

McKenzie County School District Strives To Provide Career Opportunities To Students Through CTE Programs



Left to right: Pat Bertagnolli (Rough Rider Center), Kent Ellis (T4 Event: Tools, Trades, Torque and Tech), Joey Ferguson (WCHS student), Hailey Carns (WCHS student), Shannon Faller (Alexander High School), Scott Wisness (WCHS), Justin Johnsrud (WCHS), Rachel Meuchel (WCHS) and Dr. Steve Holen (WCHS).

By Anna Dragseth

Watford City High School hosted a Career and Technical Education (CTE) meeting Monday, Feb. 24. They celebrated successes of their current CTE program and discussed possible future programs.

At the meeting, attendees learned about the current CTE opportunities offered at Watford City High School and Alexander High School, heard from students participating in the CTE program, and learned about a possible future CTE program (including information on the Bismarck Career Academy and how Watford City could possibly have one in the future). Attendees also had the opportunity to tour the WCHS CTE and Corp. of Discovery classrooms.

"The purpose of the meeting was to showcase to the community the programs we are using to prepare our students for their futures, which can include going into the workforce or to post-secondary learning. With the activity in McKenzie County, we worked hard to develop opportunities

to teach students the skills necessary to be a productive member of the workforce and to address the needs of that workforce," explained Alexander High School Principal, Shannon Faller.

Watford City High School was represented by Dr. Steve Holen, Rachel Meuchel, and Scott Wisness. Alexander High School was represented by Shannon Faller. The CTE program was represented by Hailey Carns and Joey Ferguson, who are current Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) students. Kent Ellis, Bismarck Career Academy, and Pat Bertagnolli talked about the Ambassador program.

Faller discussed the programs offered at Alexander High School. "Alexander currently has CTE programs in agriculture and FACS. We have seen the agricultural program expand student skills in preparation for life after high school. Many of our graduates have found their passion for welding or diesel mechanics through our agriculture program, and several of those students are now pursuing

degrees in diesel mechanics or other majors at several state colleges. One specific way we generate that excitement and passion is by involving our community in the program. To achieve this, students become involved in our cooperative work experience or through our focus on community service. The CWE program allows students to use part of their day to work at a local business and learn essential skills specific to the industry. Our FACS program, as mentioned before, is still new, and with that, we are working to develop the curriculum in the way we have developed our agriculture program," added Faller.

Scott Wisness, WCHS CTE Department Chair, supervises the WCHS CWE program. "The CWE program can lead to a pathway in which students would be eligible for the CTE scholarship. Health Sciences is our newest program at the high school and has gained a lot of interest. A student can now take courses to prepare them specifically

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MDU & Commissioners Gather in Sidney: Meeting Held to Get Locals' Input on the Possible Retirement of Coal Power Generating Plants & the Savage Coal Mine

By Paul Tedrow

Last Tuesday, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. representatives and municipal officials met at the Richland County Event Center to present their Integrated Resource Plan involving the tentative closure of coal fire power generating units before opening up the floor for the public to weigh in and finally, to present questions.

The MDU Integrated Resource Plan is filed bi-annually with the Montana Public Service Commission.

"In that study we look at all of our customer needs for demand, how much generation we need to generate for our customers in the states of Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. To meet those needs of our customers not only do we look at generative resources-- our current ones, we also look at new options and also customer programs that are a part of that. The result of that ends up being an action plan that we put together, we file with the commission, and that's what we put forward in the next 2-5 years," says Darcy Neigum, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Systems Operation and Planning Manager.

Throughout the study, MDU has been meeting with public officials, commissioners, and decision-makers. The analysis involves continued operations versus discontinued operations. "There's an \$11 million savings, spread among the entire Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota service area. So based on our analysis, and the assumptions that we use, it provides a savings to customers of just over \$20 million on an annual basis," says Neigum.

Officials are planning for the decommissioning and demolition of the two Haskett Coal Fire Units and the single Lewis & Clark coal fire unit. Funds for decommissioning the three plants involved are in reserve; Montana utility customers will not have to pay additionally when the plant comes down, according to the MDU.

"With the retirement, both facilities will be decommissioned and demolished. We will retain some plant employees at both plant facilities to help with those initial decommissioning operations. At both facilities, there are additional units in addition to the coal fire units, both stations have gas fire units, those will remain. So there will be employees that remain at the facilities at both locations. The Lewis & Clark Station will have four employees retained. At Haskett Station, seven employees will be retained. We are working with Sidney Sugars to make sure the water supply line that they share with us continues to operate and also working on providing natural gas if they should choose to replace their boilers with natural gas. We have reached out to both Richland County and the community of Sidney to discuss the company's analysis and, more appropriately, to discuss transition operations for the community--those offers still stand. We would still like to be able to help the community transition after the retirement of the Lewis & Clark Station," says Jay Skabo, MDU Vice President of Electric Supply.

Since the announcement of the retirement of the stations, MDU has had a significant amount of employee turnover, particularly at the Haskett Station. "We are working with employees on retention packages to

encourage them to stay until the end of the life of the plants. We're also providing retraining so hopefully we can retain all these employees within the MDU family," says Skabo.

There were concerns raised with the community, particularly, those in Savage where the coal mine operates. The mine provides the vital fuel source for the plants, jobs for the community, and a primary source of revenue for the Savage School.

"My biggest concern is as you've had years to plan, the Savage school has not. We need that coal gross proceeds of \$125,000 a year of revenue. See, we only have 583 taxpayers in Savage. We're not really populated. Our people are not only miners, our people also are farmers. Our people help bring those sugar beets in. I cannot produce more children for my school when those families move. I cannot guarantee that we will have enough funding to run. This loss will be devastating to our 583 resident taxpayers and our students," says Martha Potter, Savage School Superintendent.

"I am a coal miners daughter. I'm a taxpayer that lives in Savage and I own my own business in Savage. With all this going on, we're going to lose kids. With those kids, we're going to lose families. With those families, we're going to lose businesses and mine's going to be one of them," says Michelle Miller, Restaurant/Bar Owner & Savage School employee.

"Our efficient coal plant is supposed to go away because it's no longer competitive with other subsidized resources. We're destroying part of a diverse community here. We have dryland, we have irrigated, we have our sugar beet factory, we're getting into the hemp business--we can do anything we want here. We've got our own power here. And you're going to take that out of the mix, it's just like a Jenga, you pull out that bottom block and it throws things out of balance and there's going to be some more blocks fall off," Scott

Staffanson, Savage resident.

