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CHRISTMAS WISH BOOK

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Parade Of Trees To Be Held At Yellowstone Marketplace, Nov. 27, Sidney

Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak is sponsoring the 18th annual Parade of Trees auction to benefit the Club and its members. Individuals, organizations, and businesses within the community can donate a decorated tree or wreath to be auctioned off as part of Sidney's Small Town Christmas celebration on Friday, Nov. 27.

This auction will take place as part of Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Christmas Stroll, on Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 at 3:30 p.m. and will be held virtually this year. The items this year will be displayed in the showcase windows at Yellowstone Marketplace.

This year, in addition to the traditional trees and wreaths, the club is also

seeking gift baskets, centerpieces or other decorations to expand the auction. Items for the auction can be delivered to Yellowstone Marketplace, noon-6 p.m., Nov. 18-21 and noon-6 p.m., Nov. 23-25.

The Parade of Trees silent online auction will open Monday, Nov. 23. If interested in bidding you can text BGCTrees20 to 76278. Registration, viewing and silent auction bidding will be 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27. The live auction will begin at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27. Item pick-up will be 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Nov. 30-Dec. 2. If you need special considerations for setting up or pick-up times, contact the Clubhouse, 406-433-6763.

For more information or if you wish to donate call Elaine at 406-433-6763 or email e.stedman@richlandbgc.org.



Watford City Christmas Bliss Events Scheduled Throughout Nov. & Dec.

By Anna Dragseth

This year, Watford City has a lot of holiday events to offer during the months of November and December. There will be the annual Parade of Lights, Light Up Watford City event for homes and businesses to participate in, Parade of Lights, and the 2nd Annual Candy Cane Lane event.

The Parade of Lights is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 27, downtown Watford City. The parade floats will line up at the Badlands Elementary School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., the parade will start heading north up the hill to Park Ave., turn right onto 4th Ave., and end at McKenzie County Fairgrounds.

This year's Parade of Lights float winners will receive a traveling trophy and \$250. There will be a prize for the overall outstanding entry that presents and illustrates the parade theme "Christmas Bliss" and a prize for the overall outstanding entry presenting the best use of lights; no registration is necessary.

The Light Up Watford City event is a decorating contest where community members can decorate their homes with lights and register for a chance to win prizes. The Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to light up their homes, set out lawn ornaments, wreaths, and any other holiday decorations that you may have. There will be \$250 cash prizes awarded for the three separate themes: Chamber Choice, Simply Christmas, and Clark Griswold.

To enter the contest, you must register your decorated home by Sunday, Dec. 6. To register, email your name, phone number, and address to wcchamber@restel.com; judging will take place Dec. 8-10.

In addition to this, there will also be a Light Up Watford City event for businesses to participate in. Businesses and organizations located within five miles of Watford City are encouraged to decorate their storefronts, windows, buildings, and parking lots. The top three winners will receive a one-year free chamber membership or a one-tier membership upgrade for one year (for existing members). Judging will be based on the use of decorations, lighting, and the overall



The 2019 Watford City Parade of Lights.
(Photo by Kathy Taylor)

theme.

To register for the business Light Up Watford City event, email the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce with "BUSINESS LIGHTS" in the subject line and include the name of the business, address, and phone number in the email.

The 2nd Annual Candy Cane Lane will take place Nov. 27-Jan. 1. This drive-through event takes place at McKenzie County Fairgrounds where the public can view all the Christmas decorations and setups. People or businesses that make a \$250 donation to the foundation are invited to set up a Christmas display in a 20' x 15' area (displays must be set on Nov. 27). To reserve a spot or for more information on the Candy Cane Lane event, contact Make A Wish Volunteers at 701-770-6938 or 701-307-0516. Participating in this event is a great way to spread holiday cheer while supporting the Make A Wish Foundation!

Sidney To Host A Variety Of Small-Town Christmas Events

By Anna Dragseth

This year Sidney's Small-Town Christmas events will include Parade of Lights, Social Distancing with Santa, 18th Annual Parade of Trees, Winter Light Up contest, Christmas Cash, and the Big Bucks Program.

Sidney's annual Parade of Lights event will start 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27, at the south parking lot of Western Choice Cooperative and Lucky Lil's Casino. "There will be some great local entertainment including the Sidney Rockettes! Santa Claus will make a pit stop at Reese and Rays IGA after the parade for cookies and cocoa (or cider) with the kids," stated Kali Godfrey, Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. To register for a float in the parade, visit the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or website: www.sidneymt.com.

This year the traditional "Breakfast with Santa" event hosted by the Boys and Girls Club, will temporarily be replaced with Social Distancing with Santa. This event will be 9-11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 27. There will be donuts, letters to Santa, and photos with Santa at the LYREC Lower Yard (2900 W. Holly St.) The cost is \$5 or a free-will donation to the Boys and Girls Club.

The 18th Annual Parade of Trees will be Monday, Nov. 23-Friday, Nov. 27. The public will have the opportunity to view holiday trees, wreaths, ornaments, and centerpieces through the windows of the Yellowstone Marketplace building. The public will have the option to bid virtually on these pieces from Nov. 23-27. If interested in bidding you can text BGCTrees20 to 76278.

