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## Sawyer Brown Takes the Stage on Saturday at the Richland County Centennial Celebration

By Tie Shank

"There were five of us thinking that we can

This is the life and times of a travelin' band..."

Those words end the first verse of the title track to Sawyer Brown's new CD "Travelin' Band." The life and times of a traveling band—if ever there were a band who is well qualified to paint a picture of what it means to be a travelin' band, it's Sawyer Brown. Founded in 1981, the band celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, having played more than 4000 shows over the course of those years, logging mileage well into the seven figures. And as the band clearly shows in its new CD, the wheels are still turning and an ever-open road stretches out ahead.

Sawyer Brown has been singing our life back to us now over the course of twenty-three albums, and the Miller-produced "Travelin' Band" continues that rich tradition. The band has never been satisfied to concentrate only on the two or three songs that might become radio singles; they view an album as offering a more complete picture than that. "We have always wanted there to be a reason for someone to buy and to listen to the entire album," Miller says. "Maybe on any given day, you're drawn to the up-tempo stuff—but maybe the very next day, it's one of the ballads that hits home. I know it's like that for me as a music listener." Hubbard adds, "That's one of the great things about music—the connection it makes. And the fact that different songs forge different connections for me when I listen to music keeps me believing—keeps us believing—that every song matters."

Sawyer Brown is about connection. In fact, it's likely safe to say that connection continues to be the driving force of the band. As note



connects to note, as singer connects to listener, as each mile of road connects to the one that follows it, the band senses—and forges—those connections every time they record and every time they hit the stage. "I'm a real believer that things happen for a reason—that they unfold the way they do because there's Someone bigger than us driving this bus," Miller says. "We know we still have a lot of miles in us. We've got our bags packed, got our gear ready, and we've got plenty to sing about. We want to see where the trip takes us next."

Wherever that may be, the lyrics to "Travelin' Band" will come to life—

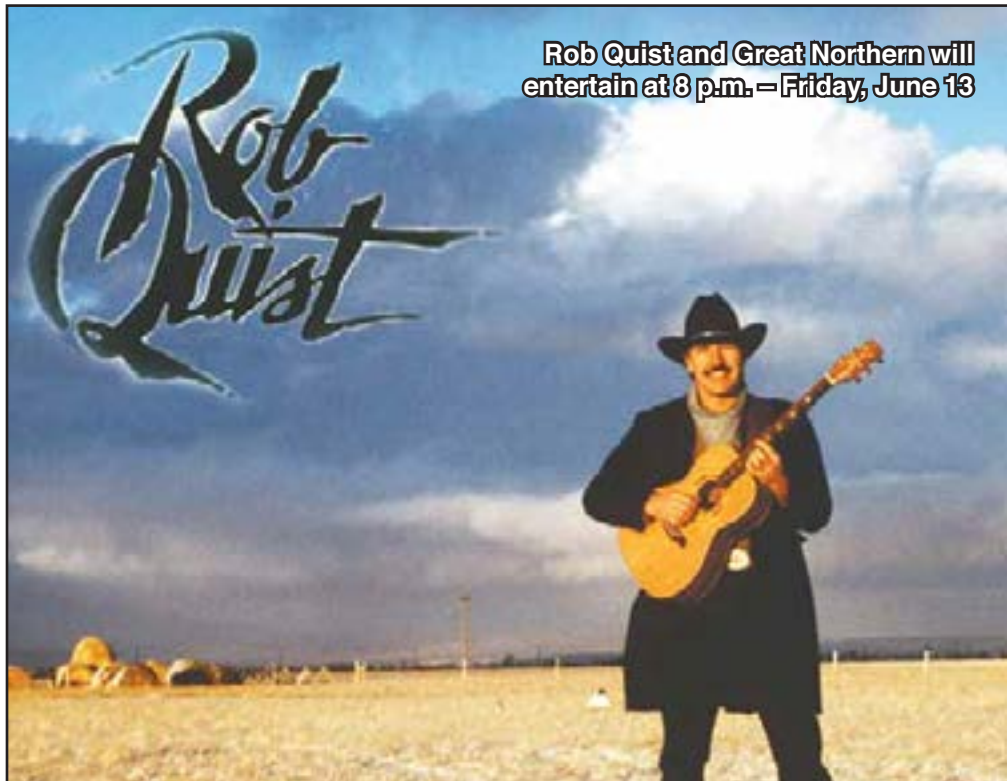
And now I'd like to take this time to thank you

And though it's been a long and winding road

I count my blessings when I see your faces

And I look down at this guitar in my hand

And I take my place on the stage In a travelin' band. I'm in a travelin' band. Join Sawyer Brown at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Richland County Fairgrounds for a FREE concert sponsored by Richland County.



## Citizens Asked to Help Shape Vision for State's Legacy Fund

Submitted by Jessie Veeder

Area citizens are invited to share input on the future of the state's oil and gas Legacy Fund at a free lunch meeting Wednesday, June 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Teddy's Residential Suites in Watford City.

Citizen input forums are being organized as part of the Legacy Fund Initiative (LFI) project, convened by the Great Plains Institute. McKenzie County Economic Development Director Gene Veeder is one of the 25 statewide project participants.

"Gathering citizen and community feedback is an important part of ensuring our Legacy Fund recommendations are heading in the right direction. We encourage people to come to this free lunch meeting to share their ideas with us," Veeder said, noting that project participants are working to develop a consensus vision and recommendations for future use of the

state's growing Legacy Fund.

"The principal of the Legacy Fund could reach tens of billions of dollars by 2030 and we have the opportunity now to have a serious policy dialogue about how best to position the Legacy Fund to create the framework for leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come," said project co-director Patrice Lahlum.

Open to the public, residents of Watford City and the surrounding area will share a complimentary meal and discuss their vision for the future of Legacy Fund. Facilitators will work with them to develop action plans for the future.

Legacy Fund Initiative project participants will finalize their recommendations this summer and will develop a consensus white paper that will encompass principles, strategies and priorities for the Legacy Fund in advance of the 2015 legislative session.

Established in 2010 by North Dakota voters through a legislatively-referred con-

stitutional initiated measure, North Dakota's Legacy Fund is set to surpass \$2 billion and is projected to reach \$6 billion by 2017, when Fund returns first become available for expenditure. Thirty-percent of oil and gas tax revenue is deposited into the Fund.

Community input forums are also being held in Velsa, Grand Forks and Lisbon.

The Northwest Area Foundation and the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust provided grant funding to support the Legacy Fund Initiative project and community meetings.

A full project overview and participant list can be found on the Great Plains Institute website at [www.betterenergy.org/legacy-fund](http://www.betterenergy.org/legacy-fund).

For more information on participating in the Watford City citizen input forum, contact Patrice Lahlum at (701) 429-1861 or [plahlum@gpsid.net](mailto:plahlum@gpsid.net).

## Sidney MSU, ARS Team Up for Dryland Field Day July 1

Submitted by Beth Redlin

Montana State University's Eastern Ag Research Center (EARC) and the USDA Agricultural Research Service's Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab (NPARL) are teaming up for a joint Dryland Research Field Day set for Tuesday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup> near Sidney.

"We share adjoining research space and already work together on a number of projects, so it only made sense to combine our dryland field day efforts, too," NPARL Research Leader John Gaskin said, in announcing the joint venture.

"We both host other Field Days — ARS at Froid in June and our annual event at EARC in July — and that will continue," Joyce Eckhoff, EARC

Professor of Agronomy, said. "But this new joint effort will allow local producers to visit a number of our dryland research plots that haven't been showcased in quite a while, as well as take in additional work by ARS."

The combined half-day event begins at nine am and will feature visits to adjoining EARC and NPARL research plots located about 4 miles north of Sidney on the Culbertson highway. EARC topics for discussion include management of Ascochyta blight in chickpea; conventional and chemical free production of spring wheat and safflower, tillage system impacts on long-term, continuous spring wheat production, and a look at safflower production in the MonDak area. ARS topics in-

clude a diversified cover crop mix demonstration project (11 strips), a jet fuel from cool-season oilseeds study; wheat and pea production following oilseed crops; and a malting barley study looking at management options to improve soil quality, mitigate greenhouse gases and maintain yields for MonDak area producers. Both EARC and ARS personnel will also discuss current and past orange wheat blossom midge monitoring efforts in Montana.

In addition to ARS and EARC, the Field Day is also being sponsored by the Richland County Extension Office, which is providing a free lunch for all attendees. Pesticide points are pending and more details on the day's activities will be available soon.





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**AREA RECOVERY GROUPS**

**MONDAYS:**  
**Noon** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**1 - 3 p.m.** — Grief Recovery Support Group in First Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, Watford City.  
**6 p.m.** — Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**7 p.m.** — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.  
**8 p.m.** — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

**TUESDAYS:**  
**7 p.m.** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

**WEDNESDAYS:**  
**5:00 p.m.** — Sober Life Young People's NAAA 12- step recovery group, 25 yr. old & younger, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.  
**8 p.m.** — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

**THURSDAYS:**  
**7 p.m.** — NA meeting, MonDak Trucking office Bldg., 725 W. Holly, Sidney.  
**8 p.m.** — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

**FRIDAYS:**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**- 5 Stones faith based recovery meeting, Sidney Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.  
**7 p.m.** — **Watford City Area Celebrate Recovery**, Assembly of God, 217 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.  
**8 p.m.** — AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

**SATURDAYS:**  
**7P.M.** — AA 24 hour group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.  
**9 a.m. & 7 p.m.** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

**SUNDAYS:**  
**7 p.m.** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney

# Richland County Centennial Events



## Jaycees Breakfast

Start Saturday off with a great breakfast hosted by the Sidney Jaycees from 6 to 10:30 am at the Moose Lodge. Funds raised will support the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

## Children’s Street Fair

The Sidney-Richland Library is hosting a Children’s Street Fair Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Kids will enjoy popcorn, face painting and balloon tying.

Adults meanwhile can tour the library from 10 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday and see where it started and where it wants to go. Members of the Library Foundation will be on hand to discuss the increased usage of the library and the possibility of building a new library.

## Pedal Pull

Sidney FFA alumni is sponsoring a Pedal Pull for kids aged 5 through 12 as part of the Centennial celebration. The event takes place Saturday, June 14 in the oval at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Registration is at 1:30 with the pull beginning at 2.

Tri County Implement has donated a Case IH pedal tractor and Sunrise Equipment has donated a John Deere one. Kids will compete on the two tractors, with every participant winning a prize. Kids wishing to form a team can also compete in a tug-o-war on the tractors.

At the end of competition, one lucky boy and one lucky girl will each win one of the two pedal tractors.

## Ping Pong Ball Drop

Airplanes, ping pong balls and prizes all come together Friday and Saturday evenings during the Richland County Centennial. Seigfreid Agency Insurance and Real Estate is sponsoring the ping pong ball drop at 5:30 each night, with every one of the 250 balls worth a prize. Find the special ball each night and win an iPad mini. Just take your ball to the Seigfreid Agency booth to redeem your prize.

Alan, Mary and Amanda Seigfreid are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business and wanted to get involved in the Centennial celebration. As a child growing up in Illinois, Alan loved the airplane ball drops which were a part of most celebrations. Seigfreids are excited to bring the event to Sidney. “We’re super excited,” Amanda said. “It brings an element of fun and it’s our way of giving back to the community.”

The event will take place regardless of weather. If the plane cannot fly, the balls will be dropped from the grandstand.

## Centennial Color Race

The Senior Coalition is sponsoring a Centennial Color Race Saturday beginning at noon at Peterson Park.

Participants will be given a white t-shirt at the beginning of the 5K run. Every ¼ mile of the race, runners will go through a blast of colored cornstarch, ending the race in a colorful celebration.

Registration is \$25 per person with all proceeds going to the Senior Coalition which provides funding and assistance to local seniors in need. Children under 12 run free with an adult.

To register, contact Jodi Berry at 406-433-3701 or Greta at 406-433-2207.

## Senior Summer Finance Series

**Submitted by Ludmila Keller  
Richland County Extension Agent**

You work hard and carefully plan to meet your long-term financial objectives, such as buying a home, paying for education, providing for your children, and saving for retirement. However, many people put off estate planning or choose to ignore it all together. Facing these decisions can be one of the hardest things we must do in life, so hard that it can be postponed until it is too late. Almost everyone needs some form of estate planning, especially those who want their estate distributed after their death according to their wishes and not statutory guidelines. Those who want planned distributions for the benefit of their descendants need to make their wishes known. The most important thing is that you don’t neglect planning your estate. It’s the best way to protect your loved ones and make sure your assets are distributed according to your wishes.

We would like to invite you to attend our Senior Summer Finance Series being held this summer at our local Senior Centers. Lunch will be provided. Please call Richland County Commission on Aging at 433-3701 to register. Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – Sidney Senior Center Think You Know Who Receives Your Property When You Pass Away: How your property will transfer if you pass away without a will in Montana Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – Savage Senior Center Letter of Last Instructions. Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – Fairview Senior Center Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate: Transferring Personal (Non-Titled Property)

**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**

	Sakakawea	Fort Peck
Current Elevation.....	1841.9	2229.1
Last Week’s Elev. ....	1840.0	2228.4
One Year Ago .....	1832.1	2225.2
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	30,000	8,900

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**  
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 2.....	63	50	0.00
June 3.....	77	46	0.00
June 4.....	80	57	0.00
June 5 .....	81	51	0.00
June 6.....	63	43	0.00
June 7.....	69	43	0.00
June 8.....	73	48	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation .....			6.08

**EVENTS**

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## Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

**Thurs., June 12**  
**5 p.m.** — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m. Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.

**Fri., June 13**  
**6:30 - 7:30 a.m.**— Men’s Breakfast Fellowship, Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church.  
**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** — Sidney Kiwanis Club pie social, courthouse.  
**11:30 a.m.** — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.  
**6 p.m.** — Centennial free BBQ feed at the Richland County Fairgrounds.  
**6:30 pm** — 5 stone drug and alcohol recovery meeting, Sidney Church of Nazarene, 606 9th ST. SW, back door is open.  
**8 p.m.** — Free Concert, Rob Quist and Great Northern, Richland County Fairgrounds.

**Sat. June 14**  
**6 - 10:30 a.m.** — Sidney Jaycees breakfast, Moose Lodge.  
**Fairview Community Garage Sale**  
**10 a.m.** — Centennial Parade.  
**10 a.m.** — Fun Sewing & Needle Art, Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, for more info. call Eunice 406-488-8126. Ladies gathering for a fun day of sewing.  
**6 p.m.** — Centennial free BBQ feed at the Richland County Fairgrounds.  
**8 p.m.** — Free Sawyer Brown Concert, Richland County Fairgrounds Grandstand/Arena.  
**3rd Annual Sherry’s Softball Tourney**  
South Meadow Softball Complex. This event is open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Entry fee is \$100/team. Put a team together with your employees, family, and friends. For more info. or to register a team, call Tammy at 406-489-0451 or sherrystournament@hotmail.com. You can also like us on Facebook at Sherry’s Softball Tournament. Donations can be mailed to : Sherry’s Tournament, c/o Tammy Pedersen, 2051 Sage Lily Dr., Sidney, MT 59270.

**Sun., June 15**  
**8 a.m.** — Centennial Breakfast, free rolls & coffee served.  
**9:30 - 11 a.m.** — Church service, Richland County Fairgrounds.  
**11 a.m.**— 100th Birthday Party Finale, includes free cake, balloon release.  
**1 p.m.** — Savage Senior Center cards & potluck .  
**6:45 p.m.** — Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo, Main Session

**Mon., June 16**  
**11:30 a.m.** — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.  
**6:30 p.m.**— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinochle games.

**Tues., June 17**  
**12:30 p.m. - 5:30** — Sidney blood drive, St. Matthew’s Parish Center. Call 1-800-695-7258 to schedule your appointment.

## McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

**Wed., June 11**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**— ND Legacy Fund Community Input Forum, community input meeting, Teddy’s Residential Suites, Watford City, ND. Help chart a course for North Dakota’s Future. Free lunch & share your input on the future of our state’s legacy fund.

**Thurs., June 12**  
**12 p.m. - 2 p.m.** — McKenzie Co. Food Pantry, lower level of the First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City, Cash Wise food giveaway, for more info or to set up an appt. call 701-444-3451 or [www.mcfoodpantry.com](http://www.mcfoodpantry.com).  
**7 p.m.**— Pinochle, Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW, for more info call 842-3760.

**Fri., June 13**  
**6 - 8 p.m.** - Hamburgers In The Park, Arnegard’s Nelson Park.

**Mon., June 16**  
**1 - 3 p.m.** — Grief Recovery Support Group First Lutheran Church, Fellowship room, Watford City.

**Tues., June 117**  
**5 - 7 p.m.** — McKenzie Co. Food Pantry open, First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City. For more info call 701-444-3451.

**Fri., June 27 & Sat., June 28**  
**10am 5pm-** Art In the Park, Tourist Park. Featuring local artist & crafters showcasing their work. Sit back and listen to Jeff Nelson’s Music Machine. Kids will enjoy the antics of Dizzy & Cloudy Clowns  
**Watford City Centennial Celebration June 26-29, 2014.**

## OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES

**June 12**  
**7 p.m.** — Book Club at Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

**June 15**  
**3 p.m.** — Chokecherry Jam in concert at Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

**JUNE 19-22 - FORT UNION RENDEZVOUS**  
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**Thurs., June 19 FORT UNION RENDEZVOUS**  
**10 a.m. - 3p.m.** — Kids Day - central time - Kids can enjoy various stations of games and hands on activities. Event and activities are free. Groups of 5 or more are encouraged to pre-register by calling 701-572-9083.

