

Winter Weather Preparedness

By Jerome A. Kessler, M.D.

The Richland County Disaster & Emergency Services (DES) held a workshop this past Saturday at the St. Matthew's Parish Center. The goal of the workshop was to help people get ready for the winter season. Butch Renders, the director of DES, was the moderator for the session. The workshop was not well attended. Several people commented that it may take a major storm for people in the MonDak region to realize how truly dangerous winter weather can be.

Becky Bradley, Richland County Safety Coalition, talked about ways to prepare your RV for winter living. It is important to put skirting around the bottom of the RV, heat wrap the pipes, weather strip the door, and plastic wrap the windows. Propane heaters are frequently used to heat RVs, but they must be used safely. If there is not enough oxygen present, then incomplete combustion of the propane occurs, and carbon monoxide (CO) is produced. This can cause CO poisoning, which can sneak up on you. Leave the RV if you have unexplained headache, weakness, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. CO can also cause confusion, loss of consciousness, and death. Newer propane heaters have a trip mechanism that turns the heater off when the air supply is depleted, thereby preventing CO from accumulating. Also make sure you get a propane heater that shuts off when the unit overheats or tips over.

Mary Friesz, Richland County Injury Prevention Coalition, talked about the importance of wearing seat belts. Almost half of all unintentional deaths are due to motor vehicle accidents, and these usually occur within 25 miles of home and when travelling under 40 mph. Realize that other drivers on the road may be distracted, impatient, impaired, and inexperienced. Drive defensively. Use the "5 second rule" to avoid following vehicles too closely.

Butch Renders wore several hats for the session. He moderated the session, spoke on behalf of the national weather service, and also covered DES issues. The weather, Butch said, has been unseasonably mild – but can change suddenly. It is important to carefully plan our winter driving trips. Make sure your car is running properly, the tires are safe, the

gas tank is kept at least half full, the wipers are functioning, and the heater is working. Realize that the time of the day, the day of the week, the time of the year, holidays, traffic, and road conditions can all influence the safety of your trip.

It is important to know the weather forecast and road conditions. It is the Wind Chill Factor that determines your risk of frostbite and hypothermia. If you are going to travel, tell people where you are going, when you are

going, and what roads you are going to take. If something does go wrong – like not showing up at your expected destination – then rescue personnel will know where to look. Listen to the official travel watches, warnings, and advisories. Never drive on a highway that is officially closed. You can check the weather online at weather.gov and check road conditions at roadreport.mdt.mt.gov/map or safetravelusa.com. You can also call 406-228-4042 for the weather conditions

and 511 for road conditions.

A few more driving tips: Slow down! Most accidents can be avoided if you slow down and drive more cautiously. Be especially careful on curves, bridges, underpasses, and when passing or being passed. Be aware that "white out" conditions can develop. Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads. And realize that sometimes the best thing to do when conditions are dangerous is to STAY HOME. Trips are never so important that we should risk life and limb to

get there.

What should you do if you do go off the road? If you're stuck you might be able to get out. Try removing snow from around the wheels, putting something under the wheels to improve traction (sand, kitty litter, a floor mat, etc.), and then rocking the car back and forth. Avoid spinning the wheels; it that just makes things worse. If help does arrive then they might be able to pull your vehicle out with a tow rope. Avoid using pulling chains, however; they can be dan-

gerous if they come flying loose.

What should you do if you are stranded? The most important thing is to stay with your vehicle until help arrives. Wandering aimlessly to find a farmhouse might be the last mistake you ever make. The most important thing is to stay warm. Hopefully you will have a Winter Survival Kit with you. These can be bought as a pre-filled package or prepared on your own. Items to consider including are the following: extra winter clothing, boots, mittens, blankets, a sleeping bag, drinking water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, flashlight with spare batteries, a weather radio, dry container of matches, a shovel, jumper cables, tow strap, sand or kitty litter, coffee can (for melting snow), candles, road flares, road maps, a compass, spare tire and jack. You should also carry your cell phone (and charger) with you, but be prepared for the fact that some areas don't have cell phone coverage.

It is important for us to have a "Winter Emergency Plan" for our homes. This topic is especially relevant for people who are living in RVs and other "non-traditional" settings. A severe winter storm could impact our ability to get clean water, food, heat, and shelter. Emergency kits (similar to above) should provide several days' worth of provisions. Consider having a backup heating plan, e.g., electric space heaters, propane heaters, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, etc. Make sure your house or RV has carbon monoxide detectors. The risk of CO poisoning and house fires goes up with these devices. Rob Gilbert, the Sidney Fire Chief, reminded everyone to have working fire extinguishers on hand.

Richland County Disaster & Emergency Services (DES) and other local agencies are also considering backup plans to deal with emergencies where people could get displaced from their homes. The school system and several churches around town have voiced willingness to provide temporary housing. These plans have not been finalized, however. In the event of such an emergency, announcements would be made by the local radio stations. If you have questions on any of these matters you may contact Butch Renders at des@richland.org or 406-433-2220.

Butch Renders gives a talk on "Winter Preparedness".



"Watford City Celebrates A Patriotic Christmas – Honoring Heroes" This Christmas Season

Watford City's Christmas theme this year is "Watford City Celebrates A Patriotic Christmas – Honoring Our Heroes". Red, white and blue lights adorn Main Street trees.

Free movies are being offered at Six Shooters Movie Hall at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17. Tickets for the movies are free. Concessions will be available for sale. This Saturday's movie is "Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Charlie Brown Christmas". Parents are encouraged to enjoy the free movies with their children. Movies will be supervised, so parents can also drop their children off and use that time to shop Watford City businesses.

Through Dec. 23 a different person in the community is chosen each day to be the "Merry Christmas Elf" and give away \$25 in Watford City bucks. All you have to do is be the first person that day to wish the Merry Christmas Elf a "Merry Christmas".

Everyone is also encouraged to register for daily and weekly prize drawings offered at many of the local busi-

nesses. The Chamber also uses those names to select winners of \$250 in Watford City bucks to be given away each Monday in December for a total of \$1000 given away. Watford City bucks can be spent at all Chamber businesses.

Last week's winner was Vernetta Wilson. She registered at First International Bank & Trust. Two drawings will take place this week.

Christmas dollars can be used at all Chamber businesses until Dec. 31.

Area Christmas Programs

Area elementary schools will be holding Christmas programs as follows:

West Side Elementary - Dec. 20, 2 pm at West Side gym

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Patty's Custom Cakes and Auntie Jo's Baked Goods are now open at 120 S. Central Ave., Sidney.

Mary Jo Pearson, Auntie Jo's Baked Goods, specializes in gluten alternatives. Mary Jo and her family moved here from Minneapolis the end of October.

Patty Keithley, Patty's Custom Cakes, has been in

business for three years. The store has a sit down area for people wanting a dessert. They carry flavored coffees, hot chocolates and teas as well. For the holidays you can get a cookie bouquet, trays with any baked goodies you want and they carry gift items.

The ladies request that you schedule in advance because their book fills quickly.

Their hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. They will be closing Friday, Dec. 23 at noon and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

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Lorean Bahls, 66, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Lorean Bahls, 66, Sidney, MT, were at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, with Pastor Elwin Paulson, Church of the Nazarene, Sidney, officiating.

Interment was in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home, Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Lorean passed away Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7, 2011, at the Sidney Health Center.

Gary Rindahl, 62, McKenzie Co. ND

Memorial service for Gary Rindahl, 62, Cinnamon Creek, McKenzie County, ND, was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 13, 2011 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating.

Cremation has taken place. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Gary died Thursday morning, Dec. 8, 2011 at his home.

Margaret "Dolly" Williams, 95, Sidney, MT

Funeral service for Margaret "Dolly" Williams, 95, Sidney, MT, is Dec. 15, 2011 at Lonsdale United Methodist Church, Sidney, with Pastor Vickie Waddington officiating.

Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Dolly died on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011 at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Stockman Recognized As One Of Most Efficient Banks

The American Banker has once again named Stockman Financial Corp., the holding company for Stockman Bank of Montana, as one of the most efficient bank holding companies in the nation.

This distinction was published in the Nov. 10, 2011 edition of the American Banker from information that was compiled through June 30, 2011.

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STATISTICS

Lake Water Level Reports

	Fort Peck	Sakakawea
Current Elevation	2237.1	1839.9
Last Week's Elev.	2237.1	1840.1
One Year Ago	2235.6	1842.3
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	9,000	19,500

Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 05	22	-06	0.03
Dec. 06	16	-08	0.00
Dec. 07	35	14	0.00
Dec. 08	25	02	0.00
Dec. 09	12	-07	0.00
Dec. 10	29	-04	0.00
Dec. 11	44	23	0.00

Sidney Weather Data

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 5	19	-8	0.00
Dec. 6	38	06	0.00
Dec. 7	36	24	0.00
Dec. 8	24	04	0.00
Dec. 9	25	-2	0.00
Dec. 10	43	-2	0.00
Dec. 11	43	17	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation			13.64
2011 YTD Precipitation			20.65

Remembering Our Loved Ones

The Reflections of Love Service, held in honor of loved ones who have past away recently or several years ago, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Mercy Medical Center.

This is an opportunity to remember your loved ones in a very unique and humble way. Memorial donations in their honor can be made to Mercy Medical Foundation and will be used to help purchase needed medical equipment for the hospital.

You are invited to gather in the Visitor's Lobby and a procession of lights will lead to the outdoor tree lighting and memorial service on the south grounds of Mercy. A fireworks display will conclude the outdoor ceremony.

The evening will be capped off with hot cider, cookies and fellowship in the McKinnon Cafe.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Goodie Trays

Just a reminder that Sidney High School BPA will once again be selling their holiday goodie trays.

Prices are \$35 for a 16" tray and \$25 for a 12" tray. The trays will be filled with homemade goodies and will be delivered on Monday, Dec. 19.

They are limiting orders to the first 100 trays pre-ordered, so get your order in early. You may call Elaine Stedman at 433-2330 or e-mail her at estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us.

