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Athletes of the Year Selected

On Thursday, June 24 Sidney Kiwanis Club and The Roundup honored area senior athletes with their Athletes of the Year Awards, from left, Riley Waters, Sidney, Male Athlete of the Year; Jadyn Gackle, Fairview, Female Athlete of the Year; Hadley Garsjo, Female Scholar Athlete of the Year; and Samuel Smith, Richey/Lambert Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.



AllCheck Medical Clinic Grand Opening July 14



Carlos Trevino, MD



Brandy Shahin, MSN, APRN, CNP, RNFA, FNP-C

By Anna Dragseth

The AllCheck Medical Clinic will be having its grand opening and a meal July 14 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 223 N. Central Ave., Sidney (located at the east end of the Checkers building).

The Allcheck Medical Clinic offers patient health care for every stage of life. Its goal is to provide a medical facility where patients can be comfortable, listened to, and understood. They focus on prevention and staying well - they will be available when something comes up, whether that means caring for you in the clinic or helping coordinate the care you need with other specialists. They understand the busy home and work lives of patients and offer compassion and respect, with flexible appointment times, easy scheduling, and secure online access to results and other information.

They have two providers on staff at the clinic. Carlos Trevino, MD, is from Texas and has been in the medical field for over 30 years primarily practicing family medicine.

Brandy Shahin, MSN, APRN, CNP, RNFA, FNP-C, is a board certified family nurse practitioner. She earned her Masters of Science in nursing from the University of North Dakota. She has been providing quality primary care for more than seven years and is passionate about providing the highest level of care and helping her patients achieve their health and wellness goals. She provides complete patient care including assessment, diagnosis and treatment of complex medical conditions of patients.

Janette McCollum, All-check and Checkers owner, said, "Our goal is to offer additional healthcare for the Richland County community and surrounding area. Please stop by, have a bite to eat, and meet our staff and providers." More information about the clinic can be found at www.allcheckmedicalclinic.com.

Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament, Sidney, July 12

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will once again be holding its annual Agriculture Appreciation Golf tournament on Monday, July 12 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

at Sidney Country Club. Admission is free for farmers and ranchers, and there will be plenty of food, drinks and prizes planned to make this a fun filled day.



Cara Storm of the Sidney Chamber's Ag Committee presents the award to the first place team in 2019, Rick Hackley, Luke Panasuk, Tom Thompson and Bob Thompson.

Area July 4th Celebrations



Swanky the Clown from Kem Shriners's Temple, Williston, awaits the beginning of the Arnegard 4th of July parade on a 1948 Farmall Tractor. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.



Gracie Hill, Lambert, shows off her pink John Deere tractor in the Lambert 4th of July parade on Saturday. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos. (Photo by Bethany Wells)



Emily Arnegard, daughter of Mike Arnegard (left) sings the national anthem before the Arnegard 4th of July Parade. The Arnegards are the founding family of the town incorporated in 1913. Pictured right is parade MC Ed Bazer, Arnegard.



Foss Fisketjon, Williston, rides his remote controlled Bobcat with just a little assistance from his mom, Melissa at the Lambert 4th of July Little Tykes Bike parade. Foss was in Lambert visiting his grandparents, Neil and Judy Turnbull, Elmdale. (Photo by Bethany Wells)

Sidney Sidewalk Sales & Off The Clock Events Planned

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce we be hosting Sidney Sidewalk Sales on the third Friday of each month until October. Those dates are: July 16, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17. Participating businesses during Sidewalk Sales, will be extending their storefront on to the sidewalk and opening their shop from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Another of the summer shopping activities the chamber will be hosting "Off The Clock" monthly events while weather permits. "Off The Clock" will fall on the last Thursday of each month: July 29, Aug. 26 and Sept. 30. "Off The Clock" will feature live music, extended shopping hours, family friendly activities, pop-

up shops, special sales and food vendors. "Off the Clock" tickets will be sold and ticket holders will receive a meal and a VIP Shopping Experience. The VIP Shopping Experience is generally an exclusive sale and a treat/beverage or store "swag". The plan is to close the first block of 2nd St. SE and hub most activities in that street

and the city lot adjacent to it. The goal is to bring people to the storefronts and provide a nontraditional shopping experience for customers who may have various barriers to shopping local with the normal business hours. The time for the "Off The Clock" event will be 5-8 p.m.

Let the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce

know if you have any suggestions for either event as they welcome new ideas and effort to their trade and promotion committee.

If your business would be interested in participating in either of these events please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sidneysales>.



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Last Week's Elev.1836.7
One Year Ago1843.2
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 28	80	52	0.00
June 29	88	53	0.00
June 30	93	55	0.00
July 1	93	59	0.04
Total 2021 YTD Precipitation.....	4.264		

OBITUARIES

Arne Kvaalen, 97, West Lafayette, IN

Arne Kvaalen, 97, West Lafayette, IN, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021. He is now beholding the face of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Arne Kvaalen

Born to Osten and Esther Kvaalen Jan. 22, 1923 in Bismarck, ND, he was raised on a homesteader's wheat farm near Lambert, MT. Arne attended Concordia College, Moorehead, MN, in 1940, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy after Pearl Harbor and went through officers' training followed by UDT training in Ft. Pierce, FL.

He served in the Pacific in UDT 15 as a Frogman, taking part in the invasions of the Philippines and Iwo Jima. He led the first wave of marines on to Blue Beach, for which he received the Silver Star.

After the war, he went to art school in Minneapolis, then to Luther Seminary, graduating in the spring of 1953. He married Ruth Connolly, and served two small parishes near Mobridge, SD, and then as a campus pastor at what is now North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

In 1959, Arne's love for drawing and painting lured him back into art, and he and his family moved to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, where he obtained a master of fine arts degree. He was employed by Purdue University in 1965, teaching painting, drawing, and some art history until his retirement in 1993. Throughout his teaching years and up to the present, Arne kept an art studio in downtown Lafayette, going there nearly daily and continuing his creative work into the last year of his life.

