stroll! Free public transportation will run from 3pm – 7pm Saturday, November 26th, with bus stops at: Reynolds, the parking lot east of the library, the old Stockman Bank parking lot, and in front of Central School. For standard, year round services, call 406-433-RIDE.

Christmas Around the World BINGO Rules

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 26th, customers can bring this BINGO card into participating businesses and have that business stamp their logo. Be sure to stop by the MonDak Heritage Center and the library, too; and to get that last square stamped, make a donation to the Food Bank Christmas Tree that will be at Ribbon & Rail. When all the squares are stamped, with your name and phone number/email address clearly written on the back, completed cards can be dropped off at participating businesses. You've got 2 weeks to play, and all cards must be turned in on or before Dec. 10th. The completed cards will be drawn from Dec. 12th to determine the winner of \$425 in Chamber Bucks! Only one card may be completed per person.

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#GivingTuesday Speaks to the Spirit of Giving in All of Us

By Meagan Dotson

Giving is the reason for the season, so it seems only appropriate that #GivingTuesday would follow shopping days Black Friday, Shop Small Saturday, and Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday is a social media movement that began about five years ago as a worldwide initiative for philanthropy.

At www.givingtuesday.org, people can search for non-profits in their area, or anywhere, should they choose to give on a nation-wide or worldwide level. Currently, Sidney has four non-profit groups that are registered with the website, including The Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, The Foundation for Community Care, the MonDak Heritage Center, and the Sidney Gymnastics Club.

In honor of #GivingTuesday, a local donor will be matching up to \$50,000 of all funds donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County on Nov. 29th. Donors can designate their donation to: the Capital Campaign Fund, the Operational Fund, Back a Kid Fund, the STEM Program, the Arts Program, Healthy Snacks, or Fitness & Sports. There are also two new funding opportunities including the Backpack program that will be starting in 2017; backpacks will be sent home with 50 kids in need, filled with meals and snacks for the weekend. Another new funding opportunity is a literacy program called Write Brain, in which kids will write and publish their own books, being able to take home a hardcover copy of their completed work.

Donations can be made online at www.richlandbgc.org or pledges can be called into 406-433-6763. Donations can also be mailed to or dropped off at the club, located at 200 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, MT, 59270. "We love to have people visit the club and see what we're all about, and we can always use volunteers," said CEO Elaine Stedman.

The Foundation for Community Care (FFCC) is also receiving dollar-for-dollar matching on Giving Tuesday from their corporate sponsors. All donations will be contributed to their Endowment Fund, and will continue to support their mission: The Foundation for Community Care ensures the continuance and quality of local healthcare services.

"This movement is impactful because it creates an opportunity for people to selflessly give to the organizations that benefit their community," commented Executive Director Gina Heckey.

Donations can be made to the FFCC by clicking on the link on their website at www.foundationforcommunitycare.org, or by calling them at 406-488-2273. And, of course, people are always welcome to stop by the FFCC at 221 2nd St NW in Sidney to make their contribution.

"Last year was great; we had people coming in all day. It was like a revolving door!" she added.

The MonDak Heritage Center is taking donations by phone, 406-433-3500, via PayPal on their website, www.mondakheritagecenter.org. Supporters are also welcome to mail in their donations or stop in. They are located at 120 3rd Ave SE in Sidney. Funds can be designated to their Endowment Fund, Education Program, History Library, Music at the MonDak, Preservation, or their general fund. All donations support the MonDak Heritage Center's mission: To engage, educate, and inspire our community by preserving and contributing to the area's arts, culture, and heritage.

Sidney Gymnastics Club (SGC) is a youth sports non-profit

501 (3) (c) organization that has been providing gymnastics opportunities to Richland County children since 1989. SGC staff have taught gymnastics skills to 320 kids between September 2015 and August 2016, having a motto of "Fitness is Fun". With 210 young people already enrolled-and many more expected-for the 2016-2017 school term, SGC looks forward to another great year of kids participating in it's healthy and FUN classes!"

If anyone is looking to make a donation to the SGC for #GivingTuesday, they can mail it to Sidney Gymnastics Club, PO Box 418, Sidney, MT, 59270 or drop it off in person. Donors can also contact any gymnastics member and donors may remain anonymous if they so choose.