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

- Wed., Dec. 14**
7 p.m. — Gambler's Anonymous, Millers' Corner back room.
- Thurs., Dec. 15**
12 p.m. — Sidney Kiwanis Club meeting, Elks Lodge.
5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., meeting 5:30-6 p.m.
6:30 p.m. — Pinochle, Moose Lodge.
7 p.m. — High School Band & Choir Concert, Middle School Auditorium.
8 p.m. — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.
- Sat., Dec. 17**
7 a.m.-2 p.m. — Gifts from the Heart, Masonic Temple
9 a.m. — Richland Co. Right to Life Christmas Bake Sale, Village Square Mall.
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.
- Sun., Dec. 18**
7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.
- Mon., Dec. 19**
7 p.m. — Middle School Band/Choir Concert, Middle School Auditorium.
12 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.
6:45 p.m. — Bingo, St. Matthew's Parish Center multi purpose room.
- Tues., Dec. 20**
7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CST Zone.

- Wed., Dec. 14**
7 p.m. — Pinochle Card Party, Senior Citizens Center.
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.
- Thurs., Dec. 15**
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.
- Fri., Dec. 16**
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.
- Tues., Dec. 20**
1-4 p.m. — Dining With Diabetes, Courthouse Meeting Room.
- See all monthly events on our calendar at www.roundupweb.com.

Key Ingredients: American by Food Smithsonian Exhibit At Pioneer Museum

The Key Ingredients: American by Food Smithsonian exhibit is on display at the Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County in the Long X Visitors Center, Watford City until Jan. 22, 2012 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Explore the connections between Americans and the foods they produce, prepare, preserve and present at the table—a provocative and thoughtful look at the historical, regional and social traditions that merge in everyday meals and celebrations.

Join the discussion as they read the bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver's narrative "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle". To get a copy of the book contact Jan. Dodge, 701-444-5804 or email jdodge@co.mckenzie.nd.us.

Key Ingredients: American by Food is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the North Dakota Humanities Council.



Three boys at a food booth at the Minnesota State Fair, 1947. Nathan Handwerker, a Polish shoemaker, opened a hot dog stand at Coney Island in 1916 and began the food's famous career. In Chicago, there served in poppyseed buns; in Texas, the corn dog is the thing; and in North Carolina, the chili dog is the dog of choice. (Image courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society)

Housing Incentive Fund & Informational Webinar Dec. 15

The North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) is a means for developing affordable multifamily housing by incentivizing private investment. The fund is capitalized by contributions from state income and financial institution taxpayers. Contributors receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit that may be fully claimed in the year their contribution is made to the fund. Contributors can target their contributions to a specific project, community or area so their funds support their community needs.

The dollars allocated from the HIF help create new rental housing. Priority is given to projects that create units for low-

to moderate-income households and in areas of the state that demonstrate an unmet housing need or shortage.

Sign up for the Housing Incentive Fund Informational Webinar on Dec. 15. Learn more about the fund during an informational webinar. The session begins at 10 a.m. There are no registration fees, however pre-registration is required. On the day of your webinar, be sure to log in at least 15 minutes before it begins to download the GoToWebinar software.

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Sidney Chamber Prepares For Tournaments

Fred Lake, owner of the M&M Café, and Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Sports and Recreation Committee 2012 chairman, presents the NFL booklet now available. These booklets will award cash prizes during the playoffs ranging from \$50-\$150. Cost of the booklet is \$10 and is available at SuperPumper, the Sidney Chamber and committee members.



Fred Lake

The Sports & Recreation Committee pursues school sporting events, and provides hospitality and help for basketball tournaments held in Sidney.

Sidney High School and the Chamber are currently planning for the District 2C Combined Basketball Tournament to be held on Feb. 13-18, 2012.

Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative

The Sunrise Resource Pregnancy Center of Sidney has asked the Knights of Columbus to buy them an ultrasound machine. This machine will be used to allow pregnant clients to confidentially see what their unborn baby looks like. This is something that has been proven to reduce abortions. The Knights of Columbus is a Pro-Life organization, and they help local chapters purchase

ultrasound equipment. The Miles City pregnancy resource center was recently able to purchase a machine in this manner. In order to qualify for matching funds, a local Knights of Columbus chapter must raise at least 50% of the cost of the ultrasound machine. We are asking individuals and businesses in the eastern Montana and western North Dakota area to make tax-de-

ductible contributions to this worthy cause. If you are willing to help out, please make your donation to the "Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative," which is an account that has been set up at First Bank, Sidney, Montana. The bank is located at 120 2nd Street NW, and their telephone number is 406-433-3212. For more information on this project, call Con Donovan at 406-488-7423.

Watford City Elementary Music Program

A full house crowd enjoyed the Christmas Concert put on by Val Entzi and her elementary music students on Dec. 8 in the Watford City High School gymnasium. Eli Leppell, Judd Johnsrud and Ty Brenna lead the students in one of the songs. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Sidney Kiwanis Conducting Coat Drive

The Sidney Kiwanis Club is once again providing coats, hats, boots, scarves, gloves and mittens to children in the area. Anyone needing warm clothing, or wishing to donate either clothing or money to purchase certain items, is encouraged to contact Nick Lonski, Edward Jones, 611A S. Central Ave., Sidney or call 406-433-3600.

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Douglas Rooney, Chelsea Shirk, Ciara Sinks, Halee Taylor, Augusta Wick
Grade 10
Ariana Gaskin, Victoria Hill, Rietta Iversen, Nicole Moore, Taylor Utgaard, Tresha Sanders, Emily Schaff, Alexis Prevost, Ehtan Chamberlain, Juan Aguilar, Lexie Brunsvold, Jeremiah Rhines, Megan Johnson, Paul Brannan, Colin Moran, Rylee Peterson, John Elmore, Sheridan Sundheim, Robert Frank, Dominique Radke, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Erin Harris, Kaylyn Dingfelder, Leah Larson, Tyler Mathern, Colton Hecker, Caleb Benson, Koby Edam, Connor Frank, Cody Steinbeisser, Alyssa Waddell, Bryan

Messer, Luke Montgomery, Joshua Alexander, Logan Deming, Dace Fisher, Marianne Gartner, Brandon Lassey, Cash Nesper, Jordan Stevens, Jared Troutd, Michael Waddell
Grade 11
Amy Bieber, Jalyssa Gorder, Christopher Martell, Heather McDonald, Jesse Staffanson, Chelsea Strasheim, Matthew LaPan, Krista Steinbeisser, Tyler Stevens, Elise Torgerson, Michaela Lofthus, Mikayla Minow, Colton Moran, Abby Balcer, Morgan Thiel, Ashley Bjork, Jade Larson, Jason Papineau, Jade Brunsvold, Abbe Byer, Amy Schaffer, Justin Brown, Olivia Hintz, Molly Wilkinson, Mario Winsky, Taylor Tighe,

Courtney Anderson, Molly Brodhead, Abigail Haraldson, Taimea Byre, Megan Goulette, Whitney Leuenberger, Alec Johnson, Dailyn Finnicum, James Topp, Maci Holst, Jace Buxbaum, Victoria Getchell, Kalen Hance, Travis Obergfell, Dalton Thomas
Grade 12
Cedar Lewis, Joni Lunstad, Ciara Parks, Skyler

Schaff, Madeline Warner, Andrew Christensen, Tyler Hurst, Tyler Wacha, Lyndsay Nesper, Kodi Satra, Ashley Utgaard, Kelsey Halvorson, Nicole Redfield, Sarah Watson, Taylor Fay, Katie Staffanson, Shay Steinbeisser, Kevin Fike, Marcus Mayer, Jaycee Searer, Alexos Dynneson, Zachary Hoffman, Nichole Peters, Austin Bridges,

Alexandre Irigoien, Wade McMillen, Rynan Sullivan, Karley Leland, Brant Pewonka, Joshua Torgerson, Briana Wilcoxon, Allen Neuleib, Bradley Anvik, Shane Monsen, Brody Rooks, Tanner Roth, Brett Montgomery, Carl Redman, Taylor Highsmith, Julie Theis, Tori Todd, Jory Stevens, Steffan Anderson, Nathaniel Knudson, Hayley Kutzler

Sidney Middle School Honor Roll

Grade 6
Lauryn Barnhart, Peyton Beyerle, Holly Bouchard, Benjamin Brodhead, Jocee Cundiff, Torey Dahl, Dalton DeMary, Trent Desjarlais, Nicholas Edwards, Jade Erickson, Connor Fink, Morgan Folstad, Breanna Frank, Sandra Goulette, Kathryn Griggs, Avery Gurney, Madison Hartje, Hannah Hasvold, Coy Hermanson, Michael Herrera, Garrison Hughes, Ariana Isakson, Sheyanne Janeway, Jace Johnson, Jacob Kunda, Josie Langwald, Lina Langwald, Conner Larson, Alex Lovegren, Alyssa Lowrey, Alex Messer, Tierney Messmer, Chase Metcalf, Joe Mindt, Chase Morehouse, Quinten Nelson, Beau Partridge, Ethan Petrik, Patrick Prince, Abigail Schaffer, Kelly Scheetz, Hunter Sheehan, Emily Skogen, Myka Steinbeisser, Layne Swigart, Madison Thiel, Kyle Topp, Tierrany Trudell, Kiana Uran, Kaelyn Volk, Kolby Watterson, Tesa Wieferich and Abby Wing
Grade 7
Morgan Barnett, Jordan Baxter, Lexi Berube, Shaelyn Bowlds, Justin Candee, Johren Carpetner, Wyatt Cayer, Jessica Chreiman, Mateya Coffman, Kasey Crabtree, Parker Dean, Amanda Deegan, MaddisonDiFonzo, Laura Elmore, Bree Fischer, Michael Ganstad, Paige Bierke, Rebecca Gipe, Kasey Gorder, Jacey Hammer, Andrew Hansen, Allyson Harris, Tessa Hill, Jazmine Hodge, Jerren Jensen, Savannah Jolley, Landan Jones, Seth Jones, Trace Jones, Lexi Joslin, Jared Jurgens, Gage Knight, Tayler Lange, Autumn Larson, Garret Leland, Michael McGinnis Dawson McGlothlin, Paige Metz, Brett Norby, Sierra Osborn, Wyatt Otis, Logan Peterson, Shyan Phend, Laurel Sartin, Cristian Seitz, Zach Sommerfeld, Brenley Steinbeisser, Jared Steinbeisser, Emily Swenson, Jonathan Tabbert, Zachary Tabbert, Madison Thiessen, Hanna Tyler, Jordan Tyler, Seth Ullman, Amanda Valnes, Cody Voss, Tanner Wacha, Jonathan Wenzel, Nathan Wick, Megan Wiggins, Chantel Wilcoxon, Zackery Wunderwald
Grade 8
Luke Beenken, Clay Carpenter, Bryana Christensen, Bridger Coffman, Tenna Cooley, Sierra Crowe, Megan Deming,

