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Area Woman Up For Super Mom

By Bill Vander Weele

Area resident Amy Karst has a chance to be awarded for doing one of the most important jobs in the world.

Karst, who lives in rural Fairview, is in contention for the Woman's World Magazine's Super Mom award. The mother of two has already advanced through the first round of elimination. Next, voting takes place through May 2, to cut the entries to 15 contestants in each group. You can vote at https://thesupermom.org/2024/amy-karst?fbclid=IwZXh0bGhZw0CMTAAAR-1JTCxRDtA1Hevr-MvNuH-wo4jzW_znGs5L8ynliW-ZGpRi2tObOTTr8Wg_aem_AWfU4HPKhV7jKAr-eyZ-hQtKKrWIFSzFKgT-mxnOLG5j0tndu5ecD1rm-j7ZFRPIVRN4aFSHWm-vDtQyFGDJCtKHh

"It celebrates motherhood basically," Karst said of the contest.

The magazine is searching for one extraordinary mother to win \$20,000, be featured in Woman's World Magazine, be flown to California and have a photo shoot. Karst, a 2010 Fairview High School graduate, has been constantly in the top three for her group during the competition.

People can vote once a day for free. Additional votes cost a fee, but the funds head to the Children's Miracle Network. Colossal has raised more than \$2.6 million through the Super Mom competition to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Karst is thankful that



Amy Karst of the MonDak area keeps advancing in the Woman World Magazine's Super Mom contest. The next

round of voting ends on Thursday, May 2. (Photo courtesy of Whitney Wold Photography)

family members and friends have even paid to vote for her. "It's so sweet," she said.

She explained that it was an honor to be one of the only 2,000 mothers selected for the Super Mom contest.

Karst describes herself as a very hands-on and creative mother for her sons Leo, 4, and Lim, 2.

"My approach is very loving and safe," she explained. She follows the belief of her parents, Justin and Anita, that children should not be afraid to try a wide

variety of activities. "My goal is to raise my kids the way my mom raised us," Karst said. Growing up, Amy was involved in music, sports and other activities.

Amy's path in life has included being a chef at Walt Disney World and serving as a music teacher at East Fairview School.

She has recently passed her American elementary education program board test and has secured a teaching position starting next school year.

"My life has many ca-

reers and interests," Karst said. "That's what I want to teach my boys."

She appreciates that her sons see her as a Super Mom. "I'm their hero, for now," she said.

That's not to say she's a perfect mom by any means. She explains when she's overly busy or not feeling well, she experiences "mom guilt".

She does make sure she reads to her sons each morning and night. She often has the boys watch her cook and even assist with the

process. She said they are more likely to try new foods that way.

Amy is also excited about her singing career, which she will enjoy performing during a patio night at the Waterhole #3, Fairview, on June 20, starting at 7 p.m. She will perform 12 original songs along with some covers.

"That's kind of my therapy," Karst said of song writing. Most of her music deals with some sort of relationship. "They usually end with healing in some way."



Plans Moving Ahead For Sidney Trial

By Bill Vander Weele

A new trial for Kyle Lee Severson is being planned.

Richland County Attorney Charity McLarty says a scheduling conference is set for 2 p.m. on May 13. McLarty will serve as prosecutor in the case. District Judge Olivia Rieger has set Severson's bond at \$1 million in the case.

Severson remains in prison for tampering. He has served about five years after being sentenced for eight years on that charge. A parole hearing is anticipated to occur soon.

The new trial for Severson is planned in Richland County. "As of right now it will be unless if they request a change of venue," McLarty said.

The Montana Supreme Court ruled on April 9 that the "cumulative effect" of errors during the 2020 trial of Severson for homicide entitled him to a new trial.

Severson was convicted of mitigated deliberate homicide in the 2019 shooting of Tyler Hayden and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Severson's attorneys claimed that the State violated his rights to due process by failing to disclose favorable evidence as required under Brady v. Maryland and Montana law. The evidence included investigative reports of a burglary of Severson's home and the contents of Dalton Watson's cell phone.

According to court documents when Severson's girlfriend, Karina Orozco, returned home on the night of the shooting, she discovered their home had been burglarized. In the ensuing investigation, police identified Keaston Johns, Logan Krauser and Immanuel Brown as the primary suspects of the burglary. Johns was Hayden's girlfriend at the time of the shooting.

The Montana Supreme Court notes that Brady evidence need not itself be admissible to trigger due process protections; it need have only the "potential to lead directly to admissible exculpatory evidence."

The court wrote, "The favorability of the investigative reports should have been obvious to the State as early as Aug. 7, 2019. On that date, Watson admitted to receiving items stolen from Karina. The information contained in the reports connected the burglary directly to Watson and Hayden. Watson received proceeds from the burglary from Hayden's girlfriend on the night of the shooting. The information connecting the burglary to the shooting had the potential to lead directly to the discovery of other exculpatory evidence, namely the contents of Watson's cell phone."

The Supreme Court suggested that former Rich-

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Roughrider Fund Announces Recipients To Enhance Community Of Watford City

The Watford City Roughrider Fund is a one and a half cent city sales tax missioned with enhancing Watford City.

In recent history, the fund supported the construction and expansion of large community facilities including the McKenzie Health Medical Complex, the Rough Rider Center and the Watford City Municipal Airport.

Each year, the fund supports organizations that create vibrancy in our community through events and programming in and around Watford City. This year, the fund committed \$ 100,000 to its Community Enhancement Grant program to support vibrancy efforts. At the February City Council meeting, the fund awarded \$ 52,500 to the following organization for programming and events:

- Save the Maah Daah Hey to support volunteer efforts during the annual Big Push event
- Friday Night Lights to support school wide activity passes and student back packs
- Trap, Neuter, Rescue Foundation (AKA Angels Wish) to support operations
- Badlands Gymnastics to support the annual Blast In the Badlands youth gymnastics meet
- Long X Arts Foundation to support Wild West Days at the 2024 North Dakota Rodeo Associations Finals

- Long X Arts Foundation to support Art in the Park 2024 during Watford City's Homefest Celebration weekend

- Watford City Golf Club to support the Welcome Back Scramble, Money Mayhem Tournament, Couples Scramble and Superintendent's Challenge

- Bakken Classic Jr. Livestock Show to support its annual North Dakota Junior Point & Beyond the Ring sanctioned youth show

- Feed My Starving Children to support the Watford City Mobile Pack event

- McKenzie County Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum to support youth programs such as Tator Tots, Teddy's Kids Camp, Dino Dig, Heritage Day, and monthly old fashion creative arts at Wintering Well

- Watford City Chamber of Commerce to support Homefest weekend activities

- Watford City Chamber of Commerce to support Ribfest

- Watford City Chamber of Commerce to support Fall & Winter events such as Trail of Treats, Turkey Bingo, and Parade of Lights

