

## By Lois Kerr

The Sidney High School FFA and AgEd students have begun Phase II of the Learning to Serve Grant, obtained through the USDA Rural Youth Development Program. This grant focuses on developing and applying leadership and classroom skills in youth who then use these newly learned skills to improve their own lives and the health of their rural communities. The grant partners the students with the county, city and ROI (Richland Opportunities, Inc.) to improve and enhance recycling efforts within Richland County.

Last year during Phase I of the grant, Sidney High School FFA and AgEd students designed and constructed metal paper bins and then located these bins at individual homes, businesses, schools and organizations for the purpose of collecting papers and magazines for recycling. This year during Phase II of the grant, students will construct a total of ten recycling sheds which will be placed around the county for residents to drop off newspapers, magazines, and aluminum cans.
"We have received a total of $\$ 3000$ in grant money for this project," says FFA advisor and AgEd teacher Gary Schaff. "Last year, students made metal paper bins and this year they are constructing recycle sheds. The upperclassmen did the construction, the $10^{\text {th }}$ grade did the finishing work, including the hardware and doors, and the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students did the painting.'

He adds, "We have yet to determine where the sheds will be placed. There will be ten sheds across the county to improve recycling efficiency."

Schaff believes the grant benefits both the community and the students. "Community needs for recycling have increased," Schaff observes. "ROI has led the charge in recycling, and AgEd and FFA have teamed up with this established group to motivate people to increase their recycling. This grant assists in these recycling efforts."

He continues, "The grant is also curriculum driven and benefits the students. Last year students learned welding and metals by constructing the bins. This year they learn carpentry skills by building the sheds. We expect to incorporate these various skills with community service. Through the Learning to Serve grant, students do something for the community and they provide by example to other youth. Students can be a major factor and contribute to their community while learning life skills at the same time.'

ROI also will receive some of the grant money to use for fuel to operate the new recycle truck. " $\$ 600$ will go to ROI for mileage," Schaff notes. "ROI is the leader in the community for recycling, so this is a way we can help them and contribute to their efforts."

Schaff advises that some of the metal recycle bins produced last year are still available, so if anyone wants to use one of these bins for the recycling of papers and magazines, he or she may phone Schaff at the Sidney High School. "We are continuing to distribute the paper bins," Schaff remarks. "A limited number of them are available for those who want them. They are to be used for the recycling of individual papers and magazines, and when they are full, call us and we will come collect the papers."

Anyone interested in joining this recycling effort by utilizing one of the metal collection bins may call Schaff at the Sidney High School or email him at gschaff@sidney.k12.mt.us

## Fairview Alliance Serving Christmas Eve Supper

The Fairview Alliance Church, 702 Western Ave., (across from the high school) will be serving a free turkey supper on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m

If you should care to stay for the Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. you are welcome to do so. Come as you are and join our church "family" for the holidays. Christmas morning coffee is at 10:30 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day.

For more information call 406-742-5425.


## Richland Recreation Seeks

## Public Comment

Richland Recreation Coordinator, Justin Nuveman seeks public comment on the possibility of a Community/ Recreation Center being built within the county.

At the January 2011 County Wide Community Conference, interest was shown in constructing a community/recreation center so there would be more recreation options for the entire family. There were many options that were discussed as to what/who should go into such a facility including indoor pool, auditorium, fitness space, gymnasiums and the Boys and Girls Club.

Entire county participation is sought through a survey opportunity. In favor or not, all voices should be heard. Surveys will be available at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s GK77TXF. If unable to take an online survey, there will be hand written surveys available. If you have any questions
you can call Justin at 406-488-2262 or email him at Justin@richlandrecreation.com.

## Sidney Kiwanis Conducting Coat Drive

The Sidney Kiwanis Club is once again providing coats, hats, boots, scarves, gloves and mittens to children in the area. Anyone needing warm clothing, or wishing to donate either clothing or money to purchase certain items, is encouraged to contact Nick Lonski, Edward Jones, 611A S Central Ave., Sidney or call 406-433-3600.

Coats in elementary kids' sizes are particularly in demand.

## Young Marries Glancey

Jessica Young married Stephen Glancey on Sept. 2 2011 at the Believer's Fellowship Church, St. Paul, MN. The bride is the daughter of Terry and Renae Young Sidney.

The groom is the son of Suzanne Singer and Christian Glancey.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Mexico and re urned to reside in Eden Prairie, MN.

The bride is employed as an education loan coordina or at Crown College, St. Bonifacius, MN and the groom is a sales and marketing manager at Screenfeed, Edina, MN.

Something unique about the wedding was Jessica's father, Terry, was honored to give the talk/message in the ceremony.



## Fellowship Church

 Offers "Warming Place"Fellowship Church of Sidney is providing their facility to the community as a "warming place" for those with a cold weather emergency. If anyone in a camper, RV, or less-thanideal cold weather accommodation suffers a power outage runs out of propane, or loses heat they can call Fellowship at 433-4004, any time of day ( 24 hours). Someone will be sent to open the facility for a temporary period of time so they can get warm and get heat restored.

Fellowship Church urges people not to underestimate the elements of an eastern Montana winter and to not risk freezing-especially for the elderly or those with children.

## C.A.R.E. Cancer Auction Regional Event Underway

## By Staci Miller

The Foundation for Community Care and Good Cents Store will be Braving Cancer with Hope and Antiques on Saturday, April 21 with a region wide antique auction. The auction will be held at Richland County Event Center, Sidney, with all proceeds benefiting Phase II of Sidney Health Center's Cancer Care Center

Sidney Health Center expanded its cancer care services to include radiation therapy in January 2011. The first of its kind in Montana, Sidney Health Center installed a TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation treatment system, which is one of the most advanced cancer treatment systems in the area. The Foundation for Community Care continues to raise funds for Phase II of the project, which is to relocate chemotherapy and provide a separate, private entrance to the center. This phase is dependent on support from the community and is projected to cost $\$ 1.4$ million.

The Foundation for Community Care is accepting antiques and collectibles for this philanthropic event. Gifts-inkind, as in monetary forms of donations, can be a tax benefit if made prior to Dec. 31, 2011. Please contact the Foundation for Community Care at $406-488-2273$ to support C.A.R.E (Cancer Auction Regional Event).

## City/County Planning Board Slated Jan. 3

The City/County Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the Richland County Ex tension Office Conference Room, 1499 N Central Ave., Sidney.

To obtain a copy of the Planning Board Agenda or for more information please contact the Richland County Planner Office at 406-433-6886


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The Sidney Piecemakers Quilting Club generously donated 50 hand-made pillow cases to residents of Sidney Health Center Extended Care. Each pillow case is made with festive Christmas material. Pictured above are (L to R): Deb Waters, Piecemakers; Laura Senior, Piecemakers; Paula Bostrom, Home Health \& Hospice; and Kris Radke, Extended Care Activities Director.


