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North Dakota Film 'End Of The Rope' To Premiere In Theaters Beginning in March

By Meagan Dotson
Mark your calendars for the premiere showings of historical crime thriller, 'End of the Rope.' This North Dakota made movie is based on the late Dennis Edward Johnson's book 'End of the Rope', which was written about the infamous Charles Bannon case of 1931.

Bannon was a ranch hand for the well-off Haven family who resided just south of Schafer, ND, five miles east of Watford City. When the family mysteriously disappeared, the townspeople's suspicions were raised as to what had become of the couple and their four children. The film tells the story of the events that unfolded as residents took justice into their own hands.

Johnson was a Watford City native, who spent years researching the case while operating his law practice. In addition to being a dedicated historian and excellent storyteller, he also served as the executive producer for the film. End of the Rope was produced by local production companies Canticle Productions and DN Cinematics with Minneapolis Director Charlie Griak.

It was a priority to utilize local talent for the movie, which was filmed in Burleigh and McKenzie counties during August 2021. Brad Reissig, University of North Dakota associate professor of science and lighting design and theater arts was the production designer; Rooth Varland, North Dakota State University professor of theater and costume designer was the costume designer and wardrobe supervisor. Many students from both the University of Mary and NDSU worked both on screen and behind the scenes. Hurley Enterprises, Fairview, MT, built eight of the buildings for the 1931 Schafer Main Street set, and local residents may even

see a few familiar places on the big screen, as filming was done at the Fairview Bridge and Tunnel.

'End of the Rope' was a massive production to put together," says producer Daniel Bielinski. "We had a cast of hundreds; we re-built the town of Schafer in the middle of a Watford alfalfa field; we had more than 30 pre-1931 automobiles in the movie. The list goes on. That such an ambitious film was possible is a testament to the tremendous amount of support that poured out in the past couple years, especially from McKenzie County. There were so many folks who offered their time and talents to the project, and we are excited to be able to show them the final product!"

In fact, there were over 100 scenes that were filmed at 18 locations over the course of 29 days.

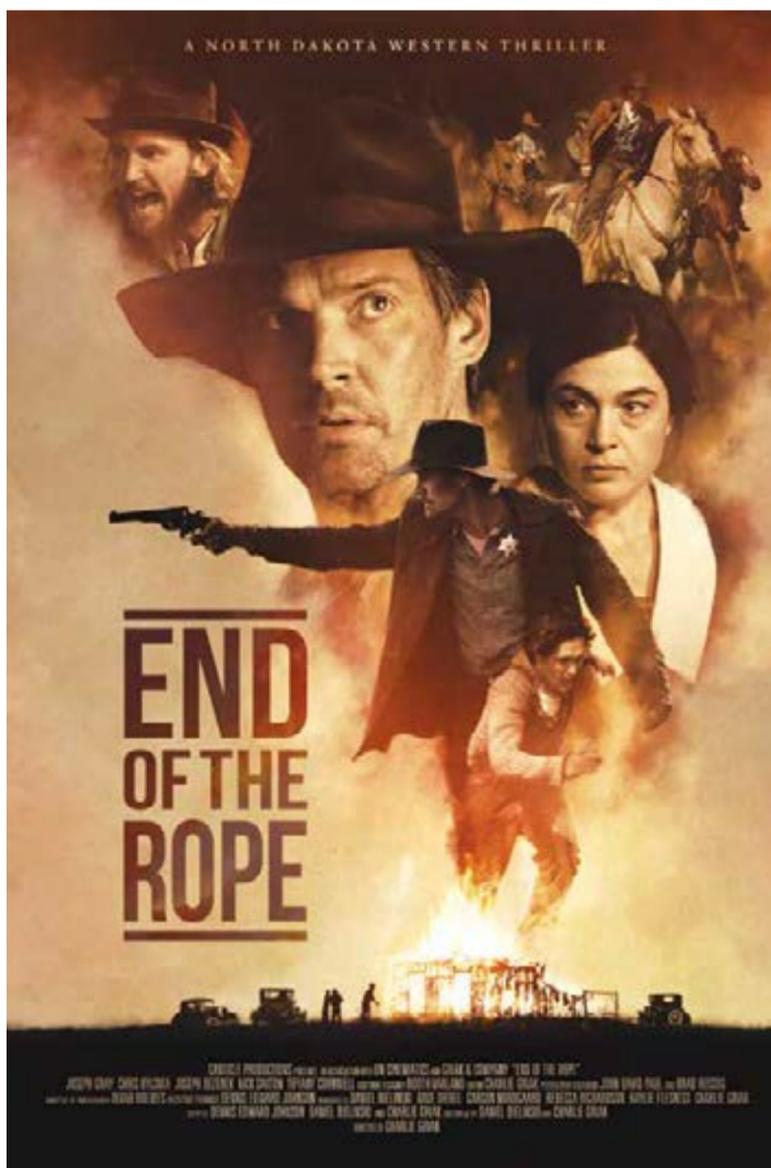
'End of the Rope' will premiere in theaters beginning in March. The premiere schedule is as follows:

- March 24/25: SixShooters Cinema, Watford City
- March 31: Fargo Theater, Fargo
- April 1: Chester Fritz Auditorium, Grand Forks
- April 14: TJ Agnes Theater, Williston
- April 15: Oak Park Theater, Minot
- April 21/22: Grand Theater, Bismarck
- April 28: Belfield Theater, Belfield

The Red Carpet premiere screenings will be interactive events with the cast and crew; merchandise will be available to purchase, and sets and props will be on display.

Following the Premiere screenings, the films will play in at least 40 theaters across North Dakota and the surrounding region for a limited theatrical run.

For more information about tickets and screen-



ings, visit endoftheropefilm.com or follow the film on Facebook for updates at www.facebook.com/EndoftheRopeFilmND.

For other questions about the film, or for theaters that are interested in

showing 'End of the Rope' contact info@canticle-productions.com.

McKenzie County Fatality Crash March 10

On Friday, March 10, at approximately 6:38 p.m. CST Hwy. 85 near mile marker 178, approximately 5 miles south of Williston there was a fatality crash.

A 2014 Western Star Truck driven by Kenneth Schafer, 67-year-old male, Bridger, MT, hauling a pneumatic sand trailer was traveling north on Hwy. 85 near mile marker 178. A 2018 Ford F350 driven by Bona Son, 29-year-old male, Watford City, ND, was traveling south on Hwy 85. The Ford lost control, crossed into the northbound lanes. The Ford and Western Star Truck collided. The driver of the Ford was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Western Star Truck was transported to CHI St Alexius in Williston. The driver suffered serious non-life-threatening injuries.

The agencies that responded to the crash were North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Williston Rural Fire Department and Williston Fire EMS.

At the time of the crash the road conditions were icy, blowing snow, with no travel advisory and the weather conditions were snow and high winds.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

Fairview Places 3rd at State

The Fairview boys basketball team placed 3rd at the Montana State Class C State Basketball Tournament in Billings. Pictured are the Fairview Warriors with their 3rd place Class C State trophy after beating Belt 49-43. Fairview had previously lost to Belt 53-43 in the first round. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Northeastern Arts Network Concert March 17

Submitted by Jill Dostert Wagner Pres. Northeastern Arts Network

The Northeastern Arts Network presents their finale of the Big Sky Concert Season on Friday, March 17 with a unique duo celebrating chamber music from the 18th Century. Baroque Music Montana specializes in music inspired by history, performing works by celebrated composers of the Baroque, as well as many

pieces rarely or not heard since the 18th century. Baroque violinist Carrie Krause and Seattle based lutenist John Lenti have toured together with their repertoire from their recently recorded album, Sonata Tramontana, the first in Montana on period instruments.

On both Baroque and modern violin, Artistic Director and violinist, Krause is a recognized musical leader in Montana and beyond. Her innovative and deeply

researched programming includes not only treasured pieces of the repertoire but also unusual and rarely heard pieces, the majority played in Montana for the first time, whether performed in houses, churches, backyards, or parks. She has been enthralled with the violin as far back as age three, and she fell in love with the music of Bach. She received her bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University and master's from the

Cleveland Institute of Music in Violin Performance and Suzuki Pedagogy. She took a two-year leave from her position as concertmaster of the Bozeman Symphony to earn her second master's in Historical Performance at Juilliard.

This concert will be held at the MonDak Heritage Center at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door \$20/adult, \$18/Sr and \$15/student. For concert information contact Leann 406-

480-5594, Candy 406-488-4155 or Jill 406-489-4304.

The Big Sky Series is made possible in part by the Montana Performing Arts Consortium Presenter Development Program which is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Montana Arts Council, legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust, and WESTAF.



Carrie Krause
(Photo submitted)

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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
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.
7 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 - p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW. Back door is open.
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.
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.....1825.13
Last Week's Elev.1825.8
One Year Ago1827.7
Release For Day (C.F.S.)17,500

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 6	17	8	0.011
Mar. 7	13	6	0.012
Mar. 8	19	9	0.012
Mar. 9	19	11	0.021
Mar. 10	26	13	0.012
Mar. 11	27	12	0.041
Mar. 12	17	-5	0.009
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....			0.433

OBITUARIES

Barbara "Barb" Craig, 80 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Barbara "Barb" Craig, 80, Sidney are at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastors Tim Sharp and Barb Haugerud officiating. Visitation is on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel and one hour before services at the church. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Barbara "Barb" Craig

Beloved Mother and Grandmother, Barbara "Barb" E. Craig, 80, Sidney MT, passed away on March 10, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Barb was born on Sept. 6, 1942 to Fred and Kathryn "Katie" (Zupanik) Hansen, Baker, MT. The family moved to Rhame, ND in 1948 right before Barb started her first year of school. She attended Mound School, a one-room country school within walking distance from their home. Of course, Barb never missing the opportunity to remind her children that they walked to school, uphill, both ways. Barb graduated from Rhame High School in 1960 and attended Dickinson State University, graduating with an elementary education degree.

