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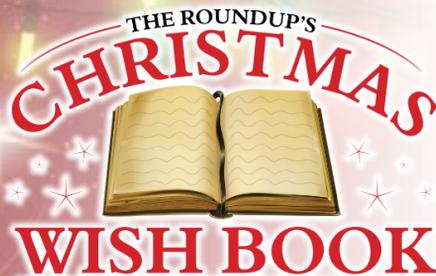
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Medical Benefit For Mike Obergfell Scheduled In January



Pictured from left Travis Obergfell, Diane Obergfell, Mike Obergfell, Sara Huft, and Matt Obergfell. (Photo by Kacee McPherson)

By Jaymi Mozeak

On Aug. 28, Mike and Diane Obergfell had the start of what would become the worst nightmare of anyone's life. Mike had cancer.

That day, Mike went into the ER for pain and was diagnosed. Then, after 30 days more of biopsies, tests, and the aggravating wait for results, it was decided. The Sidney farmer, rancher, oil field, and Sidney Sugars worker, Mike Obergfell, had stage 4 metastatic stomach cancer. Still, new biopsy results may change that. When he was initially diagnosed, the biopsies showed his cancer was a type of carcinoma. During this new biopsy, they were able to get a larger sample that shows it was actually sarcoma. This will possibly change his treatment a little. The Obergfells flew out to Seattle on Dec. 18 for a consultation at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Facility, Seattle. Mike's daughter, Sara Huft, said, "These last few months have no doubt been a roller coaster. It's been like a giant puzzle where none of the pieces fit together." Sidney's Cancer Center has also been so wonderful to work with. They don't get near the recognition they deserve." Amy Conlin, a family friend, said "Nobody plans at 51 to be fine one day and not the next." and "We have an amazing community that lifts each other up."

The family and friends of the Obergfells are planning a medical benefit to raise funds to go towards the medical and travel expenses the couple has incurred over this stressful time. Although he has been receiving chemo treatments, his cancer has resulted in multiple hospital admissions in both Sidney, Billings, and now a consultation in Seattle. A committee was formed to plan the benefit and set up an account at Stockman Bank. The Mike Obergfell Medical will be held at the Richland County Event Center January 14, 2023. A free-will donation roast beef dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and a live auction at 8 p.m. Any silent or live auction items may be dropped off at Franz Construction and cash donations may be deposited in the account named Mike Obergfell Benefit.

For more information contact Amy Conlin at 406-478-9579 or Ashley Fields at 406-939-0988. One can also follow the Mike Obergfell Benefit Facebook page for auction items and more information.

Badlands Search & Rescue Is Training Bloodhounds To Add To Their Team

By Jaymi Mozeak

In 2022, Badlands Search and Rescue has been pleased to add two new members to their team. K9s Copper and Daisy Mae are two purebred bloodhounds that were purchased, and are being trained by two different members of BSAR to be used for scent and man trailing.

Copper was purchased in April 2022 from K4 Bloodhounds, Miles City, by Matthew Earl. The breeder uses Copper's dam for blood trailing and several of their pups have been purchased for that reason, but Copper is the first of the breeder's pups to be purchased for man-trailing. Matthew has been with BSAR since 2020. He is experienced with dogs even though Copper is his first bloodhound. Training with Copper is the first time he has trained a dog for man trailing.

Daisy Mae was purchased in March 2022 from McCollam Bloodhounds, Byron, WY by James Earl, Matthew's father. Many of McCollam's Bloodhounds dogs have gone to homes to be SAR dogs and in police work. Two of her littermates went to Salt Lake City Utah's police department for scent trailing and man trailing.



Matthew Earl acquired his partner in training, K9 Copper, from K4 Bloodhounds in Miles City to help Badlands Search and Rescue in missing person cases. (Photo from Badlands Search and Rescue Facebook page)

James, as of December 2022 has only been officially part of BSAR for 6-7 months, however, he has helped with activities in the past. He has had experience with basset hounds before but Daisy is his first bloodhound and also, the first dog he has trained for man trailing.

Even though Copper and Daisy are members of their respective owner's

families, they were both purchased to add their abilities to the BSAR team. James Earl said, "During the Katelynn Berry case we saw that man-trailing dog services were severely lacking in the area. Katelynn was just a few feet from her home and no one in the area had the resources to find her." Matthew Earl said, "If someone had used a bloodhound,

they would have found her a lot sooner. It would have meant quicker closure for the family." The dogs are being trained with the assistance of a bloodhound trainer from North Dakota, and they are looking to get them certified in the spring of 2023. Badlands Search and Rescue was not able to participate in the search for Katelynn Berry.

ND Health and Human Services Launches New Online Child Care Licensing System

North Dakota Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched a new online licensing system for child care providers. The modern, online system replaces a manual paper process.

The easy-to-use web-based system allows individuals to conveniently apply to become a licensed or self-declared child care provider, submit renewals, provide required documentation and conduct related business.

"Our goal is to use technology to streamline the licensing process for providers. They can now submit CPR training cards, background checks and other required documents easily online instead of mailing papers and can also track the status of their application," said Early Childhood Licensing Administrator Carmen Traeholt. "The system also makes it easier for our licensing specialists to manage and monitor their licensing work such as scheduling on-site visits and monitoring the status of corrective action orders."

In addition, the system adds transparency. Both providers and the public can view licensing status information, including licensing checklists and correction orders, on the portal.

"With the portal, we will have accurate, real-time information on the number and location of licensed child care programs," Traeholt said.

Child care providers who need to complete an annual license renewal and new applicants, can now log in and use the new provider portal at <https://childcarelicensing.nd.gov/>.

To support child care providers, the Early Childhood Section will host an overview training on the new portal on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., CT. Providers can find details about the overview training along with other training resources and information at hhs.nd.gov/cfs/early-childhood-services/providers/child-care-licensing-system. This training will be recorded and available online for convenience.

The HHS Early Childhood Section works to build greater access to quality early childhood experiences, so children ages zero to five from all backgrounds and circumstances, their families, and those who support them have the opportunity to reach their potential. Services include child care licensing, provider coaching and training, quality improvement, the Best in Class school readiness program and family support and education.