Debbie Lawhead (left) is presented with $\$ 500$ in Chamber Bucks by Wade VanEvery of the Sidney Chamber.


## Chamber Awards Shopppers



Left: The Trade Promotion committee of the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture provided an incentive for local shoppers with the Christmas Cash Give-Away. Winning \$500 in Chamber Bucks was Debbie Lawhead of Fairview. Receiving \$250 Chamber Buck prizes was Christobel Steinbeisser and Dave Nees, both of Sidney. Their winning tickets were drawn atJ ohnson Hardware and Fumiture, M\&M Café, and ProBuild. The drawings were conducted on December 16th. Chamber Bucks can be used at 96 different members of the Chamber.



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## Holiday Deadlines

The deadline for advertising in the December 28 issul is 10 a.m. Thuss., Dec. 22. News 8 photos are welcome until noon on Fi.i. Dee. 23 . Adverising deadline for the January 4 issule is 10 a.m. Thus., Dee. 29. Classified ads $f$ news are welcome until noon Firi, Dec. 30 .
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## Captain Anne M. Rockeman Montgomery

Army aviator Captain Anne Rockeman Montgom ery died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 as the result of a helicopter training accident at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, WA. She was near
25.

Anne was born Oct. 1 ,
 1986 in Comayaguela, Honduras to Kurt Rockeman, a U.S. Foreign Service officer, and Kathleen Joslyn Rockeman. She grew up in Honduras, Somalia, Malawi, Mozambique, Ethiopia and graduated from high school in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Anne was a proud legal resident of North Dakota, though, and cherished many visits through the years with her extended family in McKenzie County, and near Donnybrook.

## Mary Gertrude "Gert" Clifford, 103, <br> Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Mary Gertrude "Gert" Clifford, 103, Sidney, MT, was at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, with Father Jim O'Neil and Father Ned Shinnick as co-presiders.

Interment was in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home, Sidney.

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

Mary Gertrude "Gert" passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility with her daughter, Doris, by her side.

## J ohn Chapman, 57, Sidney MT

Funeral service for John Chapman, 57, Sidney, MT, was at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating.

Cremation followed the services under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home, Sidney.

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

John died on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011 at his home.
Kevin Leach, 53, C hamplain, MN
Funeral services for Kevin Leach, 53, Champlain, MN, were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Carol Karres officiating.

Kevin will be laid to rest next to his beloved grandparents, near the farm that he loved as a child, at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Tioga, ND under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home, Sidney.

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

Our hearts were broken on Dec. 14, when Kevin left us. With a smile, we will fondly remember Kev with his everpresent fanny pack, his proud, strong walk, generous spirit and quick smile.
Mary L. FisherTolksdorf, 91, Sidney, MT
Mass of the Christian Burial for Mary L. Fisher Tolksdorf, 91, Sidney, MT, is at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 at the St. Bernard's Catholic which happens to be Mary's favorite day of the year, when the days once again start getting longer and brighter. Rosary was said on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. with a wake following at 6 p.m., both at the Fulkerson Funeral Home.

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

Mary died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011 at the Sidney Health Center.

## STATISTICS

Anne attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, and majored in foreign languages. Upon
graduation in 2008 she was assigned to her passion: aviagraduation in 2008 she was assigned to her passion: aviamet fellow Army filot CW2 Aaron "Morty" Montgomery. They were married on May 282010 in Alabama. In November 2010 they were posted to Joint Base Lewis-McChord where they both flew Kiowa OH-58 scout helicopters.

Anne is survived by her beloved husband, Monty, Tacoma; her parents, Kurt and Kathleen Rockeman, Nairobi, Kenya; brothers Gus and Christian, Nairobi; sister Geneva Rockeman, Springfield, MO; parents-in-law Levi (Cathy) Montgomery, Blaine, WA; uncles Keith Rockeman, Grassy Butte, ND; Ken (Becky) Rockeman, Big Timber, MT, Dale (Rodia) Joslyn, Austin, TX, Joseph (Bonnie) Joslyn, Madison, WI; Mark (Annette) Rockeman, Donnybrook, ND; aunts Kim (David) Proffitt, Mankato, MN; Carolyn (Robert) Neumann, Castroville, TX; Maureen (Dan) Pipinich, HonoIulu, HA; grandmothers, Ivy Joslyn, Great Falls, MT, and Betty Stone-Chisholm, Hamilton, MT; great-aunts Connie Bruins, Watford City, ND, and Elvina Rockeman, Donnybrook, ND, and 20 cousins. Anne was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Lloyd Rockeman and Art Joslyn.

Annie was bright, brave, strong, loyal and generous a credit to her family and her country. She was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. The family suggests memorials may be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project, a charity close to her soldier's heart, at www.woundedwarrior.org.

## EVENTS

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## Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.
Wed., Dec. 21
7 p.m. - Extended holiday hours till 7 p.m. for most businesses.
7 p.m. - Gambler's Anonymous, Millers' Corner back
Thurs., Dec. 22
12 p.m. - Sidney Kiwanis Club meeting, Elks Lodge. 5 p.m. - TOPS, Crestwood NW Entrance, Weigh-ins

5-5:30 p.m., meeting 5:30-6 p.m.
6:30 p.m. - Pinochle, Moose Lodge
7 p.m. - Extended holiday hours till 7 p.m. for most businesses.
8 p.m. - NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.
Fri., Dec. 23
7 p.m. - Extended holiday hours till 7 p.m. for most
Sat, Dec
Sat., Dec. 24
9 a.m. \& 7 p.m. - AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran
Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.
4:30-6:30 p.m. - The Fairview Alliance Church, 702 Western Ave (across from the high school) will be serving a free turkey supper on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 from 4:30 to 6:30. If you should care to stay for the Christmas eve service at 7 pm you are welcome to do so. Come as you are and join our church "family" for the holidays. Christmas morning coffee at 10:30 and service at 11 A.M. on the 25 th. For more information service at 11 A.
call $742-5425$
Sun., Dec. 25
7 p.m. - AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S . Lincoln.
11-2 p.m. - Sidney Knights of Columbus \#3002 annual community Christmas dinner at St. Matthew's MPR. Serving Turkey, Ham w/all the trimmings. Everyone's invited \& volunteers welcome! Free will offering. Will deliver call 433-2510.
Mon., Dec. 26
12 p.m. - AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church
education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.
6:45 p.m. - Bingo, St. Matthew's Parish Center multi purpose room.
Tues., Dec. 27
9 a.m. - Noon - Commodities Distribution, 123 W.
main(Nutter Bldg) west door where ramp is located. 7 p.m. - AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg.

## McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CST Zone.
Wed., Dec. 21
7 p.m. - Pinochle Card Party, Senior Citzens Center.
8 p.m. - Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co.
Public Library.
Thurs., Dec. 22
8 p.m. - AA Group, Northern Pump \& Compression.
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8 p.m. - Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.
Tues., Dec. 27 Tues., Dec. 27

1-4 p.m. - Dining With Diabetes, Courthouse


The Rush Donates To Cancer Center
The Rush in Sidney had a basket raffle during the month of October for breast cancer awareness month. They raised $\$ 555, \$ 453$ was from the basket raffle and $\$ 102$ was contributed from The Rush. The money is being donated for the Phase II of the Sidney Health Center Cancer Center. Pictured (L to R) are: Megan Garza, Tracie Zueger, Cheryl Garza, all of The R ush and Staci Miller, Foundation for Community Care executive director. Karen B ouchard, Sidney, was the winner of the basket.


Speech \& Drama Competes In Glasgow
The Sidney Eagles Speech and Drama Team headed to Glas gow for a tough competition on Saturday, Dec, 17, 2011. There was a "fun" event added to this meet: Improv Duo with Sidney ending up on top with 1st and 2nd places. The Sidney teams that competed were Katie Staffanson and Tori Hill, Carl Redman and Taylor Fay placed 2nd, Michae Waddell and Kyle Smith placed 1st. The Speech Team took 2nd place in Class A Sweeps ed by the awesome Coach Gail Staffanson. Tori Hill 4th Place in MPA, J esse Staffanson 7th Place MPA, Michael Waddell 3rd in Impromptu Speech, Kyle Smith 2nd in Improptu Speech, Kalen Hance 1st in Extemporaneous Speech. The Drama Team took 1st Place in Class A Sweeps led by the energetic Coach Christy Pierce. Carl Redman 2nd Place Humorous Solo, Emily Schaff Humorous Solo, J ohn Elmore \& Lexie B runsvold Humorus Duo, Deserae Wirth and Lizzy Gangstad Humorous Duo, Ariana Gaskin Serious Solo, Kelsey Halvorson \& Katie Staffanson 4th Place in Serious Duo, Taylor Fay \& Ciara Parks 2nd Place in Classical Duo.
The Fairview Drama Team was also in Glasgow. RitaWick placed 8th in Pantomime.

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## Locks of Love

Kathleen Thomas has been on a mission since hearing the news that her then 18 month old grandson, Kyler Streib, had been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).That mission was to grow her hair long enough to donate to Locks of Love. Now, 8 months later, she has cut off and donated 8 inches of hair to the organization, in Kyler's name, which will be made into a wig for a child fighting cancer. "It wasn't easy," she stated. "My hair is so thick and curly and never this long, but for Kyler, l'll do it." Grands on Kyler will be able to check out Grandma's new hair cut as she is going to Seattle to visit him and her daughter Misty soon. Pictured above left is Thomas getting her haircut. Right: Thomas holds the hair she will donate to Locks of Love.






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## Dear Editor:

The Richland County DUI Task Force needs your help this holiday season. Across Montana local and state law enforcement agencies are doing their part to combat the number of alcohol related crashes in our communities. At record numbers, alcohol establishments are stressing the importance of responsible alcohol service, discouraging patrons from excessive consumption of alcohol and ultimately getting behind the wheel of a vehicle, but they cannot do it alone!

Based on recent studies, Richland County had the highest BACs average of 0.274 for those arrested for DUI. Montana had the second highest alcohol-impaired fatality rate in the nation and double the national rate. With an estimated 989,415 Montanans stretched across 146,000 square miles, Montana faces distinctly rural challenges and with the lower percentage of population concentration on the east side of the state Richland County faces even tougher challenges. Eighty per cent of travel is on rural roads. We also have much longer emergency response times due to distance factors; the average response time in Massachusetts is about 20 minutes, while in Montana it's an hour and 20 minutes. Subsequently, a crash in Montana is far more likely to be lifethreatening.

We jointly can do our part to keep our kids and communities safe. Here are some tips to make our holidays safer:

Plan ahead: Whenever you plan to consume alcohol, designate your sober driver before going out and give that person your car keys.

If you are impaired, call a friend or family member to get you home safely.

Richland County Transportation will provide rides during standard operating hours - Call 433-RIDE (7433)

Promptly report intoxicated or distracted drivers to law enforcement.

Sincerely,
Members of th Richland County DUI Task Force

## McKenzie County Discusses Contentious Zoning Issue

By J aimee Green
As discussions and controversy continue about whether or not the McKenzie County Commissioners should enact a county-wide and use plan, the divide seems to continue with some residents adamantly for it, others opposing it and othrs somewhere in between.

With the oil boom expansion and population explosion, the landscape of North east Montana and Western North Dakota is changing rapidly with buildings going up seemingly overnight. How community members feel about the rapid expansion and creep toward a sprawling suburbia is directly related to how this development is affecting them on a personal level. The fervor of comments coming from both sides of the oil well stem from landowners wanting the freedom to exercise their rights o use and sell their land how they want to and community members who feel they are being negatively affected by hose decisions

In an effort to gain some control over these continually occurring concerns and andowner conflicts, the county began looking at initiating a county wide land use and zoning ordinance hat would mandate the need or the issuing of county permits before buildings could be constructed

McKenzie County is curently the only one of 53 counties in North Dakota to not have a planning and zoning ordinance to assist them with dentifying how land is going to be used.
think if the county is able to implement a zoning policy it will enable them to have more control on how the growth takes place. People in his area believe in property ights and historically it has been very important to them but as more people are affected by the growth, people want to see some controls," said Dale Patten, McKenzie County Commissioner.

I don't think there is anything wrong with a little organization but things al ways start out innocently with a few rules and then you get some more. I just want everyone to think about what the best solution is rather than to just react. I too have reacted
rather than thinking but I think it's going to be a good thing to have taken some time to really weigh in on the issue from both sides. There was a time when I was totally con vinced about what the solution was but now I'm not so sure," said Rick Lawler, McKenzie County Commis sioner.

Currently, the commissioners are facing daily issues dealing with road concerns, housing developmen and water requests and the current population explosion while trying to forecast wha may be necessary as more people continue to take up residence.

Gene Veeder, McKenzie County Job Developmen Authority executive director said he receives over 70 in quiries a week from potential developers wanting to set up shop in McKenzie County. With surrounding counties having already put into place moratoriums to prevent more man camps from setting up those developers are turning o McKenzie County

Watford City has already implemented a city morato rum on man camps within city imits and within the one-mile extraterritorial zone to stop some of the temporary housing expansion while the city ries to catch up with the in flux of people. "We are curently not allowing any more RV parks, trailer parks or man camps. We know it is expensive to build temporary housing so we are hoping this will be an incentive to people coming to this area to build permanent housing. We want to see apartment buildings and new homes being built," said Mayor Brent Sanford.

Currently, it’s basically the wild wild west out here People don't need a permi to build. Zoning regulations would give people a chance o change what is happen ing in their neighborhoods if what is happening is detrimental to their way of life or the value of their home. We have housing communities that have basically been overrun by man camps and trucking
companies, Sanford added.