As a child, Barb was raised on a cattle ranch and enjoyed spending her time roaming the country side with her siblings. Barb enjoyed many outdoor adventures being rambunctious with her brother Gale, sister Bev and close neighbors. Always imaginative and competitive, the kids entertained themselves with stick pony races, riding horses, chasing chickens and bottle feeding their calves. Mom always said the highlight of the week was traveling to Baker to visit her candy dotting Aunt Audrey.

Barb's strength, compassion and love never wavered as she raised three loving children. Kimberly, 1968; Jason, 1969 and Jami in 1978. She was totally dedicated to her children in all aspects of their lives. Her devotion and love expanding with the addition of her grandchildren.

Barb moved to Sidney in 1962 to teach at Central Elementary. Later, she worked at the Chamber of Commerce before working at Sidney Job Service for 30+ years. Barb loved serving the public and extending her generosity to those in need. In retirement, Barb, void of idle hands, worked at Fulkerson Funeral Home and Party Central, as well as numerous hours volunteering in the community.

A strong-willed woman with her head held high, determination in her heart and Folgers in her veins, Barb was always full of grace and class, never stepping out without looking her best. She loved to cook and kept an immaculate house. Always a farm girl at heart, she had a passion for gardening. She truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; chatting with friends and family and spending time with her grandchildren. Barb was well renowned for her patience, although she never held back an opinion and had a knack for telling it how it was. Until her health made it impossible, Barb remained active in the Pella Lutheran Church.

Barb spent her last four years at Savage Sunrise Manor enjoying crafts while visiting fellow residents and staff. Barb's favorite part of her day was drinking coffee and absorbing Mary's "gossip." Staying busy 'til the end, Barb continued to enjoy her hobby of gardening while at the Manor. The family wishes to thank the entire team at Savage Sunrise Manor who provided immeasurable care and support.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Katie; brothers, Terry and Gale; her infant son, Kevin; her beautiful daughter, Kimberly Suko; and her special friend Orin Anderson.

She is survived by her son, Jason (Patti) King, Sidney MT; daughter, Jami (Trenlin) Propp, Sidney MT; step-daughter, Stacy (Scott) Warner; son-in-law, Buzz Suko; grandchildren, Daniel (Ivy) King, Cheryl (Brad) Edinger, Shelby Suko, Lacey Propp, CeCelia Propp, Carson Propp and Alia King; great-grandchildren, Titus Edinger, Atlas Edinger, Theo Partridge, and Gabe Stokeling; sister, Beverly (Roy) Buckmier; sister-in-law, Marjean (Jim) Schultz; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Savage Sunrise Manor PO Box 41 Savage, MT 59262.

Tracey Williams, 61 Watford City, ND

In keeping with Tracey's wishes he will be cremated. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Tracey Williams

Tracey passed away on Friday Feb. 17, 2023 at his home in Watford City, ND.

Tracey Neil Williams was born to Charlie and Lucile Williams on May 2, 1961. He was the baby of the family and yes, he was spoiled! He grew up on the family farm and went to school in Lambert, MT, graduating in 1979.

He worked at various jobs throughout the years. Several times, he went harvesting with his older brothers. On one combining trip, he met a lovely young lady named Brenda and her young son, Jared. Sometime later, Tracey married Brenda and Jared became his son! Later, he and Brenda had two more children, a son, Cullen, and daughter, Tori. Tracey's family was the light of his life, and he was so proud to be their father.

Later in life, Tracey returned to Montana and worked in the oil fields of North Dakota. Tracey enjoyed visiting with people, playing games, and going to car races with his brothers.

Tracey was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Lucile, and brothers, Kerry and Rodney.

He was gentle and kind and will be missed so much by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Tracey.

Correction

In the cutline for the picture titled "Awakened Wellness Ribbon Cutting" that appeared on page 12A in the March 8 issue, it says Chamber President Chip Gifford. It should say Chamber Director Chip Gifford.

EVENTS

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Mar. 15
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **CoFlourish: Art Resiliency Exhibit** - On display through April 1. - **Legendary Landscapes by Dawson Shafer** - On display through April 1. - 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., Mar. 15, 22 & 29
10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - Ages 4-5. Songs, fingerplays, stories & a craft. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Thurs., Mar. 16
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sunnys Family Restaurant. RSVP by March 15, call Margaret, 406-488-4613 or Paula, 406-488-1253.

5:30 p.m. Social - **6th Annual Fr. Shinnick Memorial Banquet** - Dinner 6 p.m.; Entertainment; Tickets \$35; Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW. Tickets on sale after mass & at Tami Maltese CPA, 113 W. Main; Fink Dental, 122 2nd St. SE or from any Shinnick Memorial Charitable Foundation board member.

Fri., March 17
All day - **St. Patrick's Day Open House** - Enjoy St. Patty's Day activities & get a new library card. Sidney/Richland County Library

7 p.m. - **2022-23 Big Sky Concert Series - Baroque Music Montana** - Carrie Krause & her duo, specializes in chamber music performing works by celebrated composers of the Baroque. MonDak Heritage Center. For concert info contact MonDak Heritage Center 406-433-3500, Jill Wagner 406-489-4304, or Candy Markwald 406-488-4155.

Fri., March 17, 24 & 31
5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Knights of Columbus 2023 Friday Fish Fry** - Cost \$13 per person. Ned Shinnick Hall, St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE.

Sat., March 18
10 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Gem & Mineral Show** - Admission \$3, kids 12 & under free. Vendors & Kid's Corner: Richland County Fairgrounds. For more info contact Doug Copeland, 406-480-0765 or Eddie White, 406-413-1136.

6:30 p.m. - **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** - Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in Marvellous Okonne's life. Coffee & Fellowship following. Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Call 406-433-7479 for more info.

Mon., Mar. 20 & 27
4 p.m. - **Lego Club** - Children in grades Kindergarten-5. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Tues., Mar. 21
12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. Advance appointments recommended, limited availability for walk-ins. Call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

Mon., Mar. 27 & Tues., Mar. 28
5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Summer Girls Fast Pitch Softball Final Sign-Ups** - Ages 6-18 as of Jan. 1. Sidney Middle School Cafeteria, use 5th St. SW entrance. \$50; Ages 6-9: Julio Lopez, 702-785-2084, Facebook, Sidney Girls Softball Ages 6-9; Ages 10-18: Terri Moore, 406-480-9649, Facebook: Sidney Summer Girls Fastpitch

Tues., Mar. 28
4 p.m. - **Adult Craft** - DIY Rag Wreath. Make fun do it yourself crafts & take home items. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Sat., April 1
11 a.m. - **Sidney Elks Lodge 1782 Easter Egg Hunt** - Veterans Memorial Park.

Mon., April 3
9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Classical Conversations Open House** - Join us for a peek into home schooling. Fellowship Baptist Church, 2181 West Holly St. RSVP at https://classicalconversations.com/events/. For more info call Amanda Snodgrass, 406-647-4970.

Tues., April 4
6 p.m. Girls; 7:30 p.m. Boys - **Pepsi All Star Game District 2C** - Admission \$5, Lambert High School.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thurs., Mar. 16, 23
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - A craft is provided to each child for the event. McKenzie County Library.

Fri., Mar. 17, 2023
3:30 p.m. check in - **Leprechaun Loop Run/Walk** - 1 mile, 7K or 14K run or walk that starts & ends in downtown Watford City. Race starts at 4 p.m., \$25 per person. Prizes for 1st-3rd & 17th place. Pre-register at www.watfordcityparks.com, day-of registration also available.

Tues., Mar. 21
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info call 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie Co. Food Pantry FB page.

Tues., Mar. 28, 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.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thursday, Mar. 16
7 p.m. - **History Book Club** - Join other history buffs to vote on book choices for upcoming months. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info contact Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034.

Fri, Mar. 17, 1-8 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 18, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. & Sun., March 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
36th Annual Williston Sport & Rec Show - View the latest models of boats, RVs, ATVs, grills, golf carts & more. Over 30 vendor booths offering a wide variety of products. Admission: 13 & up: \$3; Ages 12 & under free. Raymond Family Community Center.

Fri, Mar. 17, 5:30-7 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 18, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., March 19, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
Missouri Basin Bowmen Spring Shoot - Competitive 3D Round, Non-Competitive 3D Round, Fun Rounds, Two-Man Best Arrow. MBB Building, Williston, ND Fairgrounds. For more info contact Connie Hval, 701-770-3244 or Gage Steiner, 406-260-5900 or visit www.missouribasinbowmen.com.

Sat., March 18
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **19th-Century Sewing, Textile Arts, & Projects** - Bring your lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info, contact Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034.

Sat., March 25
3-11 p.m. - **Williston Basin API 42nd Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser** - Raymond Family Community Center.

