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## Richland County Fair & Rodeo Has An Extravaganza Of Entertainers For 2023

**By Meagan Dotson**  
Get ready to be entertained at the 2023 Richland County Fair & Rodeo, happening Aug. 2-5. Country artist Kip Moore will be headlining this year's concert on Saturday night. He recently released two new singles and his album "Damn Love" will drop April 28.

The Richland County Fair & Rodeo is still waiting to announce the opening act, but, according to Pam Shelmidine, fair manager, they have scheduled a 'young, up and coming opener'.

Of course, there will be rodeos Thursday and Friday nights, with Friday being 'Tough Enough to Wear Pink' in which attendants will wear pink to show their support and raise funds for cancer awareness.

Wednesday Aug. 2 406 FMX will be wowing the crowd with their free-style motocross show in the arena and tickets are just \$15. It will be 90 minutes of adrenaline as the crowd watches motorcycle jumps, snowmobile jumps, and a back-flipping UTV.

"It really should be an awesome show," said Shelmidine of the Montana based 406 FMX entertain-

ers. "It is always great to get local talent to showcase in our arena."

Free entertainment will be held every day with a rotating schedule that will be posted on the Richland County Fair & Rodeo website and Facebook page in June.

Strolling acts include Pippi the Clown and Buster the Baby T-Rex. Buster and his handler will be roaming around the fairgrounds for an hour at a time, three times a day.

Additionally, there will be The Magic Bean, which is an agricultural education show for kids, explaining to them in fun fashion how a little bean seed becomes food on the table. There will also be a pedal tractor pull for the kids that will happen three times each day of the fair. These acts will be set up in the grassy area behind the fair office and there will be signs set up to make sure everyone knows where to go to take in these fun events.

Don't forget to swing into the carnival and check out the more than 100 vendors that will be set up in and outside the Event Center. Get your grub on for a good cause and sample some delicious fair food while supporting a variety of non-



Kip Moore will be headlining the Saturday night concert at this year's Richland County Fair & Rodeo. (Photo by PJ Brown)

profits that raise a bulk of funds for their organizations feeding hungry fair-goers. And remember the reason for this particular season is to showcase some of Richland County's finest via awesome fair exhibits. Baking, photography, sew-

ing, seed pictures, school exhibits, 4 H exhibits and so much more will be proudly displayed. The 4 H schedule will be available on the fair website by the end of the week. Fair buttons, concert tickets and rodeo tickets will be available May 30 at the

fair office; buttons will also be available at local banks.

Get geared up for Stars, Stipes, & Summer Nights at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo!

### S.T.E.M. Center Ribbon Cutting

The S.T.E.M. Center Ribbon Cutting took place on Thursday, April 20 at Fox Hills Elementary School. Pictured (L-R) are Tim Bancells, Katy Hirst, Landen Nichols, Cole Zarak, Steve Holen, Bernadette Granger, Felicia Velasquez and Rosa Villastrigo. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



## Richland County Welcomes New Planner Rachel Laqua With Interstate Engineering

**By Meagan Dotson**  
Rachel Laqua, Interstate Engineering, was recently appointed as the



Rachel Laqua was the City of Williston principal planner for ten years prior to becoming the Richland County Planner. (Photo submitted by Rachel Laqua)

Richland County Planner. Richland County has not had a county employed planner since 2018 when Marcy Hamburg retired; at that time Richland County made the decision to contract the position to Joel Nelson, a certified planner in the state of Montana. Nelson resided in the western part of Montana, which was not always conducive to the quick progression of projects, and Nelson decided to step away from the position in the fall of 2022.

In January 2023 Richland County put in a request for qualifications and began the selection process required by the state.

Laqua, who served as the City of Williston, principal planner, for the last ten years, was hired as planning director with Interstate Engineering and accepted the

position of Richland County Planner Feb.1, 2023.

"We've always been on the other side of the fence and felt things could've been more streamlined," said Ryan Kopp, Interstate Engineering project manager, of the surveying and planning process. "I think we can better serve the community by taking on a planning role locally."

One example of the need for a county planner would be if a person wanted to build a house out of town. They would first need to hire a surveyor to divide the land and then submit that to the county planner who would make sure the plans met subdivision regulations. The clerk and recorder's office would then know plans met regulations because of the county planner's approval.

The Richland County

Planner is responsible for ensuring a number of documents are complete such as Montana Department of Environmental Quality Subdivision Review and County Sanitarian approvals. Additional responsibilities include facilitating public hearings, presenting findings to the planning board and county commissioners, and reviewing and/or revising bylaws, codes, and growth policies.

Beginning next year, a new growth policy will be put together. Growth policies are required every five years, with the last meaningful one occurring in 2015, which was then updated in 2020.

"We want to include content that Richland County residents want to see in their communities such as improving streets, walking trails, and recreation projects.

"There is grant funding available for these kinds of projects, but they have to be part of an approved planning document," Kopp explained.

Laqua will work out of Interstate Engineering's Williston office, however communication between her and the Sidney office will be coalesced. All emails to the Richland County Planning Director will go directly to Laqua; all calls will go to the Sidney office where Bonnie Sweley, administrative assistant, can take the necessary information and coordinate with Laqua, helping to facilitate the planning process.

"Having the Richland County Planner in the area, we will be better able to work with surveyors," said Kopp. "It will make the planning process easier, quicker and more cost effective."

## Hellandsaas Retires After 50 Years Of Helping Kids & The Elderly



Marcia Hellandsaas (Photo submitted)

"Working with kids and the elderly is always fun," states Marcia Hellandsaas, retiring McKenzie County Extension Agent after nearly 34 years.

Hellandsaas graduated from Regent High School, has a BS degree in home economics from NDSU and began her career in Williston working for the North Dakota Health Department as an environmental health inspector, inspecting restaurants, bars, motels, campgrounds, in northwest North Dakota.

She noticed an opening ad for an extension agent in Watford City, which was an opportunity to work with 4-H kids and their families. She moved to Watford City, not to only serve 4-H kids in McKenzie County but working with the Dunn County 4-H program for 20 years. "I had to be on my toes all the time because there was a time change between Watford City and Killdeer," she says.

Every year she has been very instrumental in getting kids ready for fairs, events and shows.

Now there is a network between counties so a lot of the counties can work together on different projects. Currently, she is working with Mandan and Fargo on Suicide Prevention.

She has around 300 4-H kids involved in various projects and programs. Her teams in various events sometimes bring home top honors.

"Watford City is great at volunteering for a variety of services which makes my job easier," she finishes.

Hellandsaas along with her hectic lifestyle manages to serve on the First Lutheran Church Board, Heritage Park Board and McKenzie County Fair Board.

She has a son, Eric, who is married and lives on the farm.





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# STATISTICS

## LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1826.9
Last Week's Elev. ....	1826.9
One Year Ago .....	1827.6
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	17,000

## SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 17 .....	67	39	0.000
April 18 .....	57	40	0.000
April 19 .....	41	29	0.190
April 20 .....	35	27	0.010
April 21 .....	36	25	0.000
April 22 .....	45	24	0.000
April 23 .....	50	21	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....	0.824		

# OBITUARIES

## Jeff Fuhrmann, 51 Worland, WY

Jeff Fuhrmann passed away unexpectedly on April 16, 2023, in Texas.

Jeff was born on June 15, 1971, to Dennis and Dorothy (Volk) Fuhrmann in Sidney, MT.