Arne is survived by his wife, Ruth, twin daughters Virginia (Glenn) Richardson, Waukesha, WI, and Kristin Kvaalen, West Lafayette, IN, and son Eric (Claire), Les Essarts-le-Roi, France, as well as nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at Upper Room Christian Fellowship with Reverend Andy Byrn officiating. Interment to follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Current Covid-19 precautions will be observed along with social distancing and current government attendance guidelines. Masks are required. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Arne K. Kvaalen please visit our Sympathy Store.

Gertrude Helen "Trudy" Hoffstot, 92, Wilsonville, OR

Gertrude Helen Rehbein Hoffstot "Trudy" passed away at the age of 92 on Tuesday June 22, 2021.



Gertrude Helen "Trudy" Hoffstot

Trudy and her twin brother, Fritz, were born in Lane, MT, Jan. 27, 1929. They joined 11 siblings and were followed by two more sisters to bring the total to 15 kids born to Alfred and Agnes Rehbein. They were a part of 3 sets of twins. Fritz won the bet of who would be the last of the Rehbeins.

Trudy was raised on a farm in Lambert, MT. After she graduated high school, she went to live with her sister Peggy in Miles City, MT. It was there that she met Jim Hoffstot and they were married on May 24, 1948. They had 2 children Linda (Mainard) and Rodney, 6 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

For 20 years, Trudy worked as a dental assistant in Eugene, OR. Jim and Trudy loved to travel and had many wonderful memories of their adventures. In 1998, they had a beautiful 50th anniversary party, which was attended by several of her siblings and their families.

St. Peter's parish in Eugene was a big part of Trudy's life especially after Jim died in 1999. There was a wonderful group of widows who she became very close with. Also, at this time Trudy decided that staying home was not for her and she joined the "demo people" at Costco. She loved see patients she had known from the dental office and meeting new people as well.

In 2012, Trudy had some health issues. She decided to move to Milwaukee to be closer to her family. She moved into the Springs at Clackamas. She enjoyed being close to 9 of her great grandkids and being able to watch them grow. They often joined her in a game called "Grandma rummy". They called it that because she kept making up new rules.

There will be a Funeral Mass for Trudy on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Christ the King Parish. After that Trudy will be joining her beloved husband Jim at the Willamette National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Gertrude's memory to St. Vincent de Paul at Christ the King Catholic Church.

Adeline Dige, 97, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Adeline Dige, 97, Sidney, MT, were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Audrey Rydbom officiating.

Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT, under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Memorials may be made to Pella Lutheran Church or a charity of one's choice.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

On Friday morning, July 2, 2021 our beloved mother and friend, Adeline slipped peacefully from the company of her family to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Patrick "Pat" Cotter, 57, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Patrick "Pat" Cotter, 57, Sidney, MT were held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 2, 2021, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Father Callistus "Cally" Igwenagu, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, MT officiating.

Interment was in Trenton Cemetery, Trenton, ND under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Patrick "Pat" passed away on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at his home in Sidney, MT.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.
Wed., July 7
10 a.m. -4 p.m. - **Rural Schools of the MonDak Region**
- On display thru July 17. - **Bill Lord: Prairie Rose** - On display thru July 31. **Walter Piehl Retrospective Exhibit**
- On display thru Aug. 14. MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Thurs., July 8 and Fri., July 16
5 p.m. - **Hamburgers In The Park Fairview** - Sharbono Park, \$7 plate.

Fri., July 9
10:30 a.m. - **Sidney Kiwanis Pie Social** - 415 S. Central Ave. All proceeds go to local youth.

Sat., July 10
9:30 a.m. - **Lone Tree Chapter of ABATE of Montana Presents 9-1-1 Hero Run** - Benefiting Lone Tree and Sidney Volunteer Fire Dept. \$20 per bike, \$10/extra hands. All 2, 3, and 4 wheels welcome. Register 9-10:30 a.m. at Cattle-Ac. Kickstands up 11 a.m., last hand dealt at 6 p.m., 254 miles, Sidney, Watford City, Belfield, Wibaux, Glendive, Savage & Sidney. Supper provided by Ranger Lounge.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturdays** - All participants must make an appointment call 406-433-3500 or email mdhc@richland.org. Restrictions apply. MonDak Heritage Center. If you can't make it during open studio hours set up an appointment with Jessica, 406-433-3500.

11 a.m. - **Sidney Moose Lodge Meet N Greet** - All Moose members and public invited to learn of the Moose organization & local Moose Lodge and Chapter. Lunch follows.

Sun., July 11, 18, 25
9 a.m.-noon - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

3-6 p.m. **Open Shooting** - Sidney Trap Club. Open to the public. For more information call 406-480-5594

Sun., July 13
6 p.m. - **Democrats' Picnic Save The Date** - Veterans Memorial Park. Come share your ideas and help prepare for the Fair Booth.

Tues., July 13, 20, 27
6-8 p.m. - **Open Shooting** - Sidney Trap Club. Open to the public through Sept. 1. For more information call 406-480-5594.

Thurs., July 15
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - TapHouse Bar & Grill. RSVP by July 14. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.

Evening - **3 on 3 Hoop Fest for Adults & Teens Fairview** - For more information contact Trish 406-489-0339. Family movie night in the park, weather permitting.

Fri., July 16-Sun., July 18
Fairview 75th Annual Old Timers Reunion & Summer Festival - July 16: All day 3 on 3 Hoop Fest for grades 5-8 for more information call Trish, 406-489-0390. Old Timers Registration, 5 p.m., Sharbono Park; hamburgers in the park, \$7/plate. The Relics, 6-9 p.m.; Junior High aged kids, swim party at pool, \$5, 8-10 p.m.

July 17: Inflatables for kids in the park, \$5 wrist band 2-6 p.m. All day mini golf & classic car show north end of park, Kiddie Parade, free lunch at the park, Grand Parade, flag raising by American Legion at gazebo and more. Ice cream social and tours of FHS; Explore Americas Duck Race at canal bridge. **July 18:** Church in the park 10:30 a.m. For more information call Dennis Trudell 406-798-3427 or 406-478-2395 or Marion Kittleston 406-489-9286 or Renee Sundheim 406-747-5344 or 406-489-0191.