MDU originally filed its Integrated Resource Plan (2019.07.043) with the Montana Public Service commission on 7-12-2019. The Montana Public Service Commission accepted written comments on the 2019 Plan through Dec. 23, 2019; however, the comment deadline will likely be extended, in the near future, by the Commission and then comments may be received either by mail or delivery to the Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601, or by email to psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov. After reviewing the 2019 Plan and considering public comment, the Commission will issue a general statement indicating whether the plan conforms to guidelines set by Montana law. Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.2012(2).

Department Of Revenue Warns Of Tax Scams

Submitted by Sanjay Talwani

The Montana Department of Revenue warns all residents to be aware of numerous scams and frauds related to their tax information and potential refunds.

"Most Montanans are honest and trust others to be honest too, but unfortunately criminals around the world target our taxpayers and their personal information," said Gene Walborn, director of the Montana Department of Revenue. "A little bit of caution and awareness can go a long way to protecting your information and making sure no one can abuse it."

Here are some common tax season scams.

- Paying for a refund: If a caller says they have your tax refund, but you'll have to pay a "fee" to receive it, it's a scam. The Department of Revenue will never demand money before giving you your refund.

- Threatening arrest, or seizure of your property: Montanans have received letters saying they owe taxes to Montana, and that the state will seize their property, or even arrest them. If you owe back taxes to Montana, this is not how we will contact you. The Department of Revenue may contact individual taxpayers or businesses by phone, but in nearly all cases we will call only after sending at least one letter by U.S. mail. Such calls may come from our Collections unit to discuss past-due taxes or a payment plan, and we may need to verify information, but we will never threaten a taxpayer with arrest for non-payment.

- Unclaimed Property, for a fee: The Department of Revenue distributes unclaimed assets, such as insurance payouts, mineral royalties or old bank balances, to thousands of Montanans each year. But the department doesn't charge for it. Private parties that will locate unclaimed property for a fee are not necessarily breaking the law, but it is not necessary to use them. And the department will not contact owners individually about unclaimed property. Check MTRRevenue.gov to see if you have unclaimed property with the department.

- Phishing for data: Don't click links on unsolicited emails. These links could infect your computer with malware that can jeopardize the security of your personal data such as your Social Security Number or banking information.

Do not provide personal information if you are not sure who you are talking to. To verify a call is from the Department of Revenue, call our Collections unit at 406-444-6949. There's more at MTRRevenue.gov/fraud.



Savage School Superintendent, Martha Potter, speaks to attendees and the commissioners .



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12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave., Sidney, MT.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
THURSDAYS:
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:
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, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
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, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

STATISTICS


LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....1837.9
Last Week's Elev.1838.0
One Year Ago1837.3
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

| Date | High | Low |
|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Precip. | | |
| February 24 | 37 | 26 |
| February 25 | 26 | 7 |
| February 26 | 31 | 4 |
| February 27 | 39 | 24 |
| February 28 | 51 | 27 |
| February 29 | 54 | 31 |
| February 30 | 39 | 23 |
| Total 2020 YTD Precipitation | | 0.504 |

OBITUARIES

Daniel Rootes, 69

Miles City, MT formerly of Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Daniel Rootes, 69, Miles City, MT formerly of Sidney, MT were held Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at 11 a.m., at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Audrey Rydbom officiating.

A viewing was held one hour prior to the funeral under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Daniel passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital, Billings, MT.

Mary Jo Packineau, 83

“Twin Buffalo Calves”

Bismarck/Mandaree, ND

Funeral services for Mary Jo Packineau, 83, Bismarck/ Mandaree, ND were at 10 a.m., CST, Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at Living Water Family Worship Church (Black Bear Building), Mandaree, ND with Pastor Woodrow Elmore officiating. Senior pallbearer was Ted Lone Fight, III.

The wake was held 5 p.m., CST, Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at Living Water Family Worship Church (Black Bear Building), Mandaree, ND.

Interment was in Congregational Cemetery, Mandaree, ND.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND is caring for the family.

The gathering was held at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home starting at 3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2020.

At 4 p.m. they left for the Living Waters Family Worship Church for the wake at 5 p.m.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Mary Jo passed away Tuesday morning, Feb. 25, 2020 at her home in Bismarck, ND.

Red Cross Blood Drive Sidney March 17

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 12-6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St SE, Sidney, MT. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Give blood - Help save lives!

Dining With Diabetes

Classes Starting Soon

Sidney March 10

By Carrie Krug

Join MSU/Richland County Extension for a class on how to make tasty foods that won't knock you off track! Each class will offer different food demonstrations and samplings as you learn about Type II and Pre-Diabetes, carbohydrate, fats, sodium, vitamins, minerals and fiber. This is a free class, but class size may be limited. Classes are on Tuesday, starting March 10-31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at MSU/Richland County Extension Office Meeting Room, 1499 N Central Ave., Sidney. For more information or to register for classes contact MSU/Richland County Extension Office, 406-433-1206. Preregister by Friday, March 6.

Intercropping And Cover

Cropping Strategies Focus

Of ARS BrownBagger

By Beth Redlin

As weeds, disease and pest insects take a bigger bite out of farmer profits, many are looking for new ways to maintain or increase crop production, while reducing input costs for managing those pests. Among the more novel approaches to address pest and productivity issues is the use of intercropping or the planting of two (or sometimes more) crops together in the same field at the same time. Advantages to intercropping can be found in more efficient use of resources (water, nutrients and sunlight) leading to increased net productivity per acre; reduced pest densities as the intermingled crops confuse pest insects or attract beneficial ones, and, in some instances, reduced disease incidence compared to monocropping.

Research Specialist Ezra Aberle is among several North Dakota State University researchers studying intercropping at NDSU's Carrington Research Extension Center (CREC) and he will be sharing results of their work to date this coming Friday, March 6 at the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPARL), Sidney. Aberle is the fourth speaker in NPARL's annual winter BrownBagger Series. His talk runs from noon - 1 pm at the Sidney, ARS lab located at 1500 N. Central Ave.

"I'll be talking about the research being conducted at the Carrington Research Extension Center on intercropping and interseeding," Aberle said, "along with a multiyear, more statewide, trial on cover crop timing strategies." Intercropping studies at Carrington include flax/chickpea, and corn silage/ companions like legumes in traditional systems, along with oat/field pea in organic systems.

Aberle is a native of Valley City, although he lived throughout the Great Plains and Iowa while growing up. He attended NDSU for two years before transferring to Iowa State University where he earned a B.S. in animal science and an M.S. in crop physiology and production. He began working at the Carrington station in 2002 and has been there ever since.