- Bakken Oil Rush Ministry to support the Bilingual Play Group

- Bakken Oil Rush Ministry to support the Annual School Supply

- Giveaway
- McKenzie County Tourism to support VisitWatfordCity.com 2024 Main Street Summit downtown activities

- Watford City Park District to support the 2024 North Dakota Parks Association State Conference at the Rough Rider Center

- Watford City Park District to support the 2024 12 U Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament

- Arnegard Park Board to support Spudfest

The program has an additional \$ 47,500 available for 2024 events and programs in McKenzie County that support community vibrancy. Please find the application here: [https://www.cityofwatfordcity.com/usfiles/cp/Community_Enhancement_Grant_Application_12.11.2023\(Fillable\).pdf](https://www.cityofwatfordcity.com/usfiles/cp/Community_Enhancement_Grant_Application_12.11.2023(Fillable).pdf)

The Roughrider Fund committee and city council thank all community members for shopping local. Your support of local businesses generates the sales tax dollars that in turn support the great organizations in our community whose programs and events make Watford City a vibrant and exciting community to live in. The committee also encourages community members to check out WatfordCityEvents.com to always know what opportunities for events and programming are being offered.



Cloverbuds Kayson and Jentri Maurer work on saying the 4-H pledge during Saturday's day camp. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Camp Encourages Interest In County's 4-H Programs

By Bill Vander Weele

Richland County/MSU Extension agent Josie Evenson was surrounded by some of the youngest individuals interested in 4-H during a day camp at the Extension center on Saturday.

In attendance were about 20 Cloverbuds, who are between the ages of 5-8. The youngsters are introduced to 4-H before taking part in competitive projects in future years.

Evenson said the day included teaching the children the 4-H pledge through different fun activities. Part of the time featured the kids painting the 4-H clover.

Other projects included making coasters and a fake fish aquarium.

The children also helped with preparing dessert for their pizza lunch. Evenson said that segment included

lessons about germs and hand washing.

She added that such a day camp is held each year to get the young children excited about 4-H.

"I think it's important to start them young and to introduce them to 4-H," Evenson said.

She said the program also gets the children familiar with the 4-H format including the importance of meeting deadlines.

The Cloverbuds are also invited to other 4-H activities throughout the year.

"We try to include them, but this is a day just geared for them," Evenson said.

There are about 40 total Cloverbuds in Richland County. Felix Becker, Missouri River Ranchers' 4-H Club member, assisted Evenson with running the day's activities.

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MONDAYS:
 12 p.m. - Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 12 p.m. - "We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.
 7 p.m. - Hope For Today Al-Anon Family Group Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
 8 p.m. - AA Meeting Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
TUESDAYS:
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228
 7 p.m. - 24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
WEDNESDAYS:
 6:45 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Watford City - Assembly of God (1st Wed. of month 6 p.m. Potluck)
 7 p.m. - 24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
THURSDAYS:
 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
 7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, Watford City - Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
 8 p.m. - AA Meeting, Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
FRIDAYS:
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side
 8 p.m. - NA Meetings, Watford City - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.
SATURDAYS:
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - 24-Hr. AA Group Meeting, Watford City - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
SUNDAYS:
 1 p.m. - Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.
 7 p.m. - AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - Living Free NA Group, Sidney - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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 Current Elevation.....1835.3
 Last Week's Elev.1835.4
 One Year Ago1829.0
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
 Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 22.....	62	41	0.010
April 23.....	63	33	0.000
April 24.....	73	29	0.000
April 25.....	81	42	0.000
April 26.....	74	41	0.000
April 27.....	62	35	0.000
April 28.....	62	32	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....			0.640

Candidates Seek House Spot For District 29

Northeastern Montana residents Miles Knudsen and Valerie Moore are the two Republican candidates seeking the Montana House District 29 seat. The district includes most of Culbertson along with the communities of Froid, Plentywood and Scobey.

Primary election date is June 4. The two candidates answered the following questions. No Democrats are seeking the position.

Why did you decide to enter the race?

Knudsen: To continue the strong representation that eastern Montana has and needs. With redistricting, eastern Montana loses representation. This makes the experience I have helping your two former legislators Austin Knudsen and Rhonda Knudsen valuable for this area.

Moore: After much contemplation and consideration, I decided to run for HD 29 because I feel I have the desire and passion to truly represent the constituents of northeast Montana.

Which issues do you feel that area residents care the most about?

Moore: Several issues come to mind, some universal to all Montanans others more unique to northeast Montana. Sky high property taxes, retaining accessible healthcare and achieving quality education are among them. Putting our veterans first and Backing the Blue are important to me, as well.

Knudsen: Income tax rate. Property tax rate. Crime rate.

What is your professional background, experiences?

Knudsen: Farming, ranching, small business.

Moore: I have an associate degree in business, but more importantly I have years of community service as experience in the bank. Education forms the bedrock of any community, and my commitment to this principle was evident through my 10 years of service on the Westby School Board. Understanding the need to attract and retain the next generation, I served as chairman of the Westby Development Corporation for 20+ years. Recognizing the critical role of healthcare in our rural areas, I served on Sheridan Healthcare Foundation Board for eight years. Aside from that, I owned and managed Westby Meat and Grocery for over a decade and managed the clubhouse



Knudsen



Moore

at Plentywood Golf Course for several years.

How do you feel that legislators can better represent Montanans?

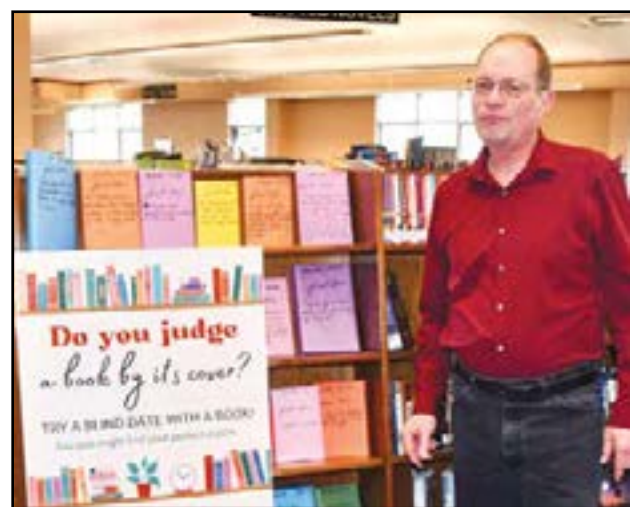
Moore: I feel the best and only way to represent Montanans, particularly northeastern Montanans, is to listen to their issues, needs, and struggles and make yourself assessable to them. Let your constituents know you are in Helena for them. We may not win every battle, but the powers that be will know we are in the fight for the long haul.

Knudsen: The people I talk to say by cutting taxes, less spending and encouraging self reliance.

