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## McKenzie & Williams Counties To Meet With Sugar Beet Growers This Month



The Sugar Valley Pile Grounds near Fairview received sugar beets produced in North Dakota counties. (File photo)

By Meagan Dotson

Sugar beet growers across the region are finding themselves having to make some tough decisions. Approximately 32,000 acres throughout McKenzie, Williams, Roosevelt and Richland counties have been previously dedicated to sugar beet production, and the recent announcement of Sidney Sugars' closing will impact all of them. The next closest sugar beet factories are located in Billings or Hillsboro, ND, however federal sugar allotment is tied to the factories themselves, making switching crops growers' only option.

"Shutting down the factory was the avenue Crystal Sugars needed to complete to shift the allotment from our region into their other growing regions in the United States. Our region's farmers will be relying heavily on area agronomists and researchers to determine what will be the best fit agronom-

ically for their farms," stated Williams County Commissioner Beau Anderson. "Their (growers) concerns are centered around what to grow on those acres in the short term as the acres were prepped last fall for sugar beets. The big concern is the value of the specialized equipment that growers have. A sharp decrease in the value of this equipment is a tough blow to the farms' financial position."

"My concerns are what their beet equipment is worth, and the cost of new equipment for other crops," stated McKenzie County Commissioner Clint Wold. "Sugar beets have been a large crop in the valley for many years, but the farmers will adapt like they always do to survive."

Devan Leo, NDSU Agriculture and Natural Resources McKenzie County extension agent, said that she has had McKenzie County growers reach out to

her and that corn and soybeans are the most popular crops they are thinking of switching to, though there are definitely concerns about limited elevator storage.

"We will talk about a few other options for some of them; I always try to advise choosing the route with the least amount of added input costs. If they do not currently own equipment to put in certain crops or do not have grain bins to store seed in, then those are added costs they were not prepared for and would likely cause high stress to them," she said. "As producers in the county and neighboring counties, I am most concerned about their well-being and I want this transition period to go as smoothly as possible for them."

Leo is working to set up a meeting with producers in Fairview sometime between March 20 and 24. The Williams County Extension Office will meet with sugar

beet producers in Fairview March 23.

"There will be far reaching impacts from the closure as the factory is shuttered. There is no way to totally measure how far a facility this large will impact a region like where we operate.

However, the Sidney factory has provided support financially as a thriving member of our region for a long time. This will be a community member that we will dearly miss," added Williams County Commissioner Anderson.

## Big Sky Hockey Games In Sidney, March 24-26

By Robyn Heck

Richland Ranger Arena will host the Big Sky Games Hockey Tournament on Friday, March 24-Sunday, March 26.

"Currently, we have 24 teams signed up," said organizer Dawn Rehbein.

"We are excited to host again this year and look forward to welcoming hockey families to Sidney for this great weekend of hockey. Our goal is always to get bodies in the stands, heads in the beds (hotel customers) and people enjoying our wonderful community," said Rehbein.

Eric Siegfried coaches a Sidney Mites team (ages 6-8) and a Bantam team (up to 8th grade). "This is the third year Sidney has hosted the Big Sky State Hockey games," said Siegfried. Each team can have 8 players. The games will be 3-on-3 with a goalie. You won't want to miss this event.

All teams receive a Big Sky Games T-shirt. For more information visit bigskygames.org.

## End Of The Rope' To Play At Centre Theatre In Sidney

By Dianne Swanson

The historical crime thriller 'End Of The Rope' which chronicles the infamous Charles Bannion case of 1931 will be showing at the CentreTheatre, Sidney on March 24, 25, 26, 31 and April 1 and 2.

Filmed in North Dakota including at familiar landmarks like the Fairview Bridge and Cartwright tunnel, the film also used local talent to portray the real-life events that took place in McKenzie County.

## Multicultural Event Fair March 28 in Watford City

By Robyn Heck

All are invited to the Multicultural Event Fair at the Watford City High School on March 28 (The same night as parent/teacher conferences.) Amy Polivka is one of the organizers of the event, and the advisor to the Watford City High School Ambassador program. "Our student ambassadors came up with this event," said Polivka. The student ambassador organization is designed for students to help integrate new families into our school and community. It is designed to help make the transition easier.

Watford City has a record number of foreign exchange students this year with 12 guest students. One of them lives with student ambassador Aiden Pelton. Aiden and fellow ambassador, Ally Cross brainstormed the idea of this cultural fair. This is a collaboration between 3 groups and 2 different grants: The Long-X Arts Foundation, Vision West ND, and the WCHS Student Ambassadors program.

The Long-X Art Foundation received a grant to do multicultural events in our community (such as dance, art, or culinary arts). The Vision Quest of ND organization is a consortium that services counties in Western North Dakota. It focuses on economic development. They received the cultural inclusion grant that is to promote the inclusion of multicultural events in our community and workplace. "Both grants really helped to be able to bring this event to fruition. Sixteen different cultures will have table displays. Families may stop by each table to learn about different countries art, food, and dress. This is a really great event for all cultures in our area to come together to share their culture and learn about each other," said Polivka.

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## Economic Outlook Seminar Held in Sidney March 14

By Robyn Heck

The 2023 Montana Economic Outlook Seminar was held in Sidney at the Richland County MSU Extension Office on Tuesday, March 14.

It was presented by Patrick Barkey, University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research director. The theme was about the recent in-migration of citizens moving into Montana.

"Demand for Montana has surged since the pandemic (and since the TV show "Yellowstone"). At historical prices, more people want to live/spend time in Montana, partly because of the pop-culture effects from the TV series "Yellowstone" starring Kevin Costner.

How demand increases change Montana depends on whether/how Montanans choose to increase supply," said Barkey. He explained that if Montana chooses to expand supply, Montana will have more people. Montana will enjoy the benefits/suffer

the consequences of size (e.g. more people leads to more opportunities but also increases congestion/scarcity, particularly for things where it is hard/impossible to increase supply). If Montana limits supply growth, Montana will become expensive. The number of people will stay the same, and Montana will suffer more of the consequences of cost (e.g. the types of economic opportunity available and the set of people who can live in/visit Montana will change to favor those who can afford it). While these changes are not new (Montana has dealt with them for decades), more demand means more tradeoffs. Navigating these tradeoffs will be the defining feature of Montana's future.

"Montana's net migration rate from July 1, 2020-July 1, 2022 was 3.3 times higher than the 2000-2019 average," explained Barkey. Different people moved to Montana. The share with a college degree increased. The share of

in-migrants working from home increased by 12%. Montana's net migration rate since the pandemic ranks in the 98th percentile (or 21st) among 1,173 2-year-state periods since 1999, roughly comparable to Florida during 2016-2017, North Dakota during 2013-2014, and Arizona 2003-2004. Montana's 32% increase in inflation-adjusted home values between 2019-2022 ranks in the 96th percentile of all states 3-year growth rates since 1999. Montana's inflation-adjusted home values increased by 11% more than U.S. inflation-adjust home values over this period. These ranks 88th percentile of all state-3-year periods.

