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## Watford City Woman to be Featured on Lifetime Network Program

By Jaymi Loobey

Jessie Veeder Scofield had no idea what to expect when she received an unexpected phone call early in the spring of 2017. It was the feminine based TV network, Lifetime. They were looking for a woman in every state who wished to share their story and she was chosen for North Dakota. Jessie said, "I was excited to be chosen to be a part of this." She had lots of stories. Jessie had grown up on a cattle ranch outside of Watford City that had been in her family for generations but, like many people in rural America, they could not do just one thing. Jessie's father was a musician and folksinger. When Jessie was a child she would sing alongside him. He taught her to play the guitar at twelve and by sixteen, Jessie was writing her own songs and albums. Branching from her music, Jessie also began to write poems. When she went to college at the University of North Dakota she also ended up editing the college newspaper. Now, she writes columns for Forum Communications, edits Prairie Parent, keeps a blog and wrote a book in 2017 called "Coming Home" alongside continuing to perform.

It has not all gone well for Jessie, however. When she graduated from UND with her degree in communications she married Chad, her high school sweetheart, and they moved back to Watford City so they could help with her family's ranch and raise a family in the country. They did their best but Jessie had multiple miscarriages. With specialty healthcare being so difficult to come by in rural North Dakota she had no diagnosis and they gave up for a while on that part of their dream. Then she saw a doctor out of Minneapolis and got her diagnosis. She had polycystic ovary syndrome but now she had a treatment and hope. She began blogging about her experiences as a mother, musician, writer, and rancher and that was how Lifetime found her.

After the 2016 Elections, Lifetime realized they did not know as much about their audience as they thought. They interviewed a woman for each of the fifty states and did it to explore their target audience. Lifetime explained on their project's website



Jessie Veeder Scofield, husband Chad, and their daughters Rosalee and Edie. (Photo submitted)

that they asked the women "If you could broadcast your story to the world, what would you share?" Jessie Veeder was perfect for North Dakota. People are curious about the struggles people go through up here. Even Jessie noticed it while touring to share her folk songs. She said, "People were really curious about what life was like up here." She did several interviews for the project followed by a visit from a photographer to the ranch then one last phone call from a journalist and Jessie had a spot in Lifetime's project "Her America" The website became active on February 12, 2018 and had a few spots on-air. The videos, pictures, and articles for all the women who were part of this project can be viewed at [www.heramerica.com](http://www.heramerica.com). Jessie hopes that her story can bring hope to other women experiencing pregnancy loss and fertility issues. Jessie now lives with her husband, Chad, and their two little girls on her family's ranch outside of Watford City, North Dakota.

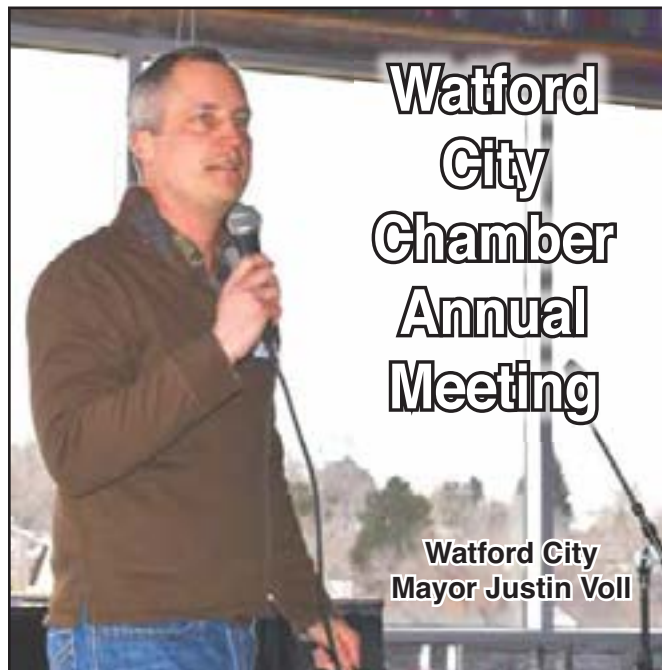
## LYIP Summary Judgment Hearing Set For April 26

By Dianne Swanson

The summary judgment hearing on the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project fish bypass and weir has been postponed to Thursday, April 26 at the request of the Defenders of Wildlife.

Although the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the injunction previously placed by District Judge Morris, LYIP manager James Brower emphasized the critical nature of the upcoming hearing in Great Falls stating that Morris could still find many ways to stop the project.

Buses will start loading at 5 a.m. Thursday morning at the Richland County Extension office north of Sidney and leave promptly at 5:15 a.m. Anyone wishing to ride is asked to contact Richland Economic Development at 406-482-4679. Last minute riders will also be welcome. LYIP will provide beverages and lunch, plus a hot meal after the hearing. Those who are planning to drive are also encouraged to call R.E.D. since the court needs to know how many are there in favor of the Project and this community.



The Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce and McKenzie County Economic Development held their annual meeting on April 14. In addition to the meeting there were speeches by McKenzie County Economic Development Coordinator Daniel Stenberg, Watford City Mayor Justin Voll and ND Lieutenant Governor and former Watford City Mayor Brent Sanford. Following the social, dueling pianos with Jeff & Rhannon from Noteworthy Productions performed, followed by karaoke with Rich and Kathy.

## Candidate Forum Held April 12 in Sidney

By Jordan Hall

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau hosted a forum for candidates on Thursday evening, April 12, at the county Extension Office. Twelve candidates for local office were present for the event, running for offices that include County Commissioner, Sheriff, Clerk and Recorder, Justice of the Peace, County Attorney, County Superintendent of Schools, and representatives for House District 35.

The forum for the event was relatively simple, with each candidate being given three minutes to briefly introduce themselves and their positions or the purpose of their candidacy.

Duane Mitchell began the introductions. Mitchell recalled that when he was a child, his father told him that Democrats were for the poor folks and Republicans for the rich, and so Mitchell knew he wanted to be a Republican. The crowd roared with laughter before Mitchell, who is running unopposed, was notified by a forum official that his time had run out.

Next to speak was Kari Sinks, who is running for clerk and recorder against incumbent, Stephanie Verhasselt. Sinks acknowledged that she didn't have as much experience as her opponent but indicated that she was eager to learn the job.

Sinks told the audience, "This is my first time doing this and I'm a little unfamiliar with the process. The position is a lot of responsibility. I know a portion of it. What I lack in experience I make up for in drive, in finding answers to what needs answers, and asking someone who knows."

Stephanie Verhasselt, who has been in the Clerk and Recorder's office since 2003 and has 15 years of experience, gave a thorough explanation of the job of Clerk and Recorder, and she explained how much the office had improved since her tenure there.

Verhasselt said, "When we first began we were considered a high-risk county and we are no longer a high-risk county."

Luke Savage, current Richland County Justice of the Peace, stated, "I'm one of the most passionate people you've ever met about the law."

After giving a brief biographical sketch, which included his raising in Sidney, attendance at law school and return to Sidney, Savage explained that his experience as a judge began with his appointment as an occasional fill-in for Judge Greg Mohr.

Savage also explained, "I love the law. I love helping people. I think I'm the best candidate for the job. I think I have the

knowledge and experience that is required for you to have equal justice in this county and I would appreciate your vote in this election."

Ross Hall began by stating that he was color blind and hoped that he didn't offend anyone by the choice of his clothing, to the crowd's laughter. Hall quickly got to his fiery speech, which heralded Montana's tradition of having lay-people serve in the court system, something that is not allowed but in four states across the country.

Hall said, "It's interesting to talk about qualifications and what it takes. In 1889 this state set down and this state decided it wanted to set up courts of limited jurisdiction. In 1972 they backed it again when they wrote the second constitution. One of the things they were adamant about is that justice should be applied equally. They want [us] to not omit anything that is written or add anything that is written, but to apply the law equally and justly."

Hall continued, "They knew people here in the West, knew what justice was about." Hall went on to claim that he knew a chiropractor would become a judge elsewhere in Montana and would do fine.

"Having a piece of paper doesn't make you an expert on anything," Hall reiterated.

Next, the third Justice of the Peace candidate, Ray Trumpower, spoke. Trumpower, a resident and judge of Fairview since 2005, explained he didn't need to go into his background much because he knew almost everyone in the room. Being brief, Trumpower said that it was commendable there were so many candidates present and running for office and encouraged people to make wise choices.

Next, Tom Halvorson spoke about his candidacy for the position of County Attorney. The two candidates would later field the majority of questions asked by the audience.



Deputy County Attorney, Tom Halvorson, speaks at the 2018 Candidates' Forum, hosted by the Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce.

Halvorson gave a brief introduction to his background, including his Christian commitment and service as a Sunday School teacher, his experience in agriculture and long-term status as resident of the county. Halvorson then explained his long-term tenure as a deputy county attorney.

He explained, "I have 23 years of experience of private practice in practically every field of law in Richland County. I have been a deputy county attorney for you for the last 18 years and in that time, I have handled major cases and I have handled major business of the county commissioners and I have handled business of major departments in the county government. As to my competence in this position, the readers of the Sidney Herald voted me the best attorney in Eastern Montana. In criminal cases I have been in six homicide prosecutions. I have been the lead prosecutor in three of those cases."

Halvorson went on to explain his pivotal role in getting convictions in the Spell murder case and his experience with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Halvorson iterated that he has always been a Republican, and that he hadn't become a Republican because it's the majority party and easier to win the office.

Christoffersen explained that she was raised north of Sidney in the town of Foid. She also spoke to her experience as a deputy county attorney.

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**AREA RECOVERY GROUPS**

**MONDAYS:**  
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon 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 in the music room, Watford City.  
6 p.m. — Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**TUESDAYS:**  
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**THURSDAYS:**  
7 p.m. — Living With Hope Group, Sidney Lutheran Brethern Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney. Call 406-489-3451 to see if group is meeting.  
7:30 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.  
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**FRIDAYS:**  
12 p.m. — Monday Noon Group-Friday Noon Edition, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.  
8 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, 214 S. Lincoln, Ave., Sidney.

