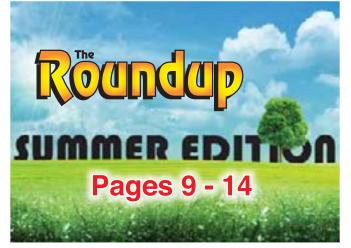


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Local Student Qualifies To Compete At World's Largest Rodeo



Right: Trista Hovde with her qualifying barrel racing buckle for the HS National Finals Rodeo. (Photo submitted by Tana Hodve)



Trista Hovde, a 9th-grade student at Sidney High School has earned a position on the North Dakota state/provincial National High School rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Rock Springs, Wyo., July 15-21 to compete at the 70th annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) in the Barrel Racing competition.

Featuring more than 1,650 contestants from 43 states, five Canadian Provinces, Australia and Mexico, the NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$200,000 in prizes, NHSFR contestants will also be competing for more than \$350,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named an NHSFR World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20- based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds - to advance to Saturday evening's final round. World champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

Again this year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the Cinch High School Rodeo Tour telecast series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of each NHSFR performance will air online at www.RidePass. com. Performance times are 7 p.m. on July 15, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day thereafter.

Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, NHSFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy shooting sports, volleyball, contestant dances, family-oriented activities, church services sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, and shopping at the NHSFR tradeshow.

To follow your local favorites at the NHSFR, visit NHSRA. com daily for complete results. For ticket information, visit www. SweetwaterEvents.com.

"Kick It Up" At The McKenzie County Fair



By Jaymi Loobey

This year, from July 5 through July 8, Watford City is going to "Kick It Up" with the 60th annual McKenzie County Fair at the McKenzie County Fairgrounds in Watford City.

The McKenzie County Fair Board has put together an astounding amount of fun events to enjoy this year. Besides the usual events you would see at a fair, such as a rodeo and 4-H show, the McKenzie County Fair will also have the Olaf Leiseth Jr. Memorial Draft Horse Competition, a magician, carnival, and demolition derby. The fun starts with a parade, Thursday the 5th, at 4 p.m. There will also be a free Beef BBQ at 5 p.m. The Memorial Draft Horse Competition will be after the parade and after the BBQ. The competition was named for long-time McKenzie County resident, farmer, and rancher Olaf Leiseth Jr who passed away in 2007. He had loved working with horses, was the Wagon Master for Long X Wagon Train for several years and would have undoubtedly enjoyed the competition. Keith Raymond, the strolling magician will be performing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. He does magic and illusions and has performed throughout the four state area. North Star Amusements Carnival will be at the fair only Friday and Saturday as well as the 4-H animal shows, Young Guns Wild West Fun Park and music by Buckin' Beats Entertainment. The demolition derby will be Friday at 6 p.m. The pit gates will open at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$100 and will be due the day of the derby. Saturday is rodeo day. Earlier in the day, the 4-H livestock sale will be held but later on and into the evening is the eagerly awaited NDRA rodeo. Sunday, July 8th wraps up the festivities with the youth rodeo.

With 60 years under its belt, the McKenzie County Fair preparers have quite a bit of experience behind them. "It all started in a field. I know that much because my father told me, said fair board member Carolyn Levang. That field so long ago is where the fairgrounds is now. This year during the rodeos 75 to 100 participants are expected to vie for top standings. Several volunteers from around the community will be flocking to the fairgrounds to prepare for and assist during the fair. Traditionally, the fair board also hires a group in need of fundraising such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or local church groups to help out with the fair as well.

The McKenzie County Fairgrounds is located at 4th Avenue Southeast and 12th Street Southeast in Watford City. More information can be found on the Mckenzie County and Watford City webpage, http://mckenziecounty.net/. Carolyn Levang can be contacted for general questions at 701-770-6938 or emailed at levang4@restel.com. She can be called for demolition derby entry information and rules by the same number or by email at levang4@ruggedwest.com. For demolition derby car technical questions Cody can be contacted at 701-368-0072 and those wanting information on the youth rodeo can contact Kadie Sorenson at 701-570-6407.

Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede July 11 - 13

By Jaymi Loobey

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Once again, the second weekend of July, the town of Wolf
Point, situated on the beautiful Missouri river will explode. The
Rodeo Committee and Stadium Committee are banding together
to bring the Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede to life. It will be held
July 11, 12 and 13 this year at the Marvin Brookman Stadium,
6265 Rodeo Rd in Wolf Point Montana.

The Wild Horse Stampede actually started out as a competition in 1920 for a few local cowboys and native Americans

JC DeSaveur earns 78 points on Brookman Rodeo's Kicking Wing.

in roping and riding events. Now, 98 years later, it has evolved into 3 days of official PRCA rodeo events, an endurance run for humans, golf tournament, parade, art in the park and an open team roping event. About 200 of the world's best PRCA cowboys and cowgirls consistently come to compete on Brookman rodeo stock every year in the Wild Horse Stampede. Last year, it was estimated that 12,000 came to watch the three-day event. This is huge for Wolf Point and several local individuals flock to the fairgrounds to volunteer their time. There are several mundane

jobs you would expect like mowing, spraying weeds, ordering the concession food and cleaning the area before the event. The stadium also is fixed up and painted but there's more that goes into it. In order for the Wild Horse Stampede to be sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association, several phone calls must be made and mountains of paperwork must be completed. During the rodeo alone, over a hundred volunteers are working in plain sight and behind the scenes to make this work.