"An average, or medium home in Bozeman right now is selling for \$950,000, said Barkey. Effects are not uniform across the state. Glacier, SW, Yellowstone, plus Billings experienced strong net migration for decades. Montana has been through booms and busts before; however, variance



Patrick Barkey,  
University of Montana  
Bureau of Business  
and Economic  
Research director.  
(Photo by Robyn Heck)

in population change shrank during the past 20 years (as average increased).

The Montana Ag situation and outlook was also discussed. "Output prices look good, but as always the story is complicated," explained Barkey. The war in Russia has had some impact on our ag economy. Beef exports were strong in 2022. The Montana drought is better, but not good. Nationally,

drought has become less intense but more widespread.

Barkey also discussed the recession. "Will Montana avoid the recession? Predictions are hard to make, but maybe there won't be a recession? Perhaps in-migration will soften a downturn. We know inflation and interest rates won't avoid Montana. Weakening consumer spending and slowing global growth will be felt here".







# Eastern MT Farmers Union Women's Conference To Be In Sidney



Kelsey Proue, MT FFA Director of Operations, speaks about youth leadership during a panel discussion at Montana Farmers Union's Women's Conference held at Fairmont Hot Springs in February. Pictured (L-R) Peyton Cole, Kelsey Proue, Abigail Curtis, Linda Kinsey and Calla Donnelly. The Women's Conference has become so popular that MFU is holding a second event, MFU's Eastern Montana Women's Conference, March 31-April 1, Sidney. (Photos and captions provided by Montana Farmers Union)

**By Meagan Dotson**  
For the last 10 years, Montana Farmers Union has hosted their Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference on the western half of the state, however, they are excited to be hosting a second event, the Eastern Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference in Sidney March 31- April 1.

"This conference is for and about celebrating women in agriculture, rural communities, leadership and entrepreneurship. It provides an opportunity for them to share and build their skills and connect folks around the state," said Lambert native Rachel Prevost, who is the Montana Farmers Union Membership Services & Government affairs director.

Check in begins at 4:30 p.m. March 31, with the evening events being held at the Sidney Elks Lodge; trivia will begin at 8 p.m. The conference is taking place at the Richland County Extension Office, April 1 starting with breakfast, and the day will conclude around 6 p.m. at Meadowlark Brewing.

Some of the conference's events include a cooperative panel, which is fitting as cooperatives are one of Montana Farmers Union's three founding pillars and they actively support patron-owned business. The panel will discuss cooperative benefits, resources,

and support.

'Signs of Stress' is another topic to be covered, and will speak to how important mental health is in rural communities, how to recognize those signs of stress in yourself and loved ones, and resources that are available so no one has to go it alone.

Courtney Brown Kibblewhite, Montana Chamber of Commerce chair and the Northern Ag Broadcasting vice-president will be the keynote speaker for the event. Her presentation 'Western Culture and the Stories that Shape Us' is a very powerful address that lends itself to the topic of mental health in rural communities.

The Montana Farmers Union book club will launch during the conference, with the first book being 'The Farmer's Lawyer', written by Sarah Vogel. The book club will meet via Zoom meetings as a way to discuss the novel and continue their connection. The book club will be closing in October 2023.

Sidney was chosen as the location for the Eastern Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference due to the culmination of agriculture across the county, its accessibility to other eastern Montana counties, and its hotel and conference options.

Anyone who would like more information or is in-

terested in attending the Eastern Montana Farmers Union Women's Conference can log onto <https://montanafarmersunion.com> and click on the Eastern Women's Conference banner across the bottom of their home page. Registration with accommodations closes March 16; registration without accommodations closes March 31.

"For rural communities to thrive, people need to be stepping into leadership roles and these conferences foster that and allow women to connect with others across the state," Prevost stated. "Montana Farmers Union is excited to offer a second conference that is more accessible to Eastern Montana, not only to encourage involvement and leadership, but also to complement the work that is already being done."

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**Who can protest this transfer?** Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Roosevelt County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.  
**What information must be included?** Protest letters must

be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 17-255-6804-001 and the applicant's name NONETTE BROWN; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.  
**What are valid protest grounds?** The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.  
**How are protests submitted?** Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before April 22, 2023.  
**What happens if the transfer**

**is protested?** Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Poplar. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.  
**How can additional information be obtained?** The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca\_toc/. Questions may be directed to Nicole Harris, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-3016 or Nicole.Harris@mt.gov.

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**Wed., Mar. 29:** French toast, sausage links, hash browns, applesauce.  
**Savage School**  
**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Fish sandwiches.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Lasagna.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Roast beef.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** Chicken enchiladas.  
**Rau School**  
**Thurs., Mar. 23:** No school.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Pizza, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** BBQ chicken, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.  
**Froid School**  
**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Cheeseburger soup, ham sandwiches, veggies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Salisbury steaks, mashed potatoes, veggies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, chips, fruit, salad bar.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** Xavier's day! Biscuits, sausage gravy, hash browns, go-gurts, banana cake, salad bar.  
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**Mon., Mar. 27:** Kaden Goebel Day! Chicken drumsticks, egg rolls, peaches.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Indian tacos, topping bar, mangoes.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** Goulash, corn, peaches.  
**Richey School**  
**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Corn dogs, fries, veggies, cookies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** No school.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Meat pockets, bars, veggie sticks, fruit, salad bar.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Lasagna, French bread, corn, cookies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** Hot dog bar, carrot sticks, cookies, fruit, salad bar.  
**Culbertson School**  
**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Chicken

strips, fries, apple slices.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese, watermelon.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Cheeseburgers, fries, pineapple.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Soft shell tacos, refried beans, pears.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** French dip, tater tots, mandarin oranges.  
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**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Chicken alfredo, broccoli, breadsticks, fruit.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, fruit.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Pizza burgers, tots, fruit.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Chicken parmesan, pasta, green beans, fruit.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** Quesadillas, fresh veggies, fruit.  
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**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Sweet & sour chicken, rice, Asian green beans, fresh garden bar.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** Cheeseburger soup, fresh garden bar.  
**Mon., Mar. 27:** Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.  
**Tues., Mar. 28:** Sloppy joes on buns, French fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.  
**Wed., Mar. 29:** Chicken & waffles, fresh garden bar.  
**Alexander School**  
**Thurs., Mar. 23:** Street tacos or burrito bowls, cilantro-lime rice, fruit & vegetable bar.  
**Fri., Mar. 24:** Tuna noodle or cheesy lasagna, peas, dinner rolls, fruit & vegetable bar.  
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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH G. MCKINLEY, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-42-2023-17-IT

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to JAMES THOMAS MCKINLEY, C/O ARMSTRONG LAW OFFICE, P.C. return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1327, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the Laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 6th day of March, 2023, at Old Hickory, Tennessee. JAMES THOMAS MCKINLEY, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph G. McKinley, deceased.

