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Fairview Warriors Football Advances to 8 Man State Championship Game



Fairview's Landen Thompson followed by Brody Bushnell, Jeff Tjelde, and Wyatt McPherson work to get in position to stop the ball. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Submitted

The Fairview Warriors stumbled out of the gate but regained their footing to punch their ticket to the state championship game beating Ft. Benton 48-12 on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 11.

Jeff Tjelde threw for 231 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Deacon Gackle had 7 catches for 121 yards and 3 touchdowns. Brock Schlothauer had 3 catches for 73 yards and a touchdown. He added 68 yards on 5 carries and another touchdown rushing. Wyatt McPherson and Tyler Loan added a rushing touchdown each.

Defensively, the Warriors were their typical hard-nosed selves flying all over the field making plays. Schlothauer, Gackle, and Tjelde each had an interception and Gavin Serafini caused a fumble that was recovered by Schlothauer. Fairview ran 41 plays for

369 yards and 7 touchdowns while keeping the Longhorns out of the end zone after their initial score until the last seconds of the game while the JV was getting playoff football experience.

The final score was 48-12. This is Fairview's fourth trip to the championship

game. They look to add to the 2019 title won at Rocky Mountain College against Superior.

The state championship game will be at Belt at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18,

Watford City Parade Of Lights Set For Nov. 24

By Jaymi Mozeak

Watford City Chamber of Commerce's Annual Parade of Lights will be lighting up the city Friday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m. This year, the parade will start at the old fairgrounds then turn west onto 4th and then turn onto Main St. The parade will end on Park Ave. and Main with fireworks.

There will no longer be candy thrown from the floats. Mary Gumke, Watford City chamber executive director said, "We want to make it safe for the kids." The panel of three judges is back to judge the floats and the prize will be a traveling trophy and \$150 to the winners in two categories; overall outstanding entry presenting and illustrating the parade theme, "Make It Merry" and overall outstanding entry presenting the best use of lights.

Gumke said, "My thought on the theme is whatever makes your holiday season merry."

Sidney's Christmas Stroll To Be Held Nov. 24

By Jaymi Mozeak

With Thanksgiving just around the bend and Christmas not too much further, one of the Sunrise city's most anticipated events is coming up soon. Sidney's Christmas Stroll marks the beginning of the Christmas season for residents of the small town and brings with it a lot of festive fun Nov. 24.

The stroll only spans half the day and begins with the Polar Plunge at 1 p.m. at city hall. Ribbon and Rail will be running the trains in their basement from 1 or 2 p.m. until the Parade of Lights reaches Main St. (Usually 7 p.m.) Skating with Santa will be from 2-3:30 p.m., at the Richland Rangers Hockey Arena. There will be a free showing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at Centre Theatre starting at 4 p.m.

The floats for the Parade of Lights will start to line up at the old Shopko parking lot at 5:30 p.m. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. and will go up Central Ave. The day ends at Centre Theatre with another free showing. The second movie will be "Santa Clause" and will start at 8 p.m.

Events and times may change. Contact the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce at 406-433-1916 or visit their Facebook page for updates.

MNAXLP

Seed Crushing Plant Offers New Possibilities

By Katelynn Sponheim

North Dakota leads the United States canola production, with Montana following in third place. Canola oil use extends far beyond the kitchen and includes farmed fish feed, especially salmon, and biodiesel. Omega 3 canola, a new and exciting breed is, per Nuseed's website "the world's first plant-based omega-3 and will help relieve the pressure on our oceans to supply this essential nutrient. One acre of omega-3 canola produces as much DHA as 10,000 one-kilogram fish. Nuseed is partnering with contract growers to supply aquafeed and nutrition markets." Currently, the closest seed-crushing plant for omega-3 canola is in Redwing MN. Mark Erickson, Buckshot Seeds co-owner, is hoping to change that.

Buckshot Seeds, a dealer of Gold Standard Seed, was awarded an APUC (Ag Products Utilization Commission) grant from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture to use towards a feasibility study. His goal is to determine if a seed-crushing plant would be successful in the western North Dakota, eastern Montana area. This would benefit canola and soybean producers, encouraging them and others to grow more of both. Sunflowers and safflower producers would possibly benefit from the plant as well, as the company interested in installing one would create a very versatile operation, capable of crushing multiple varieties.

The current goal of the plant is to process 75% canola and 25% soybeans. The resulting oils would be shipped, most likely by railcar, to countries that farm fish. Norway, Argentina, and Chile top that list, but with BNSF being a mostly East to West rail line, Norway would be the most likely recipient. With considerations to shipping needs, the proposed location is in the Marley Crossing area, near Trenton. Savage Industries Transload facility in that location would aid in transport, making the plant's success even more likely.

Seed crushing comes with a rich by-product, a meal that is high in fat and perfect for feeding out cattle and pigs. In an area rich in cattle producers, the plant would serve a dual purpose, both purchasing and providing product. Soybeans have already replaced sugar beets in many fields, and canola would be a strong contender with a crushing plant nearby. As Erickson said, "Farmers are pretty adaptable folk," and he feels the plant would make a strong positive impact on local growers and provide new employment positions. The feasibility study is due to be finished by Thanksgiving, and so far, response to the project has been favorable.



Canola field owned by VS Inc. (Submitted by Steinbeissers)



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One Year Ago1832.9
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 6.....	47	32	0.000
Nov. 7.....	57	34	0.000
Nov. 8.....	46	34	0.000
Nov. 9.....	38	21	0.000
Nov. 10.....	45	18	0.000
Nov. 11.....	51	22	0.000
Nov. 12.....	56	25	0.000
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation.....	13.454		

OBITUARIES

Jacob “Jack” Lorenz, 79 Fairview, MT

Funeral services were Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. A luncheon followed the service at the VFW Post 4099 in Sidney, MT. Visitation was Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, from 10 a.m-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT assisted the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures were shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Jacob “Jack” Lorenz

Jacob “Jack” Lorenz, 79, Fairview, MT peacefully passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home, Glendive, MT with family by his side.

Jack was born to Jake and Doris (Baumann) Lorenz on Jan. 29, 1944, in Portland, OR. Jack joined his older brother Gilbert and sister Patsy. His brothers Jim, Ken, and Jess, along with sisters Linda and Judy soon joined the family. He spent his childhood years in the Buford and Fairview area.

Jack joined the army in July, 1961. After completing his basic training, he was stationed in South Korea. Jack was a combat engineer during his tour in Korea. He talked a lot about his time in Seoul, South Korea, and the many times they blew up bridges and other structures. Jack received an honorable discharge and returned home after serving four years in the army.

In October, 1966, Jack married Ruth Deming in Fairview, MT. Jack and Ruth were blessed with three children, John, Rosa, and Char. After a tragic car accident took the lives of his sisters Patsy and Judy, Jack and Ruth took in Jack’s nephew, Louis Tornabeni. Jack loved and cared a great deal about Louis and always considered him a son. Jack and Ruth divorced in 1973. Shortly thereafter, Jack’s third daughter, Sheryl, was born.

