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Watford City Woman's Memorial For 8 Men Who Reached Their Maximum Potential In Life

The Veteran's Memorial Park in Watford City. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



By Jaymi Mozeak
Lately, a new brand of shirts and hats has been seen in Meyer's Department Store in Watford City. 7L1 "Maximum Potential" is a brand of sweatshirts, t-shirts, and hats in honor of Lynn Linseth, his brothers, and a brother-in-law.

In January 2023 the brand with the curious name started showing up in the store. Billie Jo Morken, the daughter of Lynn Linseth, is selling the merchandise. According to the brochure provided with the clothing, 7L1 "Maximum Potential" products have been created to honor Morken's father and uncles. "7" stands for seven brothers, "L" stands for Linseth, and "1" stands for a brother-in-law to these men: Phillip, Omar, Jerry, Paul, Lynn, Jim, and Roland, plus Pete Veeder. She had been contacted by Lyle Leiseth, a Purple Heart Veteran, to gather the information to

have them put on the big TV screens going up around North Dakota to honor veterans.

Morken is doing this to honor her father, Lynn Linseth, but feels all her uncles need to be honored as well. SP3 Lynn Linseth served in the Army at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. He also served as a bodyguard to President Dwight D. Eisenhower and a personal escort to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, during her visits to the States in the 50s. He received the Golden Gloves Boxing Champion title along with the Champion Swimmer medal. TYS Phillip P. Linseth served in the U.S. Army Corps. Cpl. Omar (Daniel) Linseth served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Cpl. Gerald (Jerry) Linseth served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Cpl. Paul A. Linseth served in the U.S. Army. Cpl. James (Jim) W.

Linseth served in the U.S. Marine Corps. SSG Eugene (Pete) E. Veeder served in the U.S. Army. Cpl. Roland Linseth had enlisted in the Air Force but was unable to pass the physical due to a childhood illness. She said, "The 7L1 "Maximum Potential" brand is to honor these eight men that reached their maximum potential in life."

The 7L1 "Maximum Potential" brand is, currently, only available at Meyer's Department Store. It has one type of men's sweatshirt, one type of women's sweatshirt, one type of men's t-shirt, two types of women's t-shirts, and then the hats. The net proceeds of the sales go to assisting local veterans. Everyone who purchases an item from this brand is given a pamphlet with more information. Morken said, "Also, I really encourage everyone to visit the Veterans Memorial Park, Watford City."



7L1 "Maximum Potential" has one type of men's sweatshirt, one type of women's sweatshirt, one type of men's t-shirt, two types of women's t-shirts, and hats. (Submitted photo)



Smoke From Canada's Wild Fires Blankets Region

By Jaymi Mozeak
On the morning of May 17, residents of Big Horn, Blaine, Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Hill, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, and Yellowstone counties woke up to thick and strong-smelling smoke. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality issued an air quality alert for those counties from 9 a.m. May 17-9 a.m. May 18.

According to Ted Jamba, National Weather Service, Glasgow, the smoke is coming from Canada. It is mostly coming from around Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Alberta has been in a drought. According to John Baranick, DTN Meteorologist, on www.dtnpf.com, since the summer of 2020, Canada has been experiencing a lack of adequate rainfall. When in drought the forests and prairies in Canada are at a heightened risk for wildfires. When there are fires in Canada and we experience winds from the north the smoke comes down into Montana and North Dakota. Jamba said, "The winds we experienced this morning (May 17) produced a temperature inversion and trapped the smoke here. I cannot recall witnessing these fires or smoke so early in the season. Montana has had smoke from Canada before but usually not until later in the summer or fall. I'm hoping the sun will come out and lift the smoke but it might last until Thursday evening/ Friday morning when we start getting winds from the south." Alex Edwards, National Weather Service, Bismarck, said, "The smoke followed a cold front across North Dakota. It came as far east as Jamestown on May 17 but will continue as time goes on. The smoke is going to stick around for the next day or so. We're waiting for the winds to shift to the north, away from the Canadian fires."

The Richland County Health Department posted on their Facebook page midmorning of May 17, "We recommend that outdoor activities be put on hold until air quality improves." The health departments of many counties post recommendations online via their websites or Facebook pages when health hazards are present in the area.

Flags Of Honor Program in Sidney Memorial Day

Submitted by Tim Tharp, President, VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post 4099

Sidney is home to a unique program called "The Flags of Honor" which originated in 1965. This program originally began as a community effort with members of 13 civic organizations who made the decision to ask members of the community to donate any casket flags from deceased veterans. The organizers were able to obtain 83 flags for the first Memorial Day parade in 1966. Materials and labor were donated to make bins

for the flags, agate name plates, flag poles, and people willing to be caretakers of the flags. On Memorial Day the flags were displayed in the original Nutter Park located on 4th St. SE and a grand parade through Sidney included members of the community carrying the flags. Veterans Day was also the sight of the parade of casket flags. During the remainder of the year the flags were stored in the basement of City Hall until 1989.

By 1975 most of the original organizers of the Flags of Honor had died and

the number of flags became too numerous for the original caretakers, the World War 1 Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary VFW (now VFW Auxiliary since 2015 as men can now join) began the job of caretakers for the 200 flags. It soon became apparent that the job was more efficient with only a couple people. The storage area in the basement of City Hall was being overcrowded and had problems with humidity.

In the mid '80s efforts began to find a new home for the "Flags of Honor" and several years later it became

a reality. The entire facility is located in what was called Central Park, now Veterans Memorial Park, and consists of public bathrooms, a stage area, a concessions area, and a storage room for the City. This was completed with the help of several different organizations. Community members were asked for financial and labor donations to make the existing Flag Room area a reality. Many hours were spent planning and painting the room, moving the flags, and making new name plates for the flags. The City of Sidney assisted in installing the cabinets. The first program at the new facility was in 1989 with 289 flags and enough cabinets to house them until more funds were raised.

The Flags of Honor room is