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The Polar Express train at Veterans Memorial Park was lit up during the Parade of Lights in Sidney November 28th and will remain lit until Christmas.



Lighting up the Holiday Season

Entrants in the Parade of Lights light up Watford City's Main Street as they kick off the holiday season. Enable was the winner for best use of theme for "Christmas Through the Years" in Watford City's Parade of Lights. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show Jan. 15th & 16th

By Megan Quale

The MonDak Ag Days and Trade Show is shaping up to be a great experience for 2015 with the Ringling 5 performing and plenty of presenters for all interests Thursday and Friday. The banquet will be held Thursday, January 15th.

Some presenters for Ag Days include: Rachel Endecott, Extension Beef Specialist, speaking on EPDs in beef cattle, Leon Osborne presenting next growing season's weather outlook, and a member of the FSA Office will hold a discussion regarding the new farm bill.

The trade show still has open booths to fill and wants to expand their trade show to include more interests! All interested parties are welcome to apply for a booth- including those interested in presenting in home and garden specialties or any others. You are welcome to contact the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206 for more info.

All are welcome to come and learn January 15th and 16th at the Richland County Fair Event Center! Keep up to date on news regarding MonDak Ag Days in future issues of The Roundup and on the Facebook page for MonDak Ag Days at www.facebook.com/mondakagdays.

The Ringling 5 band (from Shields River Valley in Montana), standing, from left, Ron Arthun, Ken Arthun, Les Arthun, Chuck Dallas and Don Seifert. Kneeling, and unable to get up, they said, are Larry Lovely and Don Oberquell. The band performs Thursday Jan. 15th, at MonDak Ag Days in the Richland County Fair Event Center in Sidney.



Burnison Selected as Undersheriff

Newly elected Richland County sheriff John Dynneson has selected Bob Burnison to be his undersheriff. Burnison has over 40 years experience with the Sidney Police Department and was deputy chief at the time of his retirement.

Dynneson said he and Burnison have worked together for 25 years and have a great working relationship. "We know how each other works," Dynneson said. "We have common goals and work together to get the job done. We are looking forward to serving as a team for the residents of Richland County." Dynneson and Burnison will take office on January 1, 2015.



Bob Burnison

Stroll Downtown Williston December 5th

Submitted by Karissa Kjos, Executive Director for the Williston Downtowners Association

Williston Downtowners Association is hosting the 4th Annual Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 5th from 4-8 pm. You'll find festive store windows, great holiday sales, an ice sculptor, storytime with Mrs. Claus, carolers and visit with Santa! "For something new this year, we are bringing in Big Iron Kitchen food truck," said Karissa Kjos, Executive Director. Main Street from Vanity to US Bank will be closed so families can stroll safely through downtown. There are many activities happening throughout the evening so make sure to bundle up because you do not want to miss the excitement!

Timeline of Events: 4-8 Holiday Sales • Ice Sculptor on Main Street • Big Iron Kitchen on Main Street • Vote Peoples Choice on Best Window Display and Purchase a \$5 Raffle Ticket at Williston Downtowners Association (8 East Broadway) • 4-5 WHS Carolers • 5-8 Visit Santa & Mail Letters at Jackie's Therapeutic Massage & Day Spa • 50% Off Cooler Arrangements at Shepherd's Garden • 5:15-6:15 First Lutheran Church Carolers • 6-8 Kids & Toddlers Art Class at TrainND**Must pre-register: willistonstate.edu/trainND • Storytime with Mrs. Claus at Daily Addiction Coffee House • Flu Shots for \$24.99 at Service Drug Pharmacy • 6:30-7:30 WHS Quartet • Entertainment, Inc! Carolers

7:30 Entertainment, Inc! presents "Christmas at the Shop Around the Corner"***Tickets, call (701) 577-3179

For more information "like" Williston Downtowners Association on Facebook or visit www.cityofwilliston.com/downtown-williston. Contact Karissa Kjos - Executive Director, Williston Downtowners Association (701) 580-9343 willistondowntowners@gmail.com

2014 Sidney Eagle Wrestling Invitational December 5th & 6th

20+ teams from throughout the Rocky Mountain/West region will be participating in this year's tournament, which will take place at Sidney High School in Sidney, Montana.

Action will begin with Dual Team Competition on Friday, with the individual competition scheduled to begin on Friday night, and resume on Saturday, with the finals scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

This field will be comprised of some of the best teams and individuals in the region, augmented by the nationally recognized programs from California and Washington – the competition should be excellent and challenging to all the teams and competitors.

