Sunset Fest Is On The Horizon In Sidney

By Hunter Simms
The Sidney Chamber of Commerce is warming up for the annual Sunset Fest. This year’s festival will be held the coming Saturday, July 22 at Veterans Memorial Park off Central Avenue.
Each year, the Sidney Chamber of Commerce selects a local artist to be featured at the event alongside various other vendors. This year’s featured artist is the owner and operator of JC Filler, a wood and furniture artist. Her small business makes one-of-a-kind useful and artistic pieces from quality materials. From fine leather backspats and tabletops to cutlery and kitchen utensils made with antlers, Peltzer-Eminem does it all. The name represents her two daughters and her goals.

Sunset Fest aims to connect artists, crafters, pets, vendors, and authors with both shoppers and enthusiasts.

Vendors will have tents set up to please at 4 p.m. Business by Kids, whose kids age five and upward, have encouraged the participation of the owners of entrepreneurship by creating and selling their own goods, to be invited by 4-6 p.m. These young entrepreneurs will be instructed by a panel of judges based on sales pitches, creativity, customer service, and money raised.

There will be a quick draw auction of four local artist’s live paintings benefiting the Mid-Dakota Heritage Center. Dephne Clark, Penny Frye, Yin Yu, and Lacey Holmen will begin painting at 5 p.m. After an hour, the bidders will be able to bid on their pieces.

Live music starts at 7 p.m. with the home-grown rock-n-roll band, “Bluebelly Band.” This high-energy power trio brings “spicy original music.” Come out to enjoy the festivities and support local artists!

Bluesberry Junction. (Photo submitted)

Veteran’s Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting

George Hayden, the oldest living McKenzie County Veteran of WWII, has the honors of cutting the ribbon during the dedication of the Veteran’s Memorial Park, Watford City, over the Homefest weekend. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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By Jymi Mozeak
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Searches Ongoing For Missing Woman, Renee Arcand

By Megan Olselin
Searches are ongoing for 36-year-old Renee Ar- cand who went missing from Inital Fishing Access Site at the Inital Deaver Dam, 15 miles north of Glendive, MT, along the Yellowstone River.
Arcand is a Wisconsin native who was traveling from her home state to Oregon, with plans to camp in Montana for five days. She was last seen the morning of Friday, June 30 and was reported missing the morning of Friday, June 30 by her companion. She had been officially missing since June 23.

Arcand is 5’7” tall and weighs 150 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes. She has hibiscus of a heart and vines on her leg, script reading “This too shall pass on her wrist, and a large German heart tattoo.

Arcand’s companion spent the 29th looking for her near the campground. On Thursday, June 30, they drove her vehicle to Intake Fishing Access Site, where she had gotten a ride back; along the way they stopped with her dog, who was the only dog that Arcand has. She told them that the dog had jumped off. A gray chi-hua-hua mix named Sean is now missing, and her companion said the dog is an “oddball.”

The German team poses with the Sidney team during the dual held at the Richland County Fair Jail, July 31, 2019. (Photo by Shane Gardner)

Arcand was last seen on June 22 at Veterans Memorial Park, Watford City, ND, as part of the Veterans Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting.

“Shane says, and we have a good handle on the timeline.”

Arcand asked that anyone who does not have any eye- witness that saw Arcand go into the water, it is their best guess as to what happened.

If the public has any information, they are encouraged to call the Dawson County Sheriff’s Department at 406-377-5291.

The German team

For more information, contact Shane Gardner at 406-489-1983.

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Montana PSC MDU Rate Increase Listening Session July 25

Submitted by Brad Troitsch, MT PSC Executive Director

Hello. MT - The Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") will host a listening session in Sidney, at a commercially reasonable location in the public domain, to consider recent request from Montana-Deeles Utilities Co. ("MDU") to increase electric service rates.

The Montana Public Service Commission will host a public listening session to receive comments on MDU's proposed rates. This special session will be held on July 25, at 6 p.m. at the MSU Extension Richland County, 1409 F St., Sidney, to provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on MDU's proposed electric rate increases.

Comments at the session may be provided in-person by individuals or by telephone. Interested parties and interested individuals may provide comments to the Commission either in-person or by telephone. To maximise public participation, those interested parties and interested individuals who wish to provide comments are encouraged to provide written comments on or before the session.