Is there a particular issue that you feel passionate about?

Knudsen: Taxes and judicial over reach.

Moore: If I had to pick one I would say accessible healthcare and long care facilities for our aging population. If you haven't lived here and walked through the trials of battling a trauma, a chronic illness, cancer therapy or an emergency surgery you may not understand the stress both financially and emotionally that traveling for care brings to our citizens. And, I don't believe most want their family in an elder care facility half way across the state from their home where dropping in for a frequent visit has been deemed impossible. But, because our residents deserve and need accessible healthcare, quality education, and to feel safe, all issues are important to me.



Librarian Dan Hart with the display at Sidney High School.
 (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Promotion Leading Sidney Students To Reading

By Bill Vander Weele
 Blind dates are going on at Sidney High School, but usually no romance is involved.

Recently, librarians started the "Try a blind date with a book" promotion with the goal of getting students interested in a wider variety of books.

Sidney High School librarian Dan Hart said he has thought about offering the promotion for years. Now was the perfect time because Central librarian Kelsey Campbell needed a project as part of her work to achieve her library endorsement.

The promotion has books covered with colored paper. The only information seen is the first line of the book.

"They're looking at content rather than the picture on the cover," Hart explained.

Campbell selected the books, wrapped the selections and printed the opening lines on the books.

"She did all the work," Hart said of Campbell.

Hart explained the selections were all new books purchased by the school this year. Students are doing the reading for their own enjoyment.

"Some kids will find out that they maybe can add to their normal genre," Hart said.

He added that he's heard some school libraries holding such a promotion for some time "If it's successful, I will do it again next year," Hart said.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
 Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.
Thurs., May 2
 12-12:30 p.m. - 73rd Annual National Day Of Prayer - Richland County Courthouse, by the flagpole, on the lawn near the front entrance. In case of inclement weather it will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Church.
Fri., May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 7:30 p.m. - Volleyball Sports Night - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.
Sat., May 4, 11, 18, 25
 7 p.m. - Basketball Sports Night - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.
Thurs., May 9
 11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting - Pizza House. To RSVP call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.
Fri., May 10
 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Hosts Sunrise City Cleanup - Check in at Veterans Memorial Park. Volunteer for 1 hour or the entire morning. Multiple time slots available. To register text the word "Volunteer" to 406-206-7988.
 1-9 p.m. - Women's Wellness Collective - All ages welcome until 5 p.m.; remaining hours for 21+. Free to the public. Includes vendors showcasing wellness-oriented businesses with offerings that can improve the quality of life for women and TED talks featuring financial planning, medical supervised weight loss & more. For more info & to register visit sidneymt.com.
Sat., May 11
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Richland County Youth Bike Rodeo - A free opportunity for youth to help tune up a bike, pick out a helmet, & take both home. Richland County Events Center, West end parking lot.
 7-11 p.m. - St. Matthew's Spring Fling Semi-Formal Dance - Grades 6-8. DJ music by Midnight Express. St. Matthew's Parish Center. \$10 a person. Students will only be allowed to leave if picked up & signed out by a parent. Dress code will be enforced. For more info call Colleen Haralson, 406-482-2680.
Thurs., May 16
 6 p.m. - Richland County Farm Bureau Candidate Forum - Come hear the candidates themselves answering your questions. Sidney Elks Lodge BPOE 1782.

McKENZIE COUNTY
 Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.
Wed., May 1
 5 p.m. - Switcholio Cornhole Tournament - This tournament uses the Scoreholio App. You will be randomly drawn partners to play some round robin games & then placed with a partner for a tournament. \$15/person; age 21+; cash prizes. Registration 5-6 p.m., tournament starts 6 p.m., Rough Rider Center Convention Hall. For more info email Nikki, nicoles@roughridercenter.com.
 6-8 p.m. - Prairie Rose Watercolor Class - Ages 8+. Learn the basics of watercolor painting while creating a prairie rose painting. Supplies & materials included, no experience necessary. Cost \$18. Long X Arts Foundation Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.
Fri., May 3
 5-10 p.m. - Cinco De Mayo Celebration - Yummy food, music, & more for the whole family. Free admission. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info call 701-842-3665 or email info@roughridercenter.com.
Fri., May 3 & 10
 6-8 p.m. - Pickup Soccer - Get together & play soccer. No experience necessary. Open to all ages. Day pass or Basic Membership required. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info visit watfordcityparks.com.
Sun., May 4
 5 p.m. - Kay Detienne Benefit - Spaghetti feed dinner & silent auction. Watford City Eagles Club.
Sun., May 5
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Mothers Day Vendor Show, Alexander - Free cookies & tea for moms. Alexander Public School, 601 Delany St., Alexander.
Mon., May 6
 7-8:30 p.m. - Brassfire Concert - Featuring the trumpet with piano & bass, while honoring the music of Louis Armstrong, Herb Alpert & Doc Severinsen. Adults \$30; students free. Watford City High School Theater, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway. For more info call 701-770-8659.
Mon., May 6-Fri., May 10
 Pick Up The Patch - Volunteers needed to help clean up McKenzie County & get the garbage out of the ditches. Supplies for volunteers will be available at Watford City Police Department, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. the week before and week of May 6-10. For more info contact the Watford City Police Department, 701-742-2280 or wcpd@nd.gov.
Tues., May 7, 5-7 p.m. & May 21, 2-4 p.m.
 McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page. For questions or concerns call 701-444-3244.
Fri., May 10-Sat., June 29
 10 a.m. - Women of the West: Amanda Heimbuch Gallery Show - Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
 Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.
Thurs., May 2
 4-5 p.m. - Mother's Day Flower Pot - Grades K-8. Glaze a super cute flower pot for your Mom for Mother's Day & fill with a plant. \$25 members, \$30 not yet members. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W. For more info & to register visit thejamesmemorial.org.
Sun., May 5
 9 a.m. - 2nd Annual 22 Rifle Fun Shoot - Parent & youth team, 22 rifle shoot (guns & ammo provided if needed) but welcome to bring your own. Registration 9-11 a.m., \$20 per team; pre-register by texting Jenn Jones 605-661-0438 with your team name & members. Painted Woods Sporting Range, 5050 145th Ave. NW.
Mon., May 6-Fri., May 10
 Economic Development Week - May 6, 1-3 p.m. - Economic Development Open House, 113 4th St. E.
 - May 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - State of the City Address, Old Armory, 320 1st Ave. E.; 4-5:30 p.m. - 2024 ND Small Business Person of the Year - Cherie Harms, Leonardite Products, LLC, Old Armory, 320 1st Ave. E. - May 8, 9-10 a.m.: Brew Your Business, Williston State College - Teton Lounge, 1401 University Ave. - May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours - Busted Knuckle Brewery, 213 11th St. W.

