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## Sidney Sugars Announces It Will Cease Operations In April



By Meagan Dotson

Sugar beet contracting closed Feb. 1, and Sidney Sugars announced Feb. 6 that the factory will be closing due to insufficient acreage.

"Last year there were only 18,400 acres contracted. The year before that, 30,774. With only 19,500 acres of sugar beets offered in the region for this coming spring, the Sidney operation is simply unprofitable," said Steve Rosenau, American

Crystal Sugar Company Vice President of Agriculture and Chief Operating Officer of Sidney Sugars, Inc.

On Dec. 21, 2022 a letter went out to sugar beet growers explaining that Sidney Sugars was requiring approximately 25,000 acres to be contracted for 2023 in order for the factory to continue operations. It was also estimated that 30,000 acres would be required following 2023. These numbers are in comparison to as many as

45,000 acres that growers committed in the 1990s.

"We have had a mutually beneficial partnership up to this point in time, and sugar beets have been a stable rotational crop for the region," Rosenau reflected. "Sidney farmers have consistently delivered some of the highest quality sugar beet crops and received some of the strongest beet payments in the industry during their span with American Crystal."

American Crystal Sugar Company bought the Holly Sugar Corporation from Imperial Sugars in October 2002. Growers will receive final payments in November 2023.

The factory will continue with cleanup and will close sugar processing operations April 14, however warehouse operations will continue into the summer until all finished product inventory has been shipped. Sidney Sugars employs

about 300 individuals who were given 60 day's notice that the nearly 100 year old factory will be closing.

"Employees will receive severance packages and we have provided a number of resources to assist them with job searches, including offering opportunities to join other American Crystal factories in the Red River Valley," said Rosenau.

More information will be published as this story develops.



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## MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show March 2-3



Jay Bodner.  
(MSU photo)

By Robyn Heck

The MonDak Ag Days and Trade Show is coming up on March 2 and 3 at the Richland County Event Center. Ag Days is a Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture event. There will be a tradeshow on Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Richland County Event Center. Lunch will be offered both days and breakfast will be served at 7 a.m., Friday.

The banquet will be at the Elks, on Thursday, March 2 with a pre-social starting at 5 p.m. and prime rib will be served at 6 p.m. In past years it has been at the Richland County Event Center.

Jay Bodner will be the keynote speaker. This past September, Bodner was honored as an outstanding agricultural leader in Montana. He is Montana Department of Livestock Brands Enforcement Division, division administrator. Bodner impacts many people with his accomplishments in agriculture, and is a leader in our Montana agriculture community.

The Ag Days education schedule on Thursday starts at 10 a.m. with Drainage Tile Does and Dont's by Jerry Weiland. At 11 a.m. will be Getting More Bang for your Fertilizer Buck by Doctor Clain Jones, MSU Extension. At 1 p.m. will be Prussic Acid and Nitrates in Forages by Marley Manoukian, MSU Extension. At 2 p.m. will be Updates to Medically Important Antibiotics by Gary Scheiber, High Plains Vet, and 3 p.m. will close the day with a Cattle Market Update by Katlin McCulloch, LMIC.

Friday, March 3 at 10 a.m. will be Input Costs and 2023 Projections by Ron Haugen, NDSU Extension. At 11 a.m. will be Value Added Agricultural Opportunities by Hailey Vine, FADC. Closing out the Summit will be Preemergent Herbicides and Modes of Action by Charlie Lim, NDSU Extension.

To purchase tickets, contact the Sidney Chamber of Commerce Agriculture at 406-433-1916 or scan the QR code, For more information refer to the MonDak Ag Days Facebook page or contact the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Savage School Receives Financial Donation from 1984 Graduate and Athlete

Doug Kelly, Savage graduate of 1984, graciously and generously donated \$45,000 to our school to be used for the sports programs. At the Jan. 23, 2023 board meeting the Board of Trustees took action to use this amazing donation to sand, paint, refinish, and design the logos of the gym floor.

This donation could not have arrived at a better time, as we knew the redoing of the gym floor was a necessity and a huge expense. Yet, we were unsure if our budget could be stretched that far at this time. The last time the gym floor underwent a refinishing and sanding was 2007-2008 school year, which was 15 years ago. Every 15 years wooden gym floors are to be refinished and sanded to help them last to their life expectancy. The total price for this project is \$56K. The remainder of the needed funds will come from the elementary and high school Building Reserve Funds,

which will be divided equally between the two funds.

Doug Kelly told Superintendent Potter, "I just want to give back to the Savage School as they opened their arms and fully accepted me as a true Warrior in school year 1983-1984. I played both basketball and football and enjoyed every minute of the seasons."

Doug, who now resides in Bay City, MI was a member of their first state football championship team. After receiving two college degrees he spent 15 years working at General Motors. After retiring, at 39 because of back surgery, he and his brother started an oil consulting business in New Town, ND.

Doug was adopted by John and Betty Kelly, Sidney, and spent his childhood growing up in Sidney. His biological father was Native American and when the oil struck, he started receiving royalties from both his biological father and adopted mother.

"God has graced me,"



Doug and Becky Kelly. (Photo submitted)

Kelly states.

Two years ago, after spending \$150,000 in taxes he started making donations to different entities. He has donated 1,000 bicycles and 1,000 helmets to Toys for Tots, \$10,000 to St. Jude's, and Arlinda Carlson, his English teacher. He also just became aware that some students are not able to pay

their lunch tickets so he has donated \$5000 to the Golden Fund which is available now and for the future.

The Savage School project will be using High Performance Floors, Lewistown, MT. Superintendent Potter informed us, "All of the decisions about the floor will be made in the process when working with this com-



Savage school board chair, Shawn Conradsen holds the check from Kelly. (Photo submitted)

pany. We are going to ask for some local input on ideas and creativity of design, etc."

Doug will try to be present at the first home basketball game in Savage to view the project. Potter exclaimed, "Of course there will be a celebration to show our appreciation of this magical donation."

## Hygge: A Celebration Of Calm & Comforting Times With Loved Ones In Watford City Feb. 11

By Jaymi Mozeak

The Long X Visitor Center and Pioneer Gift Shop will be holding their annual Celebration of Hygge on

Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For the first time, in 2023, the celebration is spilling out into the streets.

Watford City's Hygge

(Hoogah) event has been celebrated for many years and has always been held at the visitor center. As with every year, everyone is in-

vited to a day of "fika", a Scandinavian cultural tradition of kaffee (coffee), a wonderful baked treat, and simply taking a break. From 2-3 p.m., there will be a Hygge Hand-Dipped Candle Class by the Long X Art Foundation where Miss Jess will teach attendees the art of hand-dipping candles. She will guide them through the steps, and add a warm, comforting scent for a special touch. It is \$10 for a set of two. Those wishing to participate in the candle-making class must preregister at www.longarts.com/event/hygge-hand-dipped-candle-class or drop into the visitor center before Feb 11.