Participants attending the session may be asked to provide their phone numbers and addresses so that the Commission can provide a list of participants.

Have you ever longed to create a clay project? Join us to find out how it's done! Learn how to make functional pottery and more creative说ings such as "I believe in you" or "Not dead, yet!" This class is perfect for all levels of clay experience and is taught by a professional with years of experience in hand-building. Please call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate blood.

Williams County Injury Crash

On July 13 at approximately 6:07 p.m. CT there was a single vehicle injury crash at the intersection of 65 St. & 140th Ave. NE, Williston.

A 2012 Club Car golf cart was traveling westbound on 140th Ave. NE when it ran off the roadway and struck the rear of a 2000 Silverado pickup truck traveling eastbound on 140th Ave. NE. The driver of the golf cart, Dustin Dalberg, was traveling too fast for the conditions and was not wearing his seat belt. Dustin Dalberg, and the first passenger, David Engh, were transported to the hospital. Williston-Bakken Health Center, Williston, ND. The golf cart was traveling too fast for the conditions.

On scene investigation revealed that Dalberg was traveling too fast for the conditions. Williston-Bakken Health Center, Williston, ND. The passenger was transported to the hospital. Williston-Bakken Health Center, Williston, ND. The golf cart was traveling too fast for the conditions.

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The agencies who responded to the crash were NDHP, Richland County Sheriff, Williston-Bakken Health Center, and Williston-Bakken Health Center. The roadway was closed for approximately 20 minutes.

For more information please visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org.
Professional Workshops Scheduled

For July, Aug. & Sept.

By Shannon Olson

Richland Economic Development Corporation is excited to partner with the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Great Northern Corporation and the Small Business Development Center to bring important workshops to Sidney and the surrounding area.

First Workshop:

The first workshop will be held on Thursday, July 27, at the Richland County Extension Office, 1850 S Central Ave., Sidney, from 9-10 a.m. The class will shed light on the long-term planning process of transferring ownership of a business, as well as succession planning.

The following course is Fraud Security being presented by the State Auditor’s Office and will address fraudulent activity and scams, what to do on the local level, and how to handle those situations. Speaking at the only workshop independently brought in, will be: Invester Education and Public Outreach Coordinator Erin Stapleton with the State Auditor’s Office and State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing who will be here as part of his eastern Montana tour. This workshop will be held from 9-10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Girl Geek will be presented by Miranda Gillett, Girl Geek Communications owner and founder, Thursday, Aug. 3. This all-day social media workshop will teach participants how to create a digital marketing campaign.

The final workshop in this line-up is the in-demand Exit Strategy will be the first workshop, scheduled for Thursday, July 27, at the Richland County Extension Office, 319 N Central Ave., Sidney, from 8-10 a.m. The class will cover how to evaluate objectives, strategies, and cost. Anyone interested in these valuable resources that are being brought to the area can contact Richland Economic Development Corporation at 406-482-4679 or the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce at 406-433-1916.

Saturday, July 22:

We Sell All Flooring Styles, Stacked Stone, Window Treatments & Provide A Certified Installation Team

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Richland County Fair & Rodeo Has An Extravaganza Of Entertainers For 2023

By Megan Douton

Get ready to be entertained at the 2023 Richland County Fair & Rodeo, happening Aug. 2-5.

Country artist Kip Moore will be headlining the year’s concert on Saturday night, on July 22. He recently released two new singles and his album “One of These Days” is up for “Country Album of the Year.”

Additionally, there will be a “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” cancer awareness night. Of course, there will be rides Thursday and Friday nights, with Friday being “Tough Enough to Wear Pink.” In which attendees will wear pink to show their support and have their photo taken with their free “Pinkout” photo op.

Construction: The performance will include Miranda Lambert, Luke Bryan, and Brothers Osborne. It is set to be an awesome show, said Fair Manager Pam Sholtzruber of the Montana based 406 FMX Show. “It is a great way to get local talent to showcase in our arena,” she said.

Free entertainment will be held every day in the free entertainment area ((anchor at time, three times a day).

