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New Ownership Drives Revenue In Sidney

By Aliza Hunter

On the corner of Holly and Central in Sidney, you will see a small yellow coffee shop with cars lining up waiting for their days favorite beverage. This coffee shop has quickly become one of Sidney's favorites after being purchased by new owners in March of this year. Rich and Linda Gorde found their love for coffee when they obtained what was once known as Silver Junction. They changed the business name quite recently to The Coffee Stop. The building itself has received a fresh coat of paint, and the business a fresh start.

Having little to no experience in coffee or drink making prior to purchase, Rich and Linda depended heavily on employees that had the knowledge to help them learn the ropes. Those employees are still with them today. The Gorde's found the business to be busy when the change in ownership happened earlier this year, however, they state that business is up 25% and is consistently growing. While Rich enjoys cooking for patrons, Linda likes to visit, joking that once in awhile she gets in trouble for holding up the



Owners, left to right, Linda and Rich Gorde.

line. They both have their favorite drinks as well; Rich enjoys the red bull chargers while Linda appreciates the taste of a French vanilla white chocolate latte.

The Coffee Stop will be offering a new drink called "Refreshers" beginning May 27. The refresher can be combined with fruit or popping pearls that look much like boba balls however, they contain fruit juice rather than tapioca. There will also be chocolate popping pearls available as well which Linda says will be delicious in an

iced latte. For those that are looking for a healthier option, you are also in luck! Rich and Linda offer what is called "The Lotus", a plant-based, all-natural drink.

The Coffee Stop also offers breakfast options such as breakfast burritos and bagel sandwiches topped with ham, bacon, or sausage. The limited breakfast menu is served from 6:30 AM until 11:30 AM. From 11:30 AM to 6PM they offer soft pretzels with cheese, providing a great snack throughout the day.

When asked about their long-term aspirations for The Coffee Stop, Rich and Linda answer by saying that they are eager to see continued growth and a long line of happy customers daily.

The Gorde family is native to Sidney. Rich has been with LYREA for 18 years and Linda works part time with Brenner and Averett. They also own an exterior painting business when the weather is favorable, R&L Painting.

COPP Makes Decision on Krautter Complaint

On May 18 Joel Krautter issued the following press release:

Montana Commissioner of Political Practices, Jeff Mangan, issued a "Finding of Sufficient Facts to Support a Campaign Finance Violation" ruling on May 15th, in favor of Sidney Representative Joel Krautter in his campaign finance complaint against Doctors for a Healthy Montana. Krautter's April 7th complaint alleged the political action committee's name was misleading the public and was in violation of Montana's Naming and Labeling Act. This statute requires a group to be named in a way that accurately reflects the majority of the group's contributors, which were politicians not doctors at the time of Krautter's complaint. The Kalispell based PAC has been attacking Krautter during his re-election campaign.

The Commissioner's decision states, "The Commissioner hereby issues a

'sufficient evidence' Finding and Decision justifying a civil fine or civil prosecution of Doctors for a Healthy Montana. Because of the nature of the violation, this matter is referred to the County Attorney of Lewis and Clark County for his consideration as to prosecution."

"I'm thankful for the Commissioner's decision which confirms what I said in my complaint. It's now been documented that Doctors for a Healthy Montana will lie to the public. This goes to their group's credibility, just like I previously said, they were misleading the public about my pro-life record," said Krautter.

The COPP decision stated that the violation was from the time period Feb. 24 to April 19 and the group came into compliance with the naming and labeling statute on April 20. At that time additional doctors contributed to the PAC meeting the requirements for compliance.

The matter has now been turned over to the County Attorney, Lewis & Clark County, for his consideration as to prosecution. If the county attorney waves the right to prosecute or fails to prosecute within 30 days, the matter returns to the COPP for prosecution. Most matters are waved back to the COPP. The Finding and Decision does not necessarily lead civil prosecution as the Commissioner has discretion in regard to legal action.