**SATURDAYS:**  
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
7 p.m. — AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**SUNDAYS:**  
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**  
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Current Elevation.....	1840.4
Last Week's Elev. ....	1839.1
One Year Ago .....	1841.7
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	28,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 9 .....	36 .....	16 .....	0.01
April 10 .....	52 .....	25 .....	0.00
April 11 .....	57 .....	32 .....	0.00
April 12 .....	39 .....	29 .....	0.00
April 13 .....	30 .....	22 .....	0.04
April 14 .....	39 .....	18 .....	0.00
April 15 .....	51 .....	25 .....	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....	2.06		

# OBITUARIES

## Lois E. Balcer, 82 Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Lois E. Balcer, 82, of Billings, MT formerly of Sidney, MT was held at 10 a.m., Monday, April 16 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney with Father Jim O'Neal as presider.

Wake services were at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 15 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney.

Interment was in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Lois died on Wednesday evening, April 11 at St. John's Lutheran Home, Billings, MT.

# Brewfest Saturday

The 7th annual Bakken Brewfest takes place Saturday, April 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Richland County Event Center. Featuring over 40 microbrews from over 20 breweries from Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming, there will be plenty of choices for even the most discerning beer enthusiast. Wines, ciders and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. New this year are \$5 cash games such as cornhole and the Photo Brewth which benefit local non-profits.

The evening features music by the Shuffle Bums, with frontman Scott Boehler. The band is a classic 1959 era blues band rocking well-known and nearly forgotten blues tunes using vocals, harmonica, guitar, stand-up bass and drums. Scrump-tious food by Meadowlark Public House and Pizza House will ensure no one goes hungry and Sidney Shuttle vouchers will help everyone get home safely.

Tickets are on sale now at the Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 909 S. Central Ave., Sidney. General admission tickets are \$50; VIP tickets, which include early admission at 5:30 p.m., are \$75. Stop by the office, call 406-433-1916, or go to [sidneymt.com](http://sidneymt.com) for more information, or to purchase tickets.

# Active Parenting First Five Years Class Available

By Carrie Krug  
MSU Extension Richland County FCS Agent

MSU Extension Richland County and District II Alcohol and Drug Program are offering Active Parenting Classes. Whether you're a first-time parent or juggling a household, the first five years of your child's life are extremely important. Active Parenting is a program created by Dr. Michael Popkin who is a parenting expert. The First Five Years program is a four-session class designed to help parents learn about a variety of items such as ages and stages of development, effective discipline that young children can understand, school readiness, and much more. Classes start April 24th, 2018, at the MSU/Richland County Extension Office Meeting Room, from 5:30-7:30 and are free of charge. Class size is limited, please RSVP by noon on April 24th by calling the MSU/Richland County Extension office at 433-1206

# Nutrition Coalition Educates Local Children About Shopping For Healthy Food

By Janelle Buxbaum  
Richland County Nutrition Coalition

The Richland County Nutrition Coalition and the Boys and Girls Club of Richland County have teamed up to help educate children on how to identify healthy food options. Members of the Coalition have dedicated one afternoon a month for the past 3 months to work with 2nd and 3rd graders at the Boys and Girls Club as a pilot project for our community's youth.

Members of the group met with the kids initially to lead fun activities about making healthy snack decisions. The Nutrition Coalition teaches healthy eating habits based on MyPlate guidelines that encourage choosing options that include fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy, and grains. The Boys and Girls Club members also learned about why nutrition is important and how to share the information with their families.

A main goal for the group was to interact with the kids at a local grocery store to see what information kids know already and where the gaps are when it comes to shopping for healthy food. The kids were split into groups and participated in a scavenger hunt at Reynolds Market. Members of the Coalition helped the children navigate a store map as they found ingredients to their ingredients, they learned about reading nutrition facts and serving sizes. The groups presented the ingredients they found and reasons why they are the most nutritious options.

The final section of the project was for the group of kids to shop for, prepare, and serve a MyPlate aligned snack to all attending members of the club. Three different snack options were chosen and the kids used their skills to find the healthiest ingredients. Their menu included cucumber sandwiches, popcorn trail mix, and apple peanut butter slices to feed 80 people. The kids used sign directories, math skills, and most importantly nutrition fact labels to fill their carts. The kids loved to use their knowledge and skills to teach their peers about healthy habits.

The Richland County Nutrition Coalition's goal is to continue to find ways to reach children, families, and individuals in our community who are interested in learning ways to improve their health through nutritious diets. They have hosted cooking classes, food drives, educational classes, and frequently hand out free fresh fruit at fun runs throughout the summer. If you are interested in learning more about the Richland County Nutrition Coalition please visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/1rcnc1](http://www.facebook.com/1rcnc1), and the Pinterest page at [www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1](http://www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1).