Jeff met Heidi Anderson in Powell, WY, and were united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1994, in Powell, WY. To their union four children were born, Angie, Bailey, Brandie, and Justin.

He had many farm and construction jobs. He loved taking care of all the animals, especially his own small goat farm. He also enjoyed working with heavy equipment.

He loved his family; the girls meant the world to him. He loved taking his girls irrigating, and having picnics when they were fishing.

Jeff is survived by his daughters, Angie (Tracy) Hernandez; Bailey and Brandie Fuhrmann; his mother Dorothy (Volk) Fuhrmann; sister Deanna Aguilar, and numerous family members, who were all special to him.

Jeff was preceded in death by his son Justin, father Dennis Fuhrmann, sister Denise Fuhrmann, grandparents, Lawrence and Lylia Volk, and grandparents, Herbert and Alma Fuhrmann.

A Celebration of Life will be held, June 17, 2023 at Sundheim Park (Fairview Bridge). More details will be available at a later date.



Jeff Fuhrmann

## Iva “Ann” Cross Lagasse, 87, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Iva “Ann” Cross Lagasse, 87, Sidney were held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 21, 2023, at the Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. Visitation was on Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church. Interment will be in the Highland Cemetery, Alexander, ND. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Heaven gained another angel when he called Iva Ann Carlson Cross Lagasse home on April 13, 2023.

The youngest of five, Ann was born Oct. 11, 1935, in Richey, MT, to Pete and Rosa Carlson. She fondly recalled her childhood playing ball with her brother, Carl, helping tend the boarding house, and riding the Galloping Goose railway with friends.

Ann attended St. Paul Bible College before returning to Sidney where she worked as a telephone operator making life-long friends and hosting reunions up until 2019.

The sport of bowling helped Ann and Ralph Cross's paths to meet, and her “always a bridesmaid, never a bride” days came to an end. It didn't take long before they were married and moved to the family farm. To this union, RaeAnn and Rodney were born. Ralph passed away after 25 years of marriage in 1992.

In 1997, much to Ann's delight, the first of her four grandchildren were born. They were the apple of her eye and she did not pass up an opportunity to care for them, send packages, be at a birthday party or wait patiently at the top of her stairs for a ride to their sporting event.

Ann's traveling days began again when in 2000, she wed Lyle Lagasse and moved to Colorado Springs. Lyle and Ann enjoyed nine years on the go. She quickly became part of Lyle's church community, established many wonderful friendships and encouraged multiple trips back to Montana and North Dakota to see their grandchildren.

Grass did not grow under Ann's feet from early on in her life to her very last days. She was blessed with nieces and nephews of all ages who enjoyed taking her on multiple adventures from Washington State to Washington DC, Alaska to Oklahoma and even Sweden, the birthplace of her father. She lived life to its fullest as is reflected in her closet full of neatly categorized pictures.

Ann is survived by her children: RaeAnn and Wayne Gransbery, Columbus, MT, and Rod and Leah Cross, Alexander, ND; grandchildren, Thomas Gransbery, Bozeman, MT, and Renee, Shane and Julian Cross, Alexander, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Ralph Cross and Lyle Lagasse; her parents Pete and Rosa Carlson; her siblings Marie (Melvin) Hagele, Nellie (John) Bettis, Ikie (Jasper) Larson, and Carl (Janis) Carlson; and brothers-in-law: Elmo (Jo) Cross, John (Louise) Cross, and Morris (Dorothy) Cross.

The last of a generation within our family and neighborhood, Ann, will be truly missed.



Iva “Ann” Cross Lagasse

## Rollover In McKenzie Co. With Serious Injuries

A one vehicle roll over Thursday, April 20, at approximately 7:37 CST on Hwy 73 near mile marker 2, approximately 18 miles east of Watford City, ND, resulted in serious injuries.

A 2011 Jeep Wrangler, driven by a 26-year-old, male, Buda, TX, was traveling westbound on Hwy 73. The Jeep lost control, entered the south ditch, and rolled. The driver was ejected and sustained serious life-threatening injuries. The driver was taken by ambulance to McKenzie County Health, Watford City, then flown to Trinity Health, Minot.

At the time of the crash the road conditions were icy and the weather conditions had flurries.

The agencies who responded to the crash were North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Mandaree Ambulance, McKenzie County Ambulance, Sanford Air Med, and Keene Fire and Quick Response Unit.

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

# EVENTS

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## RICHLAND COUNTY

**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.**

**Wed., April 26**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **2023 Youth Art Show** - On display through April 29 - **Dave Torrence Exhibition** - On display through May 3. - **Linda Olson - Museum Inspiration Exhibition** - Ceramics that span a wide variety of styles, shapes & techniques. On display through May 6. - **Vietnam Voices** - Features powerful stories of 81 Vietnam veterans. Runs through June 10. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.

**Fri., April 28-Sun., April 30**  
**Cornerstone Pentecostal Church Revival Services** - April 28, 7 a.m. Service; April 29, Ladies Luncheon, 11 a.m. & Services 7 p.m.; April 30, Sunday School 10:30 a.m., service 11 a.m. Guest Speaker, Brother Jeff Priessler. On April 29 11 a.m. Guest Speaker, Sister Tulla Priessler. 2301 3rd St. NW. For more info call 406-480-7550.

**Sat., April 29**  
11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (2 class times) - **Wine Bottle Wind Chimes with Tammy Venne** - MonDak Heritage Center. Limited space, call 406-433-3500, stop by or register online. Members \$40, Not Yet Members: \$50.

**Fri., May 5**  
11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - **Cinco De Mayo** - Taco bar, Sidney Moose Lodge.

**Sat., May 6**  
7-11 p.m. - **St. Matthew's Spring Fling** - For grades 6-8 & open to all area youth. Semi-formal dance at St. Matthew's Parish Center. Admission \$10 per person. DJ music by Midnight Express. For more info call Colleen Haralson, 406-482-2680.

**Sun., May 7**  
8:30-11:30 a.m. - **Fundraiser Breakfast For Sidney Fire Department** - Sidney Moose Lodge.  
11 a.m. - **Fairview Community Foundation Lunch & Live Auction** - Storage shed across from Senior Center, Fairview, MT. Portable BB hoops, men's & womens balls, score boards & misc.  
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

**Mon., May 8**  
5 p.m. - **Sidney Moose Lodge & Chapter Orientation** - Members & public invited. Supper to follow. Sidney Moose Lodge.

**Tues., May 9**  
6 p.m. - **Richland County Democrats Central Committee County Convention** - Will elect officers for the 2023-2025 term at 320 23rd Ave NW, The Blue Bldg. Open to the public but only current officers & Precinct men & women may vote.

**Thurs., May 11**  
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Gullivers. To RSVP by May 10, call Margaret, 406-488-4613 or Paula, 406-488-1253.  
6 p.m. - **Wine Bottle Painting with Afton** - MonDak Heritage Center. Members, \$30, not yet members, \$40. Limited space call 406-433-3500 to reserve your spot.  
6:30 p.m. - **Suicide Prevention Movie Night** - Family movie night for Suicide Prevention. Centre Theatre. Benefiting Eastern Montana Out Of The Darkness Walk.

**Fri., May 12**  
6-8 p.m. - **Daddy Daughter Disco Dance** - Ages 2-13, \$10 per couple, \$5 per extra child. Snacks & drinks will be available for purchase. Professional photographer. Sidney Gymnastics Club.