On April 14 political action committee (PAC), Doctors for a Healthy Montana, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Missoula against MT Attorney General Tim Fox and Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP) Jeffery Mangan. The group claims the statute cited by Rep. Joel Krautter, R-Sidney, in his complaint filed with COPP on April 7 serves no useful purpose and should be repealed. The suit asks a judge to declare

the statute unconstitutional and award the PAC cost relief including the cost of litigation.

On May 13 the group was denied a preliminary injunction on enforcement of Montana Code 13-37-210 governing the naming of political action committees by U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen. The judge has yet to make a final decision on the case. The judge's ruling could very well impact the action that is taken in regards to the violation.

"We feel the Naming and Labeling Act is unconstitutional. We are asking the court to declare the law unconstitutional," stated Matt Regier (R-HD4) contributor to Doctors for a Healthy Montana.

The official decision from COPP and the denial for preliminary injunction will be available on The Roundup's website www.roundupweb.com.

RMC Begins Phased Return Of Services

By Jaimee Green

The phrase "new normal" has been tossed around in conversations a lot these days. The fact is, until a vaccine against COVID-19 is developed, we won't be able to return to the way things used to be. But, that's okay. At Roosevelt Medical Center, there is a concrete plan guided by best practices and solid science to ensure the safest, and highest quality of care for patients. The process will just be a little bit different. For example, you won't be able to enter the building without an appointment, someone will have to let you in and you'll need to be screened for respiratory symptoms.

Roosevelt Medical Center, along with many other area facilities, have begun taking steps to re-open the clinic to elective procedures. The process will be a phased-approach that will be carefully implemented to ensure patient safety and prevent the spread of Covid-19 or a resurgence of the virus throughout the state. While fully prepared to care for Covid-19 patients, RMC has not had anyone present to the facility and test positive for the virus.

"We are excited and ready to begin the gradual process of returning to our normal patient care operations," said Mandy Byrd, clinic director. "This phased plan is a safe approach for our organization to begin providing elective healthcare for the community again. Just as the rest of the community is, we are all anxious for the return of some normalcy in our lives. But, we will only do so safely and with patient safety our top priority," she added.

On March 18, Montana hospitals stopped performing elective procedures in response to a request by Governor Steve Bullock. That action was necessary to conserve critical healthcare resources in order to ensure hospitals could respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. Recently, Governor Bullock authorized the state's medical facilities to begin plans to gradually return to normal operations.

Some of the key elements of the first phase at RMC are:

- The restart of diagnostic radiology, laboratory and non-emergent outpatient services.
- All patients must have an appointment and should arrive 15-minutes early.
- No walk-ins are being accepted.
- All patients will be greeted and let into the facility front entrance following a temperature and questionnaire screening.
- All respiratory patients exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be treated in a specific treatment room that has been set up to keep those patients isolated to one area of the facility.
- Zoom meetings with providers will continue to be encouraged whenever feasible.
- All on-site tele-medicine video-exam patients will need to check in at the emergency room door where they will be masked and screened.
- All CT patients will need to check in at the emergency room door where they will be masked and screened.
- Exam rooms will continue to be sanitized after each patient use.
- All departments will stagger time slots to allow for social distancing of patients.
- All patients will be expected to wear a mask (cloth or surgical) as well as anyone accompanying them to their appointment. We ask that you come alone unless it is medically necessary that you are accompanied by a companion. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Temperatures will be taken and a screening for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will occur on anyone entering the building.
- Staff will continue to be screened at the beginning of every shift and are required to wear a mask in all patient care areas.
- Visitor restrictions will continue with exception to end-of-life situations.

For more information please contact 406-787-6401.



Williams & Divide County Conduct Drive Through COVID-19 Testing May 21-22

On May 20-22, the Upper Missouri District Health Unit in collaboration with the City of Williston, Williams County Emergency Management, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williston Fire Department, Southwestern District Health Unit, ND National Guard and ND Department of Health hosted a drive-thru COVID-19 testing at Williston High School. The event was open to Williams County residents, essential workers including agriculture, oilfield, retail and food service.

