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Alexander Celebrates Old Settlers This Week



Photo submitted

By Katelyn Sponheim

The 78th annual Old Settler's celebration in Alexander, ND, takes place this Aug. 31-Sept. 2, and is honoring locals Walt and Susan Link for 2023.

Walter and Susan Link were both born and raised right in Alexander, and returned in 1972 to the Link family farm to operate it. Alongside Walt's brothers Marvin and Donald, they raised cattle, wheat, durum, and other crops. Susan ran her own beauty shop in town for several years, and were active members of the

Lions Club, fire department, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Susan had a passion for animals, and raised both show-quality Collie dogs and Arabian horses.

Walt passed in September 2012, after an extended cancer battle. His grandson Chris currently operates the family farm, and Susan enjoys sharing her love of horses with her six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Old Settlers will kick off Thursday with the Alexander Comet's girl volleyball team facing the White Shield Warriors at 5 and 6 p.m., at the

school. The Color Run/Walk will start at 7 p.m., with registration at 6 p.m. on the east side of the park. Contact Britni Hatter at 970-683-0388 with any questions. There will be a bonfire next to the park that evening at 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 1 will start with a chili cook-off on Main Street at 11 a.m., followed by the soap-box derby at 2 p.m. For more information on these events call Kristin at 701-793-5165 for the chili cookoff, and Martin at 701-580-8338 for the soap-

box derby. The Alexander Comet's boys football team will play the Dunseith Dragons at 7 p.m. From 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Double XL Entertainment will be the performing DJ at the Alexander Bar & Grill.

Saturday has a full roster, starting at 8 a.m., with the parade registration, running until 10:15 a.m. The parade will start at 11 a.m. and make two laps around town, with spectators mostly gathering along Elk St. and in the park. There will be

vendor and craft booths in the park until 5 p.m. and a barbecue starting at noon. In the new Fire Hall northwest of the park, a senior citizen social will be held to provide shelter from the weather, and a quieter place to visit. Snacks and drinks will be offered at the hall, and the social is sponsored by the Alexander Economic Development Committee.

At 2 p.m., the Redneck Olympics will begin at the old arena on the southside of Alexander. Events will in-

clude cornhole, horseshoes, slip "n" slide relay, and mud volleyball. Requirements are that teams consist of four people, 21 and older, and a \$100 registration fee per team. There is also a separate cornhole only tournament at 2 p.m., on Main Street. Registration for that event is at 1 p.m. The last event of Old Settlers is the street dance, with live music by "Drive by Night", from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Badlands Search & Rescue K-9 Seminar Held Last Week

By Katelyn Sponheim

The rough landscape surrounding Watford City was the classroom for a different kind of hunter this Aug. 22-26. The sought-after being the human sort in this case. The Badlands Search and Rescue service teamed up with the American Mantrailing, Police, & Work Dog Association to offer its first K9 seminar for this region. They worked with eight teams, with hounds and handlers representing nine different states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Washington, Alaska, Indiana, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Missouri.

The teams met at the

Roosevelt Inn at 9 a.m., and spent time both in an actual classroom experience, listening to lectures from the AMPWDA representatives, and out in the field. They covered both public and private land for their classes in both mantrailing and human remains detection. While they originally planned only for public land, it quickly became clear with the number of dogs and sheer land needed to properly teach, that they would need to reach out to landowners. They were happy to oblige and even more variety in landscape was gained for the teams' experience. Prairie, fields, brush, cottonwood

stands, river bottom all saw action from the teams.

Runners carrying a scent article laid trails ranging from a quarter to a full mile, and all the handlers work their canines on foot. No ATVs or other motor vehicles can be used in order to protect the integrity of the trail, and it allows handlers to better "read" their dogs' movements and reactions. This year's students involved several German Shepherds and Bloodhounds, a German Wirehair, a Belgian Malinois, and a Labrador Retriever. One team was even testing for a level four certification; a merit not yet awarded to any other team in the nation, and



Members of Badlands SAR K9 seminar group gathered for a group photo before proceeding out to the search training locations. SAR and law enforcement officers from nine states were in attendance for the inaugural week-long event. States represented were North Dakota, Kansas, Washington, Alaska, Indiana, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Missouri, and South Dakota. (Submitted photo)

the highest level AMPWDA certifies teams.

The American Mantrailing, Police, and Work Dog Association "is a leading provider of K9 training and certification for search and rescue, law enforcement, and K9 enthusiasts," according to their website. Their seminars normally would cost teams several hundred dollars, but in an unprecedented move, Badlands Search and Rescue was able to fundraise enough to cover course fees for the teams. Founder/Director Travis Bateman and James Earl, Badlands SAR fundraising coordinator/K9 handler, both wanted to thank the businesses and individuals who gave, enabling them to bring this seminar to the area. Their donations paved the way for a further education for K9 search and rescue teams in our area and others, and will hopefully save lives in its utilization.

As a nonprofit volunteer association, they receive no government assistance and

rely on donations. They established Badlands Search and Rescue in 2018 and are continuing to grow its resources to better serve the area and community. They currently have three bloodhounds available for searches and hope to add a horse-mounted unit, and gain certifications in water search and recovery as well. Bateman says his goal

for their association is to continue to strengthen their teams for a fast response. Earl wanted to encourage anyone ever faced with a missing person situation to reach out once local law enforcement has been contacted and is open to their assistance. Time is of the essence in these cases, and the K9 teams' work is greatly aided by a fresh scent.



Pictured (L-R) Steve Mayer, INBTI; Badlands SAR K9 Handler Matt Earl and K9 Copper, AMPWDA Master Trainer Tony Keith; and Badlands SAR Director/Founder Travis Bateman. (Submitted photo)

Industrial Accident At Border Steel, Sidney

Submitted By John K. Dynneson, Richland County Sheriff

On Aug. 13, the Richland County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding an industrial accident that had occurred at Border Steel located SE of Sidney.

Emergency responders arrived on scene and determined that an employee had been inadvertently run over by a trailer being towed by a commercial truck.

The employee, James Dean McRae, 61, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

This matter is still under investigation. The Richland County Sheriff's staff extends their sincere sympathies to Jim's family, co-workers and friends. Also, they extend their appreciation to all the agencies that responded to and/or assisted with the investigation of this tragic event.

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Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

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Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

WEDNESDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
6:30 - p.m. - 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW. Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

SATURDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....1841.7
 Last Week's Elev.1842.5
 One Year Ago1836.1
 Release For Day (C.F.S.)22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
 Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 21.....	73	56	0.010
Aug. 22.....	92	63	0.000
Aug. 23.....	89	64	0.070
Aug. 24.....	87	59	0.000
Aug. 25.....	77	52	0.000
Aug. 26.....	88	52	0.000
Aug. 27.....	89	54	0.000
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation.....	9.084		

Sidney Youth Football Teams Invited To Varsity Home Opener Sept. 1

Submitted by Chris Lee

All of the youth football teams, 3-4 grade flag, 5-6 grade tackle, and 7-8 grade football players are invited to the Varsity home opener on Friday, Sept. 1 vs Lockwood.

Each youth football player will get in the game free of charge and can have one free guest. Any additional guest(s) will need to pay full admission. The free guest must accompany the youth player through the admissions gates to receive the free admission.

All youth players and coaches should meet under the scoreboard on the west side of the field at 6:30 p.m. The youth players will stand behind the Varsity team during the national anthem and will then be introduced and run through the tunnel before the Varsity players do.

Players should wear their game jerseys. If they don't have jerseys yet, please wear Sidney Eagle apparel or some type of college or pro football jersey/apparel.

Please no parents on the field. Youth coaches will help organize the kids. Players will be released back to parents after the introductions.

This event will help showcase the future Eagles and encourage and increase attendance at home games to pack the house for the Eagles!

Arnegard Spud Fest Sept. 9

By Jaymi Mozeak

Arnegard and the surrounding community will be celebrating the long potato-growing heritage of the area. The Arnegard Spud Fest will be held at Arnegard's Nelson Park on Saturday, Sept. 9. from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

With an early McKenzie County Fair causing it to be difficult for locals to grow produce and show off what they have grown and with the scarcity of area harvest festivals, the Arnegard North Dakota Park District will hold its first annual Arnegard Spud Fest to celebrate the harvest and the area's rich agricultural heritage.

Along with the usual harvest festival festivities, the 2023's Arnegard Spud Fest will have food, live music, vendors, face painting, a style show, free games, crafts, hayrides, pumpkins, raffles, potato sack races, and open horseshoe and cornhole tournaments.

There will also be judging of produce, canned goods, and baked goods. All produce and canned goods presented for judging are to be entered at the park on the evening of Sept. 8 and baked goods are to be entered on the morning of Sept. 9.

Updates and times and events can be seen on the Arnegard Park District's Facebook page.

Touch-A-Truck Sidney Sept. 9

By Robyn Heck

Mamas Helping Mamas, under the direction of Rylee Schroeder and Jaden Sovern, will be presenting the first annual Touch-a-Truck Event on Sept. 9 from 2-5 p.m., at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

There will be fire trucks, cop cars, and construction equipment for families with younger kids to gather and get hands on with the vehicles of our town that make it a safe and a functioning community. Vendors and food trucks will also be available.

"We have seen other communities put on the event with a great turn out and figured why not bring that here?," said organizer Jaden Sovern.

There is no cost for the event, but attendees are asked to bring a canned good to donate to the food bank, or size 5/6 diapers or a new baby outfit to donate to the Sunrise Women's Clinic.

If anyone would like to donate to Mamas Helping Mamas, sponsor Touch-a-Truck, bring a vehicle to the event, or even set up an informational booth at the event, please email mamasmamas23@gmail.com. The organizers are also looking for booths with activities for the kids.

Let's kick off the new school year with a little more outdoor fun before the unpredictable Montana winter hits.

Larry Lynde Benefit Sept. 9

By Dianne Swanson

The Sidney Eagles biggest fan is now battling cancer and needs your help. Sidney native Larry Lynde has stage 4 colon cancer which has spread to his liver. He is currently undergoing chemo treatments and anticipating further treatment options, including surgery. Larry is employed by the City of Sidney and continues working as treatments allow. Sports fans know Larry as a huge supporter of the Eagles as well as other local and college teams. It's not unusual to hear a Larry! Larry! Larry! chant at a local football game!

Saturday, Sept. 9 starts off with the annual Wanna Be An Elk 4-person golf scramble with registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Sidney Country Club. Tee off is at 10 a.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Elks Lodge 1782. Price is \$75 per golfer which does not include a cart.