In July, 1980, Jack married Dennise Ferrell in Sidney, MT after being a couple for 3 years. They were blessed to have had Lisa, Cathy, and David join their family. During this time, Jack worked in the oil field as a welder and owned his own welding truck. When the oil boom slowed, he drove water truck and continued to do mechanic work. He loved to ride motorcycles and they spent many years going to Sturgis, with their best friends Don Karst and Cindy Tyler (Nelson). Jack and Dennise divorced in 2005, after 28 years.

Jack then moved to Lemon, SD for several years before moving to Billings, MT to be closer to his sons after his health continued to worsen. This move also brought him closer to Summer Vanhook, Ruth’s youngest daughter, who was like a daughter to Jack and Dennise. Billings is where Jack met Jean Reuter and they soon became friends. They moved to Fairview to live together and were very happy together for the short time they had. Jean passed away in the fall of 2022. When Jack’s Parkinsons and dementia became worse, he became a resident at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, MT.

He was a “jack” of all trades. There wasn’t much that he hadn’t tried and that he couldn’t do. He owned his own mechanic shop in Fairview for a period of time. He also ran heavy equipment for Wayne Neu Construction. He loved driving truck over the road. He enjoyed traveling and seeing different areas of the country.

He is survived by his children John (Lynn) Lorenz of Glendive, MT, Char Lorenz of North Platte, NE, Sheryl Anderson of WA, Lisa Sundheim of Sidney, MT, Cathy Layton of Minot, ND, and David (Kelsie) Lorenz of Billings, MT; his brothers, Gilbert (Sally) Lorenz of Bismarck, ND, Kenneth (Jan) Lorenz of Bismarck, ND, Jesse (Pam) Lorenz of Wendell, ID, and Floyd Daniels of Paonia, CO; along with 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, who he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother Jake and Doris Lorenz; his sisters Patsy Johnson, Judy Lorenz, and Linda Dschaak; brother Jim Lorenz; daughter Rosana Lorenz; and grandson, Brandon Lorenz.

Jason Ryan Jacobson, 43 Sidney, MT

Jason Ryan Jacobson took his last breath, peacefully, in the arms of his wife, surrounded by family and love on Oct. 12, 2023.



Jason Ryan Jacobson

Jason was a force to be reckoned with, nothing held him back and every day he strived to be a better husband, father and man. His two greatest accomplishments, Tyson and Asher, were his absolute pride and joy. He cherished his time with them because he couldn’t always be there, physically, for them. He loved sharing his three greatest passions with them, football, working in the shop and art. Of course, we all know he was a die-hard ‘49ers fan and football was his religion. The love of the game and his team will be carried on by many close friends and family.

2015 was a life changing year, not only did he meet the love of his life, his wife Candace, but also found himself starting a new life as a paraplegic. Jason and Candace’s love was unconditional and soulful, with the only regret of not meeting sooner and loving each other longer.

Jason found a new passion in woodworking and created the most beautiful pieces with his bare hands and creative mind, particularly cutting boards. He named his business Lazy Legs Woodworking because of his witty humor and pride of who he was.

Jason was born in Sidney, MT, in September 1980 and thoroughly enjoyed everything that Montana offered, so much so that his wish was to become a tree that grows in the place he loved. In Spring 2024, his wish will be granted.

Jason was the epitome of strength, resilience and determination. His memory will forever be in our hearts and his soul will forever be with his wife.

Jason is now with his grandpa, Joe Quiroz, grandparents, Arvild & Leila Jacobson, and his beloved bulldog, Willis.

Jason is survived by his wife Candace, his two boys Tyson and Asher, two fur kids, grandma Dora, mother Rita and father Rolf, sister Jessica (AJ), aunts and uncles, two nieces and cousins.

On Friday, Nov.10, 2023, a celebration of life was held at the Elks Lodge, Sidney, MT, at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, a lake send off for Jason was held at Gartside. If you have memories with Jason here, at one of his favorite places, we welcome you to join. Weather permitting- Jason would be mad if we drove in bad weather.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Nov. 15
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Sean Chandler’s “The One Defined To Be No One” Exhibit** - Through Dec. 10. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Wed., Nov. 15 & 29
10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - Songs, fingerplays, stories & a craft. Sidney-Richland Co. Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW.

Thurs., Nov. 16
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - South 40 upstairs. RSVP by Nov. 15 call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.

1 p.m. - **Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Fairview School** - All senior citizens are invited to come to the Fairview School for Thanksgiving Dinner.

7 p.m. - **Big Sky Concert Series “Tom & Kalissa Landa Music Duo”** - A music combination of Celtic, Folk, Latin, Mexican, & Roots. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tickets sold at the door: Adults \$20; Senior \$18; Student: \$15 For concert info contact Leann 406-480-5594 or Jill 406-489-4304.

Fri., Nov. 17
3 p.m. - **Pokemon Party** - Show off your knowledge, learn an easy game & meet other trainers. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW.

Sat., Nov. 18
10 a.m. - **Silver Bells Craft & Vendor Show 2023** - Fairview High School, 713 S. Western Ave.
6-11 p.m. - **Sidney Volunteer Fire Department 2023 Fireman’s Ball** - Dancing & live music featuring “Plowed Under Band”. Live & silent auctions. Meal & entertainment included with admission. \$50 per person, \$500 for a table of eight. Richland Co. Event Center, 2118 W Holly St.

Mon., Nov. 20, 27
4 p.m. - **Lego Club** - For children in grades Kindergarten-5. Sidney-Richland Co. Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW.

Thurs., Nov. 24 - Downtown Sidney Happenings
1 p.m. - **Polar Plunge**; 2-3:30 p.m. - **Skating with Santa**; 4 p.m. - **“How the Grinch Stole Christmas”** Centre Theater; 6:30 p.m. - **Parade of Lights** - 8 p.m. - **“Santa Clause”** Centre Theatre.

Sat., Nov. 25
3 p.m. - **Fairview Festival of Trees & Wreaths** – Homemade soup & bread bar, pictures with Santa & the Grinch. cookies 3-5 p.m. Silent auction 3-6 p.m. Ugly sweater contest 6:15 p.m. Live auction 7 p.m. Call Marsha at 406-480-0349 or Laurie at 406-489-1094 to donate an item for auction. Waterhole #3, 416 S Ellery Ave., Fairview.

6 p.m. - **Holiday Gala Music on Main** - Featuring dueling pianos. Cocktail hour 6 p.m., show starts 7 p.m. Historical Yellowstone Mercantile building, Yellowstone Perc., 102 N. Central.

Tues., Nov. 28
5:30 p.m. - **Board of Directors of Learning Volunteers for Adults-Richland County Annual Meeting** - Regular board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. Meadowlark Brewing upstairs, 117 S. Central Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 30
Taxes due by 5 p.m. - **Richland Co. Treasurer Taxes Due Reminder** - 1st payment of the 2023 Real Property taxes and 2nd payment of the 2023 Mobile Home taxes are due. Payments & payment coupons may be mailed or brought to the Richland Co. Treasurer, 201 West Main, Sidney, MT 59270. Office hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. There is a payment drop box in the alley behind the Old Courthouse & credit card payments are accepted online at richland.org. Any late payments will be assessed penalty & interest charges. For more info call 406-433-1707.