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**SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the School Election(s) to be held on Tuesday May 2nd, 2023, will close at 5:00 p.m., on Monday April 3rd, 2023. \*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. All active and inactive\*\*electors of Richland County, Montana are entitled to vote at said election. **Polling Place Election:** \*\*Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. **Mail Ballot Election:** \*\*Ballots will be automatically mailed to Active Electors only. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the county election office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a

form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration form and submitting it to the county election office.

DATED this 8th day of March 2023.  
Stephanie Verhasselt  
Richland County Election Administrator

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Separate sealed Bids will be received by the Richland County Solid Waste District for construction of a 5.5-acre waste cell at the County's landfill. The project shall include excavation of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of soil, installation of a Geoclay Membrane Liner, a 60 mil HDPE liner, a leachate collection system consisting of a geonet drainage fabric, gravel, and piping on the base of the cell, a cushioning geotextile on the sideslopes of the cell and 15" of protective soil over the entire liner system. All bids must be submitted to the District by April 4, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Richland County Public Works Department, 2140 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270 at which time all responsive and reasonable bids will be read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the County Engineer's office located at the County Public Works Department. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the office of Barry Damschen Consulting, LLC, 5317 Harbor Lane, Helena, MT 59602, (406) 461-5003 upon receipt of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set. No refunds will be made for returned documents. There will be a pre-bid conference held on March 21, 2023. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. All participants are to meet at the landfill located 12 miles north of Sidney, MT on Highway 16 at 2:00 pm. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements of the State of Montana in the amount of

ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Within ten days after the Notice of Award, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. Contractor's and any of the Contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 406-444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the State of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. No bidder may withdraw their bid for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any informalities. Dated this 16 day of February, 2023. Richland County Solid Waste District

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNTIL 5:00 P.M. APRIL 3, 2023 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE COURTHOUSE, SIDNEY, MONTANA FOR THE FOLLOWING HERBICIDES:**  
ITEM ONE: Tordon 22K (2.5 gallon and 1 gallon)  
ITEM TWO: Escort XP  
ITEM THREE: 2,4-D Amine  
ITEM FOUR: Method  
ITEM FIVE: E-2

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ITEM SEVEN: DuraCor  
ITEM EIGHT: Curtail  
ITEM NINE: Glyphosate  
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ITEM THIRTEEN: Transline  
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ITEM TWENTY ONE: Lockdown  
ITEM TWENTY TWO: Venue  
NOTE \* \* VENDORS, PLEASE BID EACH ITEM SEPARATELY\*\*

**\*\*BIDS SHALL HOLD FOR THE 2023 SPRAY SEASON\*\***  
**\*\* BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON April 4th at 9:30 am\*\***  
**\*\*\*Vendors bids will be accepted based on COST and ABILITY TO DELIVER in a timely manner.**  
THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS  
**ALL BIDS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED AND SUBMITTED TO: "CHEMICAL BID" RICHLAND COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER 201 WEST MAIN STREET COURTHOUSE SIDNEY, MT 59270**

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## RAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #21 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Rau Elementary Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose **permissive** levies to support its budget in **Rau Elementary School District #21**. The Rau Elementary School Board of Trustees **estimates** the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 using certified taxable valuations from as provided to the District **by the Montana Department of Revenue:**

Fund Supported	22-23 Est	23-24 Est	Increase (Dcr)	22-23 Mills	Est 23-24	Est Increase
Transportation	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$0	11.37	11.37	\$0
Tuition	\$25,760.35	\$25,760.35	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bldg Reserve	\$71,592.61	\$61,277.09	\$10,314.51	2.25	2.43	\$0.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$237,351.96</b>	<b>\$227,037.09</b>	<b>\$10,314.51</b>	<b>13.62</b>	<b>13.62</b>	<b>\$0.18</b>

*Budgeted Oil & Gas Revenue in these funds to lower or replace a mill levy.*

FUND SUPPORTED	EST. MILLS INC OR	EST. IMPACT ON \$100,000 HOME	EST. IMPACT ON \$200,000 HOUSE
TRANSPORTATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
TUITION	\$0	\$0	\$0
BLDG RESERVE	\$0.18	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.18</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**\*These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2022) certified taxable valuations provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year.**  
**• MDOR does not release current taxable property valuations until the end of July 2023. This figure will have an impact on the number of mills levied.**  
**• The number of mills levied will be impacted by newly taxable property**  
**• The number of mills levied will be impacted by ending Fund Cash Balances as of 6/30/23**  
**• The number of mills levied will be impacted by the amount of estimated 2022-23 revenue received by 6/30/23 (including taxes currently levied, assessed and outstanding)**

**REGARDING ESTIMATED INCREASES IN THE BUILDING RESERVE LEVY REFERENCED ABOVE, THE FOLLOING SCHOOL FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETED AT THIS TIME:**

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**Savage:** Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980  
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**Sidney:** Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077  
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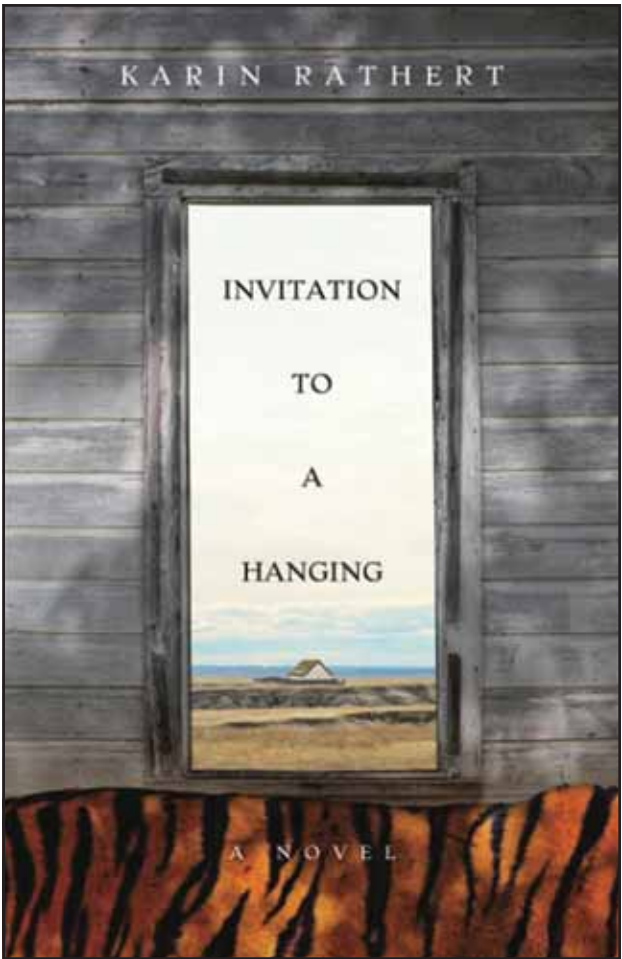