The benefit for Lynde will begin at 5 p.m. with a free will offering brisket and pulled pork dinner. Silent and live auctions will take place beginning at approximately 7 p.m. with auction items being generously donated by local merchants and individuals. Please call the Elks at 406-433-2406 if you need pickup of your items.

Please help in any way you can to assist Lynde through his cancer journey. Financial donations can also be made at the Elks. Larry, his family and friends thank you for your generous support.

For more information on the benefit, call Josh Herman at 509-951-2296. Contact Ryan Laqua at 406-480-9052 for golf tournament information, or call the Elks Lodge at 406-433-2406.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
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Wed., Aug. 30, 8 a.m. - Thurs., Sept. 7, 5 p.m.
"MDHC's 42nd Annual Quilt & Needwork Show
 - Enter your quilted works of art. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.
Sat., Sept. 2 (Every Sat. through Oct. 14)
7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market
 - Richland County Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St. NW & 2nd Ave. NW.
Fri., Sept. 8
6 p.m. - The Life & Art Of J.K. Ralston - A'Lisa Scott will share Ralson's life & paintings, sketches & sculptures. MonDak Heritage Center.
Fri., Sept. 8, 3-7 p.m. & Sat., Sept. 9, 8 a.m.-noon
e-raise your e-waste Sidney - Richland County Shop. For more info call 406-433-2207.
Sat., Sept. 9
8:30-9:30 a.m. - Wanna Be An Elk 4-Person Golf Scramble & Larry Lynde Benefit - Golf scramble registration 8:30-9:30 a.m., Sidney Country Club, tee off 10 a.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Elks Lodge 1782. \$75 per golfer. - **Larry Lynde Benefit** - 5 p.m., Sidney Elks Lodge. Free will offering brisket & pulled pork dinner. Silent & live auctions 7 p.m. Financial donations can be made at the Elks. For more benefit info, call Josh Herman, 509-951-2296; on golf scramble call Ryan Laqua, 406-480-9052 or Elks Lodge, 406-433-2406.
10 a.m.-noon - e-raise your e-waste Fairview - Water Depot on 9th St. For more info call 406-433-2207.
10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak Color Race - Race registration 9 a.m., color race 10 a.m. 5K course run/walk; Family friendly, fun kids activities. Peterson Park, next to The Lodge. Free BBQ after run. Online registration at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Sidney/2022ColorRace> or call 406-433-6763; \$25 until Sept. 1; \$35 after Sept. 1 or a team of up to 10 people for \$125.
2-5 p.m. - Touch-a-Truck - Families with young kids can explore all kinds of vehicles, fire trucks, cop cars, construction equipment & more. Vendors & food trucks. Can bring donations such as canned foods & baby blankets that will be donated to the local food bank & Sunrise Women's Clinic. Richland Co. Fairgrounds, east side grass parking lot. For more info email MamashMamas23@gmail.com.
Tues., Sept. 12
6:30 p.m. - Jerry Barlow Concert - Free to the community. Features music & stories from the medieval time of Scottish, Irish & English history. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. For more info call the library at 406-433-1917 or visit www.jerrybarlow.com.

Roosevelt County
Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. MT.
Mon., Sept. 3
12 p.m. - Stataline Mud Drag 2023 - Classes: Stock, Super Stock, Modified, Open. Kids Power Wheels Races: Stock; Improved; Open. 11 & older: \$15; 6-10: \$5; 5 & under: free. 2 Hwy. 2, Bainville.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.
Thurs., Aug. 31 - (Every Thurs. through Sept. 28)
5:30-7:30 p.m. - Watford Market - Kent Pelton Nature Park, 501 7th St. SE. For more info visit Watford Market Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/watfordmarketnd>.
Thurs., Aug. 31, 5 p.m., Fri., Sept. 1, 11 a.m., Sat., Sept. 2, 11 a.m.
Alexander 78th Annual Old Settler's Day Celebration
 - **Aug. 31:** Alexander volleyball vs. White Shield, Color run/walk, bonfire. **Sept. 1:** Chili cook off; soapbox derby, Alexander football vs. Dunsieith; music. **Sept. 2:** Parade, BBQ, Senior Citizen Social, Redneck Olympics, cornhole tournament, Street Dance. For more info call Jerry, 406-489-0281 or Brittini, 970-683-0388.
Tues., Sept. 5
5-7 p.m. - Food Pantry Handouts - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW.
Fri., Sept. 8, 8 a.m.-Sat., Sept. 9, 8 p.m.
4th Annual War In Watford - Minot Minotauros vs Bismarck Bobcats. Concessions, cash bar, 50/50 tickets, Chuck-A-Puck, Jersey Auctions, intermission mini games, more. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; puck drops at 7 p.m. both days. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Pkwy. For more info visit roughridercenter.com.
Sat., Sept. 9
11 a.m.-8 p.m. - Arnegard Spud Fest Harvest Festival
 - Great food, live music, vendors, face painting, potato sack style show, free games, crafts, hayrides, pumpkins, raffles, potato sack races. Open horseshoe & cornhole tournaments. Giant pumpkin contest; produce & baked goods judging. Nelson Park, 400 Main St. For more info call Phil, 701-580-4872 or Meg, 907-252-6640. For more info, refer to Arnegard Spud Fest Facebook page.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.
Sat., Sept. 2 (Every Sat. until Sept. 26)
9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Main Street Market - Hedderich's lot downtown Williston.
Sat., Sept. 9
8:45 a.m. registration - CHI St. Alexius 2nd Annual Sugar Bust 5k At Spring Lake Park - 1 mile walk/1mile kids fun run. Race 10 a.m.; 1 mile fun run 10:45 a.m. Early registration Sept. 8, 5-8 p.m., McAuley Room, CHI St. Alexius Health. Ages 12+ \$20 (\$30 same day registration); Ages 5-11: \$10; Ages 4 & younger: Free. Funds raised will go to Diabetes Education fund.
10 a.m. MDT - CHI St. Alexius Health Free Community Fair - Spring Lake Park after Sugar Bust 5K. Free bounce houses, games, entertainment, cooking competition, & Vendor Village. For more info contact Brittny Mayo, brittny.mayo@commonspirit.org or Marcia Benway, marcia.benway@commonspirit.org.
5 p.m. doors open: CHI St. Alexius Health Williston & Mercy Medical Foundation Hometown Healing Charity Concert - Music 7 p.m. Features Clay Walker. Williston ARC. \$50 general admission standing; \$40 general admission low bleacher seating. Temporary box office: Thursdays 5-9 p.m. (through 8/24) downtown, next to Fresh Palate. Tickets available at <https://www.chistalexiushealth.org/williston-foundation/hometown-healing-charity-concert>.
Sat., Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association Annual Military Collectors Show - Buy, sell, trade, display. Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, 519 53rd St E For more info contact Ben Gjorven, 701-770-8143.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT
Sat., Sept. 16
9 a.m. - Makoshika Wellness 5K Color Run - For all ages. Walk, run, or dance your way through Makoshika State Park, starting at Makoshika State Park amphitheater. Registration/check in 8-8:45 a.m. Pick up paper registrations at Makoshika Wellness or Squad Sports.
10 a.m.-8 p.m. - Makoshika 3rd Annual Music & Arts Festival: Free event that features local musicians, craft, wine & beer vendors, food trucks, & other activities. View art displays from local artists & participate in community-created murals. Other activities include live paintings & guided hikes. Hiatt Amphitheater. For more info call 406-377-6256 or check the Facebook page.
Sat., Sept. 16-Sun., Sept. 17
All Day - Makoshika Open Disc Golf Tournament - This tournament will PDGA-sanctioned singles tournament & will be run by Makoshika Disc Golf Club. Registrations will be handled by discgolfscore.com. This event will be a Montana Point series tournament. Cost TBD. Makoshika Disc Golf Course (Upper & Lower)



Sidney Ace Hardware Holds Board Cutting Grand Opening Ceremony

The new Sidney ACE Hardware store held its grand opening with a board cutting demonstration on Friday, Aug. 25. The ACE store has taken over the old Shopco north space on North Central Ave. Shown (L to R) are Bob Sheldon, Skip King, Sam Simard, Reece Gairrett, store manager; Mike Welninski, ACE Corp., Oakbrook, IL; Jeff Smith, ACE Corp.; Phil Kuylen and Robyn Brennan.

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E-raise Your E-waste Sept. 8 & 9 Sidney & Fairview

Submitted by Heather Luinstra, RS Richland County Sanitarian

This year's annual E-raise your E-waste event is set for Sept. 8 and 9, so clear out those closets and storage sheds and recycle all of those damaged and obsolete electronics for free.

"We've had a number of questions from people asking about our fall event, so we are excited to let everyone know that the dates have been set," event coordinator Heather Luinstra said early this month. "Once again we have partnered with Yellowstone E-Waste Solutions, Billings, and we will host a joint event with the Town of Fairview. Collection times for the weekend event in Sidney are from 3-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8, and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 9. The collection site will be at the Richland County Shop, right next to the fairgrounds.

Fairview's collection event is on Saturday, Sept. 9



from 10 a.m.-noon. The Fairview location will be at the water station on 9th Street.

"Just like many other markets that we are seeing changes in lately, this year we will see a few changes to what our recycling partner is able to accept to recycle. Unfortunately, this year, we cannot accept any TVs, and we cannot accept any large copy machines. However, our recycler does accept all

rechargeable batteries and even car batteries, as long as they are in good shape and not damaged," said Luinstra.

As in past years, local businesses, hospitals, school and other agencies and organizations with large amounts to e-cycle are asked to make an appointment by calling Luinstra at the Richland County Health Department 406-433-2207 or emailing heather.luinstra@richland.org.

Cindy's Girls.... Jen's Girls.... Sidney's Girls

By Robyn Heck

"What's in the water in the Sidney area?" A statement I have heard from many non-Sidney residents, when they are baffled by so many pageant winners located in one community.

Sophie Steinbeisser, Sheridan Pope, Jacqueline Irigoien, Jalyssa Gorder, Cammy Heck, Brielle Gorder, Emma McPherson, MaKayla Sparks, McKenna Sparks, Liliana Johnson, Lily Jones, Brynlee McNally, and our newest member Eden McPherson have all held Montana crowns within the last 25 years.

Many other girls have competed and earned scholarship money: Jennifer Nielson Carlile, Hannah Nielson Dooley, Jennifer Steinbeisser, and Jessica Romo.