If a county land use and zoning plan was created it would provide a blanket use
for agricultural building. This means that land used for ag riculture would not need building permits for any structures built for agriculture unless those structures were designated for some other use. If the county zoning board develops ordinances for the other zoning districts in the county, that develop ment begins to become regulated. Man camps already in place would be grandfathered into any zon ing ordinances created
"I think these little towns have to stick to their guns and take the high road and make it difficult for these oi companies to come in here so that we can have a nice community. If we are tougher with development we can become the town we want to be," Sanford commented.

Not everyone believes a land use plan will fix the housing problems. Pau Sorum, a contractor, architect and candidate for Gov ernor of North Dakota says the pursuit of zoning regulations will lead to skyrocket ing housing prices and no create the infrastructure necessary to sustain the oil in dustry. "Zoning is not going to build infrastructure In stead it's going to inhibit development and make housing more expensive. You don't have the right to tel people they can't have a roo over their head. It shouldn't be up to certain individuals o decide if others can build houses. People don't own their communities, they live in them," Sorum said.

Watford City is a smal community that once boasted some 1,500 residents. Currently, there are about 6,500 living in temporary housing within a five mile radius of the town

It has one elementary school, one high school, and one hospital, 10 law enorcement officers between city and county sheriff's departments and a fire department consisting of 23 voluneers. To date there are about 10,000 people living in the area with potentially thousands more on the way.

As more people con tinue to migrate to the area, aw enforcement, volunteer emergency medical services and schools are struggling
o keep up. City police have nearly tripled the amount of officers on staff going from our just two years ago to a otal of 10 officers following the New Year. The area they cover for corporate city limits has also tripled. "My officers face more calls, more case reports and more arrests than metropolitan police because of the ratio of officers to popuous. They face everything from a routine traffic stop to car crashes, drug posses sions and an increase in domestic violence," said City Police Chief Slade Herfindahl.

With the passage of HB1144 by the North Dakota Legislature, state politica subdivisions can now charge a permit fee for temporary housing units which would allow the county to recoup some of their expenditures fo maintaining roads, and other county services such as law enforcement and emergency medical services.

Once the county deter mines if zoning is the answer to gaining some control ove some of the issues coming with the oil boom, they will then meet and decide where to go from there.

Public forums for discussion are taking place in Cartwright on Dec. 21, at 3 p.m. at city hall and in Alexander on Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at city hall. Other infor mational meetings took place earlier in Watford City, Keene and Grassy Butte.

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## Oilers Hockey

Watford City's Brandon Taylor attempts a shoton goal before getting taken down by the Grand Forks defense. After a scoreless overtime, the game ended in a 5-5 tie. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)


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## Watford City Wrestling Results

Sidney: 61; Watford City: 12 106\# ...... Ethan Graves (S) pinned Jade Hepper (WC) ...... 3:47 113\# ...... Lane Schaffer (S) dec. Coleton Jore (WC) ......... 17-10
120\# ........................................................... 126\# ...... Cody Johnson (S) maj. dec. Clay Jorgenson (WC)12-2 132\# ...... Double Forfeit
138\# ...... Brody Rooks (S) pinned Gus Nelson (WC) ......... 4:56 145\# ...... Trevor Kalberer (WC) pinned Jace Buxbaum (S) 1:35 152\# ...... Cody Christian (S) pinned Joe Nelson (WC) ....... 1:13 160\# ...... Gene Speldrich (S) pinned Austin Garmann (WC)3:15 170\# ...... Doug Roonie (S) pinned Josh Rockeman (WC) .... :48 182\# ...... Corey Jones (WC) pinned Cole Nesper (S) .......... :16 195\# ...... Raymond Jollie (S) .................................................. Forfeit 220\# ...... Aaron Calvin (S) ............................................... Forfeit 285\# ...... Josh Alexander (S) pinned Kye Bolken (WC) ...... 1:43 Watford City: 33; Stanley: 36
106\# ... Gage Reep (S) .................................................... Forfeit
113\# ... Coleton Jore (WC) pinned Jaden Iversen (S) ..................................................... 120\# ... Ryan Faber (S) ................................................... Forfeit
126\# ... Derrick Erie (S) ........................................................ Forfeit
132\# ... Clay Jorgenson (WC) pinned Tibbs Moore (S) ........ :35
138\# ... Gus Nelson (WC) pinned Bailey Branesky(S) ..........:41
145\# ... Trevor Kalberer (WC) pinned Chandler Meiers (S) 3:27
152\# ... Joe Nelson (WC) dec. JD Woodbury (S) .................. 9-4
160\# ... Abraham Roehrich (S) Forfeit
182\# ... Corey Jones (WC) pinned Zachary O'Shields (S) . 1:54
195\# ... Cole Orduay (S) ................................................ Forfeit
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## Watford City: 24; NewTown: 24

132\# Clay Jorgenson (WC) pinned Rowdy Haddeland (NT)2:44 145\# Trevor Kalberer (WC) pinned Jacob Wollschlager (NT) $1: 11$ 152\# Joe Nelson (WC) pinned Sergio Miranda (NT) ........... 1:19 182\# Sustin Garmann (WC) pinned Lane Danks (NT) ....... 5:36 182\# Sheldon Standish (NT) pinned Corey Jones (WC) .... 3:24 195\# Chancy Little Swallow (NT) .................................... Forfe 285\# Cole Danks (NT) ..........................................................................................
Sidney Jr. High Wins Home Meet
The Sidney Junior High Wrestling Team won their home meet on Saturday, Dec. 17. The team took 1st with 92 points, Glendive placed 2nd with 61 points and Glasgow took third with 51 points.

Placings are as follows:

| 85\# A | Tristian Kohntopp .................... 2nd |
| :---: | :---: |
| 85\# B | Jace Johnson ......................... 3rd |
| 90\# A | Casey Christian ....................... 2nd |
| 95\# A | Wyatt Van Buren ...................... 1st |
| 100\# A | Trace Jones ............................ 1st |
| 100\# B | Avery Gurney .......................... 4th |
| 105\# A | Sawyer Thogersen .................. 2nd |
| 110\# A | Brady Gorder .......................... 1st |
| 116\# A | Parker Dean ............................ 1st |
| 116\# B | Eric Serra ............................... 4th |
| 122-128\# A | Ryan Chatterton ...................... 1st |
| 122-128\# A | Chris Gartner .......................... 2nd |
| 135-140\# A | Christian Eggar ........................ 3rd |
| 140-145\# A | Hunter Nice ............................. 5th |
| 168\# A | John Dembeck ........................ 3rd |
| 189\# A | Chris Green ............................ 1st |

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Sidney vs. Watford City


Layne Schafer ( $\mathbf{S}$ ) scores a take down againstColten J ore (WC). Schafer decisioned J ore 17-10. Sidney won the dual 61 to 12. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)


145\#Trevor Kalberer (WC) works a power half on J ace Buxbaum (S). Kalberer pinned Buxbaum in 1:35. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

## Sidney Wrestling Results

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| \#106.................Ethan Graves .............. $1 \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ |  |  |
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## Key Ingredients: American by Food Smithsonian Exhibit At Pioneer Museum

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In Montana, 6,075 people with Medicare have saved a total of $\$ 3,511,260$ on their prescriptions, for an average of $\$ 578$ per person and 77,937 people have received at least one free Medicare preventive benefit.
"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, seniors and people with disabilities are getting cheaper prescription drugs and free preventive care," said CMS Administrator Donald M. Berwick, MD.

