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On the Egg Hunt

Pictured (L-R) Chet Bouchard and Rhen Gallagher came to search Veteran's Memorial Park for eggs during the Elks Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 1. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Corridor ID Program Proposal

The Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) is pleased to announce the submission of a Corridor ID Program proposal to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). According to the FRA, "The Corridor ID Program is intended to become the primary means for directing Federal financial support and technical assistance toward the development of proposals for new or improved intercity passenger rail services throughout the United States." BSPRA and its supporters hope the North Coast Hiawatha (NCH) corridor from Chicago to Seattle/Portland through southern Montana will be one of routes chosen.

The North Coast Hiawatha will transform the economy of the Greater Northwest region, revitalizing rural communities and tribal nations and provide access for underserved citizens to health care, education, other services, and civic resources often unreachable in winter when highways become unreliable or hazardous. The route will serve as a key catalyst for creating or renewing other passenger rail routes in the American West and Canada and will help awaken a 21st century rail renaissance in western North America.

"We're extremely pleased to submit this Corridor ID Program proposal to the FRA and are grateful for the excellent technical support of Quandt Consultants and KLJ Engineering," said Dave Strohmaier, BSPRA chairman. The North Coast Hiawatha route is already under analysis as part of the FRA's Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study. The Corridor ID Program will work hand in glove with that study to complete a service development plan and preliminary engineering, precursors to resuming passenger rail service through southern Montana and beyond. According to Strohmaier, "this is yet another major accomplishment of the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority. As evidence of regional and national interest in our proposal, we're pleased to have received letters of support including BNSF Railway, Amtrak, five state DOTs, U.S. senators from North Dakota and Montana, and municipalities."

Created under the 2021 bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Corridor ID Program "will (Continued on page 7A)

RTC Networks Holds Informational Meeting in Fairview

RTC Networks held an informational meeting for Fairview residents on March 27 at the Fairview Senior Center. The company is expanding to provide unserved and underserved communities.

RTC will break ground on a new data center by the Powder Keg this spring. They anticipate all lines will be installed and testing to be completed by the end of 2023. The entire town of

Fairview will now have the choice to switch to RTC because the new service area surrounds the entire city.

RTC Networks provides services such as phone, hybrid cable TV, broadband internet, business services and capture camera systems. The company has been awarded grants to expand service to rural Richland County and all of Wibaux County. "We have been authorized by our board

of directors to make the investment into the city of Fairview," said RTC general manager Shane Hart. "We are very excited about that."

Residents that missed the meeting can pick up a form from Fairview City Hall or print a form at myRTC-Networks.com/Fairview and return the form to RTC Networks, 701 14th St SW, Watford City, ND 58854.



RTC Networks general manager Shane Hart speaks to Fairview residents on March 27.

Eastern Montana Women's Conference Held In Sidney

By Robyn Heck

The first annual Eastern Montana Women's Conference was held March 31 and April 1, in Sidney. It was by the Montana Farmers Union.

All attendees were invited to tour the Eastern Ag Research Facility on Thursday.

Friday night dinner with keynote speaker Courtney Kibblewhite, spoke on the Western Culture and the Stories that Shape Us. "Stories have power. Especially, the stories we tell ourselves, we have to tell the stories to our next generation. Let's focus on the silver linings. What are you creating and nurturing in your community? Connection? Opportunities to unite, are you focusing on differences? We can have pride in our culture and pass on stories that can equip our children and communities to handle challenges of the future," said Kibblewhite.

The Perennial Roots Program; Succession Planning with the Rancher Stewardship Alliance and Winnett ACES was the Saturday program. The perennial roots program between RSA and ACES, which aims to connect ranchers and those interested in agriculture to succession planning information, helpful tools, peer groups, mentoring and other opportunities that ultimately help keep working lands operational and local ranches contributing to their local communities economically, socially, and ecologically.

Penny Filler, SHS high school, presented a hands-on workshop on creativity and mental health.

A panel titled: Cooperatives: Working for Your Community was hosted by Montana Co-op Development Center. What's a cooperative? How can they serve your community?

A special guest speaker Morb Wicks, FSA and Kathleen Williams, USDA, spoke at lunch.

A session titled: Stress and Agriculture hosted by Roubie Younkin, Valley County MSU extension office. This was a hands-on work shop for identifying stress in yourself and your loved ones as well as learning strategies to manage stress.