## McKENZIE COUNTY

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.**

**Tues., May 2, 2023**  
7 p.m. - **Beginnings** - Watford City Concert Series - A celebration of the music of Chicago. Rough Rider Center. Concert series membership or \$30 per adult. For more info call 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.

**Thurs., May 2, 5-7 p.m.; May 16, 2-4 p.m.**  
**Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times & updates.

**Friday, May 5**  
5-9 p.m. - **Cinco De Mayo Celebration** - Food, music, vendors, & entertainment for the whole family. Rough Rider Center convention Hall.

**Tues., May 16**  
**North Dakota Petroleum Foundation Birds & Birdies** - Teams of 4 members will be scored in 3 shooting competition (including trap, rimfire and archery) followed by a 16-hole golf scramble.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY

**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.**

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

**Fri., May 5, 7 p.m., Sat., May 6 & Sun., May 7, 2 p.m.; Thur., May 11, Fri., May 12 & Sat., May 13, 7 p.m.**  
Williston High School Drama Club presents Disney “Frozen” The Broadway Musical - For more info or tickets visit https://williston.ludus.com.

**Sat., May 6**  
5:30 p.m. Social Hour - **The Boots & Brews** - 6:30 p.m. dinner. BBQ dinner, dancing, cash prizes, raffles, live & silent auctions & more. Live music by Josh Kehr. Raymond Center Arena, Williston. Benefiting the Coyote Wrestling Club. \$40 a ticket admits 2.

**Mon., May 8 & Tues., May 9**  
4 p.m. & 7 p.m. both nights - **70th Shrine Circus Extravaganza** - Raymond Family Community Center. Adult tickets \$10; children tickets, 13 & under, \$5, ages 4 & under free.

**Thurs., May 11**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **City of Williston State of the City 2023** - Free lunch for in-person attendance, limited seating available. Old Armory, Facebook live, 660 KEYZ.

**Sat., May 13**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Basin Kruzers Presents 47th Annual Band Day Car Show** - Raffle, silent auction, door prizes, giveaways for the kids, food. Show entry: \$5 adults, kids free. Raymond Family Community Center. For more info or to register contact 208-946-1652 or basinkruzers@hotmail.com.

## DAWSON COUNTY

**Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT**

**Sat., May 20**  
8 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Glendive Catfish Tournament** - Rules meeting 6:30 p.m., May 19 at Wagon Wheel Bar, 1615 West Towne St., callcutta to follow after rules meeting. For more information contact Steve Linder 406-939-5925; Tim Linder, 406-939-0441; Cole Piouffe, 406-230-0694; or Dennie Germann, 406-959-1042; or check out Glendive Catfish Tournament Facebook page.



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The caterer is responsible for following all safety and sanitation regulations as established by the State of Montana under the 2013 model Food Code for retail

Notice is hereby given that in Richland County, on May 2, 2023, a political subdivision election will be for the Following Purpose: School District 2, 7J, 17C, 17J, 78J. Said political subdivision election will be conducted by: Mail Ballot: Richey School District. Polling place: Savage School District.

**MNAXLP**  
(Publish April 12, 19 & 26, 2023)

A black and white photograph of a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt. She is sitting at a desk, looking down at a laptop screen, with her hands on the keyboard. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a bookshelf or office environment.

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# Lindblom Still Active At 99

**By Dianne Swanson**  
Dr. Stanley Lindblom, Sidney, celebrated his 99th birthday with friends last Tuesday, April 18. This charming, soft-spoken gentleman still lives in his own house, takes care of his own yard and meets the guys for coffee and conversation every morning. When asked about how it feels to be turning 99, Lindblom chuckled a bit and said that time marches on and we have to march along with it. "You have to keep doing something," he said. "You have to keep your body and mind functioning. You can't just sit and look at four walls," he said about his longevity.

Lindblom was raised on a farm north of Plentywood, about one mile from the Canadian border. He joined the service, then attended college in Chicago, becoming a licensed chiropractor. He returned to Montana and practiced in Plentywood for 12 years before feeling a call to do mission work, upon which he spent two years in South America, particularly Bolivia. On his return, he heard about a good opportunity in Sidney and opened his practice in 1971. In all, he helped his patients feel better for 49 years.

Lindblom was married

to his lovely wife Lillian for 45 years and although they had no children of their own, they helped raise several. They are now scattered all over the country but he keeps in regular contact with all of them.

Although he has backed off the past year or so, for many, many years, organizations such as RSVP and the Sidney Chamber of Commerce could always count on Lindblom's smiling face and helping hands at whatever event they were sponsoring.

Upon retirement from chiropractics, he immediately volunteered with the hospice program through Sidney Health Center, helping patients with their medication and assisting the families. He also helped with Camp Mend a Heart and blood draws. His service with the Richland County Health Department included helping with vaccination clinics, school vision and hearing screenings, county health assessments, veteran standowns, community outreach events, Harvest for Seniors, and fundraising. The MonDak Heritage Center could always count on his assistance, and he served on the board of the Sunrise Women's Clinic for



Dr. Stanley Lindblom

a few years. Lindblom also provided support in various ways to the Foundation for Community Care, March of Dimes, The Lodge at Lone Tree Creek, Disaster and Emergency Services, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. He amassed 2,940.51 hours of service in 17 years through RSVP, serving others and saving area non-profits thousands of dollars.

Lindblom was also a force behind the creation of the Lutheran Brethren Church and still volunteers

there every Sunday. He is an excellent example of what keeping active and engaged can do to create a happier and healthier life.

When asked what advice he would give others, he said, "Reach out to people and help in any way you can. That's what I enjoy doing, helping and serving my fellow man in any way I can. That's what I've done over the years."

Happy Birthday Dr. Lindblom and thank you, for everything.

# Sidney Eagle Baseball Results

Sidney Eagle baseball lost both games to the Butte Bulldogs on Friday, April 21 in Columbus. Scores for the first game was 0-12 and the second game 0-13.

On Saturday, April 22, the Eagles played their first

home game vs. Watford City. The Eagles lost 8-2. Their record is now three wins and five losses.

Their next game is Thursday, April 27 in Stanley, ND and their next home game is Friday, April 28 and

Saturday, April 29.

To keep up with the Eagles when they're on the road, download the free app GameChanger and create an account. You will be able to watch the game play-by-play.

The Mondak Grace fund is selling Eagle baseball hats and t-shirts for \$20. For more information contact [robynheck@hotmail.com](mailto:robynheck@hotmail.com).