Under the Affordable Care Act, people with Medicare can receive many preventive services at no charge, including diabetes screening, some cancer screenings and help to quit smoking.

People with Medicare across the country are also receiving cheaper prescription drugs. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, seniors and people with disabilities receive a $50 \%$ discount on covered brand name drugs in the Medicare Par D coverage gap, also known as the "donut hole"." The coverage gap discount is set at $50 \%$ on covered brand name drugs again in 2012. Coverage in the donut hole will progressively increase each year until the coverage gap closes in 2020.

In addition to donut hole discounts, average premiums for Medicare Part D prescription drug plans will remain virtually unchanged in 2012. Medicare also recently announced that average Medicare Advantage premiums will drop 4\%
next year. Part B premiums, which cover outpatient services including doctor visits, will only rise $\$ 3.50$ per month for most beneficiaries in 2012, and some will see a decrease. These changes will be more than offset by the average Social Security cost of living increase ( $\$ 43$ per month for retired workers).

For more information about how the Affordable Care Act closes the donut hole over time, go to: http:// www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11493.pdf.

For state-by-state information on the number of people who are benefiting from discounts in the donut hole in 2011, go to: https://www.cms.gov/Plan-Payment/

For state-by-state information on utilization of free preventive services and the Annual Wellness Visit, go to: http:// www.cms.gov/NewMedia/02_preventive.asp.

For more information on Medicare's prevention benefits, go to the Share the News. Share the Health! website: http:// www.medicare.gov/share-the-health/or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

## Kyler Bracelets Available

Bracelets, similar to Lance Armstrong's "Live Strong" ones, have been donated to help raise money for the family of Kyler Streib. Kyler was diagnosed with Leukemia on March 8th. His family is staying in Seattle, WA while he is in the hospital receiving treatment. The bracelets, which say "I fight cancer for Kyler", are only $\$ 2.50$ each and all proceeds go directly to the family. Bracelets can be purchased at the Yellowstone Marketplace or by calling 480-2600.

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The Trading Post in Sidney has sold its building and is now looking to sell the pawn and consign ment businesses.
"The Trading Post has "The Trading Post has
served Sidney and surrounding area since 1989 when my sister (Barb Connor) opened it," said owner Donna Hunsbedt. "I bought the store in 2007 and have truly enjoyed working with everyone. The last year or so I have had health problems so after much thought and debate I made the decision to close the Trading Post as of February 29, 2012."

Hunsbedt hopes someone will open another store like the Trading Post as the


TheTrading Posthas a large inventory of antiques for sale.
store does fill a need in the community.

All consignment clients
soon providing more information. The pawn business will be for sale separately.

## Interstate Engineering Announces New Staff

Interstate Engineering's recent additions to the Sidney office and Williston and Beulah construction offices include: Civil Technician Veronica Meyer, Senior Project Engineers Scott Johnston and Lowell Cutshaw, Staff Engineer Doug Loudon, Party Chief Clyde King, Land Surveyor Jason Patnaude, Project Engineer Dean Rau, Field Assistant Calen Kastner, and Administrative Assistant Michelle Haugen.

Veronica Meyer received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University in Fargo. Veronica has
previously worked for Bolton previously worked for Bolton
\& Menk, Inc., Chaska, MN, as well as Ackerman-Estvold Engineering, Minot. Veronica is based in the Sidney office.

Scott Johnston is based in the Williston office and holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University. Prior to joining Interstate Engineering, Scott worked for the NDDOT Williston District for 13 years and also served in the ND Army National Guard for $121 / 2$ years, including a one-year tour in Iraq.

Lowell Cutshaw received a bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering

University. Lowell's previous work experience includes $3^{1 ⁄ 2}$ years with the City of Watford City, ND as City Administrator/Engineer; 7 years with the City of Lewiston, ID as city engineer; and 7 years with Wyatt Engineering, Lewiston as project manager. Lowell is based in the Sidney office.

Doug Loudon is based in the Williston office and earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Doug worked for the City of Lincoln, NE, prior to joining Interstate Engineering.

Clyde King is based in the Sidney office. Prior to joining Interstate Engineering, Clyde worked as party chief for Holland Land Surveying Chapel Hill, NC, for 12 years and Goforth \& Associates, Mebane, NC, for 5 years.

Jason Patnaude i based in the Sidney office and attended the College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV. Prior to joining Interstate Engineering, Jason worked as a project manager for Wallace Morris Surveying and as a Mapping Manager for Wright Engineers, both in Las Vegas. Jason also worked for Brechler \& Bell onsulting Engineers in North Las Vegas as a land

Dean Rau is based in the Beulah office. Dean earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Dean previously worked for the City of Grand Forks for 3 years as assistant city engineer as well as the NDDOT for 14 years as Transportation Engineer III.

Calen Kastner is based in the Sidney office. Calen is a graduate of North High School, Bakersfield, CA.

Michelle Haugen is a graduate of Williston High School and is based in the Williston office. Prior to join ing Interstate Engineering Michelle spent 6 years work ing for Windstar Cruises, Seattle, WA.

Interstate Engineering provides consulting engineering, land surveying, GIS/ GPS and planning services to municipal, county, state and tribal governments in addition to private individuals and corporations. Inter state Engineering has nine offices in the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota. An em ployee-owned corporation in operation since 1976, Interstate Engineering employs more than 130 professionals

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# With Key Protections In Place, Governor Announces Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Under MFSA 

## Project Will Trigger $\$ 1$ Billion of Construction in Montana


#### Abstract

Governor


Schweitzer has announced that TransCanada, the owner of the Keystone XL pipeline, has fulfilled all its obligations under Montana's Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA), and that within the next several weeks, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality will issue the company its MFSA certificate (permit). The $\$ 7$ billion project includes over $\$ 1$ billion in construction in Montana, and will help create 1,200 high-paying construction jobs.
"In addition to the $\$ 100$ million access on-ramp for Montana-produced oil that the company previously agreed to, I approved this permit with the requirement to post a $\$ 100$ million bond to cover potential problems that might occur with the pipeline in Montana. The requirement for this bond is made possible by Montana's statutory MFSA authority," said Governor Schweitzer
"We thank Governor Schweitzer for his support and leadership in granting our Montana's Major Facility Siting Act certificate. This certificate would allow TransCanada to proceed with construction of Keystone

## XL if federal approval is re-

 ceived," said Alex Pourbaix Energy and Oil Pipelines, TransCanada president. "Governor Schweitzer has long recognized the importance of Keystone XL - specifically, the energy security and economic benefits the pipeline would provide to Montana and to the entire United States. He was one of the main drivers in ensuring American crude oil from the Bakken formation in Montana will be transported on Keystone to American refineries. This will be good news for Montana producers and will create jobs for the people of the state."According to estimates, property taxes on the pipeline could bring as much as $\$ 60$ million dollars annually to schools, counties and the state.