**Sat. June 21**  
Rendezvous Run - Featuring a 1 mile kids and fur traders run, a 5 K walk & run & an 11 K run from Fort Union through Fort Buford & back. Sponsored by American State Bank & Trust Company of Williston.

## Notice

We welcome all events from schools, non profit organizations, churches, clubs, community, public meetings, and all other events. Call Kristi at 406-433-3306, email: [classads@esidney.com](mailto:classads@esidney.com), or just stop by The Roundup Newspaper. The Roundup provides free Fax service at Meuchel Computer Services, Watford City, ND, for all news, photos & advertising copy. You may drop your Roundup payments at Meuchels.

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Candlewood Suites Ribbon Cutting



Candlewood Suites in Sidney held its Ribbon Cutting ceremony Tuesday, June 3. Pictured are, L to R, Sidney Chamber events coordinator LaVanchie Starkey, investment partner Randy Gray, James Bell, owner Brad Talcott, owners Joe and Leslie Russell, Bill and Sandy Blackburn of Pacific Inns, general manager Natalie Ruashner, Pacific Inns' CEO Rodger Forni, director of sales Aliza Hunter, Richland Economic Development executive director Leslie Messer, Sunrise ambassadors Enid Huotari, Lola Herbert and Cheryl Peterson, and Becky Edwards, general manager of StayBridge Suites in Great Falls. The Candlewood opened for business Wednesday, June 4.



Watford City Little League

Hannah Akin drives one to the outfield during a little league game in Watford City. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

MEMBERS OF MCKENZIE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 69TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Tuesday, June 17th at Outlaws' Bar & Grill | 120 North Main Steet, Watford City

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration & Complimentary Meal.....5:00 pm  
Children's Movie.....5:30 pm  
Business Meeting.....6:00 pm  
Report on Bylaw Changes ..... Dennis Johnson, Attorney  
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# Froid Field Day Features UGC Elevator Tour

**Submitted by Beth Redlin**

The 2014 Froid Research Farm Field Day is set for Thursday afternoon, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and kicks off with a tour of United Grain Corporation's (UGC) recently completed 1.4 million bushel capacity elevator in Culbertson.

The tour begins at 1 pm and Field Day participants are asked to meet at the elevator located at 111 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW in Culbertson. Following the UGC tour, activities will move to the Froid Research Farm for the remainder of the day. The farmsite is located 8 miles north of Culbertson on MT Highway 16.

The United Grain Corporation was established in 1969 and is now one of the leading wheat export companies in the Pacific Northwest. Its export terminal located in Vancouver, WA boasts the largest storage capacity of any west coast grain export facility with over 7 million bushels of storage. In addition to Culbertson, the company has elevators in Bucyrus, ND and Conrad, Moccasin and Pompey's Pillar, MT.

Also featured at this year's tour are research talks on: microbial controls for wireworm; oilseed / cover crop mixes as fallow replacements in 2-year durum rotations; plant breeding / market development of Ethiopian mustard, Russian olive removal / restoration success and cost; diversified cover crop mixes demonstration plots; a thirty-year study of tillage and cropping sequence



**United Grain Corporation's new elevator terminal at Culbertson. (Photo by Ann Ronning)**

impacts on yields and soil properties, and more.

The day concludes with the annual free steak dinner at 5:00 pm sponsored by the Sheridan and Roosevelt County Conservation Districts. Other event sponsors include the Sheridan and Roosevelt

County Extension offices, and the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPARL) in Sidney. Pesticide points are pending. More tour details will be available shortly. For more information on the day, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427.

# 2014 Eagle Wrestling Camps in Sidney June 17 – 22

The Little Guy Camp will be June 18 - 20 for beginners thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Little Guy Camp will feature Sidney's own Brandon Eggum. Intensive Camp week training will be June 17 – 22. This camp is a great opportunity to train at an intensive training camp with teams going to the High School National Duals in Florida. Wrestlers at this camp will get more matches than in a regular season. This camp will push you to the next level. Technique Camp will run June 20- 22 for 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

This camp is for advanced wrestlers in grade 6-12 for the year 2014. Graduates this spring cannot attend camp.

A live dual will be held June 21 at 6 p.m. for Montana Florida Team and Camp Team at Sidney Senior High School. A team from Montana will compete in the National Duals Tournament at Disney World in Orlando, Florida on June 25 through July 2, 2014. Training camp the week preceding the tournament June 17-24 in Sidney, MT. The camp is featuring top High

School and college coaches. Brandon Eggum (head assistant coach for Minnesota) plus 2x all-American Scott Schiller and 3x national champ Tony Nelson will be here. Also featured at the camp will be Chris Dardanes University of Minnesota, All American and Nick Dardanes, 4<sup>th</sup> big ten, University of Minnesota. Team Montana will have the opportunity to practice at the University of Montana wrestling room with the Minnesota staff and wrestlers and practice & dual with team pinnacle.

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Submitted by Jamie Selting


The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are announcing the close of signup for the 2014 RCCP (Formerly AWEP) program on June 20, 2014.

The AWEP (Agricultural Water Enhancement Program) was approved for use in the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project area from 2010 to 2014 and funds from this program have been used to increase irrigation efficiency on agricultural land within the LYIP boundaries in Montana and North Dakota. Sprinkler irrigation systems have been a high priority for the LYIP in the past due to their high water application efficiency.

The name of the program has changed since the signing of the 2014 Farm Bill and it is now called RCCP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program). “The arrival of the 2014 Farm Bill has created some challenges for us and funding levels are still uncertain at this time” according to Jamie Selting, District Conservationist in the Sidney NRCS Field Office. “It is important that we have applications in place if the funding arrives so we can enter into contracts as soon as possible.” Talk with your local NRCS office regarding funding opportunities in your state.

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# A Father's Impact is Great

Submitted by Missy Smies for the Richland County Partnership for Promise

A Father's Impact is Great As we celebrate Fathers and Father Figures, we would like to thank them for the gift that keeps on giving...being a positive role model for their children and the children in our community. The fact is, children with fathers or father figures that are active and positive in their lives, are more likely to be happy, healthy and live productive, substance abuse free lives.

These tips are some of the best things we can do for our children:

Respect your children's mother, even if you are no longer together.

Spend as much time with your children as you can and show them they are the priority in your life.

Talk with your children on a regular basis, starting when they are young and continually throughout their

childhood. Not just when they are in trouble. When you do have to talk to them about something serious, they will be comfortable with talking to you already.

Be clear with your rules and consequences and be consistent with your follow through. Expect and reward desirable behavior, but know that rules will be broken, and when they are, be calm and stick to your game plan.

Treating daughters with love and showing them they have value, dignity, and respect will guide them throughout life on how they should treat themselves and others. Teach your sons how to be a good man by how you treat others, including yourself, with honesty, integrity and responsibility.

Teach right from wrong and encourage your children to always strive to be their best.

Show your love for your children by being affectionate.

This shows your children that they are wanted, accepted and loved.

Your job is never done. Your children will always learn from your example and will look towards you for advice and knowledge throughout life. Following these tips will make them comfortable and trusting to ask you anything.

Take a minute to thank the Father in your life and look at better ways you could help your children make good and healthy choices throughout their own lives. Set the example and show them the way. It is the best and most important gift you could give them. (KNOW!, 2014)

If you would like more information on Substance Abuse Prevention or Parenting, please contact Missy Smies at 433-4097, email at missysmies@outlook.com, or visit us on Facebook as StAnd4yOUth or Richland County Stand.

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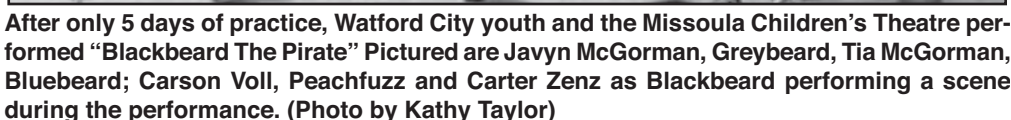


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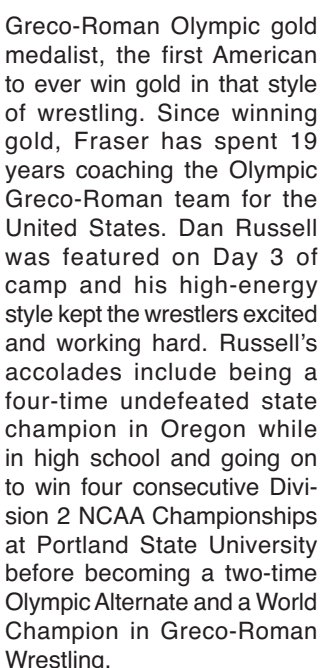
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Submitted by Mitch Greenwood

The Watford City gym floor was covered with wrestling mats this past week as the wrestling team hosted their second Annual Bootcamp Wrestling Camp on June 4-6th. This year's camp featured four headliner clinicians from around the country. The first day of camp was highlighted by Bruce Baumgartner and Terry Steiner. Bruce Baumgartner is arguably one of the top five wrestlers of all time in the entire world and is the most highly decorated international wrestler in the history of the United States. Baumgartner competed in four Olympic Games as a Free-style wrestler and won two gold medals, a silver, and a bronze and also won 9 other World Championship medals in his career including three World Titles. He also won 16 United States national championships at the senior level. Steiner, a Bismarck, ND native and two-time State Champion for the Bismarck Century Patriots in the late 1980's, was the 1993 NCAA Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler for the Iowa Hawkeyes. Currently Steiner is the head coach of the Women's Olympic Free-style Team. The second day of camp was conducted by Steve Fraser. Fraser was the 1984



wrestlers from Watford City, Alexander, Killdeer, New Town, Hazen, Minot, Velva, Oakes, Bowman, Belle Fourche, and Sioux Falls. All totaled, about forty wrestlers participated in the three-day camp ranging from first graders to seniors in high school. Keegan Thompson of Watford City was named Camp MVP for the high school division of camp while Velva's Matthew Leintz was named MVP for the 8th grade and under division of camp. Belle Fourche's AAU Wrestling Coach Tyler Bickerdye commented after the camp "I think my boys learned a lot, They're already talking about coming back next year." Velva's coach, Alex Schmaltz brought half a dozen wrestlers with him and also commented "Next year I hope we can bring a lot more kids with us. We had some that were taking driver's ed and couldn't come this year, but we definitely want to get them here for next year's camp."

"Camp Director Dwight Griffin does an amazing job getting this camp put together and lining up outstanding coaches to come and conduct the camp," commented Wolves coach, Mitch Greenwood. The camp attracted

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# Suicide Intervention Training Workshop Available

**Submitted by Nicole Hackley**

District II Alcohol and Drug Program of Sidney will be conducting an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) in Plentywood on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 4:30 each day. Training will be held at the Plentywood Lutheran Church located at 318 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East in Plentywood, Montana.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) provides participants with the necessary attitudes, knowledge and skills to recognize persons at risk and to undertake appropriate management or referral of a person who is at risk of suicide. Suicide and non-fatal suicidal behaviors, ranging from gestures to suicide attempts, are far more common than most people realize. Almost everyone will come into contact with suicidal behaviors in some significant way during their lifetime. Many people are trained to administer first aid to someone having a heart attack, but very few people know emergency first aid for preventing suicide.

The ASIST workshop will deal directly with attitudes about

suicide prevention. On the first day of the training, participants will learn how to recognize those persons who might be at risk by identifying a number of different signs and indicators. Some of the major warning signs of suicide include sudden changes in behavior or personality, previous suicide attempts, suicidal statements which express a desire or intention to die, and feelings of depression, helplessness, hopelessness, isolation, and loss. One of the most important first aid skills to have is the ability to ask directly about the suicide intentions of someone you are worried about. Skill development exercises and community networking activities will take up the entire second day of the workshop.

There is no cost for this workshop, and training is open to everyone, however we encourage gatekeepers such as teachers, school counselors, medical and mental health professionals, law enforcement, substance abuse treatment counselors, prevention and faith based professionals to participate. Participants will receive training books and materials and continuing education credits will be available. Breakfast and refreshments will be

provided each day with lunch on your own. Training will be facilitated by certified ASIST Trainers, Tim Anderson, Clinical Director District II Alcohol & Drug Program, Tara Hubing, School Counselor, Circle Public Schools. Registration is necessary as class size is limited. To register, please contact Nicole Hackley at District II Alcohol & Drug Program at 433-4097 or email [nicoledhackley@yahoo.com](mailto:nicoledhackley@yahoo.com).

## Olympic Day 2014

### Boys and Girls Club of Richland County celebrating Olympic Day with Mini Olympic Event

The spirit of the Olympic Movement will roll into Sidney, as the Boys and Girls Club hosts a Mini Olympic Event in celebration of Olympic Day.

Boys and Girls Club Mini Olympic Event will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 21 at Veteran's Park (near the middle school). Parents and children will have the opportunity to participate in various fun games against other parent and child teams, in celebration of the birth of the modern Olympic Games.

"We are excited to take part in Olympic Day and inspire kids in the Sidney community," said Vicky Parker, Program Coordinator for the Boys and Girls of Richland County. "Boys and Girls Club of Richland County is proud to support the Olympic Movement and encourage children to lead healthy, active lives."

The Boys and Girls Club of Richland County Mini Olympic Event is one of more than 700 events taking place nationwide between June 14 and 30. The events, designed

to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences.

Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration.

Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the Olympic Games, focuses on the Olympic values and ideals such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. In the U.S. Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide

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**Submitted by Tammy Pederson**

Sherry’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Softball Tournament will soon be here. It will be held Saturday, June 14, 2014 at South Meadow Softball Complex. This event is open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Entry fee is \$100/team. I invite you to put a team together with your employees, family, and friends.

Once again we are expecting a great turn out. Continued support is needed. I ask that you consider making a donation to the tournament. All donations are very appreciated.

On behalf of Sherry’s family and myself, I would like to thank you for all of your help in making the tournament a success. We look forward to the tournament and celebrating Sherry’s life.

For more information or to register a team, please contact myself, Tammy at 406-489-0451 or [sherrystournament@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrystournament@hotmail.com). You can also like us on Facebook at Sherry’s Softball Tournament.

Donations can be mailed to : Sherry’s Tournament, c/o Tammy Pedersen, 2051 Sage Lily Dr., Sidney, MT 59270.

## Early Bird Golf Scramble



**The 8th Annual Early Bird Golf Scramble took place May 31st at the Sidney Country Club. Stockman Bank won the Corporate Cup traveling trophy and helped raise over \$20,000 for Sunrise Women’s Clinic. Pictured are the team golfers Brent Kallevig, Brant Beaudry, Garth Kallevig and Mitch Kallevig.**

# ANTIQUE, HORSE, & AGATE EQUIPMENT AUCTION

## SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014 • 9:30 A.M.



**LOCATION:** From Glendive, MT -Take Hwy 16 N for 3.6 miles, turn left on Hwy 254 Sidney/Richey Junction and go 1 mile. **OWNER: ANNIE FEIST 406-687-3701** **MORNINGS. Lunch will be available.**

### DRIVING

- (5) Collars - 29, 23, 21, 22, 24"
- Heavy Leather Amish Single Draft Harness w/ harness, spots
- Single Leather horse harness w/ breast collar
- Single Leather horse harness, harness/collar
- (4) Harness Sets, bells
- (2) Harness Spreaders
- Harness Drop

### RIDING

- (2) Mechanical hackmore
- Bits
- Mane grooming set
- (2) Rubber protective boots
- Automatic float valve
- (2) Grazing muzzles
- (7) Lead ropes
- (2) Draft team harness set, heavy Amish, spots
- Bridles w/ 2 kinds bits
- Horse mane rolls & flowers, garland for wagon

### AGATES, JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

- (7) Boxes of display boxes (earrings, necklace, jewelry boxes)
- Bag of 12 ct (9-12 kt gold filled soldered link chain 18", 3 sterling silver soldered link chain 18")
- (2) Bags 18" chains
- Bolo ties, ties, slides
- Felt inserts for jewelry
- Montana agate tags
- Rings, pins, scarf slides, tie tac settings
- Frames w/ stand, jewelry box settings
- Pendant settings
- Earring settings
- MONTANA AGATE CABOCHONS BAGS:**
- (2) 10x8, 10x7 ct
- 14x10, 82 ct
- 8x6, 91 ct & 131 ct

### MISCELLANEOUS

- (6) Elk & deer buttons (burs)
- (22) Antler buckles (need finishing)
- Assorted rocks, some Dendrites
- Stuffed flying pheasant
- Decorative white & colored filler, raffia, wooden gift boxes
- (3) 6-packs Coke, full
- 4-pack Coke, full
- (2) 6-pack Coke bottles
- 6-pack mixed soda bottles
- Hand-woven alder/dogwood basket
- Ceramic bisque cow skulls & green ware bowls
- Large bird cage w/ accessories
- Oster turbo 2-speed clippers

### WAGONS & CARTS

- Vintage Wagon w/ add on - Cover, seat w/ cushions, wooden wheels, lever brakes, tongue, eveners, seats 8-10, metal tongue, hitch for pulling behind pickup, ready to go
- Spring Wagon, black 2' seats (seating for 4), wooden wheels, tongue, shafts, ready to go
- Hay Wagon, red built on truck frame, rubber wheels, hitch to pull behind pickup, tongue, hydraulic brakes, bench seating (seats 20-30), ready to go
- (2) pony carts
- Horse cart w/ 2 extra tires