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.  
**Wed., April 18**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Encounters Art Exhibit** - Featuring Nancy Erickson's large-scale, free-form textile compositions inspired by cave art found at Chauvet Pont d'Arc and Lascaux. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through May 26. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.  
**Sat., April 21**  
7-10 p.m. - **Bakken Brew Fest** -Richland County Event Center. Tickets on sale at the Sidney Chamber office or SidneyMT.com. VIP entry at 5:30 p.m.  
**Tues., April 24**  
12-2:30 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. - **Bohemian Wind Chime Glazing Class** - Learn how to design, assemble and glaze the wind chime. \$20 MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or e-mail, [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).  
5:30-7 p.m. - **Active Parenting First Five Years** - A program for parents and other caregivers to show you how to nurture your child with a "just right" combination of freedom and nonviolent discipline. 1499 N. Central Ave., Sidney, MT, MSU/Richland County Extension Office Meeting Room. This event also occurs on May 1, 15 and 22. To register contact MSU/Richland County Extension , 406-433-1206, [carrie.krug@montana.edu](mailto:carrie.krug@montana.edu). For more information and sample videos go to [www.ActiveParenting.com/FFY-parents](http://www.ActiveParenting.com/FFY-parents).  
6 p.m. - **ROI Night of Comedy Fundraiser** - Laugh for a cause with Comedian Paul Morrissey at the Dinner/Dessert and Comedy Show. Sidney Moose Lodge, Sidney. Tickets, \$35. Tickets are available at Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Stockman Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and ROI's Workshop. For more information call Dan, 406-488-3341, etx. 4.  
**Sat., June 9**  
**Sugar Valley Hoopfest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** - Sixth grade through adult (male and female, adult co-ed) Register by May 31online at [fairviewcommunityfoundation.org](http://fairviewcommunityfoundation.org). Sharbono Park, Fairview, MT. For more information contact Laurie, 406-489-1094.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**  
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone  
**Thurs., April 19**  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - **First Lutheran W-ELCA Spring Luncheon** - Everyone welcome. Take-out available. Serving pulled beef sandwiches, salads, baked beans, deviled eggs, desserts, coffee and lemonade, \$10 plate. First Lutheran Church, Watford City, ND.  
**Fri., April 20**  
6-8 p.m. - **Police vs. Fire Department Knockerball** - \$5 admission. Rough Rider Center, Hansen Rink, Watford City.  
**Wed., April 25**  
7-9 p.m. - **Watford City Community Meeting** - Free event, refreshments provided. All Watford City community members ages 18 and older can join the Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) and the University of Utah to discuss the future of TRNP and your community and give their input to help TRNP officials make management decisions that strengthen relationships between the park and local communities. The Watford Hotel, Watford City, ND. RSVP at <https://trnp-watfordcity.eventbrite.com>. If you are unable to attend, take the online survey at <http://bit.ly/TRNP-Community>.  
**Sat., April 28**  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **Priscilla Shirer Simulcast** - Worship with Anthony Evans. Registration, adults \$30; students 13-18, \$15, lunch is provided. Watford City Assembly of God, Watford City, ND. RSVP by April 23, 701-842-3353  
2-10 p.m. - **LifeLight Festival** - Motocross, skateboard, BMX, Josh Brewer, Cade Thompson, Rachelle Hope, Bobby Bugattii, Family Force 5, The Afters, Treagillusions and kids activities! Cost is \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets are online at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com) or CrossPoint Church & Watford City Assembly of God. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**  
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.  
**Wed., April 18**  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Hooshang Khorasani's "Energy And Flow" Art Exhibit** - Hooshang is an abstract artist who explores with expressiveness of animals and flowers in his paintings. Free and open to the public. James Memorial Art Center, Williston, ND. Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri. 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Saturday closed, Sun. 1-5 p.m. September-April. This event continues through April 30. For more information call 701-774-3601 or visit [www.thejamesmemorial.org](http://www.thejamesmemorial.org).  
**Thurs., April 19**  
7 p.m. - **Fort Buford History Book Club** - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "America's First Daughter," by Stephanie Dray. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.  
**Fri., April 20**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting** - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch and unfinished projects. This event continues on April 21. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.  
9 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Erase The E-Waste & Earth Day BBQ** - This event also occurs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 21. All electronics are free to recycle with the exception of CRTs. Fluorescent bulbs/lamps and ballasts will also be recycled during this event. The cost to recycle/dispose of fluorescents will range from 50¢ to \$4 depending on size and type. The BBQ will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. during the E-waste event. North Dakota Recycling Services, 409 1st Street East. For more information call 701-572-2744, visit <https://www.ndrecycling.com>, email [recycle@chamleypipe.com](mailto:recycle@chamleypipe.com) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/ndrecycle>.  
**Sat., April 21**  
11 a.m. - **Earth Day 5K Run** - Lunch will be provided for runners after the race completion. Call or message on facebook to register for the 5K run, <https://www.facebook.com/ndrecycle>. North Dakota Recycling Services, 409 1st Street East.  
**Sat., April 28**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Williston High School Girls Swim & Dive Color Run** - This is a 5K fun run, untimed event with no award for first place. Registration will be from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Keelboat. The race starts at 11 a.m. Cost \$30 per person. Have fun and raise funds for the Coyote Swim and Dive team. Spring Lake Park/Keelboat, 5906 2nd Ave. West, Williston, ND.