All of these young ladies and women have something in common: They are all from the Sidney area, and they have all been taught dance by Cindy Nielson Linde or Jennifer Nielson Carlile.

And that's not their only connection..... Cindy Nielson Linde put on the Miss America Outstanding Teen Pageant, for Montana, right here at the Sidney Middle School auditorium from 2002-2005 (when it joined the Miss Montana Pageant in Glendive).

"At the time there was no Miss America Outstanding Teen pageant for Montana. I was asked by the Miss Montana board to start one, so I did. I felt the teens



Eden McPherson of Savage greets the participants in the MonDak Grace Fund Walk on Saturday. Eden is the 2023 Little Miss Volunteer Montana. She was passed the crown from Brynlee McNally. (Photo by Robyn Metz)

of Montana would appreciate the opportunity," said Linde. She said the Sidney community was very receptive, excited, and supportive.

When asked what her favorite part of the experience was, Linde said, "I think it would be difficult to pick a favorite. All the aspects of the pageant were so fun and rewarding. From the opening number to the final crowning. But if I had to pick it would be

meeting and working with all the contestants."

When asked about the benefits that dance and pageants can have in young people's lives she said, "There are many benefits... from scholarships to the numerous personal accomplishments and everything in between."

Thank you Cindy, Jennifer, and the Sidney City water.

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Watford City Heritage Day Sept. 16



Photo submitted

By Katelyn Sponheim

Watford City will be hosting their 23rd Annual Heritage Day Sept. 16. Events will be held at the McKenzie County Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City. The day will start at 11 a.m. with opening ceremonies and food service starting immediately after. They will be serving BBQ burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, and hot dogs. There will be several other food and goods vendors, and have openings for additional vendors should any

be interested.

At 12:30 p.m., the educational entertainment will begin with an old-time school marm teaching a class. A belt-driven sawmill and shingle mill demonstration will follow at 1 p.m. The threshing machine demonstration, then a stationary hay baler, will have a coin toss into the resulting straw for the attending children. The blacksmith demonstration, costume contest, vendors and games will last throughout the day.

A cake walk, followed by a pie eating contest will

start at 3:30 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., they will announce the silent auction winners, and end the day out at 5 p.m. with a closing ceremony.

The McKenzie County Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum is open Memorial Day-Labor Day, and available to the public for family picnics and reunions. They also have a media center and kitchen available to rent for parties and meetings! Their hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Williston Basin Speedway WBRA Championship Night Results, Aug. 26



Kyler Satran comes in first in the IMCA Hobby Stocks division. Satran was also this year's Williston Basin Speedway track winner.

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| <p>IMCA Hobby Stocks
1st Place: Kyler Satran, Minot, ND, 22
2nd Place: Ethan Neu, Fairview, MT, 51E
3rd Place: Taylor Heaton, Baker, MT, 11H
4th Place: Jevin Damm, Epping, ND, 6T9
5th Place: Brennor Grinstead, Stanley, ND, 51X
6th Place: Logan Larsen, Williston, ND, 69X
7th Place: Ayden Bohannon, Williston, ND, 87A
8th Place: Matt Sorenson, Williston, ND, 110
IMCA Modifieds
1st Place: Travis Hagen, Williston, ND, 14T
2nd Place: Wayne Johnson, Minot, ND, 4J
3rd Place: Justin Medler, Minot, ND, 75M
4th Place: Jake Nelson, Williston, ND, 10J
5th Place: Bland Bohannon, Williston, ND, 87X
6th Place: Kyler Jeffrey, Williston, ND, 72X
7th Place: Marcus Tomlinson, Turtle Lake, ND, 5T
8th Place: Jeremy Sorensen, Williston, ND, 1HZ
9th Place: Chris Tuchscherer, Burlington, ND, 73T
10th Place: Donavon Sorenson, Williston, ND, 307
11th Place: Ed Turnbull, Estevan, SK, 10
12th Place: Philip Keller, Sidney, MT, 9
13th Place: Jeff Bieber, Fairview, MT, 89
14th Place: Lee, Williston, ND, 17X
15th Place: Brady Bjella, Williston, ND, 99
16th Place: Kendal Thomas, Tioga, ND, 711
17th Place: Rick Stiyer, Williston, ND, 15S
18th Place: Richard Bohlman, Tioga, ND, 4</p> | <p>IMCA Northern Sportsmods
1st Place: Keenan Glasser, Estevan, SK, 22
2nd Place: Darren Medler, Minot, ND, 74
3rd Place: Tanner Conlin, Williston, ND, 47
4th Place: Tate Johnson, Medicine Lake, MT, 413
5th Place: Shawn Green, Minot, ND, 7S
6th Place: Darren Schatz, Williston, ND, 29
7th Place: Alex Basher, Williston, ND, 8B
8th Place: Tim Goodwin, Williston, ND, 89
9th Place: CJ Peterson, Richey, MT, 14P
10th Place: Dave Rivinius, Minot, ND, 35
11th Place: Jeremy Knapkewicz, Williston, ND, 22K
12th Place: Luke Asselin, Williston, ND, 09
13th Place: Drew Pape, Bismarck, ND, 60
14th Place: Nathan Buchmann, Williston, ND, 406
15th Place: Doug Green, Alexander, ND, 88X
16th Place: Macaulay Nelson, Williston, ND, 125
17th Place: Brandon Bjella, Williston, ND, 99
18th Place: Cory Carpenter, Williston, ND, L00
19th Place: Zack Nelson, Williston, ND, 306
IMCA Stock Cars
1st Place: Mike Hagen, Williston, ND, 27X
2nd Place: Troy Heupel, Williston, ND, 4T
3rd Place: Adam Goff, Minot, ND, 30A
4th Place: Joe Flory, Williston, ND, 20
5th Place: Jason Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16
6th Place: Joren Boyce, Minot, ND, 67
7th Place: Justin Bachmeier, Williston, ND, 16B</p> | <p>8th Place: Cody St Croix, Kenmare, ND, 19
9th Place: Jordan Durward, Grand Forks, ND, 2D
10th Place: Keith Mattox, Ray, ND, 28M
11th Place: Jacob Storbakken, Williston, ND, 16C
12th Place: Blaine Durward, Cornelius, NC, 12D
Junior Slingshots
1st Place: Jacek Ashworth, 33J
2nd Place: Sawyer Gaudreau, Williston, ND, 17
3rd Place: Landon Gaudreau, Williston, ND, 10X
4th Place: Eli Turnbull, Estevan, SK, 221EH
5th Place: Bayley Grile, Williston, ND, 26B
6th Place: Hailey Mattox, Ray, ND, 11M
7th Place: Jace Keller, Sidney, MT, J9
8th Place: Weston Uranker, Williston, ND, 31X
9th Place: Cashton Schroeder, Williston, ND, 6X
10th Place: Gunner Raynard, Lampman, SK, 50
11th Place: Jack Coughlin, Williston, ND, 114
Non-Winged Sprints
1st Place: Ross Cummings, Minot, ND, 16
2nd Place: Dusty Lawson, Minot, ND, 20L
3rd Place: Colton Young, Devils Lake, ND, 4
4th Place: Jesse Long, Minot, ND, 35L
5th Place: Tee Young, Devils Lake, ND, 15B
6th Place: Randy Blotsky, Williston, ND, 7XX
7th Place: Cory Palm, Bismarck, ND, 21
8th Place: Kevin Lawson, Minot, ND, 20
9th Place: Aiden Wagner, Minot, ND, 11</p> |
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Live Music & Luau Show At Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, Aug. 26

By Robyn Heck

On Saturday, Aug. 26, Sidney residents enjoyed live music and luau, entertainment all the way from Hawaii.

This event was free to all.

The organizers of the event were T.C. and Sela Ma'umalanga, the daughter of Lonsdale Methodist Pastor Sione Fungalei and his wife Ana.

"T.C. and Sela moved to Sidney just after Pastor Sione accepted the assignment to the Lonsdale Methodist Church, Sidney, and the Richey Methodist Church, five years ago," said longtime Lonsdale member Craig Price.

"The Ma'umalanga's lived in Sidney about two years but moved back to Provo, UT, to seek work opportunities. It was a hard decision for them to make this move, for they had become very fond of our area. In May 2022 the Meth-



odist churches, along with T.C. and Sela, organized a luau as a fund raiser to help the people of Tonga, who had just suffered a tsunami in January 2022. This event was held at the Elks Club and was a successful and fun night.

"The luau was a thank you to our community for the good memories the Ma'uma-

langas and their family have of our Montana community!" said Craig Price.

Many people brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed the show. It was a great experience for Sidney especially with what Hawaii is going through right now. It was wonderful to enjoy their culture and their positive nature.

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OBITUARIES

Catherine "Cathy" Blackwell, 71

Cathy was born in Idaho Falls to Emanuel Jacob (EJ) and Eveyln J. (Wages) Frey on April 5, 1952. As the third of six children, she had a happy and lively childhood and remained in Idaho until moving to California during her late teens.

In Long Beach, she met her future husband, Alan Blackwell, while he was serving in the Navy. They wed in October 1969 and had two children, Felicia and Christopher. Although the two eventually ended their relationship, they remained in touch throughout their lives.

Cathy never lived a day where she didn't make a memory. She was definitely a people person; making friends wherever she went. She was known for expressing her good nature through her fun and vivid hair color. It was easy to see that Cathy enjoyed life and always cherished her time with her children and grandchildren. Some of her favorite memories are from a trip she took to Walt Disney World, Florida, with Felicia and Emilee and cheering Tyler on during his school sporting events.

Cathy loved being with her family and was always up for doing anything or going anywhere. No matter what Christopher and Tina invited her to do she was up for it; whether it be a play, hockey game or dinner at a favorite restaurant. She enjoyed playing games and looked forward to seeing everyone in her immediate and extended families. She especially loved going camping with her children, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Cathy was an enthusiastic traveler. During retirement she seized the opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime. In 2021, she joined her sister, Jeanette, and brother-in-law in embarking on a 21-day European and Mediterranean cruise. During this trip she had the opportunity to visit multiple areas of Italy, Croatia, France, Spain, Puerto Rico and a number of others. It was definitely a trip to remember.

Cathy passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 9, 2023 surrounded by her children and loved ones. She will always be remembered for her easy smile, booming laugh and her love of life, family and fun. Cathy was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Cathy is survived by her children Felicia (TJ) Iversen,



Catherine "Cathy" Blackwell

Sidney, MT, and Christopher (Tina) Blackwell, Bakersfield, CA. Grandchildren: Tyler and Emilee Iversen. Siblings: Yvonne Doss, Jeanette (Todd) Albright, Rodney (Barbara) Frey, Stephanie Frey, Kassandra (Jimmy) Frey, Rob (June) Willsey, Helene (Gil) Johnson, numerous nieces and nephews; she loved you all!