### HOUSEHOLD

- (30) Blue cloth napkins
- (30) Blue cloth place mats
- Gateway computer, monitor, box, speakers
- Mag computer, monitor, box, speakers
- Deskjet 720c printer
- Scan Jet scanner
- Older laptop computer w/ case
- Computer speakers new in box
- Colorado tape backup
- Desksjet 855 printer
- Paper towel dispenser
- Lightheaded Christmas reindeer
- Large chain basket
- White pitcher & bowl
- Fishing tackle box
- Garden oil lamp (new)
- Crosley 20" TV
- Cow tea pot
- (2) Kirby vacuums
- Kirby vacuum attachments
- Home Turbo group, Convenience group w/ turbo power, Super renovating group
- Queen quilt w/ dustcover
- Glassware & Coffee cups
- Garden supplies
- 24x110 polyethylene coated freezer pans
- Men's & Women's Ice Skates

### COLLECTIBLES/VINTAGE/ANTIQUE ITEMS

- (2) Nose Screens (metal screen horse muzzle)
- (2) Rump bells harness
- (2) Harness decoration, leather w/ pom-poms harness
- Leather fly nets for team
- (2) Metal milk crates
- Double tub galvanized on wheels
- Galvanized chicken boiler
- (2) Wooden milk crates
- (6) Oil cans - 4 blank, 1 Conoco, 1 Co-op
- (2) Wooden snow maid box
- (5) Pint milk bottles (one Cloverdale & one w/ cardboard cover)
- (5) Bits
- (4) Glass quart milk bottles
- (3) Oil cans 2/ spouts
- Blue glass insulators
- Metal wheelbarrow w/ metal wheel
- Copper Chicken boiler
- Atlas & Bell blue & clear jars
- Spurs
- Popcorn popper
- Blue glass perfume bottle
- (2) Wire egg/potato baskets
- Glass jar w/ glass lid
- Radiant NO18a heater
- Tin brood box & paper holder (foil, wax, towels)
- Flour sifter (1970's)
- French fryer cutter (1950's)
- Tobacco tin (velvet cigarette & pipe tobacco pocket tin)
- Royal typewriter (1930's)
- Ames Harris Neville Co Desert Brand Water Bag, San Francisco (1950's)
- Wooden basket & butter bowl
- (2) Butter paddles, wood
- 1lb. Wood butter mold
- Glass battery container
- (7) Franklin mint collectors' knives - pheasant, buck, trout, boar, grizzly bear, mallards, wolves with case and certificate of authenticity
- Knife display case
- International Harvester refrigerator 1954 (works)
- Wire horse sculpture
- (2) Rail road lanterns
- Ward's Electric churn (works)
- Daisy Churn No.40, Dazey churns made in USA & mfg co St. Louis MO
- (2) Hand beaters
- (2) Glass bottles
- (2) Metal Stove shovels
- 8" Oak church pew from Glendive Catholic church
- School desk

### GUNS

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- Browning A-bolt 25-06 Rifle, black synthetic stock, 3x9 scope
- Winchester 25-20 Rifle, model 1892, round barrel, excellent bore
- Winchester 25-35 Carbine Rifle, model 94, made during WWII
- Remington 22 single shot Rifle, model 510
- Mossberg 22 mag bolt action Rifle, model 640, clip, looks new
- New England Arms 410 single shot Shotgun, 3", looks new
- Stevens 20 gauge single shot Shotgun, 3", youth model, looks new
- US Arms 10 gauge double barrel Shotgun, hammer, nice, antique
- Wards 12 gauge hammerless double barrel Shotgun, Hercules model, nice

### ART SUPPLIES & DISPLAY ITEMS

- Brochure/Business card acrylic displays (most new)
- Cow skulls & shoulder blades for painting
- Illustrated, Dog Fancy
- (30) Full sheets assorted colored mat board
- Shrink wrap
- H-frame table easel (30" tall)
- (3) Floor easels
- Assorted art prints
- Metal display rack
- (3) Print racks
- (5) 5' display tent boards (pegboard)
- (3) Corner wood shelves
- (8) Aluminum 6'x4' display grids
- Armstrong products
- KD Canopy w/ top & sides
- (5) Roll masking paper
- Assorted pre-cut mats, assorted frames, glass
- Vermont display step
- Vermont mushrooms for painting
- (5) Stonestone (carving stone)
- Paper cutter
- Cloth backing for stone paintings & buckskin for painting
- Box of 16 barn wood/oak frames, assorted sizes
- Box of 17 pine frames, assorted sizes
- 5, oak display stands
- Framing clamps, plate hangers
- Mat cutter oval & round auto ez-mat
- Mat cutter Logan Simplex
- (8) boxes assorted art prints
- (7) assorted sizes oil canvas board
- Watercolor tablets & paper
- LG of Scratch board sheets
- Assorted drawing paper
- Box of misc. drawing & painting mediums
- Box, Dexter mat hand cutter, scratchboard tools, metal display stands

### Booths

- **Ping Pong Ball Drop, Sponsored by Seigfreid Agency Insurance & Real Estate**
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**Winning the final chip off of the Chip Shot Contest sponsored by Shootin' Blanks and Doris Sundheim Elliott Memorial was Greg Hansen. He is pictured with the winning prize of a 42" TV. (Photos submitted by Shelee Warner)**

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## Catholic Daughters Installs Officers

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother Cabrini #1766, St. Matthews, Sidney installed new officers : Arlene Riggs, Rec. Sec.; Lynn Donvan, Treas. Deb Mayers- Rassier, Fin. Sec.; Katherine Bidegaray Vice Regent; Janet Martineau, Regent. Back, Fr. Jim O'Neil and Kelly Ihde, State 1st Vice Regent. (Photo submitted by Paul Martineau)

## MSU AG Researchers Have New Triticale Grain Lines for Licensing

**Submitted by Sepp Jannotta**  
Montana State University researchers have produced two new varieties of the grain triticale, a cross of wheat and rye that combines the grain quality, yield and disease resistance of wheat with the vigor and hardiness of rye. These two new technologies are available for licensing together or separately and are currently open for review at MSU agricultural research centers in Bozeman, Havre, Moccasin and Sheridan.

The two triticale lines – 110WCF57 and 111WCF57 – improve on the grain's disease resistance and tendency to put more growth into the protein-supplying seed rather than other parts of the plant. Either of these lines will be appropriate for livestock forage, silage, erosion control, or wildlife food plots. The grain may be suitable for human food uses. These lines are ideal for producers using a double crop system to maximize annual forage production.

Though the two lines are generally similar, 110WCF57 is 5-7 inches shorter than 111WCF57, which might be preferable for growers using it as a forage crop.

Among other improved qualities the new triticale lines display versus comparable Triticale lines are: reduced awns or awnless heads (the hair-like fibers that extend from the seed head and can injure livestock); stem strength; increased yield; nutritional value; and resistance to shatter or head breakage. Advantages over Willow Creek winter wheat are: Earlier maturing (by five to 10 days); greater forage yield; and greater resistance to wheat streak mosaic.

Currently, MSU has 229 licenses from technologies developed by faculty and researchers. Of those, 72 licenses are with Montana companies.

Additional information including a form to be filled out by prospective licensees is available at: <http://tto.montana.edu/tech/docs/TriticaleAnnouncementLetter.pdf> or by contacting Gary Bloomer, MSU Technology Transfer Office, at (406) 994-7483 or [gary.bloomer@montana.edu](mailto:gary.bloomer@montana.edu).

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Lindsey Nelson and Chantz Buxbaum

## Wedding Announcement

Dennis and Tami Nelson of Bainville are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey, to Chantz Buxbaum, son of Ross and Lori Buxbaum of

Culberston. Lindsey graduated from Minot State University in May with a major in Communication Disorders. She will return to MSU in the fall to earn her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Chantz graduated from ND-SCS in Wahpeton, North Dakota, with a degree in Electrical Technology. He is employed as an apprentice electrician at Native Energy Solutions in Bainville. The wedding is planned for June 28, 2014.

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## BHSU Announces Dean's List for Spring Semester

The Office of Academic Affairs at Black Hills State University has released the dean's list for the spring of 2014 semester. A total of 734 students maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above while taking at least 12 credit hours to be named to the list this semester.

Kendra Iversen of Sidney (59270)

Krista Steinbeisser of Sidney (59270)

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## Montana Newspaper Association/ Montana PBS to Sponsor U. S. House and Senate Debates

The Montana Newspaper Association and Montana PBS have joined together to sponsor the first United States Senate and United States House of Representatives candidate debates of the political season. The debates will be held in the Library Auditorium at Montana Tech in Butte on Saturday afternoon, June 14, 2014. The U. S. Senate debate will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the U. S. House debate at 3:30 p.m. The debates will be recorded and broadcast on Montana PBS on Sunday, June 15, 2014: House at 5:00 p.m. and Senate at 6:30 p.m. The debates are free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Media Contact: Jim Rickman, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Assn., (406)443-2850 or jim@mtnewspapers.com.



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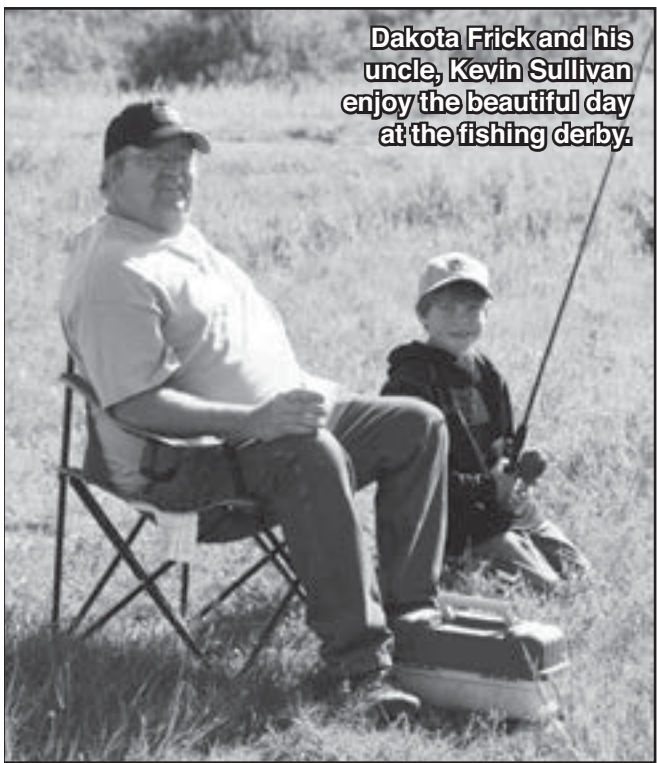
## 10th Annual Children's Fishing Derby in Watford City



Never too small to fish...at one year old, Piper Taylor tries out her fishing skills. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)



Aidan and Avery Pelton show off two small trout that were caught at the fishing pond during the fishing derby on Saturday June 7th.



Dakota Frick and his uncle, Kevin Sullivan enjoy the beautiful day at the fishing derby.



Rylan Koelzer is proud of the trout he caught at the fishing derby.



Jordan Haas displays the large cat fish that he caught at the Watford City Fishing Pond during the Children's Fishing Derby.



Cody Collins is all smiles with his trout.

It was a perfect day for the 10th annual Children's Fishing Derby in Watford City. The Derby for area youth was held at the fishing pond in Watford City, sponsored by the USDA Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands, the City of Watford City and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. There were plenty of fish caught along with prizes and a picnic lunch served to end the morning.

Go to roundupweb.com for more photos from the 10th Annual Children's Fishing Derby.

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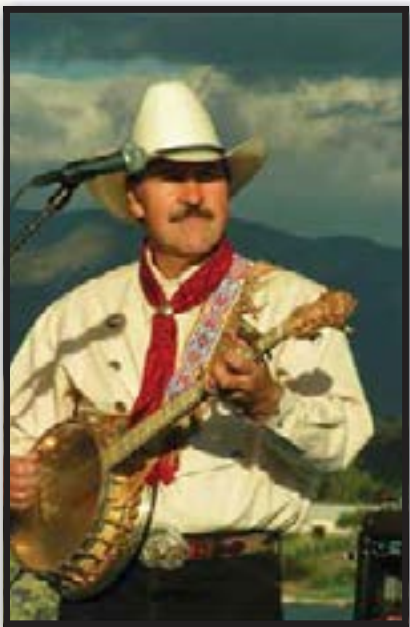
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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Self Guided Community/Historical Tours - Pamphlets available at MonDak Heritage Center  
Tour Community Buildings .....9am - 3pm  
RC Courthouse • RC Justice Center on the 1/2 Hour  
RC Community Services Building • EARC/RC Extension Building  
Sidney Health Center • Sidney High School  
Lambert Museum • MonDak Heritage Center  
Sidney-RC Library Children's Street Fair .....11am - 3pm  
Sidney-RC Library History Tour .....10am - 5pm  
Sidney Kiwanis Pie Social .....11am - 1pm  
Welcoming Ceremony - RC Courthouse.....Noon  
Event Center ..... 12 - 9pm  
Vendors ..... 12 - 9pm  
Children's Entertainment ..... 1 - 9pm  
Local Entertainment on the Stage ..... 2 - 6pm  
Airplane Ball Drop- Presented By Seigfreid Agency Insurance and Real Estate .....5:30pm - 6pm  
Centennial BBQ (Free) .....6pm  
Rob Quist & Great Northern (Free) ..... 8pm - Grandstand/Arena  
Beer Garden (Hosted by The Sidney Elks Lodge) Opens at ....5pm  
Dan Hunthausen & The Train Wrecks

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Sidney Jaycees Breakfast - Moose Lodge.....6 - 10:30am  
Centennial Parade Presented By The Sidney Herald - Downtown Sidney ..... 10am  
Self Guided Community/Historical Tours - Pamphlets available at MonDak Heritage Center  
Sidney-RC Library History Tour .....10am - 5pm  
Color Race - Presented by the Senior Coalition ..... 12pm  
Event Center ..... 12- 9pm  
Pedal Tractor Pull Presented by Sidney FFA Alumni.....2pm (registration at 1pm) - located near Flag Oval  
Vendors ..... 12- 9pm  
Children's Entertainment ..... 1 - 9pm  
Local Entertainment on the Stage ..... 2 - 5pm  
Honoring Past & Present County Officials .....5pm  
FFA Time Capsule Presentation .....5:30pm  
Airplane Ball Drop- Presented By Seigfreid Agency Insurance and Real Estate ..... 5:30- 6pm  
Centennial BBQ (Free) .....6pm  
SAWYER BROWN Concert (Free)- Grandstand/Arena .....8pm (Sponsored by RC)  
Beer Garden (Hosted by The Sidney Elks Lodge) Opens at ....5pm  
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### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Free Centennial Breakfast (Rolls & Coffee) .....8am  
Church Service - Event Center .....9:30 - 11am  
Honoring Centennial Churches  
100th Birthday Party Finale (cake & balloon release) ..... 11am



# Richland County Created in 1914



## Our First Officials

Elected at the Creation of Richland County, May 16, 1914.

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Response \_\_\_\_\_ Herbert Hoar  
Our Citizens \_\_\_\_\_ W.D. Kemmis  
Our Resources and Advantages \_\_\_\_\_ R.S. Adams  
Our Institutions \_\_\_\_\_ Ernst T. Krueger  
Our Aim \_\_\_\_\_ Wendell Bailey  
Our County Seat \_\_\_\_\_ S.F. Donaldson  
Inaugural banquet in honor of hte first officials  
of Richland County, Tuesday, June 16, 1914,  
7:00p.m., Sidney, Montana.

Sidney and much of this area was part of Dawson County, and it was not until 1914 that electors voted to establish Richland County. The vote was not taken until after the usual excitement, circulation of petitions, speech making, and finally the decision to decide by a democratic method. When the votes were cast, 1094 votes were in favor of the creation of Richland County and 448 against it. M.L. Hoffstot in "Court House History of Richland County" reports that in the same election, Sidney won the title of county seat over Lambert, Enid, and Fairview. Of the ballots that qualified, Sidney totaled 848 votes, Lambert 425, Enid 168 and Fairview 119. Leasing a building from the Valley Mercantile and Lumber Company for the first court house situated at the corner of Central Avenue and Third Street Northwest, the county fathers still had problems. The first assessor, Hoffstot, wrote, "Without past experience or advice from others, without office furniture or books or a place to put them, each rolled up his or her sleeves and went after the problem of bringing order out of chaos. Card tables and chairs were borrowed from the genial saloon keepers of the town and these served until the county dads had time to count their money and find that they could afford to buy some fixtures." Procuring a new courthouse was another problem. After two severe defeats on a vote for a new structure, the county fathers gave up in 1921 and purchased the building and it was not until 1928 that a new courthouse was finally realized in Richland County.

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# Messer Has Strong Roots in Richland County

**Information compiled from Courage Enough and Montana, Its History and Biography.**

Lifelong Richland County resident Leslie Messer is justifiably proud of her heritage, which includes pioneers Lossie and Lavenia Dawe and John and Myrl William Westerdale.

Lossie Dawe was born on August 14, 1868 to William T. and Rebecca Dill Dawe at Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. William was born in Cornwall England, and moved to Canada at the age of 12. After William's father died, the family moved to Pennsylvania. William spent three years in active service in the Civil War and participated in many historic battles. One such battle claimed the lobe of his right ear.


From Pennsylvania William moved the Dawe family to Macomb County, Michigan. Some years later he moved to Texas where he spent three years living with the Choctaw Nation. Tiring of the south, William returned the family to Michigan remaining there until the latter years of his life when he followed his son Lossie to Montana to engage in ranching. Rebecca passed away in Glendive, Mont. November 1908 and William died in Livingston May 1919 at age 81.

Lossie Dawe was one of Richland County's earliest pioneers and avid supporters. Arriving in the late 1900s, Dawe first worked on the ranch of Sears and Davidson, sheep men on Sears Creek, for two years. He also worked for Charley Smith, another sheep man, for about six months. A year and a half were spent on the McCone (later Senator) Ranch. It was during this time



Lossie Dawe, first Enid postmaster in 1898

Continued on page 5.