The celebration will not stop at the visitor center's doors this year. Along Main Street in downtown Watford City, several stores are joining in the celebration. Larsen Service Drug will be offering discounts, goodie bags,

and giveaways from 9 a.m.-noon. Beaver Creek Kids is having "Little Loves" deals and treats from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Meyer's Department Store is having "Galentines Day" deals and treats from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Door 204 is having their "Game Date" event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Elle's Boutique is holding a Build Your Own Valentine's Day Basket event from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The three Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden are consistently in the World's 10 Happiest Countries List with Norway taking first in 2017. Before 2017 Denmark was considered the happiest country for several years in a row according to www.travelandleisure.com's 10 Happiest Countries in the World in 2022 article. Contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 with any questions about the event.



Hygge Hand-Dipped Candle Class by the Long X Art Foundation will be from 2-3 p.m. (Stock photo)





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**Senior Center Events**

**Congregate Meals:**  
**Fairview:** Mon. & Wed., 11:30 a.m., 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
**Sidney:** Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
**Savage:** Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980  
**Lambert:** Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Activities/Cards**  
**Fairview: Men/Cards,** Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;  
**Women's Cards:** Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
**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

**Senior Commodity Distribution**  
2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Wed., 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

**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 Reovery 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**  
**Sakakawea**  
Current Elevation.....1827.6  
Last Week's Elev. ....1828.3  
One Year Ago .....1827.8  
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....23,500

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**  
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 30	19	-8	0.001
Jan. 31	30	1	0.000
Feb. 1	10	-5	0.003
Feb. 2	40	2	0.002
Feb. 3	43	26	0.000
Feb. 4	42	23	0.000
Feb. 5	38	33	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation		0.188	

# OBITUARIES

## Susanne Moore, 86 Sidney, MT

Celebration of Life for Susanne Moore, 86, Sidney, are being planned for March of 2023.  
Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home is caring for the family.  
Susanne passed away on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

## Burgum Urges National Park Service Director To Keep Wild Horses At Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Bismarck, N.D. - In a phone call, Gov. Doug Burgum urged National Park Service (NPS) Director Charles Sams to allow wild horses to remain at Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP), stressing their importance to the state's tourism industry and their deep historical and cultural connections to the park and Roosevelt himself.  
The call with Sams was prompted by a letter Burgum submitted Monday as part of the NPS's public comment period on its proposed management plan for the less than 200 wild horses in the national park's South Unit and 12 longhorn cattle in the North Unit. The NPS has indicated its preferred plan for managing the wild horses involves gradually reducing the herd to zero, a plan the governor opposes.  
Also participating in the call with Sams were U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, who coordinated the meeting, Attorney General Drew Wrigley, North Dakota House Majority Leader Mike Lefor, Senate Majority Leader David Hogue, House Minority Leader Josh Boschee, Senate Minority Leader Kathy Hogan, TRNP Superintendent Angie Richman and TRNP Deputy Superintendent Maureen McGee-Ballinger.  
"We appreciate Director Sams taking the time to listen to our concerns about removing the wild horses, which would not only hurt tourism at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the surrounding communities but also irreparably damage the deep connections between the wild horses and Roosevelt's ranching and conservation legacy," Burgum said. "As I stated in the letter and expressed again today to Director Sams, the State of North Dakota stands ready to collaborate with the National Park Service, whether with resources or management expertise, to ensure that the herd of wild horses can be maintained in a manner and size that supports genetic diversity and protects the park for visitors today and for generations to come. We're confident that by working together, we can reach a collaborative solution. As evidenced by the groundswell of support from across the nation, these wild horses are a differentiator for our state's top tourist destination and hold a special place in the hearts of citizens from North Dakota and beyond."  
The NPS's public comment period closed on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The agency says it will update its proposed management alternatives based on the public input and then provide additional opportunity for public engagement and comment on its environmental assessment this coming summer. Sams said he would take the input from today's meeting into consideration.  
North Dakota legislators also are considering a resolution urging the NPS to preserve the wild horses and longhorns in the park and the U.S. Congress to assist with the preservation.

## Letter To The Editor

For almost the last 100 years, the sugar beet producers in our area have been recognized as some of the best sugar beet growers in the nation. We have always taken pride in growing the highest quality crop possible every year. We, the growers, are disappointed in American Crystal Sugar Company's decision in closing our local Sidney, MT factory.  
The growers of our association have made every attempt to keep Sidney Sugars a viable operation, ever since it was purchased by American Crystal Sugar Company in 2002. Unfortunately, the sugar beet growers of our area have never had a clear sight of how we fit into American Crystal Sugar Company's future. For 20 years, the growers have had to negotiate a new contract with American Crystal Sugar Company every 3 years on average. During these negotiations, the sugar beet growers of this valley have been required to take substantial reductions in payments in order to keep American Crystal Sugar Company's operation in our area profitable enough for them.  
During these years, the willingness of our area's growers to adopt new technologies has risen yields to deliver more than enough production to keep the factory profitable. This adaptation of technology by our growers, and the sacrifices required of them in contracts, is the only reason we have been sustainable through these years of new ownership.  
American Crystal Sugar Company has referenced that 30,774 acres were grown in crop year 2021. That marked the end of a contract period and a new negotiation ensued. The reduction in acres to crop year 2022 was a direct result of that negotiation process. During this time the growers were told by an American Crystal Sugar Company's executive that we would be required to take another large cut to our payments and we should expect continued cuts in our subsequent contracts.  
The growers of this association recognize that American Crystal Sugar Company's presence in our area has come and gone, but our sugar beet grower's dedication to this region will continue for generations to come. We would like to thank our local Sidney Sugars employees for their years of dedication to Sidney, MT. Our Thank-Yous do not end there, the businesses and people of our community have been the bedrock that has held up and continue to hold up many of our operations. Our sugar beet growers will be required to transition into a new way of life and we ask for your continued support.  
We were just informed by American Crystal Sugar Company of the closing this morning, and while this news is still fresh in our hearts, we understand the importance of a statement from our board. We hope to give you further comment in the future.  
Sincerely,  
Montana-Dakota Beet Growers Association Board

**EVENTS**

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Wed., Feb. 8**  
**CoFlourish: Art Resiliency Exhibition** - Traveling exhibition of artworks created during the pandemic. On display through April 1.- **Legendary Landscapes by Dawson Shafer** - On display through April 1. Featuring works that depict the scenery & life in North Dakota. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

**Thurs., Feb. 9**  
10 a.m. - **Partnership For Promise Coalition Meeting** - Everyone welcome. Boys & Girls Club. For more info visit the Partnership For Promise Facebook page. Meetings are held the 2nd Thurs. of each month.  
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sidney Country Club. To RSVP call Margaret, 406-488-4613 or Paula, 406-488-1253 leave a message.