6 p.m. - **It Takes A Community Fundraising Gala** - Speaker Jonathan Evans. Free admission. Meal at 6:30 p.m. Richland Co. Event Center, 2118 W Holly St. This event benefits Sunrise Women’s Clinic.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Sat., Nov. 18 & Dec. 16
10 a.m.-noon - **Art For Tots** - Ages 2-Kindergarten. Painting, weaving, coloring, drawing, clay & more! \$15 per kid. Long X Arts Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit longxarts.com or call 701-770-8659.

Sat., Nov. 18
4-8 p.m. - **Fairview Lighting of the Bridge** - Enjoy hot chocolate or coffee and a hot dog for a free will offering. New this year! Train rides, weather permitting. Fireworks at 6 p.m. Sundheim Park, East of Fairview.

Tues., Nov. 21
2-5 p.m. - **McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. Go to the McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times, & updates of food handouts. For questions or concerns, call First Lutheran Church 701-444-3244.

Fri., Nov. 24
6:30 p.m. - **Watford City Parade of Lights “Make It Merry”** - Parade followed by fireworks. 4th Ave. & Main St.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., Nov. 15, 22, 29
3:45 p.m. - **Chips & Chapters Book Club** - City of Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Dr. For more info call the library 701-774-8805.

Mon., Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4
7 p.m. - **Active Parenting First Five Years** - Video based discussion on ages, strategies & ways to encourage early learning. Free of charge to North Dakota residents. Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Dr. For more info contact Blanche Waggoner, 701-577-4595, blanche.waggoner@nds.u.edu.

Thurs., Nov. 23 - 6-7:30 p.m. with Rhonda & 8-9:30 p.m. with Emily - **Pedal for Pie** - A 90 minute ride designed to challenge your endurance & increase cardiovascular health. \$20 per rider, 2 different rides offered! 21+ only. Williston ARC, 822 18th St E. Preregister at www.willistonparks.com

8 a.m. - **Turkey Trot Fun Run** - 5K or 1 mile, costumes encouraged. Pre-registration online at www.willistonparks.com. Registration fee \$10, ages 4 & under free. Starts at the ARC, 822 18th St E. One-half of all proceeds will go to Christmas For Kids. For more info email michele@wprd.us.

Fri., Nov. 24
6 p.m. - **“Holiday Rocks” - Holiday Lights Parade** - From US Bank to Harmon Park. Post parade warm up at James Memorial Art Center, hot chocolate & cider, pictures with Santa, musical guests.

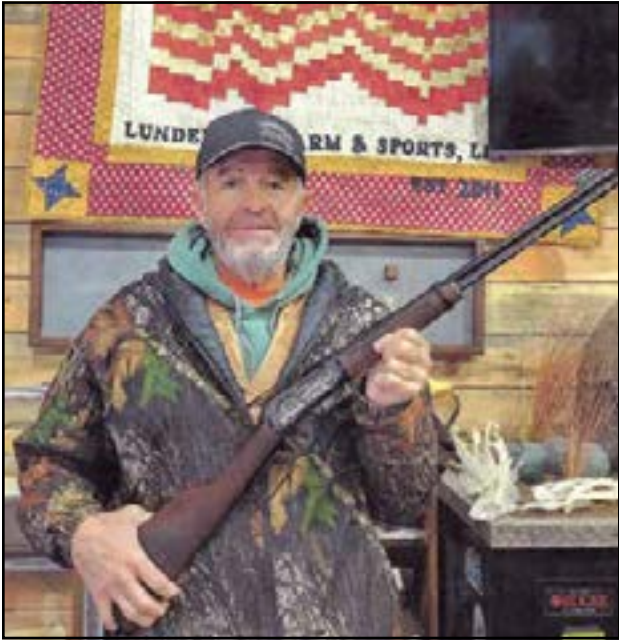
DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Sat., Nov. 19
3 p.m. - **Eastern Montana Concert Association 2023/24 Concert Series - “The Suits”** - A fusion of Doo Wop, Pop & Rock ‘N Roll. Dawson County High School auditorium, 900 N. Kendrick Ave. Tickets can be purchased online visit www.glendivecommunityconcerts.org, from any board member, or at the Glendive Chamber of Commerce, 808 N. Merrill Ave.

Thurs., Nov. 23
9 a.m.-11 a.m. - **2023 Glendive Turkey Trot 5K** - Shirt pickup & last minute \$35 registration will be 8-8:45 a.m. on Nov. 23 inside Makoshika Wellness Studio, 107 W. Bell. Participants are asked to bring 2 non-perishable items to be donated to the Dawson County Food Bank. For more info visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Glendive/2021GlendiveTurkeyTrot5k>.

Veteran’s Day Dinner at Sidney’s VFW



Pat Mathern won the Henry .22 Lever Action long rifle that was raffled off at the Veteran’s Day Dinner at Sidney’s VFW, Nov. 11. Dwayne Lundemo donated the gun and he wanted to thank Lundemo Fire Arms, Shorty’s Bar/Richey, Tap House/Sidney, Terry Sivertson, Farm Bureau Agent, Sidney Elks, and the VFW Lodge 4099 for helping to make this donation possible. (Photo submitted)



(Pictured L-R) Mallory Davidson, a Daisie, and Chloe Barbosa, a Brownie, in Girl Scout Troop 2433 helped to serve and pick up the plates at the Veteran’s Day Dinner at Sidney’s VFW, Nov. 11. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



Bill Henderson, VFW commander, spoke at the Veteran’s Day Dinner at Sidney’s VFW, Nov. 11, about his time in the service, the brotherhood of service members, and about encouraging young Americans to join the service. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

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Sunrise Women’s Clinic To Hold Christmas Gala Nov. 30

By Jaymi Mozeak
Johnathan Evans, son of Tony Evans, will be speaking at the Sunrise Women’s Clinic 13th Annual Christmas Gala fundraising banquet on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Richland County Event Center. The theme this year will be “It Takes A Community”.
There will be a silent auction, a live auction, live 4D ultrasound, and live Doppler of a 16-week pregnancy. Sidney locals, Smokin O’s catered by Harry Owczarek will be ready to deliver a delicious, hot meal. Besides a speaker, Johnathan Evans

is also the chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys. He is a former fullback for the Chargers, Titans, Bills, Texans, and Redskins. Evans will be delivering a powerful, highly motivating message based on his own life experience. Platinum, Diamond, and Gold level sponsors will be able to attend the Meet & Greet event which is back by popular demand from 5-5:45 p.m., before the gala. There will also be a separate event Friday morning, Dec. 1, Evans will be speaking in Sidney at an event geared more towards churches and teens, details to come.