Aberle's research focuses on Carrington's long-term cropping systems study which he has managed for over 15 years. He also does research in CRP management for biomass production; perennial grasses, legumes and cover crop species demonstrations across salinity gradients; evaluation of grasses for biomass production, and intercropping legumes and cover crops.

NPARL invites all interested persons to join us for this very informative presentation beginning at noon this Friday, March 6. Bring your lunch. We'll provide the dessert!

For questions or more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or beth.redlin@usda.gov.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.
Sat., March 7
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturdays** - Prices ranges from \$10 to \$65, supplies included. For more information visit <http://mondakheritagecenter.org/events/open-studio-saturdays/>. MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney.
Tues., March 10
5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Dining With Diabetes Classes** - Classes will offer different food demonstrations and samplings. Free but limited class size. Tuesdays March 10-31. MSU/Richland Co. Extension Office Meeting Room, 1499 N Central Ave., Sidney. For more information or to register call 406-433-1206 by March 6.
Fri., March 13, 20, 27 & April 3
5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Knights of Columbus 2020 Fish Fry** - \$10 per person. Ned Shinnick Hall, St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.
Mon., March 16
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sunny's Family Restaurant. RSVP by March 14, call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.
6:30 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.
Tues., March 17
12 p.m. - **Job Service Employers Committee Meeting (JSEC)** - Open to everyone. MonDak Heritage Center. Meetings every third Tues. of the month. For more information call Margie 406-433-1204 ext. 204.
12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. Walk-ins welcome, appointments recommended, For appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.
Wed., March 18
12 p.m. - **Will Your Taxes Affect Your Retirement? - Free Thrivent Workshop** - This workshop will provide strategies to help you work toward a lower tax bracket in retirement. Thrivent Office, 1050 S. Central Ave, Sidney. Reserve a place for yourself and a guest by calling 406-433-6143 or email jessica.cayko@thrivent.com.
Thurs., March 19
8-9 a.m. - **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting** - The meeting is open to the public. Sidney Chamber Office, 909 S. Central Ave.
Sun., March 22
11 a.m.-3 p.m. - **4th Annual "Feed Like A Champion" 4-H & FFA Workshop** - Free for all ages. Multi-species workshop covering care, nutrition and more of animals. Special guest speaker Mari Palacio. Lunch provided. Richland County Extension Office, Sidney, MT.
Tues., March 24
5:30 p.m. - **4th Annual Father Shinnick Memorial Banquet** - Social, dinner, entertainment. Richland County Event Center, Sidney. Tickets on sale at Tami Maltese CPA, Fink Dental or from any Foundation Board Member.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. MT Zone
Tues., March 24
1:30 p.m. - **Northeast Montana Veterans Coalition Monthly Meeting** - Monthly meetings every 4th Tues., 307 Broadway Ave., Culbertson. Important issues will discussed affecting veterans. For more information visit Facebook @NEMTVeteransCoalition or call Jessica Gilbert, 406-433-2207.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone
Fri., March 6
10:30 a.m. - **Tater Tots Time With Miss Sandy & Miss Val Make your own moccasins (step 1)** - Moms and children ages infant to 4 years. Sing songs, read stories, play games, do a craft. Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, ND. 701-444-2990 or 701-609-9894.
Sat., March 7
1-4 p.m. - **Dodgeball Tournament** - \$10 team. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. Go to watfordcityparks.com for more information and to register.
Mon., March 9-Sat., May 2
Youth Volleyball - 3rd-6th grade, registration fee \$40 after Feb. 24, \$50, registration deadline March 5. Intermediate and elementary School, Watford City. Go to watfordcityparks.com for more information and to register.
Wed., March 11
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Art and Play by Long X Arts Foundation** - Make art while your kids play on the playground. Drop-ins welcome. \$5 recommended donation to Long X Arts Foundation. Second Wed. of each month through April 8. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City, ND. For more information contact Jessie, 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.
Thurs., March 12-Sat., March 14
Feed My Starving Children - Turn hunger into hope with your own 2 hands. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. To reserve your volunteer timeslot or help meet the \$65,000 goal go to give.fmcs.org/watford. For more information contact Angie Hartel, 701-580-4403, hartel4@yahoo.com or Shilo Chavez, 720-934-9449 or shilo.chavez@thrivent.com.
Tues., March 17
11:30-1:30 p.m. - **McKenzie County Community Connections Open House** - Free event with light lunch. Long X Visitors Center/Pioneer Museum, 100 2nd Ave. SE, Watford City, ND.
5:30 p.m. - **Parent Cafe & Free Meal** - The meal is at 5:30 p.m. and the Parent Cafe is from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Meet new friends, share your dreams for your family, learn about community resources. First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, Watford City. Free child care during parent cafe. For more information call Fallon Leiseth, 701-300-0780.
Wed., March 18
5 p.m. - **Dakota West Credit Union Annual Meeting** - All members welcome to attend. Starts with appetizers at the main offices, 340 N. Main St, in the 3rd floor board room, Watford City, ND.
Sat., March 21-Sun., March 22
8 a.m.-8 p.m. - **3-On-3 Basketball Tournament** - Boys and girls, grades 3-6, \$110 team. Registration deadline March 13. Go to watfordcityparks.com for more information and to register. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.
Sat., March 7
2-3 p.m. - **Seussbration Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!** - Come dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character and have some great silly fun with your friends at Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Dr, Williston, ND.
Sat., March 14
10-11:30 a.m. - **Kids & Dad Art Class** - Kids of all ages bring your dad and create art together. Register today, 701-774-3601. No set registration fee, donate what you feel is appropriate. James Memorial Art Center, Williston, ND.
Sun., March 15
8:30 a.m. - **Community Appreciation Breakfast** - Free breakfast, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, orange juice. Everyone welcome. Moose Lodge #239, 101 2nd St. W, Williston, ND.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone
Sun., March 21
6:15 p.m. - **Battle of the Brains** - Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Snacks provided, no host bar. Glendive Moose Club. Only 12 teams, 8 players per team, \$20 per member. Pre-register and pay by March 20 at Glendive Public Library. Registration forms available at the library or visit <http://tinyurl.com/pufcjsl>. Proceeds go to safety and security at Glendive Public Library.

Brodie Gorder Memorial Tournament Held in Sidney



Team Brodie's 65 pounder Tyson Syth locks up a cradle on Blake Bentley, Team Champs Black (Billings), during the dual team tournament on Feb. 28. Syth won by pin. Team Brodie lost 36-74 to Team Champs Black in the championship to place 2nd. Visit www.roundupweb.com for more photos and results.