DAWSON COUNTY
 Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.
Mon., May 6
 9-10:15 p.m. - Night Sky Program - Look at the Makoshika night sky through a telescope. A Ranger-led interpretive talk will be included. Makoshika State Park, Lower group youth shelter.
Sun., May 12
 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Richey FFA Blooming Blossoms Bash - Free meal & vendors. Richey School Greenhouse.
Sat., May 18
 1-3:30 p.m. - Kids to Park Day - Makoshika will be hosting activities to get kids out in the park. Makoshika State Park Visitors Center, 1301 Synder St.

Savage School Holds Career Exploration For Students

By Bill Vander Weele

Savage students learned more about the energy field during a career exploration titled, "The Oil Industry and Its Impact," on April 23.

The afternoon featured presentations from Cross Petroleum, Continental Resources, Valley Garage Welding and Fabrication along with Skills USA.

Information shared from Richland Economic Development included that Richland County is the top oil production county in Montana. The county features 26 oil related companies with a total of 530 employees. Average starting pay is \$35 an hour.

Owen Nelson, Valley Garage Welding and Fabrication, told students that after graduating from Savage High School, he studied welding for two years. He went on to study machinery and then worked for Sidney Sugars for more than two years. Nelson then decided to try his current field.

Valley Garage Welding and Fabrication features up to date plasma tables. Items that Nelson has worked on have included windbreaks, recycled stands, shelves, walkover steps and pump stands.

Nelson encouraged students to consider a trades field. He said there's a lot of scholarships available for trade schools.

Gina Roos, Cross Petroleum, used a trivia question to point out the company's history along with energy industry information. Cross Petroleum started in 1957. Locations include Sidney, Savage, Glendive, Billings, Terry and Hysham. There are four gas stations or "c" stores in Glendive, one in Savage and one in Hysham.

Rolly Bloesser and Ron Shanks discussed careers with Continental Resources. The variety of positions include engineers, IT technicians, field operators, chemical specialists and media relations.

Bloesser said local jobs include lease operators, superintendents, production techs and foremen.

They told the students that starting wages for lease operators are \$34 an hour with full benefits. Individuals work eight straight days and then have six days off.

Roberta Tillman, state director for Montana Skills USA, urged students not



Savage's Owen Nelson talks about his career. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

to discount entry level jobs because individuals can move up the ladder if they are dedicated workers. She noted students should try new things.

Skills USA had a welding and fabrication contest for the first time last year. She said firefighting and crime scene investigations are also very popular careers. Skills USA offers 140 occupational areas including culinary, carpentry and mechanical drafting.

With the country facing a shortage of trained young professionals in the work force, it's beneficial to research what Skills USA offers.

Each of Savage's four high school classes provided a presentation regarding the energy industry.

The senior's presentation dealt with information about oil and petroleum.

Juniors toured the Savage coal mine and reported on the mine's history.



Continental Resources' Ron Shanks (left) and Rolly Bloesser welcomes visitors to their booth. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

The Knife River Coal Mine opened in 1958. West Moreland purchased the mine in

2001. With the mine closing, the school district no longer receives about \$125,000 an-

nually in coal funds and the community has a decreased tax base.

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Suspect Apprehended After Pursuit

At approximately 11:49 a.m. (CST) on Thursday, April 25, the McKenzie County Sheriff's Office was requested to assist the U.S. Forest Service with a suspicious male subject who was attempting to sell items on the Little Missouri National Grasslands. Upon contact, the male fled in his vehicle, and units initiated a pursuit with the male suspect. The pursuit left the National Grasslands and traveled southbound on U.S. Highway 85 from Sixth Street NW, Grassy Butte, ND.

The vehicle continued southbound on U.S. Highway 85 at speeds in excess of 100 mph, until the vehicle entered the ditch north of 10th Street SW in Billings

County.

The suspect exited the vehicle and produced a hammer and a knife to law enforcement. Attempts to take the armed suspect into custody through less lethal weapons were unsuccessful. The armed suspect fled on foot for approximately one mile and was located in a stock pond armed with a knife and hammer. Law enforcement continued negotiation attempts to produce a peaceful surrender for more than 90 minutes.

The armed suspect inflicted self-harm while in the water. Through negotiations, the armed suspect exited the water armed after refusing to drop the weapons and was taken into custody after

less lethal weapons and a McKenzie County apprehension K9 unit was deployed. The male was treated on scene for his injuries by law enforcement and medical personnel on scene. He was flown to Bismarck, ND, to receive treatment.

This incident is still under investigation at this time. There is no threat to the public. The McKenzie County Sheriff's Office will be pursuing charges for the male.

Assisting agencies were the U.S. Forest Service, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Billings County Sheriff's Office, Dunn County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Southwest Narcotics Task Force, North Dakota Game and Fish, North Dakota State Radio, Billings County EMS and Sanford Air Med Flight.

OBITUARIES

Dale H. Dombrosky, 84 Sidney, MT



Funeral services for Dale H. Dombrosky were Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney, with Pastor David Meehan officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Interment took place in the Sidney Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday, April 29, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, assisted the family. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Dale Harry Dombrosky was born Aug. 8, 1939, to Harry and Emma (Sorensen) Dombrosky in Sidney, MT. He attended school in Sidney and graduated from Sidney Senior High School in 1957. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in October of 1960 and returned to Sidney to join his dad in his plumbing business as a journeyman plumber.

On April 15, 1962, Dale was united in marriage to Barbara Henderson and they made their home in Sidney. Dale earned his master plumbers license in 1971 and started his own

plumbing business, Dale's Plumbing & Repair, Inc., which he operated for 38 years. Dale and Barb were blessed with three daughters: Rhonda in 1964, Tracy in 1966, and Sheri in 1971. Dale worked hard and was a great provider, working several different jobs at a time as necessary. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends at the cabin at Rock Creek, was a private pilot, a volunteer fireman and an avid woodworker. He was a member of Ebenezer Congregational Church and served as a trustee and a sometimes choir member.

Dale retired and sold his business in 2009 after the onset of heart issues. After retirement, Dale was forced to slow down. He spent many hours on his lawn mower and even more hours in his wood shop. Many people, friends and strangers, in Sidney and

across the country, have wooden mementos such as key chains, letter openers, and diamond willow walking sticks from Dale. As his health declined, he stayed closer to home and often commented that he missed visiting with his coffee buddies. Dale entered Sidney Health Center on April 14, 2024, and passed away peacefully on April 22, 2024.