I asked Rodeo Chairman Clint Long why he and the other volunteers continue to put this event on. He said, "I guess it is because we love our community and our rodeo, it is a heartfelt effort to do something that makes a difference in our community which supports the event wholeheartedly." He also said that all the class and family reunions in the area are timed to happen the same weekend as the Wild Horse Stampede. He said, "You see people that you get a chance to visit with once a year."

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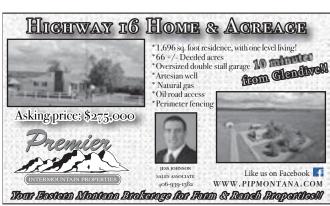
The ticket booth opens June 20 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday and can be contacted at 406-653-1770. General Admission Advance tickets are \$15. At the gate, they are \$17. Buckaroo Advance tickets are \$20. At the gate, they are \$22. Kids 6 and under get in free to the rodeo. For more information visit the event's Facebook page or the Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce's website, www.wolfpointchamber.com, and click on the Wild Horse Stampede's icon.



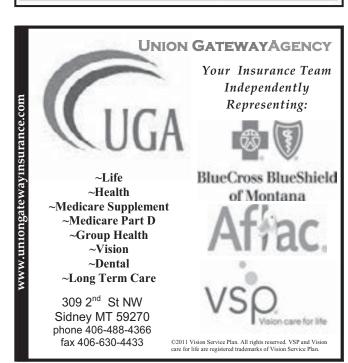
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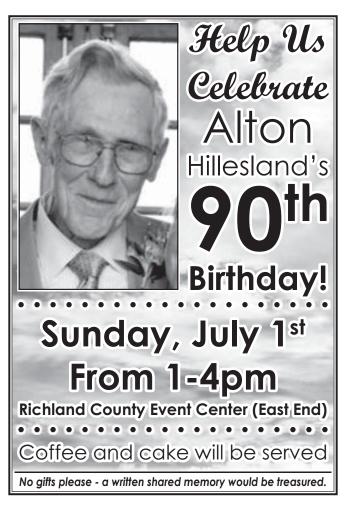
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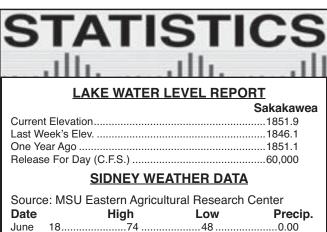
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Albert Jackson, 84, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Albert Jackson, 84, of Sidney are at 10 a.m., Friday, June 29 at Sidney Assembly of God Church. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared

with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Albert was called home on Sunday, June 24 from the Knife River Care Center, Beulah, ND.

Willie Panasuk, 91, Sidney, MT

A memorial for Willie Panasuk, who passed away April 25, 2018, will be held at Panasuk Ranch, 13018 Hwy 16, Sidney, MT on Saturday, June 30 starting at 2 p.m.

Come join family and friends to reminisce, honor and share memories. It will be a casual day with food and friends.

For any inquiries contact Toby Panasuk, 406-861-2770.

Dasinger, 2018 Woman Of The Year

By Jordan Hall

Katie Dasinger, the program coordinator for Richland Economic Development Corp, has been selected as the 2018 Woman of the Year by the Montana Young Professionals, a coalition of roughly a dozen local chapters across the state. Dasinger has worked for Richland Economic Development Corp for five years and has been instrumental in various initiatives to help assist the economic flourishing of Richland County.

The Roundup spoke with Dasinger and also with Leslie Messer, the Executive Director of Richland Economic Development Corp, about Dasinger's award and the work and effort that she has put into her

Speaking of the 2018

Conference where she received the award, Dasinger said, "This is the third conference over-all for the Montana Young Professionals and second one that I have attended, and it was held up in Butte. Every year a different city in Montana gets the summit and they put together two days of networking, keynote speakers, and small breakout groups to help with networking, leadership, civil engagement or whatever you choose in order to help meet other young professionals so we can continue to help Montana grow east, west, north and south. This year they did awards and I was lucky enough to be nominated and chosen for Woman of the Year.'

Katie Dasinger, 2018

Montana Young

Professionals Woman

of the Year. (Photo by

Jordan Hall)

Regarding the award selection process, Messer explained, "The Montana Economic Developers sent out a Google poll and they asked, since we are the ones helping with community development and working with entrepreneurs and working for economic development, to please vote for young professionals. And so, I nominated Katie for Young Professional of the Year. I explained that Katie wanted to do something different."

Much of Dasinger's work has been through Richland Economic Development Corp, an organization that was founded in 1987. It is designed to help business owners and entrepreneurs in the county, and is funded by a combination of county and city funds, as well as from private businesses and individuals with a vested interest in the long-term economic health of the region.

Messer went on to explain that Dasinger has worked faithfully in their organization for nearly five years, that she saw there was a need to connect young entrepreneurs and professionals together, how she worked with young professionals in Montana and North Dakota to establish their own network in Richland County, and how she spearheaded the taskforce that created the Sidney Young Professionals and now serves as the President of the Sidney Young Professionals.