Vehicles were allowed to line up along the route starting at 9:30 a.m. Testing went on until all test kits had been used. Resident testing totals were 189 from Williston, 251 from Crosby and 233 from Trenton. Testing results should be available within 48-72 hours but were not back by press time.

MACo 2020 President's Scholarship Awards Announced

Submitted by Karen Houston

Helena, MT – Montana Association of Counties (MACo) President and Richland County Commissioner, Shane Gorder, has announced that Allyson Young, Everett Jensen, and Mason Mindt are the awardees of the 2020 MACo President's Scholarships.

Young is being granted the \$1,000 scholarship and graduating from Fairview High School. Both Jensen and Mindt are each receiving a \$500 scholarship and graduating from Sidney High School.

In the past MACo has awarded only one \$500 scholarship, but because both Jensen and Mindt were so close in the evaluation, the MACo Executive Committee voted to grant each of them a scholarship.

MACo's scholarship competition is based upon merit and offered to eligible graduating seniors from the President's home county who plan to attend a Montana community college or four-year degree unit of the University System.

"Our MACo Executive Committee members who made the selections were very impressed with these applicants," said President Gorder. "The students and their families certainly can take a great deal of pride in the selection for the awards."

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One Contributor Does Not Make A Group

The Montana Commissioner of Campaign Practices ruled on May 18th, 2020, that 'Conservatives United for Richland County' violated campaign finance laws and has been referred to the Lewis and Clark County Attorney for possible prosecution.

'Conservatives United for Richland County' has only one contributor, Jordan Hall of Sidney. This PAC is not a group, but only one person with a vendetta against me. Using flyers, mailers, ads and social media to spread misrepresentations about my voting record and

character, Conservatives United has pretended to be a groundswell group with the message, 'Krautter is not conservative enough.'

In reality, I have a solid record of voting for fiscal responsibility, agriculture, small businesses, our hospitals, mental health programs, pro-life issues, gun rights and regaining oil and gas revenues from the state to our area.

With your support, I will continue to always put Richland County interests first.

Sincerely,
Joel Krautter

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OBITUARIES

Jared Kutzler, 23 Sidney, MT

Services for Jared Kutzler, 23, Sidney, MT were at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor David Huskamp officiating.

Visitation was Friday, May 22, 2020 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home Sidney is caring for the family.

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

Jared passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020 at his home in rural Sidney, MT.

Birth Announcement

Elizabeth Joy Hedegaard

Elizabeth Joy Hedegaard was born May 6, 2020, to Brock and Melissa Hedegaard, Duluth, MN. She weighed 7 lbs, 6 oz. Elizabeth joins a brother, Joshua. Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Karen Goorhouse, Holland, MI. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Nancy Hedegaard, Sidney.

Governor Bullock Announces Montana To Enter Phase Two Of Reopening Plan On June 1

Submitted by Marissa Perry

Montana – Governor Steve Bullock has announced the state will move to Phase Two of the Reopening the Big Sky plan and will lift the 14-day out-of-state travel quarantine beginning June 1 as Montana continues to have the lowest number of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations per capita.

“Montana has been an example for the rest of the nation in our response to this global pandemic. I have no doubt that we can continue to be that example, but only if Montanans, businesses, and visitors alike continue to take seriously the responsibility we all have in protecting others,” Governor Bullock said. “As we continue with the next phase in our reopening, our goal together as Montanans for the foreseeable future is to mitigate the spread of the virus.”

“The individual actions of Montanans have collectively made a difference. Staying 6-feet away, washing hands, wearing masks while in public, and staying home when sick, have all contributed to us being able to move forward with the plan to reopen Montana. We are at an important milestone and if each of us continues to do our part to prevent the novel coronavirus from spreading, we'll stay on the path to fully reopen Montana,” John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer and President/CEO of RiverStone Health, said.