He is preceded in death by his parents Harry and Emma; a sister, Peggy Johnston; brother-in-law Gary Steen; nephew Craig Steen; in-laws Sherill and Vera Henderson; and grandson-in-law Jake Johnson. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barb, Sidney; daughters Rhonda (Mike) Harris, Rockford, MI, Tracy (David) Garland, Sidney, and Sheri Williams, Sidney; grandchildren Afton (Sam) Bisson, Abby Johnson, Alex (Megan) Harris, Chelsea (Joshua) Fryling, Sheridan (Parker) Dean, and Amelia Williams; great-grandchildren Griffin, Paxton and Taytum Bisson, Adeline, Ethan, and Ezra Johnson, and Linden Harris; sister Audrey Steen; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dale was a loving husband, father, grandpa, great grandpa, and friend. He will be deeply missed.

Scheduling Meeting Planned For Trial

(Continued from page 1A) land County Attorney Janet Christoffersen intentionally hid evidence that was likely to have made a difference at Severson's trial. "The misconduct again contributes to the court's consideration of cumulative error," the ruling noted. "Given the string of missteps and errors in the case, namely the prosecutor's implicit suggestion to the jury through improper questioning that Severson and (his girlfriend) were drug dealers and the state's failure to disclose the burglary information - all going to the essential issue of witness credibility - we conclude this is 'the rare case in which

the cumulative effect of the errors' has prejudiced the defendant's right to a fair trial."

On July 2, 2019, Severson, his girlfriend Karina Orozco, her sister Jessica Orozco, and Severson's and Karina's 3-year-old daughter drove to the Loaf 'N Jug convenience store in Sidney. Severson was sitting in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle. When Karina and Jessica entered the store; Severson and his daughter stayed in the car. Six minutes later, Hayden and Watson arrived at the store and parked next to Karina's vehicle. Both Watson and Hayden entered the store.

After a few minutes, Watson returned to his vehicle. Karina and Jessica exited the store roughly 45 seconds later. Twenty seconds after that, Hayden exited and returned to the passenger side of Watson's vehicle.

After briefly confirming with Watson that Severson was in the back seat of Karina's car, Hayden turned and approached Severson's open window. Words were exchanged from Hayden as he came close to the vehicle. As Hayden approached, Severson raised a .38 caliber handgun, shot Hayden at close range, and killed him.

Commissioners Review Library Staff Status

By Bill Vander Weele
Richland County commissioners discussed the staff situation at the Sidney-Richland County Library during a meeting on April 22. Clerk and Recorder Stephanie Verhasselt, who heads human relations for the county, reported that library staff was hoping a seasonal employee could be hired to assist with the summer reading program. A person worked in that position last summer.

Commissioners Duane Mitchell and Loren Young approved the position during the meeting. Commissioner Shane Gorder was absent.

"I'm getting calls that we're closing the library. We're not," Young stressed.

The library has been without a director since September. Staff remains at three employees. "The three have been working very well together," Verhasselt said.

The county plans to keep advertising for a new library director.

Verhasselt said the library board needs to meet soon since the board is required to hold six meetings a year. Either Verhasselt or a commissioner will conduct the meeting.

The library board consists of three county representatives and two representatives for the city of Sidney. Heather Cotter was recently appointed to take one of the city spots. Verhasselt said Nancy Verschoot is retiring from the board and needs to be replaced by a county representative.

Sidney Chamber Reaches CVB Status

By Bill Vander Weele
The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has reached a milestone with the announcement that Sidney has regained state status as a Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

The news means some additional funding for Sidney to market its large number of events throughout the year. "It helps with our marketing," Kali Godfrey, executive director of the Sidney Chamber, said.

In order to reach CVB status, a community needs to have more than \$160,000 in annual gross lodging tax revenue.

Sidney originally reached CVB status when the gross lodging revenue was \$330,298 in 2012 and \$422,239 in 2013 at the start of the oil boom. Sidney lost its CVB status in 2020 after three consecutive years in

the \$130,000 to \$148,000 range in gross lodging tax revenue. Now, Sidney has rebounded to hit over the \$160,000 mark again. Godfrey said there are several factors including ongoing business, athletic tournaments and other events.

"Our community is pretty progressive in our ability to host things," Godfrey said.

Richland County had gross lodging tax revenue of \$176,647 during 2023.

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Spring Fling Scheduled For May 11

The St. Matthew's Spring Fling will take place Saturday, May 11, from 7-11 p.m. for grades 6-8, and the dance open to all area youth.

This semi-formal dance will take place at St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. This dance is a lock-in for safety. Students will be allowed to leave early, only if picked up and signed out by a parent.

The admission is \$10 per person, and boys are asked to not wear blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts and no caps or hats. The girls should not wear shorts or pants but modest dresses are encouraged. Please take note that this dress code will be enforced.

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Royalty for Culbertson's prom included (from left) senior queen and king Kylie Bergum and Carson Solem, junior princess and prince Macy Lambert and Bridger Salvendy, sophomore princess and prince Ayden Ator and Kaden Featherston and freshman princess and prince Cal Stepler and Payton Labatte. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

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Schedule of Events:

Class 2C : Tuesday, May 7th At Lambert High School

Track Events	Field Events
9:45am 100 Meter Hurdles ... Elem/B, JHG/B, HSG 110 Hurdles..... Boys	9:00am Pole Vault/Triple JumpHS Girls, Boys
10:15am ... 100 Meter Dash	10:00am ... High Jump/Discus Elem Girls, Boys
11:00am ... 1600 Meter Run JH Girls, Boys	Long Jump/Shot Put..... JH Girls, Boys
1600 Meter Dash.....HS Girls, Boys	Javelin HS Girls
12:00pm ... 50 Meter Dash..... Elem Girls, Boys	11:15am ... Discus/High Jump Elem Girls, Boys
12:30pm ... 400 Meter Relay	Long Jump/Pole Vault JH Girls, Boys
Unified 100 Meter Relay	Shot Put/JavelinHS Girls, Boys
1:15pm 200 Meter Hurdles JH Girls, Boys	12:15pm ... Pole Vault Warmups HS Boys
300 Meter Hurdles HS Girls, Boys	12:30pm ... Long Jump..... Elem Girls
1:45pm 800 Meter Run	1:15pm Long Jump..... Elem Boys
2:15pm 200 Meter Dash	High Jump JH Boys
3:00pm 3200 Meter Run HS Girls, Boys	Discus/Pole Vault.....HS Girls, Boys
3:45pm 800 Meter Medley Elem/JH Girls, Boys	Shot Put HS Boys
1600 Meter Relay HS Girls, Boys	2:30pm Shot Put Elem Boys
	Triple Jump/Discus..... JH Girls, Boys
	High Jump/Long Jump.....HS Girls, Boys
	3:15 Shot Put Elem Girls
	Pole Vault/Discus..... JH Girls, Boys
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Area Teams Score Well At Richey/Lambert Meet

Savage and Fairview were each near the top of the team standings during the Richey/Lambert track meet held in Lambert on Thursday.