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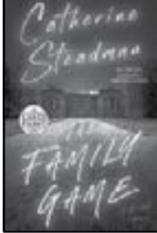
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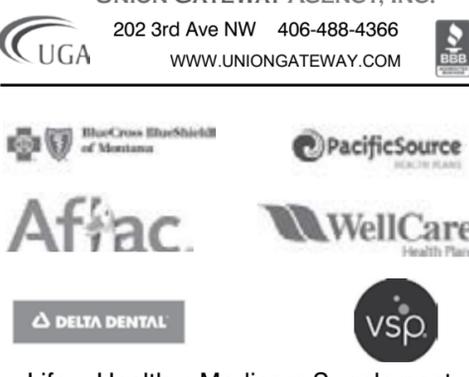


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Current Elevation.....	1831.3
Last Week's Elev.	1831.7
One Year Ago	1828.8
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	17,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 12.....	23	10	0.001
Dec. 13.....	20	17	0.056
Dec. 14.....	18	13	0.012
Dec. 15.....	14	11	0.012
Dec. 16.....	14	-5	0.007
Dec. 17.....	1	-15	0.011
Dec. 18.....	1	-23	0.012
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....	14.468		

Additional Detections Of Avian Influenza Confirmed In Montana

Submitted by Logan Kruse, Department of Agriculture Communications Officer

Helena, MT - On Thursday, Dec.15, the Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) confirmed that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) killed a small backyard poultry flock in Flathead County. This case marks the 16th HPAI affected flock in the state since the start of the outbreak in March. The 2022 HPAI variant continues to have a significant effect on commercial and backyard flocks, with over 56 million birds in 47 states affected nationally.

Avian influenza is an infectious viral disease of birds that can cause high mortality in domestic flocks. Migratory waterfowl are the primary source of HPAI. Wild birds can be infected and appear healthy but shed virus in the feces, saliva, and respiratory secretions. Domestic poultry become infected through direct contact with wild birds, or through contact with contaminated objects, equipment, or the environment.

"HPAI has impacted over 80,000 domestic birds in Montana," stated Martin Zaluski, Montana State Veterinarian "The impacts of this year's disease outbreak are substantial."

Infected or sick birds can exhibit numerous signs such as swollen eyes, discolored comb and legs, a significant drop in egg production, or decrease in water and feed consumption. However, the most common sign has been sudden death of multiple birds within a flock. This has been the case in Montana where affected flocks have experienced high death loss.

Infected flocks are placed under quarantine and any remaining birds on the premises are required to be depopulated to prevent further disease spread. Flock owners are eligible to receive indemnity on depopulated birds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In addition to restrictions on the affected flock, the Department will conduct disease surveillance of poultry premises within 6 miles (10 km) of the affected premises. Surveillance includes contact with premises to inquire about any sick birds and weekly sampling for premises that may sell poultry or poultry products.

Due to ongoing detections, the department has reinstated guidance regarding housing birds indoors, including birds enrolled in certified organic programs, and continues to emphasize the importance of biosecurity. Certified organic producers should contact their certifier before moving birds indoors to ensure program compliance.

Biosecurity measures to protect flocks include:

- Prevent contact between wild or migratory birds and domestic poultry, including access by wild birds to feed and water sources.
- House birds indoors to the extent possible to limit exposure to wild or migratory birds.
- Limit visitor access to areas where birds are housed.
- Use dedicated clothing and protective footwear when caring for domestic poultry.
- Immediately isolate sick animals and contact your veterinarian or MDOL.

The department encourages all poultry producers to immediately report sudden onset of illness or high death loss in domestic poultry to their veterinarian or the department at 406-444-2976. If you find sick or dead wild birds that have died from unknown causes, please contact your local FWP Warden, Biologist or Regional office, or call the FWP wildlife veterinarian (406-577-7880).

While HPAI is considered a potentially zoonotic disease, CDC continues to consider the risk to people from wild birds, backyard flocks, and commercial poultry to be low.

Existing safeguards to keep food safe and wholesome are sufficient to protect people, and the food supply in the United States is one of the safest in the world. As a reminder, the US Department of Agriculture recommends cooking poultry to 165° Fahrenheit.

The CDC has helpful resources and information regarding the risk for people and pets at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-in-other-animals.htm>.

The mission of the Montana Department of Livestock is to control and eradicate animal diseases, prevent the transmission of animal diseases to humans, and to protect the livestock industry from theft and predatory animals. For more information on the Montana Department of Livestock, visit www.liv.mt.gov.

Special Delivery Brings Smiles At CHI St. Alexius Health

Submitted by Brittny Mayo Foundation Development Coordinator CHI St. Alexius Health Williston

Williston, ND - Just in time for Christmas, toys, games, gift cards and more will bring smiles to the faces of children and families at CHI St. Alexius Health - thanks to Chloe's Hearts, Inc. "It's such an unexpected delight for our patients and families to be remembered in this way during the holiday season," Tiffany Graves, CHI St. Alexius Health ICU and medical/surgical Manager Williston said. "We are very grateful that Chloe's Hearts has selected our hospital for their donations again this year."

This nonprofit organization was started by Chloe Lesmeister, a young girl who had a dream to help kids after experiencing her own medical journey. As a newborn, Chloe was life-flighted from Bismarck, ND, to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis because her pulmonary artery and aorta formed backwards (called transposition of the great arteries).

By age 7, Chloe had endured several surgeries and was diagnosed with some mild brain damage that affected her ability to follow directions with many steps. Knowing first-hand that being in the hospital can be sad and scary for children, Chloe decided she wanted to do something for other kids.

"She said, 'I want to give every kid in the hospital a gift. I have \$60,'" recalled her mother, Julie Lesmeister. "I said, okay, how can we make this happen?" That year, when Chloe was just 8 years old, they held bake sales and fundraisers. With the \$1,700 collected, they bought gifts to donate to St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Idaho.

Chloe is now 14 and the organization has grown right along with her. This year they will give donations to Duke University's cardiology program, and hospitals in Idaho and Springfield, MO, as well as St. Alexius Health.

"The joy on the faces of the children, and their parents, when they receive these gifts is so heartwarming. It's truly the spirit of the season," Lorrie Antos, Patient Care Services interim president and vice president said.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Dec. 21

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Find The Skates** - Visit the MonDak Heritage Center to find the Skates, receive a free cookie from Big Sky Cookie Company. Through Jan. 1 - **Miniature Art Show Art Show** - Through Jan. 14 - **WAM Exhibition** - Featuring many beautiful works of art that span multiple medias from watercolor to acrylic. Through Jan. 28 - **Phyllis Sederquest Art Exhibition** - Phyllis is a self-taught artist & likes painting a variety of subjects & using different mediums. Through Feb. 4. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

Sun., Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Knight's Of Columbus Annual Community Christmas Dinner** - Everyone welcome. Serving turkey, ham with all the trimmings. Free will offering. Volunteers are welcome. St. Matthew's Parish Ned Shinnick Hall, 310 7th St. SE. For delivery on Christmas Day call 406-433-2510.

Wed., Dec. 28, 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Senior Community Distribution: Richland County Aging Services & Transit Center, 2190 W. Holly. For more information visit <https://www.richland.org/577/Commodity-Supplemental-Food-Program>.

Sun., Jan. 8

12-3:30 p.m. - **Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Savage** - Prices \$20 for adults; \$5 for children 12 & under. First Lutheran Church of Savage, MT.

Thurs., Jan. 12

11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Taphouse. To RSVP call Sylvia, 406-798-3882 or Margaret, 406-488-4613.