“Since this COVID-19 emergency began Governor Bullock has consistently listened to city and county governments around the state as he has formulated a strategy to respond. That strategy has worked. Thanks to Governor Bullock's leadership, Montana has escaped the tragedies other states have experienced. We are fortunate to have him at the helm as we reopen Montana. We are thankful for his commitment to ensure we will keep Montana safe during the summer months as we rebuild our economy,” Cynthia Andrus, Deputy Mayor, city of Bozeman, said.

“We are grateful for Governor Bullock's diligence as he works to reopen Montana safely and continues to and consider the unique concerns and challenges in tribal communities including a large population of elderly Montanans and families in multi-generational households. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council appreciate Governor Bullock has respected tribal sovereignty and decisions to put in place more restrictive measures to keep tribal communities safe and has supported our efforts to contain the virus through increased testing,” said the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Setting the Record Straight

There have been many outright lies made about Joel Krautter in his re-election. If you look at the letters against Joel, you'll notice the majority is from out-of-town and the few that are local are from Joel's normal critics. At any rate, I feel compelled to address some of the most glaring falsehoods.

Let's start with questioning Joel's Republican status. The Republican Party is not just for far right people. There is a range of views within the party, from far right to moderate. They are all still Republicans. The far right is a vocal minority within the party. Joel Krautter is a Republican. Good leaders attract broad support.

It has been stated Joel voted for taxpayer funded abortions. False. The Medicaid Reform Act did not change anything concerning abortion and was supported by pro-life catholic hospitals. Joel is and always has been Pro-Life.

Furthermore, House Bill 658 added 14 conservative improvements to Medicaid Reform, none of which were contained in the problematic I-185 referendum that was voted on locally. To claim HB 658 and I-185 were the same thing, only misleads voters.

Joel has been accused of raising taxes on vehicle registrations. False again. The bill raised the optional donation fee people can choose to pay to support state parks. It is not a tax and it is voluntary.

Joel did not vote to raise the hotel bed tax. He voted to allow discussion of the bill, but voted against the bill itself.

Finally, Joel has been accused of voting with Democrats on 213 bills. Joel made over 1800 House floor votes. The Montana legislature has a Republican majority and every committee is controlled by Republicans. A bill cannot even get out of committee without Republican support. In reality, there were no “Democrat bills” for Joel to vote for on the floor, which were not already bipartisan. Simply another lie.

And for the record, Joel has 57 Richland County campaign donors, over twice his opponent.

The bottom line to ask yourself: do you want a leader who will truly listen and seek advice from his constituents, work as hard as possible to do what is best for all of us, and continue to go above and beyond to help the people of Richland County? That leader is Joel Krautter. Please join me and many, many of your friends and neighbors in re-electing Joel Krautter for House District 35.

Sincerely, Paula Steinbeisser

2020 Voter Ballot Information Richland Co.

**Submitted by Stephanie Verhasselt
Richland County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator**

The Federal Primary election to be held on June 2, is an all-mail ballot election. All active, provisional, and late registrants will receive a ballot in the mail. Inactive voters will need to update their registration to receive a ballot. Ballots were mailed May 8. Montana is an open primary state that requires voters to receive all eligible party ballots. Only vote one party ballot. Put the voted ballot in the pink secrecy envelope. Place the pink secrecy envelope in the white affirmation envelope and sign the affirmation envelope. Destroy the other two ballots. Ballots can be mailed in or dropped off at the Clerk and Recorder's office located at 201 W Main, Sidney, MT. Due to COVID-19, our office doors are closed. Please knock and we are happy to help voters with registration and ballot drop off or pickup. For more information call 433-1708.

Alexander Lions Burger Booth Closed

Due to COVID-19, The Alexander, ND Lions burger booth will be closed until further notice. We hope to see you all after the 4th of July.