There will also be a petting zoo for the kids that will happen three times each day of the fair. These acts will be set up in the grassy area behind the fair office and there will be signs set up to make sure everyone knows where to go to take in these fun events.

Don’t forget to swing by the Food Fun Park and check out the petting zoo, where you will see a variety of animals and maybe even feed a little lamb. There will be a variety of handmade items and crafts, produce, and food products available at the market. Individuals interested in becoming a vendor at the Richland County Farmers Market should call the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

August 2-5, 2023

Get ready to enter in these fun events:

- 3 A Roundup, Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

The Richland County Farmers’ Market will once again be in Sidney this summer. The market will be held the second Saturday of July through the second Saturday of October. July 8-Oct. 14. The farmers market will again be located at the Richland County Courthouse parking lot, on the corner of 2nd Street NW and 2nd Avenue NW and will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Tim Spaabeck, 57
Fairview, MT

Timothy James Spaabeck was born to Olga "Tami" (Brekke) Spaabeck and her husband, Anker M. Spaabeck. He is the older brother of Megan Chance Spaabeck and his father, Anker M. Spaabeck. Chance (Megan) Spaabeck, Laken (Chris) Nygaard, and Haelee all know who you are.

Tim’s grandfather and grandmother’s homestead was located in Froid, MT, where Tim was raised. He spent much of his time helping around the farm working with livestock, driving a tractor, and helping around the house. He was always known as a hard worker and had a great love for his family.

Tim enjoyed cooking for his family. Everyone looked forward to eating his massive pots of Papa’s bad ass chili, hearty chicken and bean soup, and rotisserie chicken. He was also known for his love of gardening and was particularly proud of the flower bed! Ouch! There was nothing he enjoyed more than mowing the lawn with his Dixon. He spent countless hours mowing, but never complained. Tim was a very naturally handsome and kind man who made everyone feel special.

Tim was an avid fan of wrestling and would often watch the WWF with his children. He was a huge fan of his favorite wrestlers, The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin. He followed WWF wrestling since the early days when it was known as the American Wrestling Association.

Tim also enjoyed reading and would often be seen with a book in his hand. He was a very intelligent man and enjoyed learning new things. He had a great sense of humor and was known for his "Tim-isms." He was also a very athletic man and enjoyed playing sports such as football and basketball.

Tim’s favorite place was home and his favorite people, his family. He made himself available to care for his grandchildren and was always there to help in any way he could. He was a very devoted husband and father and loved spending time with his family.

Tim was a member of Farm Christian Fellowship, Froid, MT. He established his own cattle herd on his favorite ranch, the “Roadie” ranch, and was known for his love of farming and ranching.

Tim was also a member of MonDak Grace Fund, an organization that works to raise awareness and provide support for those living with depression.

Tim passed away on April 15, 2023, after a long battle with depression. He was surrounded by his loved ones and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Memorial Services for Tim Spaabeck will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. A friends and family service will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. The family is assisting with arrangements.

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By Robin Heck

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The walk will begin at Parkview Park and end at the Memorial Community Church. The Church will provide refreshments and entertainment throughout the walk. The walk will be a walk and will cover about 2 miles.

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Ray Myers, 69
Raymond, WA, formerly of Sidney, MT

Ray Myers, 69, was born in Raymond, WA. He passed away on September 27, 2023, due to cancer. He lived a full life and will be remembered by his family and friends.

Ray was a dedicated musician and loved playing the drums. He was a member of a band and enjoyed performing with his friends. Ray was also a dedicated farmer and spent much of his life working on the family farm.

Ray was a loving husband and father to his family. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and was always there for them.

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By Eric Dietrich

Homeowners across Montana may well be in shock, as the 2023 fiscal year is just around the corner and property tax bills are expected to jump significantly. While some local governments and advocacy groups have been highlighting this issue, it’s not just homeowners who are woefully unprepared for the new fiscal year.

This year, lawmakers are expected to consider a pair of one-time property tax rebates, but many are calling for more permanent solutions that could help mitigate the impact of rising property taxes on Montanans. The best one recently proposed by the Legislative Fiscal Division, for example, would return $33 million as a result of the current fiscal year’s projected tax increase.

“The discussion needs to be that we don’t control spending, nobody has to,” said State Revenue Commissioner Jennifer Carlson. “It’s about the state government spending and not creating broader issues.”