Thurs., March 30
3-7 p.m. - **All Industries NW North Dakota Semi-Annual Job Fair** - Williston State College. View list of registered employers & Positions: jobsnd.com/jobfair. For more info contact Job Service North Dakota, 701-774-7900, infojsw@nd.gov.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

Fri., Mar. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat., April 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Glendive Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling - EPEC. For more info contact Barb Polette, 406-377-3602.

Merge Ribbon Cutting, Sidney, March 7

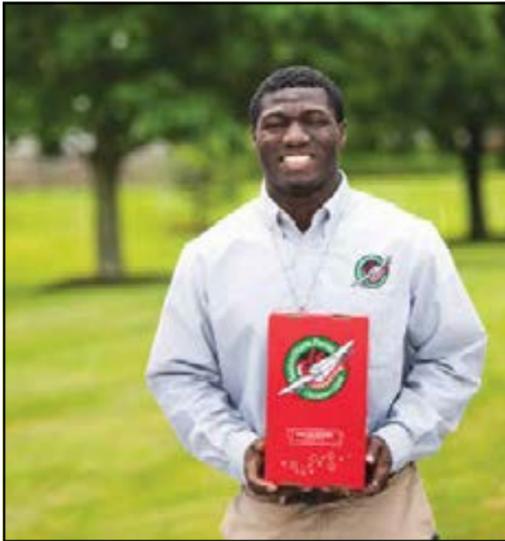
Pictured (L-R) Chamber directors Alli Nelson, Jamie Larson, and Megan Garza; business owner Anya Chamberlain; employee Piper Hurley; Chamber directors Hanna Jepsen, Shay Steinbeisser, and Chip Gifford; and Executive Chamber Director Kali Godfrey all attended the ribbon cutting for Merge's new location at 214 S. Central Ave., Sidney on Tuesday, March 7. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



Full Circle Speaker Okonne To Speak On His Christmas Child Shoebox Experience

By Jaymi Mozeak
Marvellous Okonne, an Operation Christmas Child Full Circle speaker, is coming to Sidney to share how receiving an Operation Christmas Child box changed his life and continues to remind him of God's love and care for him on Saturday, March 18 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.
According to flyers about the event, Okonne is the youngest of four children. He grew up in a part of Central Africa where Christians are persecuted for their beliefs and his family had to resettle in another area because of their faith. His parents had a hard time finding a source of income and soon found they could not afford to send their children to school.
At the age of eight, he received a Christmas Child shoebox. According to Karen Huskamp, "Marvellous knew if God could give him a shoebox, that He could help

get him to school." In May 2022, Okonne graduated from Belmont Abby, a Catholic liberal arts college, North Carolina. In March 2023 he was already in Ashland, MT, on a mission trip with college so Karen felt he was a good choice to come speak.
This is not the first Full Circle speaker that Shepherd of the Valley has invited to speak. In May 2022, the church asked Kimheang Vance to speak about her experience receiving a shoebox. It was the first time that they had invited a Full Circle speaker. They had a community meal before the talk and there was a large turnout from the community. This time, there will be no meal but there will be coffee and fellowship after Okonne's talk.
Shepherd of the Valley is a yearly drop off point for Operation Christmas Child. Karen said, "Receiving a shoebox is a life-changing thing. It is encouraging for those who pack boxes and



Marvellous Okonne, a past recipient of an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox when he was eight, is coming to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 18, to speak about his experience. (Photo submitted by Karen Huskamp)

exciting to hear a first-hand account." Samaritan's Purse funds the travel expenses of their Full Circle speakers to encourage people to pack shoeboxes. The event is free and open to the public.
Karen said, "I am hopeful that people will come out, listen to his story, and learn more about Operation Christmas Child."
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is located at 211 E. Holly St., just west of Tractor Supply. For more information call 406-433-7479.

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April 1 Spring Nest



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Williston Sport & Recreation Show Scheduled March 17-19

Williston, N.D. - The 36th Annual Sport & Recreation Show will be hosted by the Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) at the Raymond Family Community Center March 17-19.
Show attendees can view the newest models of boats, RVs, ATVs, grills, golf carts and more. Upstairs, there are over 30 vendor booths offering a wide variety of products including hunting trips, apparel, taxidermy, cutlery, gun accessories, clay shooting, fishing tackle, home decor and much more. Show attendees will also enjoy checking out "Otter Adventure", a live animal educational habitat that will be located on the first floor. A mini golf course and Kid Zone area will be available upstairs all three days. Fresh hot mini donuts will be for sale upstairs, and concessions will be available downstairs, as well.
Admission for ages 13 and up is \$3. Ages 12 and under are free. Friday, March 17 the show will run 1-8 p.m. Saturday hours will be 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information about the Williston Sport & Recreation Show, find the event on Facebook or on the CVB's online event calendar www.visitwilliston.com/calendar.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the Third (3rd) day of April 2023 at 11:00 a.m., in their office in Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the purchase of: **SUPPLY OF MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE FOR 2023 ROAD STABILIZATION**
A detail list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the Richland County Public Works office at 2140 West Holly, Sidney, MT 59270 (406.433.2106) or via email at: countyworks@richland.org. No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a

bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of no less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing a copy of the complete bid specifications and marked "MAG CHLORIDE BID". Completed bids shall be delivered to the Richland County Courthouse at 201 W Main St, Sidney, MT 59270. Requests for ADA/EEO accommodations or information should be directed to the County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708, no later than Friday, March 18th, 2022. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County. Dated at Sidney, Montana, this 9th day of March 2023.
Stephanie Verhasselt, Clerk & Recorder

having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to JAMES THOMAS MCKINLEY, C/O ARMSTRONG LAW OFFICE, P.C. return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1327, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the Laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 6th day of March, 2023, at Old Hickory, Tennessee. JAMES THOMAS MCKINLEY, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph G. McKinley, deceased.

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SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the School Election(s) to be held on Tuesday May 2nd, 2023, will close at 5:00 p.m., on Monday April 3rd, 2023.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. All active and inactive electors of Richland County, Montana are entitled to vote at said election.

Polling Place Election:
**Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.

Mail Ballot Election:
**Ballots will be automatically mailed to Active Electors only. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the county election office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration form and submitting it to the county election office.

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH G. MCKINLEY, Deceased.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Alexander Public School PO Box 66 Alexander, ND 58831
BIDDING ITEM #1:
• 2005 Ford Excursion, Mileage: 122,004, VIN #: 1FMNU43S95E845770
• LOCATED FOR INSPECTION: 601 Delaney Street Alexander, ND 58831 Item may be viewed prior to submitting a bid. ALL SALES WILL BE FINAL AND "AS-IS"
ITEM CONDITION:
• The vehicle advertised by Alexander Public School for sale by bid is sold AS-IS. Alexander Public School shall strive to make its best effort to assist interested parties in obtaining information about the vehicle for sale; however, Alexander Public School makes NO warranty of the condition of the vehicle nor accuracy of the vehicle description. Each bidder shall be responsible for verifying condition and accuracy of the item description prior to submitting a bid.
TERMS OF SALE:
• The successful bidder shall be provided a written "Notice of Award" within ten (10) days after bid closing date. Successful bidder shall make full payment with cash or a cashier's check made payable to Alexander Public School, and shall arrange to pick up the vehicle within ten (10) days of the Notice of Award.
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• Vehicle not paid for within the timeline provided shall forfeit their claim to the vehicle and shall not be eligible to bid on future items. If item is not picked up with the timeline provided, payment for the vehicle may be retained, in whole or in part, by Alexander Public School for damages. If bidder forfeits claim to bid, Alexander Public School may, at its discretion, offer the vehicle to the next highest bidder.

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Savage School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Grilled cheese.
Fri., Mar. 17: No school.
Mon., Mar. 20: Chicken Alfredo.
Tues., Mar. 21: Spaghetti.
Wed., Mar. 22: Barber polls.
Rau School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Chili, cinnamon rolls, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Mar. 17-Fri., Mar. 24: Spring break.
Froid School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Italian dunkers with meat sauce, lettuce mix, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Mar. 17: Fish sticks, butter noodles, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Mon., Mar. 20: Chicken legs, potato salad, veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Mar. 21: Pizza day, lettuce mix, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Mar. 22: Max's day! Meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, lettuce mix, chocolate chip cookies, salad bar.
Bainville School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Sloppy joes, French fries, Normandy blend veggies, pears.
Fri., Mar. 17: Tortellini pasta, chicken caesar salad, bananas.
Mon., Mar. 20: Pizza, broccoli, pineapple.
Tues., Mar. 21: Taco in a bag, topping bar, mangoes.
Wed., Mar. 22: Tater tot hot-dish, green beans, peaches.
Richey School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Super nachos, veggie sticks, bars, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Mar. 17: No school.
Mon., Mar. 20: Chicken stroganoff with noodles, cake, veggie slices, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Mar. 21: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, corn, cookies, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Mar. 22: Spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks, bars, peas, fruit, salad bar.
Culbertson School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Hot dogs, chips, mandarin oranges. 2 p.m. out.
Fri., Mar. 17: No school.
Mon., Mar. 20: Turkey tetrazzini, cooked broccoli, breadsticks.
Tues., Mar. 21: Sloppy joes, curly fries, peaches.
Wed., Mar. 22: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, mixed fruit.
Lambert School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Pizza, chips, fruit.
Fri., Mar. 17: Hot ham & cheese, chips, fruit.
Mon., Mar. 20: Ham or turkey croissants, chips, fruit.
Tues., Mar. 21: Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit.
Wed., Mar. 22: Lasagna, corn, garlic bread, fruit.
Fairview School
Thurs., Mar. 16: Chicken patties on buns, pasta salad, fruit, veggie, fresh garden bar.
Fri., Mar. 17: No school.
Mon., Mar. 20: Chef salad, garlic toast, fruit, dessert.
Tues., Mar. 21: Chicken bacon ranch wraps, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Wed., Mar. 22: Homemade pizza, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Alexander School
Thurs., Mar. 16-Fri., Mar. 17: Spring break.
Mon., Mar. 20: Orange or teriyaki chicken, rice, spring rolls, fortune cookie, fruit, vegetable bar.
Tues., Mar. 21: Corn dogs, chips & cheese, fruit, vegetable bar.
Wed., Mar. 22: Meatball subs, waffle fries, fruit, vegetable bar.
Watford City School
Thurs., Mar. 16-Fri., Mar. 17: Spring break.
Mon., Mar. 20: Chicken nuggets, tots, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.
Tues., Mar. 21: Chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.
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DATED this 8th day of March 2023.
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5317 Harbor Lane, Helena, MT 59602, (406) 461-5003 upon receipt of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set. No refunds will be made for returned documents. There will be a pre-bid conference held on March 21, 2023. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. All participants are to meet at the landfill located 12 miles north of Sidney, MT on Highway 16 at 2:00 pm. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements of the State of Montana in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Within ten days after the Notice of Award, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. Contractor's and any of the Contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 406-444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by