Stay Safe, Lion President Michael Mrachek

In consultation with public health and emergency response officials, Governor Bullock outlined the following indicators which allow Montana to move into Phase Two beginning on June 1:

- A downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period.
- The current ability to contact and trace, along with plans to add additional contact tracers to the existing workforce.
- Ensuring that health care workers have the supplies they need to treat COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients.
- Ramping up testing capacity to eventually meet a target of 60,000 tests a month and prioritizing testing for vulnerable Montanans and tribal communities. A total of 5,600 tests were conducted last week. Increased testing continues with sentinel testing efforts in nursing homes and assisting living facilities, testing events in tribal areas, and drive through testing being conducted at a few sites.

Under Phase Two, effective June 1, avoid gatherings in groups of more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing. Groups larger than 50 people should be cancelled unless physical distancing can be maintained. It is recommended to continue to social distance in gatherings of any size.

Under Phase Two, effective June 1, restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and casinos remains in the same operations status as Phase One, but with an increase to 75% capacity. Gyms, indoor group fitness classes, pool, and hot tubs can operate at 75% capacity and only if they can adhere to strict physical distancing and they exercise frequent sanitation protocols. Concert halls, bowling alleys, and other places of assembly may operate with reduced capacity and if they adhere to strict physical distancing guidelines.

All businesses are required to follow the social distancing and sanitation guidelines established in Phase One, and Montanans are strongly encouraged to continue sanitation practices, including hand washing and wearing masks in public places like grocery stores.

“Social distancing, wearing a cloth mask, washing your hands, and sanitizing are all part of our new normal. If not for you, do it for others, especially for the most vulnerable among us,” Governor Bullock said. “Not following these guidelines could put us in a position where we have to go backward, instead of being able to continue to move forward.”

Vulnerable Montanans should still continue to stay home when possible during Phase Two. Visitation at nursing home and assisted living facilities remains suspended except for certain compassionate care situations.

Effective June 1, the 14-day travel quarantine for out-of-state travelers and residents arriving from another state or country to Montana for non-work-related purposes will be lifted. The Montana National Guard will continue to conduct screenings in airports and train depots and refer anyone with COVID-19-related symptoms to local public health officials.

To support Montana's destination communities, the state will assist with establishing the following protocols:

- Surveillance testing of employees.
- Enhanced contact tracing resources deployed to these areas as requested by local authorities.
- Ability to surge personal protective equipment to impacted health care systems.
- Guidelines for operation for business that see high-tourist activity.

Montana's gradual and phased plan to reopen began on April 26 with Phase One which allowed schools, places of worship, main street and retail businesses, and restaurants, breweries, and bars to reopen under social distancing guidelines. Governor Bullock also provided additional guidance to allow gyms, movie theaters, and museums to reopen under the first phase on May 15.

Governor Bullock and his Coronavirus Task Force will continue to monitor cases closely and carefully to analyze Montana's work to contain the virus.

The Directive and its Appendix with reopening guidelines are attached and are posted online at covid19.mt.gov.

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Virtual Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk Sidney June 27

On Saturday, June 27 support the Vision of Home Ministry of Emmaus House by participating in their virtual 5k Run/Walk. Participate wherever you are, whenever you can. Register at www.emmaushouse.co and pick up your t-shirt at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney, Tuesday, June 26, 5-7 p.m. All proceeds will help Vision of Hope in its ministry to our young adults who are on the Autism Spectrum.

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Sidney/Richland County Food Bank Donation

On Thursday, May 21 the Flatley's, Owners and Developers of Sunrise Village along with Steve Cavanaugh, Project Manager/Superintendent of Sunrise Village and Susie Cavanaugh, Director of Sales at Sunrise Village, were happy to present a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Sidney/Richland County Food Bank, Candy Markwald, President, Gloria Yockim, and one of their faithful volunteers, Tori Hill, our Hunger Heros! Candy and Gloria have worked diligently to meet the needs of Richland County residents. We are all in this together! (Photo submitted by Susie Cavanaugh)

Placing Flags for Memorial Day



Tim and Brenda Larson have been placing flags on veterans' graves for 15 years for Memorial Day. This year, they placed approximately 550 flags donated by the local VFW chapter. The Larson's would like to thank the VFW for purchasing new flags this year as well as the assistance received from 56 volunteers including the Brorson Farmhands, and Richland Aces 4H groups.