All funds will go to support their mission: To provide a healthy, fun, and safe atmosphere for children to learn the skills and techniques of both recreational and competitive gymnastics.

For more information, visit them on Facebook or call 406-433-3008.

Even if your non-profit of choice is not listed on the #GivingTuesday website, make a difference and make a donation for an organization that supports a cause near-and-dear to your heart and encourage that organization to register at www.givingtuesday.org. Any 501 (3) (c) non-profit organization can register and the user-friendly website provides a 'tool kit' for those organizations.



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Christmases Past; Christmas Today

By Lois Stephens

I've decided that Christmas truly belongs to youngsters. The eager eyes, the intense anticipation, and the sheer enchantment of the season spills out of every child's being, and adults cannot help but get drawn into the magical wonderland we call Christmas. Children love the decorating, the school concerts, and the idea of filling their homes from stem to stern with the reminders of the season. They thrive on the overall atmosphere of this special time of year that fills them with great expectations. In my experience, if we as adults with no children or grandchildren around us want to retain the magic of Christmas, we have to work at it.

I loved Christmas as a child. My mother told me many times that she hoped I would never lose the special delight I felt through the month of every December. Unfortunately, real life gets in the way and that excitement and anticipation did not last into my adult years. I graduated from university, moved to another country, and got married all within the space of a few short months. Throughout my adult life, I have seldom had the ability to recapture the thrill I felt as a youth for the arrival of the holiday season.

I tried, believe me. Yes, I have had very wonderful Christmas seasons as an adult, but few of them rivaled the Christmases I had as a youngster. That first Christmas as a young bride far from home and with a small household income, the absence of money moved me to create my own decorations for our tree. I also did the required baking, made multiple varieties of cookies, decorated the house, whipped up a batch of the fudge I only made for Christmas, decorated a large tree, but all to no avail. My groom had a totally different outlook on the Yuletide season, his family had celebrated in ways different than mine; my husband and I had to compromise on most of the basics of celebrating Christmas, including when to open our gifts and what to have for Christmas dinner. I missed my family, who were in large part the reason Christmas meant so much to me as a child, and somehow, my husband and I celebrating Christmas alone in a foreign country didn't quite meet my expectations.

Through the years I continued to try to replicate the Christmases of my youth, weathering an unhappy marriage, an eventual divorce, and a move back to Montana to live close to my beloved sister and brother-in-law. Christmases became bright again, as my sister and I developed our own traditions and ways to celebrate the holidays. I finally realized there was no way on earth I could ever recapture the Christmases of my childhood, but I certainly could create new traditions and fresh memories and enjoy the season as an adult. I looked forward to the holidays again, delighted in planning Christmas Eve food, and appreciated the immense pleasure I felt when I found those special gifts for my sister and her husband that I knew would please them. I even did a bit of Christmas baking, including making my favorite fudge.

I remarried a few years ago to a man who never celebrated Christmas much as a child, so bringing him into the mix proved interesting and frustrating at the same time. After my marriage, I had two more years of Christmases with my sister and brother in law before the lot of us packed up and moved, my husband and I to Virginia City and my sister and her husband to Washington State.

Christmas spirit, anticipation, and enthusiasm disintegrated once more, and for the past two years since our move to Virginia City I developed apathy for the season and an attitude that many older people unfortunately seem to develop: Christmas is just another day.

However, I don't want my Christmases to be just another day. I want them to hold promise, joy, and appreciation for life and the world around me. I want to feel peace, contentment, and a little bit of magic, so to that end, I continued to decorate the house to a certain extent, I set the star my father made that I have covered with solar lights out on the front porch, and I continued to purchase gifts I thought my husband might like. I filled a stocking for him for the last two years that contained small items so he had surprises to look forward to on Christmas morning.

Making new traditions and starting over yet again takes time. My efforts the past two years have worked to an extent but this year I have high hopes for Christmas. In August we bought a 5 acre lot on the side of a mountain that overlooks Virginia City. Both my husband and I love the place; it offers peace and quiet, a great view, and the chance to move out of Virginia City proper and into our own small cabin.