This year the Brodie Gorder Memorial Tournament was held Feb. 28 - 29 at the Sidney High School. The Sidney Wrestling Club has been building an amazing memorial tournament here in eastern Montana. This tournament is in memory of a very special wrestler, Brodie Gorder, son of Lisa and Shane Gorder. He lost his life at only 8 years old in a 4-wheeler accident on their ranch. The tournament is held in his memory in honor of his love for the sport

of wrestling. Just the year before the accident he was on the 1st Sidney youth dual team. He absolutely loved the honor of being on his team. The dual team format helps build a love for wrestling in young athletes and encourages a team spirit. Please visit website, www.foreverwrestle.com for more information. The Gorder family will continue to work to provide ATV awareness to everyone. They do not want anyone else to have to go through a tragedy like theirs. Brodie's Memorial has

been and will continue to be used for grants for youth to attend camps, events, support 4-H projects and to help any young child where we see a need. Last year they were able to give four scholarships to deserving students across Montana. In dual team action on Friday Team Brodie (made up of Sidney wrestlers) placed 2nd, the Sidney Wrestling Club dual team placed 17th. The Sidney Wrestling Club placed 4th in the individual tournament on Saturday.

CTE Programs...

Continued from page 1. for the medical field and can complete the CWE program at the McKenzie County Hospital or Anova. Culinary Arts are also integrated within our FACS program, and students can take those classes to prepare to work at a restaurant for CWE. FACS also runs the school store, and it was also the first in the state to start Youth Entrepreneurs. Our Agriculture program has been progressive in utilizing a meats lab, CDL simulator, and high-tech equipment (laser engraver, 3D printer, vinyl cutter, plasma table). We are completing an addition to the meats lab, adding a greenhouse, and are partnering

with Soil Conservation to have a high tunnel (which we received a USDA grant for). We started an Industry Skills class, which is closely connected to the energy industry in preparing students who plan to go directly into those career fields. Students can gain CWE credit for both Agriculture and Business/Marketing as in years past. Still, we are expanding to include even more businesses such as MBI, Delta, the Sheriff's Department, and more," said Wisness. Wisness believes that the current CTE program has been very successful. "CTE programs provide students with valuable real-life and hands-on experience that they may not get in

other classes. We provide the opportunity to participate in CTSOs (FFA, FCCLA, & DECA) that provide students with leadership and civic responsibility skills that have helped our current community leaders in the roles they are in now. I've also heard feedback from people within the community on how valuable the CWE program was for them in helping to have a job and career in their future. We are working to develop more structure with the program in having an outline for what students will learn in each CWE placement. Our Department also plans to develop pathways for students to take in preparation for careers."



Left to right: Watford City High School officials, Justin Johnsrud, Rachel Meuchel and Dr. Steve Holen, discuss the current CTE opportunities offered at Watford City High School.

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Fairview Athletes Sign to DSU

Fairview seniors Cody Asbeck (left) & Alex Schriver signed commitments to attend Dickinson State University on Feb. 25 in the Fairview High School gym. Asbeck plans to play football & Schriver plans to play golf. Both students played on the Fairview football state championship team this year.

ROUGH RIDER COUNTRY

Spring Fest 2020

March 7, 2020
11 AM - 4 PM
RRC Fieldhouse

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Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC Meeting Set for March 12

By Anna Dragseth
Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, will be hosting an informational meeting at Teddy's Residential Suites, Watford City. At 3 pm on Thursday, March 12, Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about Purina animal nutrition, Bayer animal health, and agronomy updates.

The Purina and animal health update will feature Lance Enget and Ron Bernhardt. Enget will be providing an overview of Purina's fly control mineral, and he will also be discussing Purina's new product line called RX3, which deals with starter rations. Bernhardt will be talking about the four types of fly species and the products that control them best.

The agronomy update

will include information on surfactants, supplementing crops with foliar nutrients, seed treatment, root disease, protecting fertilizer while maximizing the efficiencies of nutrients being applied, and a review of emerging/persistent weed seedling ID.

Surfactants improve pesticide efficiency; increase the foliar uptake of herbicides, growth regulators, and defoliant. The choice of the adjuvant in an agrochemical formulation is vital. Different types of surfactants include anionic, amphoteric, nonionic, and cationic surfactants. At the meeting, attendees will also be informed of options they can use for spring burn-down, different herbicides, and varying weed pressures.

There will also be information provided on how to supplement crops with

foliar nutrients in order to maximize return on acres. Some methods used to accomplish this is to develop a basic understanding of what the particular crop needs, apply nutrients at the optimal time, use most effective foliar fertilizers, and support higher yields with strong soil nutrition.

Seed treatment, root diseases, and protecting fertilizer while maximizing the efficiencies of the nutrients being applied to a certain crop will also be discussed.

After the informational meeting, there will be dinner served at 5:30 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive discounted booking prices on Purina Fly Control mineral. If you are interested in attending, please notify Helena Agri-Enterprises at 701-444-3772.

WIC Is The Nation's Most Successful Public Health Nutrition Program

Submitted by Lesley Thiessen

Each month, Montana WIC provides healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and a community of support from both experts and peers to more than 16,000 moms and children. Nationwide, WIC serves more than 7 million people. In Richland County WIC served an average of 139 participants in the past year and \$90,404 of WIC benefits were redeemed at our local grocery stores.

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WIC mom stated, "WIC has helped me understand more about healthy food choices for my family and me."

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- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
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- National School Lunch Program (free and reduced-price meals)

More information about WIC, including specific income guidelines, is available online at wic.mt.gov or by calling 1-800-433-4298.

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Deming Named Montana's Distinguished Finalists for 2020



Rebecca Deming

Rebecca Deming, 17, Fairview, a member of Richland County 4-H and a senior at Fairview High School, started the project "Lettuce Eat", through which she prepared and served free summer meals twice a week for more than 40 children from her community; her efforts included spreading awareness of her cause, soliciting donations and prepping and serving each meal. Rebecca started this program to benefit local children who regularly receive free or reduced lunch during the school year.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle school level and high schools in the country as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and Points of Light Global Network members, were

eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This local honoree was then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected state honorees and distinguished finalists based on criteria including personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

While in Washington, D.C., the 102 State Honorees-one middle level and one high school student from each state and the District of Columbia-will tour the capital's landmarks, meet top youth volunteers from other parts of the world, attend a gala awards ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and visit their congressional representatives on Capital Hill. On May 4, ten of the state honorees-five middle level and five high school students-will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2020. These national

honorees will receive additional \$5,000 scholarships, gold medallions, crystal trophies and \$5,000 grants from Prudential for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Since the program began in 1995, more than 130,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local state and national level.