Proceeds from this event will go towards resources for Sunrise Women’s Clinic’s new location. Besides the services they provided at their previous location, the clinic wants to offer mentoring, counseling, a grieve ministry, and an expanded baby boutique. Admission to the gala is free. For more information call Sunrise Women’s Clinic at 406-433-7772 or stop by at their new location: 203 14th St. SE in Sidney. The Richland County Event Center is located at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 2118 W. Holly St. in Sidney.

The Lower Yellowstone Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. Toy Drive Begins

The Lower Yellowstone Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of Montana is a nonprofit organization promoting motorcycle education, safety and awareness. This organization is involved in various community activities.
As the holiday season approaches, they are looking forward to their 29th annual toy drive. This community project collects new toys or dollar donations to buy new toys for those who are less fortunate. They have been working with the Christmas Coalition and Gifts From The Heart for the last 24 years. Last year, because of the generosity of the people in this community,


they gathered toys to be dispersed among 164 families, totaling 496 children. They raised much of this money through donations from area companies, businesses and individuals. The continued support of the sources is what keeps this toy drive going. Now they are asking for a tax-deductible contribution that will make a world of difference in the life of a child.
Any amount donated will be a blessing to a fam-

ily in need. Please mail donations to ABATE TOY DRIVE, PO Box 62, Crane, MT 59217 or Stockman Bank-ABATE, 301 West Holly, Sidney, MT 59270. Pick-up arrangements can be made by calling Maria Hodge at 406-480-3597.
Your continued support in this worthwhile endeavor during the Christmas Holiday is truly appreciated.


Calendars Available As Fundraiser To Support 4-H Youth Programs

Submitted by MSU News
Bozeman — Calendars featuring drawings by artist Don Greytak are available from the Montana 4-H Foundation as a fundraiser to support 4-H youth programs.
The Montana 4-H Greytak 2024 calendar features the artist’s pencil drawings of agricultural life in Montana and has been a traditional fundraiser for more than 30 years.
Calendars cost \$15. They are sold by 4-H members and are usually available at Montana State University Extension offices across the state. They can also be purchased directly from the Montana 4-H Foundation online.
Proceeds from the calendar sales benefit Montana 4-H clubs and their members. Montana 4-H is the youth development program of MSU Extension and serves nearly 20,000 individuals each year.

THANK YOU



The family of Jim (Jimmy Dean) McRae would like to thank the Sidney and Savage communities for the food, visits, prayers and support following Jim’s passing.
Jim really enjoyed the past several years coming back to Montana with those he worked with at Sidney Sugars, Border Steel, Special Eats and the fellowships at Sunny’s Café and The Depot. He made many memories with his friends and family. We also thank Richland County Law Enforcement, Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home and the Ebenezer Congregational Church.
Sincerely,
Pat Sather, Seaver and Savana McRae and families and all of Jim’s siblings and family



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MT Stockgrowers Work To Connect Consumers & Ranchers Through MT Food Service Industry

Submitted by Logan Kruse, Montana Department of Agriculture
 Helena - The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation (MSF) Cattle Drive program has set out to do something no other cattle organization in the state has done — match Montana born, raised, and fed cattle with local restaurants and retailers. The “Montanans Feeding Montana Initiative” seeks to connect the Montana food service industry to the high-quality beef raised by Montana ranchers.
 The Cattle Drive program is in its sixth year, with this year launching the value-added focus that intentionally pairs partners together to keep the entire beef supply chain in Montana. One of the program’s goals is to economically increase profitability for everyone involved.
 “Montana Stockgrowers understands the importance and desire of customers to know where their food comes from. What we have strived to do is link some of the best producers in the world, that are right here in Montana, with MT consumers. We have it all right here in Montana. We have the best ranchers in the world, we have feed yards, and we have a lot of feed coming off the Yellowstone Valley that is being fed. To link MT consumers through MT restaurants and retail is really a win-win for everyone,” explained Turk Stovall, MSGA Second Vice President and owner of Yellowstone Cattle Feeders.
 Each fall, the MSF Cat-

tle Drive program seeks steer donations from ranchers and businesses across the state. Donated animals are transported to Yellowstone Cattle Feeders in Shepherd, MT, where they are put into the program and fed to ideal market weight. When each steer is at optimum weight, the process to match the donor’s steer with a restaurant or retailer in the region in which the steer had originated starts. Working with Blue Creek Marbled Meat Company the steer is harvested. Over 85% of the total steers donated in last year’s Cattle Drive were sold to local Montana retailers and restaurants through this Montanans Feeding Montana Initiative.
 “I have always had a deep appreciation for where the food is coming from, what it’s eating, where it’s been, who’s handled it. To be able to come out to Yellowstone Cattle Feeders, from day one, and be able to see that and be hands-on in the process, it’s been an incredible experience,” shared Andy Glynn, Billing’s High Horse Saloon and Eatery executive chef. “Anyone can go to the grocery store and pick up beef and take it home, put it on the grill and have dinner. But I want it to be more than dinner. I want it to be a meal. I want it to be a memory.”
 Feddes Family Meats in Amsterdam, Little Belt Cattle Company in Bozeman, High Horse Saloon and Eatery, the Northern Hotel in Billings, and the Black Iron Grill Rotisserie in Miles City, all participated in this year’s program. Additionally, Bret and Kim Lesh purchased beef through this program.
 On Friday, MSF released a short film promoting the “Montanans Feeding Montana” initiative and highlighting one of the unique partnerships Montana Stockgrowers has created through this program. The film focuses on how the program works and the benefits to every sector in the pasture to plate experience. It includes interviews from Montana Stockgrowers members and Montana ranchers, a restaurant own-

er, and executive chef. Find the video at www.mtcattledrive.org [mtcattledrive.org].
 “The primary goal of the program is to raise funds for the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation to support educational programs for producers, youth and the general public, academic scholarships, grants, and support leadership opportunities for those in the cattle industry,” explained Heidi Kool, MSF Program coordinator. “This is also an exciting opportunity for ranchers to consider participating in because donors receive steer progress reports and carcass data of their steer’s performance against the best cattle in the state.”
 Donations are currently being accepted for this upcoming year, to donate contact MSF Program coordinator, Heidi Kool at foundation@mtbeef.org or (406) 461-0642, or visit www.mtcattledrive.org [mtcattledrive.org]. MSF would like to thank all its generous donors who have participated over the past six years of the program.