Sat., Jan. 14

5:30 p.m. - **Mike Obergfell Medical Benefit** - Roast beef dinner, silent & live auction. Richland County Event Center. Follow the Facebook page "Mike Obergfell Benefit" for auction items & more info. Any silent or live auction items may be dropped off at Franz Construction. An account has been set up at Stockman Bank, Mike Obergfell Benefit. For more info contact Amy Conlin, 406-478-9579 or Ashley Fields, 406-939-0988.

Tues., Jan. 17

8:15-9:15 a.m. - **Community Power Hour** - Connecting business owners with the community to help educate & break down barriers to success. All welcome to attend. Richland County MSU Extension, 1499 S. Central Ave.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., Dec. 21

8 a.m.-6 p.m. - **2023 Catch For A Cure At Tobacco Gardens Resort** - Annual ice fishing tournament to benefit Rugged West Relay for Life. Same rules & boundaries as always. Rules meeting Fri., Dec. 20, 7 p.m. 2 person team, \$100 per team. Register at rules meeting. For more info call or text Rex, 701-580-5362.

Sun., Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

Thurs., Dec. 29, Jan. 12 & Jan. 26

2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

Tues., Dec. 27, Wed., Dec. 28, Thur., Dec. 29 and Fri., Dec. 30, 2-7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 31, 1-5 p.m.

12-Hole Indoor Mini Golf - \$5 round. Rough Rider Center Field House.

Tues., Jan. 3, 5-7 p.m.; & Jan. 17, 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 of food handouts.

Wed., Jan. 4

6:30-7:30 p.m. - **The Rosie Project Book Club** - A bi-monthly Book Club for patrons of McKenzie Co. Public Library. Books are provided but must be returned at each meeting. Book selections have been predetermined & consist of Adult Fiction & Nonfiction titles. Patrons must sign up for each Book Club they would like to participate in. McKenzie Co. Public Library Sanford Room. For more information visit the Library or call 701-444-3785.

Sat., Jan. 7, 8 a.m. - Sun., Jan 8, 7 p.m.

Heartland States Basketball Championship Outlaws Winter Classic - A youth basketball tournament for boys and girls grades 3-6 at the Rough Rider Center 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. There is a fee of \$175/team. The registration deadline is Dec. 28. This is a Heartland States Championship Qualifying Event. For more info or to register visit roughridercenter.com/events.

Sat., Jan. 14

1-5 p.m. - **Nerf Wars** - Ages 6 & up, \$5 person. Bring your own gun, ammo will be provided. A limited number of Nerf guns can be provided. Pre-registration available as well as day of registration. Rough Rider Center.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT

Wed., Dec. 21 - Sat., Dec. 31

5:30-9:30 p.m. - **2022 Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - Enjoy thousands of holiday lights in over 75 displays every evening. Tune to 107.1 for holiday music. \$5 per car. - **Snoopy & Friends**, Dec. 21 - **The Great Elf Sendoff** - Dec. 26 - **Free Car Night**, Dec. 28, **Ghostbusters Night**, Dec. 29.

Sat., Dec. 24

5-6 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Emmanuel Free Lutheran Church, 1213 3rd Ave. W.

Sun., Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

Tues., Dec. 27

2-3 p.m. - **Mixed Media Winter Landscapes Art Class** - Youth grades K-3, \$15 or \$10 Member Price. The James Memorial Art Center. Register online at the jamesmemorial.org.

Wed., Dec. 28

2-3 p.m. - **Winter Notan Art Class** - Notan is a type of Japanese art that used the contrast of light and dark to make an eye-catching composition. Youth grades 4-6, \$15 or \$10 Member Price. The James Memorial Art Center. Register online at the jamesmemorial.org.

Tues., Jan. 24

8:30-9:30 a.m. - **Coffee & Conversation** - A morning networking event, either roundtable style or featuring a presenter - with a chance to network & share updates about business, organization & events. Presenters: Williston Parks & Rec District; Guest speaker: Devyn Cox. Caffeinated, 4315 9th Ave. W. Unit 416.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

Wed., Dec. 21

12:30-5 p.m. - **Holiday Blood Drive** - Help save a life & donate blood. Call Talon at 406-345-2624 to make an appointment. Eastern Plains Event Center.

Sun., Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

Sat., Jan. 14

5:30-11 p.m. - **Farm & Ranch Banquet** - Eastern Plains Event Center.

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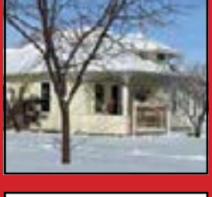
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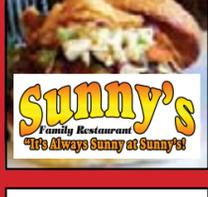
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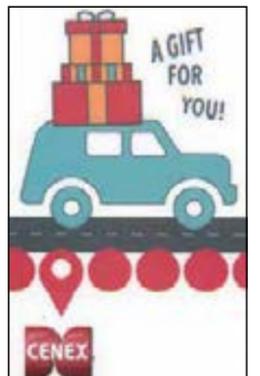


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Sidney/Fairview Wrestling Results Pat Weede Memorial, Gillette, WY

Pat Weede Memorial Gillette, WY, Dec. 16-17 Pat Weede Silver (Mat 1-3) - Sidney

Match #1 Round 1 Sidney defeated Star Valley 40-33

160: Kooper Burk (SV) won by decision over Kaden Wise (S) 3-0
170: Grant Weiss (SV) won by fall over Ty Schepens (S) 0:59
182: Thor Fulgram (S) won by forfeit
195: Nathan Romo (S) won by forfeit
220: Caleb Kleinke (S) over Joseph Warren (SV) 4:53
285: Weslee Turner (SV) won by forfeit
106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Levi Byrd (SV) 5:48
113: Mason Pack (SV) won by fall over Carson Propp (S) 1:01
120: Brody Keysor (S) won by decision over Tysen Kendall (SV) 7-6
126: Tel Parry (SV) won by forfeit
132: Reece Graves (S) won by fall over Peyton Andrews (SV) 1:33
138: Owen Lonski (S) won by major decision over Cameron Kendall (SV) 14-3
145: Joseph Naef (SV) won by fall over Aaron See (S) 4:51
152: Zander Dean (S) won by decision over Porter Merritt (SV) 9-5

Match #2 Round 2 Thunder Basin defeated Sidney 43-34

106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Rylan McCormick (TB) 1:18
113: Carson Propp (S) won by fall over Tanner Freeman (TB) 3:32
120: Iven Wold (TB) won by decision over Brody Keysor (S) 9-6
126: Omar Bautista (TB) won by forfeit
132: Reece Graves (S) won by fall over Unknown 0:43
138: Antonio Avila (TB) won by major decision over Owen Lonski (S) 8-0
145: Lance Streifel (TB) won by fall over Aaron See (S) 0:55
152: Zander Dean (S) won by fall over Peyton Alexander (TB) 1:49
160: Kaden Wise (S) won by major decision over Zabian Cowley (TB) 11-1
170: Dayton Johnson (TB) won by fall over Ty Schepens (S) 2:57
182: Thor Fulgram (S) won by fall over Mason Brown (TB) 3:27
195: Garrett Toohey (TB) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 3:00