**Fri., Feb. 10**  
7 p.m. - **2022-23 Big Sky Concert Series - A Band Called Honalee** - A musically accomplished, interactive, & energetic trio. MonDak Heritage Center. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$20/adult, \$18/Sr and \$15/student. For concert info contact the MonDak Heritage Center at 406-433-3500, Leann Pelvit 406-480-5594, or Jill Wagner 406-489-4304.

**Sat., Feb. 11**  
7 p.m. - **The MonDak Heritage Center Celebrating Chocolate** - Enjoy an evening of food, chocolate & 60 & 70's era music. \$50 for members, \$60 for not yet members. (Must be 21+ to attend) MonDak Heritage Center, For more info call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

**Tues., Feb. 21**  
8:15-9:15 a.m. - **Community Power Hour** - Featuring presentations from Aliza Hunter, Double Dogs Canna and Michelle Miller, First Choice Drug Testing. Richland County Extension Office.

**Thurs., March 2, & Fri., March 3**  
**MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show** - Ag Days Banquet: March 2, 5 p.m. Social; 6 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner; Keynote Speaker: Jay Bodner - Trade Show Hours: March 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., March 3, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch available both days, breakfast, 7 p.m. March 3. Richland County Event Center.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Thurs., Feb. 9, 16, 23**  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - A craft is provided to each child for the event. McKenzie County Library.

**Thurs., Feb. 9**  
6:30 p.m. - **Silent Auction & Benefit Concert Featuring Aly & The Transtrooms** - Christian/Country music & Hymns. WCHS Auditorium. All Proceeds to: Feed My Starving Children - Watford City MobilePack.

**Sat., Feb. 11**  
1-5 p.m. - **Nerf Wars** - Ages 6 & up, \$5 person. Bring your own gun, ammo will be provided. A limited number of Nerf guns available. Pre-registration available as well as day of registration. Rough Rider Center.

**Tues., Feb. 14**  
11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **Soil Health Summit Presented by McKenzie County Soil Conservation District** - Featuring Shane New (stockman, entrepreneur & partner with Understanding Ag, LLC) & Burke Teichert (grazing land consultant with Understanding Ag, LLC). Lunch will be provided, no registration fee to attend. RSVP by Feb. 7, 701-842-3628 ext. 3. Rough Rider Center.

**Thurs., Feb. 16**  
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

**Tues., Feb. 21**  
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info call McKenzie Co. Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie Co. Food Pantry FB page for dates, times & updates.

**Sat., Feb. 25**  
6-10 p.m. - **Parents Night Out** - A time for parents to drop their kids off & have a night out to themselves. Games, movie & pizza provided. Ages 3+ must be potty trained. Rough Rider Center. Pre-registration fee, \$20/kid, day of registration, \$25/kid. For more info & to register visit watfordcityparks.com.  
7 p.m. - **Parallel Exit** - Watford City Concert Series - Mixing song & dance with slapstick physical comedy. Watford City High School Theater Auditorium. Concert series membership or \$30 per adult. For more info call 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Fri., Feb. 10**  
6-8 p.m. - **Mom Son Date Night** - Ages 2+. Come dance the night away, along with food, drinks, selfie station, photos & games. New this year, a Grand March. Raymond Family Community Center. Tickets are \$40 a couple, \$20 siblings. Register at www.willistonparks.com.

**Sat., Feb. 11**  
**Daddy Daughter Dance** - 1-3 p.m. - **Butterfly Ball** (Ages 2-6) - 5-8 p.m. **Princess Premiere** (Ages 5-12) - Food, Grand March, dancing. Raymond Family Community Center. Butterfly ball tickets: \$40 couple, \$20 siblings. Princess Premiere tickets: \$50 couple, \$25 siblings. Register at www.willistonparks.com.  
7-11 p.m. - **Death By Chocolate Fundraiser** - Showcasing chocolate dessert samples from at least 15 local chefs & restaurants. Event is 21+ with a cash bar available. Silent auction for full size desserts & more! James Memorial Art Center. Tickets available for purchase at TrainND Northwest, \$100/couple or \$60/single. For more info contact Tara Erickstad at 701-580-9367 or tara.erickstad@willistonstate.edu. Proceeds will benefit the TrainND Foundation Scholarship Program.

**Thurs., Feb. 16**  
7 p.m. - **History Book Club** - Join other history buffs to vote on book choices for March-June. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info call 701-572-9034.

**Sat., Feb. 18**  
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **19th Century Sewing, Textile Arts, and Projects**, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info, call 701-572-9034.

**Sun., Feb. 19**  
2-4 p.m. - **Historical Game Day at Fort Buford Barracks** - Participate in games that may have been played at the fort long ago. Fort Buford State Historic Site. For more info, call 701-572-9034.

**Sat., Feb. 25**  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Artists on Main Workshop** - Workshop for community leaders & artists to discuss possible projects for the Downtown Williston area. James Memorial Art Center. For more information contact janessa@whathaps.com or call 701-570-7652.

**DAWSON COUNTY**

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

**Sat., Feb. 18**  
5-10 p.m. - **Badlands Bruisers Chapter Banquet** - EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave. For more info contact Chris Fortune, 406-360-1020 or chris@muledeer.org.

**Fri., March 3, 4-8 p.m., Sat., March 4, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., March 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Glendive Gun Show** - Buy - Sell - Trade, food & refreshments available. \$3 per day or \$6 for all 3 days. For more info call 406-941-1222 or 406-377-3969.





Back row: Braylon DiFonzo, Chase Waters, Aren Larson, Cayden Heck and Cooper McNally; Dennis Fine, Ryder Hansen, Seth Beyerle, Gradin Sukut, Kevin Hutzenbiler. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

Sidney/Fairview Wrestlers Place 3rd at Divisionals

MHSA A Eastern Divisional Results for Sidney/Fairview, Feb. 3-4, Havre	placed 1st	placed 1st	placed 1st
103: Tyson Syth (18-19)	120: Brody Keysor (34-15)	138: Aaron See (26-16)	152: Ty Schepens (34-18)
placed 8th	placed 2nd	placed 8th	placed 4th
103: Gordon Knapp (45-4)	120: Carson Propp (17-24)	138: Owen Lonski (30-12)	170: Kaden Wise (34-20)
	placed 6th	placed 6th	placed 3rd
	132: Reece Graves (39-6)	145: Zander Dean (45-2)	182: Thor Fulgram (24-29)
			placed 6th
			285: Caleb Kleinke (36-18)
			placed 4th



Super Fan Forever Remembered

By Robyn Heck  
The 2022-2023 boys basketball team has a special pride as they take the floor in their new warm up shirts. The back has angel wings and the initials PQ. This is in memory of head coach Chad Quilling's father, Paul Quilling. "We lost Dad a year ago this month. He was the biggest Sidney Eagle sports fan I know. He followed every sport, everywhere. It didn't matter if it was football or track, as long as they wore the Eagle on their back, he was there whenever he possibly could

be.", said Chad Quilling. Paul's daughter, Kari Jones, added "Even at the end, we had NFHS network on in the hospital, and talked to Dad about every update." When Coach Quilling was asked who came up with the tribute idea, he answered, "A good friend."