Featured Teams: Poway, California – nationally ranked Top 25 • Lake Stevens, Washington – 2013 & 2014 State Champions (10x State Champions) • Sidney, Montana – 8x State Champions • Billings (Skyview), Montana – 8x State Champions • Forsyth, Montana – 4x State Champions • Colstrip, Montana – 2014 State Champions

MDHC Christmas Dec. 14

By Tie Shank

Enjoy an afternoon of refreshments, music and friendship as the MonDak Heritage Center holds a MonDak Christmas – Hawaiian Holidays event on December 14, 2014 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

The bake sale will offer a delicious array of breads, jellies, cookies and a variety of other Christmas goodies provided by generous members of the MonDak.

Plan to get your photo taken with a special visitor sporting a red suit and a white beard. He'll be making a special visit to this year's event and will be posing for photographs free of charge. Photos will be emailed to you so you can print as many as you'd like.

Be sure to sample and vote for your favorite soup in the soup cook off. If you'd like to participate in the cook off, contact Amanda at 406-433-3010.

Last but not least and back by popular demand is the tree decorating contest. Area school classes, non-profits and service organizations can decorate a tree with the Hawaiian theme. Contact Leann at 433-3500 to reserve a tree.

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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 Faith 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:
noon — AA, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
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. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
7 p.m. — **Watford City area Celebrate Recovery**, Assembly of God, 2117 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

STATISTICS



LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1841.2
Last Week's Elev.	1841.4
One Year Ago	1834.1
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	16,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 24	34	9	0.00
Nov. 25	39	17	0.06
Nov. 26	22	10	0.00
Nov. 27	31	10	0.00
Nov. 28	32	15	0.06
Nov. 29	25	-7	0.00
Nov. 30	9	-8	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation			13.77

OBITUARIES

DoLoras Carter, 95, Lambert, MT

Funeral services for DoLoras Carter, 95, of Lambert, MT were at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014 at Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney, MT with Pastor Nell Lindorff officiating. Interment has taken place at the Lambert Cemetery, Lambert, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

DoLoras V. Carter passed away on November 29, 2014, surrounded by her family at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer Deadline Approaching for Public to Submit Nominations

**Submitted by Marissa Perry- Outreach Coordinator
Governor's Office of Community Service**

Helena, MT- The Governor's Office of Community Service and the Montana Commission on Community Service are accepting nominations for the 2015 ServeMontana Awards. Nominations are due December 5, 2014.

The Governor's Office of Community Service is asking the public to thank the volunteers and organizations that make a difference across the state. Montanans are truly committed to service and take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer each day and in a variety of ways. This commitment to service deserves recognition.

"The ServeMontana Awards represent a strong ethic of service and sense of community involvement instilled in Montanans," said Governor Steve Bullock. "I encourage you to nominate the organizations and individuals, who through their dedication to community service, go above and beyond to help their neighbors in need."

Presented in February, these annual awards recognize outstanding Montana individuals, organizations, and National Service members committed to community and volunteer service.

The public is encouraged to nominate individuals of all ages and backgrounds, organizations, businesses, and groups. All services must be performed in Montana or by Montanans.

The nomination form is available at serve.mt.gov

Award winners will be selected by a committee of members from the Governor's Montana Commission on Community Service and recognized during a public ceremony at the Montana State Capitol in February 2015.

The ServeMontana Awards are for service and volunteer work in the areas of education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship, veterans & military families, economic opportunity, disaster services, emergency preparedness, and emergency response.

All nominations for the 2015 awards must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Community Service by December 5, 2014.

The Governor-appointed Montana Commission on Community Service was created in 1993 to renew the ethic of civic responsibility in the state and to encourage citizens, regardless of age and income, to engage in service.

The Governor's Office of Community Service expands and promotes national service and volunteerism in Montana and engages citizens in service and emergency preparedness.

Visit us at serve.mt.gov. Connect with us on Facebook at ServeMontana. Follow us on Twitter @ServeMontana

USDA Approves 82,800 More Acres in North Dakota for Wildlife Habitat

Submitted by Brad Olson- FSA Fargo, ND

U.S. Department of Agriculture North Dakota Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Aaron Krauter, today announced that 82,800 acres in North Dakota are now available for wildlife habitat improvement incentives. "We can accept more applications to enroll more acres in North Dakota for farmers and ranchers interested in protecting local pheasant, prairie chickens and waterfowl," said Krauter. "In exchange for creating more grasslands and wetlands for these species, USDA will provide participating landowners with rental payments and help with expenses."