Matthew Dey, Tyler Echols, Christian Eggar, Desirae Fasching, Tayler Fischer, Matthew Folstad, Christopher Gartner, Kasey Godfrey, Brady Gorder, Alexis Haggerty, Kelsie Hall, Harmonie Hampton, James Haraldson, Cayden Hecker, Tel Hermanson, Cyrus Hintz, Mikayla Holley, Kade Jacobson, Daniel Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Aubrey Kessel, Ryan Lander, Braxten Larson, Nicholas Larson, Rachel Ledgerwood, Tess Ler, Amara Linder, Sean Lofthus, Marcus Lovegren, Dillon Lunderby, Quinn McGlothlin,

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Democratic Legislators To Bring "Business & Jobs Listening Tour" To Sidney

Democratic legislators will host a listening session in Sidney on Tuesday as part of their Business & Jobs Listening Tour with the Richland Economic Development Corporation at Sidney Country Club, 2250 W. Holly St.

The event is open to the public and the media. Democratic Legislators-Rep. Robyn Driscoll (Billings), Rep. Tony Belcourt (Box Elder), Rep. Jon Sesso (Butte), and Rep. Chuck Hunter (Helena) will conduct a forum for Montanans to share their ideas on job creation with Democratic legislators at the Sidney Country Club, 2250 W. Holly St. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at noon.

The goal of Democratic Legislators' Business and Jobs Listening Tour is to meet with business leaders, workers, students and Montanans from every corner of the state to hear their suggestions on creating and maintaining jobs in the state. They will put those ideas into a "Jobs for Montana" plan, which will form the basis for job-creating bills in the next legislative session.

Montanans who are unable to attend the listening session can submit their ideas to the legislators at www.MontanaDemocrats.org/JobIdeas.

Annual Christmas Bird Count

By Audrey Barnhart

The annual Christmas Bird Count at Fort Union Trading Post and the Missouri -Yellowstone Confluence Center will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, 9-11 a.m.

The nationwide CBC helps biologists understand bird populations, patterns of movement, and responses to changing conditions. Bird counts are for beginning birders, experts, or anyone who enjoys nature. Children are welcome. Even if you can't tell a woodpecker from a pheasant, you will enjoy finding birds. We will count birds in prairie, river bottom, and wooded habitats from our vehicle windows and on foot.

Meet in the parking lot of Fort Union Trading Post at 9 a.m. We will count birds in different habitats, then warm up with hot beverages in the Trade House.

At 10 a.m., we'll caravan to the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Visitor Center to count bird populations there. We'll end inside the warm visitor center with breakfast treats and an educational program on winter birds.

Come prepared for changeable weather. Bring binoculars, extra clothing and your favorite bird book. Extra binoculars and books will be available. Mosquito repellent won't be necessary.

We'll see you there!

A Little Bit Country

Keynote Speakers Scheduled For 2012 Wheat Show

By Warren Froelich
NDSU Extension Service
Williams County

Farm management practices, commodity markets, and soil health are key issues to be discussed during the 59th National Hard Spring Wheat Show scheduled Feb. 6-8 in Williston.

One of the keynote speakers for the event will be Dr. Danny Klinefelter, Texas A&M University Extension economist. Klinefelter was scheduled to speak last year but a Denver-based storm prevented his flight to Williston.

Klinefelter is a specialist in ag finance and is the man behind 'The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (TEPAP)'. This is a two-year program that helps farmers learn to become better managers of their businesses. He has counseled hundreds of farm operators, including North Dakotans, through his teachings, articles and presentations. His presentations during the Wheat Show will include "Twelve Best Management Practices" and "Being Prepared to Borrow in a Risk Management Environment".

In addition to his academic career, Klinefelter spent 10 years in the commercial banking and the Farm Credit program. He is author or co-author of eight books and more than 400 articles on management and finance. In 2009, the 25th anniversary issue of the Top Producer magazine, the publication listed him as one of the 25 people in the world who will have the greatest influence on American agriculture.

Another keynote speaker will be James Hoorman, Ohio State University. He has been involved in numerous research projects focusing on water quality and soil health issues. During the Wheat Show, Hoorman will discuss "Soil Ecology and Nutrient Cycling", "Impact of Soil Compaction and Organic Matter on Soil Water Storage" and "Home Grown Nitrogen".

Commodity market issues will be discussed by Mike Krueger, The Money Farm founder and president, and Jim Peterson, North Dakota Wheat Commission marketing director.

Krueger provides a grain marketing advisory service to individual farmers, county elevators and others associated with agriculture food production. He is also a senior analyst for World Perspectives; a Washington based international agricultural consulting company. He has traveled extensively as a speaker at various farm and grain industry meetings and seminars. His deep involvement in the wheat markets has also included a directorship of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. The title of Krueger's presentation is "The New Market Volatility - What is the Cause and What Does It Mean for our Markets?".

As marketing director of the North Dakota Wheat Commission Peterson's responsibilities include foreign customer service and gathering and analyzing market information. He also studies U.S. domestic and export programs as well as

trade agreements related to wheat. With this in mind, the planning committee has asked Peterson to discuss important challenges and opportunities in the export markets for durum and spring wheat.

Peterson recently returned from a 17-day trip to Asia where seminars were conducted to promote the quality advantages of this year's crop.

Other topics on the agenda are Real Time Kinematic (RTK) satellite navigation, tiling, crop variety performance updates and a weather outlook for the 2012 growing season. Representatives of the NDSU Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences and the U.S. Durum Growers Association will give reports.

Other activities of the Wheat Show are a bread fair during which approximately 350 area fifth grade students learn the art of making bread, a trade show and a photography contest conducted by the agricultural club of Williston State College.

The National Hard Spring Wheat Show is a joint effort of farm producers, agribusiness and NDSU Extension and Research staff to provide information to food producers of the community. Details of the event can be obtained from the Williams County/NDSU Extension Service at 701-577-4595 or www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension.

WestBred® Makes Major Donation To Help Combat Wheat Stem Sawfly

Montana-based WestBred® has donated \$25,000 to the Montana Grains Foundation (MGF) to help fund a new initiative designed to find better ways to manage and control the wheat stem sawfly, a multi-million dollar pest that inflicts major damage to wheat crops in Montana as well as surrounding states.

A unit of Monsanto Company, WestBred breeds and markets a full line of small grains varieties that help farmers increase the yield and profitability of wheat and barley crops

across most of the United States and in two Canadian provinces. The MGF is a non-profit foundation established by grain producers to promote charitable, scientific and educational activities on behalf of Montana's grain industry.

"While the industry has made some progress in the successful management of the sawfly, a tremendous amount of research and education is still needed," says Ryan Holt, WestBred commercial manager in Great Falls. "It is our hope that this donation will help the MGF find some solutions to the problem posed by this pest."

Holt notes that WestBred has developed two new wheat varieties - WB Gunnison and WB Quake - that offer some resistance to the wheat stem sawfly and which should help minimize the pest's impact on the wheat industry. "We want to

continue to be part of the equation in solving the sawfly issue, as well as other challenges that negatively impact wheat production in North America."

Holt presented the \$25,000 check to Carter, MT, farmer and MGF President Dale Schuler. "I know from firsthand experience how devastating the sawfly can be to wheat production," Schuler says. "This donation gives us a jump-start on our sawfly project, and the funding from WestBred is greatly appreciated."

Schuler adds that the MGF is starting with the basics in their effort and will first conduct a thorough literary review of the sawfly management research completed to date. "This donation will help us then clear a path forward to minimize the impacts of this pest."

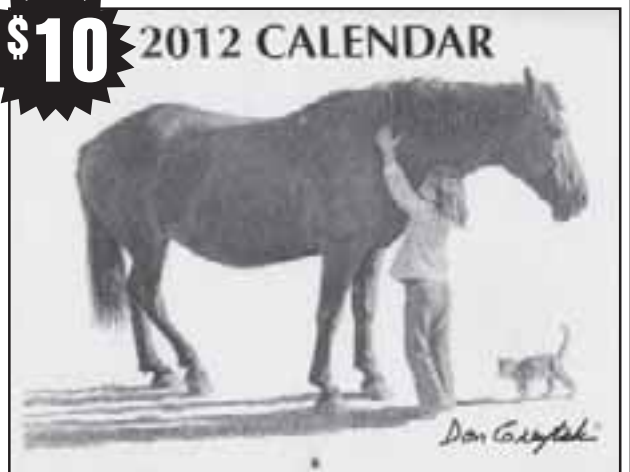
The wheat stem sawfly does its damage to wheat by

laying its eggs in wheat stems at the elongation stage. The sawfly larvae then tunnels down through the stem and overwinters in the wheat's crown just above the soil surface. The larvae tunneling serves to weaken the stem, and the sawfly then cuts the stem off at the bottom of the plant, resulting in lodged grain that is difficult to harvest. It is estimated that the wheat stem sawfly causes damage to wheat in excess of 100 million dollars per year.