Mid-Rivers To Offer Scholarships Totaling Over \$100K To Area Students

Submitted by Nicole Senner, Member Communications Director
 Mid-Rivers Communications is offering \$108,000 in scholarship funds for Eastern and Central Montana students.
 The Mid-Rivers Fund for Education, funded by unclaimed capital credits from members, has awarded over \$670,000 in scholarships to area students. In 2024, Mid-Rivers will award 36 competitive and 15 drawing scholarships.
 Scholarship categories reflect the mission and values of the Cooperative and its members. This year’s scholarship program has three categories:
 • Dawson Community College/Miles Community College Scholarship – In support of local educational institutions, up to six (6) \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending Dawson Community College (DCC) or Miles Community College (MCC).
 • Mid-Rivers Higher Education Scholarship – Thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing or continuing their higher education at any other institution in technical, undergraduate, or graduate programs.
 • Mid-Rivers Annual Meeting Drawing – Fifteen (15) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded through a drawing of eligible students in attendance at the 2024 Mid-Rivers Annual Meeting. The date and location for the 2024 Annual Meeting are to be determined and will be announced in early 2024.
 Competitive scholarships will be awarded based on how well each student’s application addresses the following priority areas:
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 Eligible applicants for all categories include graduating high school seniors entering freshman year at a college, university or technical school; and current college, university and technical school students planning to continue studies in the fall. All applicants must be enrolled as full-time students for the fall of 2024. Previous scholarship winners (competitive or drawing, and in any year) are ineligible. Applicants must have a parent or guardian who is a member of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. with active telephone or Internet service and a completed and approved membership application (customers with active service are not automatically members). Applicants unsure of membership status should contact Mid-Rivers by Jan. 5, 2024, at 1-800-452-2288 to verify eligibility.
 Competitive applications must be completed online and are now available at www.midrivers.com/scholarships/. Applicants unsuccessful in the competitive scholarships are eligible and encouraged to enter the drawing for scholarships at the annual meeting.
 The completed form(s) and all required attachments must be submitted online by Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. MST. Only complete applications will be considered. For complete guidelines and online application form, please visit www.midrivers.com/scholarships/.

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Fairview Lighting Of The Bridge & Silver Bells Craft Show Sat., Nov. 18

By Dianne Swanson
Yikes! Christmas is only a few weeks away. Get into the holiday spirit with the Lighting of the Bridge from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. Giant lighted ornaments will decorate Sundheim Park as young and old visit, and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and a hot dog for a free will offering. Kids are encouraged to have their wish lists ready for Santa Claus.

New this year! Train rides, weather permitting. Kids from 2-92 can hop on the train and take a trip around the park. After all, it is the park with a beautiful historic railroad bridge as its backdrop!

The spectacular fire-works display will happen at 6 p.m., an hour earlier than previous years. Everyone is asked to please stay off the bridge during this entire event.

Earlier in the day, get a great start on your Christmas shopping and decorating at the Silver Bells Craft show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fairview School.

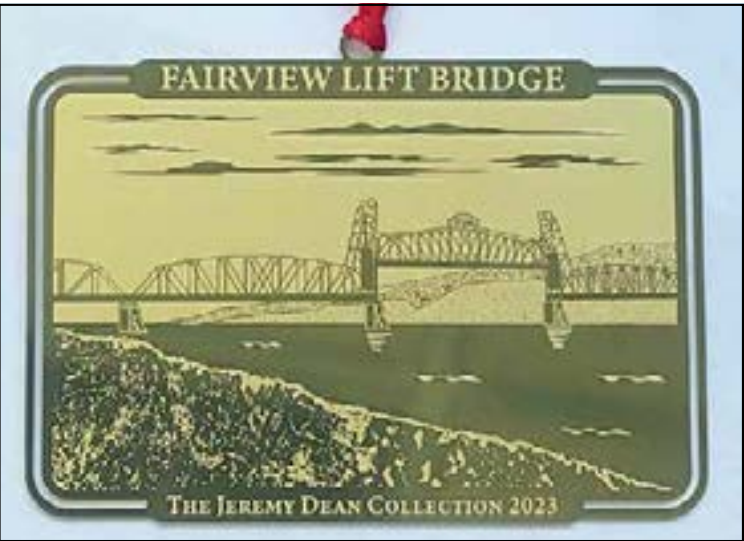
With over 25 vendors so far, and more coming in, there are sure to be lots of items to tickle your fancy, and your taste buds. Vendors include Joy Owens with lefse; Brandy Hansen with cookies, salted caramels and jams; A Creations with scroll saw woodworking, ornaments, puzzles, and bracelets; Bright Creations with creams, lotions, and jewelry; doTERRA essential oils; Badlands Clothing; Ya-kAttak Coffee; FFA wreaths and memorial boxes; Side Effect Designs with tumblers and car mugs; Paul and Joan Eldridge with metal art and recycled material arts; Debbie Slough with metal flowers; Flower Meets Urban

Kids of all ages will enjoy a train ride through Sundheim Park during the Lighting of the Bridge festivities Nov. 18, from 4-8 p.m.



Legends with rustic materials artwork; Daphne Johnson Clark with her paintings; Erica Renville with Blissful Gifts gift baskets; Lois Unruh with a variety of crafts; Billie Buxbaum with wall hangings, purses, and other quilted items; Missy Shields with blankets, towels, and cookies; Lathers by Lacey with soaps and bath and hair items; Dorothy Rogers with Avon products; Jana Hance with Pampered Chef; Rita Bartleson with Avini Health; Christina Winters with Color Street; Lori Pavovsky with crocheted items,

afghans, scrubbies, and some Avon products; Lynn Haugen with Norwex. Be sure to visit the Fairview Chamber/Jeremy Krieger table where you will find the second ornament in the highly collectible Jeremy Dean collection, featuring the Fairview Bridge on its 110th Anniversary.



2023 Fairview Bridge Ornament by Jeremy Dean. (Photo submitted)

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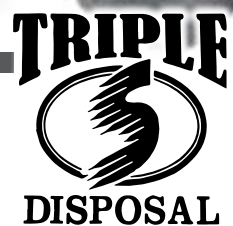
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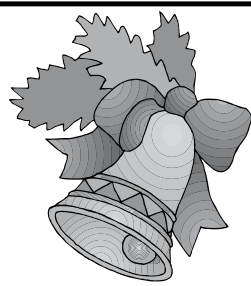


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Partnership For Promise Has Taken On Bullying As Special Focus Area

Submitted by Judge Ray Trumpower, President of Partnership for Promise

Partnership for promise has taken on bullying as a special focus area. Kids who are bullied can struggle to concentrate in school, which can affect their mental health. Bullying that is severe, long lasting, or happens a lot can cause anxiety, depression, and other stress-related disorders in victims and bullies. In rare cases, some kids have attempted or died from suicide. One of the most dangerous forms of bullying is cyberbullying.

Sometimes cyberbullying can be easy to spot — for example, if your child shows you a text, comment, or post that is harsh, mean, or cruel. Other acts are less obvious, like posting someone's personal information, or using photos or videos that hurt or embarrass another person. Someone might make a fake account or screen name to harass and bully, so you don't know whom the bully is.

Kids have almost constant access to their devices, so cyberbullying is hard to escape. Kids and teens can feel like they never get a break and feel the effects very strongly.

Cyberbullies also can be suspended or expelled from school or kicked off of sports teams. Depending on the severity of the cyberbullying, kids also might be in legal trouble.

Many kids and teens who are cyberbullied don't

want to tell a teacher, parent, or trusted adults, often because they feel ashamed or fear that their devices will be taken away at home.