220: Dillon Glick (TB) won by fall over Caleb Kleinke (S) 3:59
285: Lane Catlin (TB) won by forfeit

Match #3 Round 3 Sidney defeated Moorcroft 51-30

182: Spencer Cuthrell (M) won by fall over Thor Fulgram (S) 0:27
195: Wyatt Allred (M) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 2:52
220: Caleb Kleinke (S) won by forfeit
285: Oliver Gorsuch (M) won by forfeit
106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Kade Haynes (M) 0:35
113: Dayne Humes (M) won by fall over Carson Propp (S) 1:13
120: Brody Keysor (S) won by fall over Weston Haskell (M) 0:21
126: Kaden Haynes (M) won by forfeit
132: Reece Graves (S) won by fall over Braydn Terry (M) 3:06
138 - Owen Lonski (S) won by fall over Wyatt Cook (M) 3:13
145: Aaron See (S) won by fall over Unknown 2:52
152: Zander Dean (S) won by fall over Trenten Gray (M) 0:15
160: Kaden Wise (S) won by decision over Unknown 9-2
170: Ty Schepens (S) won by fall over James Long (M) 5:09

Match #4 Round 4 Sidney defeated Powell High School 45-30

195: Jimmy Dees (PHS) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 1:21
220: Stetson Davis (PHS) won by forfeit
285 - Doug Bettger (PHS) won by fall over Caleb Kleinke (S) 2:20
106 - Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Gabriel Whiting (PHS) 0:27
113 - Kaiden Apodaca (PHS) won by fall over Carson Propp (S) 0:17
120 - Brody Keysor (S) won by fall over Weston Thomas (PHS) 2:58
132 - Reece Graves (S) won by fall over Patrick Haney (PHS) 2:31
138 - Owen Lonski (S) won by fall over Mitchel Wainscott ((PHS) High School) 2:40
145 - Aaron See (S) won by fall over Andrew Valdez (PHS) 5:02
152 - Zander Dean (S) won by fall over Jack Van Norman (PHS) 1:11
160 - Ty Schepens (S) won by forfeit
170 - Kaden Wise (S) won by decision over Lannon Brazelton (PHS) Dec 7-3
182 - Dillon Melton (PHS) won by fall over Thor Fulgram (S)

Match #5 Round 5 Sidney defeated Natrona County 48-27

285: Spencer Hansen (NC) won by forfeit
106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by forfeit
113: Carson Propp (S) won by forfeit
120: Brody Keysor (S) won by forfeit
126: Jay Trujillo (NC) won by forfeit
132: Reece Graves (S) won by fall over Jameson Siemens (NC) 4:00
138: Owen Lonski (S) won by fall over Hayden Sullivan ((NC) 0:44
145: Aaron See (S) won by fall over Teagan Berdan (NC) 2:00
152: Zander Dean (S) won by decision over Beau Russell (NC) 7-3
160: Kaden Wise (S) won by decision over Jayce Berry (NC) 3-0
170: Ty Schepens (S) won by fall over Nolan Hornecker (NC) 4:49
182: Daniel Yates (NC) won by decision over Thor Fulgram (S) 9-8
195: Noah Sides (NC) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 0:50
220: Josef Sanchez (NC) won by fall over Caleb Kleinke (S) 3:30

Extra Round - Sidney Match #1 Round 1 Sidney defeated Campbell County 51-30

106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Wyatt Garrett (CC) 2:49
113: Tayce Lake (CC) won by fall over Carson Propp (Sidney) 0:44
120: Darron Provost (CC) won by forfeit
126: Brody Keysor (S) won by fall over Fisher Smith (CC) 0:53
132: Reece Graves (S) won by fall over Payton Bachtold ((CC) 0:49
138: Owen Lonski (S) won by fall over Edward Garduno (CC) 2:46
145: Aaron See (S) won by decision over Ethan Nickisch (CC) 6-0
152: Zander Dean (S) won by

fall over Austin Hamm (CC) 0:15
160: Kaden Wise (S) won by forfeit
170: Ty Schepens (S) won by fall over Logan Ketterling (CC) 2:00
182: Cohen Granzer (CC) won by fall over Thor Fulgram (S) 1:15
195: Wade Garrett (CC) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 2:48
220: Caleb Kleinke (S) won by fall over Sheldon Rollo (CC) 2:00
285: Wyatt Herther (CC) won by forfeit

Match #2 Round 3 Sheridan defeated Sidney 42-39

106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Cache Wood (Sh) 1:22
113: Carson Propp (S) won by fall over Cody Inman (Sh) 0:31
120: Brody Keysor (S) won by fall over Cody Dunham (Sh) 3:44
126: Landon Wood (Sh) won by forfeit
132: Reece Graves (S) won by decision over Kolten Powers (Sh) 5-2
138: Owen Lonski (S) won by fall over Cole Riesen (Sh) 1:14
145: Dylan Goss (Sh) won by fall over Aaron See (S) 3:00
152: Zander Dean (S) won by fall over Dawson Goss (Sh) 1:38
160: Kelten Crow (Sh) won by fall over Kaden Wise (S) 2:53
170: Dane Steel (Sh) won by fall over Ty Schepens (S) 3:39
182: Terran Grooms (Sh) won by fall over Thor Fulgram (S) 1:26
195: Kolin Custis (Sh) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 5:15
220: Caleb Kleinke (S) won by fall over Jon Justice (Sh) 2:41
285: Aiden Selcher (Sh) won by forfeit

Match #3 Round 5 Butte defeated Sidney 48-25

106: Gordan Knapp (S) won by fall over Keegan Hunt (B) 0:53
113: Ryder McEwen (B) won by fall over Carson Propp (S) 2:24
120: Brody Keysor (S) won by fall over Colter Espelin (B) 0:30
126: Grady Winston (B) won by forfeit
132: Kip Pumnea (B) won by fall over Reece Graves (S) 1:24

138: Owen Lonski (S) won by fall over Reid Whitlock (B) 1:16
145: Will Stepan (B) won by decision over Aaron See (S) 8-2
152: Zander Dean (S) won by major decision over Bryton Hardesty (B) Maj 10-1
160: Kaden Wise (S) won by decision over Trey Hansen (B) 5-4
170: Adien Cuchine (B) won by fall over Ty Schepens (S) 1:14
182: Kale Schonsberg (B) won by fall over Thor Fulgram (S)

1:57
195: Cohen Grunhuud (B) won by fall over Nathan Romo (S) 0:57
220: Mason Christian (B) won by forfeit
285: Zack Tierney (B) won by decision over Caleb Kleinke (S) 7-2
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MSU Extension & MSGA Announce 2022 Steer Of Merit Certifications

From the MSU News Service
 Bozeman - A program offered by Montana State University Extension and Montana Stockgrowers Association that provides an opportunity for students throughout the state to raise cattle and learn about various elements of beef quality recently announced its annual winners.