The increased opportunity is split between two programs, both part of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) whereby Farm Service Agency contracts with landowners so that environmentally sensitive land is not farmed or ranched, but instead used for conservation. Of the new allocation, 50,000 acres are devoted to the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), and 32,800 acres are devoted to the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) program.

Program participants establish long-term plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality, or strengthen declining wildlife populations. In return, participants receive annual rental payments between 10 and 15 years.

The SAFE program allows state fish and wildlife agencies, non-profit organizations and other conservation partners to target the Conservation Reserve Program within distinct geographic areas to help wildlife. SAFE is limited to 1.35 million acres nationally, with 97 projects in 36 states and Puerto Rico.

The FWP program is a voluntary program to restore farmable wetlands and associated buffers by improving the land's hydrology and vegetation.

Interested landowners can enroll acres in a designated wildlife project in their state at any time. Participants and land must meet certain eligibility requirements. Other restrictions may apply. For additional details, contact your local Farm Service Agency office at offices.usda.gov or visit the website at www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

"Partnering with Your Doctor"

Presented by ND Dementia Care Services and the Alzheimer's Association MN-ND

By Tie Shank

The ND Dementia Care Services and the Alzheimer's Association MN-ND have partnered with one another to present a free presentation titled: "Partnering with your Doctor."

The presentation will take place on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at Mercy Medical Center in the McAuley Education Center, 1301 15th Ave. W, Williston, ND 58801. Quick Facts from the alz.org website: 1) More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. 2) Every 67 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's. 3) Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States 4) There are approximately 500,000 people dying each year because they have Alzheimer's. 5) 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. 6) In 2013, 15.5 million caregivers provided an estimated 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$220 billion.

"If you or someone you love is living with dementia, developing a good relationship with your physician and enhancing your communication skills can result in both an increased knowledge of the situation and decreased stress. This class helps care partners make informed decisions about care and services. This program is appropriate for both the care partner and the person with the disease."

This project is supported by funding granted through the North Dakota Department of Human Services: Aging Service Division. It is free to attend and is open to the public.

EVENTS

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Fri., Dec. 5 & Sat., Dec. 6
St. Matthew's Craft Bazaar at 310 7th St. SE in Sidney.
Friday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with lunch included!

Sun., Dec. 7th
3:00 p.m. - The newly formed Sidney Community Choir will be presenting a Christmas Concert at the Sidney Middle School Auditorium. Suggested admission will be an item to donated to the Richland County Food Bank. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mon., Dec. 8th
7:00 p.m. - The senior communication arts students will be performing scenes from *Macbeth*, *Taming of the Shrew*, and *Hamlet* at the Middle School Auditorium. Please join us for an entertaining evening. No admission is charged.

Tues., Dec. 9th
6:00 p.m. - Sons of Norway will be hosting its December meeting/ Christmas celebration. Soups will be provided. Please bring Norwegian food to share. Please join us at 714 East Main in Sidney.

Wed., Dec. 10th
2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - Join us at the MonDak Heritage Center to create your own pom pom wreath! Cost is \$20 and supplies are included. Ages 6 and up. Space is limited, so sign up today! Call Leann at 406-433-3500.

Fri., Dec. 19th
11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters will meet for lunch December 19th at 11:30 a.m at the South 40 in the Richland Room. RSVP to Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613 by December 17th.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., Dec. 4th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Nurturing Children Parenting Series offered by the McKenzie County Extension Office. Join us for this free program, which partners with families to promote empathy, discipline with dignity, self-worth and empowerment in children. Classes will be held Thursdays at the McKenzie County Extension Office. Pre-registrations are requested by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. Please call 701-444-3451 for more info.

Mon., Dec. 8th
11:30 a.m. - The December Network Luncheon is scheduled for December 8th at 11:30 at Fox Hills.
7:00 p.m. - Johnson Corners Christian Academy is holding their Fall Program with performances from their elementary students singing classic holiday hymns.

OTHER COUNTIES

Events unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Golden Valley
Sun., Dec. 14th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - The Beach Lutheran Parish 5th Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Smorgasbord will be held on Sunday, December 14th at the Lincoln Elementary School in Beach, ND. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All free will & silent auction proceeds will go to the Golden Valley & Wibaux County Nursing Home.