contractors or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the State of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. No bidder may withdraw their bid for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any informalities. Dated this 16 day of February, 2023.
Richland County Solid Waste District

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNTIL 5:00 P.M. APRIL 3, 2023 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE COURTHOUSE, SIDNEY, MONTANA FOR THE FOLLOWING HERBICIDES:

ITEM ONE: Tordon 22K (2.5 gallon and 1 gallon)
ITEM TWO: Escort XP
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ITEM SEVEN: DuraCor
ITEM EIGHT: Curtail
ITEM NINE: Glyphosate
ITEM TEN: Milestone (2.5 gallon and 1 quart)
ITEM ELEVEN: Plateau
ITEM TWELVE: Opensight
ITEM THIRTEEN: Transline
ITEM FOURTEEN: Dicamba
ITEM FIFTEEN: Liberate
ITEM SIXTEEN: Surfactant (AD90, Spreader90, or equivalent)
ITEM SEVENTEEN: Habitat or Polaris or Arsenal
ITEM EIGHTEEN: PlainView
ITEM NINETEEN: Vista
ITEM TWENTY: Telar
ITEM TWENTY ONE: Lockdown
ITEM TWENTY TWO: Venue

NOTE ** VENDORS, PLEASE BID EACH ITEM SEPARATELY**
BIDS SHALL HOLD FOR THE 2023 SPRAY SEASON
** BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON April 4th at 9:30 am**
***Vendors bids will be accepted based on **COST** and **ABILITY TO DELIVER** in a timely manner.
THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Separate sealed Bids will be received by the Richland County Solid Waste District for construction of a 5.5-acre waste cell at the County's landfill. The project shall include excavation of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of soil, installation of a Geoclay Membrane Liner, a 60 mil HDPE liner, a leachate collection system consisting of a geonet drainage fabric, gravel, and piping on the base of the cell, a cushioning geotextile on the sideslopes of the cell and 15" of protective soil over the entire liner system. All bids must be submitted to the District by April 4, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Richland County Public Works Department, 2140 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270 at which time all responsive and reasonable bids will be read aloud. The Contract Documents may be examined at the County Engineer's office located at the County Public Works Department. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the office of Barry Damschen Consulting, LLC,

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Pictured is an agate that was found in the Glendive area. Flawless and scenic pieces like that are very sought after and rare. It's not common to find agates that rent fractured from the many years of tumbling down the river. (Submitted photo)

1st Inaugural Gem & Mineral Show, March 18, Sidney

Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The First Inaugural Gem & Mineral Show will be at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 211 W. Holly St., Sidney. Admission to the show is \$3 for adults, kids 12 and under are free. There will be several vendors at the show with many different items includ-

ing, jewelry, gemstones, fossils, crystals & amethyst, rough rock & slabs, agates & geodes plus much more. There will also be a Kids Corner which will have a "Wheel of Fortune, Gem Dig, Grab Bag and Garnet Picking. Eddie White and Doug Copeland are the co-found-

ers of the inaugural gem and mineral show in Sidney. With shows dotted all over the state, the two got together and had a discussion on how Sidney has been overlooked being one of the best stretches of river in the state for dendrite and colorful agates. That led to them organizing a show

which they hope will go on for many years to come. A one day show this year can easily turn into a 2 day show next year depending on how well it all goes. For more information call Doug Copeland, 406-480-0765 or Eddie White, 406-413-1136.

Sidney Gymnastics Results, Minot, March 5

The Sidney gymnasts competed at the Rebel Roundup Meet held in Minot on Sunday March 5. The Level 4 team placed 3rd. Myra Wieland placed 1st overall in her age bracket.

Scores are as follows:

Level 3 Gymnasts
 Adriene Leintz: Vault 9.200 (4T); Uneven Bars 8.200; Balance Beam 8.450; Floor Exercise 7.350; All Around 33.200
 Brantlee Hanson: Vault 8.250; Uneven Bars 7.000; Balance Beam 6.800; Floor Exercise 7.450; All Around 29.500
 Eden Fisher: Vault 8.850; Uneven Bars 6.750; Balance Beam 6.550; Floor Exercise 6.350; All Around 28.500
 Elle Buske: Vault 8.350; Uneven Bars 4.000; Balance Beam 7.800; Floor Exercise 7.450; All Around 27.600
 Kenzie Koch: Vault 8.800; Uneven Bars 6.850; Balance Beam 8.100; Floor Exercise 8.450; All Around 32.200
 Morgan Murphy: Vault 8.500; Uneven Bars 8.100; Balance Beam 8.000; Floor Exercise 7.950; All Around 32.550
 Paisley Obergfell: Vault 9.500(1); Uneven Bars 8.550; Balance Beam 8.200; Floor Exercise 8.750; All Around 35.000
 Zoey Buske: Vault 8.650; Uneven Bars 7.000; Balance Beam 8.800; Floor Exercise 8.850; All Around 33.300

Level 4 Gymnasts
 Averi Riedel 4D: Vault 8.850(2); Uneven Bars 8.750(3); Balance Beam

8.550(3T); Floor Exercise 8.100; All Around 34.250(4th)
 Camryn Franck 4C: Vault 8.600(2); Uneven Bars 5.900; Balance Beam 8.000; Floor Exercise 7.650; All Around 30.150
 Malia Larson 4C: Vault 8.500(3T); Uneven Bars 8.150(2); Balance Beam 8.750(3); Floor Exercise 8.250(6); All Around

33.650(4th)
 Myra Wieland 4C: Vault 8.500(3T); Uneven Bars 7.600(3); Balance Beam 9.200(2); Floor Exercise 8.900(2); All Around AA 34.200(1st)
 The Girls next meet is State Gymnastics in Helena the weekend of March 24. Coaches are Melanie Morrill and Rachelle Ellis.



Level 4 gymnasts (L-R) Myra Wieland, Malia Larson, Averi Riedel and Camryn Franck. (Photo by Frankie Riedel)

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OBITUARIES

Carolyn Buxbaum, 57 Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Carolyn Buxbaum, 57, Sidney, MT were 2 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2023, at Ebenezer Congregational Church, 118 4th Ave. NW, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Meehan officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Go Fund Me set up to help with medical bills (<https://gofund.me/e04af222>). Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Carolyn Buxbaum

Carolyn Jean (Dennis) Buxbaum was born on March 6, 1965, in San Gabriel, CA to Moky Dennis and Leslie (Keller). Stephanie, her sister, joined the family 16 months later. Her youngest years were spent in the mountains of California where she was an avid downhill skier. Wild adventures with her sister where she was in charge were the highlight of her childhood. Riding their purple Schwinn's all over, spending time with their grandmothers on the beaches of southern California or just roaming the forest behind their house – Carolyn always led the way.

The family moved to the Sidney area in the Spring of 1976 so her father Moky could start his own business, Dennis Plumbing. Carolyn was very popular in school, and she considered school a wonderful social club. She graduated Fairview High School in 1984.

She met the love of her life and future husband, Kelvin Buxbaum, while she was waitressing at the Hotel Albert in Fairview, MT. They were married less than a year later on June 16, 1984. A few years later their first baby girl, Alexis Jean, was born on Feb. 27, 1989 and then Janelle Noelle made the family circle complete on Dec. 24, 1991.

She worked as a travel agent for Sherry Thiel at Sun-world Travel for many years, which only added to her love of travel and taking vacations with her family. As her girls were growing, she enrolled them in sports and clubs and taxied them to all their occasions. Those girls were her purpose, and being the best mom, running a perfect home, being an incredible cook, and caring for her husband - was her focus. After her girls started families of their own, she

loved going up to Billings every chance she could to visit her grand babies – Elena Jean Williams, Olivia Marie Williams and Cooper James Chamberlain. She would always show up with a special surprise for them and take them out for pancakes at IHOP or shopping at garage sales. When she wasn't with them, she was planning to see them - they had her wrapped around their wee little fingers. When her great niece Amber Brown was born, she appointed herself Guardian Angel and was Amber's biggest advocate.

