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## Watford City's Best Of The West Ribfest Cancelled

By Angie Moe

**Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce President**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of this year's Best of the West Ribfest in Watford City, scheduled for Aug. 14.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly. The board of directors has had numerous meetings and discussions regarding the best interest of everyone involved to include the safety of our residents. After consulting with an attorney, the ND Department of Health and local medical staff to achieve the CDC and ND State Guidelines with this event, is virtually impossible. to be held

We know that this will come as an enormous disappointment, not only to our teams and vendors but to our community as Ribfest is a great event that people look forward to all year.

We want to thank our community for your patience and understanding as we conducted our research and diligence in coming to this difficult decision. We will continue to collaborate and work together to find creative and safe methods, to promote our community and local businesses.

We are actively planning our Best of the West Ribfest 2021. Save the date, Aug. 13, 2021!

## Agriculture is Everywhere Promotion Now Underway

By Bill Vander Weele

**Sidney Chamber Executive Director**

Thanks to the generosity of Tri-County Implement, the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is excited to announce the "Agriculture is Everywhere Promotion" is now underway.

The promotion started Monday and runs for five straight weeks at participating stores. When the first shopper finds the matchbox size Case International tractor at a store, that week's lucky shopper will receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks. The store where the tractor will be located changes each week. Tri County Implement is donating the Chamber Bucks.

Power 95 has agreed to run announcements and hints regarding the promotion.

The goal of the promotion is to encourage more people to shop at Sidney's stores. During these challenging times, we also want to remind shoppers that we are an agriculture community and need to continue to support farmers' and ranchers' efforts by calling the promotion, "Agriculture is Everywhere."

Participating stores include The Merge, J'z Fashion, Sidney Mercantile, Johnson Hardware and Furniture, Meraki, Mimi's Kitchen, Party Central, Tri-County Implement, MT Bare Cave and High Caliber Sports. If you wish for your business to be added to the list, please contact the Sidney Chamber at 433-1916 or director@sidneymt.com.

## COVID-19 Update Richland Co.

By Stephanie Ler, RS, MPH, Richland County Health Department Public Information Officer

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** The Richland County Health Department is announcing two additional active case of COVID-19 in Richland County residents. This brings the total case count to 12. Five of the total cases are recovered, and seven are active. The recent cases are as follows:

Case 12: A male in his 30's who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The case investigation is ongoing and contact tracing has begun. The individual was symptomatic.

Case 11: A female in her 60's who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The case investigation is ongoing, and contact tracing has begun. The case was identified through contact tracing, and had been undergoing quarantine when symptoms developed.

Health Department staff has identified many close contacts of the active cases and continue to make contact tracing calls daily. Close contacts will be asked to be tested.

Case 10: A male between the ages of 0 and 9 who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The case investigation is ongoing, and contact tracing has begun. The case was identified through contact tracing.

Case 9: A female in her 40s who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The case investigation is ongoing, and contact tracing has begun. The case was identified through contact tracing.

Take the following steps to aid in the contact tracing process and protect yourself and your family:

- Please have your voicemail set up and cleared so that you can receive messages.
- Do not go in to get tested unless you hear from the Health Department or are asked to do so.
- Limit your contact with others. Avoid large group gatherings. Wear a mask when social distancing is difficult.
- Monitor yourself and family members for the development of COVID-19 symptoms, including a new/sudden dry cough, shortness of breath, body aches, sore throat, fatigue and a fever of 100.5 or greater. If you are experiencing these symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

Continue to practice COVID-19 precautions, including staying home when you are sick, monitoring for symptoms, washing your hands, and cover your cough. Vulnerable populations, including those over 65 and those with compromised immune systems, should continue to shelter in place.

The COVID-19 Information Line remains open and staffed. A knowledgeable public health staff member can answer your questions by calling 406-433-6947.

## Bennion Family Will Share Musical Talents At Sunrise Festival Of The Arts, July 11

By Bill Vander Weele

**Sidney Chamber Executive Director**

The Bennion Family will share their musical talents as part of the 30th annual Sunrise Festival of the Arts, presented by Dasinger Oil Properties, on Saturday, July 11.

The day at Veterans Memorial Park will feature a great variety of talent including Sunrise Brass, a short play by Sidney students and Cutting Edge Dance Studio performers.

Children of Dr. Brett and Daniela Bennion: Annika, 17, Bronte, 15, and Tarquin, 13, are looking forward to entertaining the crowd starting at about 11:40 a.m. on July 11.

It's been six years since the Bennions have performed at the Sunrise Festival of the Arts. "It's been a long time because they have been busy going to camps in the summer," Daniela explained.

Selections will include Tarquin and Annika playing the fiddle and Bronte singing, "Summer Time." Tarquin will play and sing "Dust in the Wind." Annika will perform a classical number on her violin.

"We have two songs that we will sing together acapella, the four of us," Daniela said.

Annika is a contestant in this year's Miss Montana Outstanding Teen program. The event is scheduled to take place in Glendive on July 19-25.

The three Bennion children have increased their musical skills through online classes with instructors from throughout the world.

"They've had teachers all the way from Scotland to Mexico," Daniela said.

