America’s Got Talent Finalists, Sons Of Serendip, To Perform In Watford City May 14

Sons of Serendip is a special quartet of four friends, graduates of Boston University, that came together in 2014 when they organized and performed on America’s Got Talent, taking 4th place. They will be performing at the Watford City High School Auditorium on May 11 at 7 p.m. as part of the 2018-2019 Watford City Concert Series. The name Sons of Serendip refers to the notion that “serendipity” is a combination of three words: “happens” (happenstance), “eunice” (a female name) and “serendip” (the combination of the latter two). Members of the group have hopes that their singing will inspire others to have a healthier perspective on life. They pursue their love for music, to spread love and build a better world, and create an environment that fills people with joy.

This concert is open to all 2018-2019 Watford City Area Concert series members, as well as non-royalty members. Non-concert series members can purchase a four-pack of 2019-2020 tickets for $20 (student) or $30 (adult) through their local church or contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.

The event offers a limited number of reserved tables, available for a donation of $50. General admission tickets are available for $25 in advance at Fairview City Hall, Ralston School, and The Gold Rush Casino; at $30/selling prices in Sidney at the Chamber of Commerce, Rod Iron Grill, Cafe At The Pier, Sidney Market, and Thrivent Financial. Tickets include the buffet, live and silent auction, and hours of dancing. This is a 21+ event at the Richland Hockey Arena, 214 South Central Ave SW, in Sidney.

Rising Above The River Fundraiser For Families Affected By Flooding, May 11

The raising of the river fundraise will take place during Rising Above The River, the gala dinner takes place on May 11, 2019 in support of the Missouri River’s flooding. The evening will feature a live auction, a silent auction, and a live and silent auction. Auction items have been donated or purchased from across the region. All proceeds will go towards helping those affected by the Missouri River’s flooding.

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William “Willie” Atkinson, 42
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Funeral services for Willie Atkinson, 42, of Sidney, formerly of Plattsburg were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plattsburg with Brent Bearoff officiating.
The memorial was in Emilsda Cemetery in rural Richland County under the care of Fulkerson-Steven Funeral Home of Sidney.
The family service was held Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at Fulkerson-Steven Memorial Chapel in Watford City, ND. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersonsin.com.
Willie passed away on Tuesday, April 23.
Raymond Palmer, 50
Sidney, MT and Apple Valley, CA
Funeral services for Ray Palmer, 50, of Sidney, MT and Apple Valley, CA were held Saturday, April 27 at Fulkerson-Steven Memorial Funeral Home of Sidney.
Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersonsin.com.
Ray passed away Thursday, April 18 at Sidney Health Center.

William George Ouh, 62
Portland, OR formerly of
Williston, ND
A memorial service for Michael Ouh, 62, Portland, OR formerly of Williston, ND will be held on Monday, May 6 at 11 a.m. at Fulkerson-Steven Memorial Chapel in Watford City, ND with the Rev. Ronald Cohn, Pastor, Riverbone Community Church, Rawson, ND under the care of the Fulkerson-Steven Funeral Home of Watford City.
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Michael passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in his home in Portland, OR.

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A list of trash can accumulate during the long winter months in our rural areas. This is a good time for a seasonal cleanout. This can be beneficial for all of us and our environment.
BUTA has goats of providing dirt bikes and riding gear for those who can’t afford it.
BTMA founder Ryan Day Pederson is a Veteran racer and is the current BTMA Vice President.
BTMA is sponsoring another motocross race in Watford City on May 25. This will be our 7th race as we host one month every year in Watford City.
BTMA is a 501c3 non-profit organization and is unlike other racing clubs in that we don’t make money. Our mission is to introduce the sport of dirt bike racing to the youth of South Dakota.

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LaRoque Featured Artist for the Sunrise Festival of the Arts

By Bill Vander Weele, Sidney Chamber
Sandra LaRoque, an artist from Alexander, has been selected as this year’s featured artist for the Sunrise Festival of the Arts to be held Saturday, July 13, at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Sidney.

LaRoque said she started creating art from Montana moss agates about 10 years ago. She noted that her grandfather produced belt buckles and bolo ties from moss agates many years earlier.