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Watford City High School Wrestling Results

Carrington Tournament 5th Place – 80 points

106#: Cullen Seeger (New Salem) pinned Dakota Garmann (WC) 1:45
 Aric Miller (Velva) pinned Dakota Garmann (WC) 2:12
 Cullen Seeger (New Salem) pinned Jade Hepper (WC) :40
 Matthew Neumiller (Carrington) pinned Jade Hepper (WC) 1:49
 Logan Gumke (WC) pinned Aric Miller (Velva) 1:08
 Luca Brown (Carrington) pinned Logan Gumke (WC) 1:44
 Logan Gumke (WC) pinned Matthew Neumiller (Carrington) 3:28
 Bryon Horgan (North Border) default Logan Gumke (WC)
 Logan Gumke – 4th
 113#: Keenan Kvamme (Carrington) tech. fall Coleton Jore (WC) 16-0
 Brett Verville (North Border) dec. Coleton Jore (WC) 7-2
 Coleton Jore (WC) pinned Robert Finneseth (Velva) 1:31
 Coleton Jore – 4th
 126#: Mason Brudevold (Velva) pinned Clay Jorgenson (WC) :59
 Clay Jorgenson (WC) dec. Kyle Schmidt (Minot Ryan) 7-4
 Blake Kaercher (North Border) pinned Clay Jorgenson (WC) 5:20
 Austin Goodsell (Devils Lake) pinned Clay Jorgenson (WC) 1:25

Clay Jorgenson – 6th
 138#: Gus Nelson (WC) dec. Nik Hunt (Devils Lake) 2-0
 Gus Nelson (WC) dec. Logan Eisenbeis (Beulah) 6-4
 Derrick Casey (Velva) major dec. Gus Nelson (WC) 15-2
 Gus Nelson - 2nd
 145#: Nathan Schmaltz (Velva) pinned Joe Nelson (WC) 3:32
 Josh Johnson (WC) pinned Joe Nelson (WC) 1:41
 Gabe Schill (North Border) pinned Josh Johnson (WC) ... 1:42
 Josh Johnson (WC) pinned Bradan Kalamaha (Minot Ryan) :38
 Zach Schafer (Carrington) pinned Josh Johnson (WC) ... 2:19
 Gabe Schill (North Border) pinned Josh Johnson (WC) :59
 Trevor Kalberer (WC) dec. Gabe Schill (North Border) 11-4
 Trevor Kalberer (WC) pinned Zach Schafer (Carrington) . 1:06
 Austin Schall (Devils Lake) maj. dec. Trevor Kalberer (WC) 11-1
 Josh Johnson – 6th; Trevor Kalberer – 2nd
 152#: Tanner Keller (Harvey) pinned Austin Garmann (WC) 5:18
 Austin Garmann (WC) pinned Cullen Blair (North Border) 2:20
 Austin Garmann (WC) dec. Kegan Thompson (WC) 8-2

Tommy Good (Devils Lake) dec. Austin Garmann (WC) ... 9-7
 Kiel Werre (Velva) pinned Kegan Thompson (WC) :32
 Kegan Thompson (WC) pinned Dawson Scott (Devils Lake) :44
 Austin Garmann (WC) dec. Kegan Thompson (WC) 8-2
 Austin Garmann – 5th
 182#: Corey Jones (WC) pinned Alex Dearing (North Border) 3:19
 Dylan Morin (Rugby) dec. Corey Jones (WC) 8-2
 Corey Jones (WC) pinned Tory Nygaard (Devils Lake) :35
 Corey Jones – 2nd
 285#: Tyson Lafferty (North Border) pinned Kye Bolken (WC) :09
 Kyle Wieler (North Border) pinned Kye Bolken (WC) :28
 Kye Bolken (WC) won by forfeit Dakota Johnson (Minot Ryan)
 Kye Bolken – 5th

Watford City High School: 12 Carrington High School: 67
 106# ... Matthew Neumiller (C) dec. Logan Gumke (WC) 10-7
 113# ... Keenan Kvamme (C) tec. fall Coleton Jore (WC) . 16-1
 120# ... Joe Bakke (C) Forfeit
 126# ... Patrick Freeman (C) pinned Clay Jorgenson (WC) 3:18
 132# ... Walker Carr (C) Forfeit
 138# ... Gus Nelson, Gus (WC) pinned Billy Holtan (C) ... 3:20
 145# ... Zach Schafer (C) pinned Trevor Kalberer (WC) .. 5:56
 152# ... Riley Lura (C) tech. fall Kegan Thompson (WC) . 20-1
 160# ... Lane Anderson (C) pinned Austin Garmann (WC) 1:55
 170# ... Seth Zink (C) Forfeit
 182# ... Corey Jones (WC) Forfeit
 195# ... Jesse Nelson (C) Forfeit
 220# ... Austin Schuldheisz (C) Forfeit
 285# ... Cordell Schroeder (C) pinned Kye Bolken (WC) .. 1:45

Watford City High School: 24 New Salem High School: 36
 106# ... Logan Gumke (WC) pinned Shane Forster (NS) . 1:26
 113# ... Cullen Seeger (NS) pinned Coleton Jore (WC) 3:46
 120# ... Double Forfeit
 126# ... Colton Neumiller (NS) pinned Clay Jorgenson (WC) 1:51
 132# ... Double Forfeit
 138# ... Cody Neumiller (NS) pinned Gus Nelson (WC) ... 3:09
 145# ... Joe Nelson (WC) Forfeit
 152# ... Trevor Kalberer (WC) Forfeit
 160# ... Taylor Heins (NS) pinned Kegan Thompson (WC) 1:02
 170# ... Double Forfeit
 182# ... Dalton Reinfeld (NS) Forfeit
 195# ... Ty Doll (NS) pinned Corey Jones (WC) 3:42
 220# ... Double Forfeit
 285# ... Kye Bolken (WC) Forfeit

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Most wildlife collisions occur at dawn and dusk. Deer are most often involved, though collisions with moose, elk, bighorn sheep, bears, coyotes and wolves also occur.

What can a driver do to be safe, while also sparing the state's wildlife?

Most experts emphasize making a conscious effort to scan for wildlife on the road, in the ditch, and on the shoulders of the road continuously.

According to Montana Highway Patrol troopers, driving with eyes focused at a fixed distance ahead is one of the most common driving errors. Instead, continuously scan ahead and to either side of the road to catch slight movements that may indicate the presence of a safety hazard.

Some experts also suggest watching for a flicker in the headlamps of oncoming cars. That flicker can be advance warning that an animal is crossing the road in front of the oncoming vehicle.

Here are some other wildlife-oriented driving tips. Be especially watchful from dusk to dawn when animals are most active. Avoid driving on cruise control during these hours.

Use extra caution near posted deer crossings. These areas are traditional crossings that wildlife use to reach food, water and shelter. The sign marks the general area of a crossing so be alert for the next couple of miles.

Be aware that deer and elk rarely travel alone. When one deer crosses the road, prepare to avoid others that may follow or those standing at the edge of the road.

Be especially watchful for wildlife along rural roads where roadside brush may obstruct your view.

If you do hit a deer, elk or other big game animal, remember that it is against the law to possess or transport the animal, or any portion of it, including the antlers.

For help, and to report the collision, call the city police, county sheriff, or the Montana Highway Patrol, depending on where the accident occurs.

If the animal is seriously injured but still alive, ask that an FWP game warden or other law enforcement officer be sent to dispatch the animal and safely remove it from the road.

Do not attempt to tend to an injured wild animal as they can be very dangerous and unpredictable.

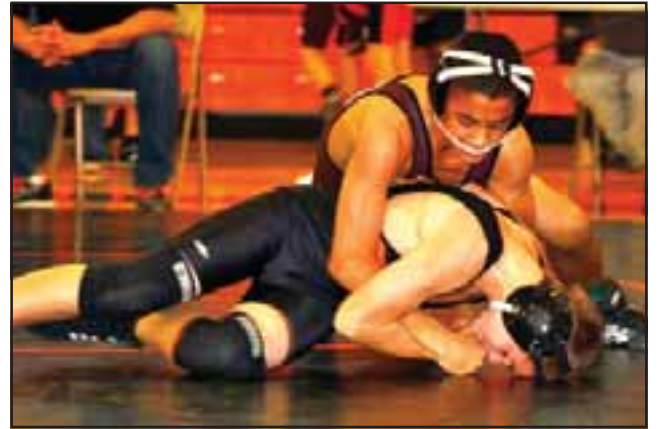


Sidney Middle School Wrestling Team

The final middle school wrestling tournament will be held next Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Sidney High School starting at 10 a.m. Sidney Middle School wrestling team members that will be participating include: back row (L to R) Coach Shane Gorder, Erick Serra, Ryan Chatterton, Wyatt VanBuren, Trace Jones, Brady Gorder, Carter Moore and Coach Josh Prevost. Middle row (L to R): John Dembeck, Chris Gartner, Christ Green, Cayden Young, Parker Dean and Christian Eggar. Front row (L to R): Hunter Nice, Jace Johnson, Avery Gurney, Casey Christian, Trenton Lambert and Sawyer Thogersen. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)



Sidney's Brady Gorder works for a pin against a Williston wrestler. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)



Sidney Middle School wrestler Parker Dean has control against his opponent. (Photo by Lisa Gorder)



Watford City Wrestling

Corey Jones, Watford City, placed second at 182# at the Carrington Invitational Wrestling Tournament last weekend. (Photo by Frank Fish)

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MT Cowboy Hall of Fame Names Building Site Finalists

After an extensive review of proposals, the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center (MCHF & WHC) is one more step closer to construction by announcing the field of communities to continue into the third and final phase of the organization's building site selection process. The review of nearly 2,500 pages of submitted proposal materials from 10 Montana communities was conducted by the MCHF & WHC Board of Directors, the MCHF & WHC's preliminary architect, Scott Cromwell, Helena, and the nationally recognized non-profit consulting firm Martz and Lundy. Taking into consideration those factors essential to developing and sustaining a premier museum destination attraction, the MCHF & WHC Board of Directors is pleased to invite the following communities into the third and final selection phase: Big Sky, Big Timber, Livingston, Madison County, Miles City and Wolf Point.