A panel on "Agriculture from Our Side of the Fence", discussing to bridge the gap between Ag support specialists and local producers. "What opportunities are out there for women? How can we sustain our operations?"

This was moderated by Sara Degn, MFU board member; Marley Manoukian, Richland County MSU extension agent; Kathy Heintz, Farmers Union Insurance; Natalie West, research ecologist; Connie Iverson, west Sidney area farmer and rancher.

The Mountain West Farm Bureau book club launched "Farmers Lawyer", by Sarah Vogel, and the conference closed with networking at the Meadowlark Brewing.



Kathy Heintz, left attends the session provided by Penny Filler, Sidney High School art teacher. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

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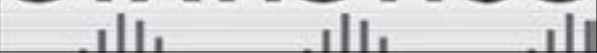
Senior Center Events

Congregate Meals:
Fairview: Mon. & Wed., 11:30 a.m., 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
Sidney: Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Activities/Cards
Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;
Women's Cards: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Senior Commodity Distribution
2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Wed., 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

STATISTICS



LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1824.7
Last Week's Elev.	1824.7
One Year Ago	1827.7
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 27	29	13	0.032
Mar. 28	22	-1	0.008
Mar. 29	33	0	0.020
Mar. 30	34	18	0.014
Mar. 31	33	23	0.030
April 1	52	21	0.000
April 2	41	27	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....	0.534		

Local Businesses Team Up For Prom Night Promotion

Submitted by Kelly Dey, South 40-Winner's Pub

The South 40 Restaurant is excited to partner with the Centre Theatre to offer a great entertainment opportunity. Starting March 31, the South 40 is giving away two free movie vouchers to each prom couple that comes in to eat dinner before their prom. All area prom attendees are eligible to receive these vouchers. The promotion will run through the month of April. The prom vouchers can be redeemed anytime until June 30.

They will be gifting all moms and dads with a movie voucher when they come in for lunch or dinner on Mothers' Day in May or Fathers' Day in June. The Mothers' and Fathers' Day vouchers will be redeemable for any movie until July 31.

The South 40 welcomes the Morales family and their commitment to the Sidney community by purchasing the Centre Theatre and continuing to provide entertainment for all ages. We are happy to promote their business by purchasing these passes and sharing them with our customers.

MRT Group In Richland Co. Jail

Submitted by John K. Dynneson, Richland County Sheriff

Since becoming sheriff and even before that Richland County Sheriff John Dynneson has been looking at ways to reduce recidivism in Richland County. Working with local resources to have AA and NA meetings in the jail has been helpful but has not assisted in keeping recidivism numbers down. In the fall of 2021 Sheriff Dynneson reached out to Prairie Hills Recovery Center to discuss some treatment options that could be done in the jail.

Licensed Addiction Counselor Kayla Anderson comes into the jail weekly and provides Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) Group. MRT is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral, step by step treatment strategy designed to enhance self-image, promote growth of a positive, productive identity and facilitate the development of higher stages of moral reasoning. There are over 120 studies that show MRT significantly increases moral reasoning levels, enhances life purpose, facilitates increased social support and give participants more perceived control over their lives.

"This is a great program. You can see the changes in participants as they go through and read the material and think about their lives." Kayla Anderson facilitates the MRT Group in the Richland County Detention Center weekly for both men and women. "We have had seven inmates graduate since we have been offering the group in the jail. The group started in the Richland County Detention Center in November 2021."

"Most of the inmates tell me that there is nothing like this offered in other jails around the area they have been in. Some even say there are no self-help meetings that come in from the community to offer addiction support," says Anderson. "It is a great feeling being part of a community with a sheriff, and other colleagues of mine, that want to offer support for individuals who are incarcerated for many different charges that have to do with their substance use disorder."

Some of the jail participants have said the book is very good at getting you to evaluate your own mind and thought processes. They say they are learning to be honest and reevaluate their values.

Sheriff Dynneson expresses his sincere gratitude to Counselor Anderson, the county commissioners and his detention staff for recognizing the need for this treatment option and working in a cooperative effort to make this option a success.

Two Shot, One Fatality, In Watford City Apartment

By Jaymi Mozeak

Two individuals were shot, late Wednesday night, March 22, in an apartment on the 700 block of N. Main St., Watford City.