The Winter Light Up contest is a brand-new event that will take place throughout December. This is a Christmas lights contest divided into three categories: Residential, Business, and Nonprofit/School. Each category has a first prize of \$300, second prize of \$200, and third prize of \$100. There will also be a People's Choice Award of \$100. People can vote for their favorite participant on the Sidney Herald's Facebook or Website. Participants must be entered into this contest by Saturday, Dec. 5 to be put on the local Winter Light Up map. Godfrey said, "This event is a cool addition to our normal Christmas Stroll that's very "COVID friendly" and adds to the holiday spirit."

The Christmas Cash program started at the beginning of November and is scheduled to wrap up Thursday, Dec. 3. For every \$20 spent at participating businesses, a customer will receive an entry into a drawing to win up to \$3,000 in Chamber Bucks. The drawing for Chamber Bucks will be held Saturday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. People can tune in on 95.1 or Facebook Live on the Sidney Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to see if they have the matching ticket(s). Winners will have 5 minutes to come into the Chamber or call the Chamber at 406-433-1916 to claim their prize. "I can't wait to greet the winners of some Christmas Cash! I will be living vicariously through those winners on Dec. 5," added Godfrey.

The Big Bucks is a unique loan program, in which successful applicants can receive a loan of up to \$1,000 to purchase their holiday season needs. The loan is paid out in "Big Bucks" which are dollars to be exclusively used at participating Chamber businesses.

To make sure that everyone can safely participate in this holiday fun, the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce has incorporated CDC recommended precautions. Godfrey stated, "Fortunately, COVID-19 does not get to cancel Christmas or any holiday for that matter. It also doesn't get to cancel family, friends, or tradition. The livelihood and wellbeing of our community is dependent on some sense of normalcy, and we can achieve that with holiday events while respecting the guidance we receive from public health." For more information on these events, visit the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Watford City Rough Rider Center To Host Christmas Fest & Christmas Tree Auction Dec. 5

By Anna Dragseth

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Watford City Rough Rider Center will be hosting its annual Christmas Fest. This event will start at 11 a.m. and wrap up around 4 p.m. There will be a vendor show, pictures with Santa, letters to Santa, Christmas crafts, games run by McKenzie County KidStop, face painting, swimming, and ice skating. "This is a great event and right now we all need something positive and upbeat," added Shelly Hopkins, Rough Rider Center event staff member.

The cost of entry is \$5, and attendees will receive a ticket for a hoverboard giveaway with the cost of admission. There will be a food drive going on during the event, and participants who bring in a food shelf item will receive another ticket to enter into the drawing.

In addition to these fun activities, they will also be having a Christmas tree auction. This silent auction is a community donation fundraiser, where businesses or individuals

can donate a decorated tree to display at the Rough Rider Center. The trees will have silent auction bidding sheets so that they can be bid on during the week preceding the Christmas Festival. "We will move the trees to the event venue downstairs to display and have the final opportunity to get more bids and 50% of the money raised will be donated to a charitable community organization. This is looking like it will be in conjunction with the toy drive going on, but no specific group has been named yet," stated Hopkins.

Due to COVID-19, this event will have social distancing elements implemented and facemasks will be required. "Precautions are being taken during this time so we can continue to have these types of events. Masks on staff, extra cleaning, and social distancing (even with Santa) will be implemented," said Hopkins.

For more information on this event, visit the Rough Rider Center website at www.roughridercenter.com.

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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1838.9
Last Week's Elev.	1839.1
One Year Ago	1839.7
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	13,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low
Precip.		
November 16.....40	21	0.000
November 17.....51	20	0.000
November 18.....51	29	0.000
November 19.....46	22	0.011
November 20.....33	13	0.000
November 21.....39	23	0.000
November 22.....42	17	0.000
Total 2020 YTD Precipitation	6.542	

OBITUARIES

Lillian Gravos, 98 Bismarck, ND formerly of Watford City, ND

Lillian Gravos, 98, Bismarck, ND formerly Watford City, ND, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, in Bismarck, ND. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at Zoar Cemetery in rural Arnegard, ND. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND is caring for the family. Visitation will be held 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Watford City, ND. Please visit www.fulkersons.com for the complete obituary.

Warren Fisher, 94 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Warren Fisher, 94, Sidney, MT were held at 1 p.m. (MST), Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Dave Meehan officiating. Interment took place in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was 8-11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT and one hour prior to the funeral under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Warren passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Edward Wallace Hall, 96 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Wallace Hall, 96, Sidney, MT, are at 1 p.m. (MST) Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at Faith Alliance Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. Interment will take place in Sunnyside Cemetery near Squaw Gap, ND. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 and 8-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Edward Wallace Hall

Edward Wallace Hall was born June 17, 1924 near Ancho, NM. He was the firstborn child of Lorena Hall (Mount) and joined LP Hall's four older children, Louise, Virgil, Edith, and Leonard. His brother, Donald, and sister, Martha Lou were born on the ranch in NM. His youth was spent on his father's ranch where he had many adventures and enjoyed life with his siblings. He was a bright student, but illnesses and ranching obligations prevented him from completing high school.