Messer said, "Dasinger has been instrumental in leading all of these different things in the last two years, like winter clothing drives, entrepreneurial business panels where young professionals can speak to experienced entrepreneurs, speed-networking, mayoral debates, candidate forums, round table topic discussions, work force empowerment forums and several different area tours like Sidney Sugars, the Irrigation Project and the hospital. Those are just a few of them."

Dasinger, who is originally from Denver, is married to local resident Kaleb Dasinger, and has been in Sidney for about seven years.

Dasigner said, "It's been fantastic. Sidney and Richland Economic Development have been fantastic about really supporting our organization as we've gotten it off the ground and





RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Wed., June 27

6-8 p.m. - Car Show - Everyone is welcome to come and show off your cars and view the area's cars and trucks. Reynolds Market parking lot. Weather permitting. Every Wednesday night though the summer. Thurs., June 28

6 p.m. - Family Fun Nights - Registration, 6 p.m., event, 7 p.m. This event also occurs July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 9. Make up date Aug. 23. Sidney Saddle Club Arena, Sidney, MT. For more information call Randi Hass, 406-480-0141 or Kyla Marie Traeger, 406-480-5045. Fri., June 29

6-8 p.m. - Shakespeare In The Park - Othello - Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, MT. In case of inclement weather it will be at the Sidney Middle School auditorium.

5 p.m. - Car show - Lambert Park, Lambert, MT. 8 p.m. - Street Dance - "The Relics" will be playing at the CQ Bar, Lambert, MT.

5 a.m. - Lambert 4th of July Celebration - Wake up call, church, parades, BBQ, ball drop, tractor exhibit, kids activities, color run, softball game, vendors, fireworks and more. Lambert, MT.

Dusk - Sidney Jaycees Fourth of July Fireworks - The Sidney Jaycees will be setting off fireworks at dusk. Sat., July 7

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturday** - Do your own project with wet clay, paint with acrylics, or create something special together with your little one. Pricing is based on the medium and the size of your project, and ranges from \$10 to \$65 with all supplies included. For more information visit http://mondakheritagecenter.org/events/open-studio-saturdays/. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. **Fri., July 13**

6 p.m. - Light The Park Benefit Concert - Featuring the Sound Machine. Free admission to the concert. VIP tent party tickets \$30, includes wine, appetizers and a tribute lantern. Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, MT.

8 a.m.-4 p.m. - Sunrise Festival Of The Arts - Featuring local and regional artists, Kid's Korner, Child Safety IDs, entertainment, live music, concessions, demonstrations, prize drawings, writer's row and more. Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, MT.

Mon., July 16-Fri., July 20 6-8:30 p.m. - Time Lab Vacation Bible School -Ages 4-12. Ebenezer Congregation Church, 118 4th Ave. NW, Sidney, MT. Preregister by calling or texting 406-480-1791 or at the church.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Wed., July 4 9 a.m. - Arnegard 4th of July Celebration - Parade, 5K run, good will lunch, dance performance, cornhole tournament, tractor pull, vendors, raffles, activities all day and fireworks.

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Summer Art Workshop For Kids -Stamp It Up: Make your own stamps. This event also occurs July 12, Art Around The World: Learn about the art of Africa, South America, Asia and Pacific Islands and recreate your own versions of the cultures art; July 19, Art Rocks: make creations our of rocks and paint and July 26, The Possibilities of Paint: use straws, string, black glue and more to see fun results. \$25 per class or \$80 all four classes. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. Register online at longxarts.com/summer-art-workshops.html

Thurs., July 5-Sat., July 7 McKenzie County Fair - Demolition derby, rodeos, 4-H shows, carnival and more. McKenzie County Fairgrounds, Watford City, ND.

Sat., July 7

11 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. - Garden Art At The Fair - Free garden art classes for kids and adults. Kids Class, flowerpots and sun catchers, 11:30 a.m., while supplies last. Adult/Teen Class: Beaded Wind Chimes, 4:30 p.m. Enough supplies for 10 participants, first come, first serve. McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Long X Arts Foundation.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed, CT Zone. Thurs., June 28 5-9 p.m. - Summer Nights On Main Featuring Downtown

Sound - Free concert, food vendors, children's activities,

beer garden and fun for the whole family! This event continues every Thursday event through August 23, downtown Williston, ND. Fri., June 29

5 p.m. - Sol Charge Music Festival - Features a assortment of fantastic music from the upper midwest. Falcon Creek, Trenton, ND. This event continues on June 30. For more information or to purchase tickets visit facebook.com/ solchargemusicfestival.

Thurs., July 5 5-9 p.m. - Summer Nights On Main Featuring Bill Falcon -Free concert, food vendors, children's activities, beer garden and fun for the whole family! This event continues every Thursday event through August 23, downtown Williston, ND.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Scrapbooking** - Participants should bring their own materials and lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

5-8 p.m. - Bark In The Park - Free will donation BBQ and

see the MonDak Animal Rescue adoptable pets. Laser tag for the kids. Spring Lake Park, Williston, ND. For more information, 701-577-7387 or mondakanimalrescue@gmail. 3 p.m. - WREC Dryland And Horticulture Field Day - The

public is invited to attend all activities. Registration starts at 3 p.m. with the tour starting at 4 p.m. 14120 Highway 2, 4.5 miles west of Williston, ND. For more information visit https:// www.ag.ndsu.edu/willistonrec. Thurs., July 12

