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Parmalee To Perform At Best Of The West Ribfest And Street Fair

By Anna Dragseth

This year the annual Best of the West Ribfest and Street Fair will have a concert with three musical groups. The free concert will be held Friday, Aug.13 on Main Street Watford City. It will feature Parmalee, one of Country music's most successful new bands. Parmalee is 2016 ACM New Vocal Group of the Year Nominee with the #1 single in the nation. This band of brothers is best known for their song, "Close Your Eyes". They are one of only four groups since 2001 to earn three consecutive Top 10 singles from a debut country album.

The opening act for the concert will be Matt Aakre and the Dirty Little Secret, which is a country rock band made up of the original members of "32 Below" with the addition of Ryan Schmoll. The concert will be followed by a Party After Dark concert with Snake Oil, a band known for their ability to impersonate 80s

and 90s rock stars musically



Photo from www.parmaleemusic.com.

and visually, with costumes, audience interaction, and special effects.

Ribfest was chosen as

Impact Award by the Downtown Association. There will be tons of food, music and fun at the event - to get your

fordcityribfest.com. For more information on the Ribfest, check out their Facebook page: Best of the West Rib-

Cape Air To Replace Fleet With New Planes



Tecnam P2012 Traveller at the Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport.

By Jody Wells

Cape Air presented their new Tecnam P2012 Traveller planes to the public at the Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport on April 7. The new planes will replace the airline's current fleet of Cessna 402s. The first commercial flight from the Sidney Airport took place April 9. The company currently has three of the new planes in service in Montana with two more entering service this week. Eventually all

eight planes in the Montana fleet will be replaced with the new Tecnam P2012 Traveller. The older Cessna 402s will remain on hand as backups making Cape Air's service even more reliable in the future.

The Tecnam P2012 Traveller is an eleven-seat aircraft designed and manufactured by the Italian company Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam, based in Capua, Italy, near Naples. The new planes will make room for an additional seat on each flight and will increase the cabin capacity by 30%. The high wing design will ensure a great view from every seat. Other new features include Italian leather seats, overhead lighting, under seat storage, USB charging ports and cup holders. The increased cabin capacity will also provide additional head & leg room compared to the Cessna

Cape Air, the nation's

largest commuter airline, began serving eastern Montana Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, taking over the service provided by Big Sky Airlines. From its hub in Billings, Cape Air operates daily, year-round flights to five regional communities. There are currently five daily round trip flights to and from the Sidney Airport to Billings. Reservations can be made by visiting capeair.com or by calling 800-CAPE-AIR.

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Brodie Gorder Iron Eagle Wrestling Tournament Sidney April 17-18

The Brodie Gorder Iron Eagle Wrestling duals and invitational tournament will be held at Sidney High School, April 17-18. The dual tournament will be on Saturday and the individual on Sunday!

The doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and the wrestling will start at 8:30 a.m. The two divisions will be K-8th grade large team plus K-3rd grade small team division.

Brodie Gorder was born on Sept. 6, 2004 to Shane & Lisa Gorder, Sidney. Brodie was a sweet, mischievous little 8 year old boy. He was raised on a ranch on the Yellowstone River, the shadow of his 2 older brothers and 2 older sisters, and the big brother to Greyson. He had just completed the 2nd grade at Rau School was a member of the Forever Buds 4-H club, the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, and the Sidney Wrestling Club. His favorite thing in the world was wrestling. He put on a singlet at the age of 3 and the hours spent on a wrestling mat, and traveling to matches was many. In his short wrestling career he had won more medals and honors than many high school wrestlers. On Aug. 17, 2013 we had just spent the day getting ready for school the next week and he went swimming below the house with his grampa and brother Brady. He played with his 1 year old brother Greyson in his little pool on the deck and just before supper, Brodie went out to feed his pigs. A chore he had done many times before. He was injured in a 4-wheeler accident, was flown to Denver and God took his hand and walked him to heaven on Aug. 18.

Bismarck Bucks Training Camp Scrimmage Watford City April 16

On Friday, April 16 starting at 6 p.m. the Bismarck Bucks will have their scrimmage at Rough Rider Center. Watford City. The training camp for the Bismarck Bucks started on April 9.

Visit www.bismarckbucks.com or the IFL league website www.goifl.com for more information.

The Bucks are part of the Indoor Football League (IFL). the largest indoor football league in the United States, with teams ranging from California to Wisconsin, including teams throughout the Midwest. The team plays a 16-game sched ule in 2021, with their eight home games at the Bismarck Event Center. Bucks management provides fun, family entertainment at affordable prices to the Bismarck, Mandan communities.

Educational & Promotional Tour in Sidney April 15

Submitted by Leslie Messer Richland Economic Development

Richland Economic Development Corp is pleased to partner with the Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC) to bring an educational and promotional tour to eastern Montana. As the only statewide resource for cooperative development, the MCDC works with new and existing coops and other interested groups to evaluate co-op business models and strategies to meet their objectives. MCDC is a nonprofit corporation that receives financial assistance from state and federal sources, which allows MCDC to offer services at little or no cost to project groups.

This tour will be in Sidney on Thursday, April 15 with two special opportunities to learn more about the value of cooperatives and how MCDC can help.

The first event commences from 8-9 a.m., at Sidney Elks Lodge small room. Casual conversations will be held over coffee, with MCDC staff available for one-on-one consultations if necessary.

The second opportunity will be held at the Richland County Extension Center from 11:30-1 p.m. with the discussion and presentation focusing on cooperatives and food hubs. Lunch will be provided to attendees, and LYREC is sponsoring the lunch.

Throughout the state of Montana, MCDC has a team of part-time staff dedicated to locally promoting the cooperative model as a viable alternative for rural development issues with emphasis on "value added" enterprises. This team of professionals works to foster the development of new cooperatives and helps to improve existing cooperatives.

Some of the ways that MCDC might be able to help

- · Co-op Business Model Examples
- Project Planning Group Facilitation
- · Legal Document Assistance
- Funding Sources Identification for Project Planning
- · Operating or Capitalization Strategies
- Grant Writing Assistance
- · Professional Referrals Board Training

So if you have wondered how a new cooperative might work in Richland County, please plan to attend one or both of these meetings. There are no charges to attend, however; we prefer that you RSVP to Richland Economic Development Corp at 482-4679.

We hope to see you there!

Open Burning Not Permitted In Richland Co. As Of April 7

Due to the dry conditions in Richland County the Richland County Commissioners have issued a resolution for no open burn-

ing in Richland County as of April 7. The resolution reads as

Emergency Resolution 2021-06

Open Burning Not Permitted in Richland County

Whereas, existing dry conditions, low humidity, high winds and continued high temperatures contribute to hazardous fire conditions, and there currently have been many fires in our regions; and

Whereas, condition

continue to deteriorate;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Richland County Commissioners, that Richland County be declared in Stage I restrictions for burning.