Williams County
Fri., Dec. 5th
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Holiday Stroll at Downtown Williston. Holiday specials, ice sculpting, a visit with Santa, storytime with Mrs. Claus and much more! For full list of entertainment go to www.willistonchamber.com.
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Art of the Nativity at The James Memorial Art Center. Don't miss this holiday tradition at The James. Enjoy refreshments and live music from local choirs and musicians while you tour this exhibit of nativity sets from around the world. This is a free event. The James Memorial Art Center is located at 621 1st Ave W.

Sat., Dec. 6th
9:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m. - Share the Spirit Holiday Sale is a free will donation sale of donated holiday items and a silent auction. The sale will be held in the activity room of the Bethel Lutheran Home. All donated items can be brought to the stage in the week of Nov. 24th. The proceeds benefit those affected by cancer and is sponsored by the Relay for Life team Peggy's Pals.
12:30 p.m. - "The Littlest Angel" center stage at The James Memorial Art Center. Youth Education on Stage celebrates their 30th season with this heartwarming production featuring an eight person cast. \$0.30 for children and \$3.00 for adults and teens.

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**View all monthly events on our calendar at:
www.roundupweb.com**



Richland County Sheriff Brad Baisch presented Zoe Thom with the Youth Community Champion Award

Thom Awarded Youth Community Champion Award

By Missy Smiles - Community Coordinator, District II Alcohol and Drug Program

Zoe Thom was awarded the Richland County STAND and Partnership for Promises' Youth Community Champion Award on November 14, 2014 by Sheriff Baisch during the Red Ribbon Week's Limo, Lunch and Law celebration. Zoe has been a strong and active member of the Stand4Youth group at Sidney Middle School and participated in the CAD-CA Youth Leadership Conference this past summer. She has also volunteered at community fundraising events and has always been positive and excited to share the message to choose a healthy lifestyle that does not include alcohol, drugs or tobacco.

Thank You!



The Sidney High School Volleyball Program would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all those who made donations to our "Kill for a Cure" fundraiser that we did the month of October, it was a big success. Thanks to their generosity, the Eagle Volleyball program raised over \$15,000! The Eagle Volleyball organization feels blessed to give this money to the Cancer Center and the Pack the Place in Pink organization. This event would not have been a success without the continued support of our community. Our efforts to bring awareness and assistance to those who battle cancer is a cause that all of us feel very passionate about.

Again, Thank You!

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Program Brings Affordable Housing to the Heart of the Boom

Submitted by Sarah Mudder, NDHFA

The North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) is bringing affordable rental housing to the heart of the state's energy boom. Big Mountain Development and the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA), administrator of the state program, celebrated the development of Arrowhead Estates in Arnegard, ND, today.

"Our focus initially was to sell homes to families as we believed that to be the greatest need, but the mayor and city council opened our eyes to the many people who simply cannot buy and must rent," said developer Bernie Biegler. "The nurses and teachers we have visited with inquire about renting before they will even consider relocating to take a job."

Big Mountain purchased the old city golf course in Arnegard, ND, in 2011 and was preparing the development for single-family housing when they were approached by Virginia Elliot, the former mayor of the community, and asked to provide affordable rental housing for essential service workers - individuals employed in education, medical and law enforcement professions.

"Providing adequate housing for our workforce is one of North Dakota's greatest challenges," said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director. "With the demand for development resources growing, more local, state and private dollars are needed to address North Dakota's affordable housing needs."

Located along Johnson Street and Fourth Avenue, Arrowhead Estates received more than \$1 million in development assistance from the state allowing eight of the three-bedroom, two-bath units to be reserved for essential service workers (ESW) - income-qualified households employed in positions deemed essential community services. These units will rent for \$713 to \$1232 per month. The eight remaining units in the development will rent at market rate.

The placement of the subdivision seven miles west of Watford City, 12 miles from Alexander, and only 25 miles to Williston puts it in one of the most highly sought after areas in Western North Dakota says Biegler. He expects teachers from the McKenzie County School District #1 to be the first occupants

of the ESW units.

"McKenzie County Public School District #1 has hired 44 new teachers and administrators over the past two years; it has been a real challenge hiring that number of employees and finding affordable housing to match starting teacher wages," said Steven Holen, the district's superintendent. "Without the availability of state-supported housing options, we simply would not be able to recruit or retain quality staff."

Capitalized by contributions from state taxpayers, HIF provides low-cost financing to developers of affordable multifamily housing. Since the program's inception in 2011, NDHFA has allocated \$49 million to projects statewide, leveraging \$240 million in construction financing to support the development of more than 1,500 new rental units.

A self-supporting agency, NDHFA finances the creation and rehabilitation of affordable housing across North Dakota. The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor Jack Dalrymple as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees NDHFA.