The 36 -inch pipeline would extend through the eastern Montana counties of Phillips, Valley, McCone, Dawson, Prairie and Fallon The Keystone XL pipeline will be approximately 1,691 miles long, 281 miles of which are located within Montana.

Governor Schweitzer added, "The Keystone pipe-
line is a major project for this state and the nation, providing nearly 5\% of American oil needs with 'conflict-free' oi from our friendly neighbors to the north. This is an impor tant step in freeing our nation from its dependence on oil from the petro-dictators of the world."

Now that Montana has done its part in ensuring this important project can move forward, it is essential that the state of Nebraska and its representatives in Washington, DC, get things moving. Montana, with one of the more rigorous pipeline approval pro cesses in the nation, has acted more quickly than Ne braska or the federal govern ment.

The Governor further noted, "The bonding we've secured as part of approval under MFSA will help ensure that Montanans will be pro tected from unforeseen prob lems. This is a very well de signed and engineered pipeline, and we have worked


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with TransCanada to ensure that important protections are in place. This bonding is an extra layer of protection that puts responsibility squarely
ere it belongs."
The $\$ 100$ million bond under MFSA is actually a third layer of protection for Montana. Not only is

TransCanada required to maintain robust insurance to cover mishaps, but federal law allows regulators to seize assets of the company to pay for problems, if necessary.

## A Little Bit Country

## NEW SEED Source

## Publication Available

By Warren Froelich NDSU Extension Service Williams County
Recently I received several copies of the 2012 North Dakota Field Inspected Seed publication which lists fields of various crops and varieties that were inspected this past summer. Field inspection is a prerequisite for final seed certification. This year's publication is smaller than usual, very likely due to the poor growing conditions experienced statewide. Because fewer acres were inspected in 2011 and most seed varieties may only be sold as a class of certified seed, I suspect there will be a scramble for seed prior to the 2012 planting season.

Nearly every commonly used small grain variety is protected by Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Title V. Seed of these protected varieties may only be sold as a class of certified seed. This means that farmer-to-farmer exchange or sales, commonly referred to as brown-bagging, is illegal.

With tight supplies, the temptation to circumvent seed laws will be great. The State Seed Department is utilizing every media possible to discourage illegal seed sales. Consequences of
breaking seed laws are stiff for both buyer and seller (up to $\$ 5000$ fine per sale for violating PVP laws). Variety owners will also go after violators. They can collect up to triple damages for the seed sold and the production from illegally acquired seed. All partners involved, including the seller, conditioner and the buyer have responsibility under PVP laws.

Seed certification ensures that high quality seed of known genetic identity and purity is available to the agricultural industry. Illegal seed sales are detrimental to the entire seed industry. The Seed Department will work with other agencies and seed industry partners to investigate violations and enforce seed laws.

The buyer's proof of seed certification is either a valid seed tag or a bulk sale certificate issued by an official seed certification agency such as the North Dakota State Seed Department. Seed sellers are required to provide this documentation with each container of certified seed sold. Seed regulatory agencies may ask for these documents when examining potential seed violations.

Additionally, North Dakota seed laws require that seed sold in North Dakota be labeled with specific information regarding the variety and quality of the seed in the container. The full name and address of the person who labels or offers the seed for sale must also be included. Proper labeling is required for all seed, whether it is a protected variety or not.

The State Seed Department, which is responsible for the enforcement of seed laws in North Dakota, regards violations of PVP as very serious. State and federal seed laws were established to protect consumers and provide for standardiza tion of testing and labeling requirements. Research fees generated by legal sales help fund development of new varieties that benefit the entire state. In addition, producers, conditioners and retailers view "brown-bagging" as detrimental to the state's seed industry.

Copies of the new Field Inspected Seed publication can be obtained free of charge by calling this office 701-577-4595. It can be viewed on the seed department's web: www.ndseed.com.

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## By Marcia Hellandsaas NDSU Extension Agent McKenzie/Dunn Counties

Getting married is the easy part! When a step family is formed, everyone needs to learn new rules: Mom and Dad need to learn how to work together as a team. Children and teens must adapt to changes. Everyone needs to build good relationships with new family members.

Active Parenting for Step Families can help! This videobased discussion program is designed to help couples work together to raise children in the challenging stepfamily environment.

Active Parenting for Step Families will be held on Monday evenings, Jan. 9, 23, 30 and Feb. 6 at the McKenzie

County Courthouse meeting room, Watford City.
Each session will start at 6 p.m. and conclude by 9 p.m Cost to attend is $\$ 10$ per person and this includes an evening snack and class materials. Pre-registration is requested by Friday, Jan. 6 at the McKenzie County Extension Office. Please call 701-444-3451 or e-mail Extension Agent Marcia Hellandsaas at marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu to pre-reg ister or receive more information.

This program will introduce powerful communication and negotiation skills to strengthen marriage and family. Skills introduced would also be valuable for foster parents, adop tive parents, single parents and others affected by loss and change.

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## Revegetating Disturbed Grass Sites

Landowners and pipeline installers ask for information regarding the renovation of disturbed sites. Most questions refer to grass species and seeding rates. To respond, I must first ask if the grass growing in the surrounding area is native or of introduced cool-season species. If it is the latter, my response is relatively easy-plant crested wheatgrass or smooth brome grass.

However, if the site is native, the response is more difficult. Reintroducing native grasses is not a simple exercise as one might assume. The first challenge is having an awareness of the natural plant community. Certain native species grow well in some areas and not so well in other sites. Much depends on soil type, rainfall, land slope, salinity and the soils ability to hold water. As a rule, short grasses do best on high prairie zones while tall grasses are best in the low prairie zones where there is more moisture.

For the sake of plant diversity and better all-season grass growth, most recommended native grass mixtures include a combination of cool season and warm season species. Cool season grasses begin annual growth in early spring, grow rapidly through early summer and usually become dormant during the hottest, driest portion of summer. There may be a second flush of growth in late summer and early fall. Cool season grasses tend to dominate the semi-arid regions of the Great Plains such as northwest North Dakota and northeast Montana.