Savage's girls tied with Saco on top of the team standings with 69 points each. Plentywood was third with 66 points while Richey/Lambert placed fourth with 57.5 points. Fairview took sixth with 53 points.

In the boys' division, Plentywood won with 79 points while Fairview earned second with 69 points. Savage was fourth with 45 points. Richey/Lambert's boys scored seven points.

Sprinters Brooke Reuter and Cambry Conradsen led the way for Savage's girls. Reuter finished first in the 100 at 12.49 seconds and Conradsen took second at 12.56 seconds. In the 200, Conradsen earned first at 25.53 and Reuter placed second at 26.01.

The 1600-meter relay team featuring Matilda Verhasselt, Mylee Reuter, Conradsen and B. Reuter finished first with a time of 4:21.30.

M. Reuter earned first in the 3200-meter run at 14:39.82. The freshman cleared 8-0 for second place in the pole vault and took fifth



Fairview's Kambre Kloker gets a good mark. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

in the long jump at 14-9.

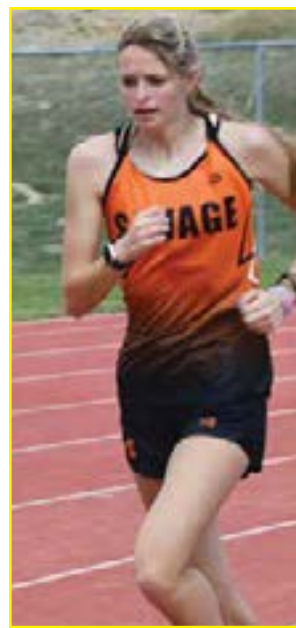
Savage's Miley Pilgeram took fifth in the javelin at 98-10. Karley McPherson earned sixth in the shot put with a best of 30-2.

In the boys' division, Savage's Zane Pilgeram took first in the long jump

with a mark of 19-7 and second in the high jump by clearing 5-8. He was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles at 49.89.

Sayer Erickson cleared 11-0 for second in the pole vault and Adden Erickson cleared 7-0 for sixth place.

The boys' 1600-meter



Savage's Mylee Reuter heads for a win in the 3200. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

relay team of Jack DaBill, S. Erickson, Cade Tombre and Jaeger Tombre placed second with a time of 3:56.73.

Connor Lyons earned third in the shot put at 41-4. C. Tombre took fifth in the javelin at 129-10.

First-place performances for Fairview's boys were Tyler Loan with a time of 23.61 seconds in the 200 and Deacon Gackle with a mark of 133-4 in the discus. The 400-meter relay team featuring Curt Rice, Troy Karst, Jaxon Vitt and Loan finished first at 46.58.

Rice placed second in the 300-meter hurdles at 47.18 seconds. Placing third were Rice in the 110-meter hurdles at 18.93, Grant Knapp in the 1600 at 5:37.70 and Ryan Lustig in the 400 at 57.90.

Landen Thompson took fourth in the shot put at 40-9. Loan finished fourth in the 100 at 11.6. Jaden Murphy placed fourth in the triple jump at 31-2.

Keegan Skogas took



Richey/Lambert's James Head competes in the long jump. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

sixth in the shot put at 40-3. Karst was sixth in the 400 at 58.31.

In the girls' division, Fairview's Kambre Kloker cleared 9-6 for first in the pole vault and Kallee Hopes had a best of 102-0 for top honors in the discus. Hopes placed second in the shot put at 33-0.

The 1600-meter relay team of Averi Riedel, Kynlee Vitt, Brooklyn Anderson and Hopes finished second at 4:41.59.

Brooklyn Anderson earned second in the 800 at 2:53.36 and third in the 1600 at 6:39.00. Riedel took fifth in the 1600 at 6:45.41. Karlee Nay was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles at 1:03.07.

Richey/Lambert's girls were led by Jolee Klempel. The freshman earned first

in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.68 seconds and the shot put at 35-5.

The 400-meter relay team featuring Kally Strom, Brooke Lien, Brynne Hill and Klempel finished first at 54.09 seconds.

Hill took third in the long jump at 15-1 and fourth in the triple jump at 33-4. Klempel cleared 5-0 for third place in the high jump. Klempel was fourth in the 200 at 27.68.

Jade Boese-Robbins was fourth in the 800 at 2:56.89. Strom placed fifth in the 100 at 13.51 and fifth in the 200 at 27.9.

For Richey/Lambert's boys, Tanner Goosen had a mark of 31-2 for third place in the triple jump.

William Head took sixth in the 800 at 2:28.40.

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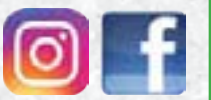
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Senior Amaiya Kirn is honored by Sidney's softball program prior to the Eagles' home game on Friday, April 26. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Eagles Drop Home Games

The Sidney Eagles split two home softball games during action last week.

The Eagles knocked off Watford City, 18-3, in non-conference play on Thursday, April 25.

Adessa Saitta, a freshman, was the game's winning pitcher.

Sidney then fell to Miles City, 18-12, in conference action on Friday, April 26.

After Miles City gained a 4-0 lead in the top of the first, the Eagles responded with five runs in the bottom of the frame. Hits by Amaiya Kirn, Jayla Huft and Aiyana Kirn highlighted the inning.

The Eagles held on for a 9-8 lead at the end of the second inning. Keira Rains scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the second.

A two-run homer in the fourth and a three-run homer in the fifth put Miles City ahead by a 15-10 margin.

A double by Amiya Steinbeisser brought in a run to cut the gap to 15-12 in



Jayla Huft gets a hit for the Eagles against Miles City. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

the bottom of the fifth. The Cowgirls added three runs in the top of the seventh for an 18-12 advantage.

Sidney Hosts Sunrise City Slam



Foster Sukut, Sidney's third-grade boys' team, (left photo) and Clancy Marshall, the Lambert Lions' fourth-grade girls' team, (right photo) look to score during the Sunrise City Slam. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

Athletes Place In Glendive

Richland County track teams accounted for strong efforts at the large Glendive Shriners' meet on Friday.

Sidney's boys scored 67 points for third place in the team standings. The Eagles tallied 24 points in the girls' division.

Savage's girls accounted for 62 points for third place. Fairview scored 18 points in the boys' division and six in the girls' division.

Sidney's Chace Waters was a double winner with firsts in the shot put at 53-2 and discus at 141-9.

Daniel Stevens cleared 14-0 in the pole vault for second place and Xander Schlothauer cleared 12-0 for third place.

Rhys Larson accounted for a best of 39-3 for second place in the triple jump. Kevin Hutzenbiler took fifth place with a mark of 38-3 in the event.

Joseph Yadon finished third in the 100 at 11.34 seconds. Aren Larson placed fifth at 11.45 seconds.

Carter Heggem ran the

1600 in 4:45.79 for fourth place.