The program also is conducted by Prudential subsidiaries in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, India, China and Brazil. In addition to granting its own awards, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program also distributes President's Volunteer Service Awards to qualifying local honorees.

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Fri., March 6: No school.
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Tues., March 10: Stroganoff noodles.
Wed., March 11: Pork steaks.
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Fri., March 6: Fish sticks, fries, peaches.
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Tues., March 10: Chicken alfredo, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges.
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Fri., March 6: Chicken patty on a bun, rice pilaf, peas, fruit.
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Thurs., March 5: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, baked apples.
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Thurs., March 5: Hot ham and cheese, jo jos, mandarin oranges.
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Tues., March 10: French dip sandwich, macaroni salad, green beans.
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Thurs., March 5: Polish sausage, au gratin potatoes, peas, fruit.
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Thurs., March 5: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, fruit.
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Girls 19U

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Front Row (L-R) Quinn Voll, Ashleigh Voll, Jeanine Miller, Gracie Hall, Lanie Hall. Back Row (L-R) coach Tyrel Sweet, Hannah Mayes, Rayna Blegen, Tianna Dwyer, Raven Reeves, Dede Tepsa, Kayden Samuelson, coach Brian Hall. Not Pictured Halle Carlson, Emma Tomlinson and coach Wyatt Voll.



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Jr. Gold

Termites
Front row (L-R) Harlow Soleim, Emma Brew, Jace Bell, Kensey Beadle, Jensyn Wold, JT Glenn, Ian Villareal, Ryder Freeman, Kasyn Ell, Hunter Frenzel, Ana Papavero, Owen Schettler, Max Wagoner, Audrey Robinson, Jameson Bell. Second row (L-R) Zachary Campbell, Lucy Lundin, Myranda Jo Colby, Piper Taylor, Landen Dale, Carson Ballard, Justin McBride, Magnolia Bradley, Tucker Hovland, Henry Lundin, Zakk Blegen, Hunter Hooper, Leonard Schatz, Natalie Norbeck, Hawkin Soleim, Teigan Graham, Jordy Moberg. Third row (L-R) Jacob Campbell, Jaxson Bell, Bronson Gallagher, Leo Samuelson, Bryson Wagoner, Guilherme Papavero, Jeter Johnsrud, Tyson Strom, Theo Sweet, Brady Kaloustian, Riley Bailey, Archer Knetzger, Tre Thurman. Back row (L-R) Eleanor Beard, Jorey Kocher-Hoversten, Alayna Davis, Jacob Reyes, Camden Custer, Devyn Schaff, Kale Davis, Landon Gallegos. Coaches Samantha Keinholz, Bobby Kaloustian, Derrike Hayden, Tyrel Sweet, Keith Norbeck, CJ Monsen, Matt Foreman.



Mite

Jr. Gold
Front Row (L-R) Dakota Wollan, Evan Tepsa, Jackson Dodds, Billy Elliot, Fox Dodds, Jaden Russell, Matt Roles, Kyle Carlson. Back Row (L-R) Asst Coach Cody Brooks, Kade Quale, Lane Odenbach, Kyle Thompson, Alex Lundberg, Nick Brunelle, Kiaran Olson, Gabe Smith, Head Coach Andrew Bargelski.



PeeWee B

Mites
Front (L-R) Cruz Samuelson, Leon Hidanovic, Brycen Garcia, Jeremiah Norwood, Kolby Wold, Cannon Hooper, Adrias Walking Elk, Eli Gravos, Catch Maxwell, Brynlee Sweet. Middle (L-R) Gage Maertens, Colton Fitzgerald, Dallin Cox, Paxton Schaff, Tanner Moberg, Killian Hayes, Bentley Gedda, Evan Jensen, Candice Graves, Cole Schettler. Back (L-R) Brocktyn Devlin, Jayce Fink, Eldon Beard, Luke Brown, Ella Gravos, Maddox Olheiser, Jaxon Junker, Maxwell Thornock, Holden Eckberg. Coaches Correy Samuelson, Matt Beard, Jared Schaff, Chris Olheiser, Jeff Jensen, Aaron Gravos, Andy Maxwell, Lori Schettler. Not pictured Zain Hungerford.



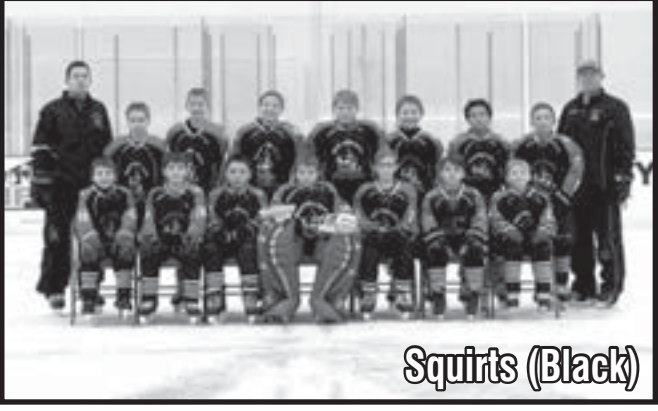
Squirts (Red)

Peewee B
Front Row (L-R) Koltin Williams, Rylan Scofield, Mason Wollan, James Odenbach, Kade Ziemendorf, Brody Carns, Daniel Johnson. Back Row (L-R) Coach Cody Johnson, Gabe Robinson, Aiden Pelton, Jacob Colby, Sam Inman, Andrew Buford, Matthew Walton, Coach Kallen Ladue-Bruington.



PeeWee B1

Squirt Red
Front (L-R) Deagan Liedtke, Jager Shattuck, Cotton Maxwell, Javier Alvarez, Casey Bookout, Konner Merrell, Everett Robinson. Back row (L-R) Preston Huckaby, Lola Olson, Trytin Helfrich, Cooper George, Zeke Meuchel, Brody Smith, Jasper James, Coach Damien. Not pictured Zion Campbell, Coach Wade Robinson, Coach Chris Larsen, Coach Douglas Rolfson.



Squirts (Black)

Peewee B1
Front Row (L-R) Dakota Erickson, Bradyn Strom, Zach Tomlinson, Camron Maxwell, Kollin Klang. Back Row (L-R) Gavin McCauley, Kash Berdahl, Hunter Erwin, Masyn Strom, Isaiah Castaneda, Memphis Walking Elk, Coach Tim McCauley.



Bantam

Squirt Black
Back row (L-R) Coach Scott Samuelson, Braxton Olheiser, Keagan Fitzgerald, Solomon Thrift, Kaleb Pickering, Owen Seachris, Braylen Tolbert, Jaxon Peterson, Coach Corey Samuelson. Front row (L-R) Easton Samuelson, Jett Taylor, Payton Tschetter, Breylan Pruitt, Dalton Reynolds, Austyn Teigen, Chasen Samuelson.