Left: Tayla Larson and Kambree Wheeler help to place flags for Memorial Day. (Photo by: Brenda Larson)

MT 200 Fairview Construction Project Update

The first phase of concrete pavement pouring is complete from Grand St. to 7th St. The next phase will extend from 7th St. to 5th St. on the east side of MT 200 (Ellery Ave).

Motorists should be aware that during concrete paving work, crews will be closer to vehicles than usual as they are working within smaller-than-normal lanes. A flagger will be on-site to direct the flow of traffic along MT 200 (Ellery Ave) during paving work.

Additional milling work is expected to begin on Wednesday, May 27, and take 4-5 days.

There are no additional traffic impacts planned for motorists traveling through the area and traffic will remain flowing. Traffic will remain reduced to two-lane, two-way traffic but the highway will remain open to traffic during construction. The traveling public is asked to prepare for occasional delays of up to 15 minutes and is reminded to slow down and watch for work crews and equipment in the construction zone.

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May 31 Is World No Tobacco Day!

Submitted by Jacklyn Damm

A day to remember we need to be vigilant about protecting our youth from the Big Tobacco industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use including vaping.

For decades, the tobacco industry has deliberately employed strategic, aggressive and well-resourced tactics to attract youth to tobacco and nicotine products. Internal industry documents reveal in-depth research and calculated approaches designed to attract a new generation of tobacco users, from product design to

marketing campaigns aimed at replacing the millions of people who die each year from tobacco-attributable diseases with new consumers – youth.

In response to the tobacco and related industries' systematic, aggressive and sustained tactics to attract a new generation of tobacco users, World No Tobacco Day 2020 will provide a counter-marketing campaign and empower young people to engage in the fight against Big Tobacco.

The World No Tobacco Day 2020 global campaign will serve to:

Debunk myths and ex-

pose manipulation tactics employed by the tobacco and related industries, particularly marketing tactics targeted at youth, including through the introduction of new and novel products, flavors and other attractive features;

Equip young people with knowledge about the tobacco and related industries' intentions and tactics to hook current and future generations on tobacco and nicotine products; and

Empower influencers (in pop culture, on social media, in the home, or in the classroom) to protect and defend youth and cat-

alyze change by engaging them in the fight against Big Tobacco.

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Indirect marketing of tobacco products in movies, TV shows and online streaming shows

Litigation to weaken all kinds of tobacco control regulations including warning labels, display at point of sale, and regulations that limit access and marketing to children (specifically provisions to ban the sale and advertising of tobacco products near schools)

We need to empower youth to stand up to Big Tobacco by dispelling its

lies and refusing to use its products.

If you are under the age of 18 and are ready to quit using any form of tobacco, including vaping, please apply online for free tobacco counseling at MYLIFEMY-QUIT.com.

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For more information call Jacklyn, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Richland County Health Department, 406-433-2207.

Burgum Announces Emergency Rule Change Allowing Basic Care Residents To Keep Stimulus Checks

Bismarck, ND – Gov. Doug Burgum announced an emergency rule change that will allow residents of basic care facilities in North Dakota to keep the Economic Impact Payments provided as part of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

A basic care facility is similar to a nursing home, but for seniors whose medical needs is not as intense. North Dakota is the only state with basic care, with 1,143 seniors currently residing in 65 basic care facilities that are supported by the state paying part of their room and board.

Because of how the state's rules are written for basic care, Economic Impact Payments made to basic care residents were directed

to be counted as income and kept by the state – which is not what was intended under the CARES Act, Burgum noted.