Carolyn was a social butterfly – her effervescent personality floated around her, and she could fill a room with her stories and her laughter. If she had a story to tell she would act it out – voice impressions and all. No one threw a better party. She loved working at The Depot because of her customers, this wasn't a job, it was her social club. She was a fixture there for well over 15 years.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her in-laws, Richard and Luella Buxbaum; her grandparents Fritz and Erma

Charlotte Thackeray, 86 Sidney, MT

Charlotte Thackeray, 86, Sidney, MT, passed away peacefully on Sunday March 5, 2023 at Sidney Health Center with family by her side.

Services are being planned for the summer of 2023 in Havre, MT.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family.

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

Marilyn (Blondie) Johnson, 91, Dickinson, ND formerly of Fairview, MT



Marilyn (Blondie) Johnson

Marilyn (Blondie) Johnson, 91, Dickinson, ND formerly of Fairview, MT was born on Feb. 18, 1932 and passed away on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023 at St. Bens Nursing Home, Dickinson, ND.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Dennis; and her grandmother Helen Chapman.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years Kelvin Buxbaum, her daughters and their families – Lexie & Vann Williams and their children Elena and Olivia, Billings, MT; Nellie and Jeff Chamberlain and their son Cooper, Billings, MT; her father Moky (Burdette) and Fay Dennis, Sidney, MT; her mother Leslie and John Keller, Dayton, NV; her sister Stephanie and Dennis Dietz, Cameron and Amber Brown, Sidney, MT.

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Helena, MT- The Governor's Office of Community Service (ServeMontana), Reach Higher Montana, and Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) are pleased to announce 100 Montana high school seniors who have been awarded Youth Serve Montana Scholarships. This scholarship is offered in two awards, \$1,000 for 50-99 hours of service and \$1,500 for 100+ hours of service to attend a Montana Campus

Compact member institution next fall.

"Reach Higher Montana is always glad to work with our partners to increase scholarship resources for Montana students," said Kelly Cresswell, Reach Higher Montana executive director. "We are grateful for the hundreds of service hours Montana students completed to improve their communities."

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship was creat-

ed to promote volunteerism among high school students. Funds are available through support from Montana Campus Compact, a network of Montana campuses committed to community service; Reach Higher Montana, a nonprofit dedicated to helping students pursue and fund post-secondary education; and the Governor's Office of Community Service, the state agency tasked with expanding and promoting community service in Montana. The Governor's Office of Community Service administers the scholarship funds.

"On behalf of Montana Campus Compact's CEOs, we're excited and heartened to welcome a new freshmen class to our institutions as they come in with demonstrated ethics of service by doing good work in their communities," said Josh Vanek, Montana Campus Compact Director.

Congratulations to these Montana student volunteers:

\$1,000 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship recipients serving 50-99 hours: Lilian Jones, Sidney High School, Sidney'

\$1,500 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship recipients serving 100 or more hours: Taylor McPherson, Fairview High School, Fairview

Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena!

It was good to be home for a few days and seeing the friendly faces in eastern Montana. I get a lot of emails and phone calls from my constituents in SD18. The large majority are in support of how I vote. There are a small few who are not.

When I ran for senate, I swore to uphold the constitution. My life is guided by my faith in God and the moral principles He has set. I use these as my guide when I am voting.

Governor Gianforte is going to have a bill signing Monday, March 13, 2023, to sign a group of bills including \$270 Million in property tax and \$480 Million in income tax rebates. He is going to sign these and other bills giving tax breaks and paying off debt. These bills have passed through both houses.

Being done with transmittal we are getting back to normal. Committees and floor sessions schedules will be filled up. I look forward to continuing to work for freedom for the people of Montana in the second half of the session.

If you are ever in Helena, be sure to look us up. If you want to look up the text of a bill you can find it at <https://leg.mt.gov>.

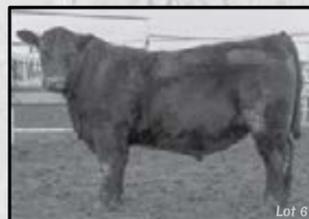
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The 2023 General Election for one District Candidate in each of the Districts I, II, III with terms expiring April 2027 will be held on April 4, 2023. The polls will be open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm (local time).

POLLING PLACES:

District I: Broadway Commons Building- 302 E. Broadway Williston, ND
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CANDIDATES:

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Trenton, ND 58853**

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Deadline for candidates to submit a list of watchers to the Election Board is **March 28, 2023**. This will ensure a fair and orderly election pursuant to the Election Code " ... Each candidate shall be entitled to have a watcher at the polls and the tallying, but such watcher shall in no way interfere with the conduct of the election." The counting of the ballots will be held in the TISA building after the polls close. The Election Board, Administrative Counsel, and Candidate Watchers will be present at counting. The public is allowed to witness the counting of the ballot in a designated area.

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Centre Theatre Provides Stress Relief & Fun

By Robyn Heck
 Javier and Veronica Morales have been operating the Centre Theater, Sidney, since Jan. 25. "We are a young, energetic family that is happy to serve the community by providing some stress relief and fun," said owner Javier Morales. They are finishing up the first phase of their construction plan: to remodel the whole concessions area. Next, they will be put-

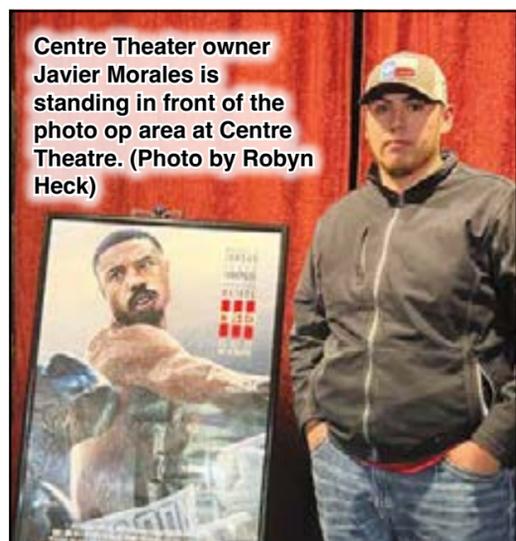
ting in an arcade. Most of the machines will be upstairs. Their goal is to be able to some day restore the storefront. "This is a historical building. We would like to make the marquee retro, with an LED and neon sign," said Morales. "We also have a photo op area at the base of the stairs." The Centre Theatre has three showings Monday-Thursday (2 different movies) and four showings

on Friday-Sunday (2 different movies). Movie times are changing to meet the needs of the community. Go to Centretheatre.com for show times or call the information line (new number) at 406-478-6282. The theatre can also be rented out for private events. You can watch a movie or hook your Xboxes up to the big screen. A minimum of six people is needed to reserve a time.

The "Hollywood Experience" is \$17.25 each which includes popcorn, pop, and cotton candy.

The "Red Carpet Experience" adds a pizza party for \$25.25 each, and \$28.25 each participant to also have an ice cream party.

All of the labor for the remodel is being donated by Morales Construction based out of Fairview.



Centre Theater owner Javier Morales is standing in front of the photo op area at Centre Theatre. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

Brodie Gorder Memorial Tournament



The Brodie Gorder Memorial Iron Eagle Wrestling Duals & Invitational tournament was held March 11 and 12 at the Sidney High School. Pictured above is Aaron Schmitz winning by fall over Raider Barstad (Dakota Rattlers) in the school boy 130 lb. weight class. To view full results go to roundupweb.com. (Photo by Bethany Wells)

Fairview Places 3rd at State



Fairview's Deacon Gackle guards Belt Huskies Reese Paulson. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



The Fairview boys basketball team placed 3rd at the Montana State Class C State Basketball Tournament in Billings. Right: Senior Hunter Sharbono gets up over Belt's JD Shepard to make 2 for Fairview. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

State Tournament Results:
 Fairview played 1st round March 9: Belt Huskies, 53, Fairview Warriors, 43.
 2nd Round March 10: Fairview Warriors, 67, Broadview/Lavina Pirates, 44.
 3rd Round March 11: Fairview Warriors, 56, Powder River Co Hawks, 47.
 4th round for 3rd/4th place: Fairview Warriors, 49, Belt Huskies, 43 for 3rd place.



Fairview Warriors celebrate their 3rd place win at State. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

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The Grand Williston is Back!

By Jaymi Mozeak

2022 brought with it the return of a longstanding Williston business. A property company that has bought different hotels in Williston and Watford City bought the Grand Williston Hotel and Conference Center and has renovated it to the point that it would not be recognized upon entering.

The Grand Williston Hotel was first opened in the 1980s. It was a major part of the scenery for many years until 2020 rolled around. Like many other businesses across the country, the hotel had to close down. The previous owners put the business up for sale and the building sat empty until Real Capital Solutions Properties out of Colorado, purchased the hotel and renovations began. According to their website, www.realcapital-solutions.com, "Real Capital Solutions has been investing in commercial real estate since the mid-1980s." and "RCS pursues both existing, underperforming assets as well as opportunities for development and redevelop-

ment." In early 2022 they purchased the Grand Williston Hotel and Convention Center along with their four other hotels in Williston and Watford City and then got to work. They hired Aimbridge Hospitality, a hotel management firm out of Texas, to manage it for them.