Currently, they have instructors from Florida, Tennessee, Idaho, North Dakota and California.

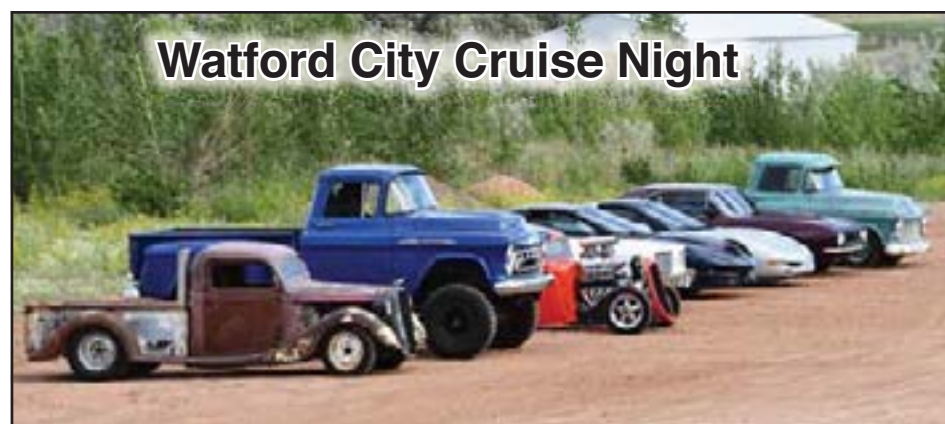
The Sunrise Festival of the Arts connects local and regional artists, craftspeople and authors with shoppers and



**Annika Bennion with her fiddle. (Submitted photo)**

enthusiasts. The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Sunrise Festival Committee plans and executes a full day of shopping, demonstrations, live entertainment, kids activities and food options. The Kids Korner is sponsored by Union Gateway Agency.

Purchase a Sunrise Festival button and redeem discounts offered by local merchants and enter to win prizes, including the annual grand prize: a piece of art from the featured artist of the year. Sidney native Cole Fink of Fink Furniture has been selected as the featured artist for this year's Sunrise Festival of the Arts.



**Watford City residents participated in a Cruise Night on June 25. Classic cars, trucks and bikes lined up in the Outsiders Bar & Grill parking lot and drove down Main Street to Tourist Park and back. They also gave prizes for best 50s theme dressed and best vehicle.**

## Drug-Free Communities Launches Coalition, Social Media Campaign



**The Dry Society Society met on Wednesday, June 10 and will continue to hold meetings twice a month on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the Community Service Building, Sidney. (L to R) Loren Schweiger, Louisa Amos, and Shea Roberts.**

By Louisa Amos, BA

The Richland County Health Department received funding for the Drug-Free Communities grant at the end of last year. This 5-year grant provides the capacity for engineering a new project that focuses on youth substance use prevention.

Here is a brief update of grant activities as it gets off the ground.

The grant established a new coalition, a group by the name of "The Dry Society". We would like to invite the youth, particularly middle and high school students, as well as interested parties to attend and provide feedback about projects and ideas. Meetings are being held twice a month on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the Community Service Building (check our Facebook for the most recent information).

Youth substance use is a complicated issue. There are many avenues for prevention and substances to target. However, the coalition has decided to focus on youth consumption of alcohol. Youth alcohol use has been indicated to be an important cultural community issue. When the CHA (Community Health Assessment) was completed in 2018, Eighty-one per cent of Richland County viewed alcohol abuse as a community problem. Particularly, binge drinking is of concern. Binge drinking was chosen as a focus area because the area youth and community members selected

it as a primary concern. Unfortunately, our county has very high rates of binge drinking. According to the 2018 PNA (Prevention Needs Assessment), 42% of high school seniors reported binge drinking in the past two weeks compared to only 27% at a state level. The Dry Society will be addressing the community needs at large rather than narrowing in on substance use niches. By targeting the youth in general, we are hoping to facilitate a cultural shift away from the use of substances as a coping mechanism.

Our little slice of Montana can help stop our youth from using substances by taking a proactive approach and offering information about the risks, the consequences and providing safe alternatives to drinking. Our community believes strongly in supporting our kids and that's what The Dry Society is all about.

Our first major project is implementing a social media awareness campaign. We have built a Facebook group, an Instagram and a Snapchat. We will be providing more information about the effects of substance use on youth as well as providing alternative activities and ways to get involved with the coalition.

Please follow The Dry Society on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thedrysociety>, <https://www.instagram.com/thedrysocietyrichland/> and Snapchat: thedrysociety to learn more and get involved!





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**FAMILY FAITH NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 10TH**

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**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**  
**Sakakawea**

Current Elevation.....	1843.3
Last Week's Elev. ....	1842.3
One Year Ago .....	1851.6
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	28,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 22.....	74	48	0.00
June 23.....	84	45	0.00
June 24.....	93	53	0.00
June 25.....	82	61	0.01
June 26.....	88	52	0.00
June 27.....	94	55	0.02
June 28.....	77	62	0.55
Total 2020 YTD Precipitation.....	2.932		

# OBITUARIES

## Dustin Portra, 23 Sidney, MT

A memorial service for Dustin Portra, 23, Sidney, MT will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Clayton-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Wolf Point, MT under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Dustin passed away early Saturday morning, June 13, 2020 at his home in Sidney, MT.