**DAWSON COUNTY**  
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone  
**Fri., April 20**  
11:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - Author Carmen Neuens will read her new children's book "Black Forest Theater Presents - Dinosaurs." Your child will be able to interact with the story and learn more about shadow puppets. Glendive Public Library, 200 S. Kendrick Ave., Glendive, MT.  
**Sun., April 22**  
8:30 p.m. - **Lyrid Meteor Shower Viewing and Hike** - Hike under the Makoshika night sky and use telescopes to view the Lyrid Meteor Shower during this outing led by Montana State Park AmeriCorps member Brenlee Shipp. Makoshika State Park, 1301 Snyder Street, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256.  
**Sat., April 28**  
1-5 p.m. **MLB Jr. Homerun Derby** - Free national program for boys and girls 6-14 years of age to participate in an home run hitting contest. Concessions will be available. Babe Ruth Field at Whipkey Park, Glendive, MT. Pre-registration required and forms can be picked up at the Boys & Girls Club or download at [www.boysandgirlsclubofdawsoncounty.com](http://www.boysandgirlsclubofdawsoncounty.com) under the upcoming events tab.



# Kathleen Williams Campaign Launches Montana Opportunity Tour

House Party on April 22nd in Sidney



Kathleen Williams

**By Kathleen Williams**  
We just loaded our Northern Lite camper onto the truck. And I'm so excited to take it on the road for my Opportunity Tour: a 1,044 mile, week-long loop around Montana, starting in Opportunity, up to Browning, over to Plentywood, and then down to Miles City.  
I'll be in Sidney for a house party on Sunday, April 22nd, at 222 2nd St SW, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. I hope you will join me.  
I'm launching the Opportunity Tour because rural Montana faces unique challenges. While cities like Bozeman grow, our small towns struggle. This November, we need to elect to Congress a woman who will deal comprehensively with the issues facing rural Montana. We need to support our farmers, ranchers, and their communities.  
In Congress, I will oppose reckless trade wars that harm Montana's agricultural economy. I will support free, fair, and consistent trade policies that open the world to Montana's

best-in-class products. I will fight for a Farm Bill that works for Montana, one that protects key safety nets, conservation and rural development programs. I will make sure Congress is committed to building rural broadband and fueling economic diversity across Montana. I will fight for consistent federal funding for health care services and facilities that make sense in rural Montana, services that create jobs and keep us healthy. And I will make sure that our seniors can retire with dignity by protecting Medicare and Social Security no matter what.  
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I also know that I don't have all the answers. The

challenges and opportunities in Choteau are different from those in Scobey. But as a candidate for Montana's lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to hear from communities all across Montana, and learn about all opportunities we have to strengthen Montana's economy and communities in 2018 and beyond.  
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# Golden Roundup

## Four Seasons

By Lois Stephens

I sat at my desk a few weeks ago looking out my window watching the snow fall. My mood turned as sour as curdled milk as those fluffy white flakes kept slowly but steadily falling out of the sky. If the calendar said November, I'd smile as the ground turned white. I'd pull out a latch hook project to start, gather good books for winter reading, haul out the toboggan, make sure my insulated boots stood ready by the door, and my thoughts would turn with pleasure to all sorts of upcoming winter activities. But it isn't November, it is April, and the thrill I feel with the arrival of the first snowfall dissipated months ago. Snow in March or later produces nothing but gloom. I'm tired of winter.

I'm not alone. Every second person I meet has negative comments about this winter season. The desire for warm weather, watching flowers bloom, the ability to actually see bare ground, smile as goslings swim in the pond, the raucous call of returning cranes, the greening

up of yards, all this and more fires everyone up with expectations of a new season. At this point we all have very bad cases of spring fever. However, when I stop to think about it, I'm grateful for this climate and its four seasons. Life would lose some spice if every day the temperatures ranged between 50 and 80 degrees. By the time one season ends here in Montana, I'm anticipating the interval to come. How could I appreciate the other three seasons quite so much if I didn't experience winter? I actually do like winter, I just want it to go away by the time April rolls around.

Spring. I can't wait. I will pull out the T-shirts I haven't seen or worn for six months. I will haul out the bike and get it ready for excursions. I anticipate the arrival of songbirds returning to the area, I enjoy watching the leaves budding out on the trees, and I will note with chagrin the emerging spotted knapweed that eluded my spray gun the previous year. Spring allows me to discard my mid hiking boots for low summer hiking shoes instead. My husband cleans birdhouses, readying them for spring arrivals. Then comes the rain, the mud, the disappearance of blue skies to dismal spring overcast and rain clouds. Somewhere in here we might even experience our first thunderstorm of the season.

The rain ushers in summer, which I greet with unfettered joy. The long day length, waking in the morning to bird song, the ability to work on outside projects, watching adult birds feed their nestlings, hiking and biking, all provide great pleasure. Even attacking those pesky knapweed plants that survived the spring spraying (which seems to be about 99% of them), provides contentment


and peace. Swatting mosquitoes and dealing with garden pests just comes with the territory we call summer, and I love it.