# Books On Broadway To Host “Invitation To A Hanging”

**By Dianne Swanson**  
Books on Broadway, in Williston will hold a book signing from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 25 with Karin Rathert, author of “Invitation To a Hanging”. This gem is for western fans as well as for readers who love generational family drama.  
Rathert breathes life back into the ghost town by vividly capturing the rise and fall of the real town of Mondak, MT. She transports readers back to the early 1900s where Adam is searching for meaning in his own life in the dying town trying desperately not to be forgotten. While searching, he discovers a diary written by a prostitute that becomes a piece of the puzzle in his quest for information about his long-deceased parents.  
Rathert grew up in North Dakota, not far from the site of Mondak. She currently resides in Longmont, CO, where she is a writer and copy editor.  
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# MCTM Math Contest 2023 Held March 14



7th & 8th grade first place (tie) Sidney & Culbertson. Pictured is the Sidney Nevins-1 team (L-R) Ethan King, Maliya Nguewoun, Jessica Entz and Megan Rachor. Not pictured is the Culbertson Seitz-1 team - Cal Steppler, Felixe Becker and Stella Fox.



9th & 10th grade first place team is Sidney Steinbeisser - 1 team. Pictured is (L-R) Ave Norby, Lilah Entz, Kyle Humphries and Oliver Slade.



11th & 12 grade first place Sidney Redman - 3 team. Pictured is (L-R) Thersa Wick, Savanna Steinbeisser, Justin Filler and Tayten Bright.

**Submitted by Holly Redman**  
Each year in March, Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics sponsors 12 Regional Math Contests across the state of Montana. This year on March 14, Sidney High hosted the 2023 math contest for our region. There were 11 schools from 253 schools registered. Students from each grade level from 7-12 compete in three individual tests appropriate to their level. Students in each region compete in the same tests. On an individual basis, awards are presented to the top student on each test.

Also the top 15% receive a Superior rating and the next 20% receive an Honorable Mention rating. The scores for these tests are then forwarded to the state level, where students compete for statewide awards.  
Seniors registered for the scholarship track compete for scholarships as well. The top senior student will receive a \$500 scholarship and the second highest will receive a \$300 scholarship. These regional scores are also forwarded to the state level where the top two students earn an additional \$1,000 and \$750 respectively.

levels of 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 form teams of up to four students. No more than two of those students can be from the upper grade level. This year's team contest winners are as follows. In 7-8 team test there was a tie for top team. Culbertson had a team of Cal Steppler, Felixe Becker and Stella Fox. Sidney had a team of Maliya Nguewoun, Ethan King, Jessica Entz and Megan Rachor. In the 9-10 the winning team was from Sidney, Kyle Humphries, Lilah Entz, Oliver Slade and Ave Norby. In the 11-12 test the winning team was from Sidney, Justin Filler, Savanna Steinbeisser, Thersa Wick and Tayten Bright.

The Sidney Regional Contest also offers a team test. Students in the grade

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# New 20 Under 40 Program Is Taking Nominations & Celebrating Leaders

20 under 40

**By Meagan Dotson**  
The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is excited to announce their 20 under 40 program, designed to recognize and celebrate individuals in Richland County under 40 who are making a positive impact through their work or community involvement.

Nominations are open now through April 15 and must include the nominee's name, age, place of employment, and contact information. It should also include how the nominee has positively enhanced their business, and how they have positively impacted their community. Nominees can be employees, entrepreneurs, executives, volunteers and can work for non-profit organizations. They can be nominated for community or business leadership, though their qualifications should be thorough as to what they do and how that creates a positive impact for those who may not be an expert in that particular field. Details are key! Individuals can nominate themselves, others and more than one person.

A committee of eight will score each nominee on a 50-point scale: 20 points based on business/industry leadership innovation, 10 points on their expertise in their field, and 20 points for their community leadership and engagement. Winners will be announced at the end of April; a reception will be held in their honor and each winning nominee will be featured in a 20 Under 40 tabloid. The decision to imple-



Josh MaGahan is the 2023 Emerging Leader award recipient, pictured here with Pam McGlothlin. The Emerging Leader is a Chamber Award for local leaders under 40. (Photo submitted)

ment the program was made after a "Reimagining Rural" training conference that encouraged highlighting the positives in small communities and breaking stereotypes that small towns are dying out. In fact, according to the 2020 census, the largest population in Sidney are those in their forties, making it a fairly 'young' community. "I came back to Sidney in 2017 with some of those stereotypical impressions," said Sidney native and Chamber Executive Director Kali Godfrey. "But the more experience I gain, the more I'm assured that Sidney is inclusive and a good place to grow a career. I hope this program highlights some of the individuals that have taken advantage of the opportunities available in Sidney and encourages others to do the same." Director of Programs Katie Dasinger developed the 20 Under 40 program, modeling it after other 20 under 40

programs, with the emphasis on career achievement and community give-back. Local resident Josh McGahan was automatically nominated for the 20 Under 40 program after receiving the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Emerging Leadership Award at the Chamber Banquet in January. If you or someone you know is under 40, lives in Richland County, and meets the other criteria, please make a nomination by contacting the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 406-433-1916 or emailing them at admin@sidneymt.com. "We want to celebrate these individuals and give them the recognition they deserve while changing the narrative of the community. After all, the best part of Sidney is the people," Godfrey concluded.

## Sidney Summer Girls Fast Pitch



## FINAL Sign-Ups

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## TRENTON INDIAN SERVICE AREA GENERAL ELECTION APRIL 4, 2023

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**POLLING PLACES:**  
District I: Broadway Commons Building- 302 E. Broadway Williston, ND  
District II: Trenton Indian Service Area- 331 4th Ave. E. Trenton, ND  
District III: Culbertson Senior Center- 208 Broadway Ave. (Main St.) Culbertson, MT

### CANDIDATES:

<b>District I</b> Brenda K. Slater Robert Laducer Darryl LaDue	<b>District II</b> Elaine Lee Travis G. Falcon	<b>District III</b> Claudette M. Carlson Matthew Azure Connie L. Erickson
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### ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS:

Those voters absent for the Election may request an Absentee Ballot in writing. The deadline date to request an Absentee Ballot is **March 28, 2023**. This is being done to give "the voter sufficient time to execute and return the absentee ballot through the US Postal Service or hand deliver to Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson or District Representative on or before the date of the election." All absentee ballots will be counted after all other ballots. To request an Absentee Ballot, please write to:

**Trenton Indian Service Area Election Board**  
PO Box 8  
Trenton, ND 58853

### CANDIDATE WATCHERS:

Deadline for candidates to submit a list of watchers to the Election Board is **March 28, 2023**. This will ensure a fair and orderly election pursuant to the Election Code " ... Each candidate shall be entitled to have a watcher at the polls and the tallying, but such watcher shall in no way interfere with the conduct of the election." The counting of the ballots will be held in the TISA building after the polls close. The Election Board, Administrative Counsel, and Candidate Watchers will be present at counting. The public is allowed to witness the counting of the ballot in a designated area.