## Sidney Health Center Announces Area Births

**Jaxx Clayton Mullin**  
Jaxx Clayton Mullin was born Monday, May 18, 2020, to Emily and Matthew Mullin, Watford City, ND. He weighed 6 lbs., 14.4 oz. Maternal grandparents are Karla Hunter and Travis Rindahl and paternal grandparents are Clayton Mullin and Victoria Buckendorf. He joins sister Bria and brother Gage.

**Eden Jeanne Terry**  
Eden Jeanne Terry was born Friday, May 22, 2020, to Tiffany and Brannndon Terry, Watford City, ND. She weighed 8 lbs., 12.1 oz. Maternal grandparents are Jeanne and Tracy Strom and Jeff and Amy Wiebe and paternal grandparents are Kathy and Scott Haller and Ronnie Terry. She joins brother Oscar.

**Beckham Thomas Blotsky**  
Beckham Thomas Blotsky was born Friday, May 29, 2020, to parents LaLynda and Zachary Blotsky, Mayville, ND. He weighed 8 lbs., 4.6 oz. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Gwenie Nelson and paternal grandparents are Randy and Kim Blotsky. He joins sister Lennon and brother Isaac.

**Juliana Michelle Tringali**  
Juliana Michelle Tringali was born Friday, May 29, 2020, to Katie and Mike Tringali, Sidney. She weighed 6 lbs., 11.5 oz. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Jennie LaChance and paternal grandparent is Mary Master. She joins brother Michael.

**Stormii Hayden Cundiff**  
Stormii Hayden Cundiff was born Monday, June 1, 2020, to Victoria Straight and Derek Cundiff, Sidney. She weighed 7 lbs., 9.3 oz. Maternal grandparents are Wanda Bigelow and Bradford Straight and paternal grandparents are Larry Cundiff and Kimberly Cundiff.

**Jagger Van Fasching**  
Jagger Van Fasching was born Tuesday, June 2, 2020, to Vanessa & Steven Fasching, Sidney. He weighed 7 lbs., 11.9 oz. Maternal grandparents are Tim and Robyn Hurst and paternal grandparents are Dave and Darlene Fasching. He joins sister MaKenzie and brother Bridger.

**Camryn Marie Wright**  
Camryn Marie Wright was born Friday, June 5, 2020, to Jacalyn Wright, Lambert. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. Maternal grandparents are Suzanne and Chris Torgerson and Glenn Wright. She joins sister Blayke Williamson

**Josiah Matias Youngman**  
Josiah Matias Youngman was born Friday, June 5, 2020, to Latisha Youngman, Poplar. He weighed 7 lbs., 2.3 oz. Maternal grandparent is Dalonna Youngman.

**Lucy Ann Johnston**  
Lucy Ann Johnston was born Friday, June 5, 2020, to Kayla Portlock and Chris Johnston, Sidney. She weighed 8 lbs., 6.7 oz. Maternal grandparent is DeDe Portlock and paternal grandparent is Cathy Gerten. She joins sisters Hagen and Baylee and brother Dante.

**Beckett West Chandler**  
Beckett West Chandler was born Sunday, June 7, 2020, to Michelle and Chance Chandler, Plentywood. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. Maternal grandparents are Doug and Jackie West and paternal grandparents are Fay Chandler and the late Sue Herness. He joins sisters Blythe and Rowyn.

## What Does It Mean To Be Released From COVID-19 Isolation?

By Stephanie Ler, RS, MPH, Richland County Health Department Public Information Officer

COVID-19 isolation is recommended for active positive cases. Isolation means that a sick person is asked to stay at home, away from others, to prevent the spread of the disease. Exposed or positive household members may spend time together. Individuals in isolation may also spend time outdoors. Active cases must wear a mask if going out in public is absolutely necessary.

Individuals who were named as close contacts are considered exposed, and are asked to be tested and quarantined. The quarantine lasts 14 days past the last exposure. During this time, the individual will monitor their health for the development of COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms do not develop during this time, the individual is released from quarantine by the Health Department, and may return to normal activities.

Active cases of COVID-19 are considered recovered and released from isolation when the following criteria are met:

- The individual has been free of a fever for more than 72 hours; AND
- More than 10 days have lapsed since the first onset of symptoms; AND
- Respiratory symptoms have improved.

All three criteria must be met to be released. Richland County Health Department representatives contact active cases to conduct a health and symptom check daily. Individuals are released by the Richland County Health Officer based on these daily health checks, which assure the criteria for release are met. Recovered individuals must also meet any requirements put forth by their employer, which may include a negative test result.

Recovered cases are no longer deemed infectious, and do not pose a risk to the public. Recovered cases are free to return to normal activities, including work, day care, church and recreational activities.

All Richland County residents should continue to protect themselves from COVID-19 by staying home when you are sick, monitoring for symptoms, washing your hands, and cover your cough. Vulnerable populations, including those over 65 and those with compromised immune systems, should continue to shelter in place.

For all COVID-19 related questions or concerns, please call the 24/7 Information Line at 406-433-6947.