Wallace initially thought to attend Asbury College, but God had another plan. He attended God's Bible School in Ohio to complete his high school credits. Here, he met "the best thing that ever happened in my life", Glenna Lynn Green. He married her in West Virginia on Aug. 15, 1947. They moved to Kentucky where Wallace continued his studies in religion in preparation for the ministry.

The young couple moved back to New Mexico to assist in moving LP's ranching operation to western North Dakota. After helping the family, Wallace attended college at Eastern New Mexico University. Wallace received the gift of his firstborn son, William Parker, in 1950. After graduating with a degree in history and religious studies, Wallace began preaching as a Methodist minister. Over the next two years he served among four communities in eastern New Mexico as a circuit preacher.

Wallace and Glenna visited Trotters, ND to celebrate Donald's marriage to Joan in 1953. While there, Wallace told LP he did not feel called to be a minister, so LP invited Wallace to ranch with the family. Wallace and Donald partnered well together on the ranch and ran a successful operation.

Wallace and Glenna had Katrinka Ann in 1954. The couple began to teach school in eastern Montana in 1956 and returned to the ranch on weekends and each spring. When there were enough students in the Trotters community to open a school, Wallace moved the family back to the ranch. The years spent on Beaver Creek were filled with joy and sorrow, abundance and loss, and memories to fill the storyteller's soul.

Wallace and Glenna adopted their son Keltz Fletcher in the winter of 1967. They adopted their son Karsten Jess in the spring of 1969. Wallace enjoyed being a father and loved his children with a forgiving and enduring love.

Even though Wallace was a career rancher, he remained active in the work of the church. He taught many Sunday school classes, joined the Gideon's, and served as a church elder. His love for God's word and thankfulness for God's grace defined his life. He performed weddings and preached when the need arose. He considered it a privilege to visit the elderly and the sick and had the ability to grieve with those in sorrow. He was compassionate to those he thought the 'underdog'.

Wallace and Donald sold their ranch in 2006 but Wallace bought another ranch near Richey, MT and continued ranching. He found great joy on the back of a good horse and never gave up his passion of caring for cattle. In fact, he rode at his branding this spring. A great way to describe Wallace - a cattleman with an affinity and weakness for horses.

Wallace was a praying man. As his eyesight failed and he could no longer read the Bible, he spent even more time in prayer. He prayed daily for the nation, for the leaders, for his children, for his grandchildren, and he prayed for his great-grandchildren by name.

Wallace went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Nov. 16, 2020. He was welcomed by Glenna, his wife of 69 years. And after 54 years, he was also reunited with his son, Parker. Wallace had numerous friends and relatives whom he longed to see again. He is survived by his daughter, Katrinka (David); sons, Keltz (Cindy) and Karsten; ten grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., Nov. 25- Sun., Nov. 29, 12 p.m.
Fairview Community Foundation Festival of Trees & Wreaths Online Bidding Event - To bid visit the Fairview Community Foundation Facebook page. Other options available to bid if you do not have facebook. For more information Trish Buxbaum, 406-489-0390 or Mel Hurley, 406-480-0184.

Wed., Nov. 25
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Exhibit** - showing through Jan. 2. **Ruth Kendig Photography Show**, showing through Jan. 2. - **Gordon McConnell: When The West Was Won** - showing through Jan. 2. - **30th Annual Miniature Art Show** - showing through Jan. 16. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.

Thurs., Nov. 26
11 a.m.-7 p.m. - **Thanksgiving Meal Pickup & Delivery Only** - VFW, no dine in, free delivery. Must pre-order, call or text 406-480-9194, \$25.

Fri., Nov. 27
9-11 a.m. - **Social Distancing With Santa** - Families are invited to come join Santa for donuts and have a photo taken and to write a letter to Santa. Masks required. Christmas masks will be provided for children. LYREC lower yard, 2900 W. Holly St. \$5 photo or free will donation for Boys & Girls Club.
3:30 p.m. - **18th Annual Parade of Trees Auction** - View holiday trees, wreaths, ornaments, and centerpieces through the windows of Yellowstone Mercantile Building. Bid virtually on these pieces from Nov. 23-27, by texting BGCTrees20 to 76278.
6:30 p.m. - **"It's a Small Town Christmas" Parade of Lights** - The parade will start at the south parking lot of Western Choice Cooperative and Lucky Lil's Casino. The Sidney Rockettes will be part of the entertainment. Santa Claus will stop at Reese and Rays IGA after the parade for cookies and cocoa (or cider) with the kids.

Mon., Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, 18, Feb. 1, 15
6:30-8 p.m. - **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Meetings** - Open to all Moms with school aged children and younger. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1101 Madison Lane. No childcare provided. For more information call Stacy Abar, 406-672-1463.