Warm season grasses begin growth in late spring. Production continues throughout the summer, especially from July to mid-September. They respond best when there is abundant moisture. This year was a prime example. The unusually high level of rainfall received during May and June promoted greater visibility of switch grass, Indiangrass, blue and sideoats grammas and sand reed.

Some of the cool-season native grasses commonly found on our range sites are needle and thread, western wheatgrass and green needlegrass.

Because range sites (zones) in any give pasture can vary greatly it is not practical to perfectly match a seed mixture for each range site, I suggest a seed mixture which can be considered a middle of the road approach. Cool season grasses in the mix are western wheatgrass (2.0), green needlegrass (2.5), and slender wheatgrass (0.5). Warm season grasses included are little bluestem (1.0), switchgrass (2.0) and sideoats gramma (1.5). The number in parenthesis represents pounds per acre.

Most grass species in North Dakota are seeded at the rate of 25-30 seeds per square foot. The lower tendency is to plant them in native range sites. I caution this because there is a tendency for these species to overtake the adjacent range sites, especially during times of drought and heavy grazing. Many cattlemen who depend on native pastures are beginning to ask for a selective control measure which will eliminate crested wheatgrass in such situations. Crested wheatgrass is a wonderful grass in the spring but too much of it can reduce productivity of a ranch operation. By late June, it becomes unpalatable to cows.

Native grass stands, while not easy to establish, can provide exceptional habitat for a diversity of wildlife, as well as palatable pasture rates are generally recommended in the western part of the state or on drier sites. Seed size between species can vary as well as seed quality and seedling vigor. A recommended total seeding rate is around 9.0 pounds pure live seeds per acre for a drill planting. Rates for seed broadcasted and harrowed must be increased, at least by $50 \%$. Because seed of native grasses can cost twice or more of introduced cool season grasses, planting is almost always done with a drill.

Although seed of Domestic cool season grasses such as crested wheatgrass and smooth brome grass tend to establish quicker and are less costly, Native grasses are more productive throughout highly variable grazing seasons, generation after generation.

## Stai Account Set Up For Medical <br> Expenses

Crystal Stai, Fairview, suffered a brain aneurysm Wednesday, July 13 and was flown to Billings where she had surgery. She was then flown to Mayo Clinic where she is currently in an induced coma, and will be undergoing treatment.

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# Resident Mule Deer Hunter Survey To Play A Role In Deer Management <br> By DianeTipton, Montana Fish, Wildlife \& Parks Statewide Information Officer <br> Montana's hunters <br> spondents indicated on average they hunt mule deer in Montana 12 days per year and their average age was <br> 47 years. Eighty-eight percent were male and $12 \%$ were female. <br> A summary of the 2011 <br> Resident Mule Deer Hunter Preference Survey is avail able by contacting the FWP at 406-444-4758, or by visit 

highly value mule deer hunting, according to a Montana Fish, Wildlife \& Parks resident mule deer hunter survey. Nearly two-thirds of hunters surveyed said hunting mulies is "my most, or one of my most important hunting activities"
"If there was any doubt about how much hunters value a mule deer hunt, this survey eliminated it," said Ron Aasheim, FWP spokesman. "Hunters are also satisfied overall with many aspects of the mule deer hunt in Montana-including the regulations and the timing of he seasons."

A full $85 \%$ rated the state's overall mule deer hunting experience as better than average, and nearly $50 \%$ rated Montana's opportunities to hunt large mule deer bucks as better than average.

FWP frequently hears requests for more trophy mule deer hunting, yet hunters rated a trophy hunt as the least important of 10 different potential reasons to hunt mule deer. About $91 \%$ of hunters surveyed said they go to enjoy nature and the outdoors. Other "important" or "very important" reasons to hunt mule deer include
to be with friends who have similar interests ( $77 \%$ ),
to do something with my family ( $75 \%$ ), and
to get venison for eating (65\%).

Managing for higher numbers of mature mule deer bucks may require more restrictive mule deer hunting regulations, so hunters were asked how restrictive the regulations should be. Consistently, nearly two-thirds of the survey respondents preferred hunting mule deer bucks every year with a lower probability of harvesting a mature buck, as compared to a little more than a hird of the respondents who preferred the option of hunting once every several years with a higher probability of harvesting a mature buck.

In another interesting result, when hunters were asked "How important is it to you to be able to consistently hunt mule deer in the same place in Montana each and every year?" nearly $60 \%$ said it was important or very important to them.

When hunters were asked what the single greatest barrier is to gaining the type of mule deer hunting experience they are looking for, among the most frequently mentioned barriers were:
poor access to privately owned lands, locked gates, closed roads, time and money, the costs of hunting, physical limitation, due to age, disabilities, sickness or injury, and not enough big bucks.

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Suicide Intervention Skills
Training To Be Held In Miles City

District II Alcohol \& Drug Program will be providing a Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) at the Miles City VA Hospital Auditorium, 210 Winchester, Miles City, on Monday and Tuesday Jan. n Monday and Tuesday Jan each day. The training is free with continuing education and post credits provided.

ASIST is a two-day workshop designed to teach the skills to competently and onfidently intervene with an confidently intervene with an Dividual at risk of suicide Developed by Living Works Education, Inc., the work shop prepares Gatekeepers to integrate principles of inervention into everyday prac-
ice The curriculum is divided into four learning modules: attitudes, knowledge, intervention and resources. Skills and principles are illusrated with case studies pre sented in videos and live dramatizations, role-play simulations, and discus sions. Training participants will be provided with Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training handbook, work books as well as networking opportunities with class par ticipants.

The training will be facilitated by certified ASIST Trainers Tim Anderson, Dis trict II Alcohol \& Drug Pro gram clinical director, and
ng FWP's website at found on line at fwp.mt.gov fwp.mt.gov. Click "Mule Deer Click "Doing Business", the Hunter Survey Results". click "Surveys". Other surveys can also be

Tara Hubing Circle Public Schools counselor

Breakfast and lunch are provided with lunches sponsored by the Miles City Local Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Registration is neces sary as class participation is limited. Please contact Ronda Welnel at District II Alcohol \& Drug Program at 433-4097 to register or email rwelnel@hotmail.com

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Don Greytak, Havre MT, is celebrating over 25 years of drawing rural life. These realistic portraits portray rural life and will help one appreciate the history of farm and ranch families and how they lived. Many of the scenes in the yearly calendar include youth, farming and ranching, and other memorable moments in time.

Profits from the sale of each calendar benefit Montana 4-H youth, club and county programs, Montana 4-H Foundation funded programs, agriculture students and other agriculturally related student organizations in Montana. Calendars can be picked up at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N . Central Ave. or at your local financial in stitution at a cost of $\$ 10$.


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## Cell Phone Usage While Driving

Texting, emailing or chatting on a cell phone while driving is simply too dangerous to be allowed, federal safety investigators declared Tuesday, urging all states to impose total bans except for emergencies.