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# Mondak Heritage Center Announces Dave Torrence Exhibition & Reception March 24

**Submitted by Nikki Bailey, MonDak Heritage Center Executive Director**

The MonDak Heritage Center is hosting an exhibition of works by Dave Torrence on display March 22-May 3 at the MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney. A reception will be held in Torrence's honor on Friday, March 24 from 4-6 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center.

Dave Torrence (1938-2022) was an influential member of the Sidney art community for many years. He was the Sidney High School Art teacher for 25 years, inspiring many students to be brilliant in their own creative ways. Over his lifetime, Torrence created thousands of beautiful pieces in dozens of media and received many awards for his work. He was a protégé of Ben Steele, studied with Irving Shapiro, and completed a graduate degree in art education at the University in Denver. In addition to pursuing his own artistic talents, he also served on the MonDak Historical & Art Society Board of Directors from 1972-1994 where he worked to share art with everyone in the MonDak region.

The MonDak Heritage Center is honored to have received many pieces of art from personal collections of Dave Torrence's family and friends to be preserved for generations to come as a part of the MDHC Permanent Collection. Works from throughout his lifetime that span across a wide variety of subjects and media will be on exhibition in the South Gallery at the MDHC until May.

In Dave Torrence's honor, the MDHC will be hosting

a reception for his family and the community on Friday, March 24 from 4-6 p.m. All community members are invited to the reception to share their memories of Dave Torrence with his family and appreciate the incredible artwork created by a lifetime supporter and patron of the arts in the MonDak region.

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.



“Autumn” by Dave Torrence. (Photo submitted)

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# Jax Builds A Big Win With Books

**Submitted by Kelly Reisig, MBA Director**  
Jax really digs reading about all things construction, and he loves playing with all his cars and trucks. He also loves reading books and he's already built a strong foundation for a bright future be completing the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program at the library! Even though he always takes time to help care for his new baby brother he finds time to read and has started more new books like Curious George ("Monkey George").  
Jax Andrews, 4, is the son of Chase Andrews and Laurel Masterson.  
To encourage a love

of reaching in children, the Sidney-Richland County Library is promoting "1,000 Books before Kindergarten", a nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud with their children every day. Research continually shows that children who are read aloud to every day before kindergarten will have higher scores and more success when they begin school. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and learning.  
The theme of the Sidney-Richland County Library program is "The Magic of Reading". Children receive a small prize at each



**Jax Andrews (Submitted photo)**  
100-level milestone, and at the end of the program participants earn a certificate and t-shirt for successful completion. This program is free to children ages 0-4 and their families. Stop by the library to sign up today!

# Boys & Girls Clubs Of The MonDak February Members Of The Month

Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak is proud to announce Matthew Daniels and Jasmine Klein as the February Members of the Month!  
Matthew Daniels is our Clubhouse Member of the Month and he is in Mrs. Pust's second grade class. He is the son of Jackie and Davy Daniels. Matthew enjoys playing games while at the Club and math while at school. When Matthew grows up, he would like to become a scientist.  
Jasmine is our Member of the Month from the Base and she is in fourth grade. She is the daughter



**Matthew Daniels (Submitted photo)**



**Jasmine Klein (Submitted photo)**

of Brooke Brannon and TJ Klein and has four siblings. Jasmine enjoys art, football, and reading while at the Club and she also loves reading in school. Jasmine would like to be a teacher when she grows up.  
Congratulations to both of our February Youth of the Month winners! You have demonstrated respect, kindness, and a great attitude to all at our clubhouse!

# Fairview Schools Honor Rolls

- Fairview Junior High Q3 Honor Roll**  
**High Honor Roll**  
6th Grade: Roper Dean Bain, Cole Alan Bryan, Brooklyn Nicole Dean, Brycen King Fox, Trigger Wayne Henline, Klara Marlee Karren, Memphis Debin Kruse, Trey Anthony Linam, Kenley Claire Prewitt  
7th Grade: Landen Lee Emly, Cambree Charlie Hansen, Kiley Lynn McGhee  
8th Grade: Adilyn Baxter, Emmellia Erin Browning- Pierce, Isabelle Lynn Fry, Grant Benson Knapp, Karlee Beth Nay, Elliot James Thompson  
**Honor Roll**  
Kyra Lynn Buckley, Mallory Cynthia Hoenig, Bryson Ray Smith, Cameron Micheal Unruh, Ryleigh Marie Verrill  
7th Grade: Ava Marie Fry, Elizabeth Joann Gauthier, Brooklyn Cadence Logsdon, Kira Marie McGhee, Brayden Donald Renville, LJ Wittmayer  
8th Grade: Peyton LaRae Cayko, Griffin Jerrilyn Kruse, Peyton Sue Smith, Kyra Emori Umback
- Fairview High School Q3 Honor Roll**  
**High Honor Roll**  
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10th Grade: Deacon Duane Gackle, Trent Michael Karst, Wyatt James McPherson, Jade Smith  
11th Grade: Brailey Anderson, Brooklyn Anderson, Abigail Lynn Berry, Barbora Buchova, Rowan Casey Bushnell, Kallee Sue Hopes, Emily Lynn Johnson, Hannah Faith Karren, Gordon Bernie Knapp, Cali Anne Norby, Britta Anne Poulsen, Brock David Schlothauer, Landen Avery Thompson, Jeffrey Edward Tjelde  
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11th Grade: Bridger Douglas Free, Hannah Nicole Hurley, Allison Lana Jensen, Savannah Rose Manuel, Grace Noelle McPherson, Jerron Alex Rau, Ashtin Kai Skov, Allison Taylor Weiss  
12th Grade: Jace Michael Buxbaum, Gunnar John Cayko, Shawn Connor Logsdon, Mariah Rene Ponce, Max Allen Rowlett, Dakota Elizabeth Shaffer, Cha Lor Vang