After two years of sitting dormant, the hotel not only needed to be fixed up. It also needed to be modernized and brought up to code. The whole front end has been redone including the lobby, all the offices, the ballroom, and the restaurant/lounge had to be worked on along with much more. The pool area, water side, and lockers were redone and are now ready for patrons. Stop in and enjoy a great menu including steaks, seafood, pizza, or burgers at the family-friendly "Tavern at the Grand". It is open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. daily and has a Sunday Brunch with a full buffet. Spring of 2023 they will begin working on the exterior and parking lot. Area Director of Sales, Denise Olvera, said: "Give us a call for further infor-



The whole front end of the Grand Williston Hotel has been redone including the lobby, offices, ballroom, and restaurant/lounge. Director of Area Sales, Denise Olvera, said: "It's absolutely stunning." (Photo from Grand Williston Hotel Facebook page)

mation on corporate rates and let us take care of your company's lodging needs."

For more information and to see the new interior of the Grand Williston Hotel and Convention Center visit their website, [\[williston.com\]\(http://williston.com\) or check them out on Facebook. For information on meeting spaces contact Gina at \[Gina.Car-penter@aimbridge.com\]\(mailto:Gina.Car-penter@aimbridge.com\), or](http://www.grand-</p>
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stop by and tour the property to see the amazing transformation.

Construction Will Start On US Highway 85 This Spring

By Meagan Dotson

US Highway 85 will soon be under construction as the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) approved a \$77,229,503.51 bid from Minnesota-based business, Central Specialties, to expand the two-lane highway into four lanes from 23rd St NW (CR30) to Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit Entrance.

"A connected four-lane system has been discussed by leadership in the state for many years with the main remaining link between I-94 and US 2 along the US Highway 85 corridor. During the oil boom years US 85 was expanded to four lanes between Watford City and Williston. In October 2015 the NDDOT initiated an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study expansion of US 85 between I-94 and Watford City. The EIS was approved in March 2019 which provided environmental clearance for the highway improvement projects to be built. The first project was the replacement of the Long X Bridge. Now we are preparing for construction of the four-lane segment between Long X Bridge and Watford City," stated Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering with NDDOT.

The expansion of the highway will safely accommodate more industrial, agricultural, and passenger traffic as well as oversized loads, leaving plenty of passing room. It will also expand the four-lane highway from the I-94 interchange to US Highway 2, promoting economic development. Slope stability and landslide issues will be addressed and it will minimize wildlife habitat fragmentation and reduce the potential for wildlife related vehicle accidents.

"The first piece of work that will take place is the tree removal, and that will begin in the middle of March.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Sidney, March 21

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 21, from 12-6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. Advance appointments are strongly recommended as there is limited availability for walk-ins. Please call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate blood.

The rest of the project will begin early spring, with our intentions to start as soon as Mother Nature allows," explained Project Manager and Estimator with Central Specialties, Ryan Beyer.

The construction will be just over a ten-mile stretch, and is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2024. Nearly 2.5 million yards of dirt will be moved, which is comparable to 750 Olympic size swimming pools, and over half a million tons of aggregate base will be crushed and hauled in. The project includes laying over 200,000 tons of asphalt, the installation of more than a mile and a half of pipe, and the construction of three retaining walls. In addition to scheduling to make sure the project stays on track, procuring materials, and being environmentally compliant, Central Specialties will be coordinating with almost 20 subcontractors and working with many different landowners.

"This project also includes funds from McKenzie County to install a pedestrian trail from the start of the project to just outside of the Park," Beyer added.

The roadway will keep two lanes open throughout construction, though travelers should plan on seeing flaggers out to slow traffic at times.

"There are many unique challenges to a project of this size," said Linneman, and went on to list, "Ensuring

the safety of the traveling public and workers in the construction zone because we will be maintaining traffic during construction. Please be patient and slow down in the work zone. Coordinating with utility companies on the potential impacts to their facilities and getting those moved prior to construction and ensuring stability and reliability of the roadway, especially on the south end that traverses a segment of the badlands."

US 85 is part of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, which is part of the Ports to Plains Corridor. The Port to Plains Corridor was designed to promote trade along the north and south corridors, and begins in El Paso, TX continuing through Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado, where it meets the Heartland Expressway, which extends through northern Colorado, Nebraska and into Wyoming. The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway goes from Rapid City, SD, into North Dakota and Montana.

"We are currently working on the surveying, design, utility engineering, permitting, and preliminary right of way needs for the segment between the junction of ND 200 and the Long X Bridge. However, there have not been any funds identified at this point for construction. The NDDOT will continue to work to find a way to fund these projects," concluded Linneman.

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Innovative Program Launched To Reduce Wildlife-Vehicle Conflicts

Montana Wildlife & Transportation Partnership Addressing Growing Concerns Through Program

A new planning tool was announced last week by the Montana Wildlife and Transportation Partnership (MWTP or Partnership), aimed to help local groups identify areas of greatest need for decreasing wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs) and improving wildlife movement across our state highways.

The Montana Wildlife and Transportation Partnership is a collaborative group of representatives from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), and Montanans for Safe Wildlife Passage (MSWP). Formed in 2019, the Partnership recognized that reducing WVCs means finding ways to accommodate wildlife movement across highways. As a result, the Partnership developed a statewide project application process for the public to propose collaborative, stand-alone wildlife accommodation projects within the state's highway infrastructure.

"Montanans care deeply about protecting our natural resources and keeping one another safe," MDT Director, Malcolm Long said. "After years of planning, MWTP celebrates a new opportunity to further public-private partnerships that reduce wildlife and transportation conflicts and improve wildlife connectivity in Montana."

Without action, this problem isn't going away. Montana has one of the nation's highest incidences of wildlife-vehicle collisions per capita. Each year, MDT maintenance crews collect more than 6,000 wildlife animal carcasses, and more than 10% of all crashes in Montana result from wildlife collisions. Nationally, WVCs kill more than one million large mammals, cause hundreds of human fatalities, and lead to more than 26,000 injuries, all at an annual cost of nearly \$11 billion nationwide.

"The best solutions for wildlife vehicle conflicts are found at the local level with all the stakeholders engaged," said FWP Director Hank Worsech. "This tool provides the kind of information needed for those solutions to come forward."

To draw out these solutions, the Planning Tool can identify one-to-two-mile state highway segments that may be candidates for wildlife accommodation projects upon further analysis. It has been built on various data sources that have been compiled, weighed, and ranked, representing five key criteria for identifying areas of need across the state.

The Planning Tool supports the larger Project Program, which addresses the need for transportation projects dedicated to accommodating wildlife with the collaborative engagement of stakeholders, including leveraging capacity and capital investment.

Collaboration will be essential to focus public-private resources as groups prepare applications for the Project Program. The first application cycle will be open from May 1-31. Ready projects for application will require coordination, time, and investment, which is why the tool and Project Program guidance documents are being launched three months prior to ensure those interested have ample opportunities to review resources before applying.

The next application cycle is expected to be open from Nov. 1-30. MWTP will have one or two application cycles per year for the foreseeable future. Once an application is received, the MWTP will evaluate project proposals and select stand-alone wildlife accommodation projects that reduce WVCs and improve safe wildlife passage across Montana highways. The MWTP will then support selected applicants through the study and potential development phases.

The MWTP expects proposed projects to demonstrate

collaboration between landowners, the public, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, sporting groups, philanthropic interests, public agencies, local governments, community groups, and/or Tribal governments.

The project selection process integrates information from the Planning Tool with other evaluation criteria and considerations, such as community support, surrounding land use, and engineering feasibility, to rate project proposals.

To demonstrate the tool and explain more about the application process, members of the MWTP will host a live webinar in mid-April. The exact date will be determined in the coming weeks. Those interested in attending can visit the project webpage, <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/mwt/>, to learn more about the Partnership, the Planning Tool, and the Project Program, and be directed to the upcoming webinar.

Free Workshop For Caregivers: Brought To You By Rural Dementia Caregiver Project Help rural caregivers connect to a new online workshop

Millions of rural caregivers provide crucial support to family members or friends living with memory loss and dementia. These same caregivers often feel stressed and isolated. An online workshop may help them.

The University of California, San Francisco is conducting a study of a new online caregiver workshop. The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health. Caregivers may qualify if they:

- Live in a rural area
- Care for someone with memory loss
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Provide care for at least 10 hours per week

Caregivers who participate in the study of the workshop will be asked to complete four surveys on their caregiving experiences and will receive up to \$80 in cash for doing so.

What does the online workshop offer?

The workshop is accessible to rural caregivers whenever they want it, day or night. It teaches caregivers new skills to reduce their stress, take better care of themselves, manage challenging behaviors of their care partners, and plan for the future. Caregivers also get a workbook to keep, support from other caregivers, and information on community resources.

How can caregivers and others learn more?

Interested caregivers can go to caregiverproject.ucsf.edu or call the toll-free number 1-833-634-0603 to get more information. Organizations that work in rural communities or have contact with caregivers can use that same contact information.

Share Your Fairview Bridge Story

By Dianne Swanson

The Fairview Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Fairview Bridge are compiling a booklet of historical and personal stories and photos to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the historic Fairview Bridge. Comprised of 110 stories, the booklet will provide a look into the significance of the bridge to the residents of this area and beyond. Photos are also encouraged.