Watford City Police were dispatched to the location at around 11:42 p.m. for a report of two people who had received gunshot wounds. Officers arrived on the scene and administered medical aid. Both were transported to the McKenzie County Hospital for medical treatment. One patient, a male, had minor injuries. The other patient, a female, had more serious injuries and was taken to a different facility where she died from her injuries, according to a press release posted by Watford City Police Department on Friday, March 24.

The matter is still under investigation and is believed to be an isolated incident and directly related to the two victims. The identities of the two individuals and all others involved are not being released to allow for proper notifications to the family members of those involved and because the investigation is still open.

Anyone with information on this case is being asked to contact the Watford City Police Department at 701-842-2280.

Fort Buford & Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center Upcoming Programs

Williston, ND - The public is invited to these upcoming events at Fort Buford and the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston. Events are free and open to the public. All times are Central time.

April 15: 19th-Century Sewing, Textile Arts, and Projects, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Bring your lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

April 16: History and Nature Lecture Series, 2 p.m. Ben Gjorven will present "Fort Buford and the Weather Telegraph." Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

For more information, contact Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m-5 p.m. CT; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. CT; and closed Monday-Tuesday. Fort Buford is currently closed. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

Correction

In the March 29 issue of The Roundup on page 2A in the February Meeting Offered Options & Hope For Sidney Sugars Employees, Paddy Flemming's name was misspelled and it should have been Paddy Fleming. Also, the acronym for the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center is MMEC instead of MMC.

EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., April 5
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **2023 Youth Art Show** - On display through April 29 - **Dave Torrence Exhibition** - On display through May 3. - **Linda Olson - Museum Inspiration Exhibition** - Ceramics that span a wide variety of styles, shapes & techniques. On display through May 6. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.

Wed., April 5, 19 & 26
10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - Ages 4-5. Songs, fingerplays, stories & a craft. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Thurs., April 6
Noon Eggsactly - **Fairview Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt** - Sharbono Park, Fairview.
6:45 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday Service** - Pella Lutheran Church.

Fri., April 7
6:45 p.m. - **Good Friday Service** - Pella Lutheran Church.

Sat., April 8
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Beyond The Bunny** - Egg hunt (inside), inflatables, face painting, games & food. Sidney Assembly of God Church.

Sun., April 9
Easter Sunday Services - 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service; 7:40 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship; 9 a.m. Festival Worship Service. Pella Lutheran Church.

Mon., April 10
6 p.m. - **Come Worship With "Unwavered"** - Classic hymns, choruses, contemporary. Pie social to follow, no cost or denomination. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW.

Thurs., April 13
10 a.m. - **Partnership For Promise Coalition Meeting** - Everyone welcome. Boys & Girls Club. For more info visit the Partnership For Promise Facebook page.
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Cattle-ac. To RSVP call Margaret, 406-488-4613 or Paula, 406-488-1253.

Sun., April 16
8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Fundraiser Breakfast** - Sidney Moose Lodge, \$10 for people 8 years & older; \$5 for kids 4-7 years, and kids 0-3 years are free. Net proceeds donated to the Savage Fire Department.

Mon., April 17 & 24
4 p.m. - **Lego Club** - Children in grades Kindergarten-5. Sidney-Richland County Library.

Fri., April 21
6 p.m. - **Paint & Sip with Penny Filler** - MonDak Heritage Center, \$35 for members; \$45 for non members. Limited space call to reserve your spot 406-433-3500.

Tues., April 25
4 p.m. - **Adult Craft** - Hand stamped cards, limited space. Make fun do it yourself crafts & take home items. Sidney/Richland County Library.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Sat., April 8
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt**- For kids ages 0-9, (Gift bags for everyone), Meet the Easter Bunny, face painting & games. Good Shepherd Home. Check the Facebook pages for updates in case of inclement weather.
1 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Suncatchers**- For kids ages 0-9. Join us for this free & fun activity at the annual Lion's Easter Egg Hunt! Decorate your own Easter egg suncatcher with tissue paper to bring Easter cheer to any window! Outside the Good Shepherd Home. Check the Facebook pages for updates in case of inclement weather.

Sun., April 9
9:15-11:15 a.m. - **We invite you! Easter Sunday** - Watford City Assembly of God Church, 2117 S. Main St.