Sidney Eagle Baseball team back row (L-R) Coach Jared Jurgens, Coach Jayd Rice, Cayden Heck, Braden Harris, Walker Rohner, Seth Beyerle, Hayden Conn, Kayson Radke, Trey Lunstad, Mayson Kindopp, Paul Ownby, Kaleb Kutzler, Ryan Keller, Treyce Bower, Cooper McNally, head coach; and Hunter Gordon; front (L-R) Colton Hatter, Jarret Averett, Trace Bain, Corey Christensen and Parker Wunder. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

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# Dance Talent Competition, Sidney, April 22-23

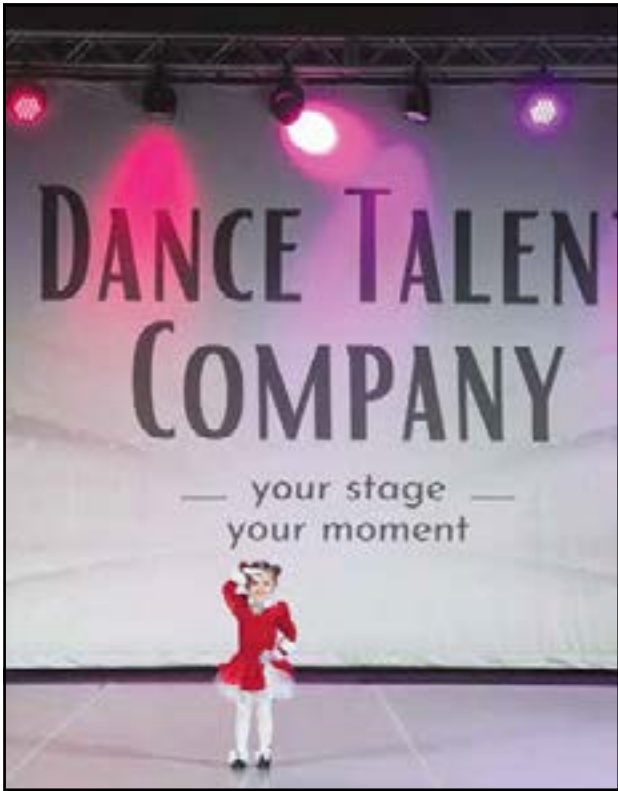
**By Robyn Heck**  
Cindy Linde put on the Dance Talent Competition at the Sidney High School Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23.

“Our mission at dance talent company is education driven. We provide high-quality, fair, and professional competitions, and conventions. Studio owners have a company they can rely on to host two-day competitions at very reasonable fees. We hire only judges who can give the most helpful feedback they deserve. Dancers have a space where they show off their artistry and rely on honest results. We are driven by our passion for the dance world which guides us towards quality over quantity,” says Linde.

Dance talent competition hosts a limited number of events each year with limited available capacity to remain at our self – held high standard. We look forward to sharing the stage with you. “Your stage. Your moment!”

Including Sidney’s Cutting Edge Dance Studio, 11 different studios came

to this event. Three states were represented: Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming. There were three Williston studios, Tioga, Mandan, Miles City, Dickinson, Gillette, Billings, and Glendive. These studios provided over 280 routines. Judges and dance clinicians were from California, Ohio, and Utah.



Tilly Carlile (Photo by Robyn Heck)

# OBITUARIES

## Steven F. Sander, 82 Fairview, MT

Family service for Steven F. Sander, 82, Fairview, MT is at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. The family would like his friends to come to the service and share their stories about their father, Steven. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersonsons.com](http://www.fulkersonsons.com).

Steven was born on Sept. 19, 1940 to parents Ernest and Hazel (Pladson) Sander, Hatton, ND. Steven attended school in Hatton where he played basketball and baseball. He then attended Mayville State College where he received his teaching degree. He met his wife, Earleen Faye Mehus, in high school and they were married on July 28, 1962, Hatten, ND. They began their life together in Fordville, ND where Steven started his first teaching position while also coaching. During their time in Fordville, they had their first son James. Four years later, they moved to Fairview where their second son, John, was born. Steve taught in Fairview for 40 plus years while also coaching basketball and teaching driver’s education.

Steven enjoyed gardening, yardwork, and watching old sitcoms and the Price is Right. He always looked forward to seeing his grandkids and spending time with them. After Earleen passed away in March of 2008, Steven looked forward to visits from his long-time teaching friend, Ken Babcock.

Steven passed away on Friday, April 21, 2023 at his home in Fairview, MT.

Steven is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother.

Steven is survived by his sons, James and John (Brandi); grandchildren, Stephanie, Carrie, Carson, Halee, Nash, and Toren; and great-grandchild, Dillon.



Steven F. Sander

# Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena!

The committees are about finished with their work. In Judiciary Committee, we had a Governor’s Judicial appointment for District 9, Gregory Bonilla. Shelby will be his headquarters. He answered my questions on the constitution well. He will be confirmed on the Senate Floor this week.

In Fish and Game committee we had two Governor’s appointments to confirm for the State Parks and Recreation Board, Liz Whiting, and John Marancik. They will also be confirmed on the Senate Floor this week.

Monday is going to be a busy day. HB2, the budget, and other spending bills will be on the floor. This is where the rubber meets the road. The budget is going to be way too big, and I am probably going to have a hard time voting for it.

It was kind of exciting around the Capitol this past week. The Freedom Caucus encouraged the House Speaker to censure a transgender legislator because of his threatening remarks during a House debate. This is about the fourth time he has threatened those who vote differently than him. The Left has said many times that elections have consequences. If the shoe is on the other foot, they have a hard time comprehending the consequences. We had a lot of National Media attention, looking for interviews. I declined. We have also received hateful emails, texts, and phone calls, with threats and vulgar language. Genesis 1:27 says “male and female He created them.”

Hopefully, we get the People’s business finished up this week and we can head back home.

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

For Freedom, Senator Steve Hinebaugh

# Books On Broadway To Celebrate National Independent Book Store Day

**By Dianne Swanson**  
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# Allcheck Now Offering FAA Physicals

**By Jaymi Mozeak**  
In August 2022, Dr. Carlos Trevino MD added a new skill to his many abilities as a physician. Allcheck Medical Clinic is now offering Class 2 & 3 DOT-FAA Physicals to the many things they already offer to the community as a medical practice.

Dr. Trevino looked into getting certified to do FAA Physicals in 2019. With Covid happening, his plans were put on hold. He had several friends in the area who possessed pilot's licenses and asked if he could do it since the physician, they currently went to in

Plentywood was retiring. Trevino investigated online and contacted the local FAA Medical Division Director regarding it. In 2021, after Covid calmed down, he picked up where he had left off and found he had to redo 35 hours of basic medical training before doing the


course. The course was for one week, and in Oklahoma and only offered 2-3 times a year. Because of Covid, however, the class was offered for the first time online. Trevino finished the course in August. Allcheck now offers the DOT-FAA exams as well as DOT-FMC-SA and other employment physicals. Trevino said, "It's a great service to the area as I'm the only one on this side of the state offering them four days a week. One other physician in Baker conducts them once a month. It's not a benefit to the practice, it's a benefit to the community, and to the airmen themselves. Otherwise, they would need to go to Billings." The FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) requires the airman/pilot to go to their website located at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) to enroll in their FAA MedXPress system for anyone requesting FAA Medical



**Dr. Trevino, Allcheck Medical Clinic, Sidney, is now certified to do FAA Physicals. Call them at 406-488-5500 for an appointment. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)**

Clearance or a Medical Certificate. They must complete their application electronically. Once the application has been completed online, the airman/pilot receives a confirmation number that must be given to Allcheck in order to complete the physical. The cost for a FAA physical at Allcheck is \$175.

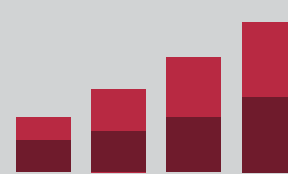
Allcheck Medical Clinic began serving the community in June 2021 as an additional option for medical care. They are located at 223 N. Central Ave., Sidney, and are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. They may be reached by phone at 406-488-5500.