Her creations out of the agates from the Yellowstone River include beautiful lampshades and suncatchers. She noted the art can be enjoyed in your window to let the sun shine through them and show their beauty.

“I am just an artistic person,” LaRoque said of why she started in the art field. “The agates are so beautiful. Most people make jewelry out of them, they are actually a gem.”

LaRoque noted that it takes a lot of patience and time to make art by slabbing and polishing agates. She slabs or cuts the agates in her rock shop and runs the agate through tumblers in several grit cycles into beautifully polished pieces for her art.

Montana agates, found in the Yellowstone River Basin, were formed millions of years ago during the Pleistocene period. Montana agates are found as limb casts, partial limbs and log sections.

Sandra LaRoque
(Photos submitted)
Simply Scrumptious And Hibbun’s BBQ Have Teamed Up

By Jaymi Loobey

April 1, 2019 two businesswomen operating two different businesses decided to help each other out and brought good, homemade baked goods and BBQ to Sidney, Montana.

Simply Scrumptious has been a popular business in Sidney, Montana for a couple of years already. February of 2017, Michaela Lofthus bought Solid Rock Coffee Shop from Cindy Brown and started her own coffee shop and bakery. In December 2017, eighteen months later, she moved her burgeoning business into its current location, the old KFC building on Main. Simply Scrumptious has done very well since. They serve coffee, homemade baked goods, pastries, and by special order, cakes. Michaela met an enterprising young woman named Kayla Hilburn on the Facebook group, Sidney, MT. Kayla had a business of her own. In the winter of 2017, she and her husband started a BBQ business in Fort Peck and now they were looking to expand into Sidney. Michaela had room to rent behind the bakery and it seemed like a great fit. April 1, the trailer was put in and Main Street Sidney was blessed with the savory smell of BBQ. Hibbun’s BBQ just sold their food from the trailer at first but now the foods served inside Simply Scrumptious. In the truck, they cook their pulled pork, brisket, and ribs. The mac in cheese, coleslaw, breakfast burritos, and other BBQ related concoctions are assembled and everything is served in Simply Scrumptious. On April 30 they started offering lunch grab bags inside the bakery. The economics of a pulled pork sandwich, chips and a beverage in a grab bag for $7.50. Simply Scrumptious is also planning on hav- ing a special Saturday event on May 4. A vote was held on Facebook to name this event and the Low Country Boil was chosen. According to a video Kayla posted on the BBQ Facebook page, a Low Country Boil consists of pimento / dungeness crab, half a pound of seasoned potato, and corn on the cob, something the creators of Simply Scrumptious are familiar with. They have owned and operated a BBQ place Facebook page, Simply Scrumptious And Hilburn’s BBQ Have Teamed Up, for a year and a half already. Two members of the Sidney Tendo Tai Koon Do School traveled to Billings to participate in the Montana State National Taekwondo Championships. From Sidney, Adalyn Baxter, 9th degree black belt girls division placed 2nd in forms and 2nd in sparring. Bre belie Baxter placed 2nd in forms and 3rd in sparring. Karol Fujiwara Memorial Taekwondo & Judo Tournament, Sidney Results

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Culbertson Basketball Tournament, June 13-16, Still Time To Register

By Jaymi Loobey
June 13-16, the 2nd annual Culbertson Basketball Tournament will be challenging for high schools to show off their basketball skills, entertain and compete for prizes.

Last year the parents of students in Culbertson, ND decided they wanted to get their kids into off season basketball tournaments and they wanted to raise a little money for a couple of nonprofit organizations. High school tournaments, especially, seemed hard to come by. As a result at the beginning of the summer of 2018, the Culbertson Booster Club hosted its 1st annual Culbertson Basketball Tournament. Over $8,000 was raised. Funds were donated to the Richland County Health Department and the Culbertson BPA for their National Trip.