She was preceded in death by parents, EJ Frey and Evelyn Frey and brother, Frank Willsey.

Gordon Rau, 74 Sidney, MT

Funeral services will be Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Rau School Gymnasium, Sidney, MT, with Ryan Kopp officiating. A luncheon will follow the service in the Rau School Cafeteria for a time of fellowship and sharing. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Gordon Rau, 74 passed away peacefully on Wednesday Aug. 23, 2023 at his home with family by his side.

Gordon "Gordy" Rau was the first of two troublemakers born to Wilmer and Nina (Rud) Rau. Gordy hit the ground running on Aug. 13, 1949, and didn't slow down until at least 1977. He was born into the farm life, so he worked hard and played hard. Childhood was spent adventuring with his little brother Jerry.

His talents were many: gardener, landscaper, truck driver, equipment operator, sweetheart, fixer of everything, collector of junk, but his favorite job was cowboy. He never met a horse he didn't like. Although he did have a few choice words for Roanie after the "Dam Dump Incident of 1980". He had to walk a couple miles in wet boots and jeans, and it was well known that walking was not his favorite. He loved his years spent ranching. Calving, branding, weaning, and especially the B.S. sessions that followed were some of the best times.

He professed to be a shy guy but would meet new friends everywhere he went. He could start a conversation with anyone and loved to tell stories. Stories of good times at Guard Camp were his favorite. Gordy considered it a good day when on his nightly drive up the road to check on the crops, he would find some unsuspecting neighbor out in the shop or yard and pulled in for a "quick visit."

Gordy was considered by many to be a confirmed bachelor. But he was a charmer, and so he hood-winked some poor young lady into eloping with him in September 1977. (Hence the slow-down.) She was Kelly LaCounte, and they were an unlikely couple. But as it turned out perfect for each other, and he continued to hoodwink her for 45 years. They

were a great team, working well together to tackle projects in home and in the shop. And beautiful babies were made.

He was most proud of his family and the 45 years spent married to Kelly. His children learned love from him and picked up many of his talents. He will continue to live on through them. He retired in 2014, which gave him the time to be at home waiting for granddaughter Clementyne to get off the bus from school. He got a kick out of calling it "Grandpa's Daycare," and developed a very special bond with his Clemmer. He was also Grandpa Gordy to Rory, Lily, and Gus.

He was known for his signature "Fu Manchu" mustache, the ever-present plaid shirt and suspenders, and in retirement, the pin-striped bib overalls (Key brand only, please) and also causing a little trouble on Facebook.

Gordy was a good man, kind, honest, and soft spoken. Always nice, usually noseey, and sometimes inappropriate. If you talked to Gordy, you always knew what he was most proud of, his kids; Ely (Bud), Katey (Boopie), and Tessa (baby girl). He loved and he was loved, and we will miss him every day.

We have so much gratitude to those who have helped these past few years and months as his health declined, most importantly; Monte LaCounte, Pat and Jerry Rau, Dennis and Tamar Lorenz, Christa Veltman and the radiology staff, Megan Batchelor, the staff at Sidney Health Center, and anyone who took the time to visit with Gordy and share stories.

Surviving Gordy are his wife Kelly (LaCounte) Rau; son Ely (Anne) Rau; daughters Katey (Zach) Bayless and Tessa (Ryan) Kopp; grandchildren Clementyne, Rory, Lillian, and Augustus; brother Jerry (Pat) Rau; nephew Jason (Taunya) Rau; mother-in-law Kathleen LaCounte; brothers and sisters-in-law Monte and Becky LaCounte, Pete and Nancy LaCounte, Dari and Deene Ehlis, Kathy and Steve Radke, and Alysia LaCounte; along with numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Gordy is preceded in death by his parents Wilmer and Nina (Rud) Rau; nephew Jeremy Rau; and father-in-law Darryl LaCounte.

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OUTDOORS

Montana FWP Adjusts Mule Deer Quotas In Response To Spring Surveys

Helena - While mule deer populations remain steady in portions of the state, spring green-up surveys conducted by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks wildlife biologists showed populations in some parts of the state remain lower than desired, and as a result, licenses available to hunters in those areas have been cut back.

Over the past few years, persistent drought, particularly in southeast Montana, has affected both survival and recruitment rates for mule deer. This drought has also, at times, been coupled with hard winters, making it especially difficult for fawns to survive to adulthood. The combination of these environmental factors has impacted mule deer herds in southeast Montana so much so that recent surveys indicate the population there is 48% below the long-term average.

"It's really not been just one thing," said Brett Dorak, FWP Region 7 wildlife manager. "Hard winters, dry summers - it all takes a toll on mule deer in particular. But that's what our adaptive harvest management plan is designed to address - localized conditions that impact populations. By following the plan, we have adjusted our antlerless B license opportunity annually and over the past few years we have reduced those opportunities by 91%."

Annually, wildlife man-

agers around the state adjust mule deer B license numbers based on spring survey results. When it looks like the population is in decline in a hunting district, FWP reduces the number of mule deer B licenses available in order to keep more female deer in the herd, the very segment that drives the population. In central Montana, that has meant mule deer B licenses have fluctuated a bit during the past few years. In Region 7, mule deer B licenses have dropped from a high of 11,000 in 2020 to 1,000 this year.

In Region 6, or northeast Montana, numbers have been more variable. Generally, mule deer numbers are average to below average in southern districts of the region and average to above average in northern districts. Mule deer B license quotas have been adjusted accordingly.

The prairie-breaks habitat of central Montana's Region 4 has seen declining mule deer numbers, and much of the region had already changed to antlered buck-only regulations in response to severe winter conditions and summer drought of the past few years.

"We've been lowering our B license numbers for a few years," said Cory Loecker, Region 4 wildlife manager. "But even with the favorable weather conditions this spring and the resiliency deer can exhibit, their num-

bers will take some time to rebound."

This year also saw a few other changes to licenses. In June, the Fish and Wildlife Commission approved changes to the general deer license in several hunting districts that will shift licenses from either-sex mule deer to antlered buck mule deer only. The hunting districts affected by these changes are 301 in southwest Montana; 410, 411, 412, 417, 419, 426 and 471 in north-central Montana; 621 and 622 in northeast Montana; and 700, 701, 702, 703, 704 and 705 in southeast Montana. White-tailed deer opportunity will remain as either-sex in these hunting districts for 2023.

This means that during the archery, general and heritage muzzleloader seasons, the general license will not be valid for antlerless mule deer harvest in those districts.

These changes are reflected in the online hunting regulations, but not in the hard copy version, which were printed in the spring prior to the changes made by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

"It's important for hunters to know how we're responding to declines in mule deer numbers," said FWP Director Dustin Temple. "We've heard for the last few years from landowners and hunters alike that they're concerned about deer numbers. Staff's application of

our adaptive management plan to be more conservative with harvest really fits the situation on the ground."

Good wildlife populations are always tied to good habitat conditions. Summer and autumn forage is important for deer, as the nutrition they get in the summer and fall will help them make it through the long Montana winters.

"We had some timely rains late last summer and autumn, which helped with some late vegetative production," said Dorak. "Mule deer pregnancy and fetal rates are associated with forage quality in the fall, and those late rains we had may be the reason why we saw a small rebound in our recruitment rates this spring. Prairie mule deer populations are cyclical, and we have been in these low spots a few times over the past four decades, but these mule deer are also resilient. When environmental conditions are favorable, these populations can bounce back."

"Thankfully the wet spring and summer seen in much of Montana may help give numbers a boost next year," Dorak added.

But either way, FWP biologists will be paying close attention and adjusting B license numbers based on most recent surveys along with weather and habitat conditions.

Keep Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention In Mind When Recreating On Water

By Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Helena - So far this year, FWP and its partners have inspected 66,000 watercraft for aquatic invasive species. Of those, 35 were mussel-fouled and more than 200 were found with aquatic weeds.

FWP and partner agencies, which include tribes, counties and conservation districts, operate more than 17 road-side watercraft inspection stations across the state. To find a watercraft inspection station or to learn more, go to CleanDrainDry-MT.com or call the FWP

Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau at 406-444-2440.

A July survey for Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Beaver Lake near Whitefish found no EWM. Another follow-up survey will be conducted later this month. Eradication of EWM is the goal for Beaver Lake through persistent survey and removal.

Eurasian watermilfoil in Nilan Reservoir (near Augusta) was treated with herbicide by FWP in 2022. Surveys conducted last month found no evidence of EWM in the lake. Nilan is the only location of EWM on the

Rocky Mountain Front and EWM eradication is the objective for that system.

All boaters and other water recreationists need to follow the rules to prevent aquatic invasive species from affecting Montana's waters.

Those rules include:

- All boats must stop at all open watercraft inspection stations they encounter. Failure to do so could result in a fine of up to \$500.
- Always be sure to clean, drain and dry your boat.
- All watercraft entering Montana are required to be

inspected for aquatic invasive species. An inspection is required before launching on Montana waters.

• Non-residents transporting watercraft into Montana must purchase a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass before launching. The fee is \$30 for motorized and \$10 for non-motorized watercraft. The pass is valid until Dec. 31.

• Inspection is required for Montana residents before launch if: the boat is entering the state, crossing west over the Continental Divide or entering the Flathead basin.

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Sentencing in Sunrise Manor Embezzlement Case

By Jaymi Mozeak
 Samantha Berry, the former administrator of Savage Sunrise Manor, made her initial appearance in District Court on Jan. 30, in Sidney. Berry is being charged with embezzling over \$30,000 in August-November 2022.

According to a Jan. 12 court document, Berry began working at the manor in August 2022. The previous person handling the finances for the business retired in mid-September and then Berry took over. By Nov. 3, 2022, the account for Sunrise Manor at Stock-

man Bank had been flagged for suspicious activity and everything was frozen. A member of the manor board looked back through the transaction records. The first thing they noticed was several large ATM withdrawals that totaled just under \$8,000 for October. Further investigation found there were direct deposits to an unknown account beginning mid-September. A total of \$31,443.89 in ATM withdrawals, bank transfers, and direct deposits was taken from Savage Sunrise Manor's bank account without permission. Another board member confronted Berry about it, but it was brought to the attention of the Richland County Sheriff's Department on Nov. 3. Berry was fired and came to the Sheriff's office for questioning.