Sat., July 17
7-9 p.m. - **Dragging Main Sidney - Cruising For A Cause - ABATE** - Bring out those bikes, support ABATE. For more information contact Jason Schrader, 406-480-4125 or visit www.facebook.com/Sidneydraggingmain/.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Sat., July 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28; Sept. 4
6-8 p.m. - **Alexander Lions Club Hamburgers In The Park** - Every Saturday evening until Labor Day. Alexander City Park.

Tues., July 13
2-7 p.m. - **Bakken Rocks CookFest Arnegard** - Free family-friendly event includes food, live music, games, activities for kids, information booths & seminar about oil & natural gas industry and more. Bakken basics information session, fire hall, 2-4 p.m. BBQ live music, games & activities for kids and more, 4-7 p.m.

Thurs., July 15 & 29
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

Tues., July 20
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page.

5:30-7 p.m. - **Watford City 2040 Infrastructure Master Plan Community Engagement Open House** - Rough Rider Center. Come & provide input on the infrastructure Master Plan and help shape the future of Watford City.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Sat., July 10, 9 a.m. & Sunday, July 11, 8 a.m.
Buffalo Trails Day, Epping, ND - July 10: 3 on 3 basketball tournament, cornhole tournament, dance & fireworks. **July 11:** Pancake breakfast, church services, craft vendors; silent auction, tours of Buffalo Trails museum, parade, music, petting zoo, wagon rides, car show, firemen tug-o-war, live auction & more.

Sat., July 10, 17, 24 & 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28
9 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Main Street Market** - Hedderich's Lot. Vendors, sponsor activity, food truck and music. Saturdays through Oct. 16. Please respect social distancing at the market.

Tues., July 13
6 p.m. - **Dakota Classic Modified Tour** - Stock cars, mods and slingshots. Gates 6 p.m.; race, 7 p.m. For more information visit www.willistonbasinspeedway.com.

Wed., July 14
3 p.m. - **WREC Dryland & Horticulture Field Day** - Registration begins at 3 p.m., 14120 Hwy 2, 4.5 miles west of Williston.

Thurs., July 15
8:30 a.m. - **Nesson Valley Irrigation Project Field Day** - Coffee 8:30 a.m., tour begins at 9 a.m. 23 miles east of Williston on HWY 1804.

Thurs., July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26
5-9 p.m. - **Summer Nights on Main** - Come downtown Williston to experience incredible live music, amazing food, drinks, kids activities & more.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Sat., July 10
12-4 p.m. MDT - **Free Bicycle Inspection & Minor Repairs** - Bring your bicycle to the skate park & Johnson Bicycle Repair will look it over for problems & do minor repairs.

Tues., July 13
2-5 p.m. MDT - **Working With Older Adults: Capacity, Exploitation and Reporting** - Training from the Department of Public Health and Human Services to learn more about working with older adults. Free, Eastern Plains Event Center, 313 S. Merrill Ave. If you would like a link to the live Zoom stream contact Richard. heitstuman@mt.gov.

Best Of The West Ribfest To Feature Grammy Winning Superstar Star Wynonna Judd Aug.13 Watford City

Submitted by
Jessie Scofield

One of the biggest events in Western North Dakota takes place on Main Street Watford City. The Best of the West Ribfest, Street Fair and Classic Car show is set for Aug. 13, and it just keeps getting bigger and better than ever. This year's free concert headliner is chart topping and Grammy Award Winning country legend Wynonna Judd. As one-half of the legendary mother/daughter duo "The Judds", Wynonna was once dubbed by Rolling Stone as «the greatest female country singer since Patsy Cline". This iconic performer has received over 60 industry awards, with countless charting singles, including 20 No.1 hits such as "Mama He's Crazy", "Why Not me", and "Grandpa, (Tell Me 'Bout The Good Ole Days)".

Respected by the millions of fans who are drawn to her music and undeniable talent, Wynonna's rich and commanding voice has sold over 30-million albums worldwide spanning her remarkable 34-year career.

"The announcement of Wynonna's performance has people across the state excited," said Mary Gumke, Watford City's Chamber director and Ribfest chair. "This is big news for Watford City and we're expecting a record turnout."

The event kicks off with a fundraising breakfast for the local Boy Scouts served on Main Street from 8-10 a.m. The Street Fair opens at 10 a.m. with lunch being served at 11 a.m. and rib teams cooking up ribs on the street all day, serving them to the public at 6 p.m.



Wynonna Judd. (Photo submitted)

And as always, the Best of the West Ribfest, Street Fair and Classic Car Show is free and open to the public, with team games, kids' inflatables and game zone, face painting and more fun throughout the day. Back again this year is the option for guests to purchase a VIP Ticket where they can enjoy drinks and ribs under the shade of the Jones Construction VIP tent and also score the best seats in the house for the evening concert. New this year is a cornhole tournament hosted by Watford City Parks and Rec. In honor of the small rib teams that started this event, the Chamber is hosting a Backyard BBQ Contest where small teams of two are invited to get in on the action.

"If you have the best ribs in town, but only a small grill, this contest is for you," said Gumke. "We're inviting the public to judge and giving out cash prizes for the best!"

During the day you can grab lunch downtown, shop unique vendors and Main Street businesses and enjoy music from local musicians on the side stage. Matt

Aakkre and the "Dirty Little Secret" kick off the evening on the Main Stage with a concert at 6 p.m. before Wynonna's performance at 8 p.m.

Plan to stick around after Wynonna because you're not going to want to miss the Party after Dark when the Ikons of Rock, "Snake Oil", will be taking the stage for an epic tribute to rock. Dressing up is encouraged!

"We're so excited to be able to bring such big acts to Main Street this year," said Gumke. "We are thankful to our chamber members and sponsors for making this event bigger and better each year and for allowing us to offer these high quality concerts for free to our community."

For a full schedule, to purchase your VIP Tickets and to sign up as a Ribfest vendor or contestant visit www.watfordcityribfest.net.

For more information contact the Watford City Chamber of Commerce at 701-570-5084 or wc-chamber@ruggedwest.com or www.facebook.com/BestOfTheWestRibfest.