Tues., April 11 & 25
4-5 p.m. - **After School Club** - Recommended ages 7-17. Open to all students, no sign up needed. Every other week on Tues.. McKenzie Co. Public Library. For more info visit <https://www.mckenziecountyndlibrary.com/> or call 701-444-3785.

Tues., April 18
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times & updates.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., April 5
11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. - **Community Egg Hunt** - Free admission. Photo booths, The Bunny, emergency vehicles, golden eggs. Davidson Park.

Sat., April 8
1-3 p.m. - **Eggstreme Eggstravaganza** - Easter egg hunt, inflatables, games, Easter bunny. Raymond Family Community Center.

Sat., April 8, 5 p.m. & Sun., April 9, 9:30-11:15 a.m.
Easter with New Hope Church - You are invited, 721 26th St. West.

Sat., April 15
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **19th-Century Sewing, Textile Arts, and Project** - Bring your lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info call Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034.
6-7:30 p.m. - **Riedel Wine Tasting** - One night only starting out in The Old Armory basement. For more info visit <https://cooksonmain.com/products/riedel-wine-tasting-saturday-april-15>.

Sun., April 16
2 p.m. - **History and Nature Lecture Series** - Ben Gjorven will present "Fort Buford and the Weather Telegraph." Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info call Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034.

Sat., April 29
8 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Clean Williston** - Williston Public Works, located at 1121 5th St E, meet in south parking lot. Volunteers will receive a free Clean Williston T-shirt (limited quantities & sizing), a light breakfast & lunch afterwards. Public Works will provide garbage bags, gloves, safety vests & garbage pickup.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

Sat., April 15
11 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Eastern MT Scootfest 2023** - Lower Yellowstone Abate Chapter Bike Show. Rock & Roll, Food & Beverages, Door Prizes, bicycle drawings for ages 12 & under, booth for kids. Eastern Plains Event Center. Admission \$5 for 13 & up; Free for 12 & under. For more info call 406-939-0183.

Sat., April 22
5 p.m. Doors Open - **Friends of NRA Banquet & Auction** - Games 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:45 p.m. Raffles & door prices. EPEC building, 313 S. Merrill. Dinner ticket contacts: Jesse Gillespie, 406-939-3546; Alan McRae 406-687-3606; Rob Titus 406-939-1324; Guns & Things, 306-377-3969 or online at friendsofnra.org.

Sidney Health Center Welcomes Nurse Practitioner To General Surgery Team



Stephanie Green.
(Photo submitted)

Sidney, - Sidney Health Center is pleased to announce the addition of Stephanie Green, family nurse practitioner to the medical staff. She joins the general surgery office, working closely with surgeons, Dr. Peter Deveaux and Dr. Deborah Harris.

As a nurse practitioner in general surgery, Stephanie supports the surgeons in their respective practices by assessing patients and providing education related to surgical procedures. This includes pre-op and post-op appointments, assisting with

surgical procedures and following up with surgical inpatients at the hospital. Stephanie graduated with a Master of Science in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2004. She joins the team with 18 years of experience as a nurse practitioner working in primary care. Early in her career, she worked as a circulating nurse in the operating room for almost ten years.

Stephanie and her husband, Michael, moved here from southern Mississippi. They are excited to learn more about the community and see all the beauty that the MonDak region has to offer.

The general surgery team typically operates on common abdominal complaints including appendicitis, hernias, gallbladder surgeries, stomach and intestinal issues. In addition, the surgeons are trained to operate on breast, skin and soft tissue and endocrine glands as well as trauma, surgical oncology and in critical care situations. Other common procedures include screening colonoscopies.

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Celebrating The Champions



Members of the 12U 2022 State Champion Hockey Team were treated with a special ride down Main Street on Tuesday, March 28 by the Watford City Fire Dept. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena! This has been one of the busiest weeks in the Montana State Legislature since I have been here, for two reasons. One reason is that any Senate bills with a fiscal note have to be transferred to the House by Tuesday, April 4. The other reason is that all house bills that need amended have to be through the Senate by April 13. The time for sine die is getting closer.