This resolution shall become effective at midnight April 7, 2021 and be in effect until further notice.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2021

Duane Mitchell, Loren Young, Shane Gorder

Attest: Stephanie Verhasselt, Clerk & Recorder,

Maintain America's Energy Leadership

Senator Holds Roundtable Discussion With Western ND **Energy Producers**

Tioga - Senator John Hoeven, of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee member, held a roundtable discussion with local energy producers in western North Dakota to review ongoing developments in the region's energy industry and outline his efforts to maintain America's leadership in energy production. To this end, Hoeven is working to:

· Secure approval for WBI Energy's North Bakken Expansion Project from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

• Push back on Biden administration's executive actions targeting US domestic energy production, including oil, gas and coal development on federal lands.

· Ensure the reliability of the electric grid by supporting

the continued use of baseload power sources, like coal. This includes cracking the code on carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies.

"North Dakota built the right kind of legal, tax and regulatory environment needed to unleash innovation and realize the potential of the Bakken region," said Hoeven. "This has led to a strong economy, created good-paying jobs and made America a global energy powerhouse. We need to build on this progress to ensure our continued economic and national security. However, the Biden administration is headed in the wrong direction, reviving burdensome regulations, locking away taxpayer-owned energy resources and threatening tax increases that put our nation at a competitive disadvantage. This has serious consequences for local economies. increases prices for consumers and reduces needed revenues to state, tribal and local governments. That's why we will continue our efforts to press back on duplicative federal rules and unilateral actions like these from the administration, and instead work in bipartisan fashion to advance new innovations, like CCUS, that empower us to produce more energy with better environmental stewardship.

North Bakken Expansion Project

Hoeven is working to secure approval for WBI Energy's proposed \$260 million natural gas expansion project, which will help reduce natural gas flaring in the Bakken by providing an additional 250 million cubic feet per day of natural gas takeaway capacity for operators in the region. Accordingly, Hoeven has led efforts with the North Dakota delegation in expressing their support for the project to FERC and urging the agency to take timely action on the project before its next scheduled meeting. Doing so would help keep the project on schedule and ensure the pipelines are in service by Nov. 1.

Addressing the Administration's Executive Actions

Hoeven's work on the WBI expansion project aligns with his ongoing efforts to support the infrastructure and energy development needed to strengthen the nation's economic and national security. To this end, the senator has:

 Worked to maintain the operation of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

Hoeven has been pressing Army Corps leadership to keep the pipeline flowing as the Corps completes its environmental impact statement (EIS) process.

The senator is also supporting MHA Nation Chairman Mark Fox in his request for the tribe to be consulted on DAPL.

 Pressed the Interior Secretary for answers on the administration's oil and gas moratorium and questioned limitations placed on public participation in a recent virtual forum on the matter.

Hoeven also helped introduce legislation to prohibit the administration from issuing moratoria on leasing and permitting for energy and mineral resources on federal lands.

 Helped introduce legislation, along with Senator Cramer and Congressman Armstrong, to authorize the continued construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline following President Biden's decision to revoke the cross-border operation permit.

Ensuring the Reliability of the Electric Grid

Hoeven has been pressing FERC to ensure coal's role, as a reliable source of baseload power is properly valued, outlining the need to maintain diverse sources of electricity. At the same time, the senator continues supporting the development of CCUS technologies to help produce more energy from coal-fired electric, while also reducing emissions. His efforts include:

· Getting the 45Q tax credit implemented in a way that makes CCUS projects more commercially-viable.

· Securing funding in the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations legislation for critical loan guarantee programs at the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service to help CCUS project developers secure financing.

This aligns with legislation Hoeven helped introduce to provide loans and grants to support construction of CCUS

 Prioritizing enhancements for the 45Q and 48A Advanced Coal tax credits, which include his legislation to modernize the 48A tax credit for CO2 capture retrofit projects and a bipartisan bill he helped introduce to provide a direct payment option for the 45Q and 48A CCUS tax incentives.

 Bolstering DOE's partnership with UND's Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) in support of efforts

Hoeven has helped secure \$43 million in federal funding for Project Tundra.

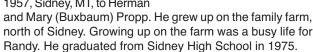
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Hoeven Working To OBITUARIES

Randy Propp, 63 Gillette, WY formerly of Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Randy Propp, 63, will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Meehan officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Randy Propp passed away at University of Denver Hospital, Aurora, CO, March 2, 2021.

Randolph Samuel Propp was born August 1, 1957, Sidney, MT, to Herman



Randy Propp

After graduation he worked for a seismograph crew, eventually moving to Gillette, WY where he lived for the last 38 years. He was a jack-of-all-trades.

He had a beautiful tenor voice, sometimes singing a few songs with his brothers, Richard and Jim. He also sang in church with his sister-in-law, Sharon Propp

Randy's health had been declining for the last several years. His last generous act was to donate his cornea.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant sister, Loretta; infant brothers, Jacob, Mark and Thomas; three nephews, Jacob Paul Propp, Therin Zipler and Joseph Smith; his sister-in-law, Sharon Propp, and his best friend,

Surviving him are Cynthia Vickers, Richard (Debbie) Propp, James Propp, Sidney; Robert Propp, Fairview; Joe (Cheryl) Kelly, Arvada, CO.

We want to thank his friends, Steve, Robin and Onna, Gillette, WY for taking good care of him.

'Til we meet again, Randy, we miss you and love you.'

Charles A. Leamer, III, 46 Sidney, MT formerly of Festus, MO

Funeral services for Charles A. Leamer, III, 46, Sidney, MT formerly of Festus, MO were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor David Meehan officiating.

Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT. Visitation was 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2021 at

the funeral home and one hour before service at the church. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Charles passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2021, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Kimberly Jo Suko, 53 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Kimberly Jo Suko, 53, Sidney, MT are at 2 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2021, at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor Audrey Rydbom officiating.

Visitation will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2021, at the funeral home and one hour before service at

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkerson.com.

Kimberly passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at her home in Sidney.

NWND Community Foundation Announces Community Recovery Mini-Grants

Submitted by Megan Laudenschlager, Strengthen ND

Williston - The Northwest North Dakota Community Foundation (NWNDCF) is announcing the availability of grants to support the communities of northwest North Dakota to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. In 2020, area individuals, businesses, and others donated thousands of dollars to the NWNDCF's Relief Fund, and through nearly \$90,000 of grants, NWNDCF supported communities, nonprofit organizations, hospitals, daycares, and food efforts within the region. The remaining funds within the Relief Fund are being pivoted from direct relief projects to community recovery efforts.

"As a regional Community Foundation, we work to serve and strengthen communities across Williams, Divide, McKenzie, and Mountrail counties every day," remarked Ward Koeser, NWNDCF Board of Directors president. "Our Community Recovery Mini-Grants are directed specifically toward small, quick-action projects that will enhance or help communities as they move toward recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic."