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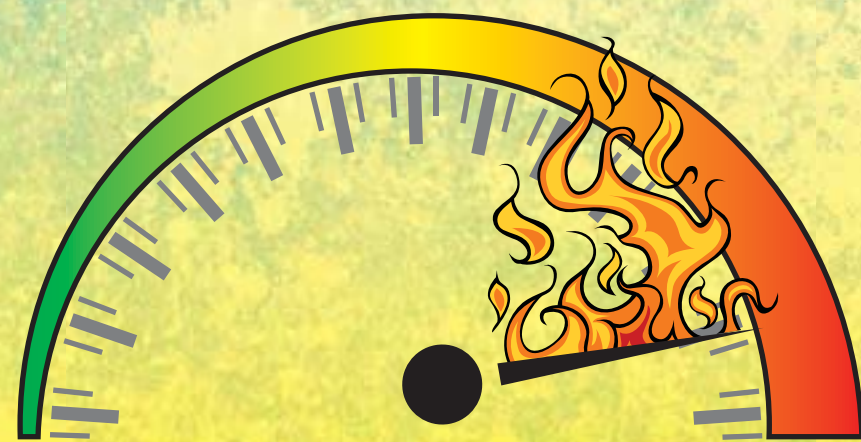
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75th Annual Old Timers Reunion & Summer Festival July 16-18

By Anna Dragseth

The 75th Annual Fairview Old-Timers Reunion and Summer Festival activities are planned to take place July 16-18. The festival will feature the 3-on-3 Hoopfest, Classic Car and Truck Show, Grand Parade, food and craft vendors, live music and much more.

The Hoopfest will be having a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament for youth and adults to participate in on July 15 and July 16; this two-day event is sponsored and operated by the Fairview Community Foundation. For more information on Hoopfest, call 406-489-0390.

Friday, July 16, starting at 5 p.m. there will be registration for old-timers at the park, and after registration, class reunions will take place. There will be a hamburger meal at 5 p.m. and entertainment provided by "The Relics" will begin at 6 p.m. and a swim party for junior high kids from 8-10 p.m.

Saturday, July 17, registration of Old Timers will start at 9 a.m. Mini golf and a classic car show will be ongoing throughout the day. A kiddie parade will kick off at 11 a.m., followed by a free lunch in the park, with the grand parade starting at 1 p.m.

This year, there will be buttons honoring Alvin Miller. "He has been in the

Fairview area his whole life and has been very active in the community. Driving school bus for 50 years and did custom farm-work for many years," explained Dennis Trudell, Fairview Old-Timers Festival Committee spokesperson. Following the grand parade, there will be an event featuring the history on Alvin Miller and entertainment provided by his family and others.

Immediately after the parade, the American Legion will be performing a flag-raising ceremony, followed by a speech from Fairview Mayor Brian Bieber. Between 3 and 5 p.m. there will be an Ice Cream Social and tours of Fairview High School. At 4 p.m., the Annual Explore America Duck Race fundraiser will start at the canal bridge, located on County Road 134.

Wrapping up the Old-Timers Festival activities, a church service will be held in the park on Sunday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Old Timer buttons can be purchased at these area businesses in Fairview, Neu's SuperValu, Merchants



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They are also available in the park Friday, July 16, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m.- noon during the registration by the bleachers. These buttons grant free access to Fort Buford and the Missouri-Yellowstone Interpretive Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and come out and enjoy all the activities at the Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival.

Trudell said, "We are excited to be able to have this event for the public and encourage everyone in the surrounding area to attend."

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Jace Keller Following In His Father's Tracks



Jace Keller races down the Williston Basin Speedway in car J9 sponsored by W.L. Neu Construction and Neu's SuperValu.



Jace, 11, races in the Junior Slingshot classification.

By Anna Dragseth

At the age of 11, Jace Keller is getting his first taste of racing. He competes in the Junior Slingshot classification with the 'No. J9' car. This is his first year racing and he has competed in Williston and Dickinson.

Jace said, "I just love going fast. I just find it really fun because I can speed and

the excitement of seeing if I can win is really fun!"

Jace has been involved with racing since the age of two. His father, Philip Keller, has been racing for a little over eight years. He races the No. 9 racecar in the IMCA Sport Mod Classification. In 2013 he started racing in the hobby stock class and switched over to

the sport mod class in 2015.

Throughout Philip's racing career, Jace has been right at his side, helping him change tires and even scrape mud off the side of his car.

He said, "The kids make racing fun, you know you see all the kids' faces light up when they see a race car, which is pretty neat."

Philip explained that racing has always been a family sport for him. In previous years, Keller's two sons, Jace and Cale, have chosen wraps for his racecar, which have been "Legos" and "The Incredibles" themed wraps. Philip said that both of his sons have shown a lot of interest in racing.

"I would help my dad pit

and I have even been in the hot pits during the features," added Jace.

Shana Keller, Jace's mom and "biggest cheerleader," enjoys watching her husband and son partake in racing. She said, "I am proud of Jace for stepping out of his comfort zone. He is not really into sports, he is kind of my book worm, and so this is something different for him and he really gets into

it and it is just really neat to see that."

Jace hopes to continue racing and has a goal of racing in Minot. He said, "I want to race in Minot because they have a big track and I think it would be cool to race there." He also has plans of graduating from his slingshot car as soon as he turns 14 and start racing in the hobby stock class.