In Judiciary committee we heard several bills about how to change the path of Child Protective Services. Since Montana has the highest per capita in the nation of children in Child Protective Services we are trying to find some ways to reverse this trend. Senator Lenz, out of Billings, has worked tirelessly on this issue for many years. We heard some bills about how to correct our Judicial system, as we have all year. By most ratings we

have the most liberal judicial system in the country. Another bill we heard was HB721 about disallowing dismemberment of living babies during an abortion procedure. We heard testimony about several babies who survived a dismemberment abortion attempt and are living without arms or legs. Pretty barbaric! I am going to carry this bill on the floor soon. It might be a very interesting day.

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NONETTE BROWN (Nonette Brown, Owner(s)) has applied for one new Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 17-255-6804-001 to be operated at KORNER BAR, 170 2nd Ave W, Poplar, Roosevelt County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.
Who can protest this transfer?
Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Roosevelt County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another

state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.
What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 17-255-6804-001 and the applicant's name NONETTE BROWN; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.
What are valid protest

grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.
How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before April 22, 2023.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Poplar. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.
How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Nicole Harris, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-3016 or Nicole.Harris@mt.gov.

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1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, 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.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

WEDNESDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
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8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
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. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
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SAVAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #7 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Savage Public School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose permissive levies to support its budget in Richland County Elementary District #7. The Savage Public Schools Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 using certified taxable valuations from 2023 as provided to the District by the Montana Department of Revenue.

Fund supported	22-23 Est Revenue	23-24 Est Revenue	Increase (Der)	22-23 Mills	Est 23-24 Mills	Est Increase (Der)
Transportation	\$30872.25	\$38000.00	\$7128.75	14.88	18.19	4.92
Tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Ed	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0
Bldg Reserve	\$828.32	\$430.54	\$397.78	2.66	2.59	-.07
Bus Depreciation	0	\$4995.00	\$4995.00	0	11.9	11.9
Technology	\$4800.00	\$4100.00	0	6.57	6.86	.29
TOTAL	\$1180.57	\$9225.54	\$8252.53	23.31	39.45	16.28

Budgeted Oil and Gas Revenue in these funds to lower or replace mill lev.

Fund Supported	Estimated Mills Increase (Decrease)	Estimated Impact on \$100,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$200,000 Home*
Transportation	4.92	24.43	48.86
Tuition	0	NA	NA
Adult Ed	0	NA	NA
Bldg Reserve	-.07	3.49	6.98
Bus Depreciation	11.9	16.07	32.14
Technology	.29	9.26	18.51
TOTAL	16.28	\$3.25	106.49

***These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2022) certified taxable valuations provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year.**

- MDOR does not release current taxable property valuations until the end of July 2023. This figure will have an impact on the number of mills levied.
- The number of mills levied will be impacted by any newly taxable property.
- The number of mills levied will be impacted by ending Fund Cash Balances as of 6/30/2023
- The number of mills levied will be impacted by the amount of estimated 2022-2023 revenue received by 6/30/2023 (including taxes currently levied, assessed and outstanding)

SAVAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Savage Public School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose permissive levies to support its budget in Richland County Elementary District #7. The Savage Public Schools Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 using certified taxable valuations from 2023 as provided to the District by the Montana Department of Revenue.

Fund supported	22-23 Est Revenue	23-24 Est Revenue	Increase (Der)	22-23 Mills	Est 23-24 Mills	Est Increase (Der)
Transportation	\$43139.47	\$43139.65	\$12	11.96	12.22	.26
Bus Depreciation	0	\$24995.00	\$24995.00	0	7.8	7.8
Tuition	0	\$0	0	0	0	0
Adult Ed	\$650.00	\$0	0	.18	0	-.18
Bldg Reserve	\$244.11	\$4053.50	0	1.18	1.16	-.02
Technology	\$33600.00	\$33600.00	0	9.31	9.52	.21
TOTAL	\$81633.58	\$105818.23	\$24995.12	22.63	30.70	8.07

* Budgeted Oil and Gas Revenue in these funds to lower or replace mill lev.