The governor and legislators also have a lot of options to address the $889 million of the surplus that Montana received this year. Lawmakers, it seems, is a press conference Feb. 2. It was voted down on the House floor in February, and it’s not our job to fix the tax system to...
Five Ways To Lower Montana’s Residential Property Taxes...

By Kaitlin Price

The specter that legislative inaction could spur frustrated voters to vote for a sleight-of-hand initiative that both lowers taxes and restricts the state’s public institutions in blum-blum fashion.

An amendment was on the ballot. Senator Dan Zadikoff, R-Whitefish, who sponsored the Republican tax cap bill and argued it was an important step toward long-term fiscal stability. Senator Max Symington, D-Medicine Hat, characterized it in a report titled “Talking about a ballot initiative that, how you know, how well is written.”

The first step toward securing the signature necessary to secure the purchase is to reduce their spending without significant harm to the quality of services. If backers can collect the 60,359 signatures necessary to qualify for the ballot and persuade a majority of voters to support the initiative, Ballot Measure 2 would cap property taxes for specific properties at 1% of their assessed value. A second push in the 2024 legislative session could grow unless properties are sold or remodeled, limiting 2024’s total rollout to about $2 million in 2024. A 2% annual increase relative to their 2020 value. Last year’s proposed constitutional change, initiated by State Sens. Jon Tester and Steve Daines, an independent 2024 ballot initiative, would cap property taxes instead of capping property taxes based on a voter-approved initiative.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Rob Balon, R-Williston, made an unsuccessful attempt last year to get a proposal modeled on Colorado’s landmark Prop 13 on the Montana ballot. The push didswash, including litigation, from many parts of the state, including the Montana Federation of Public Employees to the Montana Association of Realtors. The anti-tax group ultimately failed to gather the signatures necessary to submit the proposal to voters.

Embodiment of the angst surrounding this year’s property tax debate, the governor outlined a framework to promote a similar initiative, which it hopes to see for the 2025 ballot. “We want to have a constitutional amendment that really exists in Montana as its balladeers champion an opinion issued by the Attorney General to prevent the proposal from making the ballot.”

The governor added that Montana lawmakers could clear the initiative backers to begin signature gathering is forthcoming. If backers can collect the 60,359 signatures necessary to qualify for the ballot and persuade a majority of voters to support the initiative. Ballot Measure 2 would cap property taxes for specific properties at 1% of their assessed value. A second push in the 2024 legislative session could grow unless properties are sold or remodeled, limiting 2024’s total rollout to about $2 million in 2024. A 2% annual increase relative to their 2020 value. Last year’s proposed constitutional change, initiated by State Sens. Jon Tester and Steve Daines, an independent 2024 ballot initiative, would cap property taxes instead of capping property taxes based on a voter-approved initiative.

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North Dakota Chokecherry Festival Introduces New Sponsor Recognition Program

The festival honors the current and historical use of chokecherries. The festival committee is excited to announce the dates of Aug. 18-20, 2023, for this year’s event and invite the public to attend.

For more information, visit getmyrebate.mt.gov.
Area Summer Event Highlights

**Fairview Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival**
Fairview held their annual Fairview Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival July 14 & 15. Pictured (L-R) Brooks Johnson took his sister, Amaryliss, for a ride in the 2023 Fairview Old Timer’s Festival Kiddie Parade in his John Deere tractor on July 15. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

**King Arthur’s Quest**
Area youngsters performed in the Missoula Children’s Theater production of “King Arthur’s Quest”. The production was held July 14 & 15 at Watford City High School Theater. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

**Kiwanis Pie Social**
The Sidney Kiwanis Club held their annual Pie Social July 14 at the Sidney Middle School and Veterans Memorial Park. Pictured (L-R) Bryan Allen, Kyle Humphries, Bree Shanks, and her son Killian Shanks were just a few of the Kiwanis volunteers that helped out at the 2023 Kiwanis Pie Social July 14. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

**Homefest Baby Pageant**
The Baby Pageant is always one of the highlights during Homefest on July 15. This year’s Little Miss Homefest is Mary Bell Barlow and Little Mr. Homefest is Calvin Collins. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)