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Students from Legacy High School and Alexander High School participated in the State Bar Association of North Dakota's (SBAND) High School Mock Trial Competition, on April 11. The competition was held in the Burleigh County Courthouse. Judge volunteers as presiding judges were Judge Britta Joyce, Bismarck; and Nicholas Nelson, Wahpeton. Attorney volunteer scoring judges of the competition were: Kristin Binder, Bismarck; Pat Brooke, Bis-

marck, William Behrmann, Bismarck, and Brad Peterson, Bismarck.

Alexander High School took first place in this year's competition. The team's teacher was Amber Severson and attorney coach is Judge El-Dweek.

Legacy High School took home the second-place prize. The team's teacher is Brittany Ramlo and attorney coach was Eric Edison.

The competitive event was a great learning experience for students and attor-

neys/judges who participated in making the 2023 High School Mock Trial Competition a great success.

The SBAND High School Mock Trial Program is an exciting law-related education program that introduces students to the American legal system and provides a challenging opportunity for personal growth and achievement. The program brings together attorneys, judges, students, and teachers from across the state. Students learn the

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en a rare opportunity to work side-by-side with attorneys and judges.



**Alexander High School took first place in this year's State Bar Association of North Dakota's High School Mock Trial Competition. Pictured is Judge Daniel El-Dweek, attorney coach; Angel Ochoa, Austin Beall, Brooke Rykhus, outstanding witness; Dakota Erickson, Kyarah Kibbe, Marshall Erickson, outstanding Attorney and Tylan Womelsdorf. (Photo submitted)**

## A photograph showing three people standing next to a large, white, cylindrical bulk bag (FIBC) in a warehouse or storage area. On the left is a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a light green jacket over a dark striped shirt and blue jeans. In the center is a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark blue t-shirt. On the right is a man with dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, with a camera hanging from his neck and a tattoo visible on his left arm. The bulk bag has blue lifting straps and an orange label. The background shows shelves stocked with various items, including boxes and bags.

**On April 12, Sidney Sugars made a donation of a 2,000 lb. super sack of sugar to the Richland County Food Bank. Pictured from left Cassandra Markwald, Balin Rogers and David Smith. (Submitted photo)**

**Submitted by Cassandra Markwald, retired Lab Assistant Chemist, Richland County Food Bank volunteer**

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# Spring Shrub Choices

By Andy Kuester, Handy Andy's Nursery

Spring has sprung! After what felt like an unusually long winter people are excited to enjoy the outdoors again. In this article, I'll focus on some shrub choices for early-season interest.

Among my favorite spring shrub choices is that of Forsythia. These stunning "light barked" shrubs can make a great specimen for a hedge or visual privacy. Achieving a height of between six and ten feet with rich green foliage all summer perhaps the most interesting thing about Forsythia is that they flower before they leaf out! Bright yellow buds followed by yellow petals adorn this shrub sometimes as early as Mid-April. The blooms give way as I mentioned to lush green foliage. The Forsythia responds well to pruning and can be shaped into a formal hedge if desired.

Another of my favorites are some varieties of Viburnum. There are many varieties of these tremendously hardy shrubs. The various choices mean as you might imagine various habits of growth also. Most bloom white in color and are clustered flowers. I think of the Snowball Viburnum which achieves a height like that of the Common Lilac. There are those of a more compact habit also with heights closer to five or six feet. Often confused with Hydrangea, nearly all viburnum bloom in the spring. Many hydrangeas they are confused with are fall bloomers.

If you want to add something blooming with an opportunity for something edible, the Serviceberry, or Juneberry is a great choice. Gray-green oblong foliage usually arrives in late April or early May. These leaves are followed by dainty white flowers that mature as blue-colored fruits great for pies or baking. With an average height of four to six feet, these shrubs can also make a great hedge or visual barrier. If your desire is to harvest this fruit you will want to make provisions to keep birds and other wildlife away from this shrub.

An increasing number of cultivar choices await you from the Dogwood or Cornus

genus. These shrubs have attractive young bark (often red) with various leaf colors. It used to be just green and variegated foliage choices were available but the introduction of the Neon Burst has opened up yellow or chartreuse as a possibility. The common Red Twigged Dogwood often produces

showy flowers in spring, then occasionally throughout the summer. Most of the other hybrid cultivars are much smaller plants, topping out at around six feet.

Last and perhaps most desirable in spring are lilac shrubs. Many love the smell of lilac and can confidently say that spring has arrived

when lilac flowers are in bloom. What you may not know is that in addition to the common lilac, which usually blooms around Mother's Day, there are other lilac varieties that bloom even later. The Donald Wyman hybrid lilac responds well to pruning and usually blooms closer to Father's Day. Extending your

lilac show into early summer! We hope you find time to get outdoors and observe the world around you. If you are looking to do any improvements to your landscape or have questions or concerns regarding something going on, we're here to help! Until then, good luck, and happy growing!



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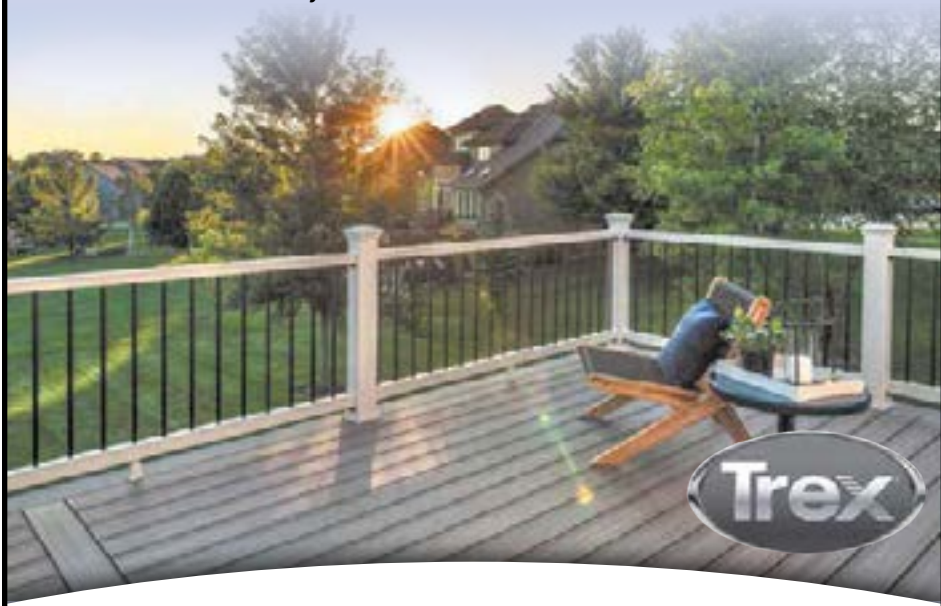
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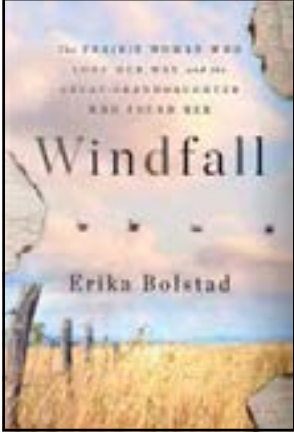
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Bolstad Book Signing May 6



Erika Bolstad



By Diannne Swanson

Erika Bolstad will be signing her debut novel, “Windfall” The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great-Granddaughter Who Found Her, Saturday, May 6 from 1-4 p. m. at Books On Broadway, Williston.