**Sat, Feb 11th • 10am - 5pm**

- You are invited to a day of "fika", a Scandinavian tradition of coffee, a baked treat and taking a break.
- 2-3pm: Hygge Hand Dipped Candle Class by Long X Art Foundation - \$10 for a set of 2. Pre-register @ the Long X Arts website or pop in. [longxarts.com/event/hygge-hand-dipped-candle-class](https://longxarts.com/event/hygge-hand-dipped-candle-class)
- The Pioneer Gift Shop has coffee, soaps, bath bombs, candles, chocolates, jams, jellies & antique silver spoon rings!

**Contact: 701-444-2990**  
Parking available across the street at the Children's Play Park

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**Submitted by Rita Rehbein**  
Sidney Moose Lodge donated one case of Tommy Moose Plush Dolls to the Roosevelt Medical Center EMS (Emergency Medical Services) on Jan. 2, 2023. The Fairview Police Depart-

ment also received one case of Tommy Moose Dolls on Dec. 16, 2022. Other “Heart of the Community” donations for the third quarter (November 2022-January 2023) by Sidney Moose Lodge included \$313 and 10 lbs. of food

items to the Richland County Food Bank, A breakfast fundraiser for the Lambert Fire Department was held on Nov. 13, 2022 with a donation of \$410. Other monetary donations were given to the Lambert Senior Center,

Salvation Army, Girl Scouts, VFW Post 4099, Safe Surfin and Moose Youth Awareness Program. Sidney Moose Lodge has received a “Superior” rating in our “Heart of the Community” activities

for the first two quarters of the year. We anticipate another superior rating for the third quarter. Sidney Moose Lodge next “Heart of

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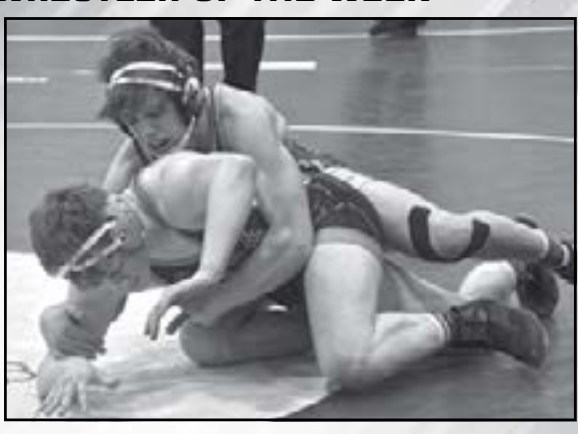
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## Tester Introduced Bipartisan Legislation Against Foreign Farmland Ownership

By Robyn Heck

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Senator Tester introduced his bipartisan legislation aimed at preventing foreign countries from buying up American farmland. The Promoting Agriculture Safeguards and Security or PASS act, introduced by Tester and with Republican Senator Mike Rounds, from South Dakota, would also ensure farmers have a seat at the table when the government makes decisions impacting our national security. Tester is a third generation Montana farmer, so this is an issue that is particularly important to the senator. “This bill is to prevent countries like China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran from buying our American farmland. This is critical to American food security and is also critical to our national security. We need to get this bill through committee, to the Senate floor, and to the President’s desk as soon as possible”, said Senator Tester.

## Upcoming Education Opportunities at MSU Extension

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension

The MSU Richland County Extension Office has some upcoming events that may be of interest to you. If you have any questions about the following, please call 406-433-1206.

Families and Legacies: Challenging Decisions with Dr. Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Family Economics Specialist will be our February installment of the Winter Series. Do you know who will receive your property if you pass away without an estate plan? Do you know how title on your real and personal property impacts who receives it upon your death? If you don’t know the answer to these questions or even if you think you know, attend a presentation by Dr. Marsha Goetting. She may surprise you with the answers to those two ques-

tions. She will also explore how you can avoid probate with payable on death designations (PODs), transfer on death registrations (TODs), and transfer on death deeds (TODDS) for real property. Join the Foundation for Community Care and MSU Richland County Extension for this event on Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the upstairs room at the Meadowlark Public House, 117 S Central Ave., Sidney, at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there.

District 4 Initial Private Applicator Training will be held for individuals who want to obtain a Montana Private Applicator License, which is required for anyone who is applying restricted-use pesticides to land that they own or lease. Those who have an expired license are also encouraged to attend. In addition, those who currently hold a Private Applicators license can attend to receive

recertification credits. The training will cover topics including the private applicator license, tribal license, reading and understanding product labels, record keeping requirements, pesticide law and regulations, integrated pest management, spray equipment calibration, pesticide safety and pesticides’ fate in the environment. The training will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N Central Ave, Sidney, MT. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the program starting at 7:45 a.m. and adjourning at 5:15 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. Please register by Monday, Feb. 13. To register or for more information, please contact the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

Master Gardener is an education and service program whose purpose is to provide technical assistance and unbiased, research-based information in consumer horticulture. The Level 1 program includes

topics such as soils, plant growth and development, vegetables, growing small fruit, trees and shrubs, lawns and irrigation, composting, and an introduction to integrated pest management. We will be offering Master Gardener Level 1 on Tuesday evenings beginning on Feb. 21, starting at 6 p.m. The classes will run for seven Tuesdays, concluding on April 4. The classes will be held at the Richland County Extension Office, 1499 N Central Ave., Sidney. There are two registration track options, either as a Certified Montana Master Gardener which is \$75 costs that includes a book, 20 community volunteer hours, and an open book test. The non-certification track includes a \$75 cost that includes a book, and no volunteer commitment or test. Those interested in advancing to Master Gardener Levels 2 and 3 must take the certified Level 1 track. Please register by Feb. 14 by calling 406-433-1206.

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OBITUARIES

Joan Bell, 88  
Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Joan Bell, 88, Sidney are at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Assembly of God Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Tom Foisy and Pastor Dustin Morgan officiating. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home are caring for the family. Visitation will be on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

When God called Joan Bell, 88, to her Heavenly home, after a short, but valiant fight with pancreatic cancer, she was willing, waiting and ready to go. In her home, as was her desire, surrounded by the love and presence of her precious family, Joan peacefully slipped from this earth into Heaven on Jan. 31, 2023.