**Homefest Entertainment**
James Wedgewood entertained the crowd at Art in the Park with his comedy ventriloquist act during Watford City’s Homefest Celebration July 15. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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1. You must plan your trip well. Pack all raw meats at the bottom of the cooler to prevent contamination from leakage or water. Pack dry foods at the top and along the sides.
2. Pack coolers completely with ice packs and/or ice, as a full cooler will stay colder for longer.
3. When packing your cooler you put to use any refrigerated items in just before leaving to ensure they are always below 40° F as long as possible to discourage bacterial growth.
4. Transport cooler in passenger or backseat in head of the hot trunk, and never leave your cooler inside a hot car as that can increase the risk of bacterial growth.
5. If you are using a separate cooler, so the cooler with the food will not be opened continuously being exposed to outdoor temperatures.
6. Remember: The most at risk for experiencing a foodborne illness are small children, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems, or take extra care when preparing with any of these groups.
7. With all of the above in mind, enjoy the summer months, enjoy the outdoors and enjoy picnic season!
8. For more tips on how to keep your picnic safe and fun please check out our Facebook page, Richland County Nutrition Coalition (https://www.facebook.com/rcnci) or check out our Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/rcnci/.
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(Photos submitted)

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Submitted by Maria Prell, Communications & Education Program Manager Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region 2

Miles City - The 2023 paddlefish season on the Yellowstone and Lower Missouri rivers was over, with a total estimated harvest of 775 paddles removed. After monitoring two paddles through 1992 and 2023 and with open river passage at Intake Dam, the new normal appears to be a dispersed harvest between the state line to Tongue River confluence at Miles City, MT, and a full season harvest in May and without a need for an early season closure if harvest exceeds the 1,000-fish harvest target. With a general perception of how the fish and harvest length (May 15-June 30) are managed, the Missouri River is now over, with the first letter from Region 7 Fisheries Manager Mike Bakken thanking everyone who reported and harvested fish, submitted 2023 season data, provided harvest data, and self-reported. Anglers who submitted a tag back will receive a tag back letter from the fish for thanking them for the information and explaining the reasons behind the tag. Anglers who provided a jaw sample for aging or 2023 season report would have a more accurate reading. This service provides an opportunity to provide this service in one location. Discussions will explore the ability to provide this service in 2024.

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15th Annual Monster Catfish Roundup

Submit to Ashley Harris
A total of 37 teams participated in the Monster Catfish Roundup on July 15 at the Sidney Bridge. Some of the fishing teams included six husband and wife combos, father and son or daughter combos, three grandfather and grandchild combos. The tournament was run by the Montana Catfish Association and Steve and Ashley Harris. Its total weight of five fish. The top ten teams and their hometowns are listed below.

1st Place Team 9: Todd Lindsay, and JJ Lindsay, both of Laurel, MT, 37.03 lbs.
2nd Place Team 5: Matt Reynolds and Carrie Nicholas, both of Sidney, MT, 26.08 lbs.
3rd Place Team 20: Steve Norcutt and Allan Harrington, both of Glasgow, MT, 25.28 lbs.
4th Place Team 7: Eric Braunberger and Lukas Braunberger, both of Miles City, MT, 23.82 lbs.
5th Place Team 22: Garrett Lauenberger, Sidney, MT, and Chase Hagar, Sidney, MT, 21.74 lbs.
6th Place Team 6: Brenner Flaten, Glasgow, MT; and Jason Flaten, Elko, NV, 21.48 lbs.
7th Place Team 36: Justin Fisketjon and Grayson Fisketjon, Williston, ND, 18.36 lbs.
8th Place Team 23: Austin Bement, Sidney, MT; and Casey Nagel, Minot, ND, 18.15 lbs.
9th Place Team 20: Blake Gauer and Lindsey Gauer, both of Park City, MT, 17.01 lbs.
10th Place Team 11: Erik Voldman and Lucie Voldman, both of Sidney, MT, 15.46 lbs.