Three different divisions were also awarded a prize, $500 scholarship from the money raised. The tournament consists of teams of high school basketball players in one of eight divisions playing against each other. The older players are going into their senior class and the freshmen player’s grade in the fall are eligible to play. Regular Montana high school rules will be in place with a fee exception for players who are less than 17 grade. Each team is guaranteed three games. Each game has a 2-minute halftime and a three-minute halftime. The clock will stop for timeouts and the last two minutes of the game if the score is within ten points. The first game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. Thursday night but this is subject to change depending on the number of teams involved. The entry fee is $10 per team and the last day to register is May 15, 2019. Last year was twenty-eight teams while this year there will be room for forty. The games will be held in the Culbertson high school gym and in the new elementary school gym. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for students and coaches get in free. A meal and full concessions will be available. Also, for the first time, program books will be available for purchase.

Last year twenty-one sponsors and several volunteers pooled together to make this event work. Culbertson high school kids, parents, teachers, and community members volunteered their time to return, work the clock, handle admissions and run the concessions stand. Club President Sabrina Labatte said, “We have not pulled off this challenging game with the help of the community. We also had several sponsors last year and we could not have had a tournament without them.” So far, the 1st place team will receive messewaerts and the 2nd place team will receive t-shirts with this year’s sponsors on them. Culbertson Group is still looking for sponsors and volunteers for the event.

Culbertson school is located at 423 1st Ave West in Culbertson, Montana. All grade facilities are located in the same building. For more information on sponsoring, volunteering, rules, general questions or the team entry form please contact Valt Haege at haege@gmail.com or Sabrina Labatte at sabi.labatte@hotmail.com.

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McKenzie County 4-H Archers Receive Honors At State Indoor Match

2019 Badlands Bullseyes 4-H Shooting Sports Club Members, from front left, Jacob Rink, Beau Hovland, Jax Hovde, Isabell Carnell, Noah Carnell and Skyla Hovde, middle, coach Marcia Hellandsaas, Luke Smith, Jake Ceynar, Copper George, Jeremiah Patten, Emma Arnold, Dylan Cargo, David Ceynar and Shayna Hovde, back, Dustin Ceynar, Clay Ceynar, Ryan Pingel, Ezra Patten, Hosanna Patten, Colton Crist, Aiden VanZeel, Thadan Arnold, Hunter Cowan, Coach Sabrina Cowan, Coach Brent Schwam and Coach Thad Arnold. Not pictured are Bennet and Clancy Bollt, Dale Chinn, Cassie Kreske, Luke Pedersen, Nick Sanford and Ian and Morgan Veary.

McKenzie County 4-H Archers took home Second Place honors in the barebow junior division at the 4-H Archery Indoor Championship recently held at Nishua Bowl Range in Bismarck. Team members were: Shyan-Bowmen Range in Bismarck. In addition, the following youth received individual plaques as follows:

- Junior division—barebow boy—1st place—Ryan Pingel
- Junior division—barebow girl—3rd place—Hosanna Patten
- Senior division—barebow girl—5th place—Ezra Patten
- Senior division—free style—5th place—Jake Ceynar

Other McKenzie County youth participating in the indoor championship were:

- Seniors: David Crain and Colton Crist
- Juniors: Thadahn Arnold, Dylan Cargo, Hunter Cowan, Noah Carnell, Skylly Hovde and Luke Smith
- Beginners: Emma Arnold, Isabell Carnell, Jake Hovde and Luke Pedersen

This event is the combination of indoor matches held across North Dakota. McKenzie County youth shot in Willford City, Minot, Bismarck and Edgley. They are required to attend at least two of these district matches to participate in the championship. The top two best district scores and the best overall score from these district matches can compete at the state championship. Archers from 8 to 18 years old competed in three age divisions and two bow divisions. 4-H archers can compete in freestyle and/or freestyle bow divisions. For more information on the McKenzie County 4-H Archery Program, please contact NDSU Extension/McKenzie County at 701-444-3411.
Neu’s Super Valu to Celebrate
Anniversary and Renovation May 7

By Dianne Swanson

Four years ago, at 1 p.m. on April 30, Tim and Laura Neu purchased the Super Valu store in Fairview from Bill and Marilyn Huft. Next Tuesday, May 7, they will host their 4th Anniversary Renovation open house and Fairview Showcase from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Neu have a lot to celebrate now. The store has undergone a complete face-lift and has more of a country look now that the yearlong renovations have been completed. And Tim just had a good checkup in Salt Lake City.