Wed., Dec. 2
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Turkey noodle soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Sat., Dec. 5
8 a.m.-noon - **Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak Children's Christmas Shoppe** - \$5 per child. Each child should bring an index card with parents and siblings names, gender and ages. Volunteers will help children shop and wrap gifts for parents and siblings. LYREC lower yard, 2900 W Holly St. Masks required, parents should accompany their child to the building and wait until a volunteer escorts them into the building.
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturdays** - All participants must make an appointment, 406-433-3500, mdhc@richland.org. Participants limited to 7 maximum. Adults 18+ years old only, masks required. Take home an Art to go Kit for your little ones. MonDak Heritage Center. If you can't make it during open studio hours set up an appointment with Jessica, 406-433-3500.
5:30 p.m. - **Sidney Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Dinner** - Richland County Fairgrounds. Tickets at sidneydu.org or 406-548-2569.

Wed., Dec. 9
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Knoephla soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Thurs., Dec. 10
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Christmas Lunch** - Sidney Country Club - RSVP by Dec. 8. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.

Sat., Dec. 12
7 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Gifts From The Heart Free Store** - Masonic Temple, W Main Street across from courthouse. Masks are required no exceptions. One parent/guardian per household to shop, no children, 15 minutes minimum, only 3 people in building at one time. Gifts must be for children 0-18 and reside in Richland County. If you or your business wishes to donate or volunteer contact Jakkie Waller, 406-480-9117.

Sun., Dec. 13
5:30 p.m. - **Sidney Moose Lodge Christmas Dinner** - All members and family invited. Bring an item for the Richland County Food Bank. Santa Claus at 6:30 p.m. Lodge provides entrée meal, members bring salad or dessert.

Mon., Dec. 14
7 p.m. - **Snacks & Chats** - Anxiety & depression support group for teens ages 13-19. Board games, foosball, ping pong and treats. Pella Church, not church related.

Tues., Dec. 15
12 p.m. - **Job Service Employers Committee Meeting (JSEC)** - Open to everyone. Reynolds Market conference room. For more information call Margie 406-433-1204 ext. 204.

Wed., Dec. 16
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Taco soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.

Sun., Dec. 20
9 a.m.-noon - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., Nov. 27
6:30 p.m. - **"Christmas Bliss" Parade of Lights** - The parade starts at Park Ave and Main Street, North on Main Street and East on 4th Ave out to the fair grounds. Ave out to the Fair Grounds.

Fri., Nov. 27-Fri., Jan. 1, 2021
2nd Annual Candy Cane Lane Drive Thur Event - Displays will be set up at the McKenzie County Fairgrounds. For more information or to reserve a spot contact make a Wish Volunteers, Carolyn Levang, 701-770-6938 or Chris Kubal, 701-307-0516. All proceeds will be given to North Dakota Make A Wish Foundation.

Tues., Dec. 1
5-7 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times and updates.

Sat., Dec. 5
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Christmas Fest** - Entry fee \$5. Vendor show, pictures with Santa, letters to Santa, Christmas crafts, games, face painting, swimming, ice skating and Christmas tree auction, a community donation fundraiser. Rough Rider Center. Facemasks and social distancing will be implemented.

Sat., Dec. 12
5-8 p.m. - **Dan Brown Benefit** - Enjoy great food, music and a silent auction. Watford City Eagles Club, 1904 Main St. All money raised will help Dan and LeeAnn Brown with medical and travel expenses.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Fri., Nov. 27
6-8 p.m. - **Holiday Lights Tour, Light Up Harmon Park** - Take a drive around Williston to see the local businesses and organizations decorations outside their offices, shops, restaurants and parking lots. Harmon park lights will be turned on at 6 p.m. Vote through Nov. 28 for best decorated business at willistonchamber.com.
Sat., Nov. 28 - Thurs., Dec. 31
5:30-9:30 p.m. - **2020 Spring Lake Park Holiday Lights Drive** - The park will be filled with lighted displays. \$5 per car. Gate passes will be available, get a book of 10 for \$40. For more information contact the CVB at 701-774-9041 or stop at Visitors Center, 212 Airport Road to purchase your book of passes.

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Sidney Health Center Holds Annual Membership Meeting

Submitted by Rita Steinbeisser, Senior Executive, Marketing Sidney Health Center

Sidney - The Annual Membership Meeting of Sidney Health Center was held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Richland County Fair Event Center. Highlights of the meeting included presentations from Clifton Larson Allen on the audited financials as well as reports from the Chief of Medical Staff, Dr. Leszek Jaszczak, Chief Executive Officer, Jennifer Doty, and Lance Averett, Board of Directors President.

Two board members were re-elected to the board including Lance Averett and Bob Burnison. Other board members include Rebecca Bradley, Stephanie Carroll, Randy Johnson, Kevin Mayer, Terry Sivertson, and Cheryl Van Every as well as Dr. Jaszczak and Dr. Brett Bennion from the Medical Staff.