Lossie Dawe ranch, Burns Creek. Taken by Mrs. Dawe on glass plates and developed in their cellar, about 1902. Log building, top right, housed the first Enid Post Office.

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Rudie’s Centennial Farm – Established in 1905



Above: Rudie on his 1928 10-20 McCormick Deering tractor.

Left: Bendik Rogne home.

**By Tie Shank**  
The journey was long, but well worth it for Eivind Nilsson Rudi and Knut Rogne of Vesleroe, Norway. Their trip began in 1905. After leaving Norway their first stop was Liverpool, England, and then on to Hull, Canada where they boarded a train to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and finally crossed into the United States. From there, they boarded another train to Mondak, Montana, crossed the Missouri by ferry, went to a town called Java and then on to Fairview, MT. Both men filed on homesteads seven miles west of Fairview in Dawson County.  
In 1907, Nels Rudi made the journey from Norway and in November of 1910 he bought Eivind’s farm. Eivind then sailed back to Norway. Nels was a steam engineer and a carpenter. In June of 1913 while digging a well by hand, Nels dug through a small, poisonous gas filled coal vane. He died in the well and was buried in the Fairview Pioneer Cemetery.  
In 1913 the rest of the Rudi family departed Norway and made Montana their home. Rangchild Rudi bought Nels land in August of 1914.  
She also used up her homestead rights on forty acres of additional land. These forty acres produced an oil well in 1977 and it is still pumping today.  
In 1936 Sigurd Rudi, the youngest of the Rudi children, bought the 360 acre farm from the family. He married Amanda Stordahl in 1935 and they raised five children on the farm. Sigurd farmed into his 70s.  
In 1979, Sigurd Jr. and his sons Jon and Barron moved back to the farm and in October of 1998 he purchased the farm from his mother. Sigurd Jr. currently lives on and farms the family homestead and farm with his wife Joyce and daughter Susan. They’ve since purchased two additional parcels of land. The farm raises wheat, malt barley, oats, canola, peas, Angus cattle, and sheep. “Like dad and many Norwegians we never have put the farm in debt. I will always operate it on a cash basis,” states Sigurd Jr.  
**My Life as I remember it – by Sigurd Rudie**  
I was born on 14 November 1936, on our grandparent’s farm, in a log cabin. The same bed that mother was born in.

My first memory was when I crapped my pants when we were playing out in the yard. Dad got after me; that was the last time that happened. I also remember when Norman was born on the farm.  
**Farming**  
Farming was different in those days; we had pigs, chickens, garden, horses, cows, and small grains. We grew corn, wheat, oats, and barley. Horses were our source of power. Horses were still used in the fifties. Dad’s first tractor was a 1928 10-20 McCormick Deering. Dad bought it in the early forties while the war was still on. I still have this tractor; it runs and I am in the process of painting it. Sometime during its early life it was painted red. This tractor came out with steel wheels and painted gray. I can get the original grey, DuPont #1063.  
Martin Davidson hauled gas out to the farm. He had ground chain on his truck. You could hear the chain dragging when he came out. There was no gas pump on the truck. He would drain gas into a five gallon can and pour it into 55 gallon barrels. When we used the gas the barrel had to be tipped to get the gas out. Since the war was on we had to use ration stamps to get gas, tires, sugar, meat, and many other items. I still have a ration book.  
After school us boys would hitch up a team of horses to a wagon and go pick a load of corn each night. The corn was unloaded into a crib. It was fed to the pigs; cobs were thrown on the ground for them to eat.  
Hay was still cut with a team of horses and a five foot sickle mower. The hay was raked with a team and a dump rake. After it was cured, we hooked a team to the hay rack, loaded and stacked it by hand. Part of the hay was stored in the barn hay mow. This was a big job, dad in the rack and us boys moving the hay back in the mow. In the winter we went out to the hay stacks, in the field and hauled it in and fed it to the cows. When it was cold and storming the cows were fed in the barn and allowed to stay in all night. This made a big job of cleaning out the barn by hand.  
Art Henderson lived one mile south of my house. Art rented our farm for a few years when dad lived in Portland. I own part of Art’s land. I did not buy the twenty acre building site where Bob Hunter lived.  
**Country School**  
We went to the Thomson School; also called the Ullman School. Don started school in 1941 when he was five. I always went with him. Norman went one year, Sig three years, and Don four years. This school was located one half mile south of Dallas Ullman’s home. School was two and a half miles from home. We had many methods of getting to and from school. Dad drove us by car, all three of us rode one bike, in the winter we took a team and wagon. No one plowed snow on the roads. Many times we walked home; I do not remember walking to school. We always cut across so it was shorter. Had to cross a creek, high water was tricky. We were very young and small, but walking went well. Jimmie Henderson walked with us to Art’s place. Up hill most of the way, but not into the wind. The building was moved over to Ole Sundhiem’s place after the school was closed.  
If anyone has old pictures of the farm yard, I would like to have copies of them. Dad and mother wrote some family history years ago. If anyone has this history, I would like to have copies.



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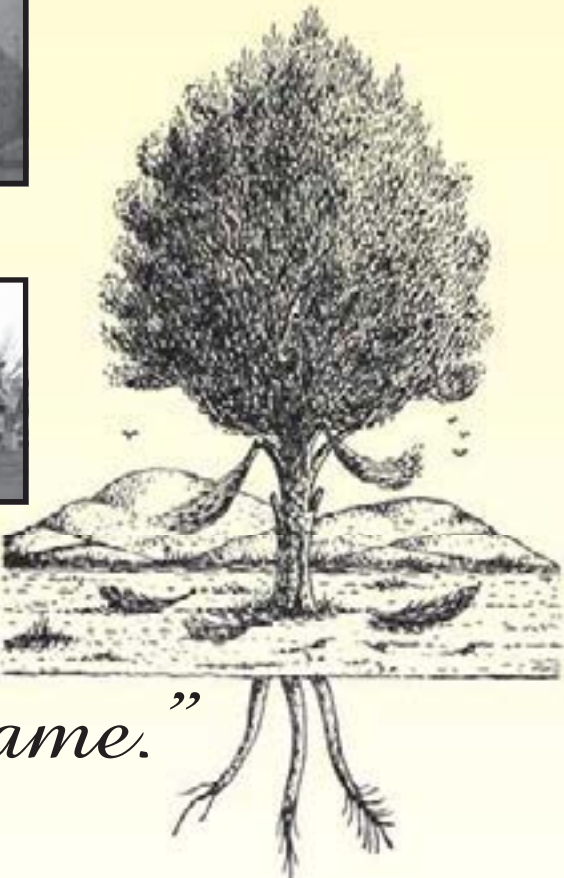
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that he met the love of his life, Miss Lavenia Gloriana Blakeslee who was teaching in the area.

Mr. Dawe had been in the area four years, and in partnership with C.G. Larson had accumulated a bunch of T25 head of cattle, and the two began ranching for themselves. The partners located on open range on the north fork of Burns Creek, above the N.P. Ranch. "They erected the necessary sheds and corrals and built a cabin for themselves, hauling the logs from the river and erecting a dwelling 14 by 16 feet, and while its room space seems small at the present time, it on one occasion accommodated overnight seventeen men, Mr. Dawe slipping in last and out the first in the morning to make room for the others to move."

The partners remained there until 1895 when Mr. Dawe married. When the partnership was dissolved in 1897 they sold 175 head of cattle, and with his share of the sum, perhaps \$1500, Mr. Dawe started the cattle business in partnership with his wife.

They began their career together as stockraisers with a cow and a calf and a bull, and remained at the old ranch. From 1898 to 1903, the Dawe home housed the new Enid post office, named after their



Enid Montana Dawe for whom the post office and town of Enid were named in 1898.

infant daughter.

They lived on at the ranch for several years, then moved to Sidney where their four children, Enid, Glen, Eva and Mary could be educated. The Dawe Ranch, as it came to be known, was subsequently sold to J. Thomas Neese,

Purchasing the Stockwell Ranch on the southeast quarter of section 28, township 23, range 59, at Sidney, Mont, in 1904, the family of six now occupied a comfortable stone residence of six rooms rather than a dirt-roofed cabin. His stone barn was the first of the large complete barns to be built in the community, and was erected by C.L. Stockwell. Dawe began raising registered Herefords but changed to Holsteins for dairy purposes, selling milk and cream for several years. Sheep finally followed the Holsteins on the Dawe Ranch.

Lossie Dawe moved his family to Sidney when it contained only one log store, the post office, and a Methodist church and parsonage. He built the third business of the town, which became the Johnson-Mercer Hardware Company, in 1906. In 1910 Dawe became a partner with E.A. Kenoyer in the lending and real estate business under the firm name of the Montana Eastern Land & Investment Company. In 1915 the firm dissolved partnership, and Dawe resumed farming.

He was a member of the company which built the telephone system of Sidney and extended the line to Fairview, Savage and Crane, installing exchanges at all the places. Mr. Dawe served as the president and one of the directors of the company for a year. The Mountain States Telephone Company later bought the system.

When the First National Bank of Sidney was chartered, Mr. Dawe purchased some of the stock, and was a member of its board of directors.

"When Richland County was created from the boundaries of old Dawson he gave

an active support to the movement, and thus took part in one of the most spirited county-division battles ever waged in the state. He also cast a ballot for the location of the state's capital in Helena. Mr. Dawe has been one of the most active workers Montana has ever had for a prohibition country. He was one of the original members of the prohibition party in this locality, voting that ticket when it was a known lost cause, and he has lived to witness the accomplishment not only of the state prohibition but of a national one, and now that the question is settled and part of the country's organic law he gives political affiliation to the republican party."

Lossie Dawe donated the land where the old Deaconess/Community Memorial Hospital stood, plus the land where the Sidney Middle School is situated.

Lavenia Dawe died of a stroke Christmas Eve, 1920. On March 25, 1923, Lossie died, perhaps hastened by the great and heartfelt loss he recently suffered. At his request, Lavenia was exhumed, and the two are buried together, forever holding hands.

Their youngest daughter Mary is Messer's grandmother who married William Lowry and had a son Bill Lowry Jr., Leslie's father.

On her mother Linda's side, Leslie's grandparents were Leila (Rasmussen) and Delmar Willian whose stepfather John Westerdale came to Montana in 1906 and worked on the construction of the irrigation canal. He later homesteaded across the river east of Savage. Westerdale had lost his first wife and he married a widow, Myrl Jennings Willian who had two sons, Delmar and Carroll.

Messer feels fortunate to live in Richland County and that her job as executive director of Richland Economic Development allows her the opportunity to continue to grow Richland County, just as her ancestors have done.



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# Norgaard-Christensen Wed in 1914



Left: Wedding photo take June 17, 1914. Niels Norgaard (sitting), Lydia (Christensen) with her siblings Julia and Pete Christensen. Both Pete and Julia had homesteads where the original airport was located.



Niels Norgaard and Lydia Christensen were the first couple to wed in the newly created Richland County. Their marriage license dated June 17, 1914 was issued only a month after Richland County was carved out of Dawson County on May 16, 1914. The county had not even had time to print its own licenses, thus the Fallon County crossed out and replaced by Richland.

Niels was born in 1882 in Denmark and emigrated to America at the age of seven. He was a gymnastics teacher in Kenmare before coming to Sidney in 1906 where he worked on the John Kemmis farm and hauled freight for Mr.Vaux from Mondak to Sidney. One of the things he told about on his arrival was the fact that the stage went through the ice on the river and the passengers all got wet and very cold. He also mentioned never before having seen so much grass as there was on the plains those days and the beautiful wild flowers. He fell in love with the area on sight.

When land became available, Niels filed on a homestead east of the Brorson church. In 1914, he moved and proved up on section 20, the north side of Natural Corral approximately 6 miles NW of Sidney.

Lydia Christensen had come from Owattona, Minn. and grew up on her father's homestead approximately 8 miles NW of Sidney. She helped her father and worked for area families. Niels and Lydia met in 1910 and were married June 17, 1914.

Niels and Lydia had one daughter Margaret and two sons, Orvald and Ervin. Margaret married Harold Simonsen and had 5 children; Allen, Gary, Harlan, Lynn and Cheryl. Orvald married Hazel Blair. They had three daughters; Lola Hanson, Rita Hoch and Janette Norgaard. Ervin married Luella and had three daughters; Bev White, Bonnie Neu, Nina Keller, and one son Daryl.

Lydia suffered from arthritis as well as other ailments and was unable to do a lot of work. Daughter Margaret assumed many of the household chores with the boys helping out as needed. Lydia died in 1947 in the Minot hospital.

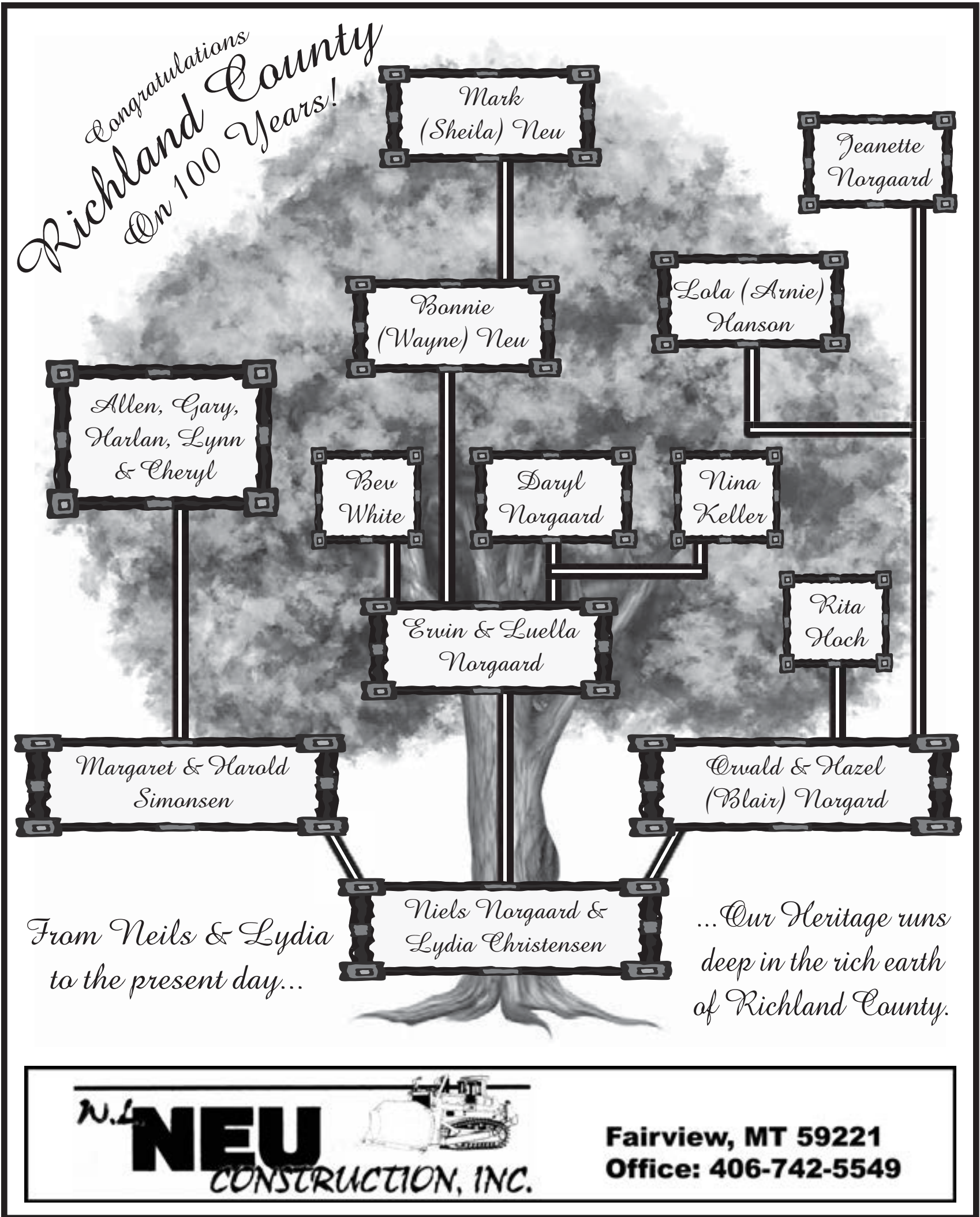
Niels was the first to have a radio in the Brorson area and the neighbors were regular visitors eager to listen. He was also the first person in the area to own a car, but the last to own a tractor. He liked working with his horses.

Grandchildren remember him for his silver dollars at Christmas time and for being strict, as most grandparents were at the time. "We didn't wiggle at Grandpa's when

we were there for holiday dinners," granddaughter Nina Keller said.

Niels was only about 5'1" or 2". He could still do cartwheels all the way from the house to the barn, a distance of about 150', when he was in his 50s. Interestingly, he didn't want his children or grandchil-

dren to take up gymnastics. Ervin and his wife Luella eventually took over the family farm, but Niels continued to farm a ½ section until he retired at age 75. He passed away in Sidney in 1970 at the age of 88.







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**Rasmussen Farm –  
Established in 1910**



**By Tie Shank**  
Originally emigrating from Denmark in 1910, Peter and Madisine Hendricksen along with their two daughters, homesteaded 160 acres NW of Sidney, MT in the community of Brorson.

Emma, one of Peter and Madisines daughters, married Chris W. Rasmussen in 1920. Chris had emigrated from Denmark in 1908 and had homesteaded 320 acres in the Three Buttes Community. Their first child Curtis was born in 1922.

In 1925, Chris and Emma moved to the Hendrickson farm in Brorson to help take care of Emma's parents who were growing too old to farm. In addition to farming the home place and the Three Buttes farm, Chris bought adjoining farm land in Brorson and eventually sold his Three Buttes farm.