To meet the federal mandate, the Governor's Office and Department of Human Services (DHS), led by Executive Director Chris Jones, worked closely with legislative and executive branch partners to find a solution. The administration sought an emergency rule change that allows North Dakotans in basic care facilities to be able to use the stimulus money however they choose. Jones and Burgum signed the emergency rule request last week. The rule became effective and will remain in effect as it moves through the formal administrative rules process. "We're grateful to leg-

islative leadership, the Attorney General's Office and DHS for their collaboration to ensure that this relief gets delivered to our North Dakota citizens as intended," Burgum said. "Basic care residents can use these funds to help purchase electronic devices that allow them to communicate with family and friends, for example, or for any other needs."

The NDDoH confirmed 63 additional cases of COVID-19 out of 1,990 total tests conducted, which included 1,170 newly tested North Dakotans. With 50 newly recovered cases, the number of active cases increased to 680. The state has seen 1,269 recovered cases and 45 deaths of individuals with COVID-19, including one death reported last week, a Cass County

man in his 90s with underlying health conditions. Thirty-two people are hospitalized.

For more information on North Dakota's COVID-19 response, visit www.health.nd.gov/coronavirus or www.ndresponse.gov.

Richland Co. Taxes Due

The Richland County Treasurer would like to remind taxpayers that the second payment of 2019 Real Property taxes and first payment of 2020 Mobile Home taxes are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020. Payments and payment coupons may be mailed or brought to the Richland County Treasurer, 201 West Main, Sidney, MT, 59270. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For your convenience, payment drop boxes are located in the courthouse lobby and in the alley behind the courthouse. Any payments postmarked, dropped in the drop boxes or brought to the Treasurer's office after 5 p.m. on June 1, 2020 will be assessed penalty and interest charges according to MCA 15-16-101. For more information call 433-1707.

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COPP Issues Decision on Complaint Against CURC

By Jody Wells

On May 13 Katherine Scholl of Florence, MT filed a campaign practices complaint against Conservatives United for Richland County (CURC) alleging that the group failed to file a required C-6 committee finance report.

On May 18 the COPP issued a decision finding that CURC failed to timely file its C-6 committee finance reports due March 30 and April 30. The group has filed the reports and is currently in compliance even though the reports were late, which is a violation.

"We are a newly formed political action committee.

We had the reports filed on time but the filing was marked pending because the 'submit button' was not clicked on the online form," stated CURC committee member Jordan Hall. "The complaint was filed by an advocate of the Solutions Caucus. She has filed several complaints against conservative groups. Frankly, I'm not expecting so much as a fine. All the reports are now filed with the I's dotted and T's crossed"

The matter has now been turned over to the County Attorney, Lewis & Clark County, for his consideration as to prosecution. If the county attorney waves

the right to prosecute or fails to prosecute in 30 days, the matter returns to the COPP for prosecution. Most matters are waved back to the COPP. The Finding and Decision does not necessarily lead to civil prosecution as the Commissioner has discretion in regard to legal action.

Updates to this story will be made if further information is released by either the Lewis & Clark County Attorney or the COPP.

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North Dakota To Launch Second Contact Tracing App Using Technology Developed By Apple And Google

Wed., May 20 - Bismarck, ND – Gov. Doug Burgum announced that North Dakota will launch a new smartphone application using exposure notification technology developed by Apple and Google and made available to public health agencies to assist with COVID-19 contact tracing. The app,

named Care19 Exposure, is expected to be available within the next two weeks.

In addition to the new app, North Dakota will continue to offer its existing Care19 app, which will be rebranded as Care19 Diary. The existing app, launched for iPhone on April 7 and for Android on April 21, now has more than 33,400 users in North Dakota. Data is collected anonymously in both applications, and participation is always voluntary.

