Watford City Heritage Day Sept. 16

By Katelyn Sponheim
Watford City will be hosting their 23rd Annual Heritage Day Sept. 16. Events will be held at the Watford City Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City. The day will start at 11 a.m. with opening ceremonies and food services starting immediately. They will be selling BBQ burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, and hot dogs. There will be several other food and goody vendors, and have openers for additional vendors should they be interested.

At 12:20 p.m., the educational entertainment will begin with an old-time school room teaching a class. A hay ride, sawmill and shingle mill demonstration will follow at 1 p.m. The thrilling machine demonstration, then a stationary hay bale will have a corn toss into the straw for the afternoon children. The blacksmith demonstration, costume vendors and games will last throughout the day.

A cake walk, followed by a pie eating contest will start at 3 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., they will announce the silent auction winners, and end the day out at 5 p.m. with a closing ceremony. The Watford City Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum is open Memorial Day-Labor Day, and available to rent for parties and special events. Their hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m.

By Robyn Heck
The annual Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention will be on Saturday, Sept. 17, in Watford City at 10 a.m., then the walk will take place at the fairgrounds starting at 11 a.m., or when all walkers return. There will be a mechanical bull, live, and silent auctions. There will also be a memorial board where you can remember someone who lost their life to suicide.

The committee would like to thank those who participated in the western campaign at Reynolds Market.

Barn Dance Fundraiser Sept. 16
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For more information or to donate items for the live auction and silent auctions, contact Martha’s Place at (406) 433-3306. For more information, visit www.marthasplace.org.

Submitted by

Jill Dostert Wagner
“The Odyssey” follows the journey of Odysseus as he encounters Cyclops, sirens, and more on his 10-year voyage home after the Trojan War. O’Dwyer’s adaptation condenses this sprawling tale into a fast-paced, slapstick comedy performed by a small ensemble of three actors playing dozens of characters. Through imaginative storytelling and physical comedy, the play captures the poetry and hilarity of the original work while making it accessible to modern audiences. Every fall, the Montana Repertory Theatre, a professional theatre company in residence at the University of Montana’s School of Theatre and Dance, Missoula, MT, tour a short play and accompanying workshop to schools across Montana. The Northeastern Arts Net- work is proud to host this performance which is perfect for the entire family.

This play will be held at the MoJC/Barn Dance Center, Sidney, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 14. Tickets can be purchased at the door: $20/Adult, $18/Student, $15/Senior. Tickets can also be purchased for the Big Sky Concert Series. For concert information contact Leann 406-480-1584 or all 406- 498-1504. The Big Sky Series is made possible in part by the Montana Performing Arts Consortium Presenter De- velopment Program which is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Montana Arts Council, and a legislative grant from Montana’s Cultural Trust.

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Twyla “Sandy” Ler, 93, Sageville, MT, passed away at the Sidney Health Center, Extended Care Facility on Friday, Aug. 30, 2023, of com- plications from pneumonia. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Chapel, Church, Sageville MT, with Rev. Thos. McGarragh officiating. A lunch will immediately follow in the church basement.

Funeral Services Home, Sageville, MT, and the family, are in charge of arrangements, combina- tions, and prov- ices may be mailed to the family at 517 S. 8th St, Watford City, ND 58854.

Our mother was born on the Aberdeen farm four miles south of Flatsome, ND, on March 10, 1930. She was the chil- dren of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Johansen) Albertson. Our mother was a very dedicated and hard-working farm wife. She was a member of the farm family and had many responsibilities. She was a very loving and caring mother of eight children. She raised a large family and was very proud of all of them.

Our mother was a very active and loyal member of many organizations. She was a member of the Eastern Star, a member of the Fairview Cemetery Board, and a member of the Fairview Cemetery Memorial Fund. She was also a member of the MonDak Heritage Center, was active in Senior Citizens at the MonDak Heritage Center, and was active in Senior Citizens at the MonDak Heritage Center. She was a member of the MonDak Heritage Center, was active in Senior Citizens at the MonDak Heritage Center. She was a member of the MonDak Heritage Center, was active in Senior Citizens at the MonDak Heritage Center.