Joan Louise (Knels) Bell was born on June 4, 1934, during The Great Depression, to Dave and Elizabeth (Klempe) Knels. Sidney, MT. Her family lived in the Bloomfield area at the time of her birth. When Joan was nearly 6 years old, her father passed away from pneumonia. For a short time, her mother and two younger sisters, Betty and Vera, moved in with her grandmother, until their house could be moved from Bloomfield to Sidney, in time for Joan to attend the first grade. The girls were very excited to move to town because they would have an indoor bathroom.

Joan graduated from Sidney High School in 1952. Following graduation, she worked at The Yellowstone Mercantile, in the dry goods department and sold clothing upstairs. In the spring of 1953, Joan met Robert "Bob" Bell working at the Wheel Inn Café which Bob's mother and sister had recently opened. Joan had a spot on her jacket and Bob was sure there was some spot remover in the back of the café so he invited her back. The spot was removed and a spark of love began. They were married Sept. 17, 1954.

Bob and Joan started their home and family on a small farm southeast of Sidney along the Yellowstone River, where they remained for 36 years, before moving to town. Their marriage was blessed with five children; a daughter, Jolene, and four sons, Randy, Rodney, Raymond and Ryan. Joan enjoyed very much her role as mother, and lived it well.

Joan kept busy as a young mom taking care of the kids and managing her home. In addition to being a homemaker, she spent 29 years driving school bus for Rau School and Sidney Public Schools, along with her husband. She raised large gardens, stocking her shelves and freezers with her home canning, or sharing the fruits of her labors with others. Joan can be remembered for selling sweet corn. Often on a fall day, she and her sons could be found in the field picking corn which they would take to town and sell out of the back of their pick-up. The proceeds always went for something special in her home. She loved inviting friends over for a fun day of freezing corn together.

Joan had a lifelong dream of building a new home for the enjoyment of her family, and that dream came true in 1990. She had a true gift of hospitality, and enjoyed serving others by sharing her home, a meal, or a welcoming bed, with relatives, church friends, community friends, Bible study groups, special speakers, missionaries, or coffee friends. Outside, she was a skilled landscaper. Her beautiful yard was used as a backdrop for many professional photographers.

But most of all, Joan thoroughly loved sharing her home with her family. Her door was always open to them; often with a hug and a fresh cookie in hand. Even up until her death, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren frequently dropped in for a loving visit. She especially enjoyed the little great-grands, and was known to them as Granny B. Joan was an excellent cook and baker. Nothing would please her more than to entertain her family over a good home-cooked meal for holidays, birthdays, or Sunday night popcorn, followed by a game of Rook. The savor of her yummy cinnamon rolls, buns, banana bread, sugar cookies and pancake rolls will long be remembered. Her Sidney grandchildren will always remember how she invited them over for lunch once a week, throughout their high school years. If desired, they could also bring a friend along with them. She touched many lives as various kids entered her door for a meal, and were warmed by her gracious hospitality. Joan had a yearly Christmas tradition of inviting her grandchildren over to set up the nativity, recall the Christmas Story together, and have Grandma's waffles. This was followed by a game of Hide the Thimble.

Bob's Pick-Up & Delivery kept Joan busy working full-



Joan Bell

time in the office for many years. After she stepped back from Bob's and completed the building of her new home, she felt God's call to share her faith with other women by becoming a Special Speaker at Christian Women's Clubs throughout MT and ND, frequently taking along a granddaughter, sister or friend. She also joined a local walking and coffee group of ladies who she continued to meet with until recent health issues prevented her attending. Some of these ladies remain her dear friends today. Joan and Bob enjoyed several group bus tours across the country, and made new friends from many places.

However, the greatest blessing in Joan's life was her close-knit loving family. She loved attending many school activities, sporting events, church programs, and anything else her children or grandchildren were a part of; some taking her out of state, or even out of country - traveling to Australia with a grandson who sang in a boy choir. Whether it was picnics on the banks of the Yellowstone, four-wheeling in the hills, taking meals to the field, hosting cousin sleepovers, having granddaughter tea parties, or baking cookies together, Joan was ALWAYS giving of herself, her time, and her resources to her family. She also cherished yearly visits with her two sisters, whom she shared time with shortly before being diagnosed with cancer.

Besides working in her yard, quilting was another one of Joan's favorite pastimes. She enjoyed socializing with friends at quilting classes, and learning new techniques together. She made many beautiful and unique quilts for family members, herself, and others, until her eyesight failed. Joan was a great seamstress, sewing clothes and other fun projects. She also enjoyed the art of basket weaving. Joan's handwork was always neat and meticulous. In the community Joan enjoyed volunteering at the hospital gift shop.

Faith in Jesus was a very important and real part of Joan's life. As a teenager at Bible Camp, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She, along with her husband and children faithfully attended church. Joan led Bible studies in her home, served on the church board, taught Sunday School and Bible School classes, directed children's and teen's programs, sang special music in church, counseled at youth camps, and served in many hospitality areas. She studied and read her Bible regularly, and was a great prayer warrior - especially for her family. She led her children and family in the ways of the Lord, and served as a great example to them on how to live the Christian life.

Joan will be missed greatly for her enormous heart that loved her family and friends well. She was very intentional about keeping the family close, by making time and creating memories for each one. She was the "glue" that bound them together and the "newspaper" that kept each informed about the other, because she took great interest in each one's life. She was also a very caring and devoted friend; loved by all. Joan enjoyed being busy, and always found something to do in and around her home. She had great ingenuity. Everything she did was extremely organized and well-kept. She was a woman of strength and endurance to the very end. She had a great ability to plan, and followed through with her plans..... even to the point of planning much of her own funeral. But most of all, Joan loved Jesus, and during her final days, still encouraged others to experience His love and forgiveness.

She will never leave us, because we will always carry her memories and love deep in our hearts.

Joan was preceded in death by Bob, her husband of 64 years; Brennan Bell, her 4-month-old grandson; and her parents.

Surviving Joan are her daughter Jolene (Dave) LaBar, Union City, Michigan; sons Randy (Carla) Bell, Billings, MT; Rodney (Jan) Bell, Raymond (Trish) Bell, and Ryan (Nicki) Bell, all of Sidney; sisters Betty Miller (Johnny), Billings, MT; and Vera Rediger, Albuquerque, NM; sister-in-law Jená Bell, Garrison, ND; 13 grandchildren, Daniel (Dorothy) LaBar, Darin (Elise) LaBar, Daryl (Ashley) LaBar, Shannon (Tom) Foisy, Brittany (Josh) Cuellar, Devin (Kaitlin) Bell, Brianna (Anthony) Red Cloud, Karina (Lance) De Zwart, Shania (James) Rohner, Tobin Bell, Brady (Bethany) Bell, Jory and Jace Bell; and 18 great-grandchildren with two on the way.

Friends are welcome to visit [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com) to share memories of Joan or leave condolences for her family. Memorials in Joan's name may be made to: Eastern Montana Bible Camp, C/O Melissa Raisl, 1475 Rd 439, Bloomfield, MT 59315; Foundation for Community Care, 221 2nd St NW, Sidney, MT 59270, or the charity of one's choice.