The hot dry days of August suit me just fine. The great brown-off begins in the summer heat, the threat of forest fires keeps everyone slightly edgy, and by the end of August, most of us in Virginia City are heartily sick of tourists and look forward to the time they head home and give us our town back.

So, by September I am ready for bittersweet autumn. I love the feel of fall in the air, the scents unique to a fall day, the fact that another harvest has made it to the bins and bales of hay stand stacked and waiting for livestock's winter feeding. However I know autumn will not last. Summer has passed in a whirl, and we now face the downhill slide to winter. Fall provides a marvelous few months which help us mentally prepare for the coming period of cold weather and long dark nights. Autumn's crisp cool days, leaves a riot of gorgeous color against the azure blue sky, birds flocking for their journey southward, the acrid smoky scent of burning leaves, all blend together as part of this farewell-to-summer, hello-winter time of year. The garden has been put to bed, the larder contains the fruits of summer toil, I no longer hear the chirping of birds at dawn, and everything prepares in its own way for the approaching winter.

Then one morning I look out the window to see white puffs floating silently to the ground, and winter begins again. Aha, time to line up winter projects, fire up the wood stove, and hunker down for several months of cold weather.

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The NDCA's nationally-recognized Art for Life Program brings together local arts agencies, elder care facilities, schools, and folk and contemporary artists to improve the health and wellness of elders through intensive art and artist interactions.

All community members are welcome and encouraged to take both classes alongside Horizon and Good Shepherd Home residents.

Classes begin Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Home Activities Room. The class is free and open to the public and supplies are included. Each class will feature a different lesson. Participants are encouraged to attend both classes.

Nicole Gagner will also bring lessons to students in the Intermediate and High School and her work will be on



display at the Pioneer Museum/Long X Visitor's Center from April 21-27.


The Long X Arts Foundation and Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County will host an artist reception on April 25 at 5:30pm at the Pioneer Museum. Refreshments will be served.

This program is made possible through a grant through the North Dakota Council on the Arts

Find out more about Nicole Gagner's Work at [www.painternicole.com](http://www.painternicole.com) and watch for future Art for Life programs at [www.longxarts.com/events](http://www.longxarts.com/events).

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# Candidate Forum Held...

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Christofferson added, “I’ve enjoyed working in the county attorney’s office because I’ve been able to have really great relationships with the sheriff’s department and the courts....I think about the crime, I think about the victim, and I think about the defendant. I don’t want to see them again. I also worked on major homicides with the Spell and Waters case.”  
She continued, “I did the search warrants. I bet I did close to fifty search warrants. I did all the background work on that.”  
Christoffersen also explained that she worked on one of the first “no-body cases” in Montana, in which a murder is tried without having a deceased body for evidence. She added, “I am very dedicated to this community.”  
Finishing out the forum were the candidates for House

# Letter to the Editor

## Krautter Will Put District Needs First In Helena, Ahead Of Politics

Dear Editor:  
I am writing to give my personal endorsement to Joel Krautter for Representative of House District 35, ahead of the June 5th Election Day.  
Since I’ve known Joel, I’ve been able to see Joel’s passion to make a positive difference for this area, through his involvement and support of many community organizations. Joel does not just talk about making a difference, he will take the initiative to meet a need where he recognizes one, like he has by co-founding the Sidney Young Professionals, a very needed new area organization. We can expect the same leadership and dedication from Joel in Helena.  
Richland County is facing numerous challenges, from threats to the livelihoods of area agriculture producers, to threats to funding for education, a potential new landfill for North Dakota oilfield waste, and constant challenges over infrastructure we all depend upon. With so many challenges, we need a representative in Helena who is committed to finding solutions and who will keep the challenges facing our area first, ahead of politics. That is what Joel believes in.  
Joel Krautter is informed about the challenges we face and he also has the relationships to be effective in Helena, making Joel the best candidate running for the legislature to deliver for our district.  
I urge everyone who cares about having a thoughtful, dedicated, informed and problem-solving leader in Helena to vote on June 5th in the Republican primary for Joel Krautter for Representative.  
Rick Norby

District 35, which included Tanya Rost and Joel Krautter, with Rost speaking first.  
Rost gave her background, which included being a business owner, mother, and investor in agriculture and experience in oil production. She also explained that her goal was clarity, to explain where she stood on the issues and briefly discussed the issue of compromise.  
“Where do I stand on compromise? If you’re going to compromise, you have to have a position to compromise. Compromise in and of itself is not a position...but first, I prefer a few other words that start with a ‘c,’ including conviction and conservatism.”  
“If you start with compromise,” Rost continued, “then there’s no room for conviction.” She continued to explain her convictions regarding the Sanctity of Life, gun rights, low taxes, family values, and limited government.  
“If someone asks why I should own an AR-15 rifle, I would say it’s for the necessity of a secure state, which is the point of the Second Amendment,” Rost said. “And second, it’s my right.”  
Joel Krautter explained that he was the current chairman of the Richland County Central Committee, co-founder of Sidney Young Professionals, a Montanan, sportsman and local attorney.  
“I’m running for representative because we need a problem solver in Helena that is focused on getting results and who will prioritize the needs of our district, whether it is getting money for schools, whether it’s infrastructure,