The 2022 Steer of Merit program winners were recognized Dec. 8 at the Montana Stockgrowers Association annual convention and trade show in Billings.

MSU Extension and MSGA distinguished 154 "Steers of Merit" out of 1,288 entries. Of 555 steers entering the carcass division, 78 were deemed Steers of Merit. In the ultrasound division, 76 out of 734 entries received the distinction. The number of Steer of Merit certifications for 2022 declined slightly compared to 2021, according to Megan Van Emon, MSU Extension beef cattle specialist. More counties participated in the ultrasound contest this year due to the lack of packing plant facilities and space, Van Emon added.

The top five steer entries in the ultrasound division were:

1. Kayli Cook, Montana Fair (Vanek Club Calves, breeder)
2. Sy Carda, Richland County (Brent Carda, breeder)
3. Dani Hess, Montana Fair (Shay Family Livestock, breeder)
4. Dallas Berkram, Marias Fair (Diamond Box Livestock, breeder)
5. MaRae Smail, Marias Fair (Dunbar Brothers, breeder)

The top five steer entries in the carcass division were:

1. Shelby Taylor, Lake County (Shelby Taylor, breeder)
2. Ladahlia Hook, Flathead County (Toby Hook, breeder)
3. Colton Noyes, Broadwater County (KD Cattle Co, breeder)
4. Samuel Simonson, Phillips County (Shon Simonson, breeder)
5. Isaac Eaton, Prairie County (Frank Eaton & Sons, breeder)

The Montana Steer of Merit program started in 1967 as a joint effort between the Montana Stockgrowers Association and MSU Extension to measure, record and improve carcass traits in beef cattle. Over time, significant increases have been made in quality grade and yield grade, or cutability, indicating that cattle can be selected for leaner carcasses with higher cutability while maintaining high-quality grade as reflected by their marbling, Van Emon said.

To be a Steer of Merit, carcasses are evaluated for yield of lean meat and eating quality. Beef carcasses must meet criteria set by the Steer of Merit Committee in the areas of hot carcass weight, dressing percent, fat thickness over the 12th rib (back fat), rib eye area, yield grade, percent cutability and quality grade. Data is compiled and used to rank carcasses for state and county awards, and it is analyzed periodically to track genetic and feed management progress. The minimum standards for Steer of Merit are reviewed each year.

For more information about the Steer of Merit program, call Van Emon at 406-874-8286 or megan.vanemon@montana.edu.

Badlands Clothing Company Opens Store Front

By Dianne Swanson

Your favorite pop-up now has a store front! Badlands Clothing Co. owner Marissa Eberling is excited to get out of her trailer for a couple of months and offer her customers an in-store shopping experience at 1050 S. Central Ave., Sidney, in the Thrivent building.

Since spring of 2020, Badlands Clothing Co. has sold on-line and at vendor shows and events around the region. Eberling says she was given a wonderful

opportunity that she just couldn't turn down and can now greet customers in a spacious four-room setting. Feedback on the move has been positive with customers excited to be able to shop during the winter. Stop at the coffee bar when you enter and sip while you browse. Eberling along with Taunya Rau and Ashlynn Wicorek will be happy to assist you with your shopping.

Badlands Clothing Co. will be open 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22; 11 a.m. -6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23; and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Regular hours will be Tuesday through Thursday 4-7 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday by appointment. Call 406-489-3560.

With seven different lines, Badlands Clothing Co. offers stylish, comfortable and affordable clothing for women and men, plus accessories. Always looking for stylish new items, Eberling has plans to expand and change the lines. "We will

have lots of new items in the coming weeks," she said.

A soft opening is being planned for Jan. 6 from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy cookies from Allison's Cookie Jar, plus refreshments. The first 20 purchasers of \$50 or more will receive a swag bag worth \$75. A percentage of that evening's sales will go to the Toni Klette-Eberling scholarship in honor of Eberling's grandmother who passed away in November. To add to the festivities, Allison's Cookie Jar will be

selling her wares and The Mittle will also be there selling signs, games and lots of other treasures made by using a laser on wood.

Eberling emphasized that the store front is only

temporary, through January, February and maybe into March. Come spring, she'll be back on the road at all your favorite shows and events.



Marissa Eberling, owner of Badlands Clothing Co., invites you to check out her new store front at 1050 S. Central Ave., Sidney. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

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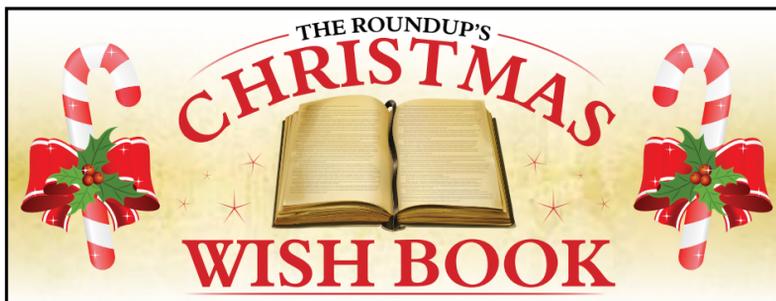
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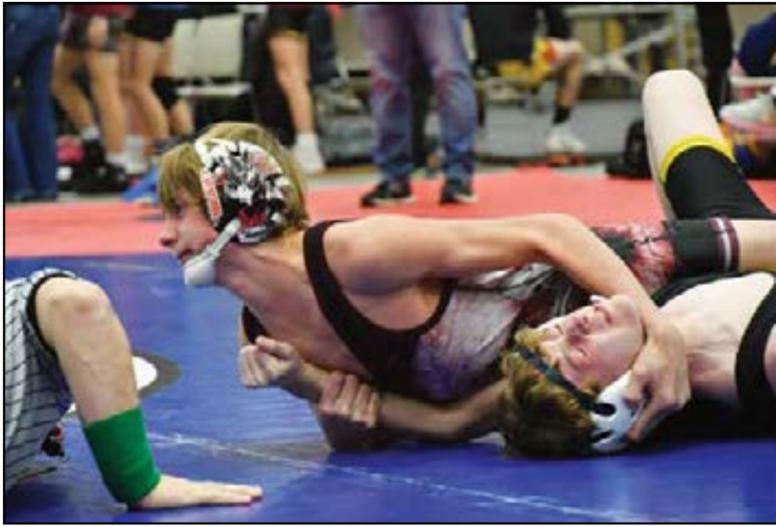
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Fairview Lighting Of The Bridge Ornament Available At Merchants Bank

By Dianne Swanson

A limited number of the inaugural Fairview Chamber of Commerce Christmas ornaments by Jeremy D. Krieger are still available at Merchants Bank in Fairview for just \$15.