“North Dakota is excited to be among the first states in the nation to utilize the exposure notification technology built by Apple and Google to help keep our citizens safe,” Burgum said. “The Care19 Exposure app will help us improve contact tracing and continue our ND Smart Restart by notifying people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, reaching the greatest number of people in a way that protects their privacy. As we respond to this unprecedented public health emergency, we invite other states to join us in leveraging smartphone technologies to strengthen existing contact tracing efforts, which are critical to getting communities and economies back up and running.”

The Care19 Exposure app will use the Bluetooth proximity technology provided in the joint Apple/Google exposure notification solution. When an individual is identified as COVID-19 positive, they can consent to allow notifications to be sent anonymously to close contacts so they can take the appropriate actions. The existing Care19 app is a memory aid that uses GPS location data to help users who test positive for COVID-19 recall where they’ve visited in the last 14 days to assist in the contact tracing process.

The North Dakota Department of Health has confirmed 102 additional cases of COVID-19 out of 2,105 total tests conducted. With 33 newly recovered cases, the number of active cases increased to 744. The state has seen 1,302 recovered cases and 49 deaths of individuals with COVID-19, including four deaths reported last week – all Cass County residents with underlying health conditions. Thirty-eight people are hospitalized, up six from the previous day.

For more information on North Dakota’s COVID-19 response, visit www.health.nd.gov/coronavirus or www.ndresponse.gov.

Sidney-Richland County Library Begins Curbside Service

Submitted by Kelly Reisig

The Sidney-Richland County Library started curbside service Tuesday, May 26. This contact-free service will allow people to reserve and pick up books, movies and more while practicing social distancing.

Patrons will be able to request library materials one of two ways.

1. Online: Patrons can go online to www.richland.org/spl and access the library’s card catalog by clicking on the link labeled “My Account/Card Catalog” located on the left-side toolbar. Once they have created their account they can place holds for items. Miranda Evenson, Special Services Librarian, has created tutorial videos on creating an account and searching within the catalog. The videos will be available on the library’s Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/sidneyrichlandlibrary>.

2. Phone: Patrons can also place holds over the phone by calling 433-1917.

“During this time of COVID-19 it has been very difficult to not see our patrons in our library. We are surrounded by thousands of books and materials that are not being used by our community. Staff also created a new option with our curbside services. We are offering themed bundles. Patrons can complete a form online or just give us a call and we will build a themed bundle of books or DVDs, or a combination of both”, explains Kelly Reisig, Library Director.

Patrons will receive a call from the Library when their holds are ready for pick up. Materials can be picked up during regular library hours, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Limited copy, print and fax services will also be available via the book drop. The library will continue to offer free WiFi access from its parking lot.

Materials may still be dropped off via the library book drop. All materials returned to the library will be quarantined for 72 hours. No late fees will be charged during this time. Due dates before the library closed have been extended through June 12 and will continue to be extended as long as the library is closed to the public.

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By Bill Vander Weele, Sidney Chamber Executive Director
(The following is part of a series spotlighting positive things happening with businesses and workers in our area. If you have a suggestion for a story in this series, please call Bill at 433-1916.)
Shortly after stores began reopening from the recent virus shutdown, one downtown business started a tasty addition to its location.
#Dranks is now open and located in the back of Sidney Mercantile. Store owner Chris Entzel said it was never her dream to run a coffee shop, but the opportunity presented itself and she feels it’s a good move.
“We wanted to offer something different in Sidney with crepes and Boba drinks,” Entzel explained. “In the next couple of weeks, we will add even more to the menu that you usually see.”
#Dranks provides both hot and cold drinks. The shop is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delivery is available at various times by calling 480-3319.
Beverages feature protein shakes, smoothies, lattes, Red Bull chargers, macchiatos and cappuccino. Also available are healthy shots including wheat grass, activated charcoal, green tea apple cider vinegar, immunity blend and turmeric blend.
Entzel said a great variety of sweet crepes are offered including ice cream and candy. Among the top sellers are strawberry, banana and Nutella.
When asked for a business name, Entzel explained that #Dranks just popped into her head. “It’s something that stayed in my mind and it stuck,” she said. “People seem to like it.”



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