The property has a wealth of spruce and juniper trees of various sizes and shapes, and I intend to purchase solar powered outdoor Christmas lights and decorate one or two of those trees for Christmas. The thought makes me smile, and every time I look at those trees with the thought of choosing one or two of them for my outdoor Christmas trees, I feel some stirrings of

anticipation about the upcoming Christmas season, a feeling I have not had for the past three years.

We also have a small 12x20 foot building on the mountain property that will eventually become my office once we get our cabin on location. Before the cabin arrives, we plan to move a futon to the future office, which already has a heat source, and spend a few overnights in our dream future lodgings until such time as we sell the house we currently live in and move to our new home.

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Sometimes the little things and the simple pleasures provide all we need to turn 'just another day' into the holiday we desire. I know I can never replicate Christmases of my childhood. Siblings have scattered in different directions, parents have left this earth, and locations and situations I experience now resemble nothing I experienced in my youth.

However, if I can continue to find the small joys, plan activities that make me smile and that fill my heart with gladness, then I have succeeded in my quest to have a special, meaningful holiday season.

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The Parade of Trees Lights Up Another Season of Giving

By Meagan Dotson

Break out the tinsel, twink-
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in the spirit of giving! That's
right, the 2016 Parade of Trees
is on display, with proceeds
going to the Boys & Girls Club
of Richland County's Back a
Kid Fund, and supporting the
mission of the MonDak Heri-
tage Center.

Businesses, organiza-
tions, and individuals have
donated decorated Christ-
mas trees and wreaths to be
auctioned off at 6:00pm on
Saturday, Nov. 26th as part
of the Sidney Chamber of
Commerce's Christmas Stroll.

This is the 14th year the
Parade of Trees has been a
fundraising event for the
Boys & Girls Club of Richland
County, and the second year

it will be held at the MonDak
Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave
SE in Sidney. The Parade
of Trees began in 2006 as a
fundraiser for the Boys & Girls
Club of Richland County and
the Family Resource Center,
having raised thousands of
dollars for the participating
organizations.

Trees are on display now
through Nov. 26. Purchased
trees can be picked up Dec.
6-9 from 10:00am-4:00pm.
Anyone needing special con-
siderations for picking up
trees and wreaths can contact
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auction on the 26th.

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By Meagan Dotson

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25th and Saturday, Nov. 26th.
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they can meet live animals that
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happy to let their guests view
and pet their animals as a
special treat from 10am-5pm
on Friday, and 10am-3pm on
Saturday.

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10 Tasty Turkey Tidbits

By Cyndie Shearing

Feasting on Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings is something many of us eagerly anticipate. Deep conversation over dinner about the details of one's personal life or the election results...not so much. If you think you might find yourself in search of non-controversial conversation starters while enjoying your holiday meal, consider the tasty turkey tidbits below.

1. The American Farm Bureau Federation's annual survey on the average cost of a classic Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings for 10 is much anticipated. This year's tally is something to be thankful for, coming in at \$49.87 - down 24 cents (less than 1 percent) compared to 2015.

2. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, supposedly as a response to a campaign organized by magazine editor Sara Joseph Hale. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward one week to the fourth Thursday of November, as it is presently celebrated. Plymouth Plantation recounts the history of the first Thanksgiving, as Gov. William Bradford's description of the Pilgrims' first autumn in Plymouth makes clear, "There was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc."

3. In 2015, more than 233 million turkeys were raised, with about 212 million consumed in the U.S. Thanksgiving is the biggest day for turkey consumption (46 million), followed by Christmas (22 million) and Easter (19 million).

4. Nearly 88 percent of Americans surveyed eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 16 pounds. In 2015, per capita turkey consumption was 16 pounds, compared to 8.3 pounds in 1975.

5. Benjamin Franklin, who proposed the turkey as the official United States' bird, was dismayed when the bald eagle was chosen instead. Franklin wrote to his daughter, referring to the eagle's "bad moral character," saying, "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

6. The naturally mild taste of turkey, a nutrient-rich protein, combines readily with different seasonings, making it an ideal choice in spicy ethnic dishes, as a substitute for higher-fat meats in favorite recipes and as a complement to other foods on the plate.