Inspired by recent one in which a teenager sent or received 11 text messages in 11 minutes before an accident - the recommendation would apply even to hands-free devices, a much stricter rule than any current state
The unanimous recommendation by the five-member National Transportation Safety Board would make an exception for devices deemed to aid driver safety such as GPS navigation systems

A group representing state highway safety offices called the recommendation game-changer".
"States aren't ready to
support a total ban yet, but this may start the discussion," Jonathan Adkins, a spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Association, said. NTSB chairman Deborah Hersman acknowledged the recommendation would be unpopular with many people and that complying would involve changing what has become ingrained behavior for many Americans.

While the NTSB doesn't have the power to impose restrictions, its recommendations carry significant weigh with federal regulators and congressional and state lawmakers. Another recommendation issued Tuesday urges states to aggressively enforce current bans on text messaging and the use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices while driving.

We're not here to win a popularity contest," she said. "No email, no text, no update, no call is worth a human life.'

Currently, 35 states and the District of Columbia ban texting while driving, while nine states and D.C. bar hand-held cell phone use. Thirty states ban all cell phone use for beginning drivers. But enforcement is generally not a high priority, and no states ban the use of hands-free devices for all drivers.

A total cell phone ban would be the hardest to accept for many people.

Leila Noelliste, 26, a Chicago blogger and business owner, said being able to talk on the cell phone 'when I'm running around town" is important to self-employed people like herself. "I don't think they should ban cell phones because I don' think you're really distracted when you're talking, it's when you're texting," she said When you're driving and talk ing, "your eyes are still on the road."

The immediate impetus
for the recommendation of state bans was a deadly highway pileup near Gray Summit, MO, last year in which a 19 -year-old pickup driver sent and received 11 texts in 11 minutes just before the accident.

NTSB investigators said they are seeing increasing texting, cell phone calls and other distracting behavior by drivers in accidents involving all kinds of transportation. It has become routine to imme diately request the preservation of cell phone and texting records when an investigation is begun.

In the past few years the board has investigated a train collision in which the engineer was texting that killed 25 people in Chatsworth, CA; a fatal accident on the Delaware River near Philadelphia in which a tugboat pilot was talking on his cell phone and using a laptop computer, and a Northwest Airlines flight that sped more than 100 miles past its destination because both pilots were working on their laptops.

Last year, a driver was dialing his cell phone when his truck crossed a highway median near Munford, IN, and collided with a 15 -pas senger van. Eleven people were killed.

The board said the ini tial collision in the Missouri accident was caused by the inattention of the pickup driver who was texting a friend about events of the previous night. The pickup, traveling at 55 mph , hit the back of a tractor truck that had slowed for highway construction. The pickup was rear ended by a school bus that overrode the smaller vehicle. A second school bus rammed into the back of the first bus.

The pickup driver and a 15 -year-old student on one of the buses were killed. Thirty-eight other people were injured. About 50 stu dents, mostly members of a high school band from St. James, MO, were on the buses heading to the Six Flags St. Louis amusement park.

Missouri had a law banning drivers under 21 years old from texting while driving at the time of the crash, but wasn't aggressively enforcing the ban, board member Robert Sumwalt said. "Without the enforcement the laws don't mean a whole lot," he said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported earlier this year that pilot projects in Syracuse, NY, and Hartford, CN , produced significant reductions in distracted driving by combining stepped-up ticketing with high-profile public education campaigns.

Before and after each enforcement wave, NHTSA researchers observed cell phone use by drivers and conducted surveys at drivers license offices in the two cit ies. They found that in Syracuse, hand-held cell phone use and texting declined by a third. In Hartford, there was a $57 \%$ drop in hand-held
phone use, and texting be-
hind the wheel dropped by nearly three-quarters.

However, that was with blanket enforcement by police.

The board's decision to include hands-free cell phone use in its recommen dation is likely to prove es pecially controversial. No states currently ban hand free use although many stud ies show that it is often unsafe as hand iseld phon use because drivers' minds are on their conversations rather than what's happening on the road.

Hersman pointed to an Alexandria, VA, accident the board investigated in which a bus driver talking on a hands-free phone ran into a bridge despite his being familiar with the route and the presence of warning signs that the arch was too low for his bus to clear. The roof of the bus was sheared off.

The board has previously recommended bans on texting and cell phone use by commercial truck and bus drivers and beginning drivers, but it had stopped short of calling for a ban on the use of the devices by adults behind the wheel of passenger cars.

The problem of texting while driving is getting worse despite a rush by states to ban the practice, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said. In November, Pennsylvania became the 35th state to forbid texting while driving.

About 2 out of 10 Ameri can drivers overall - and half of drivers between 21 and 24 - say they've thumbed messages or emailed from the driver's seat, according to a survey of more than 6,000 drivers by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

However, the survey found that many drivers don't think it's dangerous when they do it - only when others do.

At any given moment last year on America's streets and highways, nearly one in every 100 car drivers was texting, emailing, surfing the Web or otherwise using a hand-held electronic device,

## ABATE Participates In Toy Drive

The Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Towards Education) looks forward to participating in the $18^{\text {th }}$ annual toy drive. This community project collects new toys or cash donations to buy new toys for those who face financial hardships this holiday season. ABATE, along with the Christmas Coalition and Gifts from the Heart, last year gathered over $\$ 3000$ worth of toys for distribution among 141 families with a total of 358 children. The money for these toys came from donations from individuals, companies and businesses.

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ABATE members thank all those who support this worthwhile endeavor during this season of giving.
the safety administration said. Those activities were up $0 \%$ over the previous year. Driver distraction wasn't the only significant safety problem uncovered by NTSB's investigation of the Missouri accident. Investigators said they believe the pickup driver was suffering from fatigue that may have eroded his judgment. He had an average of about five and a half hours of sleep a night in the days leading up to the accident and had had fewer than five hours of sleep the night before the accident, they said.

The pickup driver had no history of accidents or traffic violations, investigators said. Investigators also found significant problems with the brakes of both school buses involved in the accident. A third school bus sent to a hospital after the accident to pick up students crashed in the hospital parking lot when that bus' brakes failed.

However, the brake problems didn't cause or contribute to the severity of the accident, investigators said.

Another issue involved the difficulty passengers had getting out of the first school bus after the accident. Its doors were unusable and passengers had to exit through an emergency window. The raised latch on the window kept catching on clothing as students tried to escape, investigators said. Escape was further slowed because the window design required one person to hold the window up in order for a second person to crawl through, they said.

It was critical for passengers to leave as quickly as possible because a large amount of fuel underneath the bus was a serious fire hazard, investigators said.
"It could have been a much worse situation if there was a fire," Donald Karol, NTSB highway safety director, said.

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Mary Friesz, please contact RCHD at 406-433-2207 or email mfriesz@richland.org. 141 families with a total of 358 children Thistribution among

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