ag issues, oil and gas development, trying to keep more money here in Richland County where the wealth is being produced, that’s where my priorities are.”  
“Now how will we do it,” Krautter asked. He answered, “I believe that being an effective representative is about building relationships. Relationships matter.” Krautter then explained that he hoped to make positive relationships with government officials that would benefit Richland County, warning against those who “think they are going to steam roll” other legislators from around the state.  
“I think we see a lot of government shutdowns and failed legislation because of that attitude,” Krautter said.  
Most of the questions throughout the evening were posed to Janet Christofferson and Tom Halvorson, regarding their race for County Attorney. Questions were regarding possible changes they would make to the office, as well as several questions asked to clarify their various functions under current County Attorney, Mike Weber. Both Christoffersen and Halvorson agreed that there was no senior deputy attorney, and that they were equals in their respective positions. Christoffersen explained that in the last ten years, she had handled more cases, but Halvorson explained that work-load is assigned by the gravity or seriousness of the case, and not the quantity of the cases.  
The House District Candidates were asked about their view of private property rights and their opinion regarding the

state buying private property. Both candidates, Rost and Krautter, agreed that private property rights are important and neither suggested that the state buying private land would be a good use of resources. Later in the evening, the two were also asked about the possibility of having an annual session in Helena rather than bi-annual, and both agreed that there might be benefits of the notion, but it would have to be further researched. The two were also asked about what some perceive as bad legislation passed at “the twelfth hour” and how much compromise they would be willing to engage in from the beginning to get good legislation passed. Rost explained that often infrastructure bills that promise advantages to Eastern Montana often leave the area with negative consequences and Western Montana with positive consequences, and that she would not compromise on legislation that would hurt Eastern Montana. Krautter explained that in his opinion, people need to understand that everyone from around the state is looking for the best of their district and that there are no perfect bills.  
Verhasselt and Sink were asked numerous questions, regarding the interior workings of the Clerk and Recorder Office. They were also asked about why Richland County had been a high-risk county, and Sink deferred to Verhasselt on the question, who explained that it was because they were not reporting on time, which would increase their chance of an audit and punitive consequences.

The three Justice of the Peace candidates were asked questions about opioid addiction and what could be done regarding the high use of drugs. Savage and Hall both agreed that there wasn’t an easy solution regarding the issue. Trumpower declined to comment directly on the question, reminding the audience that judges are the judicial branch of government and their job is to enforce the law, but the role of the legislative branch to write the laws.  
Gail Staffanson was asked a question about homeschool families in the county,

and whether their numbers were increasing. Staffanson explained that during her tenure, the numbers have raised, but not exponentially. She explained that there were not any resources she could give homeschool families on behalf of the county, but that there were growing resources available to them through the private sector.  
Speakers were allowed a few minutes to say final words and the program was dismissed. There were approximately 75 people in attendance.



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**Wed., April 25:** Hamburger gravy over potatoes, green beans, pears, dinner roll.  
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**Thurs., April 19:** Tostados, fruit.  
**Fri., April 20:** Hot dogs, fries.  
**Mon., April 23:** Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes.  
**Tues., April 24:** Spaghetti, breadsticks.  
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**Wed., April 25:** Grilled chicken sandwich, caesar salad, green beans, fruit.  
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**Tues., April 24:** Two beef soft shell tacos with lettuce, cheese, salsa and sour cream, cookie, grapes.  
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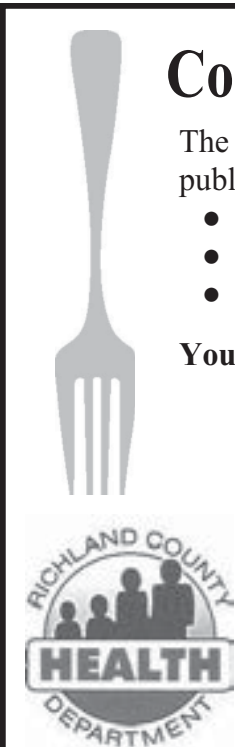
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# Kawasaki





Tanya Rost held a “Meet-the-Candidate” event in Fairview last Saturday at the old Senior’s Center. Pictured is Tanya Rost (standing) speaking to residents of Fairview, about the needs of Richland County. (Photo by Jordan Hall)

## Sidney Rage Basketball Takes First at Williston Tournament



Last Saturday, the Sidney Rage 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Williston tournament. The team consisted of back (L-R) Allyson Nentwig, Kendyl Wacha, Sophie Peters, Olivia Schoepp and Daisy Snow. Front (L-R) Jenna Anderson, Suttyn Barnhart, Ashton Berger and Trudi Speldrich. Coaches in the back are (L-R) Thom Barnhart and Matt Reynolds.



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Sidney Kiwanis president Bryce Baker presents a \$125 check to Boys and Girls Club CEO Elaine Stedman for their back pack program, feeding kids on weekends. The money represents program donations from weekly Kiwanis meetings.