Tim was raised in Fairview and graduated from Dickinson State in 1991. He’s always had an interest in the grocery store business but life led him to Florida and a career in finance. Fairview drew him home in 2009 when he went to work in the oilfield with his brother Mark at W.L. Neu Construction.

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frozen, dried and produce departments. An independently owned retailer, Newu’s Super Valu is suppl-

ed by Super Valu, which merged with Uni-Stop about a year ago to greatly expand the product base.

When Tim was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in November of 2017, he spent the first few months in shock and disbelief. Another, he desired to work on the store. He made a five year plan to substantially add to the existing store or build a new one, cancer or not. “This big or go home” is his motto. He credits that action with helping him maintain a positive attitude through months of radiation and chemotherapy and now, he says, “I’ll live forever, or at least until he’s 83.” The renovations and the store’s healthy and sustained growth are his tribute. He said.

After working with the bank to get a purchase approved, the first step in the renovation was to install the first automatic doors in Fairview. Not only are they convenient for customers, they were needed so the two new refrigerators and freezer cases could be brought in. The furnace and air conditioning was moved to the roof and old duct work was removed to allow more refrigeration and ceiling space. All the new refrigeration cases have more efficient compressors and LED lighting has been installed in some areas, with more to come. Bright new signage decorates the store and leads customers to the various departments.

Newu’s Super Valu is a full service grocery store. “You can find everything you need within your budget,” Tim commented. He said the hopes people will realize that they can shop locally instead of making the big trips out of town which can also cut the cost in gas and gas-mile prices. “By providing a nice store, we’re hoping to change some of those habits,” he added.

Black Angus USDA Top Choice beef is offered in the meat department, cut professionally by Tim and Jud McPerson. They offer meat bundles and custom order cuts.

In addition to an excellent meat, produce and grocery selec-
tion, Newu’s has the deli, ready made floral bouquets, greeting cards and a fresh machine. Gift cards are also available. The deli offers hot and cold grab and go, baked, fried and roasted chicken. Deli-
cut meats include such as chicken enchiladas, homemade chicken pot pie and meatballs are cooked up fresh daily. Homemadegood with high quality meats and cheese, cheese spreads up as make-up items like “butter buster” sandwiches or as Tim calls them.

Newu’s Super Valu employs 14 full and part-time people. Tim is general manager and the store’s department manager. Lilia Lasu runs the deli, while Blythe and Tom manage the frozen food department and work in the deli and meat department respectively.

Time has passed with the store since she was 16 years old, is assistant manager as well as dairy and bakery de-
partment manager. Tam Gallikstein is head cutter and works the deli while Lisa Johnson is the produce manager and Cindy Knox is cashier. Everyone plays a role in things. It’s a small store, everyone helps out wherever they’re needed. “I really appreciate everyone who works at Super Valu,” I want to thank all my great employees,” he said. “They really stepped up when I was sick,” he said. “And a special thank you to Marilyn and the late Bill Huft who filled in and helped until I could turn them over.”

Seven high school kids have found employment at the grocery store. “It’s hard work but it’s a chance for them to learn a great work ethic and a foundation for later,” Tim said. He really likes the kids and would hire more if he could. “I hope we grow,” he said. Connor Caupo and Garrett Johnson are at the store at 5 a.m. to help with cleaning and occasionally work on the weekends.

Kayden Stupach, Riley Bushnell, Shantel Gallikstein, Castle Leister and Brianna Carr
work in cosmetics, record orders, assist, carryout and wherever they’re needed.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary and the store renovation, everyone is invited to an open house on Tuesday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. “We want everyone to have some fun,” Tim said. “Come in for some good food samples and refreshments and we’ll have freeies for you to give away.”

It’s also Double All Tuesday where the sales overlap and shoppers take back savings on sales for both weeks. They are also planning some Super Save Specials and shoppers who spend $100 get a $5 instant coupon which has no restrictions.