According to Richland County Attorney, Charity McLarty, in a Jan. 13 court document on this case. "A person convicted of the

offense of theft of property exceeding \$10,000 in value by embezzlement shall be imprisoned in state prison for a term of not less than one year or more than 10 years and may be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The court may, at its discretion, place the person on probation with the requirement that restitution be made under terms set by the court. If the terms are not met, the required prison term may be ordered."

Berry's first day in court was Monday, Jan. 30. Attorney Shannon Sweeney was her representative during

the proceeding hearings. Many hearings were set throughout the spring and summer in preparation for Berry's trial.

There was a change of plea hearing on June 21, 2023 where Berry plead guilty and a sentencing hearing was held on Aug. 9, 2023. Her sentencing was delayed for six years with the condition that she pay restitution to Sunrise Manor in the amount of \$31,433.89 and follow the conditions of her parole. Berry's attorney did not wish to comment on the case at this time.

Clean Grain Bins To Reduce Insect Problems


By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension
 Information from this article was taken from the NDSU Crop & Pest Report, Aug. 25, 2022.

Cleaning grain bins is the key to preventing insect problems in stored grain. Any old grain or even dust residue left in the bins is enough for some insects to survive and infest new grain. Remove any leftover grain from the bin and sweep and vacuum the walls. After cleaning, check the bins for any cracks or holes and seal them, as this is how most grain insects get into the bin. Clean the area outside of the bins, removing vegetation in a 10-foot border around the bins. After cleaning and repairing the bin, it is important to spray a residual bin insecticide both inside and outside the bin. Examples include malathion, Tempo, Diacon IGR Plus, or Centynal EC. These should be applied two weeks before new grain is placed in the bin. Apply the spray to walls, floors, joints, seams, cracks, ledges, and corners. Insect pests can reduce the quality and salability of your grain, making it important to take steps to prevent their infestations.

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Fort Buford Military Collectors Show Sept. 9-10 Williston

By Dianne Swanson

The Fort Buford 6th Infantry will host its 6th annual Military Collectors Show Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10 in the multi-purpose building at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, Williston. The show is a fundraiser for the Fort Buford 6th Infantry which is a living history group portraying the Fort Buford soldiers in the 1870s. This fundraiser will help them continue to provide valuable insights into the history of Fort Buford and the area through events including the Living History Encampment held each July.

The Military Collectors Show draws about 20 collectors and vendors each year with most of the merchandise from WWI through the Vietnam War. All eras are welcome however. Military gear of all kinds, including firearms, badges, ribbons and much more are available to browse through and purchase. A special display this year will be the emplacements of American and German machine guns.

Admission is only \$5 per person with free admission for children, six and under. Hours for the show are Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Set-up is Friday from noon-9 p.m. Contact Ben Gjorven at 701-770-8143 for more information.

West Nile Virus On The Rise In Montana

DPHHS urges Montanans to take extra care to avoid mosquito bites this summer.

By Montana DPHHS

State and local health officials are reporting increased West Nile virus (WNV) activity in several counties across the state this week, including the first three human cases for 2023, which have been identified in Dawson, Rosebud, and Yellowstone counties.

These three cases range in ages from the late 30s to early 70s, including two males and one female. All cases were hospitalized for their illnesses. Additionally, this week, two horses were diagnosed with WNV infections in Hill and Pondera counties. Mosquito pools also tested positive for WNV in Glacier, Lewis and Clark, and Toole counties.

Earlier this summer, mosquito pools tested positive in Blaine, Hill, and Phillips counties.

WNV infections can occur in humans or horses after a bite from an infected Culex mosquito. Increased risk of WNV transmission to humans and horses is expected to continue through October – or as long as mosquitoes are active in the state.

“With West Nile virus activity occurring in so many areas of the state right now, the best thing you can do to prevent infections is to protect yourself from mosquito bites,” said DPHHS Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist Devon Cozart.

Preventing mosquito bites is especially important while spending time outdoors in the summer, and during peak feeding activity times for female Culex mosquitoes, which are dusk and dawn. Permethrin is an insect repellent that can be utilized to treat clothing and gear, including tents. The Environmental Protection Agency search tool [https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you] offers EPA-registered insect repellents that can be applied to the skin.

Most people who become infected with WNV will not experience symptoms, but one in five do experience minor illness causing headache, rash, body aches, joint pains, fatigue, vomiting, and diarrhea. Fatigue and body aches from WNV may persist for months following infection.

Unfortunately, about one in 150 WNV infections result in severe WNV disease, referred to as neuroinvasive West Nile. When neuroinvasive, WNV can cause severe neurological symptoms including disorientation, stupor, coma, paralysis, vision loss, and convulsions. WNV can be fatal or lead to long-term neurological complications. WNV can also cause severe neurological complications and death in horses.

“All three human WNV cases reported this year were hospitalized, which shows just how serious this disease can be,” said Cozart. “If you are concerned you have a West Nile virus infection, please see your doctor.”

Currently, there is no vaccine, treatment, or other targeted medication for WNV in humans, aside from supportive care for cases. A vaccine is available for horses. The vaccine is typically administered in the spring to provide optimum protection during mosquito season. Horses cannot transmit the disease to people, but because of the severity of the disease in horses, the vaccine is a recommended core vaccine and should be given annually. Montanans are encouraged to contact their local veterinarian for questions about horses and WNV.

The mosquitoes that carry WNV rarely travel more than one mile from where they breed. So, to keep mosquitoes away from the home, it's important to empty standing water at least once per week. For items such as rain barrels, a screen can be applied to the opening to restrict mosquito access. For other mosquito bite prevention tips, check out the 4 D's of mosquito bite prevention below.

- The 4 D's of Mosquito Bite Prevention:
1. DEET: Use insect repellent containing effective ingredients such as DEET or picaridin. To verify the effectiveness of insect repellent, go to the EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>.
 2. Drain: Drain standing water around the house to prevent mosquito breeding.
 3. Dawn/Dusk: Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. Stay inside or take extra precautions to prevent mosquito bites during these times. If doors or windows are left open in the summer, make sure they're fitted with a screen to keep mosquitos out of the house.
 4. Dress: When possible, wear long sleeved shirts and pants to protect against bites.
- For more information about WNV protection and surveillance activities, contact the local health department or visit the DPHHS WNV website page: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/westnilevirus>.

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7:00 pm Color Run/Walk
Contact Brittini at 970-683-0388
Registration begins at 6:00 pm at the east side of the park

8:00 pm Bonfire

Friday, September 1st

11:00 am – 3:00 pm Chili Cook-Off – Main Street
Contact Kristin at 701-793-5165

2:00 pm Soapbox Derby – Main Street
Contact Martin at 701-580-8338

7:00 pm Alexander Football vs. Dunseith
8:30 pm – 1:30 am Music by Double XL Entertainment
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Saturday, September 2nd

8:00 – 10:15 am Parade Registration
Contact Kristin at 701-793-5165

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11:00 am – 5:00 pm Vendor and Craft Booths
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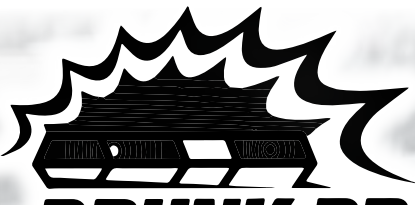


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Mercer-Turtle Lake Rodeo Club's 17th Annual Bull Riding & Ranch Bronc Riding

By Katelyn Sponheim
Next to Brush Lake, ND, the Mercer-Turtle Lake Rodeo Club is preparing for its annual end-of-season event. For 17 years now, they have hosted their bull riding and ranch bronc riding competition. It will take place Sept. 2, starting at 3 p.m., and offers more than just bulls and broncs!

With an atmosphere combining the lake crowd "in their golf carts and flip flops" according to Karen Zinke, and your roughstock fans, it's a show worth inviting your family and friends to enjoy a "last hurrah" of summer. They offer mutton-busting for competitors in the 40 lb. or under range, steer riding for older children, junior bull riding for 16 and under, and the open bull and ranch bronc riding. Dick Woodbury, the rodeo clown on duty, keeps anyone else wanting arena time on their literal toes with both adult

and kid boot scrambles. A portable arena is set up on the long-abandoned softball diamond, and then stock is brought in by several stock contractors. Eckroth Rodeo Bulls, Wildman Rodeo Company, and several others will be providing the sheep, steers, bulls, and broncs. Winners of each event will receive a belt buckle and prize money. Each bull rider will have two head to ride, and an average prize will be awarded to the rider with the best combined score. The bull riding has \$2,800 added money, and the ranch bronc has \$2,500 added.

After the competition, head to the pavilion; it's a large steel multi-purpose building at the south end of Brush Lake. Rosie's Bar and Grill will be hosting a dance for all to enjoy! If interested in entering, call Karen at 701-861-9782 or Randy at 701-447-2242.

MonDak Heritage Center Announces 2023 Annual Meeting Of MonDak Historical & Art Society

Submitted by Nikki Bailey, MonDak Heritage Center Executive Director

Join the MonDak Heritage Center for the annual meeting of the MonDak Historical & Art Society on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave, SE, Sidney.

The Annual Meeting features the MDHC Annual Report, board member elections, door prizes and refreshments! Free to the public! If your MDHC membership has expired, you can renew it at the meeting and participate in the voting and the drawing. Come hear a recap of last year's happenings and learn about upcoming events at the MonDak Heritage Center and maybe even win a free ticket to one of these events in the door prize drawing! For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

The MonDak Heritage Center is funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana's cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.

The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. MDHC will be closed on Saturday Sept. 3. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org.