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

**Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.**  
**Kids Eat Free: Mon.-Fri. Last Day July 31**  
8-9 a.m. - **Breakfast** - All kids welcome. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Lunch** - BGC Lonsdale Center Clubhouse, 201 3rd Ave. SE. - 12-12:30 p.m. - **Lunch** - BGC Food Trailer, 415 S. Central behind Sidney Middle School.  
**Wed., July 1**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Montana's Women Veterans of World War One Exhibit** - Through July 20. **Synthesizing Icons: Composite Photographs by Larry Blackwood** - Through Aug. 29. **Golden Sunlight by Jerry Rankin** - This print series focuses on the Golden Sunlight Mine near Rankin's home in Whitehall, MT. Through Aug. 29. Viewing is free and open to the public. MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org) or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.  
**Art Time With Miss Jess** - Visit the MonDak Heritage Center YouTube Channel and view a series of Art Projects to do at home!  
**Thurs., July 2**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Montana Shakespeare in the Park** - Performing Shakespeare's Cymbeline. Veterans Memorial Park. Free event.  
**Sat., July 4**  
**Lambert 4th of July cancelled** - Due to Covid-19 and socially distancing protocols Lambert Community has canceled the activities for 2020's July 4th. Hope to see everyone for the celebration on July 4th in 2021.  
**Sundays, 3 p.m.; July 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**Tuesdays, 6 p.m.; July 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**Open Shooting** - Sidney Trap Club. Open to the public through Sept. 1. For more information call 406-480-5594.  
**Fri., July 10**  
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - **Kiwanis Pie Social & Lunch** - 100% benefit to children; optional curb-side pickup, Veterans Memorial Park. For more information visit [SidneyKiwanis.org](http://SidneyKiwanis.org).  
6:30 p.m. - **Family Faith Night** - Registration 6:30 p.m.; Children's Bible Classes & Activities, 7-9 p.m.; Devotional 9 p.m.; starting at dusk outdoor movie "Breakthrough", snacks & drinks provided, bring lawn chairs and blankets. Sidney Church of Christ, 905 4th St. SW. For more information call 406-433-3456 or 406-480-5321 or email [sidneychurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:sidneychurchofchrist@gmail.com).  
**Sat., July 11**  
8 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Sunrise Festival Of The Arts** - Enjoy shopping, demonstrations, live entertainment, kid's activities, and food options. Purchase a Sunrise Festival button and redeem discounts offered by local merchants and enter to win prizes. Veterans Memorial Park.  
12 p.m. - **2nd Annual Classic Wheels Car Show** - Moose Park. Registration 9:30-11:30 a.m.; show opens 12 p.m.; award presentation, 3 p.m.; show closes 3 p.m. Admission \$5 person; 10 and under free. Concession courtesy of Girl Scouts. For more information call Larry Christensen, 406-489-0589.  
**Sat., July 18**  
**Open Studio Saturdays** - All participants must make an appointment by calling 406-433-3500 or email [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org). Participants limited to 7 maximum at all times. Adults 18+ years old only and must wear a mask. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE.  
4 p.m. - **16th Annual Fairview Duck Race** - Finish line: Brodhead Hill Canal Bridge, need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit Explore American Students.

**McKENZIE COUNTY**

**Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone**  
**Thurs., July 2, 16 & 30**  
3-5 p.m. - **Food Giveaway Only** - No Farmers Food Box. First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.  
**Sat., Fri., July 4**  
11 p.m. - **Arnegard 4th of July Fireworks** - Due to the COVID-19 Virus the July 4th parade and lunch have been canceled. The fireworks show is planned but dependent on fire Index being low. Please practice social distancing during this event. For more information and/or updates check the Booster Club Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Arnegardboosterclub](http://www.facebook.com/Arnegardboosterclub).  
**Sun., July 5**  
12-5 p.m. - **Lewis & Clark Trail Museum Open House Celebration Alexander** - The museum will be celebrating that their doors are now open and showcase the museum's new addition. CDC recommendations will be observed during the event and there will be social distancing signage posted and masks provided. For more information visit the Lewis & Clark Trail Museum website and Facebook page.  
**Thurs., July 9 & 23**  
3-5 p.m. - **USDA Farmers To Families Food Box Program In Partnership With The Great Plains Food Bank** - This is the only food being handed out. Drive-through distributions, for anyone in need of food assistance. No income requirements. First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.**  
**Friday, July 3**  
8-11 p.m. - **Williston Basin Speedway Annual TNT Fireworks Special** - Come enjoy dirt track racing, food and beer concessions available, Bras for a Cause Annual Door Panel Auction. TNT fireworks show after races end. Williston Basin Speedway. For more information visit the Speedway Facebook page.  
**Saturday, July 4**  
10:45 p.m. - **2020 Williston 4th of July Celebration** - Enjoy a pyrotechnics display honoring the 4th of July. Free and open to the public. Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds.  
**Monday, July 6**  
6:30 p.m. - **Cruise Main** - Join the Basin Kruzers in downtown Williston to see classic, hot rod, rat rod and muscle cars curse on Main. The vehicles will park so the public can take a closer look. For more information visit the Basin Kruzers Facebook page.  
**Saturdays, July 11-Oct. 10**  
9 a.m.-noon - **Main Street Williston Market** - Vendors will be selling homemade and/or homegrown goods and food. Sponsor activity, food truck and music each week. Main street between 1st & 2nd Streets, and the Hedderich's lot. Based on COVID-19 regulations please respect social distancing at the market.