Sidney Health Center reportedly ended the fiscal year (July 2019 – June 2020) very strong financially with a 5.3% operating margin. Federal provider relief and paycheck protection program funding provided through the CARES act allowed our margin to stay intact despite the COVID-19 shutdown of many clinic visits, surgical procedures, and outpatient services for most of the last quarter. This

remarkable success can be attributed to the hard work and efforts to streamline the revenue cycle, the continued growth and expansion of services and departments meeting and in some cases exceeding their budget, turnover, employee engagement and finance goals.

Annual employee turnover results reported a record-low of 15% for fiscal year 2020, compared to the national healthcare average of 20%. These results have continued to decline since hitting an all-time high in fiscal year 2015 of 37%. Since fiscal year 2017, the annual employee turnover rate has hovered around 18% indicating a stable workforce. Sidney Health Center is one of the largest employers in Richland County with over 500 employees amounting to salary and benefits in excess of \$36.6 million.

With COVID-19 precautions in place, the Annual Membership Meeting looked a little different compared to previous years. The location changed to the Fair Event Center to allow for social distancing as chairs were spaced 6 feet apart, face-mask use was required and no meal was served.

Other highlights that were reported included the impacts of COVID-19 to the operations of the hospital, clinic and long-term care facilities including surge-capacity planning, stocking

up on personal protective equipment, COVID testing, increased communication efforts and workforce challenges.

“Adjusting to the new normal has been a phrase repeated continuously since March and it is easier said than done,” stated Doty during her presentation. “We have all been tasked with trying to respond to an ever-changing situation where the ‘new normal’ is uncertainty with no clear end date and information is rapidly changing. I am proud of our team’s response to the pandemic and for their resiliency, collaboration, and creativity.”

Since April, almost 200 employees have been exposed, quarantined or tested positive for COVID-19. Of those 200, 62 employees have tested positive with COVID-19. One of the main concerns has always been the health and well-being of the workforce. To meet the



Sidney Health Centers Board of Directors (L-R) Dr. Brett Bennion, Vice Chief of Medical Staff; Robert Burnison; Jennifer Doty, CEO; Stephanie Carroll; Cheryl VanEvery; Randy Johnson; Terry Sivertson; Dr. Leszek Jaszczak, Chief of Medical Staff; and Lance Averett, Board President. Not Pictured: Kevin Mayer and Rebecca Bradley. (Photo submitted by Rita Steinbeisser)

needs of the community, staff have cross-trained to assist in short-handed departments, worked overtime, and hired traveling clinical workers including nurses, lab techs, and physicians to cover shifts.

In closing, Doty paid tribute to leaders, medical staff and front-line workers across the organization, stating, “Our employees have been tasked with what

seems like the impossible and risen to the challenge. They show up to serve and have been innovative in providing safe, high-quality care despite being exhausted and overwhelmed at times.”

Sidney Health Center is a membership organization. To become a member of Sidney Health Center, individuals and businesses pay a one-time membership fee of \$100. In the last year,

10 new members joined the organization, totaling 248 individual members and 61 business memberships. To become a member or for more information, please call Kaila Roth, Executive Assistant at 488-2364 or stop in at Sidney Health Center administration. You can also visit our website www.sidneyhealth.org/About/Membership-Info.

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A.B.A.T.E. Annual Toy Drive, Nov. 27, Sidney

The Lower Yellowstone Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. seeks toy or cash donations for the 26th Annual Toy Drive

The Lower Yellowstone Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) is a nonprofit organization in Montana that promotes motorcycle education, safety and awareness. The organization is involved in various community activities across Montana.

In Richland County they have worked closely with the Christmas Coalition for 21 years; gathering, buying, and donating toys for Gifts From The Heart. Last year, in the community, they distributed gifts to 378 children among 120 families. The

chapter collects most of the toys and monetary donations from area companies, businesses, and individuals. This continued support is what keeps the toy drive going.

Are you looking for a tax-deductible contribution that will make a difference in a child’s life at Christmas? There are many ways to donate. Some area businesses will have either cash or toy donation boxes. They include Johnson Hardware & Furniture, Tractor Supply Company, Elks Lodge, Footers, HealthWorks and Sidney Mercantile. Buy a gift from or drop it off at Johnson Hardware & Furniture during the Christmas Stroll on Nov.

27 and receive a free meal. The A.B.A.T.E. organization will be selling chili, hot cocoa, hot apple cider, and baked goods. Most of the ingredients and supplies are generously donated from Johnson Hardware and Furniture as a fundraiser for the toy drive. Monetary donations can be mailed directly to Stockman Bank-ABATE, 301 W Holly St., Sidney, MT 59270 or Maria Hodge, PO Box 62, Crane, MT 59217. Arrangements can be made to pick up toys by calling Maria Hodge at 406-480-3597.

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Gifts From The Heart Dec. 12 In Sidney

Submitted by Jakkie Waller

Gifts From the Heart season has blown in just like winter did, very quickly! Our selected date this year is Saturday, Dec. 12. We will continue to provide this free “store” at the Masonic Temple, West Main Street, Sidney, across from the Courthouse. This is a one-day only event! In past years the “open” hours were from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Due to COVID-19, we are extending those hours this year. We will start at 7 a.m. and will close at 3 p.m.