7. Many people report drowsiness after eating Thanksgiving dinner. While turkey often receives the blame, recent studies suggest that carbohydrate-rich meals may cause sleepiness by increasing the number of tryptophans in the brain. So, the unusually large, multi-course, carbohydrate-rich meal most people eat on Thanksgiving is more likely the reason a late afternoon nap seems like such a good idea.

8. White meat turkey is generally preferred in the U.S. A turkey typically has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat. White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat. The rich flavor of dark meat is especially valued in soup and stew recipes. It also holds up well in rich marinades and is a perfect choice for grilling and barbecuing.

9. Turkey is listed among the top 10 foods for your eyes because it's rich in zinc (plus the B-vitamin niacin protects against cataracts).

10. Only tom (male) turkeys gobble; hens (females) make a clicking noise.

*Numbers 2-10 courtesy of the National Turkey Federation.

Design Your Session Plan Workshop Starts November 29

By Marcia Hellandsaas

NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

This series of sessions to help farm and ranch families pass their businesses on to the next generation will start next week Tuesday, November 29, in Watford City, and will continue on December 1 and 6. Each of these meetings, of which attendance is highly encouraged, will be held from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm CT at the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County Office at 205 6th Street NW in Watford City.

"The program will prepare you to envision, communicate, plan, write and shape the legacy of your family farm or ranch business," said Marcia Hellandsaas, McKenzie County Extension Agent.

Participants will receive a workbook to help them prepare important planning information and begin the transition process. Tools to help them improve communications with family will be included as well as how to choose and work with professionals such as attorneys, accountants, lenders and insurance agents.

For more information or to register for this series, please go to <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/succession>. You may also contact the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

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Support Watford City Small Businesses this Saturday

By Cheyenne Wiley

Saturday, November 26 is Shop Small, or Small Business, Saturday across the country. This holiday was recognized by Congress in 2011 and was created in an effort to empower small businesses amid Black Friday and major corporations' holiday marketing campaigns. Some small businesses will be offering sales and promotions to celebrate.

Larsen Service Drug, Inc. in Watford City will hand out reusable bags on Saturday to anyone who visits the store, and anything that can fit in the bags will be sold at 20% off. All fall décor will be on sale, and various products offered in-store will be available as samples. Larsen Service Drug is located at 244 Main Street North and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Also, American Express cardholders will receive twice the reward points on any small business purchase now through the end of the



year.

Residents of Watford City and surrounding communities can help make an impact on the local economy by participating in Shop Small Saturday.

The 12 Days of Christmas will be Celebrated with Rough Rider Style, Beginning Dec. 1st

By Meagan Dotson

Join the Rough Rider Center in Watford City for the 12 Days of Christmas, beginning Dec. 1st with free hot dogs and chips from 5pm – 7pm, and a Lighting Ceremony at 6pm. Dec. 2nd stop by the Rough Rider Center and mail letters to Santa at their North Pole Mail Box from 5pm – 7pm, and on the third day of Christmas, have a French toast breakfast with Santa from 9am – 11am. On the fourth day of Christmas, there will be caroling on the concourse from 5pm – 7pm, with special guests singing at 6pm. On the fifth day of Christmas decorate and hang golden rings on the tree outside of the center from 5pm – 7pm and come back the next day during the same times for reading time with Mother Goose. On the seventh day of Christmas, purchase a swan at the Rough Rider Center receptionist desk and race your swan down the slides at 6pm; swans can be purchased from Nov. 25th – Dec. 7th, with all the proceeds going towards the Giving Tree at Social Services. The winning swan gets a stocking filled with goodies! Dec. 8th the center will be open from 5pm – 7pm with Eight Maids a Milking at 6pm. Meadowlark Dance Studio will perform at 6pm on Dec. 9th, and from 11am – noon Badlands Gymnastics will be performing, with free chili from noon – 1pm. On the eleventh day of Christmas, stop by the Rough Rider Center from 2pm – 4pm with a special performance at 3pm. And last, but not least, on the twelfth day of Christmas, the center will be open from 5pm – 7pm with a special performance of drummers at 5:30pm. There will be hot chocolate and apple cider available each day as well as singing the 12 Days of Christmas. All times are central times; for more information, contact the Rough Rider Center at 701-842-3665.