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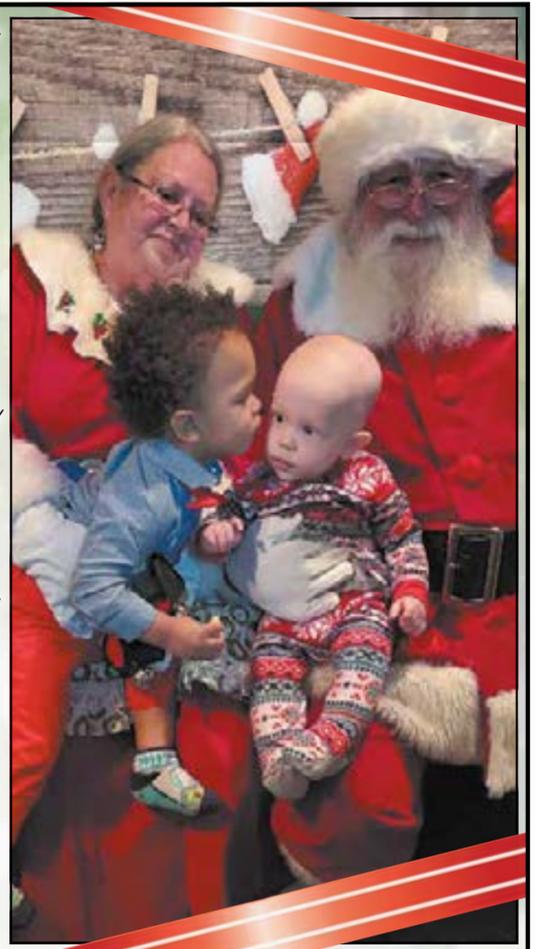
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December STAR Fund Allocations Total \$304,950 For New Businesses & Expansions

Submitted by Barbara Peterson Marketing and Business Development Coordinator City of Williston

Williston, ND – The City of Williston has allocated up to \$304,950 in December for several new business ventures including a motor-sports rental shop, restaurant, massage therapist, and independent insurance firm.

At the Williston City Commission meeting on Dec. 13, the commission allocated up to \$48,000 for Arnie's Rentals. The owners are purchasing the former F & F Sprinkler and Spa location to rent all types of motor-sports including watercrafts, ATVs, UTVs, and more.

"The abundance of outdoor quality of life activities in and around the area have created a need for rentals of all kinds," said Interim City Administrator, Shawn Wenko. "Arnie's has identified this opportunity and we look forward to another option for residents to enjoy the outdoors in western North Dakota."

Other projects receiving funds were the new owners of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites and Williston Tire Center. The hotel is planning an expansive remodel while the owners of neighboring NAPA Auto Parts are purchasing the tire center.

All three of these projects received funds from

the Flex PACE Interest Buy-down program, which utilizes funds from the Bank of North Dakota and Williston STAR Fund at a 2:1 ratio.

The Williston STAR Fund is generated by a voter-approved 1¢ city sales tax. Seventy-five percent of the sales tax helps off-set city infrastructure costs while the remaining 25% assists with jobs creation, business development, and retention.

Potential STAR Fund applicants are required to attend a consultation with either Wenko or Keith Olson of the Small Business Development Center. If the project is deemed viable, an application will be submitted to the seven-member STAR Fund board of directors. If approved, the application will proceed to the Williston City Commission or City Administrator for final approval.

The following applications received final approval from the Williston City Commission on Dec. 13, 2022.

Flex PACE Applications

Arnie's Rentals: The commission approved up to \$48,000 to help the owners of Arnie's Rentals purchase a building at 413 2nd St. W, Williston. The new business will rent all types of motor-sports including watercrafts, ATV's, UTV's, and more.

Dhilon Williston, LLC: The commission approved up to \$73,000 for a hotelier to purchase and renovate

the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Williston.

Williston Tire Center: The commission approved up to \$68,000 for the purchase of the building and assets of Williston Tire Center.

Community Build Grant Applications

Power Play, LLC: The commission approved up to \$25,000 for marketing and legal support costs for the organization. Power Play is raising funds to build a multi-use facility that will primarily house ice for Williston's hockey and figure skating programs.

WSC Small Business Development Center: The commission approved up to \$45,000 for the local SBDC office. The SBDC helps area entrepreneurs develop stable business plans.

C4 Technical Program

3E Pastry Café: The commission approved up to \$20,000 for the owners of the Turkish restaurant to renovate the exterior of their building at 14 2nd St. W.

The following applications received final approval by Wenko.

Mini Match

Awaken Massage: Up to \$5,000 was approved for Awaken Massage at 417 1st Ave. E. The new massage business employs a total of seven people.

Pita Palace: Up to \$5,000 was approved for renovations and equipment

at Pita Palace's new location at 216 Main St.

Taqueria Mi Lindo Michoacan: Up to \$5,000 was approved for the purchase of inventory and equipment at a new restaurant located at 3120 2nd Ave. E.

Patriot Insurance Group, LLC: Up to \$5,000 was approved for startup costs for a new independent insurance company leasing office space at 113 2nd St. W.

Ramage Gelte! Law Firm, PLLC: Up to \$5,000 was approved for the law firm to purchase office equipment for their new location in the 20/20 Professional Center.

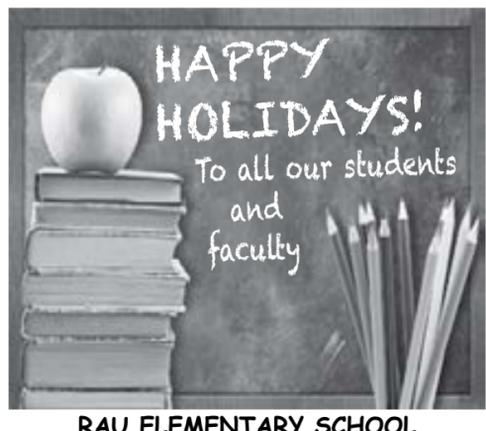
Annual Childcare Renewal Application

Raveena Hegge Day-care: Up to \$950 was approved for the licensed day-care for annual expenses.

The STAR Fund board of directors meets monthly at the Williston Center for Development.

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For more information, visit www.willistondevelopment.com, call 701-577-8110, or stop by 113 4th St. E., in Downtown Williston.