8:30 a.m. - Nesson Valley Irrigation Project Field Day - Coffee is at 8:30 a.m., tour begins at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend all activities. 23 miles east of Williston, ND on Highway 1804. For more information visit https://www. ag.ndsu.edu/willistonrec. Sat., July 14

Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Rockin' Ribfest
Rib teams will be set up all day preparing ribs for a public
tasting at 4 p.m. Throughout the day food, crafts, kids
activities and entertainment. Williston State College Campus, Williston, ND.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone Thurs., June 28

9:30-11:30 a.m. - In A Grasshopper's World Youth Program - Students will observe grasshoppers in their natural habitat. Free. Meet at the Visitor Center. Makoshika

Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256. Fri., June 29 7 p.m. - Early Bison Hide Working Habits - Billie Maxwell

will demonstrate the process of how to tan buffalo hides Free. Meet at the Kiwanis Pavilion, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256. Sat., June 30

10 a.m. - Paleo Hike - The hike will start at the paleontology lab and lead to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail. \$10 per person. This also occurs on July 7. Meet at the Visitor Center, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256 Thurs., July 5

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Terrific Turkeys Youth Program -Students will learn about wild turkeys. Free. Meet at the Visitor Center, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256.

Fri., July 6 7 p.m. - Shakespeare In The Park - Love's Labour Lost -Concessions available. Bring appropriate clothing and insect repellent. Free. Meet at the Hiatt Amphitheater. Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256.



Dryland Field Day

The joint federal and state Sidney ARS / EARC Field Day was held Tuesday, June 19 in Sidney. Area producers learned about dryland agricultural research being done in this region including work on intercropping, renovating CRP monocultures, new cereal livestock forages, soil acidification and remediation, as well as training in vertebrate pest control, grazing cover crop mixes, and more. Above: Dave Branson, research entomologist, speaks about drought and grasshoppers.



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<u>Friday, July 6</u>

- Carnival
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- Keith Raymond Strolling Magician

Saturday, July 7

- Carnival
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Sunday, July 8

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By Marcia Hellandsaas

NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

Entry of Open Class exhibits in the McKenzie County Fair is from 12 noon to 2 pm and from 6 pm to 8 pm on Thursday, July 5 and from 8 am to 11:30 am on Friday, July 6 in the Homemaker Building on the McKenzie County Fairgrounds, east of Watford City. Judging takes place from 1 pm to 4 pm on Friday, July 6. Exhibit books are available at several businesses in Watford City and are also on the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County website at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/mckenziecountyextension.

Top exhibit in each class can receive \$10 and monetary awards will be assigned to all exhibits receiving ribbons as follows: Grand - \$5, Purple Ribbon - \$4, Blue Ribbons - \$3, Red Ribbon - \$2 and White Ribbon - \$1.

Open Class also features a "For Show Only" area for those who wish to not have their exhibits judged. Please feel free to also share your talents in this way.



Special awards will again be available to award to youth and adults who excel in the art of canning. Please see the Open Class exhibit book for details.

Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard entries. Exhibits will not be left unattended during public viewing. The Fair Board and/or Extension Service will not be responsible for injuries, damage or loss to exhibits.

For more information, please contact the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701- 444-3451 or e-mail Extension Agent Marcia Hellandsaas at marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

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For Car tech questions, contact Cody at: 701-368-0072 or rules and entry info, contact Carolyn at: 701-770-6938 or levang4@ruggedwest.com

Kids Art Workshop in July

The Long X Arts Foundation of Watford City will host a summer Kids Art Workshop for kids every Thursday from 9:30 am - noon starting July 5 through July 26 at the Rough Rider Center

Partcipants can sign up for all or select classes. \$25 per class or \$80 for all four classes. Recommended

for ages 8 and up. Register online at https://www.longxarts.com/summer-art-workshops.html or call Jessie at 701-770-8659



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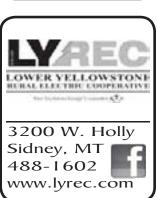
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Fox Lake Senior Center will have open Mic & a Quilt Show Museum & Country Store Open Tractor Exhibit next to Fire Hall Vendors (Burlys Kettle Corn, Mini Brewster, Gyros, Highway 16 Cafe)

.....Kids Activities in the Park (Money sand dig, fish pond, water balloon toss, face painting by Afton Ray Rossol, snow cones in the park, barrel ride dunk booth, hay maze) 5:30pm......Main Link Hot Dog & Brat Meal outside Lion's DenColor Run RegistrationRed, White & Blue Color Run (Around dump road. Wear your white T-shirt)

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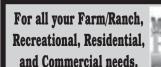