The maximum grant award is \$2,500 for specific projects, and eligible recipients of grant funds are nonprofits (501c3, 501c4); governmental agencies; and unincorporated community groups with an appropriate fiscal sponsor. The mini-grants might provide project support for shopping local initiatives, outdoor enhancements like seating or other amenities, artistic enhancement of community spaces, a specific community event, and more. The focus is explicitly on Community Recovery. The application deadline is May 14, and projects need to be completed before December 31.

"Through this funding allocation, we are hoping to invest in physical reminders of the strength and resilience of northwest North Dakota through the creative efforts of the region's residents," said Koeser.

More information about the Northwest North Dakota Community Foundation, including the Community Recovery Mini-Grant application, can be found at www.NWNDCommunityFoundation.org.





RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

10 a.m. -4 p.m. - 2021 Youth Art Show - Showing through April 24. - Cataclysm Exhibition - Showing through May 29. - 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., April 15 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Lunch & Learn Cooperatives

& Food Hubs - Presentation and discussion on the cooperative business model. Richland County Extension, 1499 N Central Ave. Lunch will be provided. ASVP to 482-4679. For more information visit www.mcdc.coop. 11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting - Sidney Country Club. RSVP by April 14. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613. Fri., April 16

7 p.m. - Sidney Gymnastics Club Designer Bag Bingo Night - Tickets, \$50 additional cards \$10. Cash and carry items available for purchase. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St SW. Tickets can be purchased at The Shoppes at Peifer's General Store during business hours or message the Gymnastics Facebook page using Venmo. Sat., April 17 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Open Studio Saturdays - All participants must make an appointment call 406-433-

3500 or email mdhc@richland.org. Adults 18+ years old only, masks required, other restrictions apply. MonDak Heritage Center. If you are unable to make it during oper studio hours set up an appointment with Jessica, 406-433-3500. For more information e-mail mdhc@richland. org or visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/.

Mon., April 19, May 3
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.

Tues., April 20 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., April 21-Sat., April 24

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Create personal and festive Mother's Day art with your kids at MonDak Heritage Center - Appointments need to be made in advance by calling 406-433-3500. Choose a clay fingerprint necklace (\$20) or an elephant plate (\$30-\$40). Mon., April 26

7 p.m. - Snacks & Chats - Anxiety & depression support group for teens ages 13-19. Pella Church. Fri., April 30

6 p.m. - Richland County Republicans Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner - All are welcome, \$40 adults, \$20 students. Sidney Elks Lodge. For more information call Sherry Mitchel, 406-488-3502. Sat., May 1

9 a.m. - Sunrise Women's Clinic's Families Walk For Life on Baby Day Weekend - 5K course run/walk. Check in 9 a.m., walk begins 10 a.m. Veterans Memorial

Sat., May 8

5:30-7 p.m. - Matthew House Picnic Dinner Fundraiser - Free will donation, public welcome. Sidney

Moose Lodge.
7-11 p.m. - St. Matthew's Spring Fling - Semi formal dance, grades 6-8, Central School's Gymnasium, \$10 per person. DJ music by Midnight Express. Masks required. For more information call Colleen Haralson, 482-2680.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone Thurs., April 15, 29

2-4 p.m. - Food Giveaway with New Winter Hours -First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE. Sat., April 17

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Still Life Oil Painting Class Long X **Arts Foundation** - Learn the art of oil painting while creating a still life. Tickets \$45, supplies provided no e necessarv. All ages Rough Rider Center. 3 p.m. - Watford City Recreation Dodgeball

Tournament - Ages 16+, \$10/team, Rough Rider Center. To register visit watfordcityparks.com. Sun., April 18

2-4 p.m. - Damsel In Defense Empower Hour Alexander- Come experience self defense tools and accessories. Wild Flour Café & Bakery. For more information contact Tahya Papineau, empoweredwithtahya@outlook.com; Facebook empowered with Tahya, 701-290-3946. Tues., April 20

2-4 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. Wed., April 21

5-7 p.m. - Clothing Embroidery Class Long X Arts Foundation - Learn basic techniques of hand embroidery. \$20, bring your own clothing, supplies included no experience necessary. Rough Rider Center.

WILLIAMS COUNTY Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., April 15

7 p.m. - Confluence History Book Club - Join history buffs to discuss this month's book. Free refreshments. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call 701-572-9034. Fri., April 16 & Sat., April 17

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Confluence Sewing & Quilting - All experience levels welcome and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call 701-572-

Fri., April 16, 2-7 p.m. & Sat., April 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Western Area Builders Association 2021 Western North Dakota Home & Garden Show - Something for everyone. April 16, free admission. April 17, \$5 per person, kids 10 and under free. Raymond Family Community Center. For more information, 701-572-5744 or eo@willistonbuilders.com.

Sat., April 17 11 a.m. - Special Olympics North Dakota Polar Plunge - Plunge registration,11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; plunges being 12:30 p.m. with Awards Ceremony following. Spring Lake Park. Register at www.specialolympicsnd. org. For more information call 701-746-0331 or email info@specialolympicsnd.org.

Fri., April 23 7-9 p.m. - Wine Not? At James Memorial Art Center -A night of delicious wine and appetizers. Limited tickets available and must be purchased in office. Each \$100 tickets admits 2 and includes table for 2, wine tasting and appetizers, charcuterie board, 2 wine glasses, coupon for 26th Street Liquor. Must be 21 to attend. For more information jmps@nemont.org or 701-774-3601.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Plains Event Center.

Anton's Recycling Run - 5km run to raise awareness of recycling opportunities in the community. Uran Center 1515 W. Bell St. For more information visit https://www. plotaroute.com/route/1437553?units=km. 6:30-11:30 p.m. - Glendive's 2nd Annual Gala - Enjoy and evening out the family and friends while supporting Makoshika Wellness and DCDV. Catering, cash bar,

music, silent auction, wine auction. Tickets \$50, Eastern

Roosevelt Medical Center Announces Employee Of The Quarter

"What's next?" For Danielle Christensen, a night nurse at Roosevelt Medical Center, it is recognition as the most recent Employee of the Quarter. More importantly, the question, 'what's next,' is one she asks herself each time she steps on the hospital floor, enters a patient room, or manages an emergency room trauma. "I am always working through my tasks mindful to be thinking about what I need to do next, while also planning for contingencies that may be-

come necessary," she said. Last week, her peers and coworkers selected her as the Employee of the Quarter for her commitment to patients and dedication to quality care. "Danielle takes initiative and often takes it upon herself to ask others if there is anything she can do to help," said Karla Hunter, Director of Nursing. "She's been helpful with department changes as they come and willingly takes on complicated tasks and projects with enthusiasm," Hunter continued.