Signs of cyberbullying vary, but may include being emotionally upset during or after using the Internet or the phone being very secretive or protective of one's digital life spending more time than usual in their room withdrawal from or lack of interest in family members, friends, and activities avoiding school or group gatherings slipping grades and "acting out" in anger at home changes in mood, behavior, sleep, or appetite suddenly wanting to stop using the computer or device being nervous or jumpy when getting a message, text, or email avoiding discussions about computer or phone activities.

If your child is being cyberbullied offer comfort and support. Talking about any bullying experiences you had in your childhood might help your child feel less alone. Let your child know that it's not their fault. Bullying says more about the bully than the victim. Praise your child for doing the right thing by talking to you about it. Remind your child you're in this together. Reassure your child that you'll figure out what to do. Notify the school. Tell the principal, school nurse, or a counselor or teacher about the situation. Many schools, school districts, and after-school clubs have rules for responding to cyberbullying.

These vary by district and state. But before reporting the problem, let your child know that you plan to do so, so that you can work out a plan that makes you both feel comfortable. Encourage - your child not to respond to cyberbullying. Doing so just makes the situation worse. Keep records. Keep screen shots of the threatening messages, pictures, and texts. These can be used as evidence with the bully's parents, school, employer, or even the police. Get help. If your child agrees, meeting with a therapist may help work through feelings. A counselor or mediator at school may work with your child alone or together with you.

What if it's your kid who's behaving badly? While that can be upsetting, it's important to deal with the problem and not expect it to go away. No matter what's causing the bullying, tell your child that it's unacceptable. Set and enforce consequences if it continues. If needed, talk with teachers, guidance counselors, and others who might be able to help.

As always, be a role model for your kids. Help them understand the benefits and dangers of the digital world. If you don't get upset and use angry words in your own posts and replies, they're less likely to. Talk about healthy ways to respond — or not — when you disagree.

International Survivors Of Suicide Loss Day Nov. 18

Submitted by Sarah Piersol

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (Survivor Day or ISOSLD) is the one day a year when people affected by suicide loss gather in their local communities to find comfort and gain understanding as they share stories of healing and hope.

Survivor Day was created by an act of Congress in 1999 and since then has been sponsored and supported by the American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Every year, hundreds of organized events are held throughout the U.S. and around the world. For many loss survivors, attending a Survivor Day event is an opportunity to discover that they are not alone in their experience of losing someone they know and love to suicide. In addition, all gatherings will include a screening of an AFSP-produced documentary for and about suicide loss survivors. For those who are unable to

attend a Survivor Day event in person, AFSP hosts a Survivor Day program online at afsp.org/SurvivorDay.

A local Survivor Day event will be held in Williston on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Hampton Inn and Suites at 10 a.m.

To learn more about International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, visit afsp.org/SurvivorDay, call 701-809-3494, or email spiersol@afsp.org or kjerrell73@yahoo.com for further details.

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Award-winning Piano Entertainer Jason Lyle Black To Perform In Watford City

**Submitted by
Jessie Veeder**

The Watford City Area Concert Association and the Long X Arts Foundation will feature pianist Jason Lyle Black with his program "From Blockbusters to Broadway: 100 Hits From Screen to Stage" on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Watford City High School Performing Arts Center.

Jason Lyle Black is an award-winning piano entertainer whose clever arrangements, fun stories, and

onstage charm have won countless fans throughout the world. Black takes audiences on a journey through numerous musical styles, playing nearly 100 songs in his fast-paced show, all interwoven with his comedic stories like "Songs Not to Play at People's Weddings and Funerals".

When not entertaining on stage, Black works as an arranger and composer for the piano, having authored three bestselling piano books with the world's

largest music publisher, Hal Leonard. Piano students will be impressed by his remarkable ability to play as easily sitting backward as forwards while performing music from Disney and Broadway classics, to songs from the Beatles, AC/DC, and movie theme songs.

The concert is part of the Watford City Area Concert Association membership organization that brings in nationally acclaimed entertainers throughout the year. It is in its fifth season and continues to be committed to providing high quality entertainment at an affordable rate for members of the community.

The Long X Arts Foundation would like to invite all teachers and students to attend this concert for free. While individual tickets are available to this event for everyone else, a 2023-24 concert series membership is recommended to get affordable admission to the concerts throughout the year. A \$50 membership grants access to five Watford City based concerts as well as reciprocity with concert series lineups in Williston, Dickinson, Crosby, and Hazen. There are a variety of membership levels to choose from. To find out more contact Jessie Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director at 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com or visit longxarts.com/concert-series.html



Alexander Christmas Stroll Dec. 7

By Robyn Heck

You won't want to miss the 3rd Annual small-town Christmas stroll celebration on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 5-8 p.m. CT in Alexander, ND.

There will be vendors on Main St., pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Hi-Way Lounge & Grill. Be sure to take in the hay rides, ornament decorating, dance numbers from our local little dancers, and musicians that will be sharing their talents. Along with food for sale at the Lion's booth (tacos, baked potatoes, soup, caramel apple nachos), and local organizations will be fundraising by selling cider, hot cocoa, edible cookie dough, and more.

"All are welcomed to bring an ornament to place on the city tree," said organizer Krista Heen.

"The Christmas Stroll is a community event hosted by the Alexander Activities Club which is a group that was created when the Alexander PTO & Booster club combined. We would love to have more vendors!", said Heen. "It's a fun, family event that you won't want to miss. Let us help get you in the spirit for the holiday season."

For more information call Krista Heen at 701-770-0310.



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Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Awarded \$150,000 Grant

Submitted by Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority
Billings - The Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant through the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (PNWER-RIA) to further high-performance rail across the region. This constitutes the largest planning grant received by BSPRA to-date. U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau awarded the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) a grant to continue advancing infrastructure development through its five-state Regional Infrastructure Accelerator

(RIA) and will use the grant funding to deliver value in Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Specifically, BSPRA, as a grant sub-recipient, will work with PNWER RIA on the following projects:

- Research feasibility and economic case for re-naming Amtrak small parcel delivery service as an economic driver for rural and tribal communities along the Great Northern (Empire Builder) and North Coast Hiawatha (southern Montana) corridors.
- Analyze track along the Amtrak Empire Builder corridor to identify small to medium track improvement projects that—if bundled—

would co-benefit freight and passenger rail service. Grade separation projects and opportunities for transit-oriented development near passenger rail stations are major areas of focus.

- Analyze track from Sandpoint, ID, to Glendive, MT, along proposed Amtrak North Coast Hiawatha route to identify small to medium track improvement projects for enhanced freight and passenger rail service and identify funding opportunities that promote safety and/or economic development opportunities for rural communities and tribal nations.

"These funds will further our work both in southern Montana and also along

the Empire Builder route, to the benefit of both freight and passenger operations," said BSPRA Chairman Dave Strohmaier. "This is a great example of how working together at a regional scale, with the sweat equity and financial support of partners, is moving this train down the tracks."

"The RIA grant will continue to allow the PNWER Accelerator to leverage public and private talent and financial resources to fast track key transportation projects in five states," noted Bruce Agnew, PNWER RIA Director. "We look forward to supporting the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority."