Fund Supported	Estimated Mills Increase (Decrease)	Estimated Impact on \$100,000 Home*	Estimated Impact on \$200,000 Home*
Transportation	.26	16.50	33.00
Bus Depreciation	7.8	9.56	19.12
Adult Ed	-.18	NA	NA
Bldg Reserve	-.02	1.56	3.12
Technology	.21	12.85	25.70
TOTAL	8.07	40.47	80.94

***These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2022) certified taxable valuations provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year.**

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Savage Prom

Savage held their prom on March 31. Pictured is Savage High Schools Prom King and Queen, Hunter Riding and Jaden Garcia. (Photo by Bethany Wells)



Watford City Prom Held April 1

Maci Comstock and Clay Ceynar stop for a photo during the Grand March of the Watford City Prom. Over 160 students went through the Grand March which was open to the public. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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Sidney High School's Prom King and Queen, Bohden Bailey and Cassidy Wadley. (Photo by Bethany Wells)

Sidney High School's Prince and Princess, Kevin Hutzenbiler and Ella Norby. (Photo by Bethany Wells)

After-Prom Party In Sidney A Success

By Robyn Heck
“Our community is amazing,” said Bobbi Jo Lonski, after-prom party committee chair. “All of these wonderful prizes for our juniors and seniors were either donated or funded by businesses and families in our community,” continued Lonski. “I want the kids to be aware that prizes didn’t just come out of thin air. The community came together to sponsor this event. They donated thousands of dollars to this event, and on every prize we put a sign that said sponsored by (that means they donated money) or donated by (that means they donated the specific item) the business or family name. ONEOK donated two TVs. Both were won by Max Nicholson. “He gave one to his friend,” explained Lonski. “I got involved with after-prom last year, so our committee was able to use plans that had already worked well in the past. We went around and got donations from the community.

They were very generous. The parents of the post prom committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to the local area businesses for the support of this event for the safety of our kids,” explained Lonski. The post prom party was held at Central School from 11:30 p.m.-3 a.m. with MC Nick Kallem. This year’s after prom party featured laser tag, two escape rooms, a cornhole tournament, bingo, black jack, poker, craps, roulette, a photo booth, and plenty of snacks and drinks. Besides all the fun entertainment, the kids received tickets upon entering the event and could earn more tickets by playing and winning games. Their tickets could then be used to place in the bag next to the prize the student wished to win-Chinese auction style-from a huge selection of prizes sponsored by funds and donations from our generous community.

Thank you again to this year’s sponsors, B & B Builders, Margie’s Car Wash, Prewitt and Company/SLMC, Union Gateway Insurance, Kraken Resources, Pizza Hut, ONEOK, Big Sky Siding and Windows, API, Ethan and Ashley Bailey, Beagle Properties, Women of the Moose, Richland Federal Credit Union, Cutting Edge Dance Studio, South 40, Jamie and Luke Malsam, Action Auto, Eagle Country Ford Inc., Franz Construction, Brenner and Averett PC, Prairie Electric, Sonda’s Solutions, CM Built Doors, Yellowstone Chiropractic Clinic, Edward Jones: Jerry Hughes, Nick Lonski and Lauren Sukut; Seitz Insurance, Frontier Heating, Sidney Full Circle LLC, The Carlsen Family, Hurley Enterprises, Ag West, Sidney Health Center, LYREC, Stockman

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Cookies sent “S” and spring themed cookies. Of course, all the amazing parents who volunteered their time and personal funds for the event. There has been some discussion of putting on a similar event on graduation night called, “Sober Night”. Instead of being ran by the parents, local businesses would be invited to stay open from 8 p.m. to sunrise for seniors to scavenger hunt for prizes and tickets for prizes. If anyone is interested in donating or helping with the possible event, email robynheck@hotmail.com. “I’m hoping that we can start a tradition that interested junior parents organize the event for the graduating seniors. I visited with the owner of Party Central, and she came up with this great idea. I’m also in contact with the Sidney Chamber of Commerce for ideas,” said Heck.

Photo by Robyn Heck

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OBITUARIES

Michael “Mike” Obergfell, 52, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Michael “Mike” Obergfell, 52, Sidney, MT, were at 2 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023, at Richland County Event Center, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services at the event center. Wake services were at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2023, at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to: Sidney Cancer Center or a charity of one’s choice. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at



Michael “Mike” Obergfell

Dorothy Ann Mitchell, 95 Glendive, MT

Dorothy Ann (Schlenz) Mitchell, 95, went to the loving arms of Jesus Christ on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023. She was a resident of the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care at the time of her passing. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at the Glendive Alliance Church, Glendive, MT. Interment will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery, Glendive, MT. Silha Funeral Home, Glendive, MT, has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Dorothy Ann Mitchell

Dorothy was born on Aug. 11, 1927; daughter of Andy & Hazel (Whitney) Schlenz in Sidney, MT. Dorothy married Calvin Mitchell on May 28, 1945, and to this union three sons were born. They lived in Glendive until they moved to Utah in 1974; returning to Glendive in 1978 when Calvin started welding in the Sidney oil field. They moved to Sidney in 1980 when Calvin started Cal’s Welding Service and mom helped dad prep the iron for different oil field projects.