Festival of Trees Gala to be Held Nov. 26th at the Rough Rider Event Center

By Meagan Dotson

The Rough Rider Center is looking for businesses, individuals, and organizations that would like to be a part of their Festival of Trees Gala. Artificial trees can be brought into the Rough Riders Center to be set up and decorated. The donated trees will be on display for the next two weeks, and will be auctioned off at 6:00pm central time the evening of Saturday, Nov. 26th.

Additionally, the Rough Riders Center is still accepting all kinds of donated items for the silent auction, which will be held from 6:00pm – 10:00pm that night. Local eateries have a unique opportunity to sponsor a table of hors d'oeuvres as a way to advertise for their business and there is no fee for the tables.

There is room for 20 trees and 20 hors d'oeuvre tables and the evening will be filled with music performed by local artists Lonesome Willy, Gene Veeder, Kelly Hannah, and Mike Endrud. All proceeds from the event will go towards the new football and baseball fields. Anyone that would like to contribute to the event can contact Laura Sanford at 701-580-9022.



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Sidney Gymnastics Club to be at Christmas Stroll



The Sidney Gymnastics Club is bursting at the seams with approximately 200 gymnasts from Sidney, Fairview, Glendive, Lambert, Savage, Crane, Culbertson and Williston who train at the facility on a weekly basis. The Club is working to raise funds for a 1200 sq. ft. expansion which will allow for more space for each class, and better schedules, creating opportunities for more children to participate and more convenient times for parents.

You can help the Club by purchasing a raffle ticket. Prizes include a ski trip to Red Lodge for four; a \$250 Reynolds Market gift card; and a Family Fun Night for four including pizza, movie, and bowling. Tickets are available now through 6:30pm Saturday, November 26, with the winners drawn just before the Parade of Lights. Tickets are only \$10 each and may be purchased from any gymnast or by calling the gym at 406-433-3008.

Stop by the Gymnastics club stand in front of JC Penney from 3-7pm during the Christmas Stroll Saturday, November 26 for chili, hot chocolate, coffee and baked goods. And purchase your raffle tickets!

Sidney Gymnastics Club will also be a part of Giving Tuesday on November 29. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 418, Sidney, or dropped

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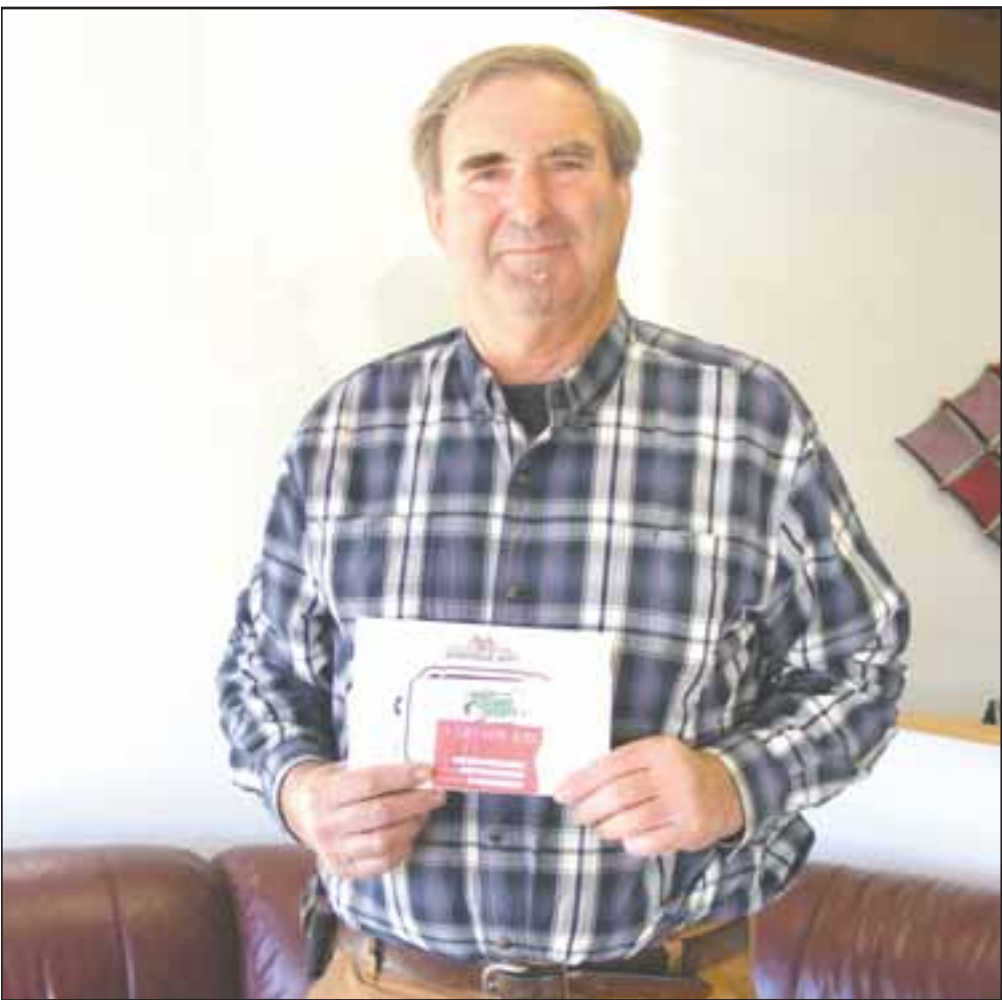
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Tues., Nov. 29: Soft shell taco, fresh fruit.
Wed., Nov. 30: Cheeseburgers, french fries, peaches.