Girls 14U

Bantam
Front Row (L-R) Garrett Fiedler, Wyatt Mayes, Jayden Cunningham, Hannah Mayes, Charlotte Fiedler, Calvin Haugan, John Blegen. Back Row (L-R) Jason Fiedler coach, Jackson Tiegen, Tyler Leiseth, Carson Voll, Rhylan Olson, Brightyn Foote, Cody Reeves, Rodney Thornburg, Ryan Pederson coach. Not pictured Gideon Campbell and David Campbell.

Girls 14U
Front Row (L-R) Bria Samuelson, Eastyn Wold, Grace Odenbach, Emma Carlson, Lauren Melland, Gracee Foote, Kaylor Knutson. Back Row (L-R) Asst Coach Chris Lundin, Ryah McNutt, Kayden Samuelson, Katelyn Daly, Emma Tomlinson, Ciara Braaten, Louise Haugen, Head Coach Jarrett Wold. Not pictured Jaylynn Johnston.

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Top row (L-R) Coach Jamie Junker, Sierra Blegen, London Maertens, Claire Dufek, Nicole Tomlinson, Avery Pelton, Coach Tammy Maertens. Bottom row (L-R) Payton Norwood, Amelia Odenbach, Ashlyn Junker, Tayla Peterson, Jalie Colby, Baylei Berdahl, Emery Wold. Not pictured Brian Ritzke, Nevaeh Garcia.

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USDA Opens Signup March 23 For Added Causes Of Loss Under WHIP+ & Announces Disaster Assistance For Sugar Beet Producers

Sign up March 23, for Producers Impacted by Drought or Excess Moisture as well as Announces Provisions for Sugar Beet Producers

Submitted by Lindsey Abentroth
Washington, D.C., Feb. 28 – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced additional disaster assistance available to agricultural producers, including producers impacted by drought and excess moisture as well as sugar beet growers. Through WHIP+, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is helping producers recover from losses related to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will open signup on March 23 for producers to apply for eligible losses of drought (D3 or above) and excess moisture. USDA is also entering into agreements with six sugar beet processing co-

operatives to distribute \$285 million to grower members of those cooperatives who experienced loss. "It's true that farmers and ranchers are no strangers to the impact natural disasters have on their operations, but disaster events the past two years have been atypically widespread, relentless and unforgiving," Secretary Perdue said. "In some instances, producers have suffered multiple disaster events in one year or in several years back-to-back. I am pleased that Congress has afforded USDA the authority to continue providing much-needed assistance to producers who have lost so much these last few years. President Trump has the backs of our farmers, and we aim to support them as

they recover." In June 2019, more than \$3 billion was made available through a disaster relief package passed by Congress and signed by President Trump. In Dec. 2019, Congress passed, and President Trump signed the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 that provides an additional \$1.5 billion for the continuation of disaster assistance program delivery. WHIP+ New Qualifying Disaster Events The bill added excessive moisture and D3 and D4 drought as qualifying losses for WHIP+ assistance. Beginning March 23, producers who suffered either of these types of loss in 2018 and/or 2019 can apply for WHIP+ assistance

at their local FSA office. For drought, a producer is eligible if any area of the county in which the loss occurred was rated D3 (Extreme Drought) or higher on the U.S. Drought Monitor during calendar years 2018 or 2019. WHIP+ Sugar Beet Loss Assistance As also directed in the bill, USDA will provide \$285 million through sugar beet processing cooperatives to compensate grower members for sugar beet crop losses in 2018 and 2019. Details will be finalized in agreements between USDA and participating sugar beet processing cooperatives. Sugar beet producers who are members of these cooperatives and experienced losses may contact their

cooperative for more information about how this sugar beet crop assistance will be administered. WHIP+ for Quality Loss In addition, producers have reported widespread crop quality loss from eligible disaster events that result in price deductions or penalties when marketing the damaged crops. The Appropriations bill expands WHIP+ to include assistance for crop quality loss. FSA is gathering data and input from producers and stakeholders regarding the extent and types of quality loss nationwide. "Providing assistance for quality loss is complicated, and we are actively gathering data and input on how to administer quality loss assistance for producers," said Farm Production and Conservation Undersecretary Bill Northey. To be eligible for WHIP+, producers must have suffered losses of certain crops, trees, bushes, or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Des-

ignation (primary counties only) for the following named natural disaster events; hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, wildfires, and now excessive moisture that occurred in 2018 or 2019. Also, losses located in a county not designated by the Secretary as a primary county may be eligible if the producer provides documentation showing that the loss was due to a qualifying natural disaster event. For drought, counties having a D3 or D4 Drought Monitor classification in any portion of the county anytime during calendar year 2018 or 2019 will also be eligible. A list of counties that received qualifying hurricane declarations and designations is available at farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus. The U.S. Drought Monitor is available at <https://drought-monitor.unl.edu/>. Because livestock losses are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, these losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

Guest Opinion

Public Comment To MDU And PSC: Talking To Plugged Ears

By Tom Halvorson

Large numbers of Richland County people have given public comment about closure of MDU's Lewis and Clark Station at Sidney. We did this four times to MDU and three times to the Public Service Commission. Richland County Commissioners have filed written public comment. With a few precious exceptions such as PSC Commissioner Randy Pinocci, we have been speaking to people who have plugged their ears. One PSC commissioner has even complained about us being allowed to appear before them. Public comment is good, but we need to take further steps. With public comment alone, all they do is go through the motions of listening, wait us out at meetings, and go back to Bismarck and Helena as if they never heard a word. We packed the council chambers at Sidney City Hall on April 25, 2019 when the PSC Commissioner for our district, Randy Pinocci, held a public comment hearing. We packed the meeting hall of the ag experiment station on July 15, 2019 when MDU hosted a meeting. County Commissioner Duane Mitchell developed several questions to be addressed by the PSC. Commissioners Loren H. Young and Shane Gorder worked with Mitchell on a unanimous set of questions. As a united Commission, they sent the questions in a letter to the PSC. Their letter resulted in a public comment hearing in Helena on Oct. 29, 2019. We packed the room. It was literally standing room only with more of the crowd spilling through the doorway and into the hall. Commissioner Pinnocci held another public comment hearing at the Richland County Event Center on Feb. 25, 2020. We provided comment for about three hours. This meeting even drew a candidate for the PSC from a different district, Representative Daniel Zolnikov, House District 47, representing Billings, who commented supporting Richland