Dorothy was for the most part a housewife and mother who enjoyed gardening, riding her Dixon mower, mowing her five acres of lawn, fishing, hunting, square dancing, bowling, and snowmobiling, especially in Yellowstone National Park, until rheumatoid arthritis started crippling her.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Andy & Hazel; husband Calvin (2003); three brothers Richard, Larry, Gary, and one sister Mona.

She is survived by three sisters Joyce Hernandez, Sidney, Betty Lamphier, Eastern Montana Veteran’s Home, Glendive; Della Baker, Missoula, MT; sons Clyde (Sharon), Glendive; Duane (Sherry), Sidney; Allen (Linda), Baker, MT; eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority...

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guide the development of new and enhanced intercity passenger rail services that will help bolster economic growth throughout the country,” according to the FRA for each corridor selected, the FRA will award an initial grant of \$500,000 for preliminary planning toward creation of a service development plan.

Melanie Johnson, Quandel Consultants senior director of planning, indicated that Quandel Consultants has been excited for

the opportunity to partner with the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority in developing its Corridor ID proposal. “This effort is the gateway and initial step toward future passenger rail service on the former North Coast Hiawatha route connecting Chicago to Seattle while providing service to cities and communities in Montana and North Dakota that have been without passenger rail for over 40 years. We appreciate the support of KLJ Engineering in drafting this submission as well.”

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Michael “Mike” passed away on Friday, March 24, 2023, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, surrounded by his family.

Michael Joseph Obergfell was born March 19, 1971, Sidney, MT. He was Paul “Sant” and Joann Obergfell’s fourth and youngest child. Growing up he enjoyed life on the farm and all that came with it, including rodeo.

He graduated from Sidney High School in 1989. Then, he went to Northwest Community College, Powell, WY, where he was also a bareback rider. Later, he became vice president of the Northwest College Rodeo Team. After graduating with a degree in Ag Business, he returned home to help on the family farm and work seasonal campaigns at Holly Sugar.

Dec. 1992 is when he met his wife, Diane (Free) Strand, who also worked at Holly Sugar. As the legend goes, she kept hearing an intriguing voice over the radio and she knew she needed to meet whoever it was. They cherished three children together; Sara, Travis and Matt.

Mike was a hard worker. He worked at Holly Sugar/ Crystal Sugars until he wanted a career change around 2007 when he was hired on with XTO. Being a farmer and rancher, his whole life also meant spending his “off” time out at the farm doing his daily chores and whatever other seasonal task was at hand.

He loved to hunt. It didn’t matter if hunting was just out at the farm or the yearly elk hunting trips with the guys. Oh, the stories! Hunting with his and everyone else’s kids was also something he really enjoyed.

He was also a teacher. Whether it was his knowledge of hunting, farming, ranching, rodeo, 4-H, or life, he was happy to pass it along.

His favorite daily pit stop after a hard day’s work was “The Rectangle” for a beer with his buddies. Those close to Mike knew he was usually a man of very few words, but he still loved to have fun. For someone who had never traveled, it was a tough sell to get him to Jamaica for his daughter Sara’s wedding, but little did we know it would create a whole new meaning to his phrase- “You all are my friends!” - a quote made famous at his surprise 40th birthday party. Apparently, all it took were a few Busch Lights and some AC/DC for him to quickly become the life of the party, and make friends everywhere he went. His favorite souvenir from this particular trip was his beloved Jamaican hat, which he continued to wear for many years to come.

Mike was also the Trading Post’s #1 fan. He loved listening to the local classifieds - we never knew what kind of “deal” he’d snag. Another little-known fun fact was Mike was a regular winner on the radio station’s daily music trivia game. He was constantly hounding Diane to make a trip to Williston to collect his prizes.