Festival Of Trees & Wreaths Nov. 25 In Fairview

By Dianne Swanson

Make your holiday decorating easier this year with a fully decorated tree or wreath from the Fairview Community Foundation's annual Festival of Trees & Wreaths on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Waterhole #3.

It's fun for all ages, starting with pictures with Santa and the Grinch from 3-5 p.m. The two will also be giving out treats! A homemade Soup and Bread bar will warm you up from the inside out.

Great gift ideas, or something special for yourself, can be found among all the terrific Silent Auction items from 3-6 p.m.

It's Ugly Sweater time again! Judging will be held at 6:15 p.m. with the winner receiving a Powder Keg gift card.

The evening will close with the Live Auction beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate an auction item can call Marsha at 406-480-0349 or Laurie at 406-489-1094.

The Fairview Community Foundation supports a wide variety of projects in the Fairview area with all the money raised from the festival going towards local needs and scholarships, so be sure to attend this fun-filled event.

Interstate Engineering Announces Multiple Hires

Submitted by Katie Moore Aitchison, Marketing Director
Interstate Engineering is excited to announce the addition of multiple team members to the organization, expanding services across the Great Plains Region.

This release includes hires from Sidney, MT; Williston and Horace, ND; and Spearfish, SD.

Montana
McKade Mahlen
Sidney - Interstate Engineering is pleased to welcome McKade Mahlen to the Sidney office. As a field technician, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Montana State University. His knowledge, along

with his drive to continue to learn, will make him a valuable addition to the Interstate Engineering team.

North Dakota
Harvey Fitzgerald, PE
Williston - Interstate Engineering is proud to announce the addition of Harvey Fitzgerald to the firm as office manager of the Williston, ND branch.

Harvey is a professional engineer licensed in North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. With over eight years of experience, he specializes in geotechnical engineering.

"Harvey's time in the industry and office management experience has allowed him to take the baton and run in Williston. He is highly respected by

clients and other industry professionals and will serve our office and the West Central Region well," said Lonni Fleck, Board President and Principal Engineer. His experience and knowledge will be valued assets to our team.

Dustin Grandbois, EI
Horace - Interstate Engineering is excited to announce and welcome Dustin Grandbois to the Horace office. As a staff engineer, he joins the team with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. Dustin specializes in

water resources. His understanding of engineering principles and drive to succeed will make him a valuable asset to the team.

South Dakota
Samuel Irwin, EI
Spearfish - The Spearfish office added Samuel Irwin to the team. As a staff engineer, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

His understanding of engineering principles, along with his drive to succeed, will complement the growing team.

Energy Transfer Completes Acquisition Of Crestwood

Submitted by Energy Transfer LP (Business Wire)
Dallas - Energy Transfer LP (NYSE: ET) ("Energy Transfer") has announced the completion of its previously announced merger with Crestwood Equity Partners LP ("Crestwood"). The merger was approved by Crestwood unit holders at its special meeting of unit holders held on Oct. 30. Effective with the opening of the market on Nov. 3, Crestwood's common units and preferred units ceased trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Holders of Crestwood common units received 2.07 Energy Transfer common units for each Crestwood common unit held by them (the "Common Unit Merger Consideration"). Additionally, each outstanding Crestwood preferred unit was, at the election of the holder of such Crestwood preferred unit, either, (i) converted into a new preferred unit of Energy Transfer that has substantially similar terms, including with respect to economics and structural protections, as the Crestwood preferred units; (ii) redeemed in exchange for \$9.857484 in cash plus accrued and unpaid distributions to the date of such redemption; or (iii) converted into a Crestwood common unit at the then-applicable conversion ratio of one Crestwood common unit for ten Crestwood preferred units, and such Crestwood common units then received the Common Unit Merger Consideration. The new Energy Transfer preferred units will be Series I Fixed Rate Perpetual Preferred Units and will trade on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "ETprl". As a result of the acquisition, Energy Transfer now owns and operates more than 125,000 miles of pipelines and related assets in all the major U.S. producing regions and markets across 41 states, further enhancing its leadership position in the midstream sector. The transaction is immediately accretive to distributable cash flow per unit for Energy Transfer, and adds significant cash flows from firm, long-term contracts and significant acreage dedications. Additionally, the combined operations of the two companies are expected to generate initial annual run-rate cost and efficiency synergies of at least \$40 million before additional anticipated benefits of financial and commercial synergies.

2023 Taxes Due Reminder, Nov. 30

Submitted by Richland County Treasurer's Office
The Richland County Treasurer would like to remind taxpayers that the first payment of the 2023 real property taxes and second payment of the 2023 mobile home taxes are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30. Payments and payment coupons may be mailed or brought to the Richland County Treasurer, 201 W. Main, Sidney, MT 59270. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For your convenience, there is a payment drop box located in the alley behind the old courthouse and credit card payments are accepted online at richland.org. Any payments postmarked, dropped in the drop box, or paid online, after 5 p.m. on Nov. 30, will be assessed penalty and interest charges according to MCA 15-16-101. Please call 406-433-1707 with any questions.

Richey Public Schools 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Submitted "A" Honor Roll

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6th Grade: Kaito Smith, Morgan Murrell
7th Grade:
8th Grade: Izak Veverka, Cameron Keller
9th Grade: Jade Robbins
10th Grade: Jacqueline Barnhart, Lina Smith, Jade Batchelor, Adilyn Elverud, Miroun Hilol
11th Grade: Mason Hagwood, Erin Kelly, Kally Strohm, James Head
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"B" Honor Roll

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6th Grade: Grady Klempel, Liam Keller, Chase Rehbein
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Northeastern Arts Network Hosts Juno Award-Winning Musicians Tom & Kalissa Landa

Submitted by
Jill Dostert Wagner

Traveling from Canada will be the Folk-Roots power couple Tom and Kalissa Landa to the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, Sidney, on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. This duo is best known as lead members of The Paperboys, or their Latin inspired counterpart Locarno, as well as the BC World Music Collective. Their music is a combination of Celtic, Folk, Latin, Mexican, and Roots music and also reflects their respective Mexican and Chilean heritages.

Tom and Kalissa have a lovely vocal harmony blend and draw the listener in with great songs played on fiddle, guitar, and jarana (Mexican 8 string guitar).

This concert will be held at the MonDak Heritage Center (406-433-3500) in Sidney at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Leann 406-480-5594 or Jill 406-489-4304.



Best known for their work with The Paperboys, Tom and Kalissa Landa branched out on their own after their Covid lockdown-born online gatherings, they called “The Slipper Sessions” brought forth new songs, penned specifically for the two of them, instead of their entire band. (Submitted by Jill Dostert Wagner)

Fairview Volleyball State Tournament Results



The Fairview Warrior Volleyball team at the State Tournament in Bozeman. (Submitted by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)

By Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde

The Fairview Warrior Volleyball team ended their season Friday, Nov. 10, at the State Tournament, Bozeman. Despite facing tough competition, the girls made the most of their journey. Senior Savannah Manuel said, “Playing volleyball at the State Tournament in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse was a surreal experience.