# Partnership For Promise Hosts "Photo Voice"

**By Dianne Swanson**  
Pictures provide a powerful voice, creating a visual expression of something that may be hard to put into words. To enhance the voices of Richland County, particularly kids, Partnership For Promise is sponsoring Photo Voice encouraging kids, or adults, to take a picture of something in the community that they are proud of, or something of concern.  
Partnership For Promise explains the five basic concepts behind the Photo Voice project as follows. Images teach; pictures can influence policy; community members ought to participate in creating and defining the images that shape healthful public policy; the process requires that, from the outset, planners bring policy makers and other

influential people to the table to serve as an audience; Photo Voice emphasizes individual and community action.  
To submit your photos, email them to partnership-4promise@gmail.com.  
In 1997, a President's Summit was held in Washington, DC laying the groundwork for what would become America's Promise Alliance For Youth program, with the goal of improving the lives and future of America's youth.  
Partnership For Promise began in 1998 following the Governor's Summit on Youth for Montana's Promise. It is the youth-based coalition part of Communities in Action and operates on five promises to children and youth: caring adults, safe places, healthy start, marketable skills and opportunities to serve. It also partners with other programs that focus on drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention, bullying availability and quality of preschools and family engagement programs such as Parenting Montana.  
The oldest group in Communities in Action, the coalition has been very productive over the years. It was instrumental in bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Richland County, helped with the creation of Sidney's skate park, has facilitated some after school projects and provided early learning backpacks through the Family Resource Council, just to name a few.  
This is your opportunity to serve, and help create the kind of community you want to live in. Use your Photo Voice and share your opinions with pictures!



# Studies Underscore Oil & Gas Industry's Significant Impact On North Dakota's Economy, Communities

Bismarck, ND - The oil and gas industry in North Dakota remains a powerhouse for the state's economy, accounting for more than \$42.6 billion in gross business volume, nearly 50,000 jobs and \$3.8 billion in state and local tax revenues in 2021, according to two studies highlighted by Gov. Doug Burgum, researchers from North Dakota State University and industry officials.  
"The oil and natural gas industry continues to be a game-changer for North Dakota," Burgum said. "Taxes and royalties paid by the industry support our state's significant investments in infrastructure, schools, communities, tax relief and the Legacy Fund, among other

areas. The industry's resiliency in the face of challenges such as the pandemic, extreme weather, volatile prices and misguided federal policies, demonstrates that it will continue to play a critically important role in North Dakota's economy for generations to come."  
North Dakota State University researchers Dean Bangsund and Nancy Hodur studied the economic contribution of oil and gas exploration, extraction, transportation, processing and capital investments to the state in 2021, the most recent data available. Similar studies have been conducted every two years since 2005.  
Their findings show North Dakota's oil and gas

industry directly employed 14,200 people in 2021, while economic activity from the indirect and induced effects of the industry supported an additional 35,185 jobs, for a total of 49,385 jobs attributed to the industry. Employment compensation, which includes wages, salaries and employee benefits, was estimated at \$3.9 billion.  
Total gross business volume, which includes direct sales in the oil and gas industry and business generated from indirect and induced economic activity throughout North Dakota, was estimated at \$42.58 billion – an increase of \$2.38 billion over 2019 and over 30% of the state's overall gross business volume.

Bangsund said that while the pandemic made the last few years challenging, the oil and gas industry has learned how to maintain production through efficiencies and most of the industry's key economic metrics are at or near pre-COVID levels.  
"The North Dakota oil and natural gas industry's economic contribution to our state has been very stable even through challenges, and it remains incredibly resilient," said Bangsund, NDSU research scientist in agribusiness and applied economics.  
According to another recent study conducted for the Western Dakota Energy Association (WDEA) and

North Dakota Petroleum Foundation, tax revenues paid by the oil and natural gas industry in North Dakota from fiscal years 2008 to 2022, supported \$5.9 billion for local communities and infrastructure, over \$1.8 billion for K-12 education, \$1.4 billion for water and flood control projects, over \$1 billion for property tax relief, and \$32 million for outdoor heritage projects across the state. Additionally, \$8 billion in oil and gas taxes went into the Legacy Fund, which benefits future generations.  
"The impact of the oil and natural gas industry can be seen throughout the state. From education funding to property tax relief to infrastructure funding, every

county and community has and continues to benefit from this industry," WDEA Executive Director Geoff Simon said.  
Ron Ness, North Dakota Petroleum Council president, noted that North Dakota's oil and natural gas industry pays more than half of all state taxes collected and provides nearly 50,000 good paying jobs in the state.  
"Thanks to innovation, the tremendous resource of the Bakken, and billions of dollars invested in infrastructure by our industry, the state can count on us to continue to be a major force in the North Dakota economy for years to come," Ness said.

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# Rural Leadership North Dakota Seeks Participants For 10th Class

**By NDSU Agriculture Communication**

North Dakota State University Extension's Rural Leadership North Dakota (RLND) Program began 20 years ago to develop agricultural and community leaders. This year, RLND is looking for participants for Class X, which begins in November.

"Rural Leadership North Dakota is the premier state-wide leadership program in North Dakota," says Katie Tyler, NDSU RLND program director. "If you are seeking a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn more about yourself, the state, country and world to help move North Dakota forward, we would

love to welcome you to Class X of the RLND program."

The 18-month leadership development program includes seven in-state seminars with experts; tours of agricultural and community businesses and three out-of-state trips (Washington, D.C., and Minneapolis in 2024) to meet with agricultural, business and government leaders; and a trip to another country (destination to be determined) in 2025 to learn about international agricultural and community issues. Previous classes visited Brazil, Costa Rica, Panama, Thailand, Vietnam, Chile and Spain.

The program helps participants to enhance leadership skills, such as thinking critically and creatively, communicating effectively, self-awareness, decision making, strategic planning and managing conflict. Participants also learn about agricultural and rural policy, the agricultural economy and future trends that could affect North Dakota, finding innovative ways to fund local and regional development projects, marketing, civic engagement, the value of coalitions and partnerships, industry and community advocacy, and how to work with the state Legislature.

In addition, participants create a network of contacts and resources they can continue to tap into for ideas, answers and support long after they graduate from the



The deadline to apply for NDSU Rural Leadership North Dakota Class X is May 15. (NDSU photo)

## Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena!

We had quite a bit of activity on the Senate floor this past week, with mostly House bills. One Senate bill we had this week that had appropriations in it was SB 458, which would make the sex on a birth certificate the legal sex. This is to be consistent with Montana Code. There are supposedly 81 genders and climbing so things in the code are getting confusing and there have been some lawsuits threatened. HB450 dealt with bullying in schools and self-defense.

In Judiciary committee we dealt with bills about dangerous drugs, judges, sexual abuse, and transportation of firearms. It is always an interesting committee.

In Public Health, Welfare and Safety we passed out of committee HB116 by Representative Gillette, which would promote using in state services for troubled youth. There were children being sent as far away as Texas, making it hard for their families to see them and we were trying to eliminate that. I amended the bill to allow these children to go to facilities that were close to the border, such as Home on the Range, if it is closer to their family. Other bills were heard dealing with troubled children and what role the department should have concerning parents and private agencies.