There are a few more changes to follow the government mandates placed upon Montana. We strictly adhere to these temporary guidelines, with no exceptions, nor negotiations. A mask is REQUIRED to enter the building. Whatever your beliefs and/or feelings are on this issue, they have been taken into consideration. But in order to keep both shoppers and volunteers healthy for the holidays, we are mandating masks to enter the Masonic Temple on Saturday, Dec. 12. If you choose to come without a mask, one will be provided.

If you refuse, we will unfortunately be unable to serve you. Hand sanitizer will be available as well. If you have symptoms of illness, we ask that you please stay home out of consideration for others.

Another change, no one will have to stand in line in the cold morning weather. We will be issuing a number on a first come first serve basis, serving in consecutive order, allowing us to serve maximum three people in the building at a time. Normally it takes approximately 20-30 minutes per family. Due to our responsibilities to adhere to the state mandates, we are requesting only one parent/guardian per household to shop, allowing us to assist each shopper in a 15-minute maximum experience. Please do not bring any children to this event – we want them to be surprised when they receive their gifts!

In past years this store has provided hundreds of local families a way to provide Christmas for their children and food on the table. Our motto “From the community, For the

community, Back into the community” has enabled this non-profit organization to do just that! We have two stipulations to participate in Gifts From the Heart; the child(ren) must be 0-18 and reside with you in Richland County.

As many of you know, COVID-19 has hindered many things, and donations are among these. Due to this we are in extra need of donations including monetary contributions new toys, games, books, coats and clothing. Extra volunteers are always welcome, but especially this year with the added requirements that are being put in place. If you or your business would like to donate and/or volunteer this year, please contact Jakkie Waller at 406-480-9117.

We truly appreciate the community's generous donations, whether they are monetary, gifts and/or time! You are the reason Gifts From the Heart can continue to help those in need. Thank you for making this a success every year. May you have a blessed year and holiday season!

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City Of Williston Offers New Take On Holiday Tradition

Submitted by Caitlin Pallai, Communications Strategist, City of Williston Administration
Williston - Reintroduced in 2014, the Community

Christmas Tree is a holiday tradition enjoyed by all ages, from the moving process to the accompanied lighting ceremony.
While there will not be

a tree lighting ceremony this year due to COVID-19, the tree will be lit by Friday, Nov. 27 and a registered stop on the Holiday Lights Tour.
In addition, the City of Williston invites the community to participate in the first Community Christmas Tree Ornament Contest!
Individuals are encouraged to get creative and make their best ornament to hang on the tree for a chance to win a prize pack.
The contest is open to all ages with the following age groups:
• Under 6
• 7-10
• 11-14
• 15+
Beginning Monday, Nov. 30, individuals can place their homemade ornaments on the tree located

on the corner of 26th St. E. Contest participants have until Friday, Dec. 4 to place their ornaments.
To successfully enter the contest, individuals must:
• Take a picture of their ornament on the Community Christmas Tree or a picture of them placing their ornament on the Community Christmas Tree
• Submit pictures via Facebook Messenger to the City of Williston (@cityofwilliston) or the Williston Community Library (@willistoncommunitylibrary) or email to communications@ci.williston.nd.us.
• Include their name and age and a name for the ornament
• Place their ornament by Friday, Dec. 4
Two winners from each

age group will be selected on Monday, Dec. 7. All submissions will be showcased on the City of Williston Facebook and Instagram pages.
Individuals are reminded that ornaments will be out in the elements, but a future timeframe will be provided for those who would like to retrieve their ornaments, if desired. The Community Christmas Tree will stay up until early Jan. 2021.
Individuals are also invited to place ornaments on the tree without participating in the ornament contest.
A Colorado Blue Spruce from the corner of 9th St. E. and 3rd Ave. E., this year's tree is the largest in the last six years and was donated by Tiffany and Jason Brevik.
Tiffany Brevik expressed excitement and gratitude at finally seeing the tree removed.
"We've been trying to donate the tree for the past three years," admitted Brevik. "It's an old tree that we didn't want to fall in on the house, so I'm super excited."
Brevik added that they

would document the entire process and make a photo album to keep with the house at 307 9th St. E.
"The house is from the 1950s and we are trying to keep it as original as possible while updating," explained Brevik. "The album, alongside the original contract, will stay with the house."
The moving process began at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18 and progressed the rest of the day.
At 88 feet and 24,000 pounds, the tree was downsized by about 20 feet to ensure stability in its holder on the corner of 26th St. E.
This project was made possible by Dacotah West Crane Service, 11 Bravo Property Services, LLC., and City of Williston Public Works.
Drone footage was provided by Alliance Consulting.
For more information on this story, please contact Caitlin Pallai, Communications Strategist, at 701-713-3800 or caitlinp@ci.williston.nd.us.