Aren Larson cleared 5-10 to earn fifth place in the high jump. Hutzenbiler placed sixth in the long jump at 20-3.

Sidney's boys' 400-meter relay team featuring Yadon, A. Larson, Jarret Averett and Hutzenbiler finished second with a time of 45.46 seconds.

In the girls' division, Sidney's Morgan Kindopp cleared 11-6 for top honors in the pole vault.

Audree Deming placed third in the discus at 106-10 and Ave' Norby took fourth at 99-5.

The 400-meter relay team consisting of MaKen-na Sparks, Kindopp, Lily Tranquill and Myah Hughes placed fourth at 53.01 seconds.

Savage's girls received first-place performances from Brooke Reuter and Cambry Conradsen. Reuter finished first in the 200 at 25.92 and 400 at 57.70 seconds. Conradsen earned

first in the 100 at 12.38 seconds. Reuter was second in the 100 at 12.39 seconds.

Reuter accounted for a best of 17-11 for first place in the long jump.

Conradsen earned first in the triple jump at 34-10 and fourth in the long jump at 16-6.

Sayer Erickson scored for Savage's boys by clearing 11-6 in the pole vault for fifth place.

Fairview's boys' 400-meter relay team of Curt Rice, Troy Karst, Jaxon Vitt and Tyler Loan finished third at 45.73 seconds.

Brock Schlothauer had a best of 143-4 for fourth place in the javelin. Loan ran the 400 in 54.12 for fourth place.

Deacon Gackle took fifth in the shot put at 43-7 and fifth in the discus at 134-7.

Kambre Kloker led Fairview's girls by clearing 10-0 for fourth place in the pole vault. Kallee Hopes had a mark of 34-2 for fifth place in the shot put.

Tjelde Signs With Northern

MSU-Northern Coach Shawn Huse is pleased to announce the signing of 6-foot-5 forward Jeff Tjelde, of Fairview. He averaged 18 points, 12.5 rebounds, and 5 assists while leading the Warriors to a State B Runners-Up finish. For his efforts, he was named First Team All-State this year and First Team All-Conference for the second year in a row.

"Jeff possesses excellent shooting accuracy from the perimeter," said Coach Huse. "He has a great build for a college basketball player already, has shown solid shot-blocking capability, is a tough defender, and rebounds very well. His ceiling is very high and as good as he has performed so far, his full potential is still pretty untapped. He continued to

develop and excel and do more things the deeper the season went this year. From everything I have seen and learned, he is just now coming into his own and I look forward to seeing what he is fully capable of."

An all-around athlete, Jeff helped the football team win the 8-man State Championship this year as the starting quarterback and safety, and has become a big track performer posting impressive numbers this Spring. On top of it all, he is an exceptional student in the classroom. He plans to pursue the Civil Engineering Technology degree at Northern, while potentially studying other Trades fields as well.

"Jeff is an outstanding all-around person," added

Huse. "We are getting a quality student-athlete at Northern by him signing on with us. I have been nothing short of impressed the more I have gotten to know about him throughout the recruiting process. Getting the opportunity to work with him, and watch our guys work with him, on a daily basis is something I am really looking forward to. We are very excited to have Jeff on board with our squad right now and into the future."

After another good start in their early preseason, the 2023-24 Lights battled valiantly through an injury-laden year which saw them playing without three starters at one point ... including the loss of their second leading scorer for the entire conference schedule.

Rule Changes Announced For Wrestling

Based on an official announcement from the National Wrestling Federation, Montana High School's wrestling will see several changes next year.

The changes will include:

1. Takedowns will now be worth three points instead of two points.
2. Nearfall will be awarded two points for two

seconds, three points for three seconds, and four points for four seconds instead of the traditional two points for two seconds and three points for five seconds when a wrestler has their opponent on their back.

3. Beginning next season, wrestlers will be considered in bounds if either wrestler has one point of contact inside the boundary

line. One foot or one hand from either wrestler equals one point of contact.

Girls wrestling in Montana will remain a single-class event, but will move from the current 12 weight classes to the NFHS 14 weight classes.

Boys wrestling will move from 13 weight classes to 14 weight classes.

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State's Largest Union Endorses Krautter For House

**By Keila Szpaller
Daily Montanan**

Montana's largest union has made an endorsement in the state's crowded Republican primary in the eastern Congressional district. MFPE, the Montana Federation of Public Employees, endorsed lawyer Joel Krautter out of eight remaining candidates. Other candidates include former Congressman Dennis Rehberg, Auditor Troy Downing and Miles City state Sen. Ken Bogner.

"MFPE members know what efficient, effective government looks like," MFPE President Amanda Curtis said in a statement from the union. "We look at Congress and we see historic dysfunction. MFPE members need stability in Washington, D.C.,

so we can do our jobs keeping Montana communities safe, our students in school, our businesses supported, and our families healthy.

"Joel Krautter will crush Congressional chaos, and he needs our votes."

Krautter grew up in Deer Lodge and is a partner with the Netzer Law Office based in Sidney. He is president of the Northeast Montana Bar Association and former trustee of the State Bar of Montana, according to his campaign website.

The nearly 10,000 MFPE members in the district will work together to support Krautter's campaign, according to the union. Krautter has been meeting MFPE members across the district, earning the support of school and university

employees, law enforcement officers, health care professionals, and city, county, and state employees, MFPE said.

"Having met Joel, I'm impressed by his commitment to being a practical, not political, member of Congress," said MFPE member and Montana Motor Carrier Services Officer Jim Johnson of Wibaux in a statement from the union.

MFPE describes itself as Montana's largest labor union, and members voted to endorse Krautter.

"I'm honored to have

the support of thousands of public employees across eastern Montana," Krautter said in a statement. "MFPE

members are the law enforcement officers protecting us, the educators and professors teaching our

kids, and other dedicated individuals keeping our communities going.

Women's Wellness Collective Scheduled May 10

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is hosting a Women's Wellness Collective Saturday, May 10, from 1-9 p.m. at Yellowstone Mercantile, Sidney.

All ages are welcome until 5 p.m., but the remaining hours are for those 21 and over. The event is free to the public. This special event aimed at women includes

vendors showcasing a vast variety of wellness-oriented businesses with offerings that can improve the quality of life for women.

There will also be 15-minute TED talks every hour on the hour featuring topics such as financial planning, medically supervised weight loss, hormone balancing and more.

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classes such as DIY Wild Yam Oil, Candle Pouring, Tulip Sip & Paint, Mothers Day Floral Centerpiece making, Beer & Barre and Wine & Yoga. You must pre-register for these classes and there is a charge. Visit sidneymt.com to register and for more information on this entertaining and informative event.