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Richland County is requesting professional on-call planning service proposals from a qualified firm or team of consultants to provide professional county planning services for the Richland County's County Planner's Office. The County requests written responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of on-call or as-needed planning services associated with one or more proposed projects, including but not limited to, general planning-related development and land use project review, site visits, public counter services, technical plan check for planning documents and plans, map review, conformance with Federal, State and local regulations, and general compliance with County Standards and Regulations. To control costs and provide a high level of professional services to all County departments and the community, the County believes the interests of the community can be best served by using a private firm for additional County Planning services. It is expected that such a firm would be able to contract available resources in response to workflow demands. The selected consultant is expected to be contracted for

a minimum of one year and maximum of five years, through a series of one-year extensions, based upon workload needs and relationship with Richland County. Under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners and the Richland County Planning Board the Consultant will provide the range of expertise necessary to carry out the normal functions of a professional planner. The County will, based on qualifications presented in the response to this RFP, select the firm(s) best able to provide planning services for upcoming private and County initiated projects. The successful firm shall also have the resources to provide cost effective and timely services to the County. Additionally, the County has an option to interview the selected firm's candidate who will provide On-Call Planning services. The on-call planning services that a successful applicant would provide include, but are not limited to the ability to perform the following:
A. When required, be present at the County Planner's Office and hold regular office hours as agreed upon by the Board of County Commissioners and Consultant.
B. Develop and maintain good working relationships with other county departments, other jurisdictions, and the public.
C. Analyze projects for compliance with the County's Growth Policy, Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Regulations, Workforce Housing

Regulations, Buildings for Lease or Rent Regulations, and other applicable plans and policies.
D. Review and process ministerial applications and discretionary entitlements, such as: Plan Checks, Boundary Line Relocation, Subdivision Regulations, Certificate of Surveys (COS), Variances, and General Plan amendments.
E. Compiles and analyzes data on economic, social, environmental, and physical factors affecting land use.
F. Meets with developers, engineers, property owners, contractors and other individuals to discuss, advise, explain processes and suggest improvements regarding potential projects, pre-applications, development applications, feasibility analysis, conceptual development plans and code interpretation.
G. Ability to write Commission staff reports, resolutions, conditions of approval, and give oral presentations.
H. Attend public hearings and community meetings as necessary. Focus should be on attending in person wherever possible.
I. Provide strong emphasis on the management of multiple projects and competing priorities while maintaining quality, meeting schedules, and staying within budget.
J. Answer public inquiries by telephone, mail or in person at a public office regarding property and/or Growth Policy land uses, application submittal requirements, etc.

K. Assist the Planning Board in the conducting of its duties. As outlined in 76-1-306 M.C.A., the Planning Board may delegate to assigned staff the authority to perform ministerial acts in all cases except when final action of the Planning Board is necessary.
The proposal shall clearly address all the information requested herein. To achieve a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, proposals must be organized and contain all information as specified below:
A. Cover Letter. A maximum of two pages serving as an executive summary which shall include an understanding of the scope of services.
B. Brief Company Profile. General company information including number of employees, location of company headquarters and branch offices, number of years in business and organization, disciplines, and staffing. Describe the general qualification of the firm as they relate to the work proposed with this RFP.
C. Organization and Staffing. Provide a list of the Consultant's employees and agents which the consultant anticipates assigning to this project. This list shall include a summary of the qualifications, licenses, and experience of each individual; and the professional Planning level of work to be performed by each individual. The County will retain under its agreement with the successful Consultant the right of approval of all persons performing under the agreement.
D. Description and Approach. The proposal should demonstrate the Consultant's knowledge of the needs and objectives of the work proposed under this RFP.
E. Cost Proposal. The cost proposal shall include the hourly rate for services. Include any subcontractor's fee schedule, if applicable. This should include hourly billable costs of each team member. Per diem and other project related shall be provided as well.
F. Resume, Relevant Projects/ Services with References. Provide resumes of the individual(s) from the Proposer's firm or entity that will be directly responsible for carrying out the contract, three references to include name, address, contact person and phone number of the municipality/company, length of time services were provided, and a description of the services provided.
Six (6) color copies and one (1) digital pdf copy of the proposal must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on January 6th, 2023 to the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 201 West Main, Sidney MT 59270. Proposals must be titled "RFP On-Call Planning Services" All questions regarding this RFP shall be directed in writing to Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County Clerk & Recorder at stephanie.verhasselt@richland.org or 406.433.1708. No postmarks will be accepted. The County reserves the right to amend the RFP by addendum prior to the final proposal submittal date.
The County intends to engage the most qualified consultant available that demonstrates a thorough understanding of the County's needs. County staff will use the following criteria to evaluate proposals:
• Understanding of Work to be Performed (the Scope of Services): 15 points
• Demonstrated Quality Firm and Professional Staff Technical Skill, Experience, Performance and Approach: 20 points
• Familiarity with County and State Procedures: 20 points
• Firm and Professional Staff References/Satisfaction of Clients: 15 points
• Completeness and Quality of Proposal: 15 points
• Cost Approach to performing this type of service: 10 points
• Location Factor, proximity to Richland County: 5 points
• Total: 100 points
The County may request a qualification interview with the highest ranked consultant(s) prior to determining the final ranking. This selection will be conducted according to the County's standard procedures. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities, or to make any selection which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County.

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A late-season hunt is a firearms season that occurs outside the general season and is focused on antlerless elk harvest. Late-season hunts are not intended to replace harvest during the archery or general seasons but aim to provide additional antlerless elk harvest to bring elk populations closer to objectives.

In Region 7, any unused 007-00 and 799-00 elk B licenses can be used. The 700-00 B license also can be used, but only in HDs 702, 704 and 705 and from Nov. 28-Feb. 15; it is not valid in HD 700 for the late season.

Even though a late season occurs outside the general season, all hunting regulations apply, including (but not limited to): obtaining landowner permission to hunt on private lands, properly validating your license, wearing 400 square inches of orange visible above the waist, following legal shooting times, not shooting across a public road or right of way, retaining evidence of sex of the animal, and not shooting from a vehicle.

FWP does not provide a list of regional landowners allowing access for late-season hunts. Hunters are urged to contact private landowners as early as possible, and please be respectful during the holiday season.

Block Management co-operators were given the opportunity to opt out of the late season, and some BMAs in the late-season districts are not participating. More information can be found in the 2022 Hunting Access Guide.

Biologists would like to remind license holders that this is not a "damage hunt," with elk stacked up in concentrated areas. Hunters should prepare to hunt hard for elk, no different than any other hunting season. Expect variable weather conditions to possibly include deep snow, cold, and/or muddy conditions. Hunters should have means to retrieve elk over potentially long distances.

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OBITUARIES

Jane Strasheim, 92 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jane Strasheim, 92, Sidney, MT were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney MT with Pastor David Meehan officiating. Visitation was on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT and one hour prior to the service at the church. There was a prayer service at the Ebenezer Congregational Church on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. In lieu of flowers or for those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Ebenezer Congregational Church or a charity of their choice. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Jane Strasheim

Jane Marie (Rupp) Strasheim passed away peacefully at the Sidney Health Center, surrounded by her loving family on December 12, 2022, at the age of 92.

She was born on Aug. 14, 1930, to Alex and Lydia Rupp in Sidney, MT. In her early years they lived in Ridgelawn and later moved to Sidney where she attended and graduated high school. She married the love of her life, Donald, in 1950. Donald and Jane farmed and raised their beautiful family until he passed in 1997.

Those closest to Jane remember her great sense of humor and beautiful laugh. Jane started each day with the crossword puzzle and was an avid and savvy Scrabble player, including hours of fierce battles on her computer. Among her many talents was being an artist; even her schoolbooks had drawings in the margins. Over the years, she drew hundreds of photos for cake designs at the Sunshine Pastry Shop.