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Fri, Dec 5th • 4-8pm

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4-5pm	WHS Carolers
4-8pm	Book Signings <i>Books On Broadway</i>
5-8pm	Visit Santa & Mail Letters <i>Jackie's Therapeutic Massage & Day Spa</i>
5:15-6:15pm	First Lutheran Church Carolers
6-8pm	Kids & Toddlers Art Class <i>Register at willistonstate.edu/trainND</i>
6-8pm	Storytime with Mrs. Claus <i>Daily Addiction Coffee House</i>
6:30-7:30pm	WHS Quartet
6:30-7:70pm	Entertainment, Inc! Carolers
7:30pm	"Christmas at the Shop Around the Corner" <i>Presented by Entertainment, Inc! Tickets, Call: 701-577-3179</i>

Book Signings


Fri, Dec 5 • 4-8pm



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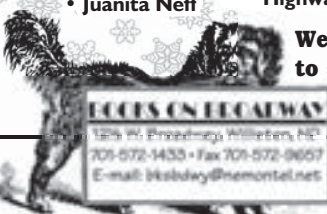
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DPHHS Offers Holiday Food Safety Tips

Submitted by the Department of Public Health and Human Services

Food is an important part of many holiday celebrations. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) offers these reminders to help ensure the holiday season is free of illness from food.

“Following these basic turkey tips will go a long way in making sure your family and friends are served safe food during holiday season,” said DPHHS Director Richard Oppen.

The Turkey

Purchasing the Turkey

- Be prepared! Before purchasing your turkey, make ample space in your refrigerator, moving shelves if necessary. Keeping your turkey refrigerated is important to minimize the growth of bacteria.
- When should I buy it? Keep in mind that a whole turkey takes about 24 hours per four to five pounds to thaw in the refrigerator. (For example: A 15-pound frozen bird will take 3 to 4 full days to thaw in the refrigerator.) Ideally, purchase your frozen turkey as far in advance as necessary to safely thaw it in the refrigerator. If buying a fresh turkey, purchase it only 1 to 2 days before the meal and keep it refrigerated.
- Thawing and Handling. Always wash hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds before and after handling the turkey. This prevents you from transferring any potentially harmful bacteria to other items in the kitchen or infecting yourself.
- Never defrost turkey on the counter! Turkey can be thawed in the refrigerator or in cold water. The refrigerator method is the safest and will result in the best finished product. Leave the bird in the original packaging and place in

a shallow pan and allow refrigerator thawing time at a rate of 4 to 5 pounds per 24 hours. To thaw in cold water, keep turkey in the original packaging, place in a clean and sanitized sink or pan and submerge in cold water. Change the cold water every 30 minutes. The turkey will take about 30 minutes per pound to thaw. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed. Do not refreeze.

- Now what? Once thawed, remove neck and giblets from the body cavities and keep bird and parts (if using) refrigerated at 40 °F or below until it is ready to be cooked.
- Cooking Time and Temperature
- Time to cook - there are several methods for cooking your turkey. The single most important thing to know, no matter the cooking method, is that the turkey must be cooked to the proper internal temperature 165°as measured with a food thermometer. A stuffed turkey will take additional time to cook.
- Stuff safely. Stuffing should be prepared and stuffed into the turkey immediately before its placed in the oven. Mix the wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing separately and combine just before using. Stuff the turkey loosely, about 3/4 cup stuffing per pound of turkey. Bake any extra stuffing in a greased casserole dish. Cooked inside or outside the bird, all stuffing and dressing recipes must be cooked to a minimum temperature of 165 °F. (For optimum safety and more even cooking, it's recommended to cook your stuffing in a casserole dish.)
- Take the temperature! Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, not touching bone. Cook to a minimum internal temperature of 165 °F as measured with a food thermometer. Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part

of the breast. For reasons of personal preference, cook turkey to higher temperatures but not to exceed 170 °F in the breast and 180 °F in the thigh. (If the turkey is done and the stuffing is not yet 165 °F, remove the stuffing from the turkey and place it in a greased casserole dish to continue cooking to temperature).