# County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

## Calving Season Could Bring Scours

Calf diarrhea, more often referred to as "scours", is a big topic with a basic problem; the loss of fluids and electrolytes from the calf. Most of these cases occur within the first 3 and 16 days of life. A variety of conditions may result from scours if steps are not taken to treat an animal, conditions such as; loss of fluids leading to low blood volume, electrolyte imbalance and acidosis, the animal essentially dies of shock. There are two forms of scours: those involving excess secretion of fluid and electrolytes from the intestine and those that have reduced absorption from the intestine into the body. The challenge is identifying and successfully treating a dehydrated animal early. Although it can be difficult to get close enough to the calf, there are some symptoms to be looking for; calves that have lost significant amount of fluid will have skin that will stay up for more than three seconds when you pull it away from the body, a dry mouth, cold ears and sunken eyeballs. One symptom that you can

see without being hands on is if the animal is depressed, slow moving or has little interest in what is going on around them. Noninfectious causes of calf scours are best defined as flaws or gaps in management; inadequate nutrition, exposure to severe environment, insufficient attention to the newborn calf or a combination of these often are involved in scours outbreaks. Inadequate nutrition, energy and protein requirements of the pregnant dam, particularly during the third gestation can affect the quality and quantity of colostrum. Exposure to severe environments for the newborn calf- mud, overcrowding, contaminated lots, calving heifers and cows together, wintering and calving in the same area, storms, heavy snow, cold temperatures and rainfall are all stressful to the calf and increases its exposure to infectious agents. Great attention to the newborn calf is essential, especially during difficult births or adverse weather. Watch the calf to see if it is nursing and getting colostrum, the earlier the calf received the colostrum the better the body can absorb the nutrients. As the calf gets older, even 24 hours old, the

body starts to lose its ability to absorb the antibodies from the mothers' colostrum. If a scours problem develops, do not wait to send samples, contact your veterinarian about collecting appropriate samples. For beef cattle, natural suckling is preferred, but giving colostrum with a stomach tube ensures that the calf receives an adequate amount of good-quality colostrum. It is important to remember that homemade formulas are not a replacement for commercially balanced preparations and are for oral use only. It is also important to remember that many of the infectious agents that cause calf scours can cause disease in people as well so wearing gloves, washing your hands and using coveralls and boots that can be washed will keep yourself and other animals safe. Those with immune system disorders or pregnant women are more susceptible to zoonotic diseases and should not work with sick calves in any way. This article has information taken from NDSU Extension Service Publication, V-1630. To receive the article, please call the Williams County Extension Office at 701-577-4595.

# Letter to the Editor

## To The Citizens Of Richland County

Ref: Candidate for Richland County Attorney, Janet Christoffersen

I have been a law enforcement officer for 40 years with 37 of those years as a criminal investigator. I have served with the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation as a Narcotics Agent for 23 years, with the last 16 as a Supervisory Agent. In that capacity I supervise Agents and oversee investigations many of which take place in Richland County.

In order to investigate violations of various dangerous drug statutes we often time rely upon County Attorneys and their Deputies for

legal advice, assistance in obtaining court orders and of course prosecuting the violators. Deputy County Attorney Janet Christoffersen has always been readily available often times late at night and on weekends, to provide legal guidance or assist in preparing Search Warrants and other court orders.

When in the course of presenting case files for prosecution in Richland County, Janet Christoffersen is my main point of contact with the Richland County Attorney's Office. Mainly because I know Janet will immediately return my call or email with accurate and timely information. I have

never received any direction on a legal issue from Janet that was not on point with case law.

I believe that the best choice for the next Richland County Attorney is Janet Christoffersen. She is a proven advocate for a better way of life for Richland County residents by aggressively prosecuting violators and yet recognizing that sometimes violators need a second chance to improve their lives. She is a kind, caring and knowledgeable attorney and I believe will serve you well as the Richland County Attorney. I know I have faith and confidence in her abilities. Jeffrey E. Faycosh

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**SHS  
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Competes  
in  
Billings  
West  
Invitational**


**U19 vs Bozeman Results**  
 Sidney wins 4-1, Jonathan Gonzalez 1 goal, Julian Imhof 2 goals, Jace Johnson 1 goal and 1 assist, Nathan Dyk 1 assist

**U19 vs Laurel Results**  
 Sidney wins 2-1, BJ Inion 1 header goal off corner kick by Jace Johnson, Johnson 1 penalty kick goal and 1 assist

Next games are April 28 in Lewistown.

U16 team plays this weekend in Sidney. 11:15 a.m. vs Lewistown, 5:15 p.m. vs Big Timber

**Above: Garrison Hughes (Photo by Kari Jones)**  
**Right: Holly Bouchard (Photo by Pam McGlothlin)**



**Billings West  
Invitational Results  
Girls**

4x100 Relay: 6th place.  
 400: Janelle Brien, 6th place.  
 4x400 Relay: 5th place.  
 Pole Vault: Myka Steinbeisser, 2nd place.  
 Katie Berglund, 4th place.

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