Watford City To Wrap Up Concert Series May 6

The Watford City Area Concert Association wraps up its 2023-2024 Concert Series Season with Brassfire, on Monday, May 6. This virtuosic trio will take the stage of Watford City High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Brassfire is led by world-renowned trumpeter Jens Lindemann. Jens is a former member of the famed Canadian Brass and has soloed with many of the world's greatest orchestras. Brassfire features the trumpet with piano and bass, while honoring the music of trumpet greats: Louis Armstrong, Herb Alpert, and Doc Severinsen. Classically trained at the renowned Juilliard School in New York and McGill University in Montreal, Jens' career includes international performances in both classical and jazz

music.

The Watford City Area Concert Series is a membership driven organization, with individual memberships starting at \$50.

A 2023-24 membership grants access to this season finale concert as well as reciprocity with concert series lineups in Williston, Dickinson, Crosby and Hazen.

If you don't have a membership, tickets are available at \$30 for adults and all youth under 18 are free.

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Over 15 Bakken CEOs/Executives are highlighted on the agenda including, Chris Wright, Liberty Energy; Nick Olds, ConocoPhillips; Harold Hamm, Continental Resources; Pierce Norton, ONEOK; Todd Slawson,

Slawson Exploration Company; Josh Sears, Halliburton; and Danny Brown, Chord Energy. The three-day conference will host over 70 keynote-caliber speakers, including North Dakota Governor, Doug Burgum; Neel Kashkari, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank; and Douglas Sandridge, Fulcrum Energy Capital Funds.

"The Williston Basin Petroleum Conference brings together some of our industry's greatest visionaries to discuss groundbreaking technologies which have turned the Bakken into a world-class resource,"

shares Ron Ness, North Dakota Petroleum Council president.

The conference will feature an all-star lineup of industry experts such as Lynn Helms, North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources director, and renowned leaders from across the nation, including Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, and Jeff Eshelman, Independent Petroleum Association of America, who will offer a diverse array of perspectives on pressing issues facing the oil and natural gas industry.

The WBPC brings innovators and entrepreneurs

together to share new ideas and technologies that have helped unlock the state and nation's vast oil and natural gas reserves. With the world's energy demands continuously growing and evolving, the conference provides a vital platform for stakeholders to collaborate, share best practices, and explore avenues for sustainable growth. From emerging exploration opportunities to the latest in environmental stewardship, attendees can expect a comprehensive exploration of the industry's most pressing challenges and opportunities.

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Eagles Score Key Victories

By Robyn Heck
It was a great week for Eagle baseball! The Eagles had three victories last week, including one over the number one team in the state, the Belgrade Panthers.
On April 22, the Eagles hosted the Stanley Blue Jays. They won with a score of 24-2.
In the first inning, Kayson Radke singled to score three runs. At the end of the first inning the score was 5-1. Nineteen runs were scored by the Eagles in the second inning when Ty Schepens singled to drive in two, Cayden Heck drew a walk, an error scored two, Cooper McNally singled to

bring in two, Kayson Radke singled to knock home two, Braden Harris walked, Dennis Fine drew a walk, Heck singled, Gradin Sukut singled, Brody Verhasselt drew a walk, Kayson Radke singled, Wyatt Conn singled and Paul Ownby drew a walk.
Sukut earned the win pitching for Sidney. Over two innings, he gave up one hit and one run (zero earned), striking out five and walking none. Radke finished the game as the relief pitcher.
The Eagles had 13 walks during the game. Fine led with three. Harris, Ryder Hansen, Sukut and Radke



Cooper McNally connects for a single. (Photo by Bill Vander Weele)

stole multiple bases during the game. The Eagles stole nine bases in total. They had one double play in the game.
On Friday, the Eagles beat the undefeated, number one team in the state, the Belgrade Panthers. The score was 4-3.
The Eagles took the lead in the fifth inning when an error scored one run, Sukut tripled to score two runs and Ryder Hansen singled to bring in the go-ahead run.
Hansen earned the win for Sidney, pitching the entire game. He gave up nine hits and three runs, striking out four and walking six.
Radke, Heck, Hansen, Bowers and Sukut each had one hit in the game. The Eagles didn't commit a single error during the game. Blake Johnson had the most plays with six.
The team earned its third victory on Saturday, when the Eagles hosted the

Watford City Wolves. The score was 13-3.
Hansen had a great game at bat. The senior tripled in the first inning, tripled again in the fourth and singled in the fifth.
In the second inning, the Eagles scored on a passed ball. After Sukut singled, Radke doubled in the third inning, scoring another run. In the fifth inning, the Eagles scored five runs on five hits after Hansen singled, Schepens doubled and Radke singled.
Sukut earned the win while pitching. He gave up five runs and three hits (zero earned) over five innings, striking out seven and walking zero.
The Eagles will end their regular season this weekend, traveling to play in Helena and Columbus. The Eagles are looking to clinch a berth to the state tournament.

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Jensen Wins Medalist Honors During Glasgow Tournament

Fairview's Allison Jensen shot a 91 to earn medalist honors at the Glasgow Invitational golf meet on Friday.
Fairview's Grace McPherson took eighth

place with a 106.
Scores for Fairview's boys were Rowan Bushnell at 101, Ty Paulson at 103, Jordan Schriver at 104, Brady Seltg at 106 and Trent Karst at 109.

Watford City High School Plans Community Cleanup

By Katelyn Sponheim
On May 8, Watford City High School students will descend on the community for their fourth bi-annual cleanup day.
Austin Bolton, Watford City High School social studies teacher, community cleanup director and student council advisor, heads the event, and the student council takes care of reaching out to community members, businesses, and staff members to build their project list for the cleanup days.
The cleanup is the students' way of saying thank you to a community that gives so much to their students and school.
Watford City area community members and businesses can also apply to have projects completed by the students through an application process available on the school website, the deadline for which was April 30. Students have washed windows, cleaned out barns, painted houses, and landscaped for elderly community members, those under lift restrictions, or simply overwhelmed and needing

an extra couple hands for their project.
Bolton was inspired to style their community cleanup after the Twin Lakes school system's similar program. Originally from the Chicago area of Illinois, he attended University of Mary and played football for the Mary Marauders. He has been impressed by the school and community facilities in Watford City, calling them "some of the best he's ever seen."
He plans on breaking the students into 25 or more groups of 15 to work on separate projects. Some will be projects started last fall but unfinished, and others will be cleaning up the parks and recreation areas in and around Watford City. Certain areas of town where trash has accumulated noticeably will receive attention as well.
If interested in applying to be part of the fall cleanup, the application form can be found on the school website, www.watford-city.k12.nd.us, or will be posted on the McKenzie County Public School District #1 Facebook page.



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Watford High School students clean windows of Lund Oil as part at the community cleanup efforts. The students are planning their fourth bi-annual cleanup day for May 8. (Photo submitted)