Christensen also helps new nurses get acquainted with the facility. "It's nice to have the opportunity to share my knowledge and teach them best practices as soon as they arrive to ensure we maintain a high level of care," she said.

Christensen will be the first to tell you nursing takes heart. "I love history and I love listening to the residents talk about their memories and past. I enjoy getting to know them and developing that personal connection. It can also be over-whelming and you can have sad days, but I can't imagine doing anything else," she said.



Danielle Christensen

Growing up with a father who served in the United States Marine Corps. Christensen said she was raised alongside her six sisters to have a strong work ethic. "My dad believed any job worth doing was worth giving your very best to and that has driven me every day in everything I do," she said.

Christensen has been employed at RMC for the past 14 years and began her nursing career as a certified nurse's aide immediately after graduating from Sidney High School. She attended Williston State College and received her licensed practical nursing degree in 2006 and her registered nursing degree in 2011.

With a love for learning, Christensen has an interest in pursuing a degree in forensics nursing, an area of study she has always been

interested in. "In high school I wanted to study forensics, but later, a friend of mine asked me to consider going to college with her for nursing and I did," she recalled.

Formally, a resident of Sidney, she currently lives in Culbertson with her two children, Jayda, 14, and Kabe, 12 and her fiancé, Brian.

Since the Employee of the Quarter recognition program began, staff members have nominated Christensen each time.

Staff will have until the end of June to make nominations for the next employee of the quarter. A new nomination committee will be selected at that time to ensure more staff and community members are able to have input in the decision-making process. This is an effort to keep the selection process balanced



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Alexander Robotics Team Preparing For Success



The team presenting their Innovation project to the Alexander City Council members. (Submitted photo)

By Anna Dragseth

The Alexander Robotics team is busy perfecting their robot for an upcoming competition. The regional contest will be held this week and the team is hoping for a big win. If they advance from regionals, they will have a chance to compete in the North Dakota state competition in May.

'The students are busy preparing for regionals and in addition to things that they've done in the past like our everyday building and design processing, we've hosted two scrimmages at the school and welcomed other robotics teams," said Cathy White, Alexander Robotics Team mentor/coach.

Due to COVID-19, the robotics season has been extended, which allows the team members more time to build and perfect their robots and put on community events like Turkey and Easter Bingo.

The team is currently working on an innovation project. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) offered an additional project this year called the innovation project. This project is where students develop a plan to increase the mental and physical health of the community members.

For this project, the members put together a plan for building a full-sized basketball court in Alexander.

"We do have a basketball court at the school but it's not regulation and the kids would say the hoops are horrible. So they're looking at applying for a grant and trying to figure out where they could place a basketball court. We've done surveys with community members and have been to the City Park board a couple of times and will be attending the City Council meeting to talk to them about it," added White.

In addition to this, the team is sponsoring a rookie team from Eswatini, South Africa. They helped them start their new team of five students by supplying their registration

We have had the opportunity to work remotely with the team via zoom monthly. It has been a great experience for the teams to work together and learn from each other,"

The team is also looking at going to Washington DC again this summer to advocate for STEM and robotics. They are planning on meeting with congressmen and senators to share information on the importance of STEM. Last year, the team won The Inspire award at the state

competition, which meant that they won the opportunity to attend the world competition, which was canceled because of COVID. So, this year, the students have put in a lot of work in hopes that they can make it to the world competition.

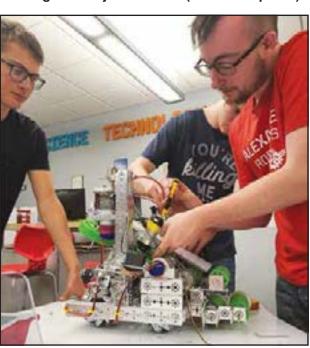
"My goal this year was to help the team make it to World's again, and to prepare the juniors for next year," said Drew LeBrun, Robotics Operations Department Manager.

White said, "It's been difficult because at times some of the team was in quarantine and we've had to work with distance learning. We were able to do some of the computer-aided drafting and drawing at home and come up with other additional ideas when they were in quarantine. It definitely was a challenge, to begin with, but now with our numbers in the state as low as they are, we are able to continue at normal capacity with social distancing."

To see what the team has been up to, check out their Facebook page: Alexander Comets FTC Team #9963.



Julianna White, senior, and Austin Collins, junior, working on this year's robot. (Submitted photo)



Thomas Overturf, Lane Rider and Austin Collins (all juniors) adjusting the intake and shooting mechanism on the robot. (Submitted photo)

Oversized Mailbox

By Lois Stephens

Our neighbor enjoys all his toys in king size. He owns one of the largest side-by-sides (after passing the smaller one he owned off to his wife), he traded off his pintsized tractor for a more

powerful upgrade, and he something that is just a bit enjoys puttering around bigger and that features in a shop as large as his more bells and whistles house. I mention these than his original, smaller tew examples to illustrate just what I am talking about. He will purchase an item, and generally end up replacing it with

This penchant for bigger and better apparently spilled over to his preference in mailboxes. He sunk several posts, hung a gate, and perched a mailbox on top of one of the posts. This mailbox is large enough to comfortably house a family of skunks with room left over for an assortment of spiders and other pests.

One of the more hilarious facts about all this is that we do not have mail delivery here on the

mountain. Virginia City and surrounding area offer no home mail delivery whatsoever; we all have post boxes at the local post office and collect our own mail every day.

Naturally we needled our neighbor incessantly when he first erected that palace of a mailbox several years ago. We wanted to know who or what he thought might make use of that monster of a container. He remarked that UPS could leave packages in it when he and his wife were gone for the day and had a delivery coming.

The many problems with that little idea include the facts that our neighbor, following his usual habits, usually purchases

something too large to fit even in his gargantuan mailbox, or winter has arrived with snow and ice and no UPS driver in his or her right mind would drive up our hill to deliver a package of any size. Rather they leave it at the post office for us to collect ourselves.

The neighbor also pointed out that we could write him weekly checks and deposit them in the mailbox. That way he would have a reason to check it once or twice a week and it would make him a happy man. I guess we aren't overly interested in making him a happy man, as we have declined to indulge his wishes on

that score. The jokes about the mailbox tapered off somewhat until last summer season. During the hot lazy days of summer last year, the mailbox once again became the receptacle (no pun intended) for many comments. Every time one set of neighbors did something for the other set, the standard joke became the bill, how much it ought to be, how quickly it should be paid, and that of course the bill and/or the payment would be left in the mailbox. When our neighbors helped us place our tombstone rock for our 911 address, he informed us that we would get a large bill to compensate him for his time and effort, and that he would leave the bill in the mailbox for us to collect. We assured him that was fine, we of course would possibly, maybe, perhaps bother to check for the bill in the next decade or so, and in return would leave payment in the mailbox in a similarly timely fashion.