Being diagnosed with cancer this last fall gave Mike a whole new outlook on life. Unfortunately, for reasons we will never know, God had a different plan for him. He was a fighter. Even in his last days he wasn’t ready to give up. Although

he was very sick for his last few months here with us, it’s the quality time spent with him that his family will forever cherish and hold on to. We will also be eternally grateful to all of the staff at Sidney’s Cancer Center and Sidney Health Center for their exceptional care and compassion.

Mike is survived by his wife, Diane Obergfell, their kids Sara Huft (Scotty), Travis Obergfell (Taylor), and Matt Obergfell, four Granddaughters Jayla, Brylie, Paityn, and Harlow Huft, his mother, Joann Obergfell, siblings Doug (Lori) Obergfell, Jolene (Tim) Lorenz, Richard (Lori) Obergfell, and a shit ton of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul “Sant” Obergfell, his nephew Matthew Lorenz, his great niece Macee Lorenz, and numerous other extended family members.

Dale Weil, 71 Sidney, MT

A Celebration of Life service was held Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Tim O’Shields officiating. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Dale Weil

Dale Weil, 71, Fairview, MT, passed away on Monday March 27, 2023 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Dale Paul Weil was born June 28, 1951, to Paul and Bernice Weil, Hazen, ND.

Dale enlisted in the United States Navy in 1971 and served four years on the USS Robert Wilson before being honorably discharged in 1975. After that he came home to help with the sugar beet harvest for his sister and brother-in-law. He then began working as a roughneck in the oil field. Dale also worked for Mon-Kota Fertilizer Plant and the sugar factory in Sidney, MT before he retired.

Although Dale never had children of his own, he loved spending time with his nieces and nephews. He enjoyed fishing and going on daily drives to check and see what was going on in the valley.

Dale passed away on Monday March 27, 2023, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, with family by his side.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Bernice Weil, niece Brittany Heine, niece Jeneath Weil, and nephew Jonathan Miller.

He is survived by his siblings Don Weil, Wanda (Terry) Miller, Donna Sheetz, Paul Weil, Mary (Jim) Hardy, Barb Strasheim, David (Danette) Heine, and Aunt Violet Leikam.

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Richland County Job Fair & Career Expo April 19

Submitted by Kali Godfrey, Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Executive Director

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Richland County department heads and Sidney Job Service will host the Richland County Job Fair and Career Expo, April 19, at Richland County Event Center. Workforce in Richland County will likely see a shift with the closure of Sidney Sugars and the welcome of ACE Hardware among other new and expanding

businesses.

In addition to the traditional vendor style job fair, this year's Job Fair and Career Expo will feature educational sessions. The first educational session is geared towards area employers. The first session will span 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and cover "Scenarios for Success". Some of these scenarios include resources on state funded training opportunities, bonding programs and the expansion of apprenticeship programs. Strategies covered in this session are specifically em-

ployer initiated.

The second educational session is catered toward employees or unemployed individuals. This one-hour session will start at 1 p.m. and cover an overview of the labor market, employer expectations, job hunting tips and how to convey your value to potential employers among other topics. Registration is not necessary for either session.

Sidney Job Service will be facilitating these free educational sessions and will remain on site to guide any individual or business to

resources including training funding, dislocated worker programs and unemployment. Our own Job Service Director, Steve Olson, stated, "Job Service is a hidden gem of workforce development services. We provide a wide variety of information, resources and funding which we'd like the citizens and

businesses of Sidney and surrounding communities to take full advantage of. Job Service Sidney is pleased to be joining with the Chamber in this effort."

The vendor Job Fair and Career Expo will span 2-6:30 p.m. with roughly 35 vendors, resource agencies and housing options

available. Currently there are over 200 job openings within Richland County. The Richland County public is encouraged to visit the Richland County Job Fair and Career Expo. It's always wise to explore your options, evaluate your benefits and keep tabs on the labor market.


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The 7th Annual Santa Run held at Shops at Fox Run in December raised \$1235 for Gifts from the Heart Christmas Coalition to purchase gifts for the 2023 event. Santa Run sponsors, from left, Reynolds Market marketing director Libby Berndt, Megan Garza, the Rush co-owner and Chris Waters, Viola Anderson and Anya Chamberlain, representatives of Run the World Sidney Club, and High Caliber Sports owner Sherry Hecker say a big thank you to all the Santa Run participants for supporting this annual fundraiser. (Submitted photo)

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