**DAWSON COUNTY**

**Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone**  
**Sat., Aug. 1**  
**MW Tri Fun .20 "Journey To The Badlands" Triathlon**  
6 a.m. - The journey starts at Glendive Boat Ramp off of N. River Ave kayaking on the Yellowstone River for 8.3 miles then bike and ride 11.5 miles down Bell Prairie Road and back into town to the EPEC from there run 2.1 miles into Makoshika State Park to Kiwanis pavilion. At the finish will be a beer garden, food trucks and vendors. For more information and to register [www.active.com/glendive-mt/triathlon/races/mw-tri-fun-20-journey-to-the-badlands-2020](http://www.active.com/glendive-mt/triathlon/races/mw-tri-fun-20-journey-to-the-badlands-2020). Registration forms are also available at Makoshika Wellness, 115 W Bell St., Glendive, MT.





Amariah Hier is with King, her loyal first horse, and Sundance, her palomino horse that she trained. (Submitted photo)

## Drive Sober This Independence Day, & Every Day

Submitted by Don Smies

This Independence Day, the Richland County Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force, Richland County Health Department and NHTSA want to remind drivers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Unfortunately, the summertime merrymaking can create dangerous road conditions, as some drivers hit the streets after drinking alcoholic beverages.

Make sure you celebrate the birth of our nation safely. If you are under the influence of any substance and you choose to get behind the wheel of a vehicle, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself. During the Fourth of July holiday, make sure you plan for a safe weekend of festivities.

According to the Montana Highway Patrol Fatality Crash Report, in 2019 there were 184 fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Impaired driving (Alcohol or Drugs) accounted for 72.2% or 133 of those crash deaths. With Fourth of July festivities wrapping up in the evening or late at night, more vehicles will be on the road when it's dark. In 2019, 75 people died in Montana due to motor vehicle crashes during the nighttime hours.

During this crazy time, we want our community to have a happy and safe Independence Day, one that they'll remember for years to come, for all the right reasons. We've partnered with NHTSA to help remind drivers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Under no circumstance is it ever okay to drink and drive. If you've been drinking at a Fourth of July party, or for any occasion, find a sober ride home and, if you plan to be the sober driver, then don't indulge. Your friends are relying on you.

If you have any questions, need some additional information on teen drivers

or would like to be a member of the Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force please contact Don Smies, coordinator 406-433-2207. Check us out on

Facebook, [www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment).

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## Amariah Gail Hier Homeschool Graduation Announcement

R.T. and Julia Hier are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Amariah Gail Hier, from Yahshua's Ambassadors Homeschool.

There will be a ceremony and an open house to celebrate this accomplishment (date to be determined).

Some things that Amariah enjoys are raising and training her horse, teaching herself violin, working on the ranch, going flying with her Dad, participating in 4-H, training her dog, raising kittens, writing stories, drawing, and having her Mom as her homeschool

teacher. She hopes to show her horse, dog, cat, and chicken at the Richland County Fair. Her future plans are to get her High SET test completed, study for her pilot's license, and continue to ride and help on the ranch.

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## Sidney Girls Basketball End-of-the-Season Awards



Sidney Girls Basketball End-of-the-Season Awards get together was held on Thursday, June 18 at Veterans Memorial Park. Pictured is the 2019-2020 Sidney High School Girls Basketball Team Picture. Back (L-R) head coach Dan Peters, Anna Flores, Allyson Nentwig, Sophie Peters, Ali Merritt, Hattie Brothorn, Leah Entz, Daisy Snow, coach O. and coach Leader. Front (L-R) Trudi Speldrich, Jenna Anderson, Cassidy Larson, Zoe Morrill, Maddie Peters, Lexi Nelson and Emily Iversen, manager. Visit [roundupweb.com](http://roundupweb.com) for more photos. (Photo subitted)

## Kiwanis Pie Social & Lunch Fundraiser is a "GO" on July 10

The annual Pie Sale and Lunch is a "GO" for 2020 on Friday, July 10 from 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Come to the south entrance of the Sidney Middle School and Veterans Memorial Park. Enjoy brats, burgers, home-made beans and of course . . . LOTS OF PIES.

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This year with COVID-19, you can drive up, order from your vehicle, and take your order to go.

Businesses can pre-purchase meal or pie tickets for employees, customers, family, friends, and others. Contact Jessica Chamberlin, 406-794-2304.

Like all funds raised from the public by a Kiwanis club, 100% of the profits are dedicated to serving children. Zero per cent is used for club operations or overhead.

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## Letter To The Editor

### Cooney for Governor

Voters have an experienced choice for Governor with Mike Cooney who was elected to the Montana State House and Senate, and the offices of Sec. of State and Lieutenant Governor. Mike Cooney has also served as an administrator in the MT Dept. of Labor and Industry, Director of the MT Historical Society, Executive Director of MT Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies and in his family business, Cooney Food Brokerage. When choosing Cooney for his Lt. Gov., Steve Bullock described Cooney as an accomplished leader who would bring values to state government. Cooney follows in the footsteps of his grandfather who was elected LT. Gov. and Governor in the 1930's.