Limits of Leftovers

Having leftover turkey and other dishes means you can have additional tasty meals the day after your feast. But there are limits on how long you can safely keep leftovers. Temperature and time cause bacteria to grow, which is why it is so important your refrigerator be cold enough and you not keep leftovers too long. Even when refrigerated properly (at 41°F), leftovers should be eaten, frozen or discarded within 3 to 4 days. When heating and storing leftovers keep the following in mind:

- Refrigerate cooked leftovers promptly - within 2 hours. Use an appliance thermometer in your refrigerator to ensure your refrigerator is at 40 °F or below.
- Divide leftovers into smaller portions and store in shallow containers in the refrigerator.
- Wash hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds before and after handling food.
- Reheat cooked leftovers to 165°F as measured with a food thermometer. Sauces, soups and gravies should be reheated by bringing them to a boil.
- When microwaving leftovers, make sure there are no cold spots in food (where bacteria can survive). Cover food, stir and rotate for even cooking.

For more information go to the DPHHS Food and Consumer Safety website at fcsc.mt.gov and click on the “Holiday Food Safety” link.

MDT Urges Motorists to “Know Before You Go”

Submitted by Lori Ryan, MDT

The Montana Department of Transportation is making it easier to prepare for holiday travel and winter roads with a free mobile application that provides road conditions, weather, incidents, highway closures and roadway camera images. MDT’s Travel Info mobile app is available in Google play, the iTunes App Store or on Amazon.

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Travelers are also reminded, “Don’t Crowd the Plow”. These vehicles are large and use a lot of room to operate. Snowplows typically travel slower than posted speeds while removing snow and ice from the roads and drivers’ field of vision may be restricted. Many snowplows are rear-ended each winter so remember to slow down, stay back and be prepared for winter maintenance materials spread from the back of the truck.

To ensure a safe and happy holiday season motorists are also reminded of

the following: Turn off cruise control in the winter. Expect ice or frost on bridge decks and shaded areas. Always have a sober driver, and always buckle up.

Plan ahead and stay aware of current conditions when traveling. Remember to check MDT Mobile, call 511 or visit mdt511.com/ to check road and weather conditions.

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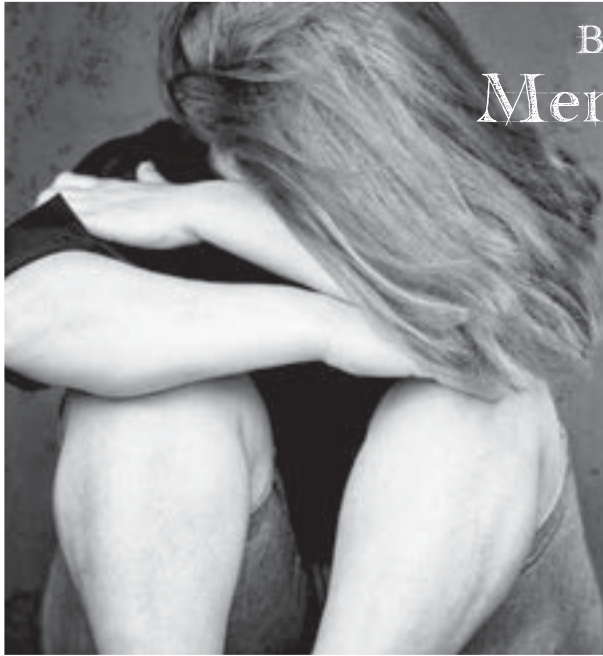
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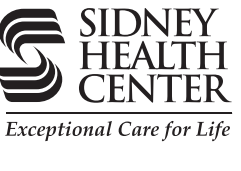
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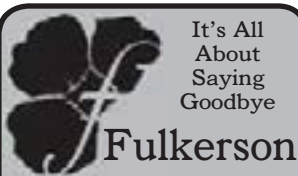
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On October 24, 2014, Linda C. Fillingier - Sole Proprietor, filed an application for the issuance of a license to be used at SIDNEY PUB, 900 1/2 South Central Avenue, Sidney, Richland County, Montana. Protests against an application must be (1) made in writing, (2) mailed to the Department of Revenue, Liquor Licensing, PO Box 1712, Helena, Montana 59624-1712, and (3) received and date stamped by the Department no later than the 22nd day of December, 2014. Protests will be accepted from residents of the county from which the application originates, residents of adjoining counties, or residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in subsection (4)(d) are met.

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Tues., Dec. 9th: Super nachos, tater tots, peaches.
Wed., Dec. 10th: Chicken Alfredo over rotini noodles, breadstick, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges.

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Thurs., Dec. 4th: Breakfast for lunch.
Fri., Dec. 5th: Hobo stew, fruit, bread.
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Wed., Dec. 10th: 4th Grade Pick.

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Thurs., Dec. 4th: Country fried steaks.
Fri., Dec. 5th: Baked pasta.
Mon., Dec. 8th: Chicken nuggets.
Tues., Dec. 9th: Tater tot casserole.
Wed., Dec. 10th: Ham and cheese sandwiches.