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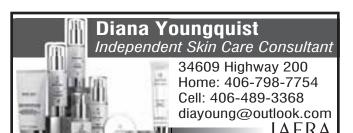
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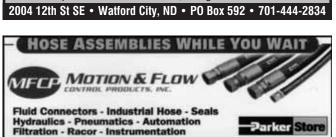
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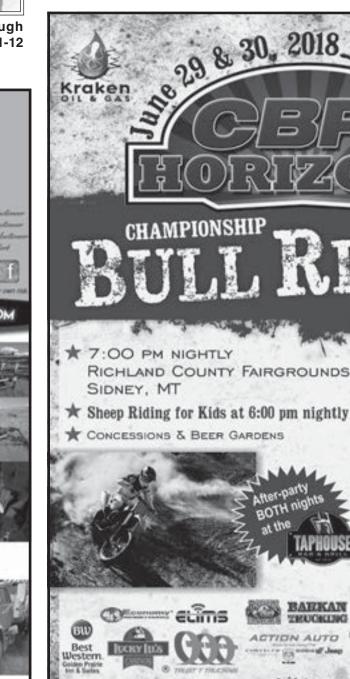
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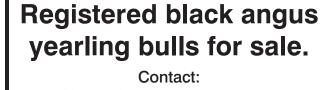
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Sunrise Festival of the Arts connects local and regional artists, craftspeople, and authors along Writer's Row with shoppers and enthusiasts. The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Sunrise Festival Committee works tirelessly to plan and execute a full day of shopping, demonstrations, live entertainment, food options and kid's activities including the Kid's Korner and Child Safety IDs. Purchase a Sunrise Festival button and redeem discounts offered by local merchants and enter to win prizes, including the annual grand prize: a piece of art from the featured artist of the year.

Every year the Sunrise Festival of the Arts committee chooses a featured artist, recognized for their talent and unique style. This year the committee selected photographer Sean R. Heavey from Glasgow, Montana. Heavey earned the nickname "Weather Paparazzi" for his relentless.

storm chasing to capture the perfect image. Publications such as the New York Post, Boston Globe, Popular Science, USA Today, and National Geographic printed his impressive photographs. This year's chosen art piece, "The Mothership" showcases a massive supercell rolling across the plains at sunset, capturing the terrifying beauty of a Montana storm in striking clarity.

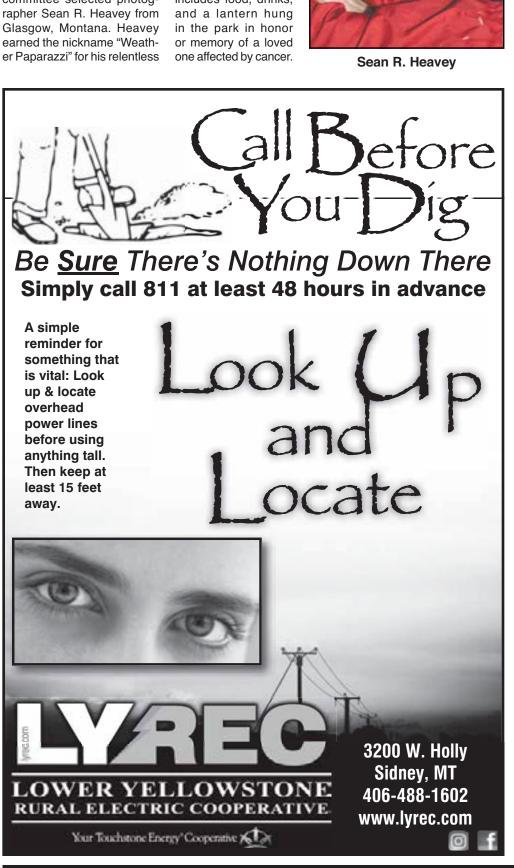
On Friday July 13 at 6 p.m., enjoy the Sunrise Festival's Free Kick off Concert featuring The Sound Exchange, a five member a capella group

based in Minnesota's Twin Cities. The group kicks off Sunrise Festival as entertainment for the "Light the Park" cancer care fundraising event. The Foundation for Community Care will erect a VIP tent in Veterans Memorial Park for the performance. Admission to the VIP tent is \$30 and proceeds benefit Sidney Health Center Cancer Care. Each VIP admission ticket includes food, drinks,

Tickets for the VIP tent are available at the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce or the Foundation for Community Care. For additional information or to make a donation to the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care call 488-2273 or visit foundationforcommunity-care org

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MonDak Parks Receive Updates; Seek Support

By Stephanie Ler

It is for many reasons that officials in both Sidney, Montana, and Watford City, North Dakota, have embarked on significant upgrades to city parks. In Sidney, improving accessibility and ease of maintenance was a focus. In Watford City, honoring a past city official and area veterans was priority. For all three, though, showing local support

and pride in the facilities was at the heart of the projects.

Sidney-Veteran's Park Sidney City Parks Superintendent Stephanie Ridl began upgrades to Veteran's Park, informally known to locals as the "train park," over a year ago with the objective to improve the physical accessibility of the facility. However, at the heart of the project was instilling a sense of pride in all

of the local park facilities by soliciting support from community members, and thus her project, "Take Part in Our Parks," was born. Veteran's Park is by far the most visited park in Sidney, and became the first to upgrade.

In addition to installing an accessibility ramp and installing an archway to the entrance of the park, Ridl sought local donations to install new, more

accessible benches in front of the stage and to replace the garbage receptacles with more sturdy units that are easier to empty.

The total budget for the upgrades was \$69,000. "Our donations have totaled just shy of \$40,000," Ridl said, "so we're really close." Of the 34 benches needed, 17 have been donated by community members thus far.

A donation of \$1150 will cover the cost of installing one bench, a price which includes the bench and concrete work, as well as a plaque that can be dedicated to or in memory of a loved one, veteran or otherwise. Ideally, Ridl would like to see several more benches installed prior to the park's big annual events, like Shakespeare in the Park and the Sunrise Festival of the Arts.

Ridl stresses that the project aims to generate community-wide support, and she has not as of yet received any large donations from outside entities, such as larger oil and gas companies. "I'm very excited that we are as far as we are, and that this is a community project," she said.