In the third phase, interviews will be conducted in each finalist community to fully investigate the physical building sites that have been presented in each proposal. This phase

will also include negotiations with prospective donors in the community, region and around the nation, to determine the ultimate financial feasibility and degree of support that exists for each location.

"Each community that submitted a proposal did so with the belief that they were the best future building site for the Hall of Fame and they each had something excellent to offer unique to their community," said DuWayne Wilson, MCHF & WHC president. "Every proposal submitted was exceptional and collectively reinforced the statewide interest in the cultural facility becoming a reality. Respondents rallied around their great love and pride for the towns in which they live and the state they each call home. The amount of sincere effort put into each proposal was truly humbling."

Since the beginning of the RFP process, the MCHF & WHC has strongly held that no community has the exclusive rights to Montana's collective western heritage. For this reason, the decision of which communities to investigate further was based on factors such as financial feasibility, volume of

resident and non-resident visitation, characteristics of the proposed physical building sites, and infrastructure available within the community to support a major development project of this nature.

The MCHF & WHC plans to announce the winning site at the end of November; however, the timeframe for the final announcement will largely depend on scheduling availability with each community and the pace of negotiations with landowners and prospective donors.

"This is truly an idea for which the time has come," said MCHF & WHC Board Member Mike Gurnett. "Each day we lose a little bit more of our rich Montana cultural heritage to the passing of time. How many of us regret not having captured the many colorful stories of our grandparents, friends and neighbors before we lost them forever? This is capturing our history on a statewide stage and making it relevant to people's lives. Equally important will be taking the cultural story of Montana and creating a vibrant, interactive resource for all visitors to contribute to and draw from. There is no more important stewardship decision we will make during our tenure as board members than the selection of our future building site. It will serve an important role as a learning center and resource to all Montanans interested in preserving and passing forward their heritage."

For more information on the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center please contact Christy Stensland, Executive Director of the MCHF&WHC, by calling 406-653-3800 or logging on at <http://www.montanacowboyleft.com>.

Letter To The Editor

Regarding the North Dakota Farm Bureau lobbying because Social Services is completely out of control: lobbying for one more government agency to be a 'watchdog' over them is not the answer. The government should never have the right to be kidnapping children or paying some 'foster' person to raise the kidnapped children. The outcry of parents across the U.S. needs to be heeded: GET RID OF THE SS 'CHILD WELFARE' DIVISION. There is no welfare for the children because of the SS. Children are severely abused by Social Services.

The SS is literally buying and selling children. How much more illegal can it get? And why is our government not only tolerating this, but condoning this?

The SS has completely destroyed families, violated Constitutional freedom of religion, violated laws of kidnapping, corrupted justice in court rooms, turned classrooms into free-for-alls, violated parents' rights to raise their children, harassed parents who take their children for medical care, and developed the most disrespectful generation of children our country has ever had. Teenagers in particular have been programmed to perpetuate their rebellion by threatening their parents with calling the SS.

As you are reading this, children are being abducted and abused by the SS this moment. And families are being completely destroyed. There is no way to describe the torment and raging trauma that children and parents are suffering right this minute, as the SS rips them apart from each other and executes their torturous, lawless process upon each one of them. It is exactly the horror that parents and children suffered when Hitler's SS grabbed their children and drug them off.

Children who are actually abused are not being helped. But parents who have jobs and money, who are trying to raise their children to be law-abiding, respectful citizens, and especially Christians raising children to be Godly, are in the line-of-fire of having the SS kidnap their children. Then the SS literally steals money from their paychecks and their Social Security monies, and the SS lines their own pockets with the money. These statements are actual facts; not exaggerations. Every one of them is documented in cases across this country, and especially in North Dakota.

The fuel for Social Services to abduct children is slander and malice by any person who wants to exact revenge against another person, or a rebellious teenager defying his parents. There are absolutely no grounds needed for the SS to abduct children. No evidence is required. And once the children are abducted, absolutely no justice occurs to either the children or the parents. And evidence that proves the children were NOT abused is thrown out by corruption in the court room. The SS functions completely lawlessly. And our children become victims of severe abuse by the SS and the families are completely destroyed.

North Dakota Farm Bureau needs to lobby to ELIMINATE the SS 'child welfare' division completely. If a child is actually abused, local law enforcement can be called, and only when there is concrete evidence of abuse, can the child then be taken to a relative. Teenagers should never be allowed to rebel against their parents, and most certainly not have some government agency help them to do so. And if a foster house is needed for the lack of a relative, then fostering should be voluntary. Currently foster houses are people who make money by taking in kidnapped children. Our government should never have the right to kidnap children and pay people to keep them.

The horror of abduction equivalent to Hitler is an atrocity that should be unthinkable in this country. Yet it is here. The SS in our own country. We must lobby to ELIMINATE this horrendous organization.

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Sidney Gymnasts Compete In Dickinson

The Sidney Gymnastics Club competed at the Milo Dullum USA Gymnastics Qualifier meet in Dickinson on Saturday. Left: Sidney Level 4 gymnasts (L-R) Bethany Wells, Becca Deming, Taylor Stewart, Zoe Morrill and Hadley Garsjo.

Sidney Gymnastics Results

Dickinson, Sat. Dec. 10

Level 4

name	vault	bars	beam	floor	all around	
Becca Deming ..	8.7	7.4	8.65	8.25	33	
Hadley Garsjo ..	8.8	6.0	7.85	7.35	30	
Zoe Morrill	8.9	6.15	8.0	7.85	30.9	
Taylor Stewart...	9.0	8.0	8.7	7.4	30.1	
Bethany Wells ..	9.05	6.6	8.0	8.35	32	



Bethany Wells on the balance beam.



Hadley Garsjo on the bars.



Becca Deming on the vault.



Taylor Stewart on the balance beam.



Zoe Morrill sticks her landing on the bars.

Sidney Middle School Wrestling Team Compete In Wolf Point & Glasgow

The Sidney Middle School wrestlers traveled to Wolf Point on Friday night and to Glasgow with the JV wrestling team.

No team points were kept in Wolf Point, but the wrestlers earned an impressive 1st place finish in Glasgow. The Sidney Middle School wrestlers will wrestle at their own home tournament at the Sidney High School this weekend Dec. 17. Please come support the team.

Glasgow Invitational - Dec. 10

Team results: Sidney 1st - 94 points; Glasgow 2nd - 86 points; Williston - 3rd - 76 points.

85#	Tristian Kohntopp	2nd
92#	Casey Christian	2nd

92#	Jace Johnson	4th
95#	Wyatt VanBuren	1st
104#	Trace Jones	1st
104#	Sawyer Thogersen	3rd
105#	Trenton Lambert	1st
105#	Avery Gurney	3rd
112#	Brady Gorder	1st
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Open A Montana Medical Savings Account Before Dec. 31 For 2011 Tax Savings

Will you have any medical expenses during 2011 that won't be covered by a health insurance policy or a flexible spending account (FSA)? If so, you can open a Montana Medical Care Savings Account (MSA) by Dec. 31 to cover those expenses.

Up to \$3,000 of your deposit in the account, per taxpayer, is deductible from 2011 Montana adjusted gross income, thus reducing taxes. The Montana State University Extension MontGuide "Montana Medical Care Savings Accounts" provides information about the benefits of opening a Montana medical care savings account before Dec. 31.

"This tax advantage does not apply to your federal income taxes and should not be confused with the Federal Health Savings Plans (FHAs)," cautions Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension family economics specialist.

People should contact their financial institution, such as a bank or credit union, to establish an MSA account. A Montanan with taxable income over \$16,000 could save about \$207 in state income taxes by depositing the maximum \$3,000 in a Montana MSA.

"It doesn't matter if you have already paid your 2011

medical bills either by check, credit or debit card," said Goetting. "You can add up those expenses and make a deposit by December 31 of this year and reimburse yourself from your Montana MSA as late as Jan. 15, 2012 in some instances."

The key word is paid. You can reimburse yourself for paid eligible medical expenses as late as Jan. 15, 2012. But if you haven't yet paid those bills because the insurance company hasn't sorted out what it will pay and what you owe, you still have until after Jan. 15 to reimburse yourself.

State income tax savings depends on the total amount deposited in the MSA. For example, if you deposited \$3,000 in an MSA but only used \$100 during the year, you still get to reduce your income for Montana income tax purposes by \$3,000. The remainder (\$2,900) is carried over in the MSA without penalty and may be used for future years to pay eligible medical expense.

A husband and wife who each establish an individual MSA can receive a \$6,000 deduction when filing a joint Montana income tax return. That saves them about \$414 on their state income taxes. Joint accounts for an MSA are not al-

lowed. Only individual accounts are eligible for the Montana MSA deduction, thus husbands and wives must open separate MSA accounts.

"MSA amounts held in the name of a husband or wife can be used to pay the medical bills of either spouse or their dependent children," Goetting said. For example, "if a husband had \$6,000 in medical expenses during 2011, \$3,000 from his MSA and \$3,000 from his wife's MSA could be used," said Goetting.

"Montana Medical Care Savings Accounts are not like flexible spending accounts where you use it or lose it," Goetting emphasized.

Eligible expenses include medical insurance premiums, long-term care insurance, dental care (including orthodontists), eyeglasses or contacts, or prescription drugs that are paid during the year. Not covered are medical-related bills that have been already covered by a supplemental, primary or self-insured plan. Basically, Montana accepts as eligible expenses any that are listed in the IRS 502 Publication, "Medical and Dental Expenses," which is on the Web at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf>.

An MSU Extension MontGuide will help you decide if you would benefit from a Montana medical care savings account. Montana Medical Care Savings Accounts (MontGuide 199817 HR) is free if picked up from your local MSU County Extension office. Or, download it free from the web at <http://msuextension.org/publications/FamilyFinancialManagement/MT199817HR.pdf>.

Outdoor Recreation Federal Grants Available

Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) announced recently that Land & Water Conservation Fund Program federal grants are available to local, public and outdoor recreation projects in Montana. Applications are due by March 16, 2012.