County. What has all this voluminous public comment changed? Nothing. Why not? Because they have plugged their ears. In emails on Sept. 12 & 13, 2019, Public Service Commissioner Roger Koopman complained about us being allowed to appear and give public comment on the letter from our County Commissioners. He zeroed in on the fact that others, like MDU, are parties to their case before the PSC, but none of us in Richland County were parties. As Americans and Montanans, we have the right to citizen participation in the operation of governmental agencies. We have the right to open government, not a closed government denying public comment, not a government complaining about public comment, and not a government of plugged ears. The complaint by Commissioner Koopman exhibits a profound lack of understanding of basic American civics that every 4-H kid, every Girl Scout, and every graduate of 8th grade knows. He should withdraw from participating in any further proceedings involving Richland County. We can thank Commissioner Koopman for one thing. He showed us that we need to do something more than give public comment. He made a sharp distinction between public comments by non-parties on the one hand and participation by intervening parties on the other. That is what we need to do. Various parties in Richland County need to intervene as parties in MDU cases to use the rights of parties to obtain real and complete information, to make our case, and clean the wax out of the ears. The hearing on Oct. 29 ended on an excellent note when James Brower was on a roll laying out what we need to do and likening this struggle with the struggle of Richland County during the irrigation case in federal court. On all counts, James is correct.

New Feasibility Study On Historic Grain Elevator Reuse Now Underway

Submitted By Montana Preservation Alliance
Livingston, MT – The Montana Preservation Alliance has received a sizable grant from the 1772 Foundation based in Providence, RI, to complete a study of possible business models for the Teslow Grain Elevator. After a windstorm caused severe damage to this local landmark back in 2016, the owner did not have funds to repair the building; they ultimately sold to a contractor who purchased with the intent to raze the structure. Undaunted, the grass-roots Teslow Preservation Group (TPG) boldly formed overnight and began the "Save the Teslow" campaign in the 11th hour. In just a few short months, they were able to raise more than \$120,000 to purchase and repair the historic building. This garnered attention from preservationists and history lovers across the state, including the Montana Historical Society who awarded the TPG a prestigious state historic preservation award for "outstanding historic preservation advocacy."

The TPG partnered with the Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) in 2018 to assess the elevator's condition and to study potential new uses for the building. In December, the MPA completed

a Phase I Feasibility Report, which found the elevator to be a sturdy structure in sound condition for reuse. With the new grant allocated by the 1772 Foundation, the MPA will take a more in-depth look at alternative uses that include a craft distillery, climbing/retail sports, art studios, vertical gardening, and a farm-to-school program. This project gives hope not only to the Teslow in Livingston, but also to grain elevators across the West. Hundreds of these once vital buildings have been vacated and now continue to fall into disrepair. With a bit more research into the structural and economic potential of grain elevators, there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. According to 1772 Foundation Executive Director, MaryAnthony, "Active real estate intervention of the kind practiced by historic properties redevelopment funds is critically important to historic preservation and, by extension, economic revitalization, neighborhood development, equitable housing, and Smart Growth. The entrepreneurial approach greatly increases the number of historic buildings saved, often as adaptive reuse projects." The upcoming Phase 2 Feasibility Study conducted over the course of 2020

by the MPA will include a regional survey of similar properties and a targeted outreach campaign to current and potential partners. Because grain elevators were historically built following standardized plans, the intention is to analyze the structure and present the information in a way that is applicable to elevators elsewhere. MPA hopes to frame the national scope of the problem and look at how to create a model for vacant elevators throughout the region. Grain elevators are being lost at an alarming rate across the Great Plains and Canadian Prairies, rendered obsolete by changes in grain storage and shipping technologies. There once were thousands of elevators rising tall against the skyline, tying communities to their agricultural producers. The MPA believes these icons of agricultural history should not be lost without urgent efforts to find another path. This issue has raised concern for over two decades, and yet few solutions have emerged. Through this project, the MPA and TPG, in partnership with the 1772 Foundation, are eager to help solve this puzzle and submit workable solutions for redevelopment of the Teslow Grain Elevator in Livingston and elevators

across the continent. For more information about the Montana Preservation Alliance and their work to protect historic buildings, traditional landscapes, and cultural heritage visit PreserveMontana.org.



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Area Divisional Basketball Action



Cassidy Larson looks to shoot the ball against Billings Central at the Metra in Billings last weekend. Sidney girls lost to Billings Central 23-63. Visit www.roundupweb.com for more photos.



Ian Jurgens shoots the ball against Glendive last weekend at the Metra in Billings. Sidney boys lost to Glendive 48-72. (Photos by Pam McGlothlin)

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Fairview Boys Place Second at Divisionals

The Fairview boys basketball team placed second at the Class C Divisional Tournament in Glasgow. Pictured is Fairview's Josh Herron going in for a layup against Dodson Thursday night. Fairview won 59-39.



In girls basketball action at the divisional tournament, Fairview's Montana Zevenbergen drives to the hoop against Scobey Thursday afternoon. Scobey beat Fairview 55-26. Visit www.roundupweb.com for more photos. (Photos submitted by Melissa Gackle, Fairview)



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District 2C All-Tournament Team

By Bill Vander Weele

On the request of tournament coaches, the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture compiled an All-Tournament team from the District 2C basketball tournaments determined by

a vote of coaches.

For the boys' tournament, Fairview's senior Alex Schriver was the top vote-getter. Also voted to the first team were Fairview's senior Josh Herron, Fairview's senior Cody Asbeck,

Plentywood's senior Tyson Flickinger and Froid-Lake's sophomore Javonne Nesbit.

Selected to the second team were MonDak's senior Jack Solberg, Savage's junior Sloan McPherson, Froid-Lake's junior Colt Miller, Froid-Lake's sophomore Bode Miller and Plentywood's sophomore Reese Wirtz.

The All-Defensive first team consisted of Asbeck, Schriver, MonDak's senior Owen Nelson, McPherson and Herron.

Voted to the All-Defensive second team were R&L's sophomore Grady Gonsioroski, Bainville's senior Derek Bowker, Wirtz, R&L's senior Blake Lien, Culbertson's senior Eli Williams and Flickinger.

For the girls' tournament, Plentywood's sophomore Liv Wangerin received the most votes. Also voted to the first team were MonDak's senior Jenna Rust, MonDak's sophomore Elizabeth Field, Froid-Lake's senior Sydney Labatte and Savage's senior Haylie Conradsen.

Selected to the second team were Froid-Lake's junior Sydney Dethman, Fairview's junior Jayden Gackle, Plentywood's sophomore Ashtyn Curtiss, Fairview's junior Montana Zevenbergen, Culbertson's junior Faith Bowland and R&L's senior Courtney Herman.