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Submitted by Lisa Sanden
Williston – Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site is excited to announce the return of Kids Craft Saturdays. Each Kids Craft activity is free, open to the public, and accessible to all age levels. Activities will take approximately one hour to complete. Consistent with CDC recommendations, people who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces.
2021 Schedule:
Leather Arrowheads - July 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CT: Learn how to create designs on leather. The arrowhead is an important symbol of the National Park Service. The elements of the emblem symbolize the major facets of the national park system. The Sequoia tree and bison represent vegetation and wildlife, the mountains and water represent scenic and recreational values, and the arrowhead represents historical and cultural values. Visit Fort Union and design your personal arrowhead with

symbols that are important to you.
Coopering (Barrel Making) - July 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CT: Coopering, or barrel making, was one of many professions needed at Fort Union for its daily operations. A cooper can manufacture various containers, including casks, barrels and buckets using wood and metals. Learn more about the skills of a cooper and make-and-take a small craft.
Block Printing Bandanas - July 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CT: Patterns for cloth and garments were brightly colored and repeated throughout a piece. Bandanas had a variety of uses. You could use it on your head, like a scarf, or as a neckerchief. Using fabric ink, make your own pattern using woodblock stamps and take home your completed piece.
Blacksmithing - July 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CT: Blacksmiths made objects as small as nails or as big as traps for trade and everyday operations. Try your hand at being a blacksmith and learn how to hammer a nail using kid-

safe clay.
Indian Arts Showcase – Aug. 7: There will not be an individual craft today because it is our Indian Arts Showcase. Please come out to enjoy the traditional Indian arts and crafts Aug. 7-8.
Flint & Steel and Candlemaking – Aug. 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CT: For our last craft of the season, we invite you to see flint & steel and candle-making demonstrations. The use of flint and steel was an important skill at Fort Union, as this was how employees started their fires for cooking and warmth. In fact, at one point, there was so few fire steels available at Fort Union that they were considered a precious item. We know that candles were being made on site due to several entries in invoices of goods being delivered to Fort Union, which included candle molds. These candles would provide light in the dim rooms as evening wore on. During this process, you can try your hand at making sparks with the flint and steel and make-and-take your very own hand-dipped candle.

Park hours are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. CT daily. For more information about Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, please visit our website at [nps.gov/fous](https://www.nps.gov/fous). The park is also on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/FortUnionTradingPostNHS/>.

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Team Montana Places 4th At Disney Duals Wrestling Tournament In Florida



Pictured are the individual medal winners at the 2021 Scholastic Duals, Orlando, FL. The Sidney Team was 4th in the Community 2 Division. Back row: Josh Salz, 152, alternate, silver, 9-1; Tyson Rice, 120, Williston, alternate, copper, 6-3; Kade Graves, 170, bronze, 8-2; Jordan Darby, 138, silver, 9-1; Owen Lonski, 126, copper, 7-3; Cooper Lane, 120, Huntley Project, copper, 7-3; Zander Burnison, 152, silver, 9-1; Kadyrn Turnbow, 195, Minot, silver, 9-1. Front row: Brody Keysor, 106, alternate, copper, 9-3; Reece Graves, 113, copper, 7-3; and Aden Graves, 160, gold, 10-0. (Submitted photo)



Back row: Tyson Rice, Williston; Kadyrn Turnbow, Minot; Grady Nelson, Cooper Lane and Caleb Kleinke. Middle row: Josh Salz, Kolton Reid, Kade Graves, Jordan Darby, Owen Lonski, Reece Graves and Lance Allen. Front row: Brody Keysor, Gordon Knapp, Aden Graves, Zander Burnison, Ben Carlsen and Aaron See, all of Sidney. (Submitted photo)

The Team Montana (Sidney) placed 4th at the 2021 Disney Scholastics Duals Wrestling Tournament held at the ESPN Wild World of Sports arena in Orlando, FL June 27.
Gordon Knapp, 106 lbs., 4-9; Reece Graves, 113 lbs., 7-3, copper medal; Cooper Lane, 120 lbs., 7-3, copper medal; Owen Lonski, 126 lbs., 7-3, copper medal; Ben Carlsen, 132 lbs., 3-7; Kolton Reid, 138 lbs., 4-6; Jordan Darby, 145 lbs., 9-1, silver medal; Zander

Burnison, 152 lbs., 9-1, silver medal; Aden Graves, 160 lbs., 10-0, gold medal; Kade Graves, 170 lbs., 8-2, bronze medal; Grady Nelson, 182 lbs., 5-5; Caleb Kleinke, 195 lbs., 0-10; Kadyrn Turnbow, Minot, 220 lbs., 9-1, silver medal; Jacob Berger, HWT, 6-4.
Exhibition: Josh Salz, 10-1, silver medal; Brody Keysor, 13-3, bronze; Lance Allen, 6-10; Aaron See, 5-9; Tyson Rice, Williston, 6-3, copper medal.
Duals: Sidney vs.

Southern Indiana, 37-27 loss; Sidney vs. Yulen West Florida, 75-6 win; Sidney vs. Indian Fight Barn, 64-12 win; Sidney vs. Northern Florida, 52-18 win; Sidney vs. Trinity PA, 57-21 win; Sidney vs. Eagle Fight Club, FL, 71-10; Sidney vs. South East Ohio, 42-27 win; Sidney vs. West Perry PA, 43-24 win.
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Center Of North America Controversy Highlighted By Local Historian

Clay Jenkinson to Hold Book Signing During Williston's Crazy Days at Books on Broadway

Bismarck - North Dakota humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson was featured on CBS Sunday Morning on May 30 in a feature on the search for the geographic center of North America.

CBS producer Stephen Dustin asked Jenkinson to appear for an interview after learning of Jenkinson's forthcoming book on North Dakota, 'The Language of Cottonwoods: Essays on the Future of North Dakota'.

Jenkinson provided wry commentary on the controversy over the geographic center of North Dakota that now includes three claim-

ants: Rugby, which has held that title since the 1930s, Hanson's Bar in Robinson, which established its own claim in 2016, and Center in Oliver County, which appears to be the best scientifically-determined sit.

"I'm a Rugbyite," Jenkinson says, "but once I began to study the issue I realized that attempting to make a determination of the geographic center raises more problems than it solves." Jenkinson explains that you have to begin with a definition of North America (opinions vary), then figure out a way to overcome the

curvature of the earth, and also account for the off-shore islands, peninsulae, and Arctic ice sheets. "Not to mention lands emerging because of global climate change and the movement of the world's continents thanks to plate tectonics."

In the CBS segment, Jenkinson made fun of the whole controversy. "It's essentially the same as deciding what midwestern town has the world's largest ball of twine," he says.