Savage School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Burritos.
Tues., Nov. 29: Italian bake.
Wed., Nov. 30: Barber poles.

Rau School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving.
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Chicken chalupa hot dish, salad, applesauce.
Tues., Nov. 29: Hot dog, baked beans, celery with ranch, fruit.
Wed., Nov. 30: Cooks choice.

Froid School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Chicken patty on a bun, smiley potatoes, veggies, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Tues., Nov. 29: Spanish rice, refried beans, cornbread, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Wed., Nov. 30: Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggies, dessert, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Bainville School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Abby Reidle Day! Chicken alfredo, broccoli, garlic bread, fruit, brownies.
Tues., Nov. 29: Porcupine meatballs, rice, corn, fruit.
Wed., Nov. 30: Hamburger soup, green beans, dinner roll, fruit.

Culbertson School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Lasagna, breadsticks, fruit, milk.
Tues., Nov. 29: Chicken strips, potato wedges, fruit, milk.
Wed., Nov. 30: Chili bread bowl, fruit, milk.

Richey School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Egg roll, stir fry veggies, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie, milk.
Tues., Nov. 29: Pizza, lettuce salad, jello, pears, milk.
Wed., Nov. 30: Taco salad, grapes, oatmeal cookies, milk.

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Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Hamburger, fries, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.
Tues., Nov. 29: Enchilada, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.
Wed., Nov. 30: French dip, baked potato, cream corn, apple crisp, milk.

Fairview School
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school.
Mon., Nov. 28: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, milk.
Tues., Nov. 29: Sloppy joes, criss cuts, broccoli, dessert, milk.
Wed., Nov. 30: Pork chops, hash browns, peach cups, dessert, milk.

Watford City
Thurs., Nov. 24: No school.
 Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 25: No school, Thanksgiving vacation.
Mon., Nov. 28: Meatballs with gravy over noodles, green beans, peaches, roll.
Tues., Nov. 29: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, broccoli with dip, grapes.
Wed., Nov. 30: Fettucine with meat sauce, garlic toast, carrots, strawberries.



West Side Book Fair Thank You

Submitted by Dawn Greenwood, Teacher Librarian
 The West Side Book Fair was very successful, once again, this year. We have lots of very supportive parents who value the importance of reading and make sure their children have a well-stocked home library. The profit from our Book Fair will be used for "I Love to Read" month books, supplies, incentives and awards during February. Thank you, Sidney, for all your support.

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How You Can Help Your Neighbor Stay Warm this Winter

Submitted by Rachel Haberman

Are you or someone you know worried about how you're going to pay those home energy bills this winter? Energy Share of Montana is accepting applications for emergency heating assistance at Action for Eastern Montana in Glendive, 406-377-3564.