Books on Broadway owner Chuck Wilder highly recommends this book as it is a family history and a great example of the oil boom in this area. “Ms. Bolstad has visited this area researching the family history and mineral ownership in Divide County. Her great-grandmother homesteaded in Larson, ND. It’s a very readable and enjoyable book,” he says.

According to a press release, “Windfall” is one intrepid journalist’s search for her long-lost great-grandmother on the American prairie. At first, the only thing Bolstad knew about her great-grandmother, Anna, was that she was a homesteader in the early 1900s before being committed to an asylum under mysterious circumstances. After the passing of Bolstad’s mother, a windfall found its way to her – her family still owned the mineral rights to Anna’s land, and oil companies were bidding for the black gold beneath the prairies.

Bolstad was drawn to the mystery of her ancestor and as a journalist well versed in the effects of fossil fuel and climate change, she felt a dissonance between what she knew of her great-grandmother and the environmental damage inflicted by the oil industry. Setting out for the North Dakota prairies, Bolstad discovers a land of boom-and-bust cycles and a woman trying to eke out a living in an unforgiving landscape. She brings to life the ever-present American question: What does it mean to be rich?

Erika Bolstad is a journalist and documentary filmmaker based in Portland, OR. Her work on climate change has appeared in the Washington Post, Scientific American, Climatewire, and many other publications. This is her first book.

If you are unable to attend the signing, please call 701-572-1433 to reserve your signed copy.

Books On Broadway is located at 12½ E. Broadway, Williston. Stop by, call, or email bksbdwy@nemontel.com.

Sidney Senior Class Scavenger Hunt May 21

The Sidney High School Seniors graduate on Sunday, May 21 and a group of junior parents are putting together an event for the senior class from 9 p.m.-dawn.

Students will scavenger hunt around town for prizes and “money”. At dawn they will have a Chinese style auction for prizes.

Organizer Robyn Heck said, “If it keeps one person from drinking on graduation night, it will be worth it.”

Heck and her committee are collecting donations and funds for the event. If you would like to contribute with a donation or be open to participate in the event, please contact Robyn Heck at 406-480-0704, robynheck@hotmail.com., or send a Facebook message.

Let’s gift this graduating class with a positive memory they will never forget.

Watford City’s Food Truck Rodeo Rides Into Town For Second Go-Round, June 9-11

Watford City, ND - Last year’s inaugural Food Truck Rodeo brought many area and statewide food trucks to the Bakken for a weekend full of flavor. In its second year, promoters are eager to grow not only the culinary offerings, but the family fun options in and around the festival site. Something they say moving the event back one weekend and joining forces with the Rough Rider Center will accomplish. “There’s so much more happening in conjunction with this year’s event,” says Mike Schmitz, event producer and owner of 701 Food Trucks. Attendance was over 3,500 in 2022. “We think that’s going to definitely be higher with all of the extra things going on,” he added.

What Foodie fans can expect: More food and non-food vendors, a cash bar, expanded inflatables area and a family-friendly Touch-A-Truck event on Friday (free) compliments of Watford City Police Foundation, a larger cornhole tournament, with more to be announced. Additionally, the Doug Johnsrud Memorial Baseball Tournament will run adjacent to the event Thursday-Sunday and is free admission all weekend. Returning this year will be the popular Food Truck competitions as well as everyone’s chance to vote for the “Best of The Fest-People’s Choice” award.

Rough Rider Center’s Event & Recreation Director, Joshua Nollmeyer, is looking forward to welcoming such a great event to the weekend’s activity calendar. “Nothing brings people together like food; we are excited to work with Mike and do our part to contribute to what will be a great weekend,” he stated. “Baseball and BBQ, not going to get much better than that.”

The Food Truck Rodeo will kick off 701 Food Truck’s season with 7-8 large scale events in about six different markets in North Dakota. Official event hours, list of vendors as well as other promotions and activities will be announced throughout the next two months.

The Rough Rider Center is located at: 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City. For more information, contact Mike Schmitz at 701-527-7868 or mikeschmitz@701foodtrucks.com.

Golf With The Griz May 23

Grizzly Scholarship Banquet Back in Sidney Tuesday, May 23

Fans & alumni of the University of Montana are invited to the Grizzly Scholarship Banquet and Golf Tournament Tuesday, May 23 at the Sidney Country Club.

The Griz are back on their annual Spring Tour and the Sidney Chapter of the Grizzly Scholarship Association is inviting all supporters of the Griz to come out and show their support and enjoy a dinner and silent auction starting at 6 p.m. An 18-hole golf scramble will also be held that day with registra-

tion beginning at 11 a.m. and golf at 1 p.m.

UM officials will be golfing during the day and providing updates on all UM Athletic Programs during the banquet. UM Athletic Director Kent Haslam, Griz Football Head Coach Bobby Hauck, and GSA Executive Director/Senior Associate AD Greg Sundberg will headline the program, along with Voice of the Griz Riley Cochran and several other UM athletic department officials.

The cost for the May 23 event is as follows: Dinner only, \$50; golf only, \$75; dinner and golf, \$115, hole

sponsor, \$165 (includes dinner and golf for 1); corporate sponsor, \$325 (includes dinner and golf for 2)

For more information and to purchase tickets or sponsorships contact Sidney GSA President Bill Brenner at 405-433-5464; Vice President Kevin Mayer at 406-480-2562; or Sec/Treasurer Phil Johnson at 406-480-1991.

The event is sponsored by the Sidney Chapter of the Grizzly Scholarship Association. The GSA’s mission is to raise funds to support scholarships for Montana Grizzly athletes.

Spring Clean Williston Event Scheduled For April 29

Submitted by Mitch Melberg, City of Williston Communications Director

Williston, ND - The City of Williston’s annual spring Clean Williston event is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Clean Williston will be held on Saturday, May 6, and this change will be announced on City of Williston social media and www.cityofwilliston.com.

This year’s spring event is once more changing locations, moving from Davidson Park to the Williston Public Works facility. The annual event invites the public to volunteer to help beautify the city by signing up for a zone within Williston to clean.

“Clean Williston is an opportunity for our residents and local businesses to help maintain a safe and clean city,” said Bret Williams, Public Works Operations Manager.

Each year, businesses, organizations and groups of residents have generously donated their time to the Clean Williston effort. Clean Williston is held biannually in the spring and fall and continues a more than 20-year tradition.

“As Williston continues its journey in becoming the place to live in western North Dakota, it is important to maintain what we have become,” said Williston Mayor Howard Klug. “When we started Clean Williston, it was with the intent that we needed to do something so Williston wouldn’t be overwhelmed by trash. Now, each year the pride we have in our city comes out as we work to keep what we have built clean.”

Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year’s spring Clean Williston event can register online for one of 40 zones. Register online at http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at Williston Public Works, located at 1121 5th St. E. in the south lot on the day of the event. Individuals who do not register for a zone in advance are welcome and will be assigned to a zone. Volunteers will receive a free Clean Williston t-shirt

(limited quantities and sizing available). A light breakfast and hot dog and hamburger lunch afterwards, cooked and served by Mayor Klug himself. Public Works will provide safety vests, gloves, and garbage bags.

Full garbage bags can be left on the side of the road in each zone for pickup or individuals can bring their bags to Public Works for disposal. Participants are also asked to return their safety vests, gloves, and any unused garbage bags either to Public Works, or to leave these items with their full garbage bags.