Did you, or someone you know, ride the famous Galloping Goose? Are you one of many who walked the tracks while the trains were still operating? Do you know of someone who worked on the bridge or for the railroad? Are you someone who enjoys the quiet beauty of an afternoon in Sundheim Park with the bridge as your background? Whatever your connection to the bridge, the Chamber wants your story.

The booklet is the brain child of Chamber member Jeremy Dean Krieger who explained, "We want to keep history alive. We want to publish these stories while we still can."

Please email your story to fairviewmtchamber@gmail.com or mail it to the Fairview Chamber, Box 374, Fairview, MT, 59221. Chamber members will choose from the entries submitted. If you include a photo, please indicate if you would like it returned to you. Tentative publication date is this summer.

Big Sky Hockey Games Scheduled In Sidney, March 24-26

By Robyn Heck

Richland Ranger Arena will host the Big Sky Games Hockey Tournament on Friday, March 24-Sunday, March 26. "Currently, we have 24 teams signed up," said organizer Dawn Rehbein.

"We are excited to host again this year and look forward to welcoming hockey families to Sidney for this great weekend of hockey. Our goal is always to get bodies in the stands, heads in the beds (hotel customers) and people enjoying our wonderful community," said Rehbein.

Eric Siegfried coaches a Sidney Mites team (ages 6-8) and a Bantam team (up to 8th grade). "This is the third year Sidney has hosted the Big Sky State Hockey games," said Siegfried. Each team can have 8 players. The games will be 3-on-3 with a goalie. You won't want to miss this event.

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Troop 2433

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History Of National Agriculture Week

Agriculture is the biggest food contributor in America. America is the net exporter of food, which means that this industry is a source of food and wealth. The rich history of agriculture in the U.S. attracted colonists to the area. Since most colonists were European, the styles of agricultural cultivation and production were Europe influenced as well. Colonists also brought a large amount of livestock with them to America, which caused changes in its natural landscape.

As the population grew, farms expanded, and settlements moved from the east into the west. This caused the agricultural industry to grow exponentially, with a larger variety of produce being rooted. Once the west was populated

and cultivated, a wheat frontier was formed. The east was firmly set on cattle and livestock with only a handful of small-scale crops. On the other hand, the south was dominated by tobacco and cotton. Lastly, the north was dominated by people who planted only what they needed, anything in excess was sold to the market.

It was only during the Civil War and the Second World War that the agricultural system became centralized, and a proper agricultural system was introduced. The Agriculture Council of America, formed in 1973, has supported the farmers and agricultural advancements in farming techniques in the U.S. It comprises influential leaders in agriculture, food,

and farming who work together as a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the world on the importance of agriculture in American Society.

At the same time when the council was formed, the first National Agriculture Day was also introduced, which soon developed into an entire week-long celebration. National Agriculture Week has been celebrated ever since, with full enthusiasm to support agriculture and spread awareness about the potential and vitality of agriculture.

For more information on National Agriculture Week visit <https://nationaltoday.com/national-agriculture-week/>.

NDSU Sunflower Production Update Set For March 21

Topics during the meeting will include hybrid selection, the importance of getting an optimum plant population, plant nutrient and soil management, and updates for weed, disease and insect management.



(NDSU photo)

8:30 a.m. to noon. This on-line-only conference will be hosted on Zoom.

The program will be conducted by North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension and is supported by the National Sunflower Association.

The conference is free to attend, but pre-registration is required at <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right>, this site also has video links to the previous sunflower production meeting. Those who preregister will receive instructions via email on how to connect to the Zoom meeting.

"The 2022 sunflower cropping season resulted in record yields for both the oil and confection sunflower," says Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension agronomist and co-organizer of the conference. "Sunflower is a deep-rooting crop and although part of the 2022 season was dry, the sunflower plants were able to tap into the stored soil moisture, resulting in the record farm yields."

Topics during the sunflower production meeting will include hybrid selection, the importance of getting an optimum plant popula-

tion, plant nutrient and soil management, updates for weed, disease and insect management, combine fire prevention and sunflower marketing. Participants are encouraged to ask questions via the Q&A Zoom function and speakers will answer these questions.

Attendees will receive a list of several pertinent Extension sunflower production resources as reference materials supplemental to the presentations. The presentations will be recorded and archived.

"During the fall of 2023, researchers, Extension staff and consultants will again conduct an intensive survey of North Dakota sunflower fields in order to evaluate agronomics, weeds, diseases, and insect and bird damage as part of the National Sunflower Survey," says Greg Endres, Extension agronomist and co-organizer of the conference. "Trends based on previous field surveys will be woven into several of the presentations."

Certified crop adviser continuing education credits will be available for meeting participants.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

Sunflower producers, crop advisers and others interested in sunflower production management updates are encouraged to participate in the 2023 Getting-it-Right in Sunflower Production Conference on Tuesday, March 21 from

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Eastern MT Farmers Union Women's Conference To Be In Sidney

By Meagan Dotson
 For the last 10 years, Montana Farmers Union has hosted their Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference on the western half of the state, however, they are excited to be hosting a second event, the Eastern Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference in Sidney March 31- April 1.
 "This conference is for and about celebrating women in agriculture, rural communities, leadership and entrepreneurship. It provides an opportunity for them to share and build their skills and connect folks around the state," said Lambert native Rachel Prevost, who is the Montana Farmers Union Membership Services & Government affairs director.
 Check in begins at 4:30 p.m. March 31, with the evening events being held at the Sidney Elks Lodge; trivia will begin at 8 p.m. The conference is taking place at the Richland County Extension Office, April 1 starting with breakfast, and the day will conclude around 6 p.m. at Meadowlark Brewing.
 Some of the confer-

ence's events include a cooperative panel, which is fitting as cooperatives are one of Montana Farmers Union's three founding pillars and they actively support patron-owned business. The panel will discuss cooperative benefits, resources, and support.
 'Signs of Stress' is another topic to be covered, and will speak to how important mental health is in rural communities, how to recognize those signs of stress in yourself and loved ones, and resources that are available so no one has to go it alone.
 Courtney Brown Kibblewhite, Montana Chamber of Commerce chair and the Northern Ag Broadcasting vice-president will be the keynote speaker for the event. Her presentation 'Western Culture and the Stories that Shape Us' is a very powerful address that lends itself to the topic of mental health in rural communities.
 The Montana Farmers Union book club will launch during the conference, with the first book being 'The

Farmer's Lawyer', written by Sarah Vogel. The book club will meet via Zoom meetings as a way to discuss the novel and continue their connection. The book club will be closing in October 2023.
 Sidney was chosen as the location for the Eastern Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference due to the culmination of agriculture across the county, its accessibility to other eastern Montana counties, and its hotel and conference options.
 Anyone who would like more information or is interested in attending the Eastern Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference can log onto <https://montanafarmersunion.com> and click on the Eastern Women's Conference banner across the bottom of their home page. Registration with accommodations closes March 16; registration without accommodations closes March 31.
 "For rural communities to thrive, people need to be stepping into leadership roles and these conferences foster that and allow women to connect with others

across the state," Prevost stated. "Montana Farmers Union is excited to offer a second conference that is more accessible to Eastern Montana, not only to encourage involvement and leadership, but also to compliment the work that is already being done."

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Kelsey Proue, MT FFA Director of Operations, speaks about youth leadership during a panel discussion at Montana Farmers Union's Women's Conference held at Fairmont Hot Springs in February. Pictured (L-R) Peyton Cole, Kelsey Proue, Abigail Curtis, Linda Kinsey and Calla Donnelly. The Women's Conference has become so popular that MFU is holding a second event, MFU's Eastern Montana Women's Conference, March 31-April 1, Sidney. (Photos and captions provided by Montana Farmers Union)

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MonDak Ag Days Recap

By Robyn Heck

The MonDak Ag Days was held Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3, at the Richland County Event Center. Here is a recap of the events held.

Weiland Presented "Drainage Tiles Dos and Don'ts"

MonDak Ag Days kicked off Thursday morning, March 2 with the trade show opening at 8 a.m.

At 10 a.m. Jerry Weiland presented "Drainage Tiles Dos and Don'ts."

Weiland is the Midwest and West region salesman for Franco. Prior to that he spent numerous years serving the people of South Dakota and Nebraska with Hefty Seed. He has extensive experience in agribusiness and economics.

Tile drainage is a form of agricultural drainage sys-

tem that removes excess sub-surface water from fields to allow sufficient air space within the soil, proper cultivation, and access by heavy machinery to tend and harvest crops. It's a type of agricultural plumbing. The excess water from the soil is siphoned away. Tiling is particularly important in places across the Midwest that historically were covered in wetlands. A drawback of



The Sidney FFA Chapter helped serve the banquet meal at the Elks Lodge as well as food during the education and trade show events at the Richland County Events Center. Pictured (L-R) FFA advisor Kelly Alvstad with daughter Cecelia Alvstad, Stetson Armes, Corey Christiansen, Hallie Schantz, Savannah Anderson, Cedar Hovde and Rhett Rossol. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

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drainage tiles is that they don't just remove water, they take fertilizer and nutrients such as nitrates and phosphorus. Those nutrients are responsible for toxic algae in lakes. Those blooms rob the water of oxygen and can suffocate and harm the aquatic life. Efforts are underway to address these effects.

Weiland engaged the advice from the start. He said, "What are your drainage tile problems?" The clinic was spent brainstorming solutions.