Pamphlets describing the upgrades are available at both Sidney City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. To purchase a bench, or make a charitable donation of any amount, contact Ridl at 406-480-9263 or sidneycityparks@ midrivers.com.

Watford City-Kent Pelton Nature Park

What originally began as the most basic of parkland, housing just a pond, baseball diamond and a gravel parking lot, has evolved into a beautiful memorial nature park in honor of former Watford City mayor and city councilman Kent Pelton.

The Kent Pelton Nature Park project was meant to fill a gap in available facilities, according to Watford City Park District Supervisor Robin Arndt. "This is going to be our community park. Right now the Tourist Park is, but it's not big enough and there's not enough parking. We've tried to address some of these issues with Kent Park," said Arndt.

Phase I of the park included construction of restrooms and concession stands, as well as three park shelters and light poles. The park also consists of a walking path and arboretum in honor

of Pelton. Trees of various species will be planted in the almost 15-acres east of the path, with a boulder containing a plaque with information on the tree species, as well as the name of the sponsor. To sponsor a tree costs \$500.

Phase II of the project, which consists of the construction of a large pavilion, is currently out for bid. The pavilion will be big enough to attract large community events, as well as outdoor weddings, summertime barbeques for more than 150 people, and "whatever big events we can come up with in the future," Arndt explained.

Funding for the park is provided in part by the Roughrider Fund, McKenzie County, and the City of Watford City, as well as local donations. To sponsor a tree or any other part of the park, contact the Watford City Parks and Recreation at 701-842-3665.

Watford City-Veteran's Park

The Watford City Veteran's Park was donated to the City in the 1940s to honor local veterans, but saw little upkeep over the decades. Recently, however, Jerry Samuelson, Navy veteran and director of McKenzie County Veteran's Services, embarked on an almost three million dollar project to bring recognition to deserving veterans.

Phase I of the project includes the erection of 12 granite monuments containing the names of 2200 area veterans and those currently serving, with 8-foot seating areas and the service emblems from each of the 5 services. Samuelson has enlisted the help of the National Archive Center to find wartime photos of the Watford City area to be placed above the names.

Construction of Phase I

of the park began June 15th. Samuelson stresses that the project will honor both long-standing residents as well as those who have more recently moved into the area. "This is a McKenzie Co. Vets Memorial Park, for all vets in the County and new veterans. we want to have everyone who is an honorably discharged veteran to be recognized," Samuelson stressed.

Phase II of the park includes granite benches, lighting, and an eternal flame, as well as a retaining wall which will allow visitors to view the park from above.

The park will be lit 24 hours a day, and is intended for year-round use. "The park was only used on Memorial Day. We want people to come not only to enjoy the park, but we want it to be used for other things as well," Samuelson said.

As far as funding the park goes, Samuelson said, "we have a lot of private contributions. Half of it comes from city or county and the other half from private donations. We were very thankful for that. Now we just need to finish that. We're looking for companies or corporations, as well as individuals to donate." To donate to the park, contact Samuelson at 701-444-6853.



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July 4th festivities will continue on with a parade at 11 a.m. down Main Street, turning at 1st Street and following around Railroad Avenue and back up Main Street. All are welcome to join in the parade or set up along the route to view.

Around noon the BBQ beef lunch sponsored by the Samuelson Family will begin in Nelson Park in Arnegard and run until the food is gone or everyone is fed. The lunch is a good-will donation and will include beef BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, pickles, ice cream, and beverages. The Arnegard Lions volunteer their time to serve the lunch and they also provide a tractor pull.

At 1 p.m., there will be a dance performance by "Let's Dance Studio," and the registration starts for the Cornhole Tournament. Registration fee for the Cornhole Tournament is \$10 per team and you must 15 or older to participate. The

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The fireworks will be at 11p.m. at the Baseball Park (a change from previous years where the fireworks were set off by Frontage RD in Arnegard).

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Nancy Carpenter throws out candy during the 2017 Lambert 4th of July Parade.

The Lambert festivities and brat meal outside Lion's Den. At 8 p.m. the street dance will start at CQ Bar with The Relics and enjoy s'mores at Lion's Den. A 5 a.m. wake-up call

and root beer floats. The ball drop follows at 1 p.m. Open all day long will be the CQ Bar & starts off Inde-Grill, Lion's Den and Museum pendence Day & Country Store. The Fox Lake and at 9 a.m. Senior Center will have open will be the All mic and a quilt show, there will Faith Praise be a tractor exhibit next to the and Prayer Fire Hall and food vendors. at Fox Lake From 12-2 p.m. there will be Center. At 11 kids activities in the park. At a.m. the Kids 5:30 p.m., Main Link hot dog Bike Parade and brat meal outside Lion's and Main Parade will be held. Prizes will be awarded for the best decoratbike. After the parade, the Lambert Fire Department

will hold the annual fundraising BBQ, accepting freewill donations. The Fox Lake Senior Center will be serving food, pie with boats, jet skis, motor homes, campers & vacations www.dakotawestcu.com MAIN OFFICE: 340 N Main WATFORD CITY, ND • 1-800-411-7590 Offices in Watford City, Grenora, New Town, Turtle Lake, Washburn, Mohall,















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By Jordan Hall

Families on a budget this summer can still have lots of affordable fun at many of the free camping, fishing and swimming locations available in the MonDak. From Richland and Dawson Counties in Montana, to Williams and McKenzie Counties in North Dakota, there are plenty of opportunities to take advantage of public outdoor locations that offer access to water and wildlife for free or little charge.