The bantering continued. Any time one couple helped the other neighbor load or unload something. or loaned out an item, or helped clear brush on the other's property, or performed any sort of picayune task, we always informed the other that yes indeed, there would be a bill awaiting them in the mailbox, and that reimbursement should be prompt.

In other words, the check's in the mailbox.

Last fall, my husband and I were at the neighbors enjoying adult beverages. After relaxing and visiting for a while, we decided we had best mosey on home and get something done. I got up, placed my wine glass in the sink, but in doing so, it unfortunately slipped out of my hand and shattered to shards. Easy enough to clean up, as the mess landed in the sink, except our neighbor informed me that that particular wine glass belonged to his grandmother (it didn't, I had given them that glass earlier in the year), and he remembered drinking milk from that wine glass as a child while eating cookies (drinking milk from a wine glass? What sort of grandmother did he have, anyway?), and that the glass had been specially imported from Italy and was a priceless family heirloom, worth at least \$300.

I told him I'd replace the wine glass. He told me he preferred the cash. I told him I'd put a check in the mailbox.

Actually, I ought to, dated the twelfth of Never, of course, as to my knowledge he has not peeked inside that monstrosity for at least a year. I wonder how long it would take him to find a surprise that I placed there for his amusement?

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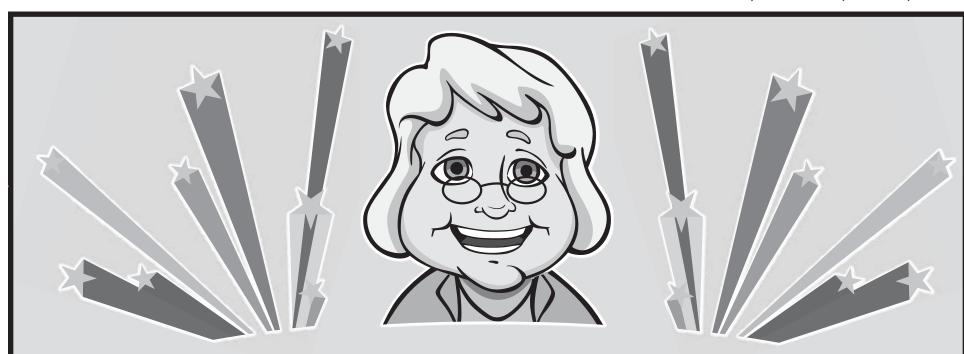


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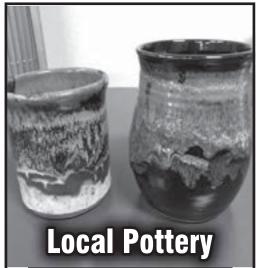
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Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

In Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee we heard a bill, HB334, that more specifically explains the rights of students that need an exemption from immunizations, whether it is for medical or religious reasons. There is a lot of concern about what the Health Departments are going to require because of the health concerns this past year. We also heard HB502 which helps the process of adoption become easier between expectant mothers and adoptive parents. HB398 would allow legislators to review records of cases investigated by the office of the child and family ombudsman. There are a lot of concerns about how much authority Child Protective

In Judiciary Commit-

Services (CPS) has.

tee we heard from three district judges that Governor Bullock had nominated, and we have to confirm or reject them. I have some concerns about all of them. We also heard HB337, the Personhood Amendment, which states life begins at conception. This is a constitutional amendment, and we need 34 votes in the Senate in order for it to pass. HB481 dealt with penalties for damages done to critical infrastructure. These include pipelines, electrical facilities, petroleum facilities, etc.

We heard HB2 on the floor of the Senate, HB2 is the main money bill for the next biennium. This is always a complicated process because there is a little bit for this and a little for that and pretty soon it adds up to being a lot of money. That money has to be taken

from hard working Montana taxpayers. It is still in the process of getting trimmed. We will see what happens.

A bill I carried, SB157, which would allow non-public school students to participate in public school extracurricular activities, passed through the Senate and the House and is ready for the Governor's signature. This bill had bi-partisan support from both houses.

We had another Page this week, Bronte Bennion, from Sidney. I think the Page Program is a great learning experience for our young people. If you are in Helena, be sure to stop and see us. If you want to look up the text of a bill you can find it at https.leg.mt.gov.

For Freedom, Senator Steve Hinebauch

Upcoming Programs At Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

Williston - The public is invited to these upcoming events at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston. All events are free and open to the public. All times are Central times.

April 15: Confluence History Book Club, 7 p.m. Join history buffs to discuss this month's book. Free refreshments. April 16-17: Confluence Sewing and Quilting, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All experience levels welcome and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch.

For more information, contact Debbie Crossland or Joe Garcia at 701-572-9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The Interpretive Center is open for appointments by calling 701-572-9034. Fort Buford is closed.

For more information about additional upcoming programs of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, go to history.nd.gov/events.

USDA Announces Funding Available to **Organizations** to Assist Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers under **Pandemic** Assistance for Producers Initiative

Washington - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the availability of \$2 million to establish partnerships with organizations to provide outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The funding was made possible by USDA's new Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative, an effort to distribute resources more broadly and to put greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers impacted by the pandemic. April 5 also marked the reopening of FSA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) signup as part of the Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Farmers and ranchers will have at least 60 days to apply or make modifications to existing CFAP 2 applications.



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Sidney Sunrise Festival Of The Arts Slated For June

By Anna Dragseth

The Sidney Sunrise Festival of the Arts is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 in downtown Sidney and will be held in conjunction with the Richland County Sportsmen's Club's Annual Car Show and the Shriner's Parade.

The annual event is a vendor-style festival featuring artists, crafters, authors, homemade goods, direct sellers, and small businesses. The vendor portion of the event will be from 8 a.m.-4

p.m. and a street dance for adults 21 and older will start at 7 p.m. and wrap up at 12 a.m.

The street dance will feature live music by Thistle and Lace and admission is \$5, beer gardens will be available.

"We expect to have about 70 vendors. Our featured artist for this year's festival is Sidney's own Cole Fink and his woodworking company, Fink Furniture. Fink creates all sorts of custom woodwork pieces; how-

ever, we'll be giving away a set of Fink Furniture corn hole boards to this year's button grand prize winner," said the Sidney Chamber of Commerce executive director Kali Godfrey.

In addition to this, there will be seven food vendors and food trucks at the event spanning from barbeque to Asian cuisine to ice cream.

The festival will be filled with tons of local talent including the Cutting Edge Dance Studio, Annika Bennion and the Bennion Family band, Laura and the Soo Valley Boys, Felix Becker, Larry Riggs and Leslie Bieber, and the Sidney High School Rock Band.