Dr. Joseph "Joe" McKinley, 89, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for D. Joseph "Joe" McKinley, 89, Sidney, MT are at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney with Pastor David Meehan officiating.

Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Dr Joseph passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at the Kempton Hermitage Elder Care, Hermitage, TN.

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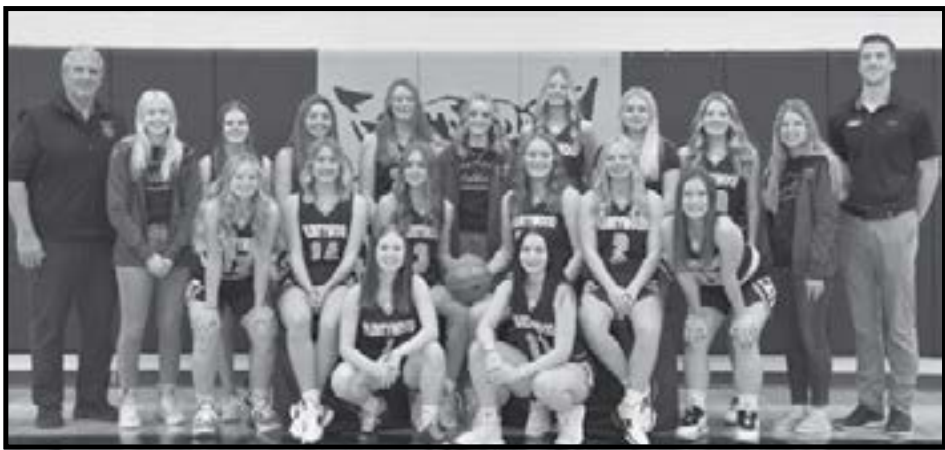
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SAVAGE



(L-R): Back: Coach Melissa Sanders, Cambry Conradsen, Aspen Peterson, Karley McPherson, Teah Conradsen, Brooke Reuter, Taylor Conradsen, KD Lyons, Coach April McPherson. Front: Madycen Sanders, Brooke Skov, Matilda Verhasselt, Mylee Reuter, Miley Pilgeram, Ava Jorgensen, Emma McPherson

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BAINVILLE



L(R): Standing: Lila Butikofer, Tally Berwick, Brecklyn Pippenger, Hailey Berwick, Sadie Ullmer. Sitting: Miah Pippenger, Chandi Johnson, Kendra Romo, Addison Hansen, Elsie Wilson, Kaelyn Romo

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(L-R): Back row: Coach Ira Lake, Coach Jodi Carda, Jade Robbins, Halley Mullin, Kally Strohm, Brynne Hill, Manager Kam Alibaeva, Manager Taylor Goosen. Middle row: Brooke Lien, Jayla Huft, Shaelyn Williams, Brie Mullin, Jolee Klempel. Front row: Kiera Strohm, Isabella Carter, Keira Rains, Gracelyn Gonsioroski, Lauren Prevost, Caedence Mavity

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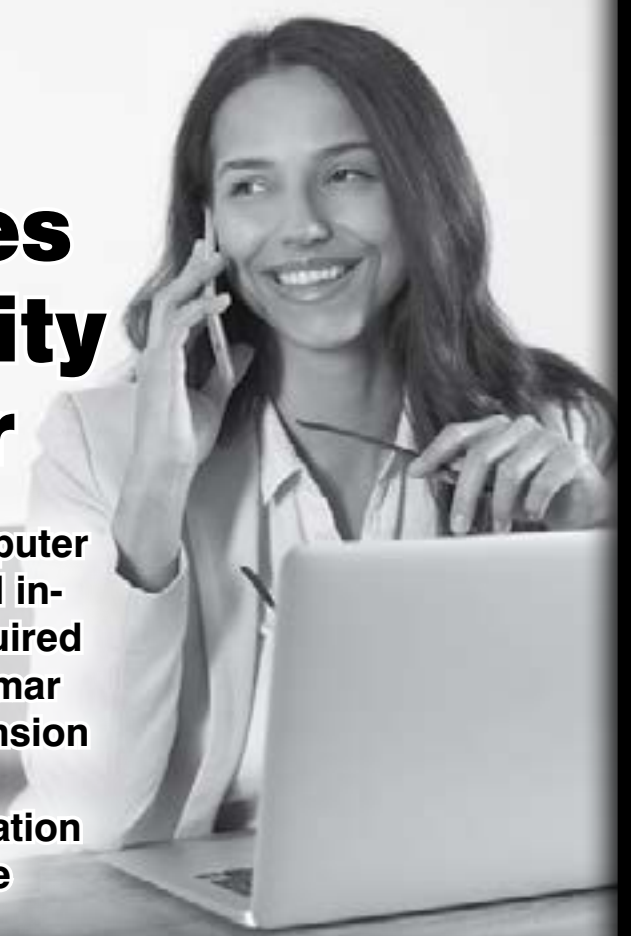
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(L\_R): Back row: Wyatt McPherson, Deacon Gackle, Tyler Loan, Gavin Callender, Jeff Tjelde, Hunter Sharbono, Landen Thompson, Bridger Free, Elliot Thompson, Keegan Skogas. Sitting: Troy Karst, Ryan Lustig, Jaden Murphy, Jordan Schriver, Trent Karst



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SAVAGE



(L-R): Back: Coach Todd Verhasselt, Sayer Erickson, Zane Pilgeram, Hunter Sanders, Connor Lyons, Cade Tombre, Lane Papka, Hunter Riding. Coach Paul Vojacek. Front: Jaxcen Sanders, Adden Erickson, Jaegar Tombre, Braxton Shaw, Domanic Kimbal, Jack Dabill, Brandon Vonderheide

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Roster: Easton Tommerup, Nathan Trupe, Landon Flickinger, Conner Howard, Noah Murray, Caydon Trupe, Ben Hagan, Carson Solberg, Ayden Kaul, Chance Klein, Henry Kukowski, Nicholas Andersen, Managers: Griffin Wiens, Dom Black, Isidro Ortega, Head Coach: Chad Solberg, Assistant: Daryn Andersen

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(L-R): Standing: Rowan Wilson, Conner Wade, Reese Harmon, Ayden Knudsen, Alex Strickland, Reid Anderson, Samuel Butikofer, Charles Butikofer, Maddox Hansen, Reid Anderson. Sitting: Trevor Robertus, Cayden Boyd, Carter Winn, Logan Josephson, Drae Nelson, Roger Butikofer, Isaiah Bjorge, Adrian Anderson, Kaiden Holmes

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A group photo of the Mondak basketball team. The team consists of approximately 15 players and coaches, posed in two rows. The front row is kneeling, and the back row is standing. They are wearing white jerseys with dark numbers.