Voted to the All-Defensive first team were Labatte, Field, MonDak's senior Samantha Ledahl, Wangerin and Plentywood's sophomore Shayla Fawcett.

The All-Defensive second team included Rust, Conradsen, Fairview's sophomore Tiegan Taylor, Curtiss and Froid-Lake's freshman Dasani Nesbit.

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Top Row (L-R): Ashlynn Kessel & Jenna Baxter. Middle Row (L-R): Whitney VanHook, Hadley Garsjo, Tana Kostecky & Jaylen Baxter. Front Row (L-R): Rebecca Aldrich, Autumn Edd, Scout Hofer, Marett Schieber & Samara Hofer.

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Back (L-R): Coach Bryan McDowell, Nicolas Trevino, Parker Mindt, Jaxson Franklin, William Van Hook, Braden Kindopp, Tate Wieferrich, Logan Boyer, Bryce Wold & Coach Matt Donovan. Front (L-R): Charlie Lang, Grady Larson, Wes Van Hook, Casey Rehbein, Jacob Steadman, Landon Schumacker, Mason Erath & Graylin Martin. Not pictured Shandyn Gurney.


Jr. Gold

Squirts

Squirts

(L-R): Braydon Herbel, Noah Abar, Cooper Thiel, Carter Nash, Jake Schlothauer, Hitch Horsburgh, Holden Boehler, Brody Verhasselt, Dresden Wesley, Avery Schantz, Korbyn Johnston, Beckett Norby, Conner Price, Wyatt Conn, Hentry Maurer & Paxton Berry.

Bantam

Back (L-R): Kyle Cayko, Keaten Kostecky, Corben Holler, Garrett Larson, Hayden Conn, Justin Filler, Mason Kindopp, Drew Ellingson & Gunner Kostecky. Front (L-R): Brock Schlothauer, Will Sparks, Jed Calvin, Kassadee Olson & Logan Schumacker.


Bantam

PeeWee

PeeWee

Front (L-R): Nicolas Farrow, Brady Collins, Miguel Trevino, Bridger Ligon, Haidyn Dunehew, Asle Everett & Kalen Price. Back (L-R): Trevor Stieber, Mark Berg, Aaron Filler Stetson Armes, Garrett Youngquist, Jarret Averett & Parker Verhasselt.

Girls 12U

(L-R): Kynlee Vitt, Ashlynn Johnston, Landry Larson, RayElla Radke, Maddie Schieber, Payton Bauer, Leddy Larson, Ainsleigh Moore, McKenna Haralson, Micah Haralson, Bella Petersen, Lauren Youngquist, Victoria Piazza, Jori Horsburgh, Morgan Kindopp & Dylan Edd.


Girls 12U

Mites

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Back (L-R): Coach Matt, Kroy Clausen, Braya Radke, Kale Averett, Joseph Carey, Emma Youngquist & Coach Jeff. Middle (L-R): Gavin Schieber, Lohgan Letherman, Brysol Lee, Bristol Schantz, Layla Petrik, Landon Berg & Jayson Frank. Front (L-R): Aiden Collins, Eli Abar, Gunner Goff, Tinley Hecker, Jamisen Moore, Nash Peterson & Daycen Lawrance.

Termites

Back (L-R): Coach Erik Seigfreid, Bennett McDowell, Kamden Johnson, Ronan Carroll, Macey Sparks, Braxlie Young, Tristam Carroll, Aidan Carroll, Abel Carroll & Coach Stephanie Carroll. Front (L-R): Keltic Johnston, Ryker MacGrady, Jace Urlacher, Teagan Berg, Parker Dunn, Logan Primeau, Erik Seigfreid & Reese Hoff.


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2020 McKenzie County Spelling Bee Results

Submitted by Carol Kieson

McKenzie County conducted its annual spelling bee under the direction of Carol Kieson, McKenzie County Supt. of Schools. The competition was held Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Alexander Public School, hosted by Superintendent Leslie Bieber and her staff. The 2020 State Spelling Bee will be held in Bismarck March 23 at the Ramkota Inn. The North Dakota Masonic Foundation, The North Dakota Association of County Superintendents, and North Dakota Newspaper Association co-sponsor the State Spelling Bee. The State Bee is affiliated with the National Spelling Bee which will be held in Washington, DC, May 24- 29 and to which the co-sponsors will send the state winner.

Each county is allowed two entries in the state competition. All contestants compete in a written round of 50 words and a multiple choice vocabulary section from which the finalists are chosen. The finalists compete on an equal basis in an oral spell-down with first, second and third place winners being chosen.

Counties adopt plans for their own competitions. McKenzie County's Grades 1-5 take a written test of 25 words. Grades 6-8 follow the national rules and are given a test of 50 written words. The top three spellers from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades compete in the oral spell-down.

The top three spellers in grades 6-8 advance to the oral finals. Those nine participants draw for position in the oral spell down. Each speller then spells five words in each round. The top two spellers will advance to the state competition, with 3rd place being the alternate.

Overall Winners – 1st Oliver Slade, 2nd Kree Hartel, 3rd Justin Love.



1st Grade: 1st Rebekah Randall, JCCA; 2nd Galahad Antanocia, Watford City; 3rd Torsten Nicholson, Watford City. (Submitted photo)



2nd Grade: 1st Jacob Reeves, Watford City; 2nd Karson Kendrick, Watford City; 3rd Addy Foster, JCCA. (Submitted photo)



3rd Grade: 1st Londyn Devlin, Watford City; 2nd Kendra Charles, Watford City; Ysabella Love, Mandaree. (Submitted photo)



4th Grade: 1st Delia Linvingston, Watford City; 2nd Serenity Cutshall, JCCA; 3rd Jacob Rink, JCCA. (Submitted photo)



5th Grade: 1st Kayde Stull, Watford City; 2nd Drew Walters, Watford City; 3rd Meriah Guess, Watford City (Submitted photo)



6th Grade: 1st Oliver Slade, East Fairview; 2nd Kahlan Alyadumi, Watford City; 3rd Skippy McCrae, Watford City. (Submitted photo)



7th Grade: 1st Justin Love, Mandaree; 2nd Daniel Nusz, Watford City; 3rd (tie) Natalie Shaw, Watford City, Jesse James, Watford City. (Submitted photo)



8th Grade: 1st Kree Hartel, Watford City; 2nd Brock Schlothauer, East Fairview; 3rd (tie) Theola White, Mandaree, Grace Odenbach, Watford City. (Submitted photo)

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