Sunrise Festival of the

Arts Buttons will go on sale soon for \$3 until the day of the festival where they go to \$4. When a button is purchased, you will be put in a drawing for several prizes.

event can be found on the Sidney Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Montana FWP Sites In Carter, Richland, Wibaux **Counties Enter Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**

Miles City - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is implementing fire restrictions on sites within three eastern Montana counties, due to dry conditions and high fire danger.

Citing dry conditions and high fire danger, commissioners in Carter, Richland and Wibaux counties all implemented fire restrictions. Following the counties' lead, FWP will have restrictions on campfires and smoking at sites within those counties.

For Carter County, which began restrictions at 12:01 a.m., April 9, campfire and smoking restrictions will be in place at Medicine Rocks State Park. For Richland County, which entered Stage 1 Wednesday, 12 a.m., restrictions affect Sidney Bridge Fishing Access Site (FAS), Diamond Willow FAS. Gartside Reservoir FAS, Elk Island FAS and Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Fox Lake WMA and Seven Sisters WMA. Wibaux County has no FWP sites with restrictions, but Stage 1 restrictions starting Monday, 12 a.m. include all private

lands in the county. Stage 1 restrictions mean that people cannot

build or maintain a campfire. People also may not smoke except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of flammable materials. Recreationists may cook on a liquid petroleum gas or propane stove that can be turned on and off.

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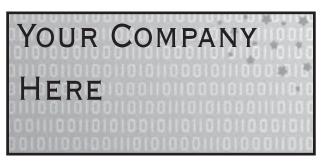
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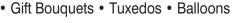
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sticks. Wed., April 21: French toast, sausage links, hash

browns, orange juice. **Savage School** Thurs., April 15: Tater kick-

Fri., April 16: No school. Mon., April 19: Chicken burgers on buns. Tues., April 20: Hard/soft

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Rau School Thurs., April 15: White chicken chili, cornbread,

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Tues., April 20: Beef stroganoff, carrots, tropical fruit. Wed., April 21: Sloppy joes, chips, snicker salad.

Froid School Thurs., April 15: BBQ

pulled pork wraps, macaroni salad, veggies, fruit. Fri., April 16: Ham and cheese casserole, buns, veggies, fruit.

Mon., April 19: Chicken strips, rice pilaf, peas, fruit. Tues., April 20: Taco pockets, refried beans, veggies, fruit.

Wed., April 21: Sydney's Day! BBQ grilled chicken sandwiches, smiley fries, green beans, brownies.

Bainville School Thurs., April 15: Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, carrot sticks, grapes.

Fri., April 16: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, baked apples.

Mon., April 19: Quesadillas, taco bar, apples. Tues., April 20: Tater tot

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Tues., April 20: Cooks choice Wed., April 21: Spaghetti

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Fri., April 16: No school. Mon., April 19: Chicken burgers, fries, veggies, fruit. Tues., April 20: Burritos, Spanish rice, fruit. Wed., April 21: Cheese-

buns, fruit. **Alexander School** Thurs., April 15: Crispitos, gravy, rice.

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Fri., April 16: No school. Mon., April 19: Teriyaki or orange chicken, Asian rice, fortune cookies.

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DPHHS Confirms First Hantavirus Case For 2021

Case is first one since 2018; Health officials remind Montanans to take precautions to avoid **hantavirus**

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has confirmed that an adult male from Richland County has been diagnosed with hantavirus infection.

The individual acquired the illness while working out of state where there was an occupational exposure to mice. The individual was hospitalized but is now in the process of recovering at home.

DPHHS and local public health agencies remind Montanans and visitors to the state to be aware of the risk of hantavirus and to take precautions to avoid exposures to rodents, their droppings and nests. This is Montana's first hantavirus case in 2021 and is the state's 45th case since it was first identified in the state in 1993. Previously, the most recently reported case was in 2018.

"Although hantavirus infection can occur during any month, the risk of exposure is increased in the spring and summer as people are cleaning cabins and sheds, and are spending more time outside which may result in rodent exposures," said Erika Baldry, DPHHS Public Health and Safety Division epidemiologist.

Hantavirus infections are relatively rare in the US and in Montana. Early symptoms of hantavirus include fatigue, fever and muscle aches with progression to coughing and extreme shortness of breath. Hantavirus infection can cause severe illness; about 25% of Montana's cases have resulted in death. Supportive medical care is essential to survival and, if diagnosed early, can help victims through the period of severe respiratory distress.

Studies have shown that deer mice are the most common host of the virus and are well dispersed throughout Montana. People can become infected with hantavirus when

saliva, urine, or droppings from an infected deer mouse are stirred up and inhaled. It is important to avoid activities that raise dust, such as sweeping or vacuuming, if there are signs of rodents in the area.

The best protection against hantavirus is to control rodent populations in the places where people live and work by taking these precautions:

- · Seal Up: Prevent mouse entry into homes and sheds by sealing up holes and gaps in walls.
- Trap Up: Use snap traps to eliminate any mice indoors. Individuals can also reduce rodent populations near dwellings by keeping shrubbery near the home well-trimmed and moving woodpiles at least 100 feet from the dwelling and raising them at least one foot off the ground.
- · Clean Up: Carefully clean up areas where mouse droppings are found.
- Avoid sweeping or vacuuming areas with rodent droppings and urine, as the action can stir up dust and aerosolize the droppings.
- If cleaning an area such as a cabin, camper or outbuilding, open windows and doors and air-out the space for 30 minutes prior to cleaning.
- · Wear rubber or plastic gloves.
- Thoroughly spray or soak the area with a disinfectant or a mixture of bleach and water to reduce dust. Let soak for five minutes.
- Wipe up the droppings with a sponge or paper towel, then clean the entire area with disinfectant or bleach
- solution. · When cleanup is complete, dispose of sponges and paper towels used to clean, remove and discard gloves and wash hands thoroughly with soap and

warm water. For those who think they have been exposed to hantavirus, monitoring for symptoms is vital. Anyone experiencing symptoms such as fever, muscle aches and shortness of breath after a potential rodent exposure, should see a medical provid-

er immediately. "Be sure to tell your doctor that you have been around rodents-this will alert your physician to look closely for any rodent-carried disease, such as hantavirus pulmonary syndrome," Baldry advises.

For more information on hantavirus and prevention of disease, visit the DPHHS website at https://dphhs. mt.gov/.

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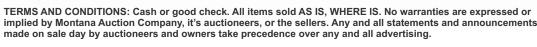




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MCHS Continues To Provide Quality Care To The Community

By Anna Dragseth

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems (MCHS) continues to not only enhance their services offered to their patients but also increase the variety of services offered at the facility. Their goal is to achieve the highest degree of healthcare for their patients. They are committed to quality services, continuity of care, assurance of qualified staff and family involvement for patients.

MCHS has several providers ranging from an urologist to a pediatrician to an orthopedic surgeon.