Fairview School
Thurs., Dec. 4th: BBQ pork, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri., Dec. 5th: Hamburger deluxe, smiley potatoes, salad bar, milk.
Mon., Dec. 8th: Chicken supreme, corn, salad bar, chocolate pudding, milk.
Tues., Dec. 9th: Polish dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, apple sauce, buns, milk.
Wed., Dec. 10th: French dip with au jus, carrots, salad bar, fruit, chocolate chip bars, milk.

Lambert School
Thurs., Dec. 4th: Ham & turkey sub, fresh veggies, broccoli salad, pears, milk.
Fri., Dec. 5th: Slush burger, corn, cake, milk.
Mon., Dec. 8th: Goulash, corn, garlic bread, apricots, milk.
Tues., Dec. 9th: BBQ pork, baked beans, potato salad, mandarin oranges, milk.
Wed., Dec. 10th: Ham, baked potato, creamed corn, buns, cherry cheesecake, milk.

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Thurs., Dec. 4th: Spaghetti, salad, garlic medallions, applesauce, and milk.
Fri., Dec. 5th: Chicken strips, potato wedges, green beans, pineapple chunks, and milk.
Mon., Dec. 8th: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, carrot sticks, peaches, and milk.
Tues., Dec. 9th: Chicken legs, stuffing, peas, pears, and milk.
Wed., Dec. 10th: Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, pineapple chunks, and milk.

Richey School
Thurs., Dec. 4th: Tater tot casserole, green beans, fruit cocktail.
Fri., Dec. 5th: Tuna noodle, peas, dinner roll, pineapple.
Mon., Dec. 8th: Chicken burgers, peas, applesauce, cookies.
Tues., Dec. 9th: Hot dogs, baked beans, corn, mandarin oranges.
Wed., Dec. 10th: Spaghetti, green beans, breadstick, pears.

Bainville School
Thurs., Dec. 4th: Taco salad, breadsticks, fresh fruit.
Fri., Dec. 5th: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., Dec. 8th: Chicken noodle casserole, peas, oranges, whole wheat bread.
Tues., Dec. 9th: Sub sandwich, sun chips, fresh veggies, peaches.
Wed., Dec. 10th: Chicken, pineapple, roasted potatoes, corn.



Watford City's Turkey Trot

Despite the cold weather "Turkey Trotters" were eager to burn some extra calories on Thanksgiving Day. Over 75 participants were registered for the non-competitive event that was held in Watford City. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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American Red Cross Offers Tips for Safe Holiday Travels

Submitted by Anna Fernández-Gevaert | Regional Communications Director American Red Cross of Idaho & Montana

The holidays are one of the busiest times of the year for travelers. Millions will hop a plane or train to visit loved ones and even more will take to the highways. The American Red Cross offers these tips people can follow to have a safe trip over the upcoming holiday.

DRIVING TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE Check the weather along your route and plan for travel around any storms that may be coming. Watch weather predictions for your entire route so you know what to expect along the way.

Make sure you follow these steps to have a safe trip: Buckle up, slow down, don't drive impaired. Be well rested and alert. Follow the rules of the road. Use caution in work zones. Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones. Observe speed limits – driving too fast or too slow can increase your chance of being in a collision. Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers. If you're too tired to drive, stop and get some rest. Don't follow another vehicle too closely. Clean your headlights, taillights, signal lights and windows to help you see, especially at night. Turn your headlights on as dusk approaches, or if you are using your windshield wipers due to inclement weather. Don't overdrive your headlights. If you have car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible.

If winter weather threatens and you become stuck in the snow, these tips are for you: Stay with the car. Do not try to walk to safety. Tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see. Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won't back up in the car. Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running to help rescuers see the vehicle. Keep one window away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air. Carry an emergency preparedness kit in the trunk. Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.

PLANES, TRAINS, BUSES It's flu season. If you've been sick or been in contact with someone who is sick, consider postponing your trip. You could be contagious for a week before symptoms appear.

Remember that everything you touch may have been

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Carry hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes with you. You can use them to wash your hands or wipe down surfaces such as armrests.

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Plans for 2015 County Conference are Springing Forth for Richland County

Submitted by Julie Brodhead RN, Communicable Diseases Emergency Preparedness, RCHD

So, let's talk Spring! What does spring mean to us; growth, renewal, and re-direction? Why am I talking about spring in December? Number one because it's hopeful, number two because in 2015 the Richland County 7th Annual Community-wide Conference is scheduled for the first day of Spring, March 20th. Then you ask- why am I thinking about that now? The conference is scheduled as a full day conference, with lots of discussion.