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- Savage School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Sub sandwiches.
Fri., Sept. 1: No school.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
Tues., Sept. 5: Chicken Alfredo.
Wed., Sept. 6: Hamburger gravy.
- Rau School**
Fri., Sept. 1: No school.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
Tues., Sept. 5: Pigs in a blanket, broccoli, bell pepper sticks.
Wed., Sept. 6: Cheesy dip-pers, tomato soup.
- Froid School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Fish sticks, potato chips, green beans, cantaloupe, salad bar.
Fri., Sept. 1: BBQ riblets on buns, potato salad, baked beans, peaches, salad bar.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
Tues., Sept. 5: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, lettuce mix, taco bar, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Sept. 6: Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggies, desert, salad bar.
- Bainville School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Sloppy joes, French fries, carrotte-nies, apple crisp.
Fri., Sept. 1: Chicken Alfredo, grapes, broccoli.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
Tues., Sept. 5: Popcorn
- chicken bowl, corn, peaches.
Wed., Sept. 6: Chicken noodle soup, breadsticks, carrots, celery, mixed fruit.
- Richey School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Slush-burgers, gems, green beans, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Sept. 1: No school.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
- Culbertson School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, churros.
Fri., Sept. 1: Pizza, salad, pineapple, 2 p.m. out.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
Tues., Sept. 5: Ham macaroni & cheese bake, peas, applesauce.
Wed., Sept. 6: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans.
- Lambert School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Chicken a la king, salad, fruit.
Fri., Sept. 1: Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, fruit.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
- Fairview School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Home-made beef & bean burritos, cilantro lime rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Fri., Sept. 1: No school.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
Tues., Sept. 5: Chicken fajitas, black beans & corn, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Wed., Sept. 6: Hot ham & cheese, fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
- Alexander School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Meatball subs, criss cut fries, fruit, vegetable bar.
Fri., Sept. 1: No school.
Mon., Sept. 4: No school.
- Watford City School**
Thurs., Aug. 31: Chicken strips, fries, fruit, veggies, salad bar.

NE Arts Network Announces 2023-24 Big Sky Concert Series

Submitted by Jill Dostert Wagner

The Northeastern Arts Network is pleased to present the 2023-24 Big Sky Concert Series. This year's series features exciting a kaleidoscope of musical entertainment as part of this art organization's ongoing commitment to provide quality entertainment to the community with a variety of shows that will appeal to every age and interest. The following performances will be held at 7 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney.

The season kicks off on Sept. 14 when Montana Repertory Theatre presents "The Odyssey" adapted by Briandaniel Oglesby.

"The Odyssey" follows the journey of Odysseus as he encounters Cyclops, sirens, and more on his 10-year voyage home after the Trojan War. Oglesby's adaptation condenses this sprawling tale into a fast-paced, slapstick comedy performed by a small ensemble of three actors playing dozens of characters. Through imaginative storytelling and physical comedy, the play captures the poetry and tragedy of the original work while making it accessible to modern audiences.

On Oct. 26, we welcome Colorado singer-songwriter, Rebecca Folsom and her band. Rebecca believes every lyric, every note, every musical collaboration carries the potency to change the world. With her new recording, "Sanctuary", Rebecca is on a mission to do that one listener at a time. Moving with ease through her four-octave range she plucks the instrument of the heart with tender fearlessness and fiery passion all meant to awaken unfettered aliveness. Rooted in folk and gospel, Rebecca has played on BBC television, Red Rocks Amphitheater, the Bluebird, and Opryland as well as numerous festivals nationwide. She was a semi-finalist in the 2021



Rebecca Folsom. (Photo submitted)



Tom and Kalissa Landa. (Photo submitted)

International Songwriting Competition with her song "Sanctuary".

Traveling from Canada will be the Folk-roots power couple Tom and Kalissa Landa on Nov. 16. This duo is best known as lead members of "The Paperboys", or their Latin inspired counterpart "Locarno", as well as the BC World Music Collective. Their music is a combination of Celtic, Folk, Latin, Mexican, and Roots music and also reflects their respective Mexican and Chilean heritages. Tom and Kalissa have a lovely vocal harmony blend and draw the listener in with great songs played on fiddle, guitar, and jarana (Mexican 8 string guitar).

Feb. 9, 2024 will feature a duo celebration of classic and contemporary Broad-

way with singing and dancing with Nic+Desi! Following star turns on Broadway and in numerous nationally touring musicals, theatrical power couple Nicolas Dromard and Desiree Davar created this new duo act to be able to share their love of song and dance with venues worldwide. In this high-energy show, Nic+Desi bring audiences on their journey of love while performing stage and screen favorites, from Great American Songbook to hits from their favorite roles in Broadway's Jersey Boys, West Side Story, Cabaret, Wicked, and more!

Celebrate the icons of country and folk music on March 15 with the "Americana Women"! Featuring three multi-instrumentalists from New York City, "Americana Women" is dis-



Nic+Desi. (Photo submitted)



Americana Women. (Photo submitted)

tinguished by their tight harmonies, sizzling solos, and passion for bringing more female artists to the spotlight. This dynamic group is sure to have you toe tapping, clapping, and singing along to the female icons of country, folk and folk rock!

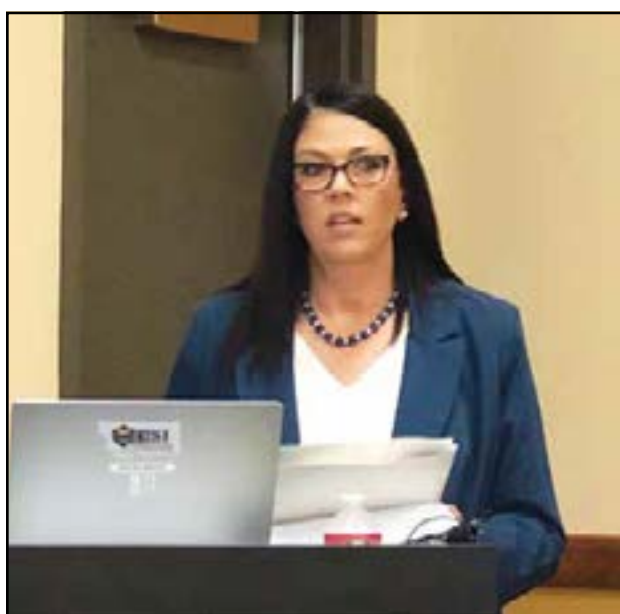
All concerts are held at the MonDak Heritage

Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE, 406-433-3500, Sidney, at 7 p.m. Season tickets can be purchased at the door: adults \$60, senior \$55, and students \$35. For concert information contact Leann 406-480-5394 or Jill 406-489-4304.

The Big Sky Series is made possible in part by the

Montana Performing Arts Consortium Presenter Development Program which is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Montana Arts Council, legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust, and WESTAF.

REDC Facilitates Meeting For Commissioner Troy Downing



Misty Anderson, Stockman Bank. (Photo submitted)

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, REDC participated in an informational meeting with Montana's Commissioner of Securities & Insurance (CSI), Troy Downing. Downing and his team were traveling across Montana to spread the word regarding scams and fraudulent activities that his office is seeing. Downing reported, "One of the biggest financial frauds that our office sees, is upon our senior population. Today we are going to talk about 'red flags', what our office does, the resources that we have, and how we aim to protect Montanans."

"The single most prevalent means that we see being used in scams and fraud is cryptocurrency. The Securities Exchange Commission has said that cryptocurrency are securities that should be regulated as such." There is no regulatory authority overseeing the transactions, no banks, and they are untraceable.

In Montana, the fraudsters are contacting seniors through their cell phones. They inform them that they

have installed child pornography on the phone, and will be contacting the authorities unless they deposit money into a cryptocurrency ATM. There are startling numbers of these ATMs across the state.

The Commissioner gave a laundry list of "red flags" to watch for as fraudulent or suspicious activities:

1. Non-traditional payments: gift cards, cryptocurrency, money grams.
2. Secret apps: "what's apps".
3. Exclusivity: "only for you".
4. Compelled silence through fear: "don't tell anyone".
5. Time sensitivity: must happen now, very urgent.
6. Unrealistic returns or interest rates: "you'll make so much money".

Scams against our seniors are not being reported, only 1 in 44 cases. Mainly due to embarrassment and shame. "We do have one new resource, the Lynne Egan restitution fund, which is a pool of money funded through the fines that we



Commissioner Troy Downing. (Photo submitted)

have levied, and we can use this to assist eligible Montanans with partial restitution."

At the end of the meeting, the Commissioner acknowledged the representatives from Stockman Bank and Yellowstone Bank. These folks are our local resources on the front lines protecting our residents and their interests. Misty Anderson, Stockman Bank, touched on the types of fraud that her department has seen. Currently, cases of romance or grandparent schemes, mailed checks out of the blue, e-mobile deposits, identity thefts, computer hacks and clicking on links.

Once the situation has been reported to Anderson's department, they ask questions: "What is the check for?", "Were you expecting it?", "Do you know this person?". They also look back over the activities in the accounts to determine the history. They verify funds from other banks, such as checks out of the blue.

Anderson encouraged the group not to call a number on a computer screen re-

garding a suspicious request or problem, but to come directly to the bank with the concern. She also provided a large stack of flyers covering the many types of scams: IRS Imposter, Tech Support, Grandparent, Social Security, and Money Mules Fraud. This information is free and available at your local financial institutions.

If you are a victim of a scam or identity theft, there is also a booklet called "Identity Theft: A Recovery Plan" which outlines the many things that you can do to get the assistance you need. These are available at financial institutions as well.

REDC is pleased to have facilitated this meeting for Commissioner Downing and his team. We take great comfort knowing that our local banks are on top of these activities with resources to help. We have copies of the information gathered from the meeting at our office. If you would like to learn more, contact us at 406-482-4679.

4th Annual "War in Watford" Sept. 8 & 9



By Jaymi Mozeak

The 4th Annual "War in Watford", a family friendly event with fun for all ages, will take place on Friday, Sept. 8, and Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 7 p.m.

The Minot Minotauros and Bismarck Bobcats will battle it out on the ice. Those two teams are part of the NAHL Central Division. The teams are all junior hockey teams. According to the NAHL website, www.nahl.com, the NAHL is part of the USA Hockey National Junior Development Model, which includes the USHL and the US National Team Development Program. The NAHL works closely with NCAA College Hockey, the NHL, the USHL, and USA Hockey's National Development Program in order best serve as an imperative piece in the development system for collegiate and professional hockey. All NAHL hockey teams are privately owned and operate as a business similar in structure and business operations as those involving professional hockey teams. Such operations include ticket sales, corporate sales, broadcasting, and community-based initiatives and outreach programs. NAHL athletes are provided the opportunity to develop, learn, train, grow, and succeed while playing for free.

On Sept. 8 and 9 the game starts at 7 p.m., but the doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be concessions, a cash bar, 50/50 tickets, chuck-a-puck, jersey auctions, intermission games, and a chance to win a 2023 Dodge Ram pickup. While there is a hockey club in Watford City, NAHL games are not normally played there. The Rough Rider Center has a long-standing relationship with the two teams and everyone comes together to bring the War in Watford to the ice.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the requirements of § 2-2-302, MCA, the Board of Trustees of Lambert School District No. 86&4 intends to take action on the following matter at a Board Meeting to be held on the 15th day of September 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Lambert School Library.