Getting More "Bang For Your Fertilizer Buck"

The second session of MonDak Ag Days was "Getting More Bang for your Fertilizer Buck" presented by MSU Assistant Research Professor Manbir Rakkar.

Dr. Rakkar's research aims to resolve soil issues using interdisciplinary approaches. Currently she is focused on preventing, mitigating, and adapting to soil acidification in Montana. Her presentation goal was to discuss an increase in fertilizer use efficiency, decrease crop loss, and prevent soil acidity. Most agriculture soils in our state are near neutral to basic with a surface soil pH of 6.5 to 8. However, fields with crop losses due to soil acidification have been found in 24 Montana counties, including Roosevelt County.

Prussic Acid In Livestock

The 3rd session for the MonDak Ag Days was titled "Prussic Acid in Livestock".

It was presented by Richland County MSU extension agent Marley Manoukian.

Manoukian helps producers and home gardeners with plant and insect identification and plant disease diagnosis. She assists with soil, water, and forage quality analysis, in-house nitrate testing, and can provide the Private Application Training program for producers interested in becoming licensed to use restricted use pesticides.

Manoukian grew up in Malta, MT. "I welcome any and all questions regarding horticulture and agriculture, and if I don't know the answer, I will gladly find out," she said. It was discovered in the early 1900s that under certain conditions, sorghum is capable of releasing hy-

drocyanic acid (or prussic acid), which makes them potentially dangerous for grazing. Since there is no treatment for prussic acid poisoning in cattle, prevention is the best Medicine. It is important to know that young plants contain more prussic acid than older plants, stress such as drought or freeze produces higher prussic acid, there is more in the leaves than the stems, and sun curing of hay will reduce prussic acid, especially if the hay is crimped. Prussic acid poisoning can cause death in cattle. Early signs are excitement, rapid pulse, muscle tremors, rapid or labored breathing, pink fluid in the music membranes, and cherry red blood. Our goal is to prevent prussic acid poisoning," said Manoukian.

Updates To Medically Important Antibiotics

The 4th session of the MonDak Ag Days was "Updates to Medically Important Antibiotics" presented by Gary Schieber.

Schieber has lived in Sidney since 2004, and is a High Plains Veterinary Clinic, veterinarian.

Schieber began by stating that some antibiotics have been available over-the-counter for many years. However, starting June 11, 2023, all antibiotics will require a veterinary prescription. "This has been in the works by the FDA for many years," said Schieber. Some common antibiotics ranchers will no longer be able to easily purchase include: oxytetracycline, sulfamethazine, procaine penicillin, tylosin, erythromycin, and lincomycin. Does this mean ranchers need to get a new prescription every time they get a sick animal? The short answer is: no. A veterinarian can write a prescription for a herd as long as they are familiar with the operation and make routine visits as to have a working knowledge of the operation. "There must be a valid client-patient-relationship," said Schieber. He also discussed efforts to slow antimicrobial resistance in animals.

Cattle Market Update

The 5th session of MonDak Ag Days was called the "Cattle Market Update" presented by Katelyn McCulloch, Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) director and senior agriculture economist.

LMIC's mission is to provide timely and comprehensive livestock marketing resources through cooperation. It has provided economic analysis and market projections concerning



Jay Bodner was the keynote speaker at the MonDak Ag Days Banquet.

the livestock industry since 1955. She has expertise in the cattle, hog, dairy, hay and grain sectors covering market analysis and outlook. McCulloch has published through a variety of channels market analysis, research, and new articles. She has been a frequent presenter on the national and regional levels, as well as through rural media outlets. McCulloch has worked in the Farm Credit System as well as in Washington, DC, for American Farm Bureau Federation on livestock related agriculture policy topics.

"I don't believe you will see a price break on hay until this summer," said McCulloch. Fed cattle prices in 2023 are raised on firm demand and lighter carcass weights. The import forecast for 2023 is raised on early customs and import inspection data to 3.4 billion lbs. Export projections for 2023 are unchanged at 3.1 million lbs.

MonDak Ag Days Banquet

The 2023 MonDak Ag Days banquet was held Thursday, March 2 at the Sidney Elks Club. Prime rib was cooked by Leroy Strasheim Catering and was served by the Sidney High School FFA chapter.

"Each of us can be a voice for agriculture," began Jay Bodner, keynote speaker, who was named 2022 Outstanding Agricultural Leader on behalf of the MSU College of Agriculture. His family runs a ranch near Rainsford, MT. He continued, "Agriculture is the #1 industry in Montana, and a recent American Farm Bureau survey said that 88% of Americans trust farmers. I think that is an accurate depiction of what we do. Visitors are enthralled by what we do to earn the title of farmer and rancher." He discussed how it is beneficial for those in the agriculture industry to network. His ad-

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to feed the world. Be proud of what you do. **"Farm Bill, Crop Budget, & Agriculture Update"** The first speaker on Friday morning was Ron Haugen, NDSU farm management specialist. The session was titled "Farm Bill, Crop Budget and Agriculture Update". "We all know input costs are rising, but what can we do to ease the financial burden?" began Haugen. He then explained that all are welcome to use the NDSU farm bill calculator. "This is an online tool for producers to help determining the price loss coverage election," explained Haugen. Haugen also spoke

about the opinions expressed in the North Dakota Farmers Union farm bill discussion session that took place last June. They emphasized the parts of the farm bill they appreciated (crop insurance, price loss coverage/agriculture risk coverage decision making, and plant abuse prevention, and also discussed areas of concern (inflation, higher input costs, supply shortages, and labor shortages.). Haugen ended by explaining that we need to continue to be a voice for agriculture. "Twenty-five percent of the Senate and half of the House have never voted on a farm bill. Some don't even know what the farm bill is," said Haugen.

Value Added Ag Opportunities

The 2023 MonDak Ag days 11 a.m. Friday session was titled "Value Added Ag Opportunities", presented by Hailey Vine.

Vine is the Great Northern Development Corporation food and ag development center director.

Value added agriculture is the production of a product in a manner that enhances its value. "People will pay more for locally made, and that continues the cycle to support your economy, especially in smaller rural communities. Agritourism is as value added as you can get because you are using your land and making it work for you," explained Vine. Agri-tourism events can be things like participating in a farmers market, giving farm tours, stargazing tours, historical walks and hikes, dino-digs and pedal-to-plate rides.

Pedal-to-plate is an event where participants bicycle to different farms for different activities such as tasting different foods, seeing different animals, etc. Vine also explained that there are also grants available. "The Value Added Producer" grant is due the middle of May, and it is intended to help with processing costs and marketing and advertising expenses," said Vine. There is also a "Growth Through Agriculture" grant,

a marketing development program, and more. Contact Vine for more information at fadc@gndc.org or 406-643-2590 extension 201.

On April 11 in Glendive, and April 13 in Glasgow, there will be a "Homegrown to Market" workshop. To register, email Tara at Hourman@epedc.com.



Mark Voll, area rancher, comments about antibiotic concerns. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

Vine then discussed the benefit of the "Made in Montana" program. "If you can, apply to the Made in Montana program so that you can include that label on your merchandise. Those not in the Ag community really pay attention to those specific labels," explained Vine.

Vine is originally from South Dakota. She and her husband live in Circle, MT.

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The final session of the 2023 MonDak Ag Days was titled "Pre-emergent Herbicides and Modes of Action". It was presented by Charlie Lim, NDSU Extension Office weed specialist, Williston.

Lim grew up in the Philippines. His family raised rice. He studied at MSU in Bozeman and became a weed scientist. Lim develops innovative extension programs that help producers in the ag industry identify, assess, and control weeds. He also communicates with other extension specialists, appropriate research extension center personnel, and producers about issues that need new or additional research.

The main topic of his talk was about the weed Kochia. Kochia can be difficult to manage because of its ability to spread and quickly reestablish itself, particularly in a time of drought.

Retained Placenta In Beef Cattle

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Retained placenta in a cow is typically defined as failure to expel the fetal membranes within 24 hours after following parturition or birth of the calf. Under normal circumstances, expulsion of the placenta occurs within eight hours after the calf has been born. The point at which nourishment from the cow is passed to the fetus through the placenta is called a placentome. This placentome is made of the joining of the cotyledon (fetal side) and the caruncle (cow side). When the placenta is retained, the cotyledons do not detach from the caruncles on the uterus during parturition. While retained placenta is rare, they can create a potential for problems.

A retained placenta permits manure and microorganisms to enter the uterus. When a cow lays down, bacteria within the dirt or mud she is laying in also can enter the uterus and can cause infection, resulting in negative consequences. Infections within the uterus can cause fever, weight loss, and in severe cases can cause death. An infected and inflamed uterus results in the cow taking longer to clean and be prepared for the next breeding season, resulting in delayed rebreeding of that cow, or that cow coming up as open. Ultimately, retained placenta can risk reproductive efficiency and can lose operation's profit potential.

Causes of retain placenta include 1) dystocia or calving difficulty due to too large of a calf, twins, or abnormal presentation of the fetus, 2) poor nutrition from inadequate energy or protein during pregnancy, deficiency in Vitamin A, Selenium, Iodine, or Vitamin E, 3) stress, obesity, or genetics, or 4) infectious diseases such as Leptospirosis, IBR virus, BVD virus, or Brucellosis.

Proper herd health and nutrition, along with a mineral program will prevent most problems that retained placenta is associated with. If you are experiencing issues as a result of retained placenta, contact your veterinarian for best treatment options.

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