The idea behind the conference is to utilize a community feedback and concerns in developing or updating the County-wide Quality of Life Strategic Plan for Richland County. Action Groups are created based on the issues identified in the process. To assure that the plan is turned into action, the action groups include agencies, organizations, and individuals who are interested in working in a particular area. Action plans are written and carried out each year. Conference planning begins with you- the community!

While it's fun to sit at the watering hole and debate every issue, time during the conference is a premium. To make the best use of the time, we have designed questionnaires to narrow and focus the discussion. If you get a property tax bill in Richland County, one was included in that, and we've received a good response; but we want more! There will be many options in the coming months for you to give your input. Watch for them and please, for the future of our county, give us your comments.

The planning committee values your input so participate by going to link for the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2RG98YF> or go to www.richland.org and take the Community Survey listed under News & Announcements.

Article is written & contributed by a member of the Steering Committee



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2015 Youth Serve Montana Scholarships Available to High School Seniors

Students earn \$1,000 for college by giving 100 volunteer hours

Submitted by Marissa Perry -Outreach Coordinator, Governor's Office of Community Service

The Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, and Student Assistance Foundation announced today that the 2015 Youth Serve Montana Scholarships are now available for up to 100 Montana high school seniors. It is the tenth year for this exciting scholarship opportunity aimed at students dedicated to volunteering.

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarships reward students who have volunteered over 100 hours in the last year and who want to further their education in state. This year, 100 high school seniors will receive \$1,000 toward continued education at one of Montana Campus Compact's public, tribal, private, or community colleges and universities.

"Community Service is an important factor for college admission officers when determining the students who will attend their institution," said Lt. Governor Angela McLean. "Students who are dedicated to improving their communities at home are likely to continue that commitment as they pursue a continued education elsewhere in Montana. I am always impressed to see the time and resources that many high school seniors devote to brightening the lives of those around them while also preparing for their future, and this scholarship provides an opportunity to do just that."

"These scholarships are an important way we recognize students for their commitment to bettering their communities," said Jane Karas, Ph.D., chair of Montana Campus Compact and president of Flathead Valley Community College. "By rewarding these students, we are positively reinforcing their choices and providing a lasting impact that will encourage them to be lifelong volunteers."

"Students throughout Montana deserve a reward for the thousands of hours they contribute annually to making Montana a better place," said Kelly Cresswell, Student Assistance Foundation vice president of Foundation Activities. "Student Assistance Foundation is honored to play a role in recognizing these students through the Youth Serve Montana Scholarships."

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship application form, guidelines, and FAQs can be found online at serve.mt.gov. Completed applications, proof of volunteer hours, confirmation of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and enrollment in a Montana post-secondary institution must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Community Service by April 15, 2015.

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship application form can now be accessed, filled out, and submitted through an online form powered by Student Assistance Foundation. The link to the online form is located on serve.mt.gov/youth-serve-montana.

The Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, and Student Assistance Foundation would like to encourage students seeking volunteer work to take advantage of the increase in volunteer opportunities during the holiday season. Students should contact local shelters, food banks, or volunteer organizations to see how they can best serve their community. Youth Serve Montana Scholarships have been made possible through support from the Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, and Student Assistance Foundation.

The Governor's Office of Community Service expands and promotes national service and volunteerism in Montana and engages citizens in service and emergency preparedness. Visit serve.mt.gov.

Montana Campus Compact is Montana's largest higher-education network and works to improve community life by educating students for civic and social responsibility. Visit www.mtcompact.org.

Student Assistance Foundation is a nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to pursue and fund their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants, scholarships and public benefit programs - to date totaling more than \$29.6 million. Visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.

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Greytak Calendars for Sale

Submitted by Josie Evenson

Don Greytak calendars are on sale now. Don Greytak, a pencil artist from Havre, Montana showcases his work in these great calendars. Greytak's portraits illustrate rural life and a down home way of living. The profits from these calendars will benefit the Montana 4-H Foundation. The Montana 4-H Foundation serves as a non-profit corporation that continually supports the state wide 4-H program, which allows youth and leaders to participate in many life changing experiences through the 4-H program. The calendars can be purchased at local financial institutions or the Richland County Extension Office located at 1499 N. Central Ave, Sidney MT. If you have any further questions please call the Extension Office at 406-433-1206.



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