Dr. Maria Marchenko, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician who has had over 16 years of medical

experience and a broad background of experience dealing with asthma, skin conditions, mental health. and much more. A pediatrician is trained to diagnose and treat a broad range of childhood illnesses, from minor health problems to serious diseases. "A pediatrician manages the physical, behavioral, and mental care for children from birth until age 18. Good pediatric care is not only just sick visits - it is regular check-ups. Children need regular preventive care from a doctor, and check-ups will help track and protect your child's health as they grow into an adult," explained Marchenko.

Dr. Ravindra Joshi, MD, is a certified orthopedic sur-

geon. American, Canadian, British and Indian examining bodies certify him. He has advanced skills in total joint replacement of hip, knee and shoulder, sports-related surgery including meniscal, ACL and ligament reconstruction, trauma surgery, shoulder surgery including rotator cuff, hand surgery, carpal tunnel surgery, foot surgery, and bunion surgery.

Dr. Tracy Tomjack, DO, specializes in Primary Care Sports Medicine and is a part of the orthopedics clinic at MCHS specialty clinics. Primary Care Sports Medicine includes non-operative management of acute injuries (such as sprains, strains, fractures, and concussions) and chronic conditions (such

as arthritis and tendinopathies). She provides services including musculoskeletal ultrasound (diagnostic ultrasound and ultrasound guided procedures), joint injections, casting/splinting, and osteopathic manipulative treatment. She said, "In the near future I will also be providing PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma) injections. I also offer ultrasound guided COOLIEF cooled radiofrequency ablation treatment for chronic knee pain."

Dr. Craig Smith is an Anesthesiologist who performs epidural steroid injections (ESI) at MCHS's Orthopedics Clinic. ESI is recommended for patients who suffer from back pain and are not quite ready for

surgery. Dr. Smith conducts a screening visit (in-person, telehealth, or telephone) to determine patients are good candidates for the injection. Dr. Gary Ramage, MD

with MCHS for 25 years. He was awarded the Physician Community and Professional Services Award from the North Dakota Medical

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Dr. Lucinda L. Mundorf, MD, is a board-certified internist. Her goal is to practice internal medicine focused on prevention, keeping each person whole, body-mindsoul, in focus. She has extensive experience caring for patients with complex medical needs and welcomes the opportunity to be the coordinator of multispecialty care.

Dr. Torfi Thorkell Hoskuldsson, MD, is a general surgery specialist. Some of the procedures he assists with includes anoscopies, appendix removal, biopsies, colonoscopy and EGDs, cyst removal, gallstones and gallbladder removal, hernia, hemorrhoid removal, lesion removal, PICC line placement, skin tag removal, wound care.

Dr. Robert Bates, MD

FACS, is a urologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of both male and female urinary tract conditions as well as the diagnosis and treatment of male reproductive problems. He has advanced training in pediatric urology and can treat a full range of adult and pediatric urological conditions. The urology service at MCHS began in Nov. of 2020 and is growing rapidly providing state of art care and expanding access to specialty care in the NoDak

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Dr. Torfi Thorkell Hoskuldsson, MD.

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3) If it's an emergency, pull over: No call is worth jeopardizing the safety of you and your passengers.

4) Recruit a navigator: If you're driving with a passenger, enlist them to perform navigation and other tasks like climate control and audio selection.

5) Hands on the wheel: Resist personal grooming, eating and drinking while driving.

6) Leave pets at home: If you must travel with your pet, don't let them roam freely in

the car. 7) Utilize technology when it makes sense: Telematics programs like the USAA SafePilot App can bring undesirable driving behaviors like phone handling to light, and encourage safer driving by offering auto insurance savings.

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Began practicing in Sidney in January 2018

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Certifications: • American Board of Internal Medicine • Retired
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Shari Twigg, MD - Aesthetic Medicine

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Obstetrics/Gynecology Residency: Akron

General Medical Center, Akron, OH
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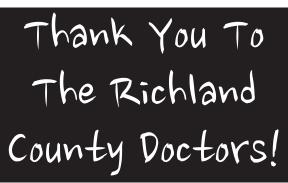


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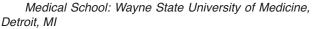
Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans Department of Pediatrics, New Orleans, LA

Began practicing in Sidney in October 2020

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Medical School: York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, NY

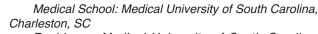
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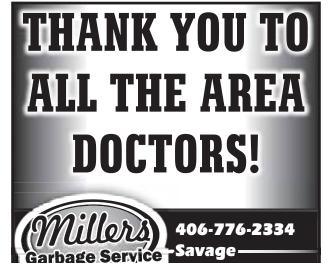






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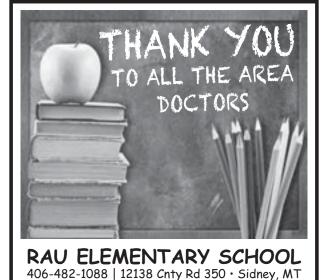
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Medical School: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT Residency: Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery Residency · University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. General Surgery Internship • University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Began practicing in Sidney in August 1999

Specializes In/Practice Includes: Otolaryngology • Head and Neck Surgery • Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery • Advanced Endoscopic Surgery • Pediatric Surgeries (Tonsil, Ear and Congenital Head and Neck Surgeries) • Middle Ear Surgeries • Rhinoplasty Septoplasty

Certifications: American Board of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery Professional Memberships: Fellow American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery • Montana Medical Association • Montana Society of Otolaryngology

Lisa Rosa-Ré MD - Family Medicine

Medical School: University of Seville, Seville, Spain Residency: Saint Mary Hospital, Hoboken, NJ

Fellowship: Bronx-Lebanon Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY Began practicing in Sidney in June 2017

Specializes In/Practice Includes: Diagnosing and treating illnesses • Managing chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes and asthma · Preventive care for men, women and children.

· Fluent in English and Spanish Certifications: American Board of Family Medicine

O. Pete Council MD - Family Medicine

Medical School: University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN

Internship and Residency: University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN

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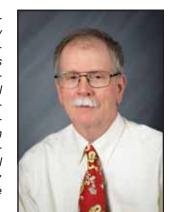
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Specializes In/Practice Includes: • Critical illness · Emergency Room Medicine Pediatrics

Certifications: American Board of Family Medicine · Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) · Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) · Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) • S.T.A.B.L.E. – Guidelines for Neonatal

Healthcare Providers Professional Memberships: • Academy of Family Physicians · Montana Academy of Family Physicians · Montana Medical Association • American Medical Association • American Institute of Ultrasound and Medicine · American Association for the Advancement of Science · Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers • United States Naval Institute



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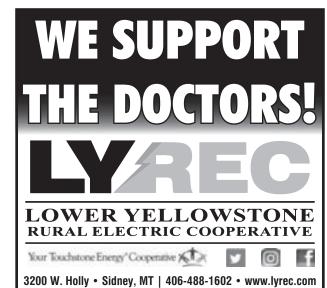
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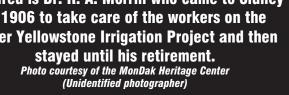
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Sidney Health Center Doctors...