"It's exciting to have this federal funding to help strengthen outdoor recreation projects in our state," said Tom Reilly, Montana State Parks assistant administrator.

Cities, counties, school districts, conservation districts, Indian tribes and others are eligible to apply. Typical facilities funded in the past include ball fields, campgrounds, golf courses, ice-skating ponds, picnic facilities, tennis courts, outdoor swimming pools, and playground equipment.

For more information visit: <http://fwp.mt.gov/recreation/grants/>.

The federal Land & Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF), established in 1965, encourages a partnership between national, state and local governments in planning and funding outdoor recreation.

The maximum federal grant per project is \$75,000 and the grant may provide up to 50% of a local project's total costs. There is a total of \$200,000 federal funding available to be awarded.

Requirements of the LWCF Program:

a. Project sponsors must be a city, county, school district or similar official state entity or sovereign Indian Nation within Montana.

b. The sponsor must own the project site, or have control of the property under a long-term lease from the federal government.

c. The sponsor must have adequate resources to operate and maintain the area after the project is complete. The LWCF program provides no funds for routine operation and maintenance.

d. The area within the project boundary must be maintained for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity.

e. Applicants must include the results of a recent outdoor recreation survey that demonstrates support from local citizens.

Detailed information is available at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/recreation/grants/>.

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Sulfur For Montana Forage Crops

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Until recently, sulfur did not often limit crop growth in most Montana soils. However, modern NPK fertilizers contain less sulfur as a manufacturing by-product. Also, higher yielding varieties and more intense cropping are leading to the removal of more sulfur from fields, increasing the chance for sulfur deficiencies.

Sulfur deficiency may be confused with nitrogen deficiency. Sulfur deficient plants are often stunted with yellowing upper leaves, in contrast to yellowing lower leaves, which are an indication of nitrogen deficiency.

"Unfortunately, soil tests for sulfate-sulfur are not a reliable indicator of plant available sulfur," said Clain Jones, Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences-MSU Extension soil fertility specialist.

He suggests instead that plant sulfur status be determined through tissue sampling. The uppermost leaves of grasses before heading should contain 0.20-0.25% sulfur, while the top six inches of growth in alfalfa during early bud stage should contain 0.22-0.25% sulfur. Since adequate sulfur and nitrogen are both needed to make protein, the nitrogen to sulfur ratio is also a potential indicator of plant sulfur status. Grasses may be sulfur defi-

cient at a nitrogen to sulfur ratio greater than about 15:1, while alfalfa is sulfur deficient at a nitrogen to sulfur ratio above 17:1. However, a good nitrogen to sulfur ratio can be misleading if both are deficient.

Sulfur is released from soil organic matter or gypsum (calcium sulfate) at a rate of 4-13 lbs. of soluble sulfur per acre per year.

"Deficiency is found more on soils with low organic matter, on side-slope positions, and in coarse textured and eroded soils," Jones said.

He added that sulfur deficiency tends to occur in cool, dry environments, and is more common on irrigated coarse soils because of sulfate leaching. Practices that maintain or increase soil organic matter, such as reduced tillage, or the addition of manure, can help supply a relatively constant amount of available sulfur.

If producers suspect sulfur deficiency, they may do a strip trial with readily available sulfur such as ammonium sulfate early next year. If they observe a color or height difference compared to an equal strip that only differs by lacking the sulfur addition, a rescue treatment can be applied to the whole field. Jones suggested that if field response trials or plant tissue analysis indicate defi-

ciency, 20-30 lbs. sulfur per acre can be applied to increase alfalfa and grass yields. Studies in Iowa found alfalfa yield increases in response to gypsum applied after the first cutting varied by site. The harvest increase ranged from 0.3 ton per acre with 12 lbs. sulfur per acre to 2 tons per acre with 29 lbs. sulfur per acre. Studies by Dave Wichman, Central Agricultural Research Center superintendent and agronomist-Moccasin, found 25 lbs. sulfur per acre increased forage yield of dryland alfalfa and alfalfa/grass by 30% at one site, but there was no yield increase at two other sites. Sulfur may not only increase yields but it also influences forage protein.

"Because efficient nitrogen conversion into protein requires sufficient sulfur, increased sulfur can lead to increased forage protein content and digestibility and reduced forage nitrate concentrations," Jones said.

Wichman's studies in central Montana found 25 lbs. of sulfur per acre on dryland alfalfa and alfalfa/grass mix increased forage protein an average of 0.8 percentage points. Haybet barley grown in western Montana showed no forage yield increase with sulfur, but a decrease in forage nitrate at high N levels. Haybet fertilized with 120 lbs. nitrogen per acre contained

0.52% nitrate. The addition of 20 lbs. sulfur per acre lowered the nitrate levels to 0.41%. This is within the range of 0.15-0.50% nitrate considered generally acceptable for non-pregnant livestock or fed 50/50 diluted with low nitrate hay to pregnant livestock. Producers are encouraged to keep records of tissue analysis and protein and/or yield response to strips of sulfur applied to develop their own sulfur management program.

In-season applications of readily available sulfur, such as ammonium thiosulfate and ammonium sulfate, can rapidly correct sulfur deficiency. Sulfate fertilizers are not suggested for fall application because they can be lost to overwinter leaching. Elemental sulfur has the highest sulfur content of sulfur fertilizers (90-100%); however, it is slow to supply plant available sulfur. Therefore Jones suggests it be applied in the fall or before seeding to give time for some of the sulfur to become available before peak demands. Because of the slow release, elemental sulfur will supply crop needs for over 2-3 years.

Annual tissue samples can help track the sulfur status of the field. Wichman encourages producers to place a tarp over a patch of perennial forage before spreading fertilizer to create a check patch without fertilizer. Remove the tarp, along with any fertilizer collected on top after fertilization. This check patch allows the producer to see the effect of the fertilizer. When the check spot is no longer visible, it is time to apply more fertilizer.

"If there is adequate sulfur in the soil, levels can be maintained with applications every few years to replace that removed by the harvest," Jones said.

Alfalfa and grass hay remove five and two lbs. sulfur per ton respectively. If the forage is grazed, rather than removed as hay, then less sulfur is removed from the field because livestock release most of the ingested

sulfur back to the soil. The slow release of elemental sulfur may be desirable on forage crops to reduce the risk of excess sulfur in the forage. While forage plants are sulfur deficient at tissue levels below 0.20-0.22%, it is possible to cause feeding problems (mineral interactions of sulfate with copper and zinc in the animal) with forage sulfur levels greater than 0.30%, cautioned Dennis Cash, MSU's Department of Animal and Range Sciences Extension forage specialist. If readily available sulfur is used, then Cash suggests the application be split.

Sulfur can be lost to leaching and volatilization. Generally these are small

losses, however, irrigated systems or years of heavy rains can cause sulfur leaching beyond the depth of early root growth. Yet, "as roots grow deeper they may access this sulfur or sulfur from dissolved gypsum found in many Montana subsoils," Jones noted. Careful water management under irrigation can help minimize sulfur loss to leaching or toxic sulfur accumulation on the surface. Burning dry grass can cause a 75% loss of total vegetative sulfur to the atmosphere and make sulfur more susceptible to leaching. The bottom line is that sulfur should not be ignored and including sulfur in your soil fertility program can benefit yield, quality and economics.

Farmers & Ranchers Welcome Ratification Of Trade Pacts

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) is praising the Congressional ratification of three bilateral free-trade agreements between the United States and Korea, Colombia and Panama, as well as approval of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

"Passage of this agreement is a real boon for Montana's farmers and ranchers," says MFBF President Bob Hanson. "Whether you're a grain farmer or a cattle rancher in Montana, these trade agreements open up new markets and it's about time."

The three agreements in total are expected to increase direct exports from Montana alone by \$26.9 million per year. "The South Korean agreement would mean more than \$12 million per year to the Montana beef industry and Columbia would equate to nearly \$7 million in wheat trade per year for Montana alone," the White Sulphur Springs rancher said. "It is estimated that the increased marketing opportunities for Montana's farmers and ranchers will add nearly 250 jobs. Nationally, the three FTAs represent nearly \$2.5 billion in new agriculture exports for America's farmers and are expected to create economic growth that could generate support for up to 22,500 U.S. jobs."

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has also been working hard pushing for the passage of these agreements. "Now that Congress has approved all the components of the trade package, swift implementation is critical so we can restore a level playing field for U.S. farm exports to these three nations," notes AFBF President Bob Stallman.

"Over the past four years, Korea, Colombia and Panama have opened their doors to our competitors," Stallman explained. "Congress and the administration have now given us the opportunity to improve our competitive position in these markets. The economic growth generated from the agreements will improve our economy and create jobs here at home," he said.

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- ✗ annual audit report will be presented by Dale Enerson, North Dakota Farmers Union Cooperative/Member Services Specialist
- ✗ election of one (1) director
- ✗ any other business to properly come before the meeting will be transacted.
- ✗ Door Prizes

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McKenzie County Farmers Union Convention will follow supper.

New "Spot-Form" Of Net Blotch Confirmed In MonDak Barley

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists in Sidney, have recently confirmed the arrival of a new, troublesome form of net blotch in barley in the MonDak region. Sidney ARS Plant Pathologist Robert Lartey identified the new form recently at the Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory from samples collected near Sidney and at Nesson Valley in Williston. Dr. Lartey used a new DNA technique which he developed that can accurately identify the presence of the disease in just two days versus several weeks for the standard method.