Energy Share is a private nonprofit organization that helps Montanans who are facing financial difficulties, which may result in loss of heat or lights in their home due to circumstances beyond their control. Energy Share helps people no matter what their heat source, but the assistance is usually only once every ten years or so because the organization is truly a source of emergency funds, intended to complement government assistance programs but not replace them.

Energy Share helps an average of about 2,500 families per year (over 6,000 individuals) statewide. The organizational struc-

ture is unique because the applications are reviewed individually, allowing applicants to explain the difficult circumstances they are facing. The only way Energy Share can provide the individual attention it does to each application is through a cooperative effort. While all of Energy Share's stakeholders are involved at some level, the nuts and bolts of Energy Share happens with the ten HRDCs across the state, and the volunteer Local Energy Share Committees that each HRDC coordinates. Committees across the state vary as dictated by the specific needs of the community. These Committee members donate many hours on behalf of the organizations they represent.

For more information on how to apply or how to help, visit www.energysharemt.com or call 1-888-779-7589. You will also see an informational donation envelope or pledge card in your November utility bill or, if you're a member of an electric cooperative, in the Rural Montana magazine.

Sidney Middle School Wrestling Results

The Sidney Middle School Wrestlers had a very successful and busy weekend. Friday afternoon November 18, they traveled to Baker for an invitational. Saturday November 19 the wrestlers came home to host their own tournament here in Sidney and won the tournament with 273 points. Placing second was Miles City with 210.5, Glasgow was 3rd with 178. There were no team points kept in Baker.

The Baker invitational individual wrestlers results are as follows.

75#, Owen Lonski, first place; Ben Carlson, third place.
82#, Zander Dean, first place; Kaden Wise, third place.
85#, Kolby Hutzenbiler, second place.
96#, Grady Nelson, second place; Tucker Nevins, fourth place.
100#, Aden Graves, first place.
108#, Jordan Darby, second place.
111#, Blake Benson, fourth place.
120#, Zander Burnison, second place.
125#, Kade Graves, first place.
130#, Logan Ullmer, second place; Kolten Reid, third place.
140#, Easton Hopes, first place; Shandon Gurney, third place.
149#, Riley Waters, second place.
166#, Brodey Skogen, second place.
HWT, Trey Schepens, first place.

The Sidney invitational individual wrestlers results are as

follows.

75#, Owen Lonski, second place; Ben Carlson, third place.
80-85A #, Zander Dean, second place; Kolby Hutzenbiler, fourth place; Kaden Wise, fifth place.
96#, Grady Nelson, first place; Tucker Nevins, second place.
100 lb., Aden Graves, first place; Deegan Carranza, third place.
105#, Jordan Darby, first place.
110#, Blake Benson, second place.
115#, Nathan Romo, fourth place.
121#, Zander Burnison, second place.
125#, Kade Graves, first place.
130#, Logan Ullmer, second place; Kolton Reid, third place; Dallas Massey, fifth place.
150A#, Riley Waters, first place; Easton Hopes, second place.
150B, Shandon Gurney, third place; Brandon Batty, fifth place.
175#, Brodey Skogen, second place.
200#, Carlos Hernandez, fourth place.
HWT, Trey Schepens, second place.

County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

Grain Drying and Storage Tips

With harvest over for most, now comes the time to haul and sell your grain. Many operations have to have grain bins and a handling system as heading straight to the elevator isn't an option, for many reasons. With the cooler temperatures among us, and precipitation soon to be coming in the form of snow below are some tips from North Dakota State University Extension Service Engineer, Dr. Kenneth Hellevang. Natural Air Drying; In-bin air-drying becomes inefficient as outdoor air temperature decreases. Turn the drying fans off when outside temperatures average below about 40 degrees. Transition to cooling the grain for winter storage. Do not operate the fans when it is raining, snowing, or foggy. Cooling Stored Grain; The grain should be cooled whenever the average outdoor temperature is 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the grain. It should be cooled to near or below 30 degrees for

winter storage in the northern states. Cool grain with aeration to reduce the insect infestation potential. Insect reproduction is reduced at temperatures below about 60 F, insects are dormant below about 50 F, and insects can be killed by extended exposure to temperatures below about 30 F. In addition, grain moisture content and temperature affect the rate of mold growth and grain deterioration, with the allowable storage time approximately doubling with each 10-degree reduction in grain temperature.