The Fairview Chamber of Commerce also invites Chamber members and those who would like to become members to the first Fairview Showcase from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 7. Enjoy special eats and networking with other members.

Growing up in Fairview in the 70s and 80s, Tim apprenticed a vibrant town with two grocery stores, a hardware store, lumber yard, paint, a Ben Franklin store, and much more. He would truly like to see Fairview revitalize and bring back to where it was then. “I want to see Fairview thrive and have opportunities for other businesses. Success leads to success. I would also like to help make Fairview a destination for shoppers from Sidney, Williston and Watford City. It’s a nice drive. We have a small town with an excellent selection and it’s not exhausting to shop here. We welcome all those folks to come and shop, drive and play in Fairview.”

Neu’s Super Valu is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.” They’re easy to find, right on Valley Avenue in Fairview and can be reached at 406-742-5441. Weekly ads are available on their Facebook page and in the store. Check them out – you’ll be glad you did.

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Buzzin’ Beyond Billings
Tour Of Eastern Montana
Commences May 7

"Many Billings students and alumni have deep roots in Eastern Montana. Often they’ve had to leave Bennett to pursue their dreams and education and now their..."

By Steve Hinebauch

The 60th Legislative Session officially came to a close on Thursday, April 25, the 87th legislative day. We came home that night, just in time to enjoy the May night sky. Some of the bright spots of the session were that we passed some pro-life bills and some pro-life bills that SB 100, requiring a fetal heartbeat notification in an abortion, HB 50, "Pain-Capable Act", making it illegal to have an abortion after 20 weeks, and HB 305, "Montana Born Infant Protection Act", which eliminates doctors to give medical care to babies who survive abortion. These bills passed mostly on party lines. It will be interesting to see what the Governor does. The gun bills were SB 304, which would authorize concealed carry for legislators, and sergeant-at-arms & their deputies in the capitol, and HB 325 and HB 370, which I carried on the senate floor, would remove the requirement to provide Social Security Numbers on concealed weapon permit applications. Both bills became law.

Another good thing we passed was a bill that encourages the US Forest Service to issue recreational permits on the 2020 Census. We feel that if you are a citizen or not it is more important to know than how many times do you go in your house. Another resolution we passed was to give Congress an opportunity to debate the border issue. Congress is pushing the issue into the planks and we hope they listen to many of them. We were also able to light the Governor's mansion, which was going to cost another $35 Million. These are just a few of the many good things we did this legislative session.

One of the disappointing things we did, in my opinion, was to vote against the propane tax. To pay for Medicaid Expansion we had to pass several laws, two of which were a $70 bed tax on hospital beds and 20% tax on outpatient services. Medicaid Expansion is expected to cost $1.5 Billion over the biennium, plus the state must pay the hospital $300 Million to cover the gap between Medicaid Expansion and what hospitals actually charge. No worry the hospital lobby is doing hard for this. They will receive almost $2 Billion over the biennium due to Medicaid Expansion. Another disappointing thing we did was, even though we are projected to spend $1.6 Billion on infrastructure this biennium, we borrowed $80 Million for more infrastructure projects when we had approximately $300 Million in an ending balance. Would you borrow $80,000 for a project if you had $250 Million in the bank? The "power that be" always throw a little project for each county so they could get their voices. But the fact is, most..."
By Anna Drapowt

Isaac Sponheim is a freshman at Montana State University and former FFA member, was elected the 2019-2020 2nd Vice President of the Montana State FFA Organization on Saturday, April 6th at the Montana FFA State Convention. ‘Truck was my previous advisor last year. I wasn’t sure how returning was going to go. When my name was called, there was a silence before everyone started clapping. It was a truly special moment,” said Sponheim.

Sponheim is originally from Richey, MT and has been an FFA member for six years. He said, “My advising teacher, Kyle Senner, inspired me to join the Richey FFA Chapter. When I first joined FFA, I was just brought along to a contest, but Mr. Sponheim’s encouragement and teaching made me quickly realize just how important FFA was and the impact it would soon have on me.”