In addition to collected trash, the following will also be accepted at Public Works:

- Wood: Two containers (trees and construction material) will be available. This service is free.
- Metal: One container provided by Pacific Steel and Recycling will be available. This service is free.

Items that cannot be loaded by hand will be redirected to either recycling facility.

• Tires: Individuals are limited to four tires per person. Chamley Pipe and Salvage will shred for free.

The City of Williston Recycle Center trailer will also be onsite and will accept the following free of charge:

- Cardboard: Please break down boxes.
- Tin and aluminum cans: Loose cans are preferred vs. bagged.
- White paper: Loose is preferred vs. bagged. This paper will NOT be shredded.

The North Dakota Recycling Secure Shred truck will be available from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. for public shred. The first two boxes are free with additional boxes costing \$10 per banker’s box.

For more information on this story, please contact Mitch Melberg, Communications Director, at 701-713-3800 or mmelberg@ci.williston.nd.us.

Talk Trashy To Me, May 12

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting “The Beautification of Downtown Sidney” Friday, May 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m..

The goal is to clean up specific blocks in designated areas and also challenge businesses to spring clean their store fronts.

The theme of the event is “Talk Trashy to Me!” There will be a contest in two categories which consist of Biggest Crew and Best Results.

The community will be asked to help decide the winner of the Best Results, as they will be voted online, with photo submission from the team and businesses via Facebook.

To get you started for this event meet at Veteran’s Memorial Park for coffee and donuts; then pick up your supplies and map.

To participate in this event or donate to it, contact the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, 406-433-1916, by April 21 or visit the chamber website, http://sidneymt.com/news-events.

St. Matthew’s Spring Fling, Sidney, May 6

The St. Matthew’s Spring Fling will take place Saturday, May 6 from 7-11 p.m. for Grades 6-8, and open to all area youth. This semi-formal dance will take place at St. Matthew’s Parish Center, Sidney.

The admission is \$10 per person, and boys are asked to not wear blue jeans, shorts or T-shirts and the girls should not wear shorts or pants but modest dresses are encouraged.

There will be DJ music by Midnight Express.

For more information contact Colleen Haralson, 406-482-2680.

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# 2023 Paddlefish Season Bringing Changes For Anglers

**By Jaymi Mozeak**  
In 2022, over 40K people acquired paddlefish season tags in western North Dakota and eastern Montana. It is a major event for area anglers.  
In North Dakota, snagging of paddlefish is from May 1-21. Montana has three unique paddlefish seasons, and anglers may select only one area to fish for paddlefish. The Upper Missouri River from Fort Peck Dam to Fort Benton season is May 1-June 15. The Yellowstone River and Missouri River downstream of Fort Peck Dam season

is May 15-June 30. The Fort Peck Dredge Cut archery-only season is open from July 1-Aug. 31. The Yellowstone River and Missouri River downstream of Fort Peck Dam and North Dakota seasons may be shortened by Montana after 1,000 fish have been harvested. North Dakota will shorten the season at 1,000 animals as well.  
In North Dakota, the open areas include the Yellowstone River in North Dakota, and the Missouri River west of the U.S. Highway 85 bridge to the Montana border, excluding that portion from the pipeline

crossing downstream to the upper end of the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Management Area. Paddlefish snagging is legal only from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. CT during the season. Harvest-only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Snag and release-only days are Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays. Extended snag and release will be allowed for up to seven days immediately following an early season closure.  
Camping is not allowed at Sundheim Park in 2023 but the Game and Fish Department will allow camping

during the season at Lewis and Clark Wildlife Management Area Pumphouse and at the Neu's Point parking lot. For more information visit <https://gf.nd.gov/>.  
In Montana, all 2022 standard paddlefish regulations remain in effect during the 2023 season but a new regulation has been added. Snagging is now prohibited in the Intake fish bypass channel. As before, Upper Missouri River anglers from Fort Peck to Fort Benton may harvest or catch and release all days of the season. Fort Peck Dredge Cut archery-only anglers may harvest all season days but Yellowstone River and Missouri River anglers downstream of Fort Peck Dam may only harvest Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Catch and release snagging may only be done at Intake Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays. For more information visit <https://fwp.mt.gov/>.  
In North Dakota, free fish cleaning services again

will be provided at the confluence by North Star Caviar. Montana, Fish, Wildlife & Parks will be offering a free paddlefish cleaning service at the Intake fishing access site on harvest days and for the first six weeks of the paddlefish season in Montana. There are no cleaning services in the white or blue tag fisheries but there is a paddlefish reward hat if the harvested fish is reported accurately.



Right: (L-R) Conner Kuntz, Richardton; Cherwin Ski, Lisbon and Wayne Jensen, Devils Lake; pose with their catch at the Confluence on May 7, 2022.

## Immerse Yourself In Local History At The McKenzie Co. Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum



McKenzie Co. Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum is chalked with interesting artifacts from days gone by. (Photo submitted by McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum)

**By Meagan Dotson**  
Take a step back in time while visiting the McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum located at 904 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW, Watford City.  
The museum sits on six acres and several historical McKenzie County buildings have been relocated to the grounds for public display. These include a barbershop, blacksmithing shop, home-stead shack, church, George Shafer's Law Office and the "end of the line" train depot from the Great Northern Railroad.  
The McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum proudly houses a wooly mammoth femur bone, tusk and tooth from the Ice Age era, and while walking the grounds, visitors will see antique cars and farming equipment. The museum houses several exhibits, many of which

have been donated by local families.  
In November 2022, the former Pioneer Museum relocated their exhibits and artifacts to McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum. Formerly located in the Long X Trading Post Visitor Center, the decision was made to transfer items from the Pioneer Museum as the Long X Trading Post Visitor Center is transitioning to the Long X Arts Foundation building and they needed the extra room.  
Musical instruments, clothing and dishes are some of the items that were relocated. However, one of the most exciting additions from the Pioneer Museum is the Charles Bannon exhibit. Charles Bannon confessed to killing the Haven family, who he worked for on their farm located near Schafer, ND. Following their disappearances, Bannon stayed

on the farm and tried selling the family's property and crops, telling suspicious neighbors that the Havens had left the area. In January 1931, while in custody, a lynch mob broke down the door to the jail, overpowered the sheriff's deputy and took Bannon to the bridge over Cherry Creek where they hanged him. It would be North Dakota's last lynching.  
Winter hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Summer hours, which begin Memorial Day weekend are Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. For more information on how to do a little time traveling with this historical gem of North Dakota, contact Ferin Moore, museum director at 701-842-6434, visit them online at [visitwatfordcity.com](http://visitwatfordcity.com), or check them out on Facebook.

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# Sidney Streets Construction To Continue Into The Summer



Road construction to access and update water mains under Lincoln, 3rd and Central Avenues as well as 6th St. SW will continue into the summer and is expected to be completed by the end of July. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

By Jaymi Mozeak

From April through the end of July 2023, Sidney residents should expect construction on Lincoln Ave. and a few other streets to do some much-needed upgrades.

On Wednesday, April 5, workmen along with their construction equipment began to tear up Lincoln Ave., one of the main thoroughfares in Sidney. The City of Sidney contracted COP Construction and Interstate Engineering to do the work. Besides tearing up the road and kicking up dust, the workers are replacing and laying down water pipes and mains that were old, outdated, or nonexistent. Jeff Hintz, Sidney Public Works director, says the work is to improve the system's hydraulics and reliability.