In Fish and Game committee we heard HB 131 eliminating the 24-hour waiting period on getting a wolf tag. We also heard a couple bills regarding landowner permits, HB 596 and 635. HB 596 allows a landowner, or designee, with 640 acres, or less in some cases, to receive an elk permit if he allows access to a certain number of hunters. The thought is to kick the elk off of private land onto public land. HB 635 would allow a non-resident landowner, or designee, with at least 2,500 acres in Montana, to be in a drawing to hunt or fish. He would be required to hunt or fish on his own land. Again, the idea is to push game off of his land and onto public land.

I also presented three of the bills that I sponsored in House committees this week. I presented a bill in the House Fish and Game Committee, SB 58, which raised the limit on block management. In the House Natural Resources Committee, I presented SB 42, dealing with right of ways across state land, and SB 55, which allowed DEQ to be a member of a multi-state compact dealing with mining.

We enjoyed having our granddaughter, Alysa Rapp, serving as a Page in the Senate this week. This is a great experience for high school juniors and seniors.

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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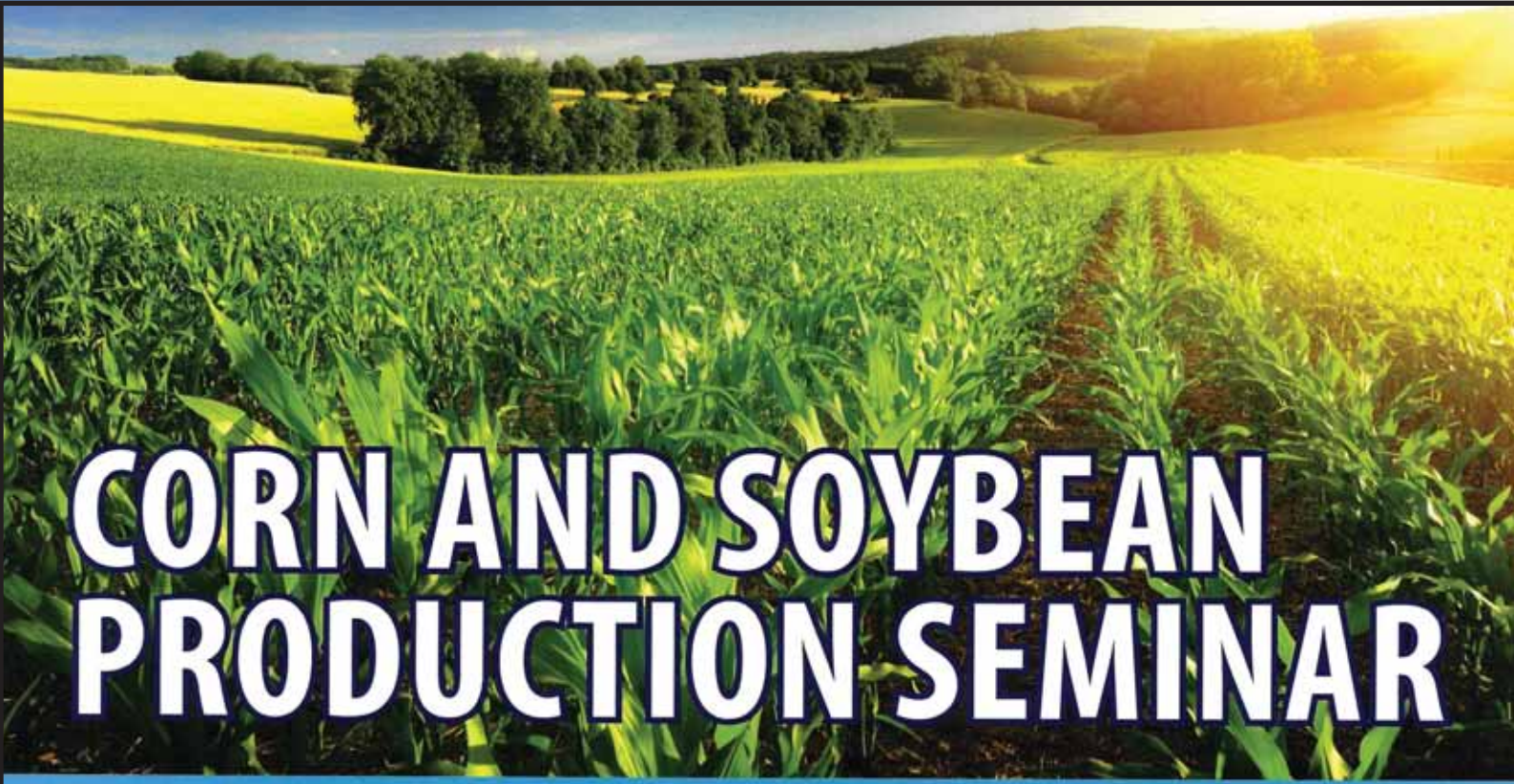
Tuition for the RLND program is \$4,000 which covers most meals, hotels and travel expenses, such as buses during in-state seminars and airfare to out-of-state seminars. Participants are responsible for their travel costs to in-state seminars and points of departure for out-of-state seminars.

The deadline to apply for RLND Class X (2023-25) is May 15. Applicants must have been a North Dakota resident for at least one year and be able to attend all seminars.

For more information, to apply or to nominate someone for the class, visit the NDSU RLND website at [ndsus.edu/ApplyRLND](https://ndsus.edu/ApplyRLND), send an email to [ndsus.ruralleadership@ndsus.edu](mailto:ndsus.ruralleadership@ndsus.edu) or call 701-231-5640. Stay up to date with current RLND events by following the Rural

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Missy also is an agronomist for AgDay Farm Journal TV. Missy has hosted Corn College and Soybean College in addition to helping Ken Ferrie with Corn College in Heyworth, IL. Previously, Missy had been a field agronomist with The Andersons for eight years. Bauer holds a B.S. degree from Michigan State University where she majored in Crop and Soil Science and an M.S. degree in Agronomy from Purdue University under Dr. Tony Vyn. Her M.S. research and thesis work studied "The Feasibility of Fall Strip Tillage for Corn Production in Indiana". She completed her Masters degree and graduated from Purdue University with a 4.0 GPA in April of 2001. Missy is also an active certified crop advisor (CCA). Bauer is originally from Grant, MI where she grew up on a cash crop and cattle farm along with her five older brothers and four sisters. Missy resides in Coldwater, MI with her husband who is also an independent crop consultant with B&M Crop Consulting and their three children; Kathryn, William, and Anna.