(L-R): Front Row: Andrew Petersen, Adan Paine, Cole Gebhardt, Braden Pulvermacher. Middle Row: Elliot Rudningen, Graham Wright, Tyson Oster, Landyn Brunelle, Back Row: Head Coach Tony Holecek, Tavyn Jacobson, Blake Stewart, Thomas Arnson. Not Pictured: Assistant coaches Parker Westgard and Brady Olson

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A group photo of the R&L Fusion basketball team. The team consists of approximately 15 players and coaches, posed in two rows. The front row is kneeling, and the back row is standing. They are wearing white jerseys with dark numbers.

(L-R): Back row: Coach Mullin, Coach Thornton, Will Martin, Layne Herman, Beau Mullin, Damian Pflughoft, Ryan Eggert, Cade Verschoot, Josh Sponheim, Jurah Madejski, Austin Lein. Front row: Koltyn Mullin, Curtiss Mullin, Nick Engesser, Tiegen Cundiff, Sage Spinner, Quaid Marshall, James Head. Managers: Caitlynn Carter, Cale Verschoot

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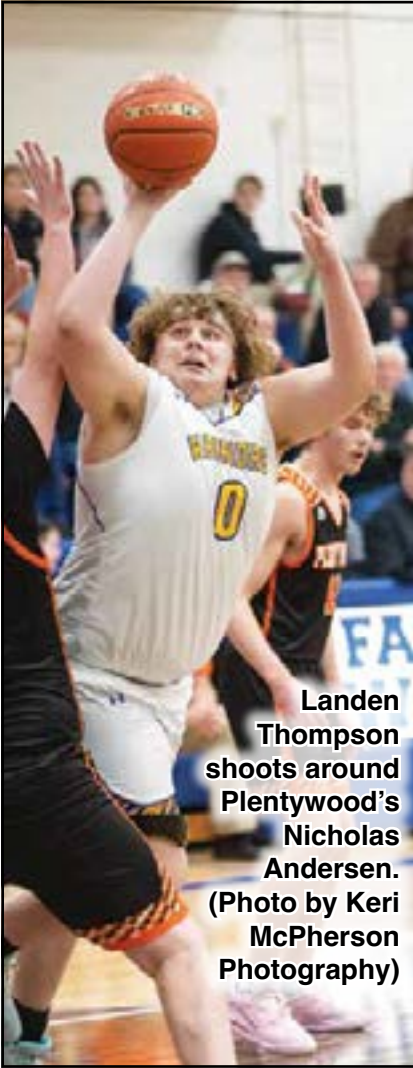
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Fairview Takes on Plentywood Feb. 3

The Fairview basketball teams played Plentywood at home on Feb. 3. The boys won 53-40 and the girls lost 23-53. Above: Macy Tjelde works to get the ball out to Carly Buxbaum. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Landen Thompson shoots around Plentywood's Nicholas Andersen. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena! Jan. 30 - Some of my bills are moving through the process. I introduced SB55 in committee, which deals with the DEQ becoming a member of a national lobbying group, to deal with the Federal government, which is very anti-mining and fossil fuels, as you all know. SB 55 will be on the floor this week, probably. I am still working on getting my other bills, so they have a chance at passing. I am not much on compromising, but I understand that getting part of it is probably better than nothing. There are lots of lobbyists in Helena and it seems they can convince people to vote against freedom. We had a five-hour hearing in Judiciary Committee on SB99, which

would prohibit doctors from giving children drugs and performing surgeries that cut off, or add, body parts, in an attempt to change their gender. We heard from some adults who had gone through the process to try and change their gender, only to regret it later and then go through reconstruction. Of course, sadly, they will never be the same. On the other side, there were parents who had children as young as six who said they wanted to be the other gender and the parents were against the bill. It is a pretty messy situation and not a fun hearing. I received 1000 emails, many from Missoula, Bozeman, and other states, wanting me to vote against SB99. But I am still going to vote for SB99.

Governor Gianforte gave the State of the State address this week. It was nice to hear him talk about giving money back to the people, tax cuts, parental rights, pro-life issues, the importance of agriculture, the fentanyl crisis and closing the southern border, to name a few specifics. Those on the other side of the aisle, showed by their actions, were not in favor of these ideas. It was a lot more enjoyable State of the State than the first two I sat through. If you are ever in Helena, be sure to look us up. If you want to look up the text of a bill you can find it at <https://leg.mt.gov>. For Freedom, Senator Steve Hinebaugh

Sidney Gymnastics Results, Yellowstone Invitational, Billings, Jan. 18

Several of the Level 3 and Level 4 gymnasts competed in Billings at the Yellowstone Invitational on Sat. Jan. 28. Scores as follows: Level 3: Hallie Bergstedt: Vault 9.000; Uneven Bars 8.300;

Balance Beam 8.500; Floor Exercise 8.950; All Around 34.750  
Elle Buske: Vault 8.250; Uneven Bars 5.300; Balance Beam 8.100; Floor Exercise 7.850; All Around 29.500  
Zoey Buske: Vault 8.750; Uneven Bars 7.200; Balance Beam 8.350; Floor Exercise 9.000; All Around 33.300  
Kenzie Koch: Vault 9.350 (5T); Uneven Bars 8.100; Balance Beam 8.400; Floor Exercise 8.550; All Around 34.400  
Kleyo Zoanni: Vault 9.00; Uneven Bars 7.00; Balance Beam 8.400; Floor Exercise 9.200 (3T); All Around 33.600  
Level 4: Camryn Franck: Vault 9.050; Uneven Bars 6.700; Balance Beam 8.200; Floor Exercise 8.400; All Around 32.350  
Malia Larson: Vault 8.700; Uneven Bars 8.400; Balance Beam 8.400; Floor Exercise 8.450; All Around 33.950  
Averi Riedel: Vault 9.100; Uneven Bars 9.300 (2T); Balance Beam 8.450; Floor Exercise 6.750; All Around 33.650  
Myra Wieland: Vault 8.450; Uneven Bars 7.400; Balance Beam 9.100 (4T); Floor Exercise 9.050; All Around 34.000  
The team coaches are Melanie Morrill and Rachelle Ellis. The girls competed in Minot on Feb 4 at the Kim Lupo Memorial Meet.