For those in the Richland County area, free camping can be found at Seven Sisters Wildlife Management Area. Comprised of 560 acres along the Yellowstone River near the town of Crane just south of Sidney, the area offers river access to swimmers, anglers and boaters. A popular hunting area in the fall, the summer months make the destination popular among those wanting a peaceful and more secluded camping environment. Campers need to beware, however, that the site offers no restroom facilities or power. Not far from Seven Sisters, also south of Sidney, is Gartside Reservoir, a popular fishing access site. Along with fishing and swimming, the site allows camping for up to seven

days. There is a toilet facility for campers, although there is no electricity available and non-motorized boats only are allowed on the water.

North of Sidney in Richland County is Richland Park, located down County Road 128, 2 miles east of MT State Highway 200. The free park has boat access to the Yellowstone River, camping spots, pavilions, and relatively new playground equipment, including a "zip cruise" for children. There are eight primitive campsites and also a woodfired BBQ and smoker that can feed between 50 and 100 people, free for use to the public.

In Dawson County there are two locations that are particularly popular in the pursuit of budget-minded recreation. Hollecker Lake is managed by Dawson County Public Works and is available in the daytime only. Toilets are available, however, and it is open all season. There is also a picnic area available that hosts a life-size triceratops.

Makoshika State Park is the other popular destination, and although inexpensive, is not free. The park hosts opportunities for archery, hiking, picnic spots and 16 camping spots (which are available for an additional fee). Using the park for the day is \$5 dollars for resident vehicles.

Near Williston, North Dakota, residents can enjoy Spring Lake Park, which is built around a fishing and swimming pond that is about 15 acres in size. Located on Highway 2 North, the site boasts a beach for fishing and swimming, volleyball courts, a dog park and keelboat rental. Not far from Williston in the town of Trenton, families can enjoy the wooded Trenton Lake Recreational Area, which is centered alongside the lake that is 662 acres large and is known for its northern pike, walleye and white crappie fishing. This location has a boat dock, and its camping spots have electricity. RV spots are also available, along with shower and restroom facilities. The campground has a basketball court, volleyball court, miniature golf, and horseshoe pits. Parking has a small fee, and camping is an additional, but reasonable, addition.

Also near Williston is Blacktail Dam, a park with 5 pavilions, 32 camping sites, a boat ramp, and swim beach. Camping at this location is affordable, at \$10 dollars per site, and an additional \$15 for power.

In McKenzie County, North Dakota, free recreation and water access can be found at Sather Dam. The lake itself is 37 acres in size and carries fish like bluegill, brown trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and an occasional rainbow trout. The pet-friendly site has camping available for \$6 per night, with more than 20 campsites offered. Toilet facilities are also available. Use of fishing docks is free, and the site is handicap accessible.

Other sites in McKenzie County also offer excellent fishing for low or no price. Arnegard Dam, located just 9.8 miles from Watford City, is 23 acres in size, and local residents have reported good Northern Pike fishing at the location so far this year. There is a gravel boat ramp at the site. For those inside Watford City, they might want to try the Watford City Park Pond to spend some time near the water. Because of its shallow water, however, almost all fish are lost to winterkill each year, but it is restocked during warmer months with adult channel catfish and rainbow trout. There is a fishing pier but no ramp at that facility. These sites are free to the public.

Seven miles from Beach, North Dakota, lies Odland Dam, which has 6.4 miles of shoreline and 116 acres of surface area. It is known for its bluegill, yellow perch, northern pike and walleye. This pet-friendly site offers primitive camping for free, boating access, and fishing.

Regardless of your location in the region, there is a spot nearby to enjoy affordable outdoor camping and water recreation. For more information, consult the official North Dakota and Montana state websites for information regarding free or inexpensive camping and recreation nearby.





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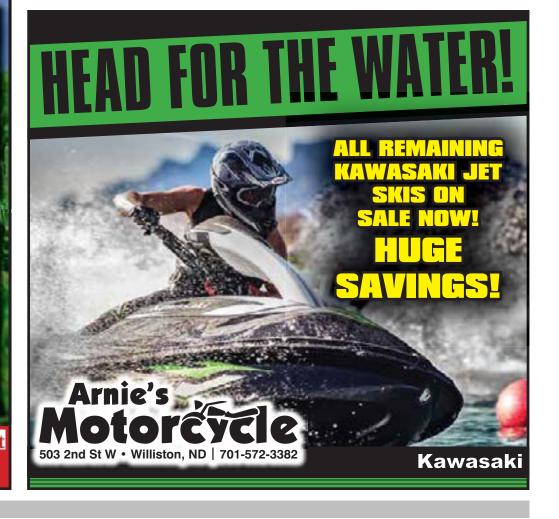


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DPHHS: Take Steps To Prevent West Nile Virus Infection This Summer

State and local public health officials are reminding Montanans to take steps to avoid mosquito bites and prevent infection with West Nile Virus (WNV). In Montana, WNV season usually begins in July and ends in October, as this is when the mosquitoes responsible for it emerge.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases such as WNV, or any other mosquito-borne illness, is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

While mosquitoes found in Montana are unable to transmit other diseases like Zika virus, they are able to transmit WNV. The virus can also infect horses and birds, with birds serving as the source of infection for most mosquitoes who then pass the virus along to humans by biting them.