When Cooney visited Sidney in 2019 he engaged high school students who attended the Meet and Greet, and afterwards encountering a Republican legislator, it was obvious that Mike Cooney relished working across the aisle to accomplish the needs of Montana's citizens. Experience and being "kinder than necessary" mark this candidates' character.

Janet Martineau, Sidney

## Use Your Freedom To Choose A Sober Ride For 4th Of July

### Submitted by Carol Kruger

As part of the Vision Zero goal, MDT reminds Montana to plan ahead for a sober ride

Helena, MT - For many Montanans, the 4th of July marks the mid-point of summer. A time to relax with family and friends and enjoy the natural beauty of our state – with a few fireworks thrown in for good measure. Of course, there is nothing wrong with this, as long as you don't add alcohol and driving to the mix.

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) reminds all Montanans that impaired driving puts everyone at risk. Summer weather, clear roads and longer daylight hours can give drivers a false sense of security, leading them to make unsafe and sometimes deadly driving decisions.

Over the last decade (2010-2019), 48% of all fatal crashes and 45% of all serious injury crashes in Montana occurred between June and September – the period of time known nationally as the "100 Deadliest Days." Historically, the 100 Deadliest Days in Montana has represented 50% of the annual roadway fatalities involving an impaired driver.

"We know more people are on the road in the summer and with fewer people flying to vacation destinations this year, we expect even more people to be driving around Montana during the summer," said Mike Tooley, Montana Department of Transportation director. "Montana's daily vehicle miles traveled (DVM) is 22% higher during the 100 Deadliest Days and make no mistake, this is a deadly season."

Director Tooley encourages everyone to plan ahead if they are going to drink on the 4th of July. This can include designating a sober driver, using a ride share service, calling a taxi, asking a sober friend to hold your car keys for the evening or just staying where you are overnight. It is illegal in Montana to drive with a BAC (blood alcohol content) of .08 or higher and the consequences include a DUI charge, having your license revoked, mandatory classes, possible jail time and up to \$10,000 in fines. Unfortunately, the cost for the choice to drive impaired can even be serious injury or death.

"Every fatality on Montana roadways involving impaired driving is preventable," added Director Tooley. "Use your freedom to make the right choice for you, your loved ones and your community and plan ahead for a sober ride."

## EGT Adds Shuttle Train Loading Capabilities in Sidney, MT

### Submitted by Deb Seidel

St. Louis, MO - EGT, LLC, a joint venture between Bunge and ITOCHU, is now able to load shuttle trains at its elevator in Sidney, MT. This achievement is thanks to the completion of a rail track upgrade that nearly triples the number of rail cars the facility can handle.

"Since purchasing this elevator in 2018, our goal has been to improve its speed and efficiency so we can better serve our farmer customers in and around Richland County," said Matt Kerrigan, EGT Operations Manager. "With the ability to load shuttle trains, the

Sidney elevator is now a more competitive option for marketing wheat and soybeans to export customers."

With the upgrade, the elevator now has the capacity to handle a 110-car shuttle train versus its previous capacity of 45 single cars. The improvements bring Sidney's loading capacity in line with EGT's other elevators in Chester, Kintyre Flats and Tunis, MT, which serve its export terminal in Longview, WA.

### About EGT, LLC

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ture between Bunge North America and ITOCHU. The company owns and operates a state-of-the-art export grain terminal at the Port of Longview, Washington as well as four facilities in Montana designed to supply the export terminal. EGT's partners are leaders in the international grain trade and include Bunge, which buys, sells, stores and transports grains and oilseeds to serve customers worldwide and ITOCHU, one of the largest marketers of grain and food products in Japan.

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## Fishing on Trenton Lake

Jessica Nichols, Glendive, poses with a nice size drum she caught on Father's Day, June 21, at Trenton Lake, ND.

## Operation Dry Water

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will again participate in Operation Dry Water as part of a nationally coordinated effort to increase knowledge about the dangers of boating under the influence. The goal is to reduce the number of accidents and deaths associated with alcohol and drug use on state waterways.

ODW weekend, July 3-5, is the national weekend of heightened enforcement effort directed at boating under the influence laws and recreational boater outreach.

While informing and educating boaters about the hazards and negative outcomes associated with boating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a year-round effort,

on ODW weekend the Game and Fish Department's game wardens will be focused on the water, informing boaters about safe boating practices, and removing impaired operators from the water.

A feature story on ODW weekend is included in the June issue of the North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine.

Tips to staying safe on the water:

- Boat sober - alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths. Alcohol and drug use impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time.
- Wear your life jacket – 85% of drowning victims nationwide were not wearing a life jacket.

Take the online boating safety education course – 71% of deaths nationwide occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.

## Fungus That Causes White-Nose Syndrome Found In Eastern Montana

By MT FWP

Samples taken from bridges in three eastern Montana counties have tested positive for the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome (WNS) in bats. The presence of the fungus – *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (Pd) – was confirmed in Daniels, Richland and Fallon counties but does not necessarily confirm the presence of the disease. The samples were tested by the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, WI. National Health Center and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff are closely monitoring the situation and further testing will be conducted.