The possible employment of Jodi Carda who is related to Brent Carda by marriage for the position of paraprofessional. If you have any questions, comments or objections prior to said Board Meeting, please direct all such inquiries to:
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The possible employment of a Gary Hill who is related to Tara Hill by marriage for the position of Junior High Girls' Basketball Co-Coach.

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PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The preliminary budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the Town of Fairview will be on file at the Fairview Town Hall in the office of the clerk and will be open to inspection by the public beginning September 1, 2023. The Public Hearing on the proposed budget will be held September 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairview Senior Center. Any taxpayer or resident may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The Fairview Town Council will hold a special Town Council Meeting following the hearing and consider the adoption of the 2023-2024 annual budget at said meeting. For further information contact the Fairview Town Clerk at Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box 426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, MT 59221; by email at townoffairview@midrivers.com; or call (406) 742-5616 to request an accommodation for a disability. Dated at Fairview, Montana this 21st day of August, 2023.

Norma F. Carlson
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ANTHONY A. MILLER,
Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Miller, deceased.

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Filing Period Opens For Homeowner Property Tax Rebates

By Eric Dietrich, Montana Free Press
Montana homeowners have from until Oct. 1 to file for rebates of as much as \$675 on their 2022 property taxes.

Montana's Republican-controlled Legislature directed hundreds of millions of dollars from the state's historic budget surplus - \$899 million in total - toward income and property tax rebates during its this year's legislative session. With those rebates signed into law by Gov. Greg Gianforte in March, income tax rebates distributed to homeowners in July, and an initial round of property tax rebates open for application here's what taxpayers need to know:

- how much do I qualify for?

Lawmakers passed two buckets of rebates, one focused on income taxes and the other on property taxes:

Rebates on 2021 Montana income taxes

If you were a full-year Montana resident who paid your state taxes on 2020 and 2021 income on time, you should receive a rebate of up to \$1,250 for your 2021 taxes. If you meet those requirements but paid less than \$1,250 in 2021, you should have your entire payment refunded.

The \$1,250 cap applies to taxpayers who filed as single taxpayers, heads of household or married taxpayers who filed separately. Married couples who filed jointly are eligible for up to twice that amount, \$2,500.

The law specifies that taxpayers who didn't file taxes as full- or part-year residents in 2020 or who paid their 2020 or 2021 taxes late won't be eligible for rebates.

More information on the income tax rebates is available from the Montana Department of Revenue. You can also call the department at 406-444-6900.

Rebates on 2022 and 2023 property taxes

Homeowners are eligible for up to \$675 a year for their 2022 and 2023 property taxes on their principal residence, defined as the place where you've lived for at least seven months of the year. If you paid less than \$675 in property taxes in either year, you'll be eligible for a refund of your entire payment.

While payments are often handled through banks for homes with mortgages, property tax payments are made to county treasurers twice a year, with payments due in November and May.

The department says the 2022 rebate is applicable to November 2022 and May 2023 payments and the 2023 rebate is applicable to November 2023 and May 2024 payments.

More information on the property tax rebates is available from the revenue department. You can also call the department at 406-444-6900.

- what do i have to do to get the income tax rebate?

Nothing, according to the revenue department, which says it will send rebates automatically to qualifying taxpayers. Rebates will either be deposited in your bank account electronically or mailed, using the account or address information you gave the department for your most recent tax return.

The department says it will start issuing income tax rebates in July. The law requires all rebates to be completed by Dec. 31.

You can check the status of your income tax rebates with the department's "Where's My Rebate?" web tool.

- What Do I Have To Do To Get The Property Tax Rebates?

These you have to apply for. The department says taxpayers can apply for the 2022 property tax rebates through its online TransAction Portal or via a paper form during an application period that runs through Oct. 1.

To apply through the TransAction Portal, you'll need the following information:

- Your home address.
- Your social security number, as well as the names and social security numbers for your spouse and any dependents named on your last income tax filing.
- The state geocode used to identify your primary property. That geocode is on the reappraisal notice you likely received from the revenue department in late June or early July. You can also look it up through the Montana Cadastral website at svc.mt.gov/msl/mtcadastral or the revenue department's property lookup system.

- The amount of property taxes you paid in 2022. You can find that on your home's property tax bill, which should have come from your county treasurer.
- An identification number off a property tax rebate letter you should have received from the revenue department in early August.

The department says rebates will be issued within 30 days for claims filed

online and within 90 days for hard copy claims. The department said Aug. 24 that it will be issuing all property tax rebates by mail, as opposed to direct deposits into bank accounts, as an anti-fraud measure.

A second application period for 2023 rebates will be open across the same dates in 2024.

- I don't remember how much I paid in 2021 state income taxes. Where can I look that number up?

If you're looking at your old tax filings, the department says the income tax number used for its rebate calculations is the number on line 20 of its 2021 Montana Individual Income Tax Return form.

- I rent instead of owning my home. Do I qualify for these rebates?

All resident taxpayers regardless of ownership status qualify for the income tax rebates. The property tax rebates, however, are available only to homeowners for taxes paid on their principal residence. While landlords typically use a portion of renters' housing payments to pay property taxes on rental properties, the Legislature didn't make the property tax rebates available for homes that aren't owner-occupied.

- Who Deserves Credit For This?

Gov. Gianforte's original budget proposal included only property tax rebates in combination with forward-looking income tax rate cuts, but threw his support behind a combination of smaller property tax rebates and income tax rebates after negotiations with legislative Republicans.

While Democrats said they thought the 2023 Legislature should authorize some tax relief, the income and property tax rebate bills, House Bill 192 and House Bill 222, ultimately passed with Republican support on near-party-line votes. Democrats, who said they worried about underfunding other budget priorities, did make unsuccessful attempts to amend the property tax relief bill to include renters.

A subsequent, late-session bill that put more funding into tax rebates, House Bill 816, passed with support from most Republicans and a handful of Democrats.

Beyond those facts, we'll leave this answer to your own judgment.

- Should I expect this again in 2025?

That's up to the 2025 Legislature, but probably not. The state's 2023 surplus, fueled by pandemic-era

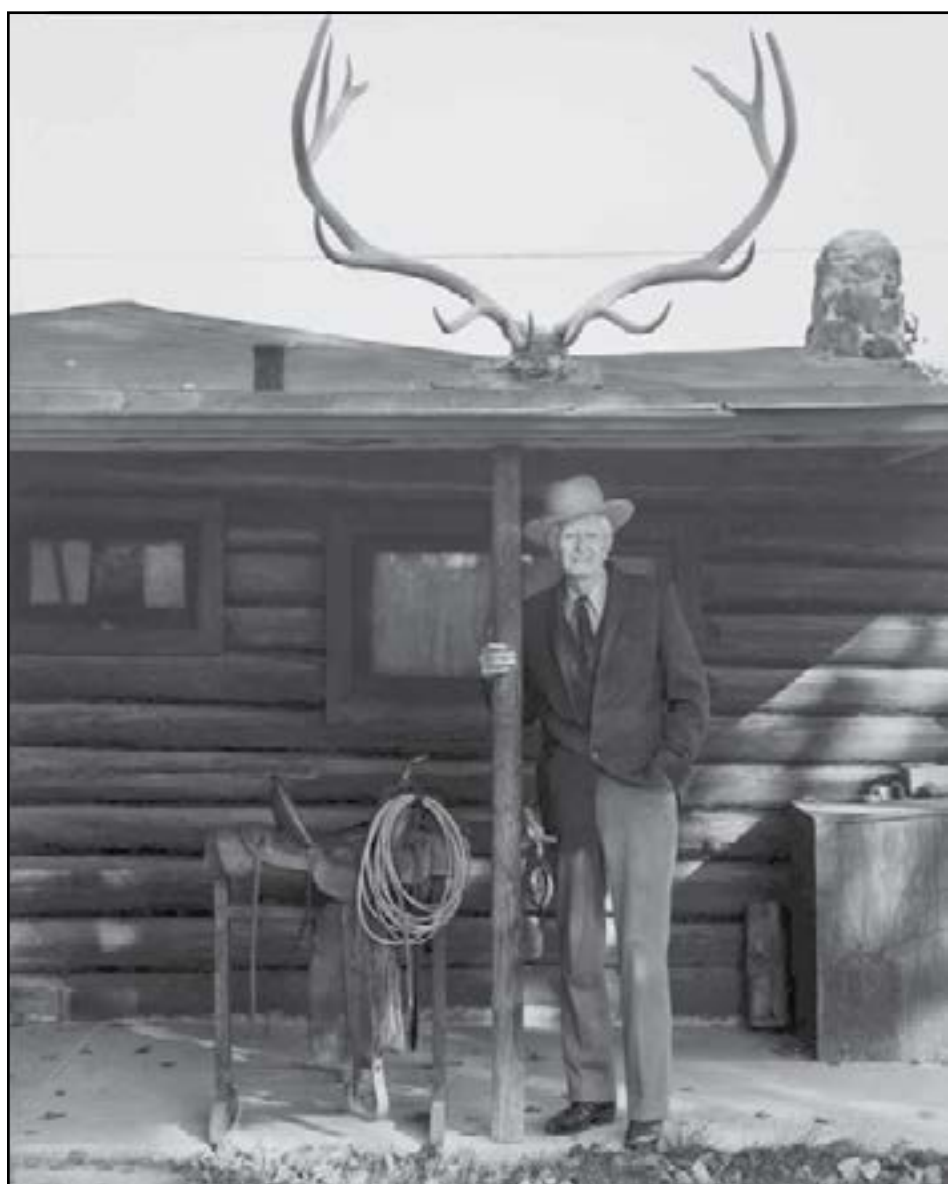
economic stimulus, inflation and migration driving up income tax collections, was quite likely a once-in-a-generation situation.

- Where can I find more information on these rebates?

The revenue department has published an of-

ficial FAQ on its website at <https://mrevenue.gov/taxes/montana-tax-rebates/>.

MonDak Heritage Center Hosts "The Life & Art Of J.K. Ralston" Sept. 8



Submitted by Nikki Bailey, MonDak Heritage Center Executive Director

Join us at the MonDak Heritage Center on Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. to hear from A'Lisa Scott, Ralston's granddaughter and family spokesperson about his life, his art, and his legacy of recording the Old West. Scott will share with us Ralston's life and the paintings, sketches and sculptures to which he dedicated his life's work.