Level 3, back, from left, Kenzie Koch, Elle Buske, Zoey Buske and Hallie Bergstedt; front, Kleyo Zoanni. (Photo by S Bergstedt)



Level 4, from left, Averi Riedel, Myra Wieland, Camryn Franck and Malia Larson. (Photo by B Larson)

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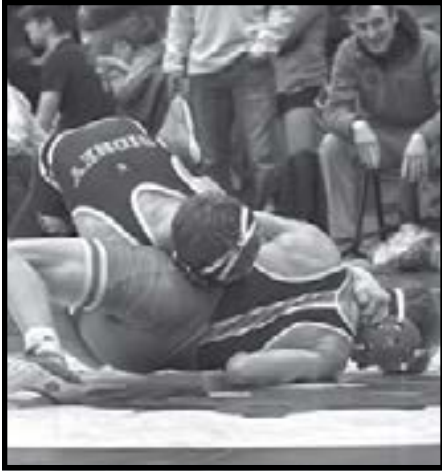
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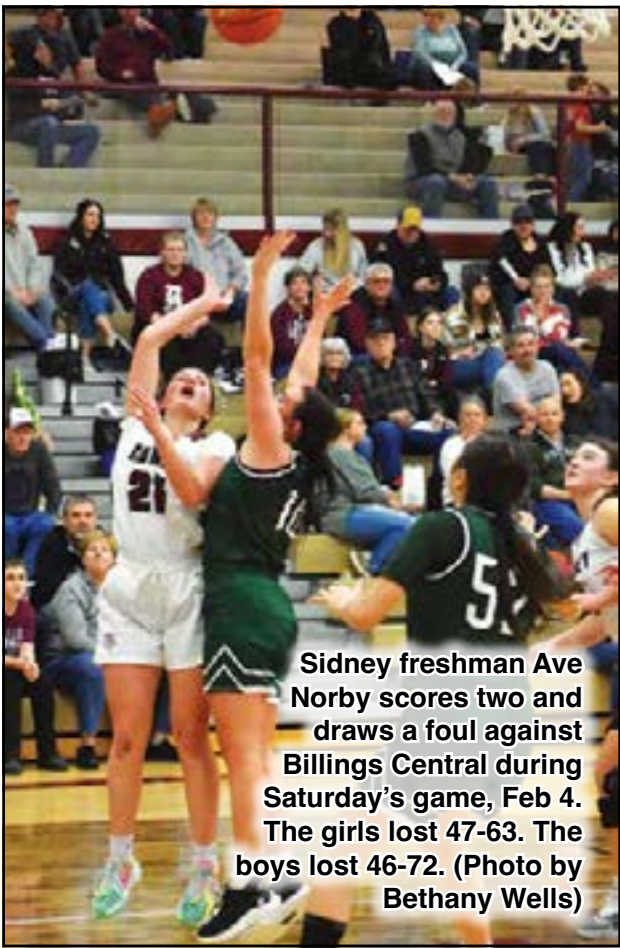
Sidney Basketball Action



The Sidney basketball teams played Laurel at home on Feb. 3. The boys beat Laurel 46-38. The girls also played and lost 26-79. Pictured: Cayden Heck brings the ball down the court. (Photo by Robyn Heck)



The Eagle Dance team performs their crowd favorite, The Light Routine. Pictured (L-R) Makayla Sparks, Tayten Bright, Maddie Kapp, Lexi McShane-Rang and Kodi Zoanni. (Photo by Robyn Heck)



Sidney freshman Ave Norby scores two and draws a foul against Billings Central during Saturday's game, Feb. 4. The girls lost 47-63. The boys lost 46-72. (Photo by Bethany Wells)

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Eagle  
Wrestlers  
3rd at  
Divisionals

Team heads to state in Billings this weekend. Zander Dean took first at 145 lb. against Sean Mehling, Hardin, scoring 11-2 at divisionals Feb 4 in Havre. The Eagles placed 3rd and had four individual champions. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos.



Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena! Things keep rolling on fast pace at the Capitol. There are lots of people involved in this process. There are elected officials, people representing themselves, agencies, and of course there are lobbyists and special interest groups, trying to help us from our opinion on most bills. It is an interesting process.

One of the bills we heard this past week in Judiciary committee was SB210. This bill deals with assisted suicide. There are several problems now with Montana Code Annotated (MCA) concerning assisted suicide. As far as death certificates, life insurance and family members there is potentially a lot of problems. Another group of bills we are hearing in Judiciary

committee, from Senator Fitzpatrick, are about injunctions. It seems like a person can stop a building project, or a mine, or a bill, with an unreasonable judge granting an injunction. We have seen this happen on several bills we passed last session. We want an injunction to have a time limit and not last forever. If it is important it needs to be heard in a timely manner.

I presented SB55 on the Senate floor this week. SB55 was a bill I carried for DEQ which allowed them to be part of the Interstate Mining Compact with Wyoming and 25 other states. It passed with good margins.

The other big issue on the floor was SJ2, the Convention of States bill. This resolution tries to group the majority of the states together, in accordance with Article

V of the US Constitution, to rein in the out-of-control Federal Government. Quite often we see more Federal Government intrusions into our lives. They should be worrying about enemies who want to harm us, and they don't seem to be doing that. Case in point, the Chinese spy balloon that was in our skies for days, surveilling our military bases, and was allowed to run its course. And don't forget about the fentanyl problem coming across our southern border.

If you are ever in Helena, be sure to look us up. If you want to look up the text of a bill you can find it at <https://leg.mt.gov>.

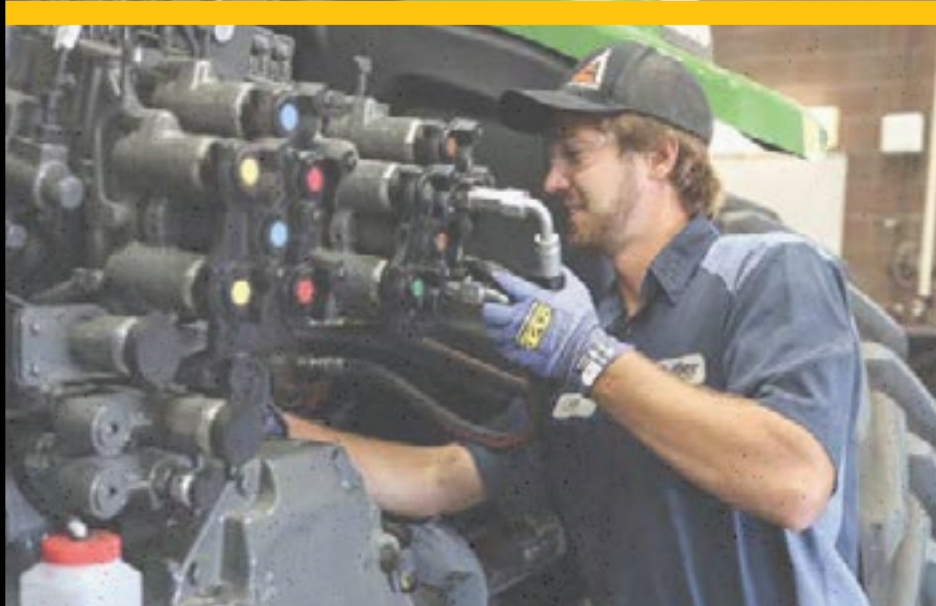
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