"We are disappointed but not at all surprised at this finding," said FWP's Nongame Wildlife Management Bureau Chief Lauri Hanauska-Brown. "As the fungus and this deadly disease have moved across the states we knew it was only a matter of time."

Pd is a powdery white fungus that grows on the skin of hibernating bats, often on the face – hence the name "white nose." The fungus causes a number of problems, one of which is that it irritates bats, causing them to arouse early from hibernation and search for water and food. Food is obviously scarce in winter, and this early arousal can exhaust fat stores that bats need to survive the winter.

"We are hopeful that Montana bats will not be hit too badly by this disease as we know they are an incredibly important part of our ecosystem with their voracious appetite for pesky insects like mosquitoes and agricultural pests," Hanauska-Brown said.

Last month the North Dakota Game and Fish Department reported a cluster of *Myotis lucifugus* (known as the "little brown bat") deaths from WNS just over the Montana border. Of the 20 dead bats, six were submitted to the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, WI, for analysis. The bats all tested positive for Pd and WNS.

WNS has been in North America since at least 2006, killing an estimated 6.7 million bats. It has been confirmed

Photo submitted

in 35 states and seven Canadian provinces. It can wipe out entire colonies of bats and has caused dramatic population declines in eastern states.

FWP has temporarily prohibited the capture of all live bats due to unknown risks of COVID-19-infected humans inadvertently transferring the virus to bats. To substitute for sampling of live bats, biologists are collecting bat droppings at eastern Montana roosts. WNS is not known to affect humans, pets, livestock or other wildlife.

FWP asks anyone who sees a sick or recently deceased bat or group of bats not to handle them but to notify health officials or state biologists, who can provide further guidance. Callers can reach FWP at 406-247-2966 in FWP's Region 5, 406-228-3725 in FWP's Region 6, or at 406-234-0948 in FWP's Region 7.

For more information, visit <https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/>.

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# Sidney Tiger Sharks Results Plentywood East Swim Meet June 27-28



Addison Steffan swimming the 25 fly. Visit [www.roundupweb.com](http://www.roundupweb.com) for more photos. (Submitted photo)

The TigerSharks had an incredible weekend in Plentywood at the 2nd East of the East swim meet. Many swimmers had their best times this weekend and we had a lot of highpoint winners. Addison Steffan took top girl for 8 and under,

11-12 top girl was Ryleigh Kleinke, 13-14 top girl was shared by two TigerSharks Marett Schieber and Ella Norby, 13-14 top boy was Ethan Erickson and in the 15-19 age groups Hadley Garsjo was top girl and Seth Dodds was top boy. We have

one more meet left before divisionals in Glendive Saturday, July 11. This year the top eight from each division will compete in Sidney the weekend of July 25. Visit [www.roundupweb.com](http://www.roundupweb.com) for full results.

## Sidney Moose Lodge Annual Birthday Celebration And Graduation Party June 27

By Bill Vander Weele

The Sidney Loyal Order of the Moose and Women of the Moose held its birthday

celebration and legacy ceremony during a program on Saturday night, June 27.

The Loyal Order of the Moose honored Kenneth Bailey with the Moose of the Year award. Nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award was Mark Delaney.

Anna Nistler was the recipient of the Women of the Moose's Co-Worker of the Year honor. Dorothy Fink was the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Moose leaders announced they will donate Tommy Moose plush dolls again to the Richland County Fire Department, Richland County Sheriff's Office,

Sidney Police Department, ambulance services, Sidney Health Center and Coalition Against Domestic Violence to give to children.

The night also featured the graduation party for Jade Henning. She was sponsored by the Sidney Lodge to live at Mooseheart in Illinois for the last four years.

Mooseheart is a residential and educational childcare facility that aims to give children second chances and brighter futures. Since its founding in 1913, thousands of children have experienced the stable and caring learning environment of Mooseheart.

Jade thanked the Moose for its support. She is enlisting in the Air Force National Guard and plans to go into law enforcement.



Jade Henning thanks the Moose for its support. Visit [www.roundupweb.com](http://www.roundupweb.com) for more photos. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

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# Energy Roundup



## Department Of Mineral Resources Set To Confiscate Abandoned Wells In ND

By Tieheena Lemerond

In a news release on June 19 the Industrial Commission of North Dakota announced the approval of orders from the Department of Mineral Resources to confiscate abandoned wells in North Dakota.

The press release stated, "A hearing was held on June 10 to review and consider confiscation and plugging of over 350 wells in the state. At the hearing more than 70 additional

wells were identified as likely to be orphaned by mid-July."

\$33.2 million in federal CARES Act coronavirus relief funds was secured and provided to the Department of Mineral Resources. These funds are specifically designated to be used for plugging abandoned wells.

The release also states, "The next step will be to receive the Budget Section's final approval for an additional \$22 million that was allocated for CARES

Act funding during the June 18 Emergency Commission meeting. This additional funding is to be used for the reclamation of confiscated well and facility sites that is projected to maintain 300 additional oil and gas service sector jobs to complete the work."