Jenkinson's book, to be released at the end of June, has a chapter on the controversy, "The Heart of Everything That Is". "I spent a couple of months doing research on the controversy and discovered that even Rugby is not the right spot for what used to be

regarded as the Center of North America. The actual former location was near Balta, more than a dozen miles from Rugby. The cairn was put in Rugby merely because it was the largest community nearby!"

'The Language of Cottonwoods' features chapters on the Little Missouri River, the Bakken Oil Boom, the 150 ICBM nuclear-tipped missiles in northwestern North Dakota, the roadside effigies that dot the landscape (like Salem Sue and the World's Largest Sandhill Crane), spirit of place on the Great Plains, the search for the sacred, and relations between the white and Native American communities in North Dakota.

Koehler Press, Norfolk, VA, is publishing 'The

Language of Cottonwoods'. It is the culmination of Jenkinson's lifelong fascination with North Dakota. "I wanted to try to get to the heart of the North Dakota identity at a time when we don't any longer really know who we are," Jenkinson says. The book is a love song to North Dakota, an analysis of the state of the state in 2021, and a series of musings on possible futures for the last visited and least visited state.

Jenkinson plans a series of book events around North Dakota through the summer.

On Friday, July 9 during Crazy Days in Williston there will be a book signing with Clay Jenkinson from 1-4 p.m. at Books on Broadway, 12 1/2 W. Broadway.



Clay Jenkinson

Williston Crazy Days & Sidewalk Sales, July 9-10

Crazy Days in Williston will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, July 9. Main Street will be blocked off and come check out the crazy clearance sales that will be on sale.

The street closure will begin after 6:30 a.m., Friday, July 9 and continue through 4 p.m. There will be food trucks, and musical entertainment on Main Street throughout the day.

On Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. there will be Sidewalk Sales and the Main Street Market will begin at 9 a.m. on the Hedderich's lot.

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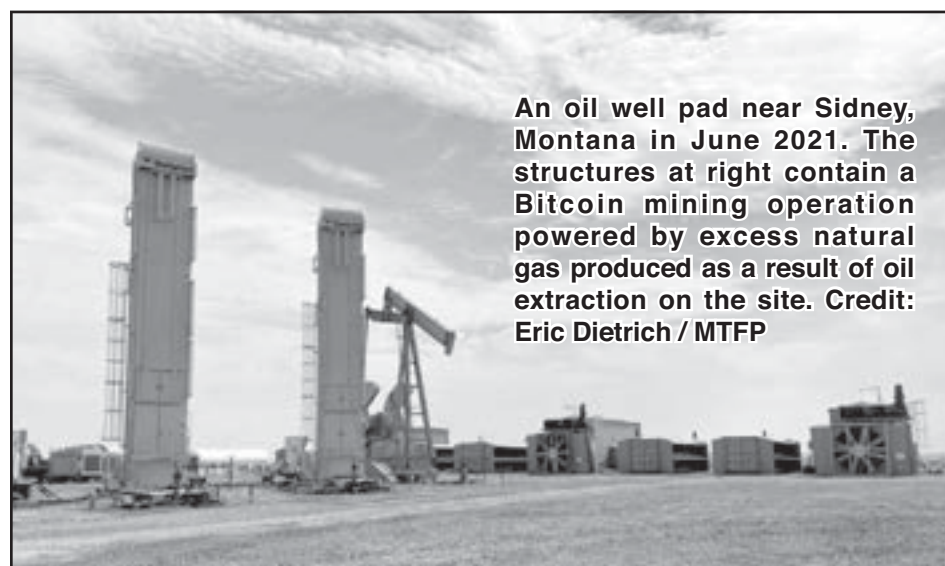
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Bitcoin Fracking Turns Waste Gas To Digital Gold In Bakken Oil Field

Natural Gas Produced As A Byproduct In Bakken Oil Production Is Often Flared As Waste. Near Sidney, MT, One Company Is Converting It To Cryptocurrency Instead.



An oil well pad near Sidney, Montana in June 2021. The structures at right contain a Bitcoin mining operation powered by excess natural gas produced as a result of oil extraction on the site. Credit: Eric Dietrich / MTFP

By Eric Dietrich
SIDNEY — On a sun-baked oil pad not too far from the North Dakota border, the iconic infrastructure of the Bakken oil field towers over pink gravel, pumpjacks pulling energy-packed hydrocarbons from thousands of feet deep beneath the eastern Montana prairie.

A flare stack and multi-story storage containers stand along the pad's perimeter, along with a sign announcing the site's owner, Houston-based Kraken Oil & Gas. On the far side of the pad, though, a line of

metal buildings set up by a Colorado startup represents a decidedly nontraditional arrangement for the oil industry. Humming generators wire electricity to a handful of squat boxes that look like a cross between shipping containers and hot dog stands. From beneath awnings, whirring fans blast streams of scorching hot air out their sides.

Inside, behind a tangle of power cords and networking cables, a full wall of each container is packed with high-tech computing equipment, powerful servers chugging away to put natural gas produced as a byproduct of the pad's oil production to use on an entirely different type of extraction: mining digital cryptocurrency.

"Instead of burning it, we try to bring something

to the site so we can use it and create something beneficial," said Sidney native Bruce Larsen, Kraken's president.

Kraken has dug in here for the oil released by hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, the technology that, along with horizontal drilling, spurred the Bakken oil boom in North Dakota and this stretch of eastern Montana in the late 2000s and early 2010s. Even as the boom has cooled from its peak over the last decade, production has continued on pads like this one, where the liquid oil pulled from the earth is piped away, headed toward refineries that convert it to gasoline or plastic. On sites without a pipeline connection, producers truck liquid oil away in tanks instead.

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Smart Planning: Watford City Desires Community Input on 2040 Infrastructure Master Plan

Submitted by Grace Demars, PE City of Watford City

The City of Watford City is in the midst of developing a long-term infrastructure Master Plan. Public input is desired at this point of the planning process to ensure the plan is aligned with the appropriate priorities.

Over the last decade, communities across western North Dakota have experienced rapid population growth, primarily due to increased oil and gas activity during the recent surge in the oil and gas industry. Watford City was one of the fastest growing communities

and infrastructure operations and maintenance. With the recent slowdown in western North Dakota and the world, the City wanted to better position themselves for the future and align funding sources with existing and proposed infrastructure to ensure a resilient infrastructure plan is in place.