Sponheim explained that he had spent many hours with the Richey FFA Chapter. He has participated in community service projects such as raking junk fences for the Lodgepole Firefighters, as mowing lawns, and building new bookshelves for the Richell Library. He has also participated in many Career Development Events (CDE) including Agricultural Mechanics, Farm Business Management, Agricultural Sales, Food Science, Parliamentary Procedure, and Entrepreneurial Speaking.

Competitions were never my strongest area. That being said, I do believe that accomplishments reach far beyond trophies and awards. “Through holding chapter offices, competing, and attending various camps and workshops, I had come to thoroughly enjoy leadership in any capacity. Honestly saw running for a State Office as a way to pursue my passion for leadership and get back to FFA,” added Sponheim.

Sponheim spent many hours preparing himself for his election as a Montana State FFA Officer. He explained, “There is a written test and several rounds of interviews once you get to the Montana FFA State Convention, so for me preparation was key. I was buying up on my FFA knowledge for the tests and studying any past State Officers, and participating in the Regional Leadership Conference to improve my interview. Something I consider just as important as preparing, was meeting and getting to know fellow candidates. Building strong relationships with everyone who is running for a State Officer position is a massive part of the process.”

Sponheim hopes to gain many relationships from this opportunity. “I am a people person, and my friends and family mean the world to me. I really hope to build solid friendships with as many members as I can as well as my fellow State Officers, and other alumni. Having strong relationships and connections is always an advantage, and I believe it’s a crucial part of being a truly full life.”

Sponheim hopes to use his platform as an FFA State Officer to be an example for members who may not be directly involved in agricultural production. “My father is a pastor, and my mother is a preschool teacher, so although I have always lived in close proximity to agriculture, I have never been a part of the production side of things. I hope to show others that you don’t need to have an agricultural background to have a passion for the industry.”

Sponheim did not let graduating high school stop his involvement within FFA. He plans to pursue a degree in Agricultural Education. The passion for not just FFA, but his career plan, he responded, “Absolutely! FFA and my advisor have been the largest influences in my decision to study Agriculture Education. The passion for not just FFA, but the agriculture industry, and advocating that was instilled in me as a member has directed my life in a direction I never could have imagined. I feel so lucky that I had the opportunity to be a part of a chapter with such great advisors that helped me find something I am truly passionate about.”
Monitoring and Early Detection

We’ve grown our AIS monitoring program dramatically and are surveying more water bodies of all types for invasive plants and animals and increasing the number of water samples collected and analyzed for invasive mussel larvae. Last year, we collected and analyzed more than 2,100 water samples. This early detection, rapid response preparedness and prevention.

In 2018, we, and our partners, inspected a record number of watercraft, including more than 2,100 water samples. This season, more partners are helping with monitoring, allowing more people to look for AIS around the state.

Rapid Response Preparedness

We’ve implemented a rapid-response plan that outlines the actions FWP and our partners would undertake if invasive mussels were detected.

Prevention

In 2018, we, and our partners, inspected a record number of watercraft in Montana. This year’s adjustments to our inspection stations will include improved signage in and around our inspection stations and new restraints that allow us to target areas with the highest risk. This includes relocating some stations along with expanding the season and hours of operation of others. We couldn’t do any of this work without the many partners who join us in protecting our waters.

FWP works with local government entities, including the Corriedale Soil and Water Conservation District, Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, Missoula County Soil and Water Conservation District, Ravalli County Soil and Water Conservation District, Valley County Soil and Water Conservation District, Missoula County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lake County Social and Water Conservation District, and the Lake Institute will sponsor and operate inspection stations in coordination with FWP.

Still, the most important role to play is yours. The protection of our waters needs everyone’s help. If you boat or fish, make sure to follow the principles of clean, drain, dry — Clean all mud and debris from the watercraft, trailer, waders and fishing equipment. • Pull drain plugs and make sure all compartments, bilges and ballast systems are drained.

Dry out your watercraft, including dry wells, storage areas and compartments.

For more information, you can visit fwp.mt.gov or call the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks’ Fish Health Program at 406-444-3400.

Thank you for helping us protect Montana’s waters.
**DISTRICT 2C TRACK & FIELD MEET**

**Tuesday, May 7th**

At Lambert High School

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