Curtis married Florence Sorensen in 1944 and they gave birth to their son Kerry in 1947. Curtis helped his father farm and took over the farm in 1958 when his parents retired and moved to Sidney. Curtis and Florence rented the farm in the beginning and eventually bought it from his parents. When Curtis's brother passed away, his farm was purchased and added to the family operation.

Kerry grew up and became an Agriculturist for Holly Sugar (now Sidney Sugars) in 1973 while continuing to help his father (Curtis) farm. In 2005 Kerry purchased the farm from his father. Then, in 2012 he retired from Sidney Sugars and continued farming. He is proud to be the 4<sup>th</sup> generation to own and farm the original homestead as well as the rest of the farm.

The main crop on the Rasmussen farm is Spring Wheat just as it was when Kerry's Great-grandfather Peter farmed it. Approximately 40% of the farm is leased to neighbors to pasture their cattle.

Kerry states, "Some of the biggest changes over the years have been the size of the machinery - which keeps getting bigger and more recently, the Bakken oil boom. Because of the oil boom, many landowners have sold their land for high prices for other purposes besides farming. And with all the trucks and railroad traffic, the roads are congested, and the grain elevators are having trouble shipping grain."



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# Centennial Farms

## Prevost Ranch

### – Established in September 1909

**By Tie Shank**  
After arriving from Ste. Clair, Quebec, Canada In September of 1909, Charles T. “aka Leo” and Emelda Prevost purchased their homestead in Lambert, Montana. Together with their six children: Marguerite, Charles, Joseph “Joe”, Marie Anne, Bernadette and Laurant they began their life in Montana.  
In the beginning, Leo spent many grueling hours behind two teams of horses breaking up the sod and planting flax. He hauled lumber from Culbertson, Montana to build one of the first stick framed houses in the area for his family to live in.  
In 1948 Leo and Emelda’s son Joe, married Frances

(Schmitz) from Charlie Creek, MT. Joe loved construction work and worked on the Fort Peck Dam project until he was called home to take over the family farm due to health issues with his father, Leo. Joe and Francis raised cattle and wheat on the family farm with the help of their three children, John “Johnny Joe”, Mary and Cecilia. Joe hired a farm hand to help out so he could continue doing construction work on the side.  
In 1970 Joe and Frances’ son John, married Patti (Myron) from Crane, MT and they joined the family farming operation. John, Patti and their three children: Bryan, Leah and Michelle were the third generation family to call this

farm, ranch and farmhouse their home. After graduating from college, Bryan returned home to help on the family farm. John and Bryan worked the farm together for several years until John’s unexpected death in 2011.  
Bryan, his wife Cassie (Klienjan) from Sidney, MT and their son Ryder, built a house on the farm and Bryan continues the farming and ranching operations today. Ryder is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Prevost’s living on the family farm and ranch.  
Bryan states, “To this day, when one of us happens to find an old horseshoe out in one of the fields, it reminds us of how far this family farm has come from past to present.”



Left: Marguerite, Emelda, Charles, Leo and Joseph Prevost.

Below is a present day photo of the Prevost farm house.



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The Norgaard farm today.

Niels Norgaard homesteaded in the Brorson area in 1908, then moved and filed on the current farm, section 20, in January 1914. Niels married a neighbor, Lydia Christensen and together they had three children; Margaret, Ervin and Orvald. Niels retired from farming at age 74.

Ervin and his wife Luella took over the farm which their son Daryl now farms.

Ervin and Luella met in Tyler, MN when he went to visit relatives. They had an apartment in Sidney for a couple of years while Ervin worked at Holly Sugar. They moved back to Minnesota for a time, where their oldest daughter Bev (White) was born. Back in

Sidney in March of 1943 when Bonnie (Neu) was born, Ervin had to walk to the hospital to see her, the snow was as high as the eaves on the Yellowstone Mercantile. Nina Keller and Daryl Norgaard completed the family.

As the four siblings recall, life on the farm was full of adventure. They all helped with whatever needed doing.

Each of Ervin Norgaard's four children has four children of their own. Daryl has David, Matt, Kristin and Aaron. Aaron and Matt help out on the farm when they can. Matt lives only about ½ mile away. He is married to Ashley Wagner and they have a son, Owen; the fifth generation in the Brorson

Community.

The Norgaard farm has produced wheat, barley, oats, and safflower over the past 100 years as well as raising cattle, pigs, and chickens. Several of the original structures still exist on the farm today. Four going on five generations of hard working individuals have kept the farm in the family. Like every other farm, the Norgaard farm has good years and bad, but farm life is still the best environment in which to raise a family.

Bev, Bonnie, Nina and Daryl feel fortunate to all live in the Sidney community where they can enjoy family and still visit the farm their grandfather homesteaded 100 years ago.



Grandpa Niels Norgaard with (L-R) Orvald, Margaret and Ervin.

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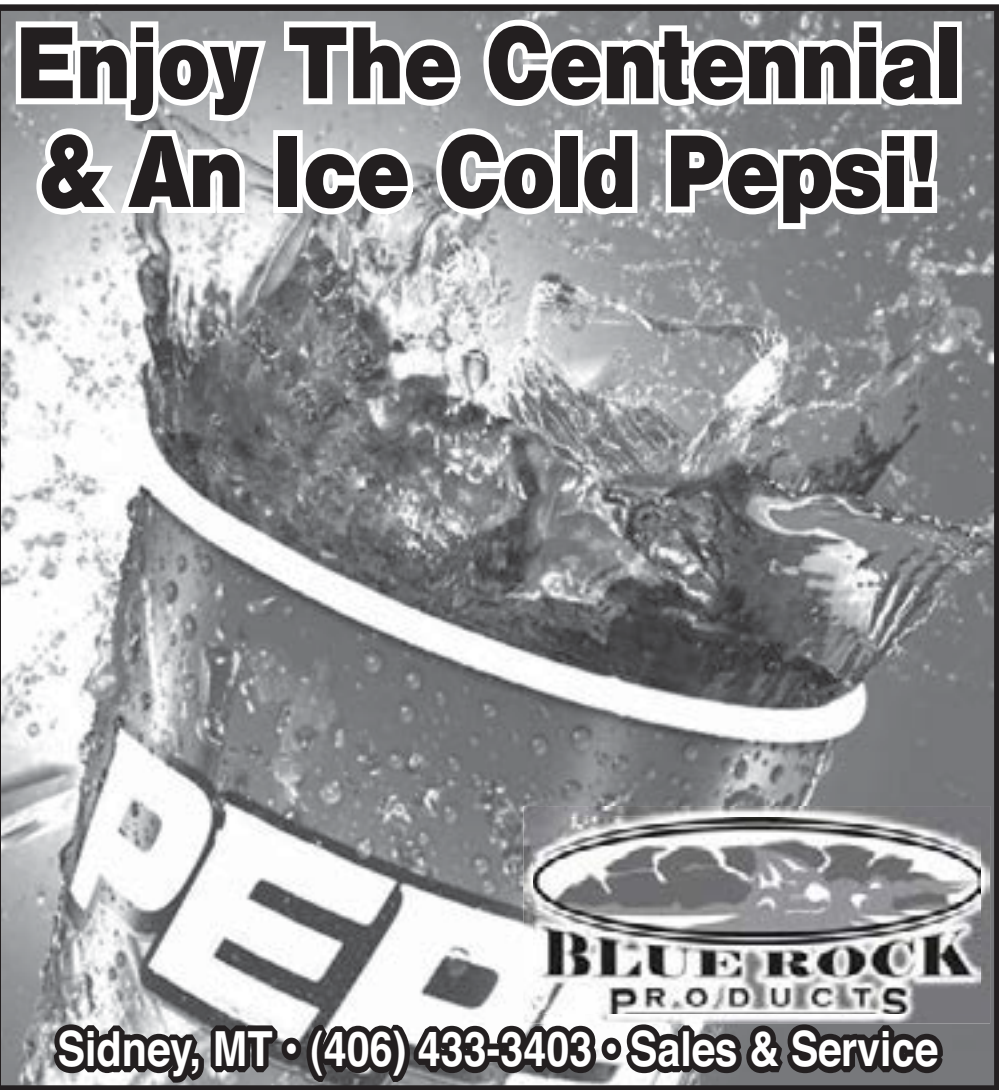
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1921	1922	L.V. Ketter
1923	1924	Charles E. Collett
1925	1926	R.G. Wagner
1927	1930	Carl L. Brattin
1931	1934	John M. Lexcen
1935	1938	Lee B. Farr
1939	1942	John M Lexcen
1943	1950	Milton Anderson
1951	1954	J.C. Cottingham
1955	1990	Victor G. Koch
1991		J. Michael Weber
District Judge		
1914	1920	C.C. Hurley
1921	1944	Frank P. Leiper
1945	1946	Carl Brattin
1947	1960	FSP Foss
1961	1984	Leslie Gulbrandson
1985	1998	Dude Obert
1999	2002	Richard Phillips
2003		Kathryn Bidegaray
Sheriff		
1914	1916	George W. Arkle
1917	1922	Fred D. Sullivan
1923	1936	George Ted O'Brien
1936	1936	W.E. (Al) Payne
1937	1962	Samuel W. Childers
1963	1964	Wibur "Web" Cornelia
1965	1988	Harold "Ole" N. Grinolds
1989	1989	Marvin Johnson
1989	1994	Don Tiffany
1995	2014	Brad Baisch
Clerk & Recorder		
1914	1915	Edmund Bronson
1915	1918	Ross C. Thomas
1919	1920	Luke Tinker
1921	1926	M. L. Hoffstot
1927	1927	C.F. Woodard
1927	1928	Jessie Oland
1929	1942	W.A. Leo
1943	1946	AD Ferris
1947	1964	E.L. Kooker
1965	1986	Helen Gierke
1987	2002	Elmina Cook
2003	2010	Penni D. Lewis
2011		Stephanie Verhasselt
County Treasurer		
1914	1916	M.J. Rooney
1917	1920	Delbert Dotson
1921	1923	C.L. Teisinger
1923	1923	Arthur White
1923	1926	Delbert Dotson
1927	1930	E.B. Brown
1931	1932	O.B. Patterson
1932	1932	F.W. Wilder
1933	1938	E.B. Brown still there 1936
1939	1942	AD Ferris
1943	1946	KG Carpenter
1947	1950	WH Stewart
1951	1954	Frost Wilder
1955	1958	Hattie Loken
1959	1962	Earl B. Hawley
1963	1966	Maurice S. Hernick
1967	1970	Arthur Jaeger
1971	1974	Kenneth Chapman
1975	1980	Mary Bieber
1981	1988	Gloria Steppler Paladichuk
1989	1990	George Kroll
1991	2006	Donette A. Dopp
1994	combined the Treasurer & Assessor Positions	
2007		Sandy Christensen
Richland County Commissioners		
1914	1919	John Bawden
1914	1914	CP Collins
1915	1924	Frank Hardy
1914	1916	W.B. Gibbs
1917	1928	Henry A Miller
1919	1920	Arthur White
1921	1932	Jens J Miller
1925	1930	Chester L. Teisinger
1929	1934	Ernest Bottens
1931	1950	James J Sanderson
1933	1938	Johannes Peterson
1935	1940	Henry A Miller
1939	1944	A.R. McChesney
1941	1946	Roy Fink
1945	1956	George Eikhoff
1947	1958	Donald W. Pentz
1951	1954	L. (Sed) Sedlacek
1955	1966	James Spurgeon
1957	1968	Melvin T. Bakken
1959	1964	Alfred Candee
1965	1976	Harold Burke
1967	1972	E.H. Wick
1969	1980	Andrew Peterson, Jr.
1973	1984	Bing C. Poff
1977	1982	Harold Fink
1981	1990	Robert L. Mullen
1983	1988	David R. McMillen
1985	1990	Eugene Iversen
1989	1994	Gloria Steppler Paladichuk
1989	1998	Dwight Thiesen
1991	1996	Warren E. Johnson
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## The Lange Farm – Established in 1909



Bob Lange in front of the Lange farm house west of Savage in 1941.



Robert and Don Lange.

**By Tie Shank**  
Herman Frederick Lange purchased the western half of his farm from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1909 and the eastern half in 1910. In total, he purchased 640 acres. He used this land to grow wheat, barley and corn for his cows. He raised four boys and one girl on the farm. Herman actively farmed the land until the mid to late 1930s when his sons Leo and Herman took over.  
In 1939, Leo married Gertrude Mae Kennedy of Glendive and they had six children: four boys and two girls.  
In 1967, Leo's sons Bob and Russell took over the farm. Russell and his wife, Debbie (Johnson) lived in the family homestead with their three children. Russell passed away and Debbie remains in the homestead with their daughter.  
Bob and his wife, Nesha (aka Snooks) Bosshard of Sidney, purchased a home one mile north of the farm and raised three children together. Bob purchased the farm in 1987.  
Bob's son and 4<sup>th</sup> generation Lange, Kylee, currently manages the farm. Together

they farm wheat, corn, barley, soy beans, and safflower and have a few 4H pigs and a couple of goats for the kids. They also



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# Centennial Farms

## Mercer Farm



Grain harvest on the Mercer Farm.

**By Tie Shank**

In 1901, Andrew J. Mercer (AJ) of Maryville, Missouri took a homestead east of the Yellowstone River – approximately six miles southeast of Sidney, MT. AJ was an aggressive entrepreneur. He owned bars, rented out his work horses on the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation System project and owned most of the block north of Main St and Central in Sidney.

AJ met Florence Gardner, a graduate nurse from Croydon, England, while on a train hauling cattle from Sidney to Minneapolis. They married soon after in 1913. It was the beginning of what turned out to be a tragic romance. Florence was the love of his life. Tragedy struck in 1915 when Florence died from a pre-existing kidney condition, only one month after giving birth to their first and only son, Russell. Russell was then raised by his father and multiple housekeepers.

Horses were a big part of life on the ranch. AJ ran cattle on just under 6000 acres using his herd of 60 draft horses. In addition to this, he grew feed. He owned his own threshing machine which was considered a ‘community threshing machine.’


After graduation, Russell went to work for Holly Sugar Factory. He met Mary Alice Hammes and they were married in 1940. The couple made their home on the family ranch and eventually had seven children together. Russell’s father AJ died in March of 1957.

Mary was involved in politics, education and was dominant in preserving history. She was instrumental in the formation of the “Mondak Historical and Arts Society,” very involved in securing support for the restoration of Fort Union and the editor of the book *Courage Enough*. On her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, for her years of dedication to the area’s history, Mary was given the keys to the city of Sidney and declared Sidney’s “official” historian.

In the Fall of 1972, Russell had a heart attack and his youngest son John, who was working in Denver, CO., came back to hold the place together in hopes of avoiding a forced sale of the family farm and ranch. It took less than six months for John to realize how much he enjoyed farming which was a completely different direction than the law enforcement career he was pursuing.

Thankful for exceptional people, “great neighbors who make time for others,” said John, he made it work. John married Kathy McChesney of Sidney, MT in 2002.

His mother, Mary, passed away in March of 2012.



**Andrew J. Mercer (AJ)**

John and Kathy still live and work on the family homestead and ranch. They rent out the irrigated land and some of the pasture and the two of them work together haying the dryland.



Russell and Mary Mercer

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# Plain View Farm – Established in 1910

### By Tie Shank

The year was 1910. Carl and Anna Bergstedt had begun their journeys in Sweden. Like so many immigrants of their time, they moved from place to place before settling and establishing their legacy on a homestead eight miles northwest of Savage, Montana. Carl arrived via stage coach and Anna and their two children arrived shortly afterwards. With no doctors in the area, Anna returned to Minnesota to give birth to their third child in 1910. Carl purchased three beautiful Percheron horses, farm machinery, and seed corn which he accompanied on an immigrant train car to what was then Dawson County. Carl was among the first in the area to grow corn.

### The Homestead:

The homestead was later named Plain View Farm and recorded in the county records for its endless views of prairie land. For miles, rolling hills rumbled down the plains disappearing from sight only when the rugged badlands across the Yellowstone River came into view. Alone and standing proudly stood a single-room, white farmhouse. During the winter, the house braced itself against wind and ice as coyotes howled into the frigid night air.

### Farming Changes:

Throughout the past century, farming has changed. In the early years, horses provid-

ed transportation and farm and ranch labor. It was exhausting and backbreaking work. Yet, friends and neighbors pitched in to share the load and provide companionship from the solitary life. Throughout the decades, barns, shops, grain bins, corrals, and modern homes have sprung up to replace that solitary one-room home. Modern machinery has replaced real horse power. Red Angus cattle now share the pasture land with coyotes, fox, and deer. New techniques in farming and crop rotation have increased the ability to add crops such as safflower, lentils, and peas to the small grains which have always been raised. And yet, so much has remained unchanged. The view from the front window of

the farmhouse is largely untouched after 100 years. The farm is still dependent on hard work, commitment, sunshine, and rainfall for success. To date, five generations of the Bergstedt family have called Plain View Farm home. The labor has passed from Carl and Anna, to their son Landin and his wife Marian, then to Clifford and his wife Linda. Currently, Kelly and his wife Suzie have become the fourth generation to operate the farm and ranch. For over 100 years, the Bergstedt family has experienced joys & hardships, blessings & trials. Linda Bergstedt writes, "We've developed a love of the land we call home and are thankful to what God has provided throughout the last century."



This painting of the Bergstedt homestead was created in 1955 by Thea Pearson for her friend Anna Bergstedt. It's a family treasure and still hangs in the Bergstedt home today.