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Mar. 24 .....	Williston .....	TBA
Mar. 30 .....	Miles City .....	TBA
Mar. 31 .....	Glasgow .....	9 am
Apr. 6 .....	Glendive .....	10 am
Apr. 6 .....	Huntley Project - R&L .....	TBA
Apr. 15 .....	Baker .....	TBA
Apr. 15 .....	Wolf Point .....	TBA
Apr. 20 .....	Lambert .....	TBA
Apr. 22 .....	Sidney .....	10 am
Apr. 28 .....	Lambert .....	TBA
Apr. 29 .....	Glendive .....	TBA
May 2 .....	Glasgow .....	3 pm
May 4 .....	Fairview .....	TBA
May 6 .....	Glasgow .....	TBA
May 9 .....	Lambert Districts .....	TBA
May 18 .....	Lambert Divisionals .....	TBA
May 25-27 .....	Laurel State .....	TBA

CLASS C VARSITY GOLF		
Date .....	Location .....	Time .....
Mar. 31 .....	Shelby Invite .....	9 am
Apr. 14 .....	Malta .....	10 am
Apr. 18 .....	Sidney .....	TBA
Apr. 20 .....	Wolf Point Invite .....	10 am
Apr. 22 .....	Broadus .....	TBA
Apr. 25 .....	Sidney .....	TBA
Apr. 27 .....	Plentywood .....	TBA
Apr. 28 .....	Glasgow Invite .....	9 am
Apr. 29 .....	Malta Invite .....	9 am
May 2 .....	Plentywood Invite .....	TBA
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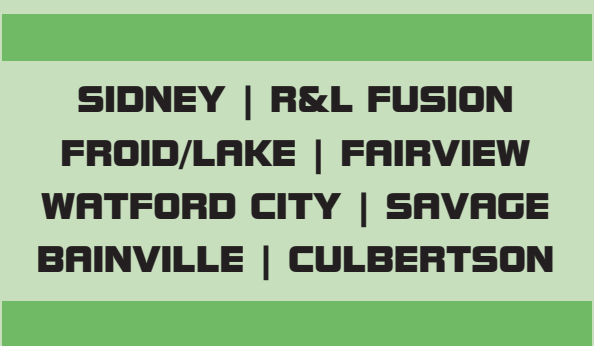
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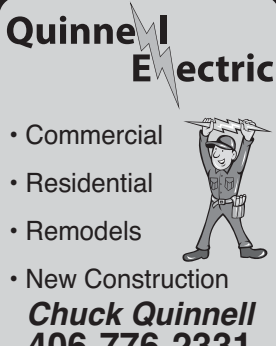


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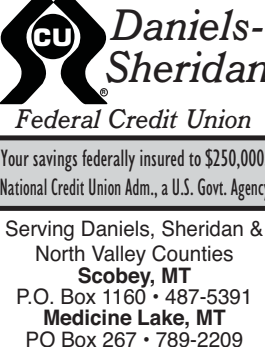
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Date	Location	Time
Mar. 31	Home vs. Dawson	10 am
Apr. 6	Glendive	10 am
Apr. 15	Billings	9 am
Apr. 22	Home Invite	10 am
Apr. 29	Glendive	10 am
May 2	Glasgow	3 pm
May 9	Miles City	10 am
May 12	Glendive	4 pm
May 19-20	Sidney Divisionals	TBA
May 26-27	Laurel State	TBA

## SIDNEY VARSITY SOFTBALL (MT)

Date	Location	Time
Mar. 25	Billings	11 am
Mar. 31	Miles City	5 pm
Apr. 6	Home vs. Williston	5 pm
Apr. 11	Glasgow	5 pm
Apr. 14	Home vs. Fergus	5 pm
Apr. 15	Home vs. Billings	3 pm
Apr. 20	Williston	5 pm
Apr. 21	Home vs. Custer Co.	5 pm
Apr. 22	Lewistown	3 pm
Apr. 27	Home vs. Dawson Co.	5 pm
Apr. 28	Watford City	3:30/5:30 pm
Apr. 29	Home vs. Havre	3 pm
May 2	Glendive	5 pm
May 6	Havre	3 pm
May 9	Home vs. Glasgow	5:30 pm
May 12-13	Butte	TBA
May 18-19	Billings Divisionals	TBA
May 25-27	Belgrade State	TBA

## SIDNEY VARSITY BASEBALL (MT)

Date	Location	Time
Mar. 24-25	Columbus	7 pm/9 am/1 pm
Apr. 7	Belgrade	1/3 pm
Apr. 15	Butte	12/2 pm
Apr. 21	Home vs. Butte	7 pm
Apr. 22	Home vs. Watford City	1 pm
Apr. 27	Stanley	3 pm
Apr. 28	Home vs. Williston	4 pm
Apr. 29	Home vs. Columbus	10 am
May 5	Home vs. Belgrade	7 pm
May 6	Home vs. Lone Peak	10 am
May 9	Williston	6 pm
May 13	Billings	2/4 pm
May 18-20	Butte State	TBA

## WATFORD CITY VARSITY TRACK (CT)

Date	Location	Time
Mar. 31	Williston	1 pm
Apr. 6	Dickinson	1 pm
Apr. 15	Duane Carlson Stadium	11 am
Apr. 20	Bismarck	2 pm
Apr. 21	Bismarck	2 pm
Apr. 27	Starion Sports Complex	11 am
Apr. 28	Dickinson	1 pm
May 2	Dickinson	2 pm
May 6	Home Invite	11 am
May 12	Duane Carlson Stadium	2 pm
May 13	Starion Sports Complex	11 am
May 15	Dickinson	1 pm
May 15	Duane Carlson Stadium	2 pm
May 19	Bismarck	12 pm
May 25-27	Bismarck State	TBA

## WATFORD CITY VARSITY SOFTBALL (CT)

Date	Location	Time
Apr. 4	Minot	4:30 pm
Apr. 11	Home vs. Legacy High	4:30 pm
Apr. 18	Home vs. Dickinson	4:30 pm
Apr. 21	Home vs. Turtle Mt.	4:30 pm
Apr. 25	Williston	4:30 pm
Apr. 28	Home vs. Sidney	4:30 pm
May 2	Mandan	4:30 pm
May 9	Bismarck	TBA
May 13	Bismarck Century	12 pm
May 16	Jamestown	4:30 pm
May 25-27	Dickinson Regionals	TBA
Jun. 1-3	NDSU State	TBA

## WATFORD CITY VARSITY BASEBALL (CT)

Date	Location	Time
Apr. 3	Home vs. Dickinson	4:30 pm
Apr. 4	Home vs. Bismarck	4:30 pm
Apr. 6	Home vs. Heart River	4:30 pm
Apr. 11	Bismarck	4:30 pm
Apr. 18	Bismarck St. Mary's	4:30 pm
Apr. 21	Home vs. Minot	4:30 pm
Apr. 22	Sidney	1 pm
Apr. 25	Home vs. Bismarck Century	4:30 pm
Apr. 27	Home vs. Legacy High	4:30 pm
May 2	Home vs. Mandan	4:30 pm
May 5	Home vs. Jamestown	4:30 pm
May 6	Home vs. Bismarck High	1 pm
May 9	Williston	4:30 pm
May 13	Minot	2 pm
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