The City made the decision to embark on a Master Planning journey last year to develop the Watford City 2040 Infrastructure Master Plan. The Master Plan will help the City plan and strategically implement operations, maintenance, and infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years.

The City has scheduled a Community Engagement Open-House on Tuesday, July 20. Details are as follows:

- What: Watford City

2040 Infrastructure Master Plan – Community Engagement Session

- Place: Rough Rider Center (Gold/Silver Rooms)
- When: Tuesday, July 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

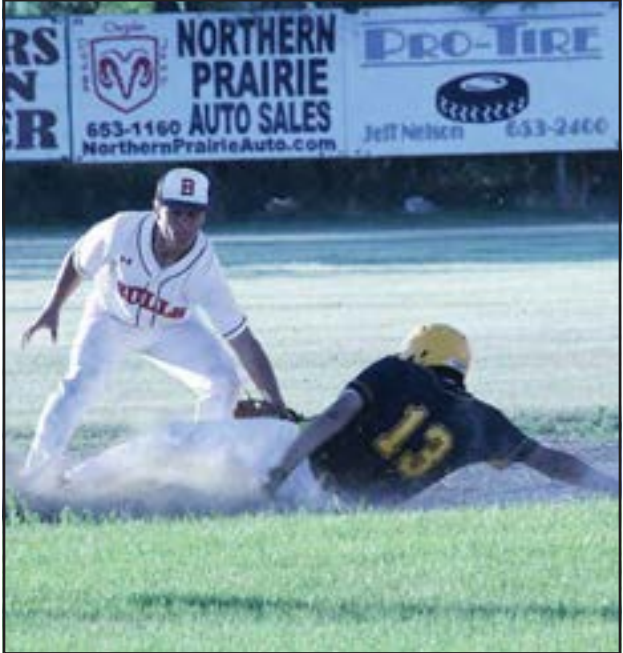
The Community Engagement Open-House will start with a brief presentation by the project team followed by open access to stations focusing on roads, sidewalks and paths; water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure; and City buildings and amenities. The Open House will offer opportunities for residents to learn about the project along with the progress that has been made, learn about the City's infrastructure systems, have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team, and provide input on the Master Plan.



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Baseball Action

Sidney's Zander Dean, Post #49 Bulls, puts a tag on a runner at second base during the double-header in Wolf Point on Wednesday. The Bulls won by scores of 20-0 and 14-0. (Submitted photo)

OBITUARIES

Michael "Mike" Qualley, 73, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Michael "Mike" Qualley, 73, Sidney, MT were held at 2 p.m., Monday, July 5, 2021, at Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Mike Hussey officiating. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT, under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. The family service was held 10 a.m., Monday, July 5, 2021, at the church and visitation started after the family service. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Michael "Mike" Qualley

Michael Ray was born on Feb. 19, 1948, Billings, MT to Ray and Olive (Burgess) Qualley. He grew up and attended schools in Lambert and Sidney area. After graduation from Sidney High School, Michael attended college in Glendive until babies made getting a job a necessary thing. He worked on the family farm, most of his life, both in elementary school as well as high school and throughout his adult life until his dad made the decision to put the farm into the CRP program.

He married Rosie Miller in 1969. This union produced his three boys, Jeff, Tom and Cameron. In the winters, Mike drove truck for many years for Transystems and Helena Chemical until retiring due to health issues. Mike married Christine "Chris" Schieffer Mocko on Feb. 14, 1998. After their marriage they lived in Sidney, MT.

Michael was not perfect, but he was a kind and honest person. He always said that he didn't have the memory to remember lies, so the truth was easier, to a fault sometimes. Michael didn't like to travel very much but when he did, it was to a hot springs, which he loved. His favorite was Bozeman Hot Springs. He also liked Yellowstone National Park.

Michael had two collections that he was passionate about. His first was his pen collection. You had to be careful if you had a pen with advertising on it. He would try to get it from you. Not steal it! Talk you out of it. Michael would not let you use it until the ink was gone because you might wear off the lettering. His second passion was coins. Although he did not know anything about collecting coins, he would see coins that he thought were pretty, unique, or special in some way and he would get them. He would sit for hours with his magnifying glass and look at them. Even when he was basically confined to his bed, he would ask to have his coins brought to him and he would enjoy looking at them. Eventually it got to the point that even with his magnifier; he had a hard time seeing them, but he would still try.

Michael suffered a stroke in March of 2019, which left him without the use of his right side and most of his ability to talk clearly. After convalescing in Sidney and Minot he came back home and was cared for by his wife and a close family friend, Ashley Jackling.

One of his favorite things to do was to go to Dairy Queen and get a Root Beer Freeze. Even after his stroke, we would go get him a small one and Cindy would always have us tell him that she made it with love. He would get the biggest smile on his face when he heard that.

He enjoyed his visits with Pastor Mike and really appreciated him bringing Holy Communion to him at home since he couldn't get to church. He liked playing his Christian music videos and CDs with him. They had a special relationship and Michael's family will remember that for a long time.

Michael loved his Savior, Jesus Christ. He would listen to the Bible (because he didn't like to read), cry sometimes listening to gospel music and would say that he wanted to go home to be with Jesus, his Savior.

He also, loved his cats: Rowley, Mitsu, Fluffy, Morris, Patches, and Susie. He enjoyed old country music, gospel music and Elvis Presley.

His last years were very difficult for him and for those that cared for and loved him. He would try to participate in events held at the house like Christmas, Easter and such. He had difficulty sitting up for any length of time, but Chris's kids and grandkids made a point of including him and understanding his inability to speak clearly. His smile, for a hug from the little ones, was beautiful to see.

Michael "Mike" passed away early Saturday morning, June 26, 2021, at his home in Sidney, MT, just like he wanted to, with his wife, stepson Ryan, his special caregiver Ashley in attendance. He passed peacefully. He is no longer in pain, but instead rests in Paradise with his King!