When infected with WNV, about 4 out of 5 people will not have symptoms and will develop immunity after clearing the infection. Among the 1

Wildlife Management Area Regulations Prohibit Fireworks

By ND Game & Fish Dept.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department reminds citizens that possession or use of fireworks on state wildlife management areas is prohibited.

The primary objective of a wildlife management area is to enhance wildlife production, provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and offer other outdoor recreational and educational uses that are compatible with these objectives. Only activities that would not disrupt the intentions of how these areas are managed are encouraged, and a fireworks display is not compatible.

In addition, the Game and Fish Department will lift the Tuesday-Wednesday no-camping restriction for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday on only those WMAs that have this two-day restriction in place. This waiver will allow overnight camping July 3-4.

Other WMA regulations include:

· An equipment registration number, or the individual's name, address and telephone number, must be displayed on all equipment requiring identification, such as ground blinds, tree stands, cameras and traps.

· Use of drones, or any unmanned radio-controlled aircraft, is prohibited unless authorized by the Game and Fish director.

· Construction or use of a permanent tree stand or permanent ground blind is prohibited. Portable tree stands are allowed.

Placing of bait for any purpose is prohibited.Unless otherwise designated, motorized vehicles are

restricted to established trails or parking areas.

Paintballing and geocaching are prohibited.
Disposal of waste materials is prohibited except in garbage

ontainers.

Camping for longer than 10 consecutive days is prohibited.

However, some WMAs are closed to camping, while others have further restrictions.

• Group activities involving more than 25 people require

a permit.

A complete list of the WMA regulations is available on the

A complete list of the WMA regulations is available on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

in 5 individuals who develop illness, they will generally experience mild symptoms that may include: headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or a rash.

Serious symptoms can develop in rare cases with fewer than 1 in 100 of those infected developing serious infections in or around the brain, also known as neuroinvasive disease. Last year, Montana had 11 cases of WNV reported; 8 were mild cases, while 3 were neuroinvasive cases. Although no deaths from WNV were reported in 2017, Montana has had deaths in previous years. Currently, no vaccine or specific treatment exists for a person at risk or ill with WNV. If someone develops any of the symptoms listed above, they should see their healthcare provider for evaluation and care.

As mentioned above, humans are not the only ones that can be infected with WNV. Last year, Montana had 8 equine cases reported. A vaccine for horses is available and highly recommended.

The 4 D's of West Nile Virus prevention should be followed to reduce the chance of mosquito bites.

DEET: Use insect repellent such as DEET or picaridin

Drain: Drain standing water around your house to prevent mosquito breeding

Dawn/Dusk: Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. Stay inside or take precautions to prevent mosquito bites during these times

Dress: When possible, wear long sleeved shirts and pants to protect yourself from bites

"As we approach WNV season, we encourage everyone to take the proper precautions to prevent mosquito bites when outdoors," stated DPHHS epidemiologist Erika Baldry.

For more information about WNV, please visit the DPHHS website at: www. dphhs.mt.gov







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Adventure In The Badlands



Left: Beverly Salmen at the Maah Daah Hey Trailhead and ready for her adventure. (Photo submitted)

Below: Beverly cresting another hill to view the entrancing beauty North Dakota has to offer. (Photo submitted)



mushroomlike formation seen along the Maah **Daah Hey** trail in the badlands. (Photo submitted)

By Jaymi Loobey

On Memorial Day, May 28, 2018, Beverly Salmen and one of her friends embarked on a marvelous North Dakota adventure. They packed up some food, water, sunblock and a first aid kit, then took an 8-day trek down the Maah Daah Hey trail in Billings

County, North Dakota. The Maah Daah Hey trail is 150 miles of badlands, vistas, and grasslands that stretch across private land, Little Missouri National Grasslands and a little of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. It is an exciting place to hike, bike or ride horses and is the host, during the summer, to several bike races and endurance runs. The Badlands Trail Run on July 28, 2018 is the next highly anticipated event.

Neither Bev nor her friend is from North Dakota. Beverly

comes from Minnesota while her friend is from Michigan. She and her friend's husbands had worked together for the same employer and they both attend the same church. It was inevitable they discover their shared love of hiking. Beverly and her friend both had hiked often in their previous states but had not yet truly seen what North Dakota had to offer. Now was the time. In the evening of Memorial Day, they drove out to the CCC trailhead and started walking. They only went 5 miles that first night and their husbands met them at a campground with tents, sleeping bags, food and other gear they would need in the mornings and evenings but not while out on the trail, then left the women trekkers to their travels in the morning. Every night for the next week those men repeated this service for

the hardy pair until Bev and her friend had finished the trail. They averaged 15 miles of travel a day, occasionally going further. Other than rain the first night and a run in with a mother cow, Bev and her friend were left in peace to enjoy the beauty of this natural wonder. The friends are in their fifties. I asked Beverly if she would do the hike again. She said, "In a heartbeat! The scenery is incredible." and "It's North Dakota's best-kept secret in my opinion."

Beverly Salmen owns Home Comforts in Williston but her and her friend's passion is the great outdoors. More information about the Maah Daah Hey trail, events and registration can be found at www.medora.com or www. mdhta.com.

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