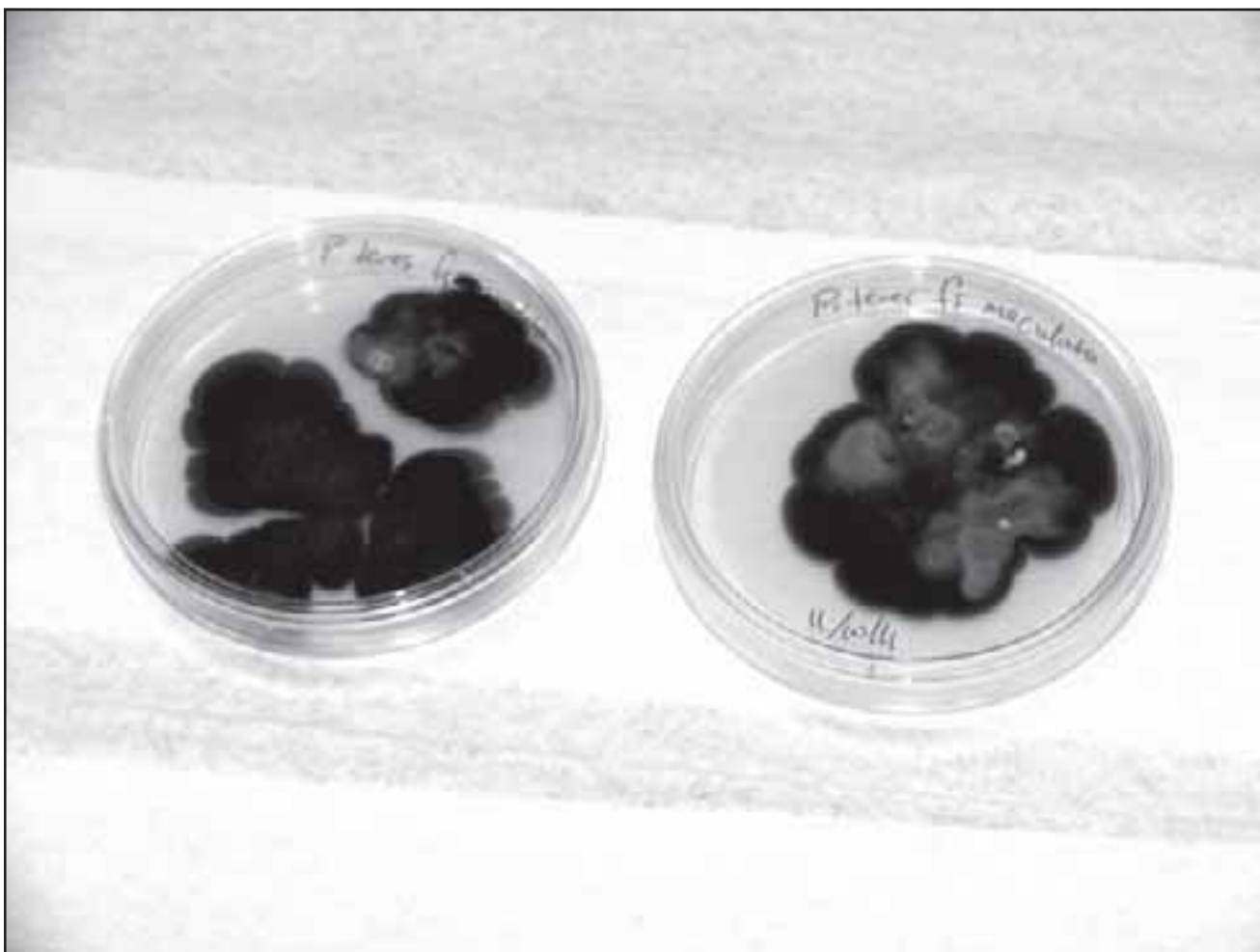
The arrival of "spot-form" net blotch in the region caught many by surprise. It's been present in the Red River Valley, Fargo, ND, only since 2010, and while it has been reported in parts of western Montana as early as the 1990s (at Fairfield), it wasn't expected to move into this area for another three or four years. However, when North Dakota State University scientists from Fargo attending the Williston Extension and Research Center Field Day in July, reported seeing symptoms of suspected spot-form in Dickinson, local scientists worried that it could also be in northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota and began collecting samples from MonDak area barley fields for testing. Their concern was further justified this past fall when a number of MonDak producers harvesting their barley reported seeing clouds of what looked like black smoke coming from the rear of their combines. The "smoke" was made up billions of dried black spores, released in plentiful supply by the new spot-form version of the disease.

"Spot-form" net blotch, like "net-form" net blotch, is caused by the *Pyrenophora teres* fungus, although by genetically different forms: *P. teres* f. *maculate* versus *P. teres* f. *teres*. Like its counterpart, "spot-form" net blotch is a foliar disease of barley that can survive over winter on barley residue, on volunteer barley plants (and some grasses) and on seeds from the previous season, all lying in wait to infect the next year's crop. Spores are produced and spread by wind and rain during the growing season, accounting for the bulk of the spread of the disease within the crop. Infected seeds are the more common source for geographic spread over longer distances, according to Lartey, and may have been the original source for our new local infections. In addition, over the past two years, conditions have been ideal for the spread of a number of fungal diseases, including net blotch. Cool, wet springs are favored by the fungi, Lartey said, aiding expansion in dryland barley, as well as irrigated.

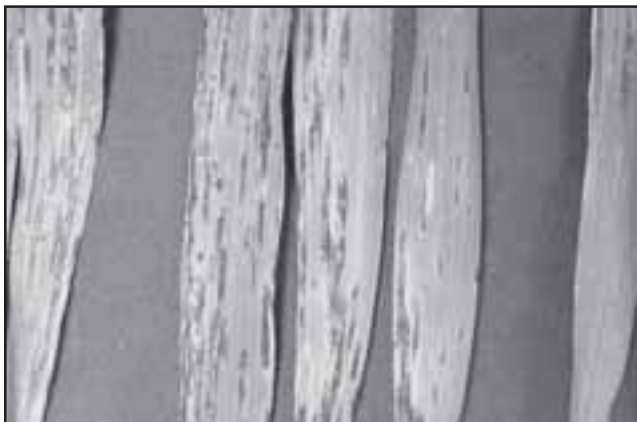
The two forms of net blotch display slightly different symptoms. Net-form net blotch is evident from brown spots on the barley leaves that elongate into a net-like pattern and then join together into dark brown stripes as the disease progresses. In contrast, spot-form net blotch exhibits elongated brown spots on its leaves surrounded by yellow zones throughout the disease's progression.

Both forms of net blotch lower barley grain yield and brewing quality by reducing the carbohydrate content of kernels. The spot form of the disease can cause grain and yield losses from 10 to 40% to as high as 100% for some growers depending on how much of the leaf area of the plant's upper two leaves is destroyed. Local producers finding evidence of the new spot-form of the disease in their barley fields this fall estimated their losses at between 50% and 75%. Spraying fungicides at the right time and avoiding continuous barley rotations are probably the best ways to minimize effects of this disease, in both its forms.

But while spot-form net blotch will respond to several of the same management options used for net-form net blotch, there is one big difference, Lartey said. Resistant varieties developed to help manage net-form net blotch are unlikely to be effective against spot-form. "Resistance to the two forms of net blotch is inherited separately," he noted, "which means barley resistant to net-form is generally not adequately resistant to spot-form." That's due in part because good resistance against spot-form net blotch appears to require the presence of two or more genes to be effective, according to studies by the Australian Government Grain Research and Development Corporation. The multiple genes requirement



Black spores from the spot-form fungus growing in petri dishes.



Leaves develop brown spots which elongate into a net-like pattern then join together into dark brown stripes.

significantly complicates development of resistant varieties and researchers in Australia have had only limited success to date in developing new varieties for their region. In part, the lack of effective resistant varieties may account for the rise of spot-form net blotch in Australia, as well as in other countries around the world, including South Africa, Canada and the United States.

Back in the MonDak, resistance in current varieties is limited to net-form net blotch and is largely ineffective against spot-form, although work on new spot-form resistant varieties is continuing. However, there are also other new alternative management strategies under study at the Sidney ARS lab. Lartey is currently studying three promising new fungal



Leaves develop consistent brown spots, each surrounded by a yellow zone.

biocontrol agents for *Cercospora* leaf spot in sugarbeets, which have also been shown to inhibit net-form net blotch in barley. He plans to test these new agents against spot-form net blotch in upcoming lab and greenhouse trials. Ultimately, successful agents could provide the basis for a new "living" fungicide for MonDak growers to use in battling both forms of net blotch, as well as *Cercospora*.

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Bainville vs Culbertson at Bainville,
Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30
Fairview vs Brockton at Fairview,
Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30
Froid/Lake vs R&L at Froid, Girls at 6
p.m., Boys at 7:30

Saturday, Dec. 17
Bainville vs Circle at Circle, Girls at 6
p.m., Boys at 7:30
Culbertson vs Fairview at Culbertson,
Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30
Froid/Lake vs Brockton at Froid, Girls
at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30
Savage vs Westby/Grenora at Westby,
Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30
Sidney vs Miles City, Girls at Miles
City at 7:30 p.m., Boys at Sidney at
7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19
Bainville vs Brockton at Brockton,
Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30
Froid/Lake vs Plentywood at
Plentywood, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at
7:30
Watford City vs Beach at Beach, Girls
at 8 p.m.

Speech & Drama

Saturday, Dec. 17
Sidney at Glasgow

Wrestling

Thursday, Dec. 15
Watford City at Stanley/New Town
Triangular, 5 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17
Sidney Varsity at Gillette Duals
Sidney JV at Dickinson Tourney
Watford City at Dickinson Tourney

Hockey

Friday, Dec. 16
Watford City PeeWee at Williston, 7
p.m.
Watford City Bantam vs Williston at
Watford City, 7 p.m.
Watford City Girls at Bismarck Jambo-
ree

Friday - Saturday, Dec. 16-18
Sidney Girls U19 at Bismarck
Jamboree
Saturday, Dec. 17
Sidney Mites Cross Ice Games w/
Termites at Sidney, 8-10 p.m.
Bantam vs Mandan at Sidney, 11 p.m.
Watford City Bantam vs Mandan at
Watford City, 6 p.m.
Watford City Jr Gold at Grand Forks, 2
p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18
Sidney Peewee vs Williston at Sidney,
2 p.m.
Sidney Bantam vs Williston at Sidney,
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Two audition dates are provided for your scheduling convenience, it is not mandatory to attend both. Please note the ages below are stage ages, meaning they are open to interpretation by the director in order to cast the strongest show possible.