Jane was whip smart and her memory was sharp. She had a wealth of knowledge of Sidney's history and could tell you where any former business had been located.

In spite of not knowing how to cook when she first married, Jane became a phenomenal cook and baker. Her family will always remember her "world famous" fried chicken, wonderberry pies, and other delicious foods too numerous to mention. Jane deeply loved her family and hosted most holidays and birthday gatherings at the farm.

Her parents were founding members of Ebenezer Congregational Church and she remained a lifelong member. She talked often of the old stone church and growing up in Ridgelawn. She loved listening to gospel music. Jane had a beautiful soprano voice and sang in the church choir for many years and enjoyed singing duets with her cousin, Darlene Lorenz. She was a member of the Ladies Fellowship and a member of the Christian Women's Association for many years. She loved going to coffee with her school friends, Darlene Berg and Dorothy Fink.

Jane will be remembered for her beautiful smile, great taste in clothes, and always looking her best. Her brother, Wilbur, once shared that when they were young, she insisted on leaving the car windows up so her hair wouldn't be messed up and they "sweat like butchers" in the summer, all in the name of looking her finest.

In 2009, she built a beautiful home with her daughter, Connie, son-in-law Vern, and grandson Joe where she spent her last 13 years in their loving and devoted care. Over the years, she enjoyed many visits to Fargo, ND where she 'shopped until she dropped' at Kmart with her daughter Patricia's family. She also loved games shows and Hallmark movies with her daughter, Debra. Jane endlessly cherished her family and loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren over the years. She leaves a legacy of love and joy amongst her family.

Despite battling clinical depression and anxiety her entire life, Jane was a devout Christian who had accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior. She found peace and grace in her relationship with God.

Jane is survived by her six children Diana, Kathy, LeRoy (Vicky), Patricia (Chuck), Debra, and Connie (Vernon), fifteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald, and brother Wilbur Rupp.

Gregg Leroy Schuetze, 51 Watford City, ND

Gregg Leroy Schuetze, 51, Watford City, ND unexpectedly passed away at his home on Dec. 10, 2022 in Watford City, ND

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. at Assembly of God Church, Watford City, ND with Pastor Barb Becker presiding.

There was a luncheon following the service. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home of Watford City, ND is assisting the family.

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John Endicott, 58 Sidney, MT

John Endicott, 51, Sidney, MT passed away unexpectedly on December 8, 2022 at the Sidney Health Center.

Services are pending. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family.

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William David "Dave" Schlenker, 80, Sidney, MT

Services are being planned for the spring of 2023. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family.

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William David Schlenker passed away on December 12, 2022 at Garfield County Health Center, Jordan, MT.

Luella "Lou" Temple, 87 Sidney, MT formerly of Intake, MT

Funeral services for Luella "Lou" Temple, 87, Sidney, MT formerly of Intake, MT were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Pastor Richard Evans officiating. Interment was at noon on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, in Grand View Cemetery, Intake, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and one hour before services at Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Luella "Lou" Temple

Luella "Lou" Temple was born April 27, 1935, to parents Herman and Helena (Mende) Myron. She was the youngest of four children. She attended Sidney schools and graduated from Sidney High School in 1954.

On June 6, 1954, Lou married Dean Brunsvold and together they had three children: Lance, Kevin, and Jill. Lou married Harold Temple on May 25, 1979, and they moved to Intake, MT. Lou worked at Lower Yellowstone Electric for 33 years and retired from there in 1994.

The things that meant the most to Lou were her devout love for the Lord and her children, grandchildren, and "grape" grandchildren. Anyone that had the privilege of knowing Lou knew she had the gift of gab. Wherever she went she found someone to visit with and she loved to spread God's word. She was a lady of tremendous grit, strong opinions, and willingness to debate just about any topic. With that determination, you had better be ready to endure a long hard debate that you will most likely not win! Lou loved to cook, bake and can her garden vegetables. She could take a simple hot dish and turn it into a gourmet meal. For the past few years Lou has faced numerous medical challenges and true to her character that is deeply rooted in the faith of the Lord, she met each obstacle head on.

The Lord called Lou home on Dec. 10, 2022, at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, Sidney, MT. Lou will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

Lou is survived by her three children: Lance (Mary Jo) Brunsvold, Kevin (Kathy) Brunsvold, and Jill (Dick) Vande Bossche; four step-sons: Greg (Vicky), Dan, Tom (Amy) and Jim Temple; 9 grandchildren: Ryan Obergfell, Randall (Amber) Obergfell, Grant (Hannah) Brunsvold, Jade (Eric Schultz) Brunsvold, Patrick (Laura) Brunsvold, Jillian (Adam) Frazier, Lauren (Casey) LePage, Jerred (Ashley) Vande Bossche, Hailee (Josh) Moore; her Temple grandchildren; her "Grape" Grandchildren; and her dear friend, Terry Sivertson, as well as her extended family and friends.

Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Temple; parents, Herman Myron, and Helena and Henry Miller; brothers, Melvin and Russell "Babe" Myron; and sister/best friend, Ethel Albin.

You will be forever missed, and someday we will meet again.

Montana Department Of Agriculture, Montana State University, Montana Agricultural Business Association, & Montana Agricultural Business Foundation Announce Inaugural Montana AgTech Innovation & Investment Summit

Submitted by Logan Kruse, Department of Agriculture Communications Officer
Helena, MT - The Montana Department of Agriculture, Montana State University, Montana Agricultural Business Association, and Montana Agricultural Business Foundation announce the inaugural Montana AgTech Innovation & Investment Summit set for

Jan. 24, 2023, in Great Falls, MT.

The summit will bring together innovators, entrepreneurs, agriculture producers, agricultural industry product development professionals, and capital investors with the primary goal of moving agricultural technologies from concept stage to development stage, then into the hands of agriculture producers and their markets.

Join researchers, entrepreneurs, capital allocators, fund managers, industry executives, and public economic development leaders who unite to raise capital, negotiate deals, and lean into developing the burgeoning climate for Montana's growth in Ag Tech and Innovation. Opportunities include a speed pitch session, panel discussion from supporting venture capitalists and investor experts, discussions with Montana's Ag Influencers, and several slotted networking segments.

The speed pitch session consists of innovators and start-ups pitching their new and dynamic solution for 60 seconds from the event's main stage. Members of the audience will vote for the top two in each category. These audience selected winners will have

the opportunity later in the event to pitch their solution to a panel of investor experts. A call for presentations, sponsorship support, and attendance will be coming in the next few weeks. To request more information, please email mtagtechsummit@gmail.com or visit <https://www.mtagtechinvest.io>.

Montana AgTech Innovation & Investment Summit and view a tentative agenda, please visit <https://www.mtagtechinvest.io>. The Montana Department of Agriculture is serving Montana Agriculture and growing prosperity under the Big Sky. For more information on department programs and services, visit agr.mt.gov.

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