What is the method of plugging a well?

3-02-03-34. METHOD OF PLUGGING. All wells shall be plugged in a manner, which will confine perma-

nently all oil, gas, and water in the separate strata originally containing them. This operation shall be accomplished by the use of mud-laden fluid, cement, and plugs, used singly or in combination as may be approved by the director. All casing strings shall be cut off at least three feet [91.44 centimeters] below the final surface contour, and a cap with file number shall be welded thereon. Core or stratigraphic test

holes drilled to or below sands containing freshwater shall be plugged in accordance with the applicable provisions recited above. After plugging, the site must be reclaimed pursuant to section 43-02-03-34.1.

Ron Ness, North Dakota Petroleum Council president, states, "These are legacy wells, many drilled in the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s. They haven't produced oil for at least one year and all of them were at 9 barrels a day or less." He adds, "Once plugged, these wells will no longer be available to produce. In addition, by plugging these older non-productive wells, it may add life to the aging oil fields in these rural communities. Keeping the more productive wells and fields alive and economic also keeps the option for future enhanced oil recovery utilizing carbon dioxide from North Dakota's lignite coal industry."

Who will be doing the work?

Katie Haarsager, Department of Mineral Resources, PIO, states, "We will be bidding out packages for the plugging work... We are estimating this will take around 500-600 oil and gas sector employees to somehow be involved in the plugging of these wells."

Bid packages are posted on the Department of Mineral Resources homepage at [www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas](http://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas)

How long will it take to plug all the wells?

"This is a big task and the work on the wells is planned to begin July 15. Utilization of the Care Act funds require the work to be completed and paid by Dec. 30, 2020," states Ness. "The state is working with oilfield service companies and taking bids, there are many companies and employees eager to work."

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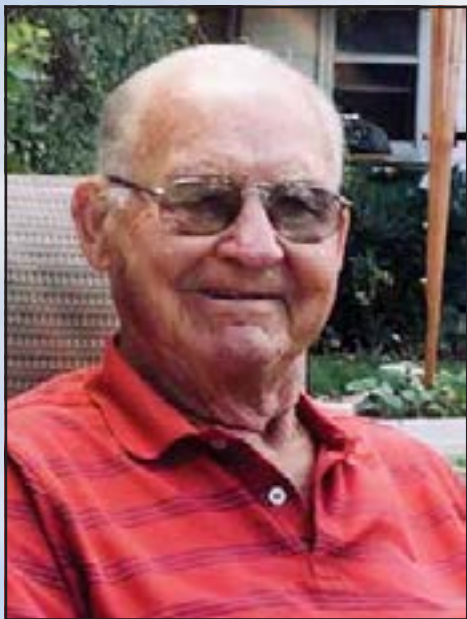
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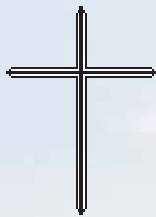


# Funeral Service Paul T. Johnson



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## Red Rock Ford Can Am Double Header at Williston Basin Speedway



Joren Boyce, #67, Minot, takes the lead in the final lap after Chris Ellis, #421, Williston spins out on the last turn. Boyce took first place in the Stock division on night one of the double header event.

## Williston Basin Speedway Racing Results

<b>June 26 Night 1</b>		
<b>IMCA A Modifieds</b>	3rd Place: Mike Hagen, Williston, ND, 27X	2nd Place: Darren Medler, Minot, ND, 74
1st Place: Travis Hagen, Williston, ND, 14T	<b>IMCA Hobby Stock</b>	3rd Place: Philip Keller, Sidney, MT, 9
2nd Place: Jason Wolla, Ray, ND, 27W	1st Place: Andrew Bertsch, Minot, ND, 146	<b>IMCA Stock Cars</b>
3rd Place: Justin Medler, Minot, ND, 75M	2nd Place: Tim Anderson, Minot, ND, 44	1st Place: Keith Mattox, Ray, ND, 28M
<b>IMCA Sport Mod</b>	3rd Place: Alan Bertsch, Minot, ND, 148	2nd Place: Chris Ellis, Williston, ND, 421
1st Place: Darren Schatz, Williston, ND, 29	<b>June 27 Night 2</b>	3rd Place: Dave Swallers, Williston, ND, 11
2nd Place: Tate Johnson, Medicine Lake, MT, 413	<b>IMCA A Modifieds</b>	<b>IMCA Hobby Stock</b>
3rd Place: Taylor Kuehl, Cave Creek, AZ, 2K	1st Place: Travis Hagen, Williston, ND, 14T	1st Place: Riese Dignan, Kenmare, ND, 144
<b>IMCA Stock Cars</b>	2nd Place: Jason Wolla, Ray, ND, 27W	2nd Place: Tim Anderson, Minot, ND, 44
1st Place: Joren Boyce, Minot, ND, 67	3rd Place: Justin Medler, Minot, ND, 75M	3rd Place: Andrew Bertsch, Minot, ND, 146
2nd Place: Dave Swallers, Williston, ND, 11	<b>IMCA Sport Mods</b>	<b>Slingshot Winner</b>
	1st Place: Kelly Henderson, Minot, ND, 24	Both Nights Sage Borud

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