A'Lisa Scott is a native Montanan and J.K. Ralston's granddaughter. In 1991, Scott became the family spokesperson for J.K. Ralston Studio Inc., a non-profit formed by her family and patrons of Ralston's lifetime dedication

to the recording of the Old West through his art. She has become passionate about her family's history and how it helped shape the early days of Montana. Her grandfather's work inspires her to tell his story. The life of a young cowhand, the husband and father he became and the life he and her grandmother lived all while artfully depicting Montana's most significant histories through his beautiful paintings, sculptures, and sketches.

An exhibit of the MDHC's vast permanent collection of Ralston's works will be on display during this presentation. Come learn more about J.K. Ralston, the famous painter of the

MonDak and the Old West, and view his works from our permanent collection. The event is FREE and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The MonDak Heritage Center is funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana's cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund. The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org. Visit us online at www.mondakheritagecenter.org.

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By Katelyn Sponheim

With fall and hunting season fast approaching, the hope of a hunt worth memorializing looms in the minds of those who participate. Though he hails from Coon Rapids, MN, Jim Beier currently resides in and operates his taxidermy business from Sidney, MT. For the last five years, he's provided locals with his services, ranging from deer head and replica fish mounts to full body skin mounts of all legal species.

Beier found his calling young, when at 14 he toured the Herter's decoy plant in Janesville, MN, where his uncle was employed. Their taxidermy department caught his eye, and his parents gifted him a special book that Christmas; the "Herter's Professional Course in the Science of Modern Taxidermy". From its pages, he taught himself how to preserve animals in their life-like forms, starting with a squirrel. He said, "It didn't turn out very well." But he continued to pursue his newfound passion, and a taxidermist neighbor took him on as an apprentice. Another neighbor taught him the proper procedure for birds, and he's been constantly improving his craft since.

In 1989, he opened doors as a commercial taxidermist. Seeing a customer's excitement, (especially young hunters and anglers), hearing their stories, and discussing the process are his favorite parts of the business. Passing on the tradition of helping those learning or willing to help others, he has offered a variety of discount programs over the years. While in Minnesota, he often mounted a child's very first fish pulled from local waters for free. Military, law enforcement, and volunteer fireman are currently offered a 20% discount on their pieces from him.

While he doesn't have favorite pieces, he has had some interesting requests and it seems taxidermy trends may be shifting. While many think of hunted animals as a primary choice, agricultural and companion animals are growing in popularity. He has produced both steer and horse mounts for customers; he even has a bull head meant for a mechanical bucking bull, with soft faux horns no less, in the works.

Beier's wait time varies, but he shoots for eight months to a year to return a finished product to his customers. This fall, as you wonder how to preserve the memories made in the pursuit of that long-watched buck, hard-sought elk, or even that beautiful day on (or in) the water, remember Wildfire Taxidermy, Sidney, is ready to make your trophy a permanent fixture in your home or office. Beier can be reached at 406-478-4638, and has offices at 305 Yellowstone Drive, Sidney, MT. He also has a Facebook page listed under Wildfire Taxidermy Studio.

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Many of us river recreators, both resident and nonresident, have experienced behaviors we wished we hadn't. With this in mind, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, along with several conservation partners, created a series of videos demonstrating mindful behaviors while recreating on Montana's rivers.

Partners for the river

recreation videos include the Flathead National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Flathead Rivers Alliance, the River Management Society and Montana PBS.

These videos are the first step of a larger more inclusive effort to encourage better behavior while recreating on all Montana public lands. The effort is called Montana Mindset.

Montana Mindset messaging will address outdoor recreation ethics and etiquette with the intention of providing a better outdoor experience for everyone.

It will also address public safety and environmental impacts on outdoor landscapes.

"With more people appreciating Montana's outdoor opportunities, we all need to do our part to ensure a pleasant experience for everyone," said FWP Director Dustin Temple. "Montana Mindset will provide tips and examples of sharing the resource sensibly."

In addition to encouraging a Montana Mindset while recreating, FWP will share messaging on the "how-tos" of participating in outdoor activities for those

who are looking to expand their adventures.

Outdoor recreationists

can look for Montana Mindset information throughout the year on the FWP website

and social media channels, as well as those of our partners.

FWP Survey Finds Montanans Satisfied With Elk Management In The State: Oppose Additional Regulations & Limiting Opportunities

Submitted by **Lyndsey Medsker**

In a recently completed public opinion survey of 5,000 randomly selected resident hunters, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks found a majority of respondents (73%) were satisfied with elk management in Montana. Hunters were also satisfied with current elk hunting regulations, resisted additional regulations, and support the timing of the current general elk hunting season.

Also of note:

- 87% rated overall opportunities to hunt elk in Montana as being better than average
- 72% rated elk hunting regulations in Montana as

being satisfactory

- 73% of survey respondents rate elk management in Montana as being satisfactory
- 69.3% would rather hunt every year for bull elk vs giving that up to hunt a mature bull.
- While important to some, trophy hunting was the least important reason expressed by survey respondents for hunting elk in Montana and there was a clear rejection for more complicated regulations.
- 44% and 58% of respondents have the perception that there are not enough antlerless and bull elk, respectively, on publicly owned lands found in Montana.

"These results should inform public discussions and the elk management policies of the FW Commission going forward," said Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides executive director. "Montana hunters made it clear that they do not support additional regulations or loss of opportunities and underscored a need to increase hunting on private lands in order to disperse elk to public lands."

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Upland, Youth Pheasant Seasons On The Horizon

By North Dakota Game & Fish

With September in our sights, hunting seasons for upland game in North Dakota opens soon.

The season opens for sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge and ruffed grouse on Sept. 9. Following that, the two-day youth pheasant season for legally licensed residents and non-residents 15 and younger opens Sept. 30.

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Sharp-tails, ruffed grouse and partridge each have a daily limit of three and a possession limit of 12. The daily limit for the youth pheasant season is also

three birds, but the possession limit is six.

All hunters, regardless of age, must have a general game and habitat license. In addition, hunters 16 and older need a small game license.

Grouse and partridge hunters should refer to North Dakota OUTDOORS August-September issue for an outlook on the fall hunting season, available online by the season opener on the state Game and Fish Department's website gf.nd.gov.

Hunters are urged to keep up with the daily rural fire danger index, issued by the National Weather Service, to alert the pub-

lic to conditions that may be conducive to accidental starting or spread of fires. County governments also have the authority to adopt penalties for violations of county restrictions related to burning bans. These restrictions apply regardless of the daily fire danger index and remain in place until each county's commission rescinds the ban. Information on current fire danger indexes is available through ndresponse.gov.

For other season information and regulations, hunters should consult the North Dakota 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Guide.

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Projects Access Guide Available Online Starting Aug. 10

By Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Helena - The upland game bird season is less than one month away, and hunters will soon be able to refer to the Projects Access Guide, published annually by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program (UGBEP).

Beginning Aug. 10, hunters can view and download the new guide and maps online. Click UGBEP Projects Access Guide.

The guide contains all active projects administered through the UGBEP including Open Fields, habitat management leases, food and cover plots, CRP enhancements, shelterbelts and grazing systems. These project types are located in all FWP regions and designed to enhance upland game bird habitats on lands open to free upland game bird hunting when permission to hunt is secured.

The guide includes tables listing all habitat proj-

ects and maps that depict locations of private and public land projects enrolled in the UGBEP. Tables provide hunters with project-specific information such as project location, acres and the method to contact landowners for permission. FWP reminds hunters to obtain landowner permission before hunting private lands.

Printed access guides will be available at FWP headquarters and regional offices in late August. Hunters can also request a copy of the access guide via FWP's website. FWP will begin mailing guides to hunters late August.

The program anticipates additional enrollments this fall. Several CRP projects were on hold pending enrollment in the federal CRP program. Hunters should check the program webpage this September for additional projects.

Due to current dry conditions and high fire danger throughout Montana, hunters may encounter UGBEP



project closures or restrictions. Hunters can check the Projects Access Guide online for current information.

Through partnerships formed with private landowners, government agencies and conservation organizations, UGBEP has a current enrollment of over 460 active projects, enhancing nearly 350,000 acres of game bird habitat while providing almost 800,000 acres of access for upland game bird hunting.

For more information, contact Debbie Hohler, UGBEP coordinator, at: 406-444-5674, or by e-mail: dhohler@mt.gov.

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Chronic Wasting Disease Proclamation

By North Dakota Game & Fish

Big game hunters should note the 2023 chronic wasting disease proclamation for baiting and transportation requirements for deer, elk and moose as a precaution against the spread of chronic wasting disease.

Noteworthy items include:

- Whole carcasses of animals harvested in North Dakota can remain in the deer unit, or may now be transported anywhere in the state. However, carcass waste must be disposed of via landfill or waste management provider. This does not apply to heads dropped at CWD collection sites or lymph nodes submitted for CWD surveillance. Taxidermists and game processors can also accept intact carcasses of animals harvested within North Dakota but assume responsibility for disposal.
- A new management strategy that allows baiting restrictions to be removed in a unit if the number of adult deer equivalent to at least 10% of the gun licenses allocated in the unit are tested for CWD within a year, and all the results are negative. If

the sampling goal is not met or CWD is confirmed in the unit, the baiting restriction will remain.

- No new units have been added to the baiting restriction list for 2023-24. Due to the timing of finalizing the proclamation, a one-year pause was placed on adding new units. Units 2K1 and 3B2 are scheduled to be added to the restriction list in 2024 due to a positive CWD detection during the 2022 hunting season within 25 miles in an adjacent unit. They will not be added if the 10% goal is reached this year and all CWD test results are negative.
- Hunters are prohibited from transporting into North Dakota the whole carcass or parts, except the lower-risk portions, of deer, elk, moose

or other members of the cervid family harvested outside of North Dakota.

State Game and Fish Department officials will conduct surveillance of the state by region on a four-year rotation. This year, the CWD surveillance effort will consist of deer gun units in southeastern North Dakota. Outside of this area, hunters can still have their animal tested by taking it to a Game and Fish district office, any deer head collection site (primarily located in the surveillance area) or using a mail-in self-sampling kit. A unit outside the annual surveillance zone is still eligible to have a baiting restriction removed if the sampling goal is met, or can be added as a restricted unit if a positive is found.

Fall Turkey Season Set

By North Dakota Game & Fish

The fall turkey season is set with 4,435 licenses available to hunters, 460 more than last year.

Applicants can apply online by visiting the North Dakota Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. The deadline is Sept. 6.

Only North Dakota residents are eligible to apply. Nonresidents can apply for remaining fall turkey licenses following the first lottery.

The fall wild turkey season runs from Oct. 14, 2023-Jan. 7, 2024.

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