Grandpa (late 60s+): The highly intelligent and witty family patriarch who decided one day that the rat race just wasn't worth it any more. He now does what he likes and encourages his family and friends to follow their passions rather than perceived obligations.

Penny (Penelope) Sycamore (40s-50s): Grandpa's daughter. A quirky but lovable romantic whose hobbies include painting and playwriting.

Paul Sycamore (40s-50s): Penny's husband. Loves tinkering with everything to see how it works from actual tinker toys to his pas-

sion, creating new fireworks.

Essie Carmichael (20s-30s): Penny and Paul's older daughter. Quirky and loveable like her mother, Essie's greatest wish is to be a dancer, even though she isn't very good at it. She also creates homemade chocolate confections that her husband delivers.

Ed Carmichael (20s-30s): Essie's husband who loved the Sycamore family so much he just came to dinner one day and stayed. He's completely in love with Essie, often accompanying her dancing musically and delivering her chocolate creations. He's an avid reader currently fascinated with the Communist movement. He prints leaflet and dinner menus on his homemade printing press.

Alice Sycamore (20s): In a sea of people who have the strangest of hobbies, Alice is decidedly normal by society's standards. She's a secretary at a high power Wall Street firm and in love with the boss' son. She loves her eccentric family, but does find them a bit trying at times.

Tony Kirby (Anthony

Kirby, Jr., late 20s): The heir apparent at the high powered Wall Street firm Kirby and Company, though he feels stifled and a bit unprepared at his job in his father's company. In love with Alice, his secretary.

Anthony Kirby, Sr. (50s+): Highly strung, successful, and powerful Wall Street executive who owns his own firm. He's a classic stuffed shirt with a big ego that needs stroking. He has a very regimented view of life, and expects everything to go along by highly defined societal rules.

Miriam Kirby (50s+): Lives the life of the bored housewife of the powerful executive. Happily looks down her nose at anyone not to her standard. She flits around charity work and embraces the latest, high-end fads. Is rather unhappy, but would rather die than acknowledge her glamorous life is a sham.

Rheba (30s+): The Sycamore's sassy housekeeper.

Donald (30s-40s): Rheba's boyfriend who adores her. He and grandpa are also chummy. Donald is a little slow on the uptake, but he'd give you the shirt off his back. He's currently unemployed collecting a relief government paycheck.

Mr. DePinna (40+): Came by the house one day and decided to stay. He's not the brightest bulb on the tree, and helps out Paul chiefly in the production of fireworks, but he's happy to do whatever is needed such as pose for Penny's paintings.

Mr. Kolenkhov (40s+): Larger than life is too subtle of a description for Mr. Kolenkhov whose personality and physical exuberance never go unnoticed. Loyal to the Tzar, he escaped Communist Russia and assisted members of the former royalty to safely arrive in America. He loves debating politics, or anything for that matter with Grandpa. He is very opinionated and brash. He doesn't have a common sense pause button on his mouth, and frequently acts without thinking.

Mr. Henderson (20s-40s): An IRS agent who is out to clear up tax matters. Quick tempered when people don't follow the rules.

Gay Wellington (late 20s+): An alcoholic, 3rd rate actress who loves regaling anyone who will listen about her life on the stage.

The Grand Duchess Olga Katrina (60s+): A member of the Russian royalty who has fallen on hard times and now works as a waitress. Despite her reduced conditions, she has her pride and likes to keep up appearances and play the grande dame by wearing furs and diamond tiaras to her job as a waitress at Schraff's.

Department of Labor & Industry Has Tips On Buying Cords Of Firewood

As the days and nights get colder, the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's Weights & Measures Bureau has some tips for those purchasing firewood to heat their homes this winter. "We want to make sure that Montanans are getting what they pay for when purchasing firewood," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly.

Firewood is sold by a measurement called a cord (or by fractions of a cord), defined by State law as, "the amount of wood that is contained in a space of 128 cubic feet when the wood is ranked and well stowed. For the purpose of this regulation, 'ranked and well stowed' shall be construed to mean that pieces of wood are placed in a line or row, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other, and stacked in a compact manner."

To be sure you have the correct amount of wood, stack and measure it. The "standard" cord is typically described as a pile 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet long, but a cord includes any configuration where length times width (or depth) times height equals 128 cubic feet.

Here are some things you can do to make sure you are getting what you pay for when buying firewood:

- Get a receipt that shows the seller's name, address, phone number and the price, amount, and kind of wood purchased;
- Write down the license number of the delivery vehicle;
- Ask the seller to stack the wood (you may have to pay extra for this service) or stack the wood yourself;
- Measure the wood before using any; and
- Take a picture of the stack if you doubt the quantity;

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 Thurs., Dec. 15: holiday meal.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Pizza & salad bar.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Chicken nuggets, fries, corn.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Wiener wraps, gems, green beans.

Sidney School

Wed., Dec. 14: ham & cheese wraps, vegetable soup, peaches.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Lasagna, garlic toast, tossed salad, strawberry cups.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Chili, cinnamon rolls, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Turkey gravy over biscuits, peas, mandarin oranges.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Frito pie, corn, peaches, snicker doodle.

Rau School

Wed., Dec. 14: Tacos, gems, corn, peaches.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Cheeseburger, fries, veggies, fruit, pudding.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Soup/bread, veggies, fruit.

Mon., Dec. 19:
 Tues., Dec. 20:

E. Fairview School

Wed., Dec. 14: Chicken fajitas, rice, lettuce salad, peaches.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots, bananas.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Mozzarella pizza sticks, rice, green beans, apples.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, pineapple, garlic bread, cookie.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Hot dog, baked beans, veggies, apples.

Fairview School

Wed., Dec. 14: Soup & sandwich, raw veggies, fruit.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Holiday dinner.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Crisпитos, nachos, fruit, dessert.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Macaroni & cheese, hamburger hotdish, corn, fruit, bread.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Chicken pot pie, jello, pretzel.

Lambert School

Wed., Dec. 14: Beef Strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed veggies, buns, pears.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Burrito, fresh veggies, pudding.
 Fri., Dec. 16: hot ham & cheese, chips, cookie.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Cook's choice.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Cook's choice.

Culbertson School

Wed., Dec. 14: Egg rolls, rice, stir fry veggies, mandarin oranges.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Lasagna, lettuce, apple crisp.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Tuna croissant, chips, carrots & apple.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Super nachos, lettuce, 1/2 banana, Dixie cups.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Chili, peaches, cinnamon roll.

Savage School

Wed., Dec. 14: Chicken patty/bun, French fries, pineapple.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: Macaroni hot dish, peas, fruit cocktail, bread.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Taco/shell, green beans, mandarin oranges.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, pears.
 Tues., Dec. 20: Beef steaks, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, apricots, bread.

Froid School

Wed., Dec. 14: Hamburger gravy/mashed potatoes, green beans, relishes, chocolate zucchini cake, buns.
 Thurs., Dec. 15: French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links, hashbrowns, orange slices.
 Fri., Dec. 16: Hamburger deluxe, French fries, relishes, apple wedges, chocolate chip bar.
 Mon., Dec. 19: Chili/crackers, elephant tracks, mixed fruit.
 Tues., Dec. 20: BBQ pork, potato wedges, corn, grapes.

Bainville School

Wed., Dec. 14: Roast beef & cheese pitas, green beans, fruit.
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Richland County 4-H Youth Wins Contest

Every year, McCone County invites all of the Fair Round Robin Showmanship Contest winners from surrounding counties to compete in the Champion of Champions Overall Round Robin Showmanship. The youth that compete are the best that each of their coun-

ties has to offer. Each 4-H member is asked to show all the different species of 4-H livestock and they are scored on their showmanship abilities.

Richland County is very proud to announce that the winner of the 2011 Champion of Champions Showmanship contest is Jaycee Searer. Jaycee is a ten-year 4-H member in the Forever Buds 4-H Club and is a senior at Sidney High School. Her parents are Randy and Patti Jo Searer and she has two siblings, Kayleen and Taylor Searer. Richland County 4-H is very proud of Jaycee and all of her accomplishments.



Winner of the 2011 Champion of Champions Showmanship contest Jaycee Searer

Tues. - Thurs., Dec. 13-15
Footloose @ 7:30 p.m.

Fri. - Sun., Dec. 16-18
Arthur Christmas @ 7:30 p.m. & Sat. Matinee @ 1 p.m.
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What's your favorite story? The Sidney-Richland County Library wants to know, but there's a catch, you'll have to show them, in their Holiday Gingerbread Contest. Use their theme of "Tell us your favorite story in gingerbread" to inspire your gingerbread creation or come up with your own idea. Your imagination is the limit, so build a doghouse, birdhouse, castle, train depot, skyscraper or anything else you can think of. Entries will be displayed in the Library during December, adding a little holiday flare to the shelves, and the best creations will win fun prizes.

So how do you participate? Easy! First, get the rules from the Library or their website (<http://www.richland.org/spl>) and get your entry form back to them as soon as possible so they can plan their display areas. Next choose whether you'll work in one of their individual categories: Child (8 & under); Youth (9-14); Teen/Adult (15 & up); or if you'd rather build your gingerbread with a friend (groups & families are welcome).

Then it's time for the fun part, choose your creation and build it. Your gingerbread house will have to be entirely edible, except for the base, which shouldn't be any larger than 18"x18". Bring your creation to the Library starting Nov. 28, and definitely before our final judging begins on Dec. 19! The longer your entry is in the library, the more time you'll have to get votes from patrons and guest judges. They'll give out prizes in each age category, as well as honoring the People's Choice, Most Creative Creation and Best Representation of a Story.

Dec. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., the Library invites everyone, community members and participants alike, to join them for a special Holiday Open House with cider and cookies. They'll view all of the entries, introduce our guest judges, and unveil the winners. All of the contest details and the full rules and entry form are available on our website (<http://www.richland.org/spl>) and in hard copy at the Library. Feel free to call 433-1917 with any questions, and may the best gingerbread architects win!

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