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Monsters Cat Roundup Results July 15

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Montana State Ecologist To Examine Response Of Grassland Forage To Climate Variability

Dr. Chengci Chen, MSU-EARC Agronomy, spoke on soybeans, beans, mung beans and adzuki beans as rotational crops for irrigated production at the MSU-EARC 42nd Annual Field Day, Sidney, MT. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

The NDSU-WREC Dryland Field Day was held in conjunction with the Horticulture Field Day on July 12 in Williston. Pictured is Dr. Clair Keene in a soil test pit talking about Kernza as a new perennial, dual-purpose, high-value crop for western North Dakota.

Charlie Lim gave a weed control update July 12 at the WREC Field Day.

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Andrew Friskop gave a report on Fusarium Head Blight (scab) management at the WREC Field Day July 12.

The NDSU-WREC Field Day

‘The investment of the USDA in this grant hopefully return dividends not only in the research but also in the training of new young scientists,’ he said. ‘What I really like about the project is that it’s very integrative and collaborative. In a time of remote sensing approaches, it’s facilitating these collaborations across the western U.S. and it’ll help me build the lab here at MSU. I’m excited about it and I think it will help facilitate a lot of wider usefulness.’

Felton plans for this initial NIFA funding to establish a seed production program at MSU involving a new strain of Kernza. The approach will be to attract other state researchers, potentially leading to the creation of resources and recommendations to Montana producers who rely on forage crops to feed their livestock.

‘The information this program would produce could be of use to folks who are managing their systems within unpredictable and variable weather patterns,’ he said. ‘Summers are expected to get hotter, and if you know the types of vegetation that are most flexible and the types of water they use, you can select for using that vegetation when you’re grazing on forage.’

While the funding is new and Felton himself is a recent addition to MSU’s faculty – he arrived in fall 2022 – he can already see the potential for a far-reaching project.

‘This project is just the beginning and it’s the place to start. I think with the money being available now, this is the right moment because I think there’s a lot of unexplored research here. There’s been a lot of research on the drivers of forage growth from year to year. The com-

Andrew Felton, College of Agriculture’s Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences assistant professor, plans to see how the timing of precipitation throughout the growing season influences the growth of perennial grasses, shrubs and flower species consumed by grazing animals. Alongside colleagues from the University of Nevada, Reno and Chapman University, he will analyze the water inside plant samples to determine when plants first opened their leaves or entered the ecosystem as an essential water source.

In recent years, the systems in place for federal and state land data have been lacking. Felton and his research partners will be working with a cluster of remote sensed images from the U.S. Drought Monitor to compare the timing and distribution of precipitation with that of the ecosystem's water uptake.
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION

An application to the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana in the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Electric Service (“Application”). In the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU") filed with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") on July 13, 2023, MDU requested the Commission’s approval of a proposed rate increase for electric service, which would result in an estimated increase of $25,600 per month for the average residential customer’s rates by 19.2%. MDU also requested the establishment of an interim rate relief in the amount of $10,499,415, which would become permanent if the Commission approved the proposed rate increase.

Dominick J. Russo, Montana Public Service Commission, at 406-444-2771, has announced that the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on the proposed water rate increase. The current Monthly Rate Charge for the System is as follows:

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MDU proposed a total increase of $1,716,219, which became effective on June 22, 2023. The proposed rate change in the Commission’s website (http://psc.mt.gov/redi)

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The Sidney Tiger Sharks had another fantastic weekend of competing in Glendive. It was a cloudy slow starting Saturday so not a lot of time was cut, but the Sharks rallied back to win the meet. They had a few pool records broken by Toby Kleinke in the 100 free. Morgan Knodapp broke the pool record in the 50 free and 100 breast, and Ryleigh Kleinke broke the record in the 100 free. The 15-19 girls medley relay got the pool record Sunday morning. The medley was swam by Ave Norby (back), Amara Iverson (breast), Ella Norby (fly) and Ryleigh Kleinke (free). Many Sharks took high points this meet, 11 total. Cash Copple 8 and under boys, Brylee Moran 8 and under girls, Brayda Reda and Paisley Obergfell tied for 9-10 Girls, Toby Kleinke 9-10 Boys, Addison Darfas 11-12 girls, Beckett Norby 11-12 Boys, Mercer/Knodapp 13-14 Girls, Ryaeh Kleinke 13-15 girls, Corten Hueler and Ethan Erickson tied for 15-19 boys. Next week the Sharks head to Chinook for the divisional meet.