Currently, the workmen are working on Lincoln Ave. and the connections to the side streets. Throughout the rest of the spring and into the summer the city plans to have the workers do the same for the water mains and pipes under parts of Central and 3rd Ave., 6th St., Peterson Park, along with a few private roads. Hintz said, "There are also plans underway to replace the water tower in North Park but that won't be for another year or two." The current project will mean temporary water and road closures, dust, and noise for now and the near future, but it is meant to greatly benefit the surrounding resident's water service. When they are done with the water mains the city plans to repave everything that was torn up except for Central Ave., because it is a state highway, and any private roads or lots.

Weather permitting, the work should be done by the end of July. They just got started with the project so it is unclear whether they will be done on schedule as summer rains and severe storms could delay the project. It will be inconvenient, but the surrounding residents should be better off for it. Interstate Engineering put up a website, [www.sidneyprojects.com](http://www.sidneyprojects.com), with more information about the project.

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# Fairview Community Garage Sale June 17

By Dianne Swanson

The Fairview Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, June 17.

Anyone wishing to be put on the list for publicity can email the chamber at [fairviewmtchamber@gmail.com](mailto:fairviewmtchamber@gmail.com) by June 10. Paper copies will be available to garage sale goers, and the event will be publicized on social media.

# Allcheck to Hold Health Fair In June

By Jaymi Mozeak

Allcheck Medical Clinic in conjunction with Billings Clinic Laboratory Services will be holding their first health fair of 2023, on Wednesday, June 14, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. Their previous health fair was in December 2022.

Allcheck Medical Clinic tries to do two health fairs a year, with one in the spring and the other in the fall. The first one was held in January 2022, and it was very well attended.

As before, participants come to Allcheck Medical Clinic on the day of the event and register with Billings Clinic Laboratory Services staff at the front desk. The testing is walk-in with no appointment needed. There they can choose any number of the 12 different blood tests running in price from the Complete Blood Count at \$15 to the Women's Hormone Panel at \$90 with a blood pressure taken for free.

Participants will be escorted to the drive-thru garage and seated in one of the blood draw chairs they will have for the event where the amount of blood needed for the selected tests will be drawn.

The blood will be taken back to Billings Clinic Laboratory Services, where it will be tested for different markers that may indicate a health concern or disease. The results are sent directly to the participant, and they are responsible for getting them to their primary care provider. All the tests are fasting, meaning that the participant must refrain from eating any food starting at midnight before the Health Fair. They may drink water and take their medications.

Allcheck Medical Clinic owner, Janette McCollum said, "The health fairs are to benefit individuals in the community" and "It's such a great cost saver through Billings Clinic Laboratory Services." Due to the cost of each test being so low, health insurance will not cover the tests.

Allcheck Medical Clinic Primary Care Facility opened in June 2021. They are located at 223 N. Central Ave., Sidney. They can be contacted by phone at 406-488-5500 for regular appointments.

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# 51<sup>st</sup> Season of Montana Shakespeare In The Parks Set To Open

Season set to start with performances of “Measure for Measure” and “The Three Musketeers”

**Submitted by Hannah Jacobsma, Dir. Of Community Access & Engagement**

Bozeman - MSIP is thrilled to announce that their 51st summer tour productions open in Bozeman, MT, with performances of William Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure”, June 14-17, and Alexandre Dumas’ “The Three Musketeers”, June 21-24. Performances are held at 8 p.m. at the Montana State University Grove on campus.

This is the company’s first time performing “Measure for Measure” since the year 2000. Categorized by scholars as one of Shakespeare’s “problem plays,” neither neat comedy nor

tragedy, audiences will be captivated by the way this play explores themes of power, class dynamics, and justice through a modern and inclusive lens.

A swashbuckling tale filled with action and adventure, “The Three Musketeers” will enthrall all generations of audience members as they get swept away to 17th century France, following a young hero’s journey as he embarks to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a Musketeer. Adapted by Robert Kaulzaric, this play is sure to delight audiences of all ages. This is the company’s first year producing “The Three Musketeers”.

“I enjoy finding ways in which we can take the

material that Shakespeare, and other classics, have given us and work towards making them relevant for our audiences to help them further engage and truly be part of the experience in a fresh, unique way,” says Kevin Asselin, executive artistic director.

This summer, the company will perform in 63 communities across five states including Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming, making this summer MSIP’s largest tour to date. Ushering Shakespeare’s immortal stories of life, love, and tragedy into a modern era, MSIP is dedicated to preserving the cultural traditions of theatre and literature through live,

free performances every summer across the Rocky Mountain West.

“I love the fact that we are grassroots and that our 51-year history has been predicated upon the enthusiasm and true ownership of our communities. To be able to foster and be a part of continuing to forward the mission for an organization that is so heavily inspired by our audiences and our communities is quite an honor,” says Asselin.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is an outreach program of Montana State University’s College of Arts and Architecture and was founded on the firm belief that Shakespeare belongs to everyone. The accom-



plished company of performers, designers, and staff work tirelessly to connect communities, many of which are rural, to the arts in local parks and public spaces free of charge, providing a reach and accessibility that is unmatched by any other program of its nature in the country.

Whether in Bozeman or Birney, Pocatello or Powell, the public is invited to experience the magic of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and their free, world-class performances under the big skies of the West. For the most up to date tour schedule, visit [www.Shakespeare-InTheParks.org](http://www.Shakespeare-InTheParks.org).

Montana Shakespeare In The Parks will be performing “Measure for Measure” in Sidney July 1 at 6:30 pm in Veteran’s Memorial Park.

## MonDak Heritage Center Hosts Linda Olson Exhibition & Ceramics Demonstration

**Submitted by Nikki Bailey, MonDak Heritage Center Executive Director**

Linda Olson’s “Museum

Inspiration” is a ceramic art exhibition inspired by museum visits that is on display at the MonDak Heritage Center



until May 6. Olson’s ceramic pieces are stunning and her work spans across a variety of techniques and eras of ceramics history. Olson teaches as a full professor at Minot State University. Galleries throughout the region have often exhibited Olson’s’ artworks. National recognized jurors have also included her work in juried exhibitions.

On Saturday, May 6, Olson will be at the MonDak Heritage Center to teach a free Raku & lace pottery workshop beginning at 11 a.m. She will share the workings of an affordable, portable Raku firing setup and demonstrate the Raku process. She will also give a short demonstration that will share how to easily develop intricate patterns on your ceramic ware using lace. Following this workshop, the MDHC will host a reception for Olson until 1 p.m. Light

refreshments will be served. The workshops & reception are free and open to the public.

Olson was raised in McHenry County, ND, and now makes her home in Minot, ND. Olson states, “I am a maker. I love making art that communicates a facet of my life. I get lost in the process, and I find growing through process the most important aspect of making. I am inspired by the most recent works that I have made to push further in investigating and becoming. I hope that the viewer connects to these objects and can relate to my life.”

The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).

## National Day Of Prayer, May 4

**Submitted by Connie Karst, National Day of Prayer Task Force**

The annual National Day of Prayer, is Thursday, May 4. On behalf of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, I am extending an invitation to the event planned for Richland County, to be held at the Richland County Courthouse, by the flagpole, located on the lawn by the entry. This event will be held from Noon-12:30.

Churches are asked to please encourage people to pray for America. For more information or to download posters visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

National Day of Prayer would like to thank you for praying and look forward to attendance from your fellowship on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

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