Storing grain in poly bags is a good option, but it does not prevent insect infestations or mold growth in damp grain. Grain placed in bags should be dry and cool. Recommendations include: Placing grain in bags at recommended storage moisture contents based on grain and outdoor temperatures. Heating and grain deterioration will occur if the grain exceeds a safe storage moisture content, and grain in a bag cannot be cooled with aeration. The average temperature of dry grain will follow the average outdoor temperature. Selecting an elevated, well-drained site for

the storage bags. Preparing the ground surface so the bag is not punctured during placement. Grain frequently is stored short term in outdoor piles. However, precipitation is a severe problem in uncovered grain. Just a 1-inch rain will increase the moisture content of a 1-foot layer of corn by 9 percentage points. This typically leads to the loss of at least 2 feet of grain on the pile surface. Snow on the pile may melt and wet the grain, or it is mixed with the grain during unloading. If creating outdoor piles: Use a cover to prevent water infiltration. A combination of restraining straps and suction from the aeration system holds grain covers in place. Aeration and wind blowing on the pile will not dry wet grain adequately to prevent spoilage. Place the pile so the storage floor is higher than the surrounding ground to minimize moisture transfer from the soil into the grain and assure that there is good drainage around the pile. For this information and more visit www.ag.ndsu.edu/graindrying or call the NDSU Extension office at 701-577-4595.

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Library Trustee Don Nollmeyer Retires

Former Sidney-Richland County Library Board of Trustees member Don Nollmeyer and his wife, Teresa, admire a clock gifted to Don from the library at his retirement party on Nov. 17. Don served two terms on the Board of Trustees and worked as a sugar beet, wheat, and alfalfa farmer in Savage for over 50 years. "I've had a good life," he said. (Photo by Cheyenne Wiley)



Sidney Wrestling Action

Above: Riley Waters pins his opponent on Saturday at the Sidney Middle School Wrestling Tournament.
Left: Sidney's 6th Grader, Ben Carlsen looks for back points on his Colstrip opponent on Friday at the Baker Tournament. (Photos by Erin Graves)



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Sidney Speech & Drama Compete in Hardin

The Speech & Drama team travelled to Hardin to compete against 22 schools. The Drama Team placed 3rd in Class A Sweeps with the Speech Team placing 4th. The Drama Team has a couple strong seniors with Laura Elmore competing against 19 competitors and placing 5th in Dramatic Solo. Peachlyn Simons and her partner Atlas Hill placed 3rd in Classic Theatre, with the freshman duo Christine Turek and Shea Roberts placing 4th. The Speech Team again led by the spontaneous speaker Kasey Gorder and random Zach Sommerfeld placed 2nd and 3rd in Impromptu. The team has next weekend off then heads to Plentywood for the first meet of December.

Speech Team Results: Original Oratory- Luke Turek 2nd place, Patrycja Wierzchalek 8th place; MPA- Tianna Earle 8th place; Extemp- Zach Sommerfeld 4th place, Shany Reidle 5th place.

Photo & results submitted by Christy Pierce

2016 Eastern "A" Volleyball All-Conference/All-State Selections

First team: Maddison DiFonzo, middle hitter, senior, Sidney, All-State; Bailey Kufeld, outside hitter, junior, Billings Central, All-State; Katie Murdock, libero, sophomore, Hardin, All-State; Jenna Swope, outside hitter, senior, Custer County, All-State; Ashley Uffelman, outside hitter, senior, Hardin, All-State; and Devin Nielsen, setter, Billings Central, junior.

Second team: Sydney Hawbaker, hitter, junior, Billings Central; Olivia Moten-Schell, middle blocker, freshman, Billings Central; Tori Ogolin, setter, senior, Custer County; Ceera Staiger, outside hitter, senior, Dawson County; Laura Sterup, middle blocker, senior, Billings Central and Madison Thiessen, outside hitter, senior, Sidney.