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This year, in lieu of a parade, the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce will be organizing the first annual Holiday Lights Tour. All local businesses and organizations are invited to decorate outside their offices, shops, restaurants or parking lots. Park your regular parade float in front of your business! On Nov. 27, from 6-8 p.m. we invite the public to load up with their families, grab some hot cocoa at one of our great local coffee shops or kiosks, and take a drive around town to see the lights decorations and displays.
The following day, Nov. 28, is Small Business Saturday and you are encouraged to safely shop local and visit our small and locally owned businesses to kick off the Holiday Shopping Season.
Everyone in the community will be able to access a map of participating businesses, courtesy of Williams County! Voting for best-decorated business will be at willistonchamber.com through Nov. 28, but businesses are encouraged to leave their lights and displays up throughout the Holiday Season.
Lights at Harmon Park will be turned on at 6 p.m., Nov. 27.
Sign up to showcase your business's holiday light display as a part of our Lights Tour. Community members will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorations and displays! Thank you for being a part of spreading Holiday Cheer all through Williston.
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Watford City Student Advances To Nice Idea Showcase

Madison Namanny, Watford City High School, has been selected as one of five finalist teams to showcase their ideas during ND Innovation Day. Led by Kalsey Kronberg, students have been learning creativity, problem-solving and entrepreneurial thinking in Nice Idea, a free program that was launched this fall.

Competing against 30 teams from across North Dakota, students were given real challenges to work through and advanced to the Showcase by demonstrating a win/win partnership, design thinking and an opportunity mindset in their solution.

Students will be competing for cash prizes and NDSU scholarships for those who want to continue exploring entrepreneurship after high school.

Powered by The Nice Center at NDSU, ND Innovation Day is a celebration of North Dakotans who are putting innovation to work in their classroom, communities and businesses.

"Innovation is an essential skill for everyone - no matter their age. ND Innovation Day showcases how everyone from middle schoolers to retirees have the ability to make an idea come to life to improve their communities." - Scott Meyer, Ozbun Executive Director Entrepreneurship.

The event will be live streamed on Nov. 19 from 1-4 p.m. CST. Tickets are free and available at www.NDIInnovationDay.com.

Rau Elementary School Student Of The Quarter

Rau Elementary School is proud to announce Megan Rachor, fifth grade daughter of Mat and Sarah Rachor, as their Student of the Quarter. Megan is a hardworking and kindhearted student. She is a great example to the other students at Rau because she tackles new challenges head on and eagerly participates in activities with a positive attitude. She puts all of her effort into her work as she completes assignments with quality in mind. Megan is responsible, respectful, and is always happy to help teachers and peers alike. She is polite to everyone and follows the rules in the classroom, lunchroom, and on the playground. Megan enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends. Great job Megan!



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Dan Brown Benefit, Watford City, Dec. 12

Dan and LeeAnn Brown have been a part of the Watford City community since 2011. The Browns have been giving back to this amazing community by helping people move, finding shelter for families due to the tornado, holding family activity events and helping home businesses stay afloat.

As 2020 has not been hard enough, Dan was diagnosed with stage 3 prostate cancer on Sept. 1. Since then the cancer has been so aggressive that it has passed from the lymph nodes and now attaching to other organs.

Dan's current treatment has definitely not been easy. He is currently taking heavy doses of radiation treatment five days a week and was prescribed chemo treatment in the pill form, which he has to take seven days a week. The cost of Dan's treatment is \$3,000 a day. After insurance Dan and LeeAnn are left with the patient responsibility of \$850 and were told this would be their new normal for the next two years.

Dan and LeeAnn have been doing everything they can. With Dan's radiation treatment in Bismarck Monday-Friday he is forced to commute a 100 miles one way to Dickinson so he can try and continue working knowing he has to drive the same 100 miles back to Bismarck that same day for the next day of treatment. LeeAnn manages the Long X Liquor Store during the week and has been able to spend time with Dan when he is able to come home to Watford City, from Bismarck on the weekend.

The Watford City community has always helped one another in dire times of need and now it is time to come together to help Dan & LeeAnn as they have for others in the past.

The Brown benefit will be held 5-8 p.m., Sat., Dec. 12 at Watford City Eagles Club and will include great food, music and a silent auction. The benefit goal is to raise \$10,000. This will help eliminate the burden of Dan's treatments and the financial strain of Dan's driving back and forth on the weekends just to be able to see his wife, his best friend, for 32 hours before having to return to Bismarck.

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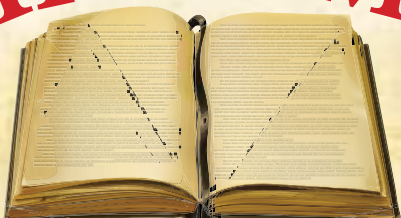

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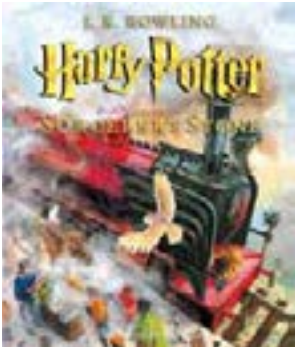
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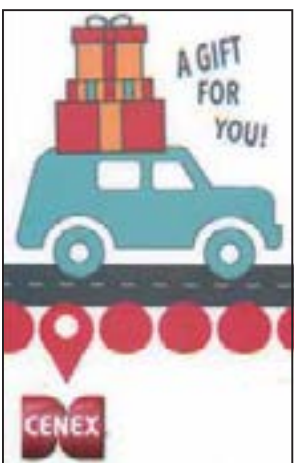
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Farm Bureau Survey: Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Down 4%

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, Ag NewsWire

Thanksgiving celebrations will look different for many Americans this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gatherings are likely to be fewer and farther between, with social distancing and perhaps even remote family get-togethers. One tradition that continues this year is the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual cost survey of classic items found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table.