He is survived by: his wife, Christine Qualley, Sidney, MT; his sons, Jeff (Lorena) Qualley, Wibaux, MT, Thomas (Shirley) Qualley, Tioga, ND, and Cameron Qualley, Gwinner, ND; his step-children, Gary (Monica) Mocko, Jacksonville, NC; Karen (David) Munoz, Sidney, MT; Lee (Melissa) Mocko, Minot, ND; Robert (Kaitlyn) Mocko, Williston, ND; Ryan Mocko and Ashley, Sidney, MT; his sisters, Carol Michels, Corrine (Al) Johnson, and Patricia Black; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Rob Michels and Wes Black; grandparents; aunts; uncle and cousin, Bruce Qualley.



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10 AM - Missoula Children's Theater @ Middle School
12 PM - Co-Ed Grass Volleyball Tournament @ American Legion Baseball Field
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Silameh Kuyaten, Williston, was having a good day dock fishing June 26 at Lewis and Clark State Park.



Mussel Boats #35 & #36 Intercepted At Watercraft Inspection Stations

By Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

On Sunday, June 27, watercraft inspection stations in eastern Montana intercepted two boats entering the state

Keep Bird Feeders Clean Or Put Them Away For Summer

By Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks

Helena - To prevent the spread of disease, such as salmonella, bird enthusiasts should consider either removing their bird feeders for the summer or cleaning the feeder regularly. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has received several phone calls recently about dead birds around feeders and birds with crusty eyes.

Birds don't need supplementary food in the summer. They typically eat naturally occurring food, such as insects, during this time of year when they are nesting and rearing their young.

If you suspect that you are seeing sick birds, or find dead birds around your feeders, please contact your local FWP office. Bird feeders should be removed in the event illness is observed. The ground under feeders should also be cleaned, as droppings will contain the salmonella bacteria.

Even when there is no sign of disease, feeders should be cleaned and disinfected at least every other week, or even weekly. Prevent overcrowding by spreading feeders out or using feeders that only allow a few birds to visit at one time.

Cleaning feeders

- Clean your feeders with warm, soapy water. Disinfect with a 10% bleach solution to kill bacteria. Rinse the feeder and allow it to dry completely before using it again. Disinfect your birdbaths as well.

- Clean your bird feeding area by washing all structures holding your feeders and raking the ground surrounding the feeders.

- If you have observed sick or dead birds, do not reinstall your feeders for a few weeks. As birds begin to migrate and cease traveling in flocks, it will be okay to put feeders back up.

If you find a dead bird, place it in a double plastic bag. Please keep the bird in a cool location (such as a cooler) until you've contacted FWP. FWP may want samples for testing. Wear gloves and wash hands thoroughly afterwards.

If you live in bear country, please consider placing feeders greater than 10 feet high, and more than 4 feet from nearby trees and bring them in at night or keep your feeders down for the active bear season. If bear activity is observed in the general vicinity of the feeder or your home, the feeder should be removed permanently.

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The Richland County Fair & Rodeo has 100th Centennial merchandise for sale. A list of items for sale includes folding lawn chair with case, \$30; umbrella, \$20; freedom tumbler with straw, \$10; stainless mug, \$15; fair history book, \$10; wine glass, \$18; can coolie, \$1, t-shirts, \$20 short sleeve and \$25 for the long sleeve. Also for sale is a limited amount of the Henry Golden Boy, 22WMR lever action Centennial rifles, \$1,250. These centennial items can be purchased at the Fair office. For more information call 406-433-2801 or email jlaron@richland.org.

Right: Close up of the engraving on the right side of the Richland County Fair Centennial Rifle. Only 100 of these limited edition rifles were produced.



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Sprint car driver Adam Soblic, Grand Forks, takes the checkered flag at the Rock the Races event at the Williston Basin Speedway July 3. TNT Fireworks sponsored the event which ended with a spectacular fireworks display. For full results go to roundupweb.com.

Proposed Intersection Improvements West Of Fairview

Submitted by
Haley Walter, Public Involvement Officer
Fairview - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to announce and invite the public to comment on a proposal to install intersection improvements at the intersection of Highway 201 and County Road 350 about 5 miles west of Fairview.

Proposed work will include installing new signs including stop signs and stop ahead signs. Intersection lighting will also be installed. The purpose of the project is to address a crash trend that has been identified at this intersection.

Construction is tentatively planned for 2022 depending on completion of design and availability of funds. This construction will occur before the Fairview West reconstruction project that extends from just west of this intersection to the Town of Fairview. These improvements will not be affected by the Fairview West construction activities. No new right-of-way or utility relocations will be needed.

An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. The Montana Department of Transportation welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted online at http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml or in writing to Montana Department of Transportation, Glendive office, PO Box 890, Glendive, MT 59330-0890. Please note that comments are for project UPN 9612000.

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Gov. Gianforte Declares Statewide Drought Emergency

Submitted by
Brooke Stroyke
Office of the Governor
Helena - Governor Greg Gianforte has issued an executive order declaring a statewide drought emergency in Montana.

"Every region of the state faces severe to extreme drought conditions, and the situation is getting worse. These alarming drought conditions are devastating our ag producers, challenging our tourism industry, and could bring a severe wildfire season," Gianforte said. "This emergency order makes available all necessary state government resources to mitigate the impacts of this drought and protect Montanans."

Executive Order 11-2021 directs the Departments of Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources and Conservation to provide maximum assistance to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on drought-related activities to secure timely economic assistance from the federal government.

It also suspends regulations for motor carriers and persons operating commercial vehicles while they provide direct drought-related support.

According to data in the Summer 2021 Montana Drought Forecast Report, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates approximately 91% of Montana faces abnormally dry to extreme drought conditions as of June 22.

Drought conditions at this point in 2021 are substantially worse than at the same time last year when approximately 52% of the state confronted similar conditions.

The July forecast projects below-normal precipitation throughout the state and a 40-50% chance of above-normal temperatures across much of Montana.

The governor's executive order declaring a statewide drought emergency is effective immediately and can be viewed at <https://governor.mt.gov/Exec-Order-No.-11.pdf>.

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