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# Ralph Blair, Raised in Iowa, Homesteader Here in 1908, Writes Interesting Story of Experiences



**By Ralph Blair**

I was born and raised on an Iowa farm where I worked for my board and room and a little spending money until I was 21 years old after which I received wages of \$20 a month for a few months. But it didn't take me long to make up my mind that I would never own a farm of my own at that rate, so I asked for a week's leave and bought a round-trip homeseeker's ticket to Culbertson, Montana. I had seen an advertisement of homesteads there in an eastern paper.

As my ticket allowed for stopovers, when I reached Williston, ND, I got off the train and took a look around. It was about 4:00 one bright, cool morning the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. After the crowd had cleared away from the depot platform, I noticed a young man I remembered having seen on the train looking about as lost as I felt. Accosting him, I found out that his name was August Hills and that he had come out from Illinois and was also looking for a homestead.

We ate breakfast together and about 8:30 went to a real estate and locator's office, where they told us there wasn't much homestead land left near Williston without going a long way out, but there was some land across the river near Sidney, Montana and offered to locate us on homesteads there for \$25.00 each. As we were both total strangers to the country we took them up and sending a man with us we took the next local to Mondak.

The June rise in the Missouri River was on and when we got there we found they had taken the ferry out for a few days, but looking around we found a man with a rowboat who for \$1 each was willing to risk his life and ours to take us across in his boat. There were logs, trees and most everything else floating down the river, which we had to dodge. On the other side we hired a man with a team and spring wagon to take us up to Sidney where we arrived that evening. That night we parted with four bits apiece for a chance to sleep on a cot in the loft of Mrs. Ball's hotel.

The next morning we hired a team and buggy from Billy Ball's livery barn while our other team was getting rest and drove out to what they now call Mt. Pleasant, where we each picked out a homestead. We got back to Sidney in time for lunch, when the man who brought us up was ready to start back to Williston. We

stopped at Ridgelawn to file our homesteads before U.S. Commissioner Guy Rood just 47 years ago this June, and got back to Mondak in time to catch the next train east.

When I got back to Iowa I had made such a quick trip my folks wouldn't believe me when I told them I had got a farm. Late that fall I bought a one-way ticket back to Sidney. I had corresponded with August Hills and we met in St. Paul and came on out from there together.

Hiring a would-be carpenter, we figured out some lumber bills to build cabins on our homesteads, and hired the lumber hauled out, one load for each cabin. Walter Quilling Sr., who had filed on a claim cornering mine had shipped out an emigrant car from Wisconsin earlier in the fall and had built a small house and a sod barn. He had brought four horses and four cows, they hauled their water from the creek a mile or so away.

We engaged board and room with them while we were building Mr. and Mrs. Quilling and two girls slept upstairs and there were five of us sleeping on the kitchen floor. In the morning we would have to roll

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for the voters of the proposed new county to decide whether they wanted to break off from Dawson county, the proposal carrying by quite a majority. The county commissioners of Dawson county at that time were Andrew Larson, W.K. Adams and L.C. Faltermeyer, Jon Bowden, W.B. Gibbs and C. P. Collins were the first elected county commissioners of Richland county.

In the fall of 1914 the railroad got into Lambert, building through from Snowden. The farmers around Lambert had hauled lumber out from Sidney that summer so that the Occident Elevator Co. had an elevator all built when the railroad got there. Lambert was just 20 miles from my sister's place and could make a round trip in a day by getting up early enough in the morning. The railroad stopped a while when it got to Lambert, not building on to where Richey now stands until the summer of 1916. My sister was married the winter of 1914-'15, but I stayed on and farmed the place in 1915. That fall I went back to Iowa again and persuaded a girl I had been keeping track of to quit a \$40.00 a month job of teaching school and take a chance on me and Montana. The folks back there still thought Montana was just for the Indians and coyotes to play in. We were married on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, 1916 and when we got out to Montana that spring I moved my outfit back to Mt. Pleasant. I had bought what they called the Jim Wright section the fall before, which had a small house on it down by the creek. We lived in my homestead cabin until after seeding when we dug a basement by the road and got the house moved on it and fixed up, and then moved into it just before harvest time. We had some pretty good rains that summer but black rust hit about the middle of the summer and damaged the crop pretty bad, some of the late wheat wasn't even worth cutting. 1918 was a pretty poor

year and then when harvest was about over we had 10 inches of rain in a week and what grain wasn't washed away wasn't fit for much but feed. 1919 was a real old time dry year and the grain was so short you couldn't tie it in a bundle. I was lucky enough to get hold of a header, the first one on Mt. Pleasant which helped a lot. The dry years hit harder those years when we farmed with horses My first car was a second hand model T Ford, and I got my first truck in 1927 and first combine in 1929. We and other farmers in general had our ups and downs as the years went by: we got caught in two bad failures, experienced several hail storms and in 1927 had one of the worst storms and blizzards and number of livestock killed I had experienced since coming to Montana, the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May. But the dry years were hardly as bad as the low prices of the early thirties when the farmers really took a beating. Wheat was down to 25 to 30 cents a bushel and hogs and cattle were \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00 a hundred for long stretches. 1934 was a really old time dry year and the government bought up a lot of the cattle (some whole herds) at \$20.00 a head for tops. 1936-37 were real dry years again: 1937 being the only year in my farming experience that I did not get back more grain than I sowed. Then in 1938 we had some pretty good rains and crops were looking pretty good when one day we noticed some clouds darkening the sky and when the weather cooled off that evening the clouds began to drop to the ground in the shape of hungry grasshoppers and in a matter of a few days they had nearly everything eaten up; some farmers didn't thresh a bushel The hoppers would keep moving on when the weather was right but more swarmed in behind them.

I think that fall was about the low for the farmers and we would all have left the country

if we had known any place to go.

But as they say, it is always the darkest just before the dawn and things began to pick up. Most farmers had tractors by this time and had acquired larger acreages and were doing more fallowing and strip cropping and it began to rain a little more and the prices started getting better. About then Uncle Sam came along and says, boys, you are making too much money ;I will just take what you have left.

But it's been a great experience, most of us have raised families, we have watched Sidney grow from a wide place in the road to a modern little city, and here I am living in town and letting somebody else do the work. And just about to get my feet all greasy with oil.

Margaret Williams adds: Ralph Blair took over as secretary of the Mutual Rural Insurance Company in 1924 and held that position until June of 1959 and continued to serve as a director for another 10 years. This took considerable time when he was on the farm, but helped to keep him occupied after his retirement from farming in 1950. He helped organize and served as secretary of the Farmers Union Company for many years. He was a long time member of the Methodist Church. He was a board member of the Sidney hospital for 30 years, the fair board for 20 years, served as president for several years. He served as Montana State Senator from 1947 to 1951. He was a stockholder and director of the Sidney National Bank.

Ralph and Myrtle had a son Floyd who moved to California and married and a daughter Hazel whom married Orvald Norgaard.

Myrtle Blair was killed in an automobile accident enroute to Arizona on October 31, 1962.

He married Margaret Amundson Williams on September 5, 1964 in Sidney.

Ralph Blair died July 19, 1976

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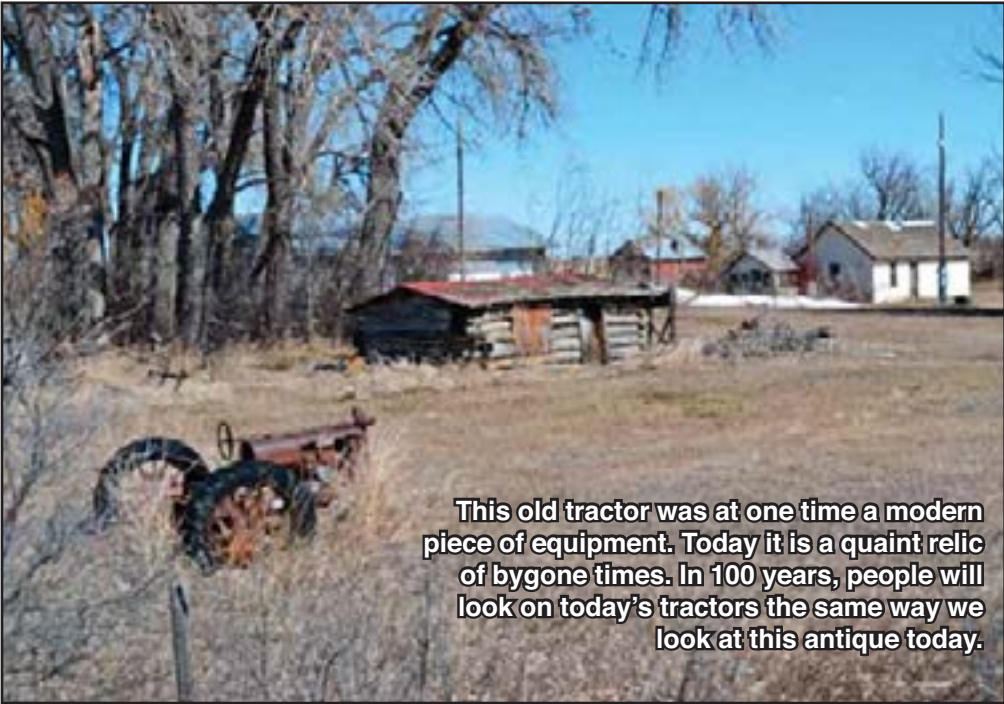


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By Lois Kerr

Farming and ranching built Sidney and have played a crucial role in the health of the community for the past 100 years. The faces of farming and ranching have changed in that time period, particularly the farming aspect of agriculture. Farming made an abrupt shift about 50 years ago when it moved from a resource and tradition enterprise to a science-based business. The science based aspect of farming has led to more reliable production and larger harvests, which translates to better food stability and security for the world.

People tend to forget that for centuries, farming was an uncertain, unstable business

and crop failures meant widespread famine and starvation. This rarely happens any longer because agricultural production performs extremely well, thanks to a sound understanding and adherence to scientifically proven facts.

Farmers now understand that crops require certain nutrients in order to produce a good bounty, and management practices make a huge difference in the success or failure of a crop. With the rediscovery of Mendel's laws of genetics, plant breeding made huge strides. Along with knowledge of genetics, the farming community uses improved seed and has a better understanding of soil, how it works, and what it needs to re-

main healthy and productive. The farming community has also moved towards natural methods to control weeds, diseases and insect pests.

Farming no longer consists of simple cultivation and the grazing of some livestock. Agriculture today has become totally intertwined with technology. The sophistication of equipment allows for precision farming and variable rate applications. GPS technology can pinpoint trouble spots within a field. Computerized equipment and instruments can ease workloads, apply fertilizer or chemicals with accuracy, and even steer tractors. Computerized irrigation equipment saves water as well as allowing farmers to grow a diversity of crops under the same sprinkler. The Internet provides a global market for the buying and selling of commodities, including livestock, without anyone leaving home.

Fuel prices have become a major concern in the past few decades and will continue to affect how agriculture proceeds into the next century. Energy efficient equipment has made an appearance in response to the fuel issue, and cultural practices such as no till along with the search for alternate energy has increased in the last decade. Wind farms have sprung up, mainly on farm and ranch land, and farmers and ranchers make use of solar power to pump water in remote areas. Organic production has increased while chemical usage has decreased, in part because of the cost of chemicals and feed and in part because of consumer demand.

Agriculture faces many challenges in the years to come. Issues that will need resolved in the coming years include dealing with increased government regulations, food quality and safety issues, and counteracting outrageous claims of animal rights and other anti-agriculture groups. The population explosion along with the corresponding increased demand for food will take a front seat, and this in turn will continue to spark debate on GMO crops. The GMO issue will need resolution within the next few decades.

Because in 2011 only about 2% of the U.S. population makes a living by farming, people no longer understand where their food comes from. It has become apparent in today's times that feeding an overfed nation seems to be a thankless job for the most part because of this lack of understanding. The agricultural community will learn to better utilize Twitter, Facebook, blogs, and other on-line communications to educate the public about agriculture and the work involved to produce food. Putting a face to agriculture will go a long way in counteracting negative messages put out by anti-agriculture organizations.

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Gossett

By Mary Mercer and Pat and Alice MacGrady with notes of Andy Mercer and Bill Hennen

The Gossett Post Office was named for Dan Gossett by Mrs. Tom Bone, one of the early settlers on Gossett Flat; however, Gossett never lived in the immediate area. He was an old round-up boss from South Dakota. They came here in 1900, had no children. He acquired a ranch in 1901 that McPeak, the desperado, was killed.

The Gossett Post Office was discontinued in 1913 and was transferred to the Charley Clark, Sr., home and called the Clark Post Office. Still later Skaar Post Office was established, and Gossett patrons received their mail on Skaar Route.

As far as we can tell from the confusing records, Grace Kelly was first Gossett teacher in 1905, followed by Margaret Brown in 1906, Christopher Tubbs in 1907 and Margaret Porter (Mrs. Steve Douglas) in 1908. The first school was a crude log cabin at the Norton sheep camp on the Andy Mercer place.

Belle Hoyt taught at the Gossett School, and in 1914 she became the first county superintendent of schools in newly-formed Richland County. A new school was built in 1911 with Mary Tierney (Mrs. John Painter) as its first teacher. Gossett Flat was quite isolated, dependent on the ferry across the Yellowstone in summer and thick-enough ice to hold their vehicles in the winter. Often there was that in-between time when it was

hazardous for the ferry and dangerous to cross on the ice.

John Meadors bought the ranch that comprised most of the land in the valley directly south of the Yellowstone River bridge. In 1905 his father, William, bought a ferry, operating at the sight of the bridge until his untimely death the same year when he was accidentally knocked overboard into the swirling waters. Later on Napoleon "Nap" Rheault ran a ferry some distance north of the landing where Williams's son, John was operating. Since there was not enough business for two, Meadors quit. Nap ran his ferry until the bridge was built in 1931.

Yes, Gossett even boasted a general store many years ago, run by Hans Frettim. He would buy close-out merchandise to sell, as well as handling a grocery line. The store was in the sandhills east of Gossett Flat.

Gossett had a crack baseball team in the early days. Baseball seemed to be the popular sport in most pioneer towns, and lucky was the community that boasted a top pitcher, catcher, hitter, baseman of fielder.

A cooperative telephone line was built in the Gossett area. Andy Mercer, George Williams, the Cook Ranch, Walter Kemmis, Frank Williams and George Albert were the first subscribers. They used long and short ring combinations and a single ring to get "Central", in case one wanted to reach a party out of the immediate area. To call someone in the community one had only to crank the

right combination of long and short rings, unless, of course, there was interference of some kind. Repair of the line depended on how soon one of the patrons could find time to fix it. An important part of many a women's social life in those days was listening in on the phone conversations. Everyone accepted the fact that most anyone in the community could be listening in. One might call it the pioneer soap opera, except it was the real thing.

In 1917 a group of Gossett "Jaycees" decided it was time for a large community hall. It was built with contributions work and or, money by most everyone in the community.

This hall, approximately 30 by 100 feet, was in use until the fifties. Regular Saturday night dances brought people from far and wide. During the Prohibition Era, when all drinking had to be done on the QT, Gossett seemed to be a little further from the arm of the law than Yellowstone Valley, and it became a mecca for some who felt drinking was nobody's business but their own.

The hall was used for community gatherings of all sorts, wedding receptions, school programs, conventions and picnics. It had a raised stage for home-talent plays and dance orchestra. This hall was used frequently until the Yellowstone Bridge was built in 1931. That opened up a new world to Gossett Flat, and things were never to be quite the same again.

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# Sioux Pass



“Sioux Pass,” at one time home of the Sioux Indians. The trail extended from Lambert to Mondak.

**By Andrew Peterson**  
This is the history of Sioux Pass, a farming and ranching community half way between Sidney and Culbertson. Because this was the home of the Sioux Indian the pass in the divide was called Sioux Pass.

Sioux Pass at one time consisted of general store, post office, dance hall, school, telephone switchboard, and church, located three miles south of the pass.

The post office was established in 1907 and was located one and one-half miles north and one-half miles east of the pass in the divide.

In 1909 Joe Creech and his nephew, Felix Creech, built a store, located east of the pass in the divide. The post office was moved to this new location.

With the homesteaders and their families moving in there was need of a school. The first school was held over the J.G. Creech store in September 1912 with Mrs. A.M. Malvern as teacher. There were no desks, just a long homemade table with benches on both sides. Those early day building were not built too warm. They were heated with a potbellied stove that was fired with lignite coal. I don't know how much the teacher got for her work. She was not only the teacher, but had to be pretty good at stoking the heater in cold weather. A new school was built in 1915 at cost of \$994.50. The first teacher in the new school was Miss Margaret Davies.

No community is complete without a ladies' organization. In the spring of 1910, a group of ladies got together and formed a club known as

the Progressive Sioux Club. Their main purpose was to promote more social life in the community. Their first project was building a dance hall where they could have social gatherings. By this time a homesteader by the name of Bill Eggleston had organized a band and was in need of a place to practice. It was suggested that if the Progressive Sioux Club would buy the lumber the band boys would put up the building. The club ladies went to work-pie socials and basket socials, along with what money they could borrow. The lumber was ordered directly from the mill at Libby Lumber Company. The lumber was shipped to Mondak. The homesteaders hauled the lumber to the site where the hall was to be built. The band boys went to work and December 23, 1910 the opening dance was held. Tickets were 50 cents and the musicians were paid ten dollars. Many a man had a soft spot in his heart for the hall as this was where he met his mate.

With the coming of the plow, there had to be a blacksmith. This shop was built by J.P. Sjostrom and son, Lars. They also had the dealership for John Deere machinery. At that time a one-bottom breaking plow sold for 40 dollars. Horseshoeing kept the blacksmith busy during the winter months.

A man by the name of Harry Ellis operated the real estate office and a barber-shop.

Dances were held every two weeks during the summer and ball games on Sundays. With Art Kringen, left-handed pitcher and his brother, Pete,

as catcher, Sioux Pass had a team hard to beat.

In 1916 the Sioux Pass Telephone Company was organized and built, connecting Sioux Pass with Fairview. The switchboard was located at the pass and operated by the Ole Paulson family. Later the switchboard was moved to Fairview, and still later to Sidney.

During the homestead days, coal was used for heating the home. This was bought at a mine that was located in the badlands north of Sioux Pass and was operated by Albert Wells. This was an underground mine complete with steel track, dump carts and mule to pull them out of the mine. During the winter months this was a busy place.

When the homesteaders were moving in, some came in covered wagons, some on foot and some on saddle horses. I think the one that took the most courage was a young man by the name of Martin Krokum. He had been working for a farmer about five miles north of Sidney. When he decided to move onto his homestead in 1910, he had no means of transportation. He bought a wheelbarrow, loaded all his belongings on it and pushed it all the way to his homestead at Sioux Pass, a distance of about 25 miles. He also deserved credit for organizing the fair booth.

St. Peter's Church of Sioux Pass, located in a farming and ranching community between Culbertson and Sidney, had its beginning in the year 1914. Homesteaders were increasingly numerous and permanent homes and families made the need of a

church important.

In 1914 Reverend Munson came from Williston, North Dakota once a month to hold service in the various homes and the schoolhouse. While no permanent house of worship was yet established, this was the beginning of the present church. A ladies Aid was organized the same year and they met on Sunday afternoons.

In 1921 a basement was built on the present site. Church services were held in this basement until the early 1940s when it was no longer usable. We were again forced to use the schoolhouse and homes until the building of the present church in 1948 and 1949.

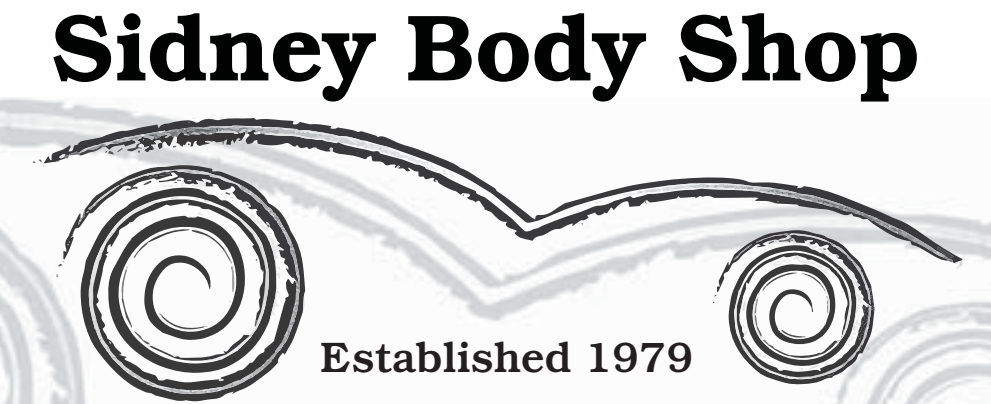
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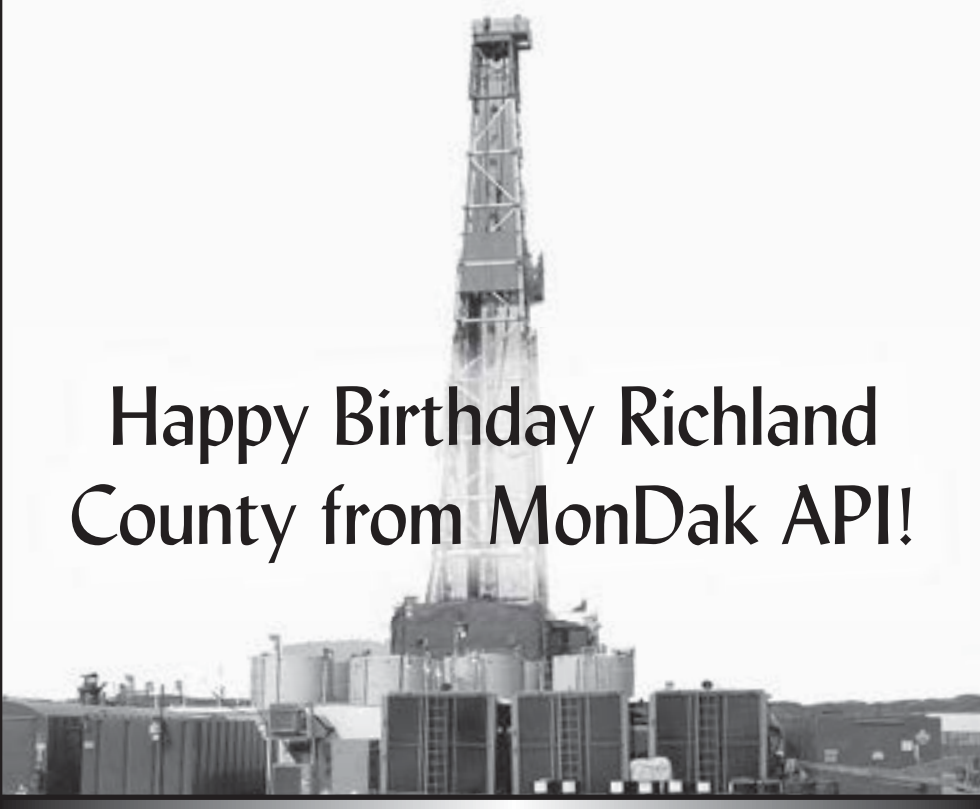
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The state's first oil well was drilled by Butte Oil Co. in 1901 near Kintla Lake which is now within Glacier National Park. According to a historical overview of mining in Montana compiled by the U.S. Forest Service, American Indians and fur trappers knew about oil seeps in that area and early-day prospectors wondered about the potential for oil when bear hides sold at Tobacco Plains smelled of kerosene.

In the early 1900's prospectors fled to Montana to take advantage of its natural resources: ample pastures, clean waters and an abundant mineral wealth that was increasing in demand: petroleum.

In 1916, according to the figures from the United States Geological Survey, the annual oil output from the Elk Basin Field was 44,917 barrels and in 1917 the output increased to 99,399 barrels.

In 1922 oil was discovered in the Kevin-Sunburst oil fields in Montana. This marked the birth of a crude oil industry in Montana. Two years later a small refinery opened to process crude oil from those early wells. Texaco acquired the refinery in 1928 and became known for producing leaded gasoline during and after World War II, author Don Douma noted in the Montana Magazine of History.

Many successful fields were developed in the decades to follow proving Montana to be worthy of development and proving Montana would stand tall as an oil producing state.

Oil was first found in the Williston Basin along the Cedar Creek Anticline in southeastern Montana in the 1920s, and in the 1930s between Baker and Glendive.

Between 1924 and 1951 there were close to two dozen attempts at drilling about 40 miles east of Williston, N.D. Finally, in 1951 the Clarence Iverson Farm well, (south of Tioga, N.D.) struck oil.

This was the first major discovery well in the continental U.S. since WWII and became one of the biggest onshore oil finds: the Bakken Formation. This formation was soon found to cover part of Montana, North Dakota and Canada.

In 1953, when oil was 'cheaper than dirt,' a Montana farmer by the name of Henry Bakken told a geologist who wanted to drill for oil on his farm... "Sure, be my guest!" Henry didn't know he was sitting on what is known as "an ocean of oil" and is now known as "The Bakken Formation," named after Henry Bakken himself.

In July 1965 the initial oil discovery well, No. 1 George Hunter, was drilled in the Fairview field by Southern Union Production Company and Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc. The second discovery well, the No. 1-A Vanderhoof, was in the North Fairview field and was drilled by Superior oil and Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc.

In 1968, at the western edge of Richland County's Sidney-Brorson Field, Miami Oil Producers drilled what appeared to be the largest producer completed in the field: the No. 1 Dynneson. Nine miles northeast of the Dynneson hit, Consolidated Oil and Gas made a discovery when it hit it's Young Heirs in the Fairview Field. Also in 1968, the oil well located on the Loren Young farm about six and a half miles from Fairview, MT was rated as a producing well. During this time, the Fairview Pipe Line Company planned to build a six-inch main pipeline to join with Butte Pipe Line Company's facilities southwest of the Fairview Field.

In 1969 Target Oil Company out of Denver announced plans to drill a series of 20 wildcat wells, six of those wells were in southeastern Richland County, five in Wibaux County and the drilling of the remaining wells was expected to take place in North Dakota. These wells were the first phase of an exploration program on 90,000 acres of land held by Target Oil in the area.

The first commercial Bakken well at Elm Coulee, located in Richland County, Montana, was completed in 1981 by Coastal Oil and Gas. The largest Bakken oil production comes from the Elm Coulee Field, where extraction began in 2000.

In 2005, the Elm Coulee field accounted for almost half of the state of Montana's production of oil.

In 2007, shale oil from Elm Coulee averaged 53,000 barrels per day (bpd) – more than the entire state of Montana a few years earlier.

A few Montana facts:

It is the birthplace of horizontal drilling in the Bakken at the Elm Coulee Oil Field.

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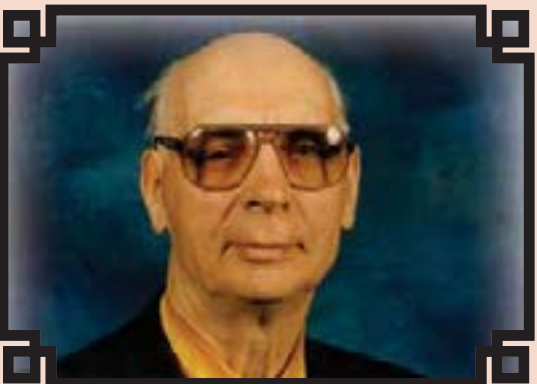
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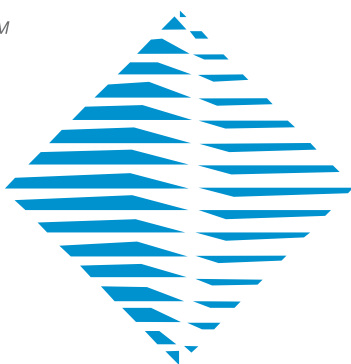
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# Sidney



Looking down East Main from Central Ave. to right of elevators is Richland Hotel, Block 13, built in 1913 by Pete Sevela, burned January 1914; Second Ave.; next could be Howard’s implement building, later Chad’s; Sidney Post Office had been in one of next two small buildings; Bird’s Confectionery (and grocery); alley; W.L. Bell’s Hardware; The Toggerly (1910) E.D. LaRue, proprietor; Combes Furniture (1910); R.S. Nutt’s Farmers State Bank (1911); turning corner toward South Central Ave., Shawley Hotel and Sidney Post Office, Ray Northey, postmaster (built in 1905 by Orra Kemmis for meat market, sold fixtures to R.P. Ripley who moved fixtures to his building on North Central, Block 10); last building Ferris Furniture.

Complied by DeLyle Jarvis and Mary Mercer  
from various sources

Sidney’s birthdate goes back to the fail of 1888. The story goes that petition for a post office for the new townsite was held up until a proper name had been chosen. The name Eureka had been sent in before, but there was already had Eureka in the state. Mr. And Mrs. Walters and their six-year-old so, Sidney, were living in the home of Justice of the Peace, Hiram Otis, at the time. Judge Otis had grown very fond of Sidney, his young fishing partner. While he was making out the paper, he decided on the spur of the moment, that Sidney would make a god name for the new town.

John “Jack” and Dave Stewart purchased the original townsite of Sidney from the Northern Pacific Railway for one dollar and 75 cents per acre and sold it shortly after to Edgar A. Kenoyer for three dollars and 50 cents per acre.

# Hay Creek

By Lena Brown and George Hunter

Only Section 22, Township 25, Range 58 can boast of the early homesteaders and old-timers of Upper Hay Creek in Richland County. Fairview , at that time, had its main street north of the Fairview Mill. Half of the business houses were on the east side of the street in North Dakota, and the other half of the city’s business establishments were on the west side of the street in Montana. The street was called State Street, it meant just that! The old stage coach driver could drive on either side of the street, or smack down the middle of the street, depending of course, on whether he had imbibed at the “ Bucket of Blood” or whether he left town in the same spirit he arrived. Later, the “Galloping Goose” chugged its way through Fairview, but these homesteaders had arrived via the Bert Chase ferry. It was the time the big steamers whistled and splashed their way up the Yellowstone to Fort Benton, and were promptly let through by opening the drawbridge which was operated by levers in a little house on top of the bridge that spanned the river.

Between 1888 and 1911 when the town was incorporated, a large influx of settlers and, later on, homesteaders had moved into the surrounding area, necessitating the building of a business community to care for their needs.

It is to believe that such a flourishing community could emerge in such a few short years, starting with a lone cabin in 1880. According to T.J. Chestnut, he and Gus Angus built the first cabin between Newlon and Buford in July of 1880. He located it at 600 yards east of the stage road and 200 yards north of Lone Tree Creek, which would place it near the first Sidney School made of logs.

Sidney has the distinction of holding the first fair in Dawson County which took place September 14,15, 16, 1898.

One of the most important events in Sidney’s history was the coming of the railroad in 1912. It changed the whole picture, opening new horizons for the area.



F.T. Reynolds store, 1928. (L-R) Boles, J.S. McRae, John Marman (store owner-manager), Wendell Brodhead and Spike Woods.

# Brorson

By Mrs. Albert O. Sorensen and Lester Putnam

This community became known as Brorson around 1909. Pastor Niels Damskov was called in 1909 to serve the Danish Lutherans in the Sidney area and the area northwest of Sidney. He took a homestead 12 miles northwest of Sidney, and the first post office for that community was in his home. As the post office had to have a name, Pastor Damskov named it Brorson, after the famous Danish hymn writer, H. A. Brorson. Thus the community received its name, also the Brorson Church and the Brorson School.

In 1916 the Brorson Church was built and was dedicated December 17, 1916. The Rev. Niels Damskov served as Brorson’s pastor until January 1921.

Although the church now stands empty, it is a familiar landmark in the area.

On April 29, 1911 Grace M. Cundiff was hired to teach at a salary of 50 dollars per month. School started in May of 1911 in the new schoolhouse.

# Newlon

By Anna O’Brien Kizziar

Newlon was named for William W. Newlon. Mr. Newlon with his wife and children arrived at Fort Buford in September 1879 aboard the steamship “Batchelor” with Captain Grant Marsh.

Newlon was the first settlement in Dawson County, an area of over 13,000 square miles. People moved into the area in increasing numbers.

Eighteen-eighty-one was a big year for the new community. Charley Adams arranged to teach school in his home. This was the first school in Dawson County.

Sidney, five miles to the north, wa growing and prospering. Newlon businesses vanished one by one. Among the last to go were the Stierle Hotel and Jake Obergfell’s saloon.

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A berry party in the Elmdale area, 1920s. (L-R) Mary Turner Ruggles, Gertie Golphenee Woolen, Mrs. Billie Woolen, Mrs. Jess Golphenee (Elmdale minister's wife), Oakle Dennis and Ma Greene; children are Isaac Ruggles' boys.

Elmdale Nazarene Church

## Elmdale


By Minnie Turner Anderson

Levi Turner, who had come to the Elmdale community before 1905, became postmaster in 1912. The Elmdale Post Office had been established by Mrs. C.P. Goodwin. She had chosen the name Elmdale because of all the large elm trees on their


homestead.

As more homesteaders moved in, a Star Route was developed and Levi found it necessary to spend much time helping his wife. A new lumber house with four bedrooms was built and the old log kitchen which served as a post office also housed a supply of gro-


ceries such as sugar, flour, salt, coffee, cheese ( large round cakes on block with a large knife to cut wedges) and tobacco, particularly the Star and Horse Shoe brands of chewing tobacco. Salt came in barrels and sugar in 100-pound sacks. Yeast foam was a must as well as soda and spices. The Elmdale post office closed years ago, but the Elmdale hall remains in use.




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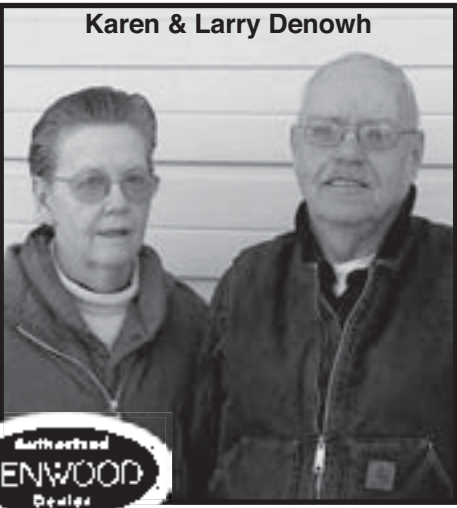


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Fairview, 1909.

# Fairview

By Ralph Chase, Mildred Gardner, Flora Heile, Chester Hillman, Marj Johnson and Aneta Vitt

Lewis Newlon, was the founder and promotor of Fairview. He was born December 15, 1878 at Lincoln, Nebraska, but to him, Montana was his home. He came to what was to be Fairview in 1903. He built a claim shack which was a bit larger than most claim shacks. It had five rooms and was built of sod. It was the first house built on the townsite of Fair-

view. Various lines of industry were begun in the Fairview area before the coming of the railroad, which brought a real boom to the area. Mr. Newlon gave a gift of 96 acres of land to the railroad to be used as a right-of-way.

January 4, 1912 the first steel was laid into the town of Fairview. Within a week traffic with the outside world was carried on by rail.