Farm Bureau's 35th annual survey indicates the average cost of this year's Thanksgiving feast for 10 remains affordable at \$46.90 or less than \$5 per person. This is a \$2.01 decrease from last year's average of \$48.91.

"It's impressive to see in this survey that food, and especially the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, is still very affordable," noted Montana Farm Bureau President Hans McPherson. "Our farmers and ranchers have continued to produce the safest, most economical food in the history of the world during a pandemic. We know Thanksgiving is going to look different this year with restrictions on large gatherings, but we hope everyone can still celebrate in a safe manner and be thankful for the food on their table."

"The average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner is the lowest since 2010," said AFBF Chief Economist Dr. John Newton. "Pricing whole turkeys as 'loss leaders' to entice shoppers and move product is a strategy we're seeing retailers use that's increasingly common the closer we get to the holiday," he explained.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables – the turkey – costs less than last year, at \$19.39 for a 16-lb. bird. That's roughly \$1.21 per pound, down 7% from last year. The survey results show that retail turkey prices are the lowest since 2010.

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

In addition to turkey, foods that showed slight price declines include whipping cream and sweet potatoes. Foods showing modest increases this year included dinner rolls, cubed bread stuffing and pumpkin pie mix. After adjusting for inflation, the cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner is \$18.01, down slightly from last year.

In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, potatoes and frozen green beans. Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost by \$13.21, to \$60.11. This updated basket of foods also declined slightly in price (4%) compared to 2019.

Although it's difficult to predict if panic purchasing will again become a concern due to the pandemic, "Turkeys – and other staples of the traditional Thanksgiving meal – are currently in ample supply at grocery stores in most areas of the country," Newton said.

Farmers' perseverance in continuing to produce food throughout the pandemic despite the challenges of volatile markets has been recognized by the public, according to recent AFBF public opinion research. Nearly nine in 10 adults (88%) trust farmers, a 4% increase from AFBF's June

2020 polling. Further, the #StillFarming campaign tells the stories of farmers and ranchers still hard at work during the pandemic – and the challenges they are overcoming to feed America and the world.

This year's national average cost was calculated using more than 230 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states. Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers were encouraged to check prices online using grocery store apps and websites due to the pandemic. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.

The AFBF Thanksgiving dinner survey was first conducted in 1986. The informal survey provides a record of comparative holiday meal costs over the years. Farm Bureau's classic survey menu has remained unchanged since 1986 to allow for consistent price comparisons.

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Submitted by Kristine Gifford, Communications
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Even so, today there are an estimated 10 million Americans (and 35 million people worldwide) who descend from those original passengers according to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. This means three out of 100 people in the United States may claim descendancy from these early pilgrims. Are you one of them?

Find out by signing up for a free account with www.familysearch.org and then go to the Activities tab or section. (FamilySearch.org is the largest collection of free family history, family tree, and genealogy records in the world.) FamilySearch also allows users to connect themselves with famous people – movie stars, presidents, royalty and, yes, even passengers on the Mayflower. You can also identify relationships with athletes, renowned scientists, signers of the Declaration of Independence and others!

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In 1996, George began his career at a bank in Forsyth, MT as ag loan representative. From there, he assumed a similar position in Scobey in 2000, before he returned to his hometown of Glendive, MT in 2003 in order to manage Heritage Bank. George's specific passion for a community driven, or "small town", bank was very apparent as Heritage Bank transitioned into US Bank and he realized it was not the career path he wished to stay on.

Belle Fourche called George to South Dakota with a position as an ag/commercial lender at First Interstate Bank, where he was presented with an opportunity a short time later that allowed him to relocate to Buffalo, SD in 2011. While there, George attended the Colorado School of Banking and graduated in 2015. The educational growth he experienced allowed him to assume the position of Manager in 2017, but career motivation was not the only thing that kept George in Buffalo.

This small town in South Dakota was an ideal place to raise a family, in the opinion of George and his wife (circa 1997), Bobbi. Their oldest son, Jake, graduated from high school and left Buffalo to attend Dickinson State University and play football. Their youngest son, however, moved to Fairview with Wade and Bobbi as

a senior in high school, in the fall of 2020. Between Jake's role in college football and Garrett's participation in various high school sports, the Georges spend most of their time keeping up with their sons. When down time occurs, George prefers being at the lake or helping friends with projects.

George's focus is on ag lending but also has extensive commercial lending experience. "In small communities you tend to wear lots of hats," he stated.

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