Jerome Kessler MD -**Internal Medicine**

Medical School: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis,

Residency: Internship & Residencies, Fargo, ND Began practicing in Sidney in January 1986

Specializes In/Practice Includes · General Internal Medicine · Hospital Medicine · Chronic Disease · Coordination of Care · Acute Care Problems · Heart Disease · Lung Disease · Diabetes · Geriatric Care · Infections · Hypertension • Thyroid Problems • High Cholesterol • Ulcers & Bowel Problems • Asthma & Allergies • Arthritis • Depression Routine Physicals • Test Interpretation • Patient Education

Certifications · American Board of Internal Medicine

American Board of Family Medicine
 Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)



Noel Nguewoun MD -**Internal Medicine**

Medical School: Medizinishe Fakultät Mannheim, Ruprecht-Karl-Universiät Heidelberg, Germany

Residency: Internal Medicine Residencylcahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai, New York, NY, Medical Doctor Residency, St. Vincentius Krankenhaus Karlsruhe, Karl-

special interest in: • Heart Disease • Cardiac Monitoring including Holter, 2D Echo and Stress Tests • Sleep Disorders • Stroke • High Blood Pressure • Diabetes • Thyroid Disorders

Certifications: • American Board of Internal Medicine • Advanced Cardiac Life Support



Rajohn Karanjai MD -**Internal Medicine**

Medical School: Medical College, Calcutta University Residency: Saint Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA Began practicing in Sidney in June 2002

Specializes In/Practice Includes: • Internal Medicine with special interest in Heart Disease · Cardiac Monitoring including Holter, 2D Echo and Stress Tests · Sleep Disorders · Stroke · High Blood Pressure · Diabetes · Thyroid Disorders · Arthritis · Chronic Pain · Fibromyalgia · Skin Cancer and Diseases • Family Health • Weight Management

Certifications: • Internal Medicine Board Certified • Sleep Medicine Board Certified

Professional Memberships: • American Medical Association • Montana Medical Association American Society of Echocardiography · American College of Physicians · American Board of Internal Medicine • American Society of Internal Medicine • American Academy of Sleep Medicine



Chad Pedersen MD -**Medical Oncology**

Medical School: University of North Dakota, Grand

Residency: Internal Medicine: Gundersen Health System - La Crosse, WI · Medical Oncology-Hematology: Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, WI • Chief Resident: Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, WI

Began practicing in Sidney in November 2017

Specializes In/Practice Includes: • General oncology, including lung, breast, and colon cancer . Evaluation and treatment of advanced (metastatic) cancer • Prevention and early detection of cancer · Palliative and supportive care · Hospital medicine

Certifications: Internal Medicine (ABIM) · Medical Oncology (ABIM) · Hematology

Professional Memberships: American Society of Clinical Oncology



Lisa Ross MD - Obstetrics/ Gynecology

Medical School: Texas A&M University, College Station and Temple, TX

Residency: Christus St. Joseph's Hospital, Houston, TX

Began practicing in Sidney in June 2016 Specializes In/Practice Includes: • Routine and high risk obstetrics · Office and surgical gynecology · Preconception counseling. Menopause management. Treatment of female infertility · Minimally invasive and advanced laparoscopic

Certifications: American Board of Obstetrics and Gy-

sruhe, Germany Began practicing in Sidney in August 2020 Specializes In/Practice Includes: Internal Medicine with · Arthritis · Chronic Pain · Fibromyalgia · Skin Cancer and Diseases • Family Health • Weight Management • Anti-aging Advice Basic Life Support





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Malua Tambi MD - Obstetrics/Gynecology

Medical School: Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg - Mannheim, Germany

Residency: Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ Began practicing in Sidney in July 2016

Specializes In/Practice Includes: Routine and high risk obstetrics • Broad spectrum office gynecology • Broad spectrum surgical gynecology • Well woman exams • Preventive care, counseling and health education • Management of gynecological issues including menopause and infertility Certifications: American Board of Obstetrics and Gy-

Professional Memberships: American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists



Eric Sigmond, MD - Orthopedic Surgery

Medical School: Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Residency: Internship, Northwestern University Affiliated Hospitals • Orthopedic Surgery Residency, Northwestern University Affiliated Hospitals

Fellowship: Adult Reconstructive, Mayo Clinic Began practicing in Sidney in January 2019

Specializes In/Practice Includes: Joint replacement • Knee surgery • Fractures repair • Upper and lower extremities including hips and knees as well as hand and wrist • Osteoarthritis • Carpal tunnel syndrome

Certifications: American Board of Orthopedic Surgery



James Scott MD - Orthopedic Surgery

Medical School: University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, MN

Residency: Hennepin County General Hospital, Minneapolis, MN

Began practicing in Sidney in January 2011 Specializes In/Practice Includes: • Joint replacement • Knee surgery • Fractures repair

Certifications: • American Board of Orthopedic Surgery Professional Memberships: Montana Orthopedic Society • American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons • Wilderness Medical Society



Kimberly Burgess, MD - Orthopedic Surgery

Medical School • Marshall University, Huntington, WV Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery Residency, West Virginia University Primary Care Sports Medicine and Adult Fitness

Fellowship - Marshall University • Family Medicine Residency, Marshall University

Specializes In/Practice Includes: Joint replacement: • Knee surgery • Fractures repair • Upper and lower extremities including hips and knees as well as hand and wrist • Osteoarthritis • Carpal tunnel syndrome



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John Andelin MD -Pathology

Medical School: University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO

Residency: University Hospitals and Clinics Began practicing in Sidney in November 1998 Certifications: American Board of Pathology



George E. Scordalakes MD - Pediatric Medicine

Medical School: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

Residency: Metropolitan Health Center, Cleveland, OH
- National Naval Medical Center - Bethesda, MD
Began practicing in Sidney in August 2008
Specializes In/Practice Includes: Pediatric Medicine
Professional Memberships: American Board of Pedi-



Edward Bergin MD, FACS - General Surgery

Medical School: New York Medical College, New York

Residency: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Began practicing in Sidney in March 1980
Specializes In/Practice Includes: • General Surgery
Certifications: American Board of Surgery

Professional Memberships: American Medical Association • Montana Medical Association • American College of Surgeons • Society of General Surgeons • Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons



John E Carey MD, FACS - General Surgery

Medical School: University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, SC

Residency: Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, SC Began practicing in Sidney in August 2018 Certifications: American Board of Surgery • Fellow American College of Surgeons