We worked so hard to get there, and the moment we stepped out onto the court, it felt like magic. It was indescribable seeing everything happen after putting in so much work to get to state.”

Although Fairview fell to Broadwater in three sets on Thursday afternoon (15-25, 22-25, 13-25) and in four sets to Florence on Friday afternoon (16-25, 25-21, 25-

7, 9-25), Senior Emily Johnson expressed her pride in her team stating “Going to the state tournament is an experience I’ll never forget. We started the season out strong, and we never backed down. I am so proud of my team. We put in the hard work every day, and it got us to state. It’s been so fun playing with this team, I’m going to miss it.”

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Emily Johnson and Isabelle Fry get the block against Florence at the Bozeman State Tournament. (Submitted by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)

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Fairview's Gavin Serafini blocking during the game vs. Fort Benton on Saturday, November 11th. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Jeff Tjelde intercepts with a return of 8 yards for Fairview. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

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Garrick Halvorson

Where's Jake!?

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Cory Baisch	Mike Arneson	Stephan Copple	Josh Moore
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Thank you also to the following people:

Interstate Engineering for surveying in the football field.

Jody and Dave Christensen and family for running concessions.

Sissy MacGrady for taking pictures of the kids.

Thanks to the following individuals who refereed Flag Football this year:

Cory Wheeler	Quinn Nagel
Rance Haralson	Corey Christensen
Bruce Beiswanger	

A big thank you to all of these referees who donated their time to the program.

They put in a considerable amount of time so that your kids could play Flag Football. Without these individuals and their dedication, there would not be a Flag Football program.

Please consider volunteering next year. This program is always in need of additional help.

– Rance & Colleen Haralson

Live2Lead Event In Watford City Nov. 18 & 20

By Dianne Swanson

Live2Lead is a global leadership event for personal and professional development. Local residents have the opportunity to take in the re-broadcast of the live event which was held Oct. 6, 2023 in Atlanta and featured founder John Maxwell, Kendra Scott, Ryan Leak, and Marcus Buckingham.

Watford City events will be held Saturday, Nov. 18 at 9 a.m. CST at the Assembly of God Church, and Monday, Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the high school theatre room. Light snacks will be served at both locations. Sessions are half days and will end at 12:30 p.m. CST.

According to their website, whether you lead a large organization or want to be a better mentor to those around you, Live2Lead will give you meaningful and relevant insights so you can implement a new action plan and lead with renewed passion and commitment. Attendees will learn from world class leaders including the number one leadership expert in the world, John C. Maxwell, and gain leadership principles and personal growth techniques from their time-tested teaching. It is also an opportunity to network with like-minded leaders who share your passion for leadership and learning. Make new connections or build on the ones you have during this event.

Anyone who wishes to, can still view the training on line, on their own time.

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Watford City's Rough Rider Center To Host Inaugural "Border Battle: High School Basketball Showcase"

Submitted by Brock White, Watford City Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Continuing on in the tradition of dynamic, exciting programming for the community and region, Watford City's Rough Rider Center will host the inaugural "Border Battle: High School Basketball Showcase" Dec. 8-9.

Featuring boys and girls varsity teams from North Dakota and Montana, The "Border Battle" will boast unique and never before seen matchups, as the region's best up and coming basketball standouts show their skills under the bright lights of The Rough Rider Center.

"The Rough Rider Center already has such a great reputation as being the number one choice for sports tournaments, and we wanted to capitalize on that momentum by creating a new event that's over the top, unique, and gives the region's best high school basketball players a chance to stand out on a big stage" stated Joshua Nollmeyer, Rough Rider Center's recreation and events director.

Varsity boys and girls teams from North Dakota include Alexander, Berthold, Watford City, South Heart, Ray, and Dickinson Trinity. Montana will be represented by the true east border teams of Sidney and Bainville.

One day admission for the event starts at \$10, while a weekend pass runs \$15. For a full schedule and more information, visit www.roughridercenter.com/events. For hotels and accommodations, visit www.visitwatfordcity.com/travelguide to plan your stay today.

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Celiron GTL Facility Open House

Right: Ron Opperman, CEO of Cerilon, speaks to attendees of the open house about the planned Trenton GTL facility at Trenton High School Wednesday, Nov. 8. The gas to liquid plant is still in the development and funding stage.

Above: Attendees watch a video explaining the GTL facility building project planned by Cerilon.



SHS Speech Drama and Debate Teams Competed In Miles City

Submitted by Christy Pierce
Sidney High School Speech Drama and Debate Teams were at Custer County High School competing against 13 schools from across eastern Montana. The Teams may be small but they were mighty placing 2nd in Class A Drama Sweeps and 4th in Class A Speech/Debate Sweeps.
Drama Results: Classical Theatre: 1st Brooke Watson and Sophie Pust; Humorous Solo: 1st Cedar Hovde.
Dramatic Theatre: 2nd Luca Verville and Alyssa Batchelor
Speech Results: Extemporaneous Speaking: 2nd Keaton Burke; Original Oratory: 2nd Tytus Carter.
Informative Speaking: 4th Mason Quick.
Debate Results: Public Forum: 2nd Thaylan Fisher and Audrey Oprica.



Pictured left: Sophie Pust and Brooke Watson. Pictured right: Cedar Hovde. (Photos submitted by Christy Pierce)

Next week the teams head to Billings Central.



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
SIDNEY COUNTRY CLUB
2250 W Holly Street, Sidney, Montana

Member sign-in starts at 5:45 p.m.
Invocation and dinner buffet starts at 6:00 p.m.
The annual meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA:

Election of Directors • Financial Report • Other Reports
Presentation on 2023 Highlights



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Front, Brooke Watson, Luca Verville, Alyssa Batchelor, Cedar Hovde, Audrey Oprica and Thaylan Fisher; back, Tytus Carter, Sophie Pust, Mason Quick and Keaton Burke. (Photo submitted by Christy Pierce)

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If there is something not listed that you would like covered, please let your Horizon Resources team know. Hope to see you there!

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Snow Plow Truck
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Richey School Thurs., Nov. 16: Baked potato bar, mixed veggies, fruit, salad bar. Fri., Nov. 17: No school. Mon., Nov. 20: Indian tacos, veggie sticks, fruit, salad bar. Tues., Nov. 21: Lasagna, cheesy garlic bread, broccoli, cupcakes, fruit, salad bar. Wed., Nov. 22: No school.	Watford City School Thurs., Nov. 16: Ham & cheese subs, chips, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Fri., Nov. 17: Two chicken drumsticks, baked potatoes, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Mon., Nov. 20: 4 oz. beef burritos, Spanish rice, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Tues., Nov. 21: Popcorn chicken KFC bowl, biscuits, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Wed., Nov. 22: No school.

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The Watford City High School Cultural Fair was held Nov. 8 at the Rough Rider Center. The student council event featured food, decor and dress of dozens of different cultures and countries of residents of the community.

Above: The Powwow and Aztec dancers were one of the favorites at the Cultural fair. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Right: Mexican Folklore Dancers and Philippine Dancers perform for the crowd at the Cultural fair. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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