In the year 1913 the city of Fairview was incorporated and Loui Newlon was elected

the first mayor and served in that capacity for three years.

Fairview grew rapidly during the time and had two doctors at one time, a dentist, lawyer and a thriving drug store along with other business places.

Industry had a part in growth of Fairview as well. The Gedney Pickle Company was established there in 1925 and a creamery and cheese plant in 1924. Blue Rock Products also started in Fairview in 1913.

# Three Buttes

By Alice M. Prevost and Lester Putnam with material furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Prevost and Kent Anderson, and material previously written by Mrs. Herb Hier, deceased

At one time buffalo roamed this area freely. Indians camped along its creeks and draws. The Three Buttes have always stood out as a landmark. In the early days, the buttes were used as a lookout by the Indians, government surveyors, artists and homesteaders. The school, post office, clubs and graveyard were named for this distinctive landmark.

When there was no priest or minister available for young couples wishing to be married, they traveled by buggy or wagon to Williston, North Dakota or some similar place for the

occasion.

These were the days of the days of the country doctor. Dr. Armour made home visits as early as 1913, traveling by buggy, or one of the homesteaders would go fetch him. Before 1913, babies were delivered by Mrs. Taylor who would come into the home and take over.

The best remembered club of this time was the Three Buttes 4-H Club. The leader was Harold F. DePew.

The first of the Three Buttes schools to be organized was District 28, called Three Buttes School. In the spring of 1908, the men in the community built a school where the present school now stands.

Between 1907 and 1914, the neighboring schools were built; Crippen School, Nevins School, Twin Buttes (sometimes called Lake), Pleas-

ant View (sometimes called Roberts) and the Plain View (sometimes called Williams).

The first post office at Three Buttes was opened November 8, 1904 with James W. MacKenzie as postmaster.

# Four Mile

By Em Herriot, Carl Helm and Ella Anderson

The Four Mile Church was established in 1906. The Ladies Aid was organized March 26, 1906 at a meeting held in the Helm home with Mrs. John Helm as the first president.

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1999: Construction began on the "back nine". The additional holes were open to play in the fall of 2000.

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The Sidney Country Club has thrived because of community support. Several fundraising tournaments are hosted each year including the Foundation for Community Care, Speed the Light, API, Chamber Ag Appreciation, Sidney Scramble & Gleason Haralson. Volunteers continue to help with the course, most notably in the spring & fall when people from all over the county come to take the covers off the greens & put them back on. The Fringe is also unique in that it welcomes the public to come and dine.

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# Girard

By Charles and Ruby Daniels, Dalma Albin, Camilla Anderson and Hulda Kopp

The Girard Post Office originated in about 1907 and was located on the William Pinkly farm, about one-half mile north and quarter of a mile west of the present Raymond Franz farm. Mrs. Pinkly was the first postmistress. The post office took its name from Girard Butte which was about two miles southwest of the Pinkly farm. The story goes that the butte was named after Girard Whistler, an army officer of Fort Buford.

In the spring of 1928, Ruby Daniels, was appointed postmistress. At that time the post office and store were relocated in a small building on the

Charles Daniels farm. In 1929 her mother, Mattie Esler, came from Princeton, Minnesota to help with our work. She was made assistant postmistress and took over the care of the post office and store until she returned to Minnesota in 1939. In 1942 Girard Post Office was discontinued.

Those waiting for the mail liked to pass the time visiting, eating peanuts, and throwing peanut shells at the old dish pan that kept the ashes from falling on the floor beneath the stove. Groceries were ordered from a Bismarck Grocery Company wholesale firm in Sidney and the mailman would haul them out for a small fee.

Gasoline was sold from a gas pump furnished by

the company from which we bought the gas, first Burleigh and Kincaid and later, Litening Gas. Gas truck drivers were O.L. Chapman, Gussie Obergfell, Einar Rasmussen and maybe others.

For years after Daniels' discontinued the store and post office, people still considered Girard the halfway point to Sidney where they could always get gas or stay overnight in emergencies. Many still stopped to get water, as they were lucky to have one of the best water wells in the area. Even though the store and post office had ended, the community spirit which they had created had not.



## Girard Hall to Celebrate Centennial this Fall

Girard Hall is one of the few remaining community halls in Richland County still in use. Located 17 miles west of Fairview on Highway 201, the hall will celebrate its centennial this year with a community dance in September. The Girard Hall Association maintains the hall and activities include dances, showers, meetings, funeral lunches and more.

From Courage Enough: The fall of 1913 and early 1914 a group of homesteaders held a few meetings at different homes to make plans for a

new community hall that could be used for dancing, church, school programs and other functions.

Harold "Bud" Meisenbach donated the ground on his homestead. The men sold shares to business men in surrounding towns to acquire enough money for the lumber and cement. Harry Norton furnished the gravel and sand for the foundation.

The men of the community donated their work as carpenters and helpers. The main carpenters were Jack and George (Dud) Daniels,

August Baumann and Jim McConnell.

The amount of work or material each donated was divided into the shares each owned.

The grand opening was in June, 1914. Two bands donated the music. Len Gardner's from Fairview and another band from Sidney. A food stand was set up in the yard and 500 people attended this function from 9 o'clock Saturday evening until 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

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Building at extreme right was a hotel, next building to the left was Carter's Restaurant, large building on opposite side of street was Baardson hall, barn in foreground was Luchsinger Feed and Sale Barn, long white building at upper left was Luchsinger's drug store and to the left of the drug store is Burgess Garage. House on hill, Luchsinger's. Dark spot in background is the old jail building.

## Lambert

**By Geraldine Backes, Kay Glodowski and Elsie Grow**

In the fall of 1909 an influx of people came to the Fox Lake area to homestead on government land. Some frame houses were built as early as 1909. Leo Prevost came here from Quebec, Canada in 1911 and built a four-room house two miles east of Lambert. The Cummings home was the first house which consisted of two stories, with one room on each floor.

The post office of Fox Lake was established in 1911 in the home of L.C. Cummings. Mrs. L.C. Cummings was instrumental in opening the first school with Florence Cravath as teacher.

It was in 1913 a site was surveyed for the town of Lambert. In the fall of the year many of the buildings of Fox Lake community were moved to the present townsite of Lambert. It was built up over the winter months and was a full-fledged town by the spring

of 1914.

The town of Lambert was named after an official of the railroad company. It was a railhead for a number of years thereafter, and during that period became the world's largest grain shipping point, with four elevators and a number of track buyers.

A remembered daily passenger train known as the "Gallopig Goose," operated between Williston, North Dakota, Fairview and Richey, Montana, made its final run February 20, 1959 after 27 years of service.

The first grain elevator built in Lambert was constructed by the Occident Elevator Company in the spring of 1914.

The first wedding in Lambert was that of Alice Cummings and Verne Stoker on June 30, 1913.

Richland County was founded from Dawson County in 1914. A spirited election and hotly contested battle followed

to decide on the county seat. Lambert lost the county seat to Sidney.

After Richland County was organized a fellow by the name of Kronkright was elected county commissioner. He was instrumental in building the cement jailhouse that still stands in slough east of Lambert. They built a dike or levy across the water from the southern hill to the jail house in order to get there when water was high. The dike is not visible today because it wasn't built high enough and was washed out. The jailhouse was used very little; usually as a drying out place for drunkards. The story is told that a drunk was imprisoned and became angry. He proceeded to burn the blankets, burned the wooden door and broke the bars on the windows. This incident terminated the use of the local jug. A very flimsy jail was built behind the fire hall shortly after but did not prove useful.

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# Savage

STREET SCENE SAVAGE MONT. O. A. BELL PHOTO.

Savage about 1912.

**By Vera Brown Darnell and Arthur S. Hall**  
A railroad man from Billings, Montana by the name of Savage came down the valley and spotted a bit of prairie which he thought was an ideal spot for a town. He may have been Patrick B. Savage who proved up on a homestead in Section 20, Township 27, Range 56 on April 21, 1913. He bought the land and the town started March 3, 1910.

Homesteaders were rapidly settling the area. The main canal was completed in 1909 and water turned on in 1910.

Emma Jeffries was the first telephone operator. She owned the Candy Kitchen and was sister of Mrs. Frissell who had the post office and put out a newspaper known as the Savage Star. The interested men of the community built the first church, Presbyterian, and it was organized August 21, 1910. In 1923 parishes in the state were exchanged in order to be near a church of the same denomination and Savage Presbyterian changed to the Congregational conference and is served by pastors from the Sidney People's Congregational Church.

The first Richland County officers from Savage were: M.L. Hoffstos, county assessor, Herbert Hoar, county attorney, W.B. Gibbs, county commissioner, George Arkle, sheriff and W. S. Southwick, representative. The Lutheran Church was organized in 1915 and building complete by 1920. The Catholic Church was built in 1916.



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# Mona

By Dorothy Freeman and Mrs. Harold Martin

More settlers were coming in and people realized that a school was needed. There was a German man by the name of Henry Elm in the community who was instrumental in the founding of many of the school districts. He had belonged to German nobility but because of a birthmark on his face, his family was ashamed of him and thought it was a disgrace to have him around. This sent him to school away from home as much as they could. This was an advantage to him as he got a good education. He left home and went to South America where he decided to raise ducks for a livelihood. He laughed when he told this story because his ducks all turned out to be drakes. He was interested in young people and in their education. Although he is gone, his work goes on as he planned his estate to help churches and community projects and to give scholarships to worthy students. The first Mona School was in the Holt home with Marjorie Miller as teacher.

Someone donated land, some did the hauling of supplies then everyone pitched in and helped build the Mona Hall.

We used the hall for church, Sunday school, dances and public school. We also had Mona Literature and Debating Society, a Little German Band and very good dance orchestra.

In 1914 Richland County was formed. There was the business of school districts, roads, and candidates for the new county. The Mona hall was where many meetings and rallies were held. We elected Henry Miller county commissioner, an office he held for many years.

# Sears-Midway Crane

By Vera Brown Darnall

Sears was a small town located east of the stage road about one-half mile and north of Sears Creek. The present highway follows the old stage road. The town was located on the site of the home of the late Fred Peterson.

Sears grew fast and died fast when the railroad went through approximately one-half mile east and below the hill. The first train went through to Sidney in 1912.

The Sears Schoolhouse was cut in two and upper floor was moved about one and one-half miles south where the main road intersected the railroad tracks. It was graded and named the Washington School. A boxcar was put at the crossing to protect passengers boarding the daily train to and from Sidney as well as for cans of cream being shipped. Albert Hoffman had bought land there and donated the space for the school yard. Since there was another station in Montana named Midway this one was named Hoffmanville and the community was named Midway since it was about halfway between Savage and Crane.

# Manrock

Manrock too, had visions in those early days. It was originally platted in four blocks but abandoned in 1963. It lies a few miles west of Lane and was named after odd rock formations nearby.

# Mount Pleasant

Our community which is now Mount Pleasant, had its first people set foot on it in 1891. The first settlers were Pete Quilling, Ralph Blair, Ally McChesney, Frank Delamore and Frank Young.

Pete Quilling was the first to plow the land.

In the years 1921 more settlers moved in and by this time there were enough children for a school. The first school was held in Ally McChesney's house for three months. The building that Mr. McChesney was going to tear down was moved to an acre of land that Sarah McChesney sold for 60 dollars. The sight for the schoolhouse was chosen here because it is the center of Mount Pleasant. The school was named Mount Pleasant District 34.

# Lane

The Great Northern Railroad, Richey Branch, reached as far as the small community of Lane in 1916. Mrs. Thompson Kemmis was the first postmistress. There was a general store, restaurant, mechanic shop, and elevators. The townsite consisted of eight blocks and was not abandoned until 1963.



Crane, looking west. (L-R) Yellowstone Mercantile Company store, dark building is Chris Sorenson's blacksmith shop, barn is Pratt's livery stable and lumber yard is Matt Rooney's.



Yellowstone Mercantile Company general store, Crane.

By Merrit Hull as told to Dorothy Hartl Bradley

When the railroad was started in 1910 it missed some of the small towns. One of these was Sears, which was located about halfway between Crane and Savage. The railroad missed this town by about a mile, so Crane and Savage were started. The business places moved both ways. Some larger concerns started places in both towns.

The first church was built in 1914. It was a basement church. The new church was built in 1928.

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Jeanette, Rita, Hazel, Lola & Orvald Norgaard, 1956



(Right): Book Loft & Homestead - 1977 - 2006



(Left): Arnie & Lola accept the Montana Beefbacker Award



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The first steam engine in the Charley Creek area, owned by Clive Bixby, being moved through the badlands from Armstrong ranch on Gumbo Flats to Bailey Fisher's on Charley Creek, 1910. (L-R) Ed Culwell, Bailey Fisher, Ed Kennedy, Chris Kaul with rock, Clive Bixby on engine and T.T. Armstrong in lead.

# Charley Tokna Creek

By Susie Schmitz Kallen

If you look at an old map of the Richland County area, you'll find a creek called the Elk Horn Creek but if you look at a present day map of the same area, that creek is called Charley Creek.

The first school in this section of the county was in 1902, District 17 on the Gumbo Flats.

The first 4-H club "The Charley Creek Jolly Bunch" was organized on the creek in 1927.

In June, 1884 a petition was signed by G.F. Grant, E. Dunlap and others and presented by J.H. Ray, county superintendent, to the Dawson County Commissioners which created School District Seven, a large school district with its center at Tokna. The district boundary began at a point where Range 57 East crosses the Yellowstone River at Burns, thence in a northwesterly direction to the Indian reservation (now no more), east to the Newlon School District Four and followed the district line south and east to the Yellowstone River which it followed to the point of starting.

News from Tokna, April 9, 1894 states: Rev. W. D. Kemmis preached at the Excelsior schoolhouse Friday evening. A good congregation considering the bad roads and dark night. At the annual school election 14 votes were cast J.J. Golden and Lossie Dawe were elected trustees for the terms of three and two years. The area post office had been in different homes and named according to the whim of the postmaster. Mrs. Emmet Dunlap had been postmistress a few years before she died in 1888 and sent the name of her daughter, Tokua", as the name of the post office. The name "Tokua" was written so Washington, D.C. read it as "Tokna" and Mrs. Dunlap accepted the name.

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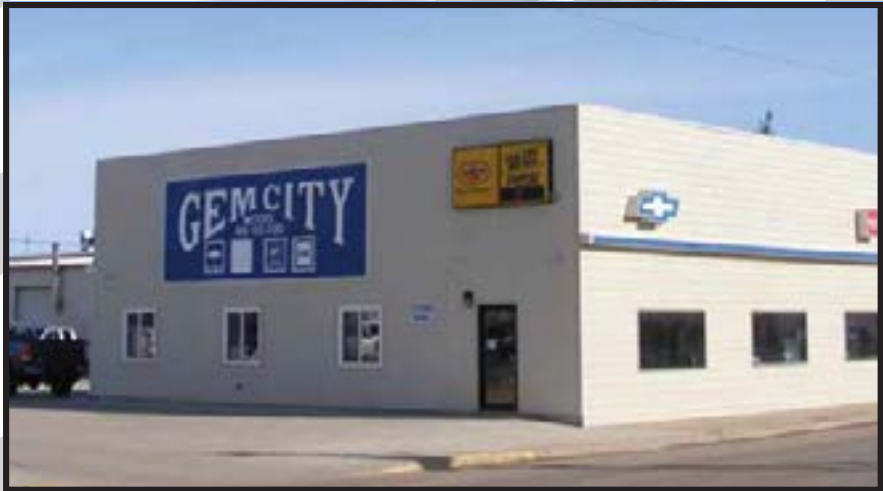
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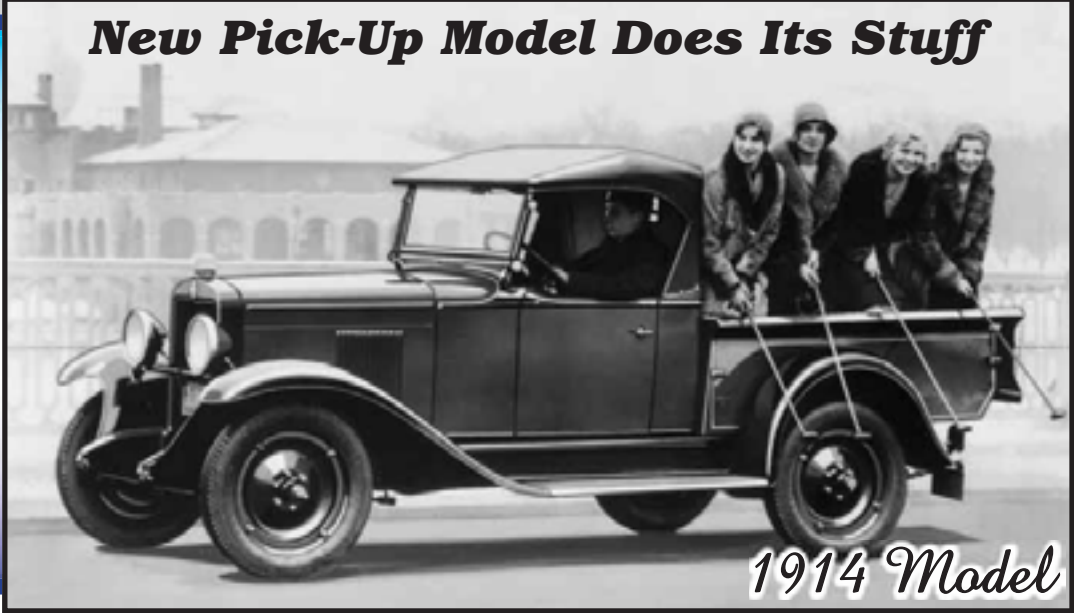


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