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Sidney Eagles help out at the Larry Lynde benefit.

By Robin Heck

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30 Days Of Beef Happening All Month Long

By Jayne Mozans
On Friday, Sept. 1, the 3rd Annual 30 Days of Beef raffle started. The raffle of anything beat will continue throughout the month of September with at least a single grand prize every day and two raffles every day of the last week. Sales for the tickets will begin throughout September and two tickets can be purchased for $10 and $100 worth will put the purchaser in the $100 club.

There will be several cuts of meat, meat bundles, grills, grilling and smoking tools, beef basket, gift cards to both Sidney grocery stores, and South 40. The Depot, Pizza House, Miller's Kitchen, and Urban Handmade aprons. Raffle tickets are sold only for one day so if you miss them there will be another chance to win.

The raffle is a fundraiser to help promote the newly formed beef of Blackstone Grill. The 30 Days of Beef started in August and will continue throughout the month of September with at least a single grand prize and two raffles every day of the last week.

The 30 Days Of Beef

Flu Myths...Busted!

Submitted by Stephanie Ler, RS, MPH Richland County Health Department Environmental Health Director

There are so many myths about the flu and the flu shot all over the internet, so in preparation for the Drive Thru Mass Flu Shot Clinic at the Richland County Fair on Thursday, Sept. 28, we’ve busted a few myths wide open.

Many people claim they avoid the flu shot because it makes them sick. However, the flu vaccine contains inactivated virus, which means that once it is in your body, your immune system can learn to respond to components of the virus so if you should come across the real flu virus, your body will be prepared. Because vaccines are designed to evoke an immune response, it is common to have reactions like a fever or a slight fever, but these symptoms should last only 24 hours.

Flu vaccines are offered during your vaccination visit, explain potential risks and reactions. Some others say they don’t bother with the flu shot because it’s not effective. Though the vaccine isn’t 100% effective in avoiding the flu, it will help to avoid hospitalization or a contracting a virus. Of the 214 reported cases of flu during the last season in Richland County, 13 were reported to hospitalization or complications. Getting the annual flu shot nearly doubles your chances of avoiding the flu.

If you’re considering skipping the flu shot this year because you exercised and feel healthy, reconsider your decision. The flu virus doesn’t discriminate, and even healthy people can become infected. The flu virus can be spread when a sick person sneezes, coughs, or talks, or spread by touching surfaces. If someone is sick, many programs put on by Medicare and Medicaid will be given during the clinic. No COVID-19 vaccine will be given at the clinic. An appointment is needed. Flu shots cannot create the flu virus. The vaccine cannot spread to animals in their vehicles. Children can be vaccinated in the waiting, but may not receive other vaccines as well. The flu shot is recommended for all adults, and kids in their after-school programs, the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County. Medicaid and Medicare will be given during the clinic. No COVID-19 vaccine will be given during the clinic.

Flu shots are available for those seven and older at the Richland County Health Department during normal clinic hours by appointment. From 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Richland County Fairgrounds. The drive-thru clinic will be held for the chance to win tickets to the Richland County Fair on Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. From 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Richland County has held its annual drive-thru flu shot clinic at the Richland County Fair in Sidney on Thursday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Drive-Thru Clinic will offer free vaccines to adults only, and offers both regular and high-dose flu shots. No other shots will be given during the clinic.

All persons are required to have proper identification to obtain a flu shot. Please visit www.usahockey.com/registration to obtain this number. First time skaters also must upload their birth certificate and insurance information to complete the Richland Youth Hockey registration. Registration is not available for players during our equipment rental days. Contact Tim Averett with any registration questions at 406-480-1550. Visit www.richlandrangers.org to register.

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OBITUARIES
Ruth Lawrence, 101
Regina, Canada formerly of Savage, MT

Celebration of Life services for Ruth Lawrence, 101, Regina, Canada formerly of Savage, MT, will be on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Yellowstone Community Church, Savage MT, with Pastor Michael Cosan and Pastor Ruth Hart officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Fulkerson-Stevenon Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Ruth passed away quietly at the age of 101. We greatly miss her already and celebrate her wonderful life which radiated kindness, peace, and trust in God. She was born at home in Toronto, Ontario on June 19, 1922, received her education in Toronto and worked with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Ruth was preceded by her beloved husband James in 2008; their parents Tom and Margaret Davidson; her sister Jean and brother-in-law Jim Kennedy; her sister Grace and brother-in-law Cliff Taylor; her sister-in-law Michael Matthew and her sister-in-law Sylvia Lawrence. She is lovingly remembered by her children: Carolyn (Brian) Armitage, Regina, Saskatchewan, Sharon (Michael) Cosan, East Carlton, LT and David (Tracy) Lawrence of Savage, MT; grandchildren: Jonathan Armitage, Craig Armitage, Arin Armitage, Sherron (Lukel Braun), Melissa (Mike) Isaac; Sharan (Delaney) Cowan; Rachelle (Daniel) Sparks, Derek (Angie) Lawrence and Daniel (Kathleen) Lawrence; 25 great grandchildren; brother-in-law Andrew Sparks, Derek (Angie) Lawrance and Daniel (Kathleen) Lawrence; and many well-loved nephews and nieces.Visiting will be on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Yellowstone Community Church, Savage, MT.

We Want Your Hunting Photos
If you have bow or rifle hunting photos or bird hunting photos and would like to have them published in the Roundup Hunt Editions please send them to info@roundupweb.com.

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HERITAGE PAR

23RD ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY
SAT, SEPT 16 • 11AM - 5PM

11am - Opening Ceremony
11:30am - Food Serving Begins
12:30pm - Old Time School
1pm - Sawmill & Shingle mills
2pm - Trashing Show
2:45pm - Bailing & Coin Scramble
3pm - Cake Walk
4pm - Pie-Eating Contest
4:30pm - Silent Auction
5pm - Closing Ceremony

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12:15-12:55 PM ………… Pep Assembly
2:30 PM ………… JV/V Volleyball
3:20 PM ………… JV Football
4:30 PM ………… V Football
7:00 PM ………… V Football
8:00 PM-Midnight ………… Homecoming Dance

R&L Volleyball
Back Row (L-R): Isabella Carter, Jade Robbins, Lauren Vialli, Lina Smith, Izabella Carter, Jade Robbins, Meroun Hilal, Lina Smith, Lauren Prevost.
2nd Row (L-R): Ashlyn Sattler, Jayla Huft, Addison Foss, Brooke Spinner, Jacqueline Barnhart, Head Coach Shasta Senner.
Front Row (L-R): Manager Taylor Goosen, Brooke Lien, Maria Barnes, Gracelyn Gonsioroski, Manager Kyle Feidtman, Assistant Coach Amelia Pust

R&L Football
Middle Row (L-R): Head Coach Jim Miller, Malik Boufenara, Corbin Mullin, Sage Spinner, Becca Mulh, Head Coach Shasta Senner.
Front Row (L-R): James Head, Quaid Marshall, Curtis Mullin, Koltyn Mullin, Cade Verschoot

Richey Homecoming
Royalty (L-R): Kyla Pattinasarany, Taylor Goosen, Ryan Eggert, Kiera Strohm

Lambert Homecoming
Royalty (L-R): Shaelyn Williams, Sage Spinner, Austin Lien, Corbin Mullin, Becca Mulh, Jerome Hughes, Lauren Prevost, Gracelyn Gonsioroski. Not present: Halley Mullin & Landin Ligon

Richey Cross Country
Back Row (L-R): Bryne Hill, Izak Veverka, Travis Batchelor, Tsai-Yen Wu.
Middle Row (L-R): Kristin Rozicova, Jamin Smith, Quetzal Marquina, Farah Haj Hasan.
Front Row (L-R): Head Coach Karlene Young, Cameron Keller, Jacob Head, Tucker Kelly, Liam Keller, Assistant Coach Nathan Overby

THE END
By Jaymi Mozeak

In September, NSDA members are invited to “come home” to the orga-
nization’s birthplace for business, meetings and celebration. The 94th Annual Convention & Trade Show will be held Sept. 28-30 in Watford City. The event will feature an educational se-
ries, informational speakers, policy-development ses-
sions, business, networking and fun. This year, the NSDA will host the largest trade show in their history, featuring 64 booths.

During policy meetings members will discuss and debate policy issues and learn from industry experts that will be holding policy-development sessions, business, networking and fun.

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James Dean McRae was an instant to be born and came a month early on May 25, 1960, to Patricia (Boyer) Sather and Frank McRae in Sidney, MT. He was the easiest baby to raise and always content. Jimmy Dean grew up surrounded by a large family which included his siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, many cousins, and lifelong friends. He attended school in Sidney & Savage where he participated in wrestling, football, and boxing.

James Dean McRae was anxious to be born and it was so important to take care of his family and he worked hard to be able to do so. Due to getting injured in the oil field, he started trucking. After the sudden passing of the love of his life, he cherished his wife Brenda, he moved to Sidney to help his mother with her recovery from an acci- dent and was able to find employment with Sidney Sugars, carrying on the legacy of Boyer men working in the sugar beet industry. Once the factory closed, he found employment with Border Steel.

Jim passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, in Sidney, MT. We will all miss him and his hugs – he gave the best hugs ever.

Jim is survived by his children – daughter, Savanha McRae and granddaughter, Jayce; son, Seaver McRae (Chantel); grandchildren Dylon, Dylan, and Jordan; granddaughter Keara, mother Pat Sather; Jeanmarie Bilt McRae; siblings Frances McRae (Todd), Colleen Omell, Gene McRae, Thomas Sather (Jessica), Glenn McRae (Mary); nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family has so many memories with Dad. Seaver’s favorites included Lake De Smet and Elitch Gardens Theme Park. Savanha remembers Mom and Dad’s first trip without the kids and wasn’t sure if they would come back – but of one between soulmates.

Known as “everyone’s favorite nephew,” Jim, James, Jimmy Dean – he was known to everyone as a jokester and never a stranger to any, for long. By the end of any conver- sation upon meeting a new face, he walked away with a new friend. He trusted God, loved the outdoors (especially fishing & camping with his family), and his moose of a dog, Sisera. He was his own man, even as a child, was soft hearted, and as a child didn’t like his picture taken. He loved getting together with family and friends. He was always searching for something to eat and kept his eye on Grandma Buyer’s ice cream or, hoping there was a treat inside – his favorite was her No-Bakes. But the most important thing in his life was his wife, son, daughter, and grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Sidney, MT at the Full- span Funeral Home chapel on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, at 3 p.m. James Dean McRae will be laid to rest next to his wife, Brenda, in Gillette, WY, at a later date.

2023 Out of the Darkness Eastern Montana Walk Saturday, September 16 Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney Check-In: 9am • Opening Ceremony: 10am • Walk Starts: 10:15am Closing Ceremony: 11:15am • Walk Ends: 1pm

(Pictured L-R) Corben Holler, Aren Larson, Cooper McNally, and Abby Schilling were just a few volunteers who helped put on the Out of the Darkness Eastern Montana Walk on Sept. 17, 2022 in Veterans Memorial Park (photo by Jaymi Mozeak).
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Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken Tenderloin, Butternut Squash, Green Beans, Salad Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: French Onion Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tater Tots, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Tacos in a Bag, Fresh Fries, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Parmesan, Free Rice, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Taco Salad, Fresh Fries, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Ham Sandwiches, Chips, Veggies, Fruit, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken Breast, Fries, Salad bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Biscuits and Gravy, Sausage, Green Beans, Salad Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Tuna Salad, Hummus, Carrots, Green Beans, Salad Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken, Veggie Stir-Fry, Rice, Salad Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken, Sides, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken Tacos, Fresh Fries, Fresh Garden Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Chicken Fajitas, Veggies, Rice, Salad Bar.

Mon., Sept. 18: Turkey Dinner, Stuffing, Green Beans, Salad Bar.

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Make Plans To Meet In Watford City for Wild West Weekend!

Submitted by Sheri Veeder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director

The McKenzie County Cowboy Poetry Gathering is host- ing the 2023 North Dakota Rodeo Association Finals on Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23 indoors at the new McKenzie Coun ty Ag Expo, Watford City, ND. With these rounds of rodeo, western art and vendor shows, a Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Kids Rodeo, ve eder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation, mechanical bull riding and two nights of rodeo dancing, there will be fun for the entire family to enjoy!

The Western Art and Vendor Show kicks off the weekend on Friday, Sept. 22 from 6-8 p.m. in the Ag Expo’s exhibit hall. See over 20 western artists and vendors specializing in unique and original art from across the region. Explore large and small scale paint- ings, glass, leather, wood working, hats, ropes, boots, boutique clothing, jewelry and more.

Right across the first round of the NODA Fu nds, the show’s best cowboys and cowgirls compete in bronc and bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, calf roping, barrel racing, bull riding and more. The High School Cowboys Wild Horse Ride in memory of City Helper’s a must see at all three rodeos. Make sure you bring the kids for the horse race!

After the rodeo, West ern Montana’s own cowboy country band, Sam and the Platters, will be set up all the dance floor in the exhibit hall both Fri- day and Saturday night. The band has been regular performer at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, NV and specializes in western dance mu sic and cowboy country and standards. Sam and the Platters will host variety of local musicians performing.

Bring your skills on the mechanical bull. A cash bar and concessions(s including cheeseburgers, fries and sodas) will be available both evenings.

On Saturday grab your blanket at the Ag Expo at the Flannel and Frappé Cowboy Breakfast benefiting a local charity. Contestants will be available at the breakfast for meet and great and autograph signing.

The Western Art and Vendor Show continues in the exhibition hall on Sat- urday from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. with art demonstrations and classes scheduled throughout the day. Bring your lap tops to the Cowboy Boot camp and learn how to dress like a cowboy, saddle a horse, ride the bobbing but roping and repair. Local musicians will entertain as well.

The Long X Arts Foun dation will be offering a free Cowboy Poetry Gathering all day and hosts the Cowboy Poetry Gathering at 3 p.m. on the stage in the exhibition hall. Featured entertainers include North Dakota Poster Laureate, De nee Lassiter and Long X National Cowboy Poetry Gathering regular singer songwriter, Sam Platts, Montana based host/producer DW Grothe, Medora cowboy poet, American Odermann and local musician, Jesse Veeder. The event, which will wrap up with area cow- boy, cowgirls, will feature stories, music and poetry that capture the life, humor and tribulations of working cowboys and cowgirls in the region.

The final round of ro deo will kick off at 7 p.m. in the indoor arena where the champion cowboys and cowgirls will be determined. The Wide Open Blue jeans and mechanical bull riding will be held.

Tickets to the rodeo are $20 for adults and can be purchased at the doors. Kids 12 and under are free.

National Farm Safety & Health Week

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, Ag News Wire

Bozeman, MT - “Agriculture continues to rank as one of the most dangerous sectors in this country,” according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This year’s dates are Sept. 17-23, with the theme “No One Can Take Your Place”. Priority populations in agriculture take center stage for this year’s National Farm Safety and Health Week. Farms and ranches are a wonderful place for children to grow up, but we all have a role in keeping young youth safe while they grow up with agriculture. Incidents happen most often when children are playing in agricultural work or are bystanders to ag work.

Learn more about rural road safety as well as other safe agricultural practices by tuning in to the daily free webinars hosted by the AgriSafe Network. To register and for more information on the webinars, visit agrisafe.org.

• Monday, Sept. 18: Traitor Safety & Rural Roadway Kids Road Safety (Webinars)
• Tuesday, Sept. 19: Farm Health (Webinars)
• Wednesday, Sept. 20: Priority Populations and Special Needs (Webinars)
• Thursday, Sept. 21: Confined Spaces in Agriculture (Webinars)
• Friday, Sept. 22: Brain Health

For more information regarding the Montana Ag Safety Program or task-specific safety visit www.mtsafety.gov or contact Dana Jansen at dana@mtagsafety.com or 406-850-9975.

The Western Art and Vendor Show and Cowboy Poetry Gathering are free to the public in part from the North Dakota Rodeo Council on the Arts and the Long X Arts Foundation.

Interested rodeo sponsors should contact Eva Hepper at 701-898-9801 or hepper ranch@gmail.com. Western Art Show and Cow boy Poetry sponsors contact the Long X Arts Foun dation at 701-722-8535 or email longxart@gmail.com.

To know more about the rodeo, performers, art- ists and vendors, commu nity specialties and schedule visit www.wccu.org.

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A Celebration of Life for Mackenzie Jade Hall, 21 Rocky Ford, CO, formerly of Fairview, MT, will be Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT with Pastor Timothy O’Shields officiating. A luncheon will follow the Celebration of Life at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT.

Mackenzie Jade Hall was born on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2003, in Denver, CO, to Kirstin (Flachser) and Richard Hall. She was the most beautiful Superbowl baby, and all so very loved. Her childhood summers were spent riding bike until she got her driver’s license, swimming, looking for her mom in the moon, laughing uncontrollably, vacationing to Texas to visit family in which she absolutely kicked out of riding around on the ATV. Mackenzie loved her Jeep so much she even changed her car license plate to honor the blue.

She cherished spending time with her family and friends. She looked forward to the summers when her cousins would go to visit her. She loved babysitting her cousin, Gabrielle. She was so proud of her accomplishments and was sure to let her know. They often bonded over each other’s completely made-up stories. One, in fact, was just to get out of her dad’s good cooking, even though they already had eaten lunch at home. Mackenzie said, “Sometimes my mom forgets to feed us. She can’t even cook anything.” Jaedyn was her head of administration. Gagga asked, “She doesn’t feed you?” Jaedyn said, “Yes, she cooks us.” Gagga asked, “Wag?” Mackenzie said, “I guess it’s ‘cause you’re single.”

Mackenzie was raised by Pastor Josh Magyar and Pastor George Karres at Zion Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, and confirmed in her faith by Pastor Robert Piero at Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT. Mackenzie’s 10-year-old self, while suffering from Bell’s Palsy, left us all words to say. “The night before my birthday, I’m going out there somewhere in the woods because I love God so much, just remember God absolutely will not give you any thing you can’t handle, because he loves you.” Mackenzie was called home to be with Jesus on Thursday, July 20, 2023, surrounded by her family. She will forever be loved and missed. Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the Lord, who formed you, you are Mine.”

Mackenzie is survived by her parents, Kirstin and Richard Hall; sisters, Rae’Ven and Jaedyn Hall; grandparents, Larry and Lorraine Halstead.

Surviving him are two daughters, Dena Prescott, Logan, UT; and Jamie Prescott, Sidney, MT; and great-grandchildren.

Delmer Dschaak
Funeral services for Delmer Dschaak, 91, Sidney, MT, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT. Pastor John Baslow officiating. Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Sunday, Sept. 10, from 5-7 p.m. in the church home and one hour before services at the church.

Delmer Dschaak was born in Fairview on Dec. 18, 1931, and attended Fairview schools. He married Delores Endel, at the local roller-skating rink, on Jan. 15, 1953. Delmer and Delores were happily united in marriage. Delmer serviced a小吃 store and was a member of the National Guard. He worked at a tire shop operated by Pela and George and George Dschaak. Delmer was never afraid of working hard, long hours. At the end of this shift at the D+S tire store, he went to work at Johnsons Hardware until he retired. In 1973, Delmer and Delores purchased Dairy Queen. In the early ‘80s during the first oil boom in Sidney, they looked bids at a great opportunity to sell. Delmer then went to work at Johnsons Hardware where he served a second post at the door of the store. Delmer passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, surrounded by his family. He will forever be loved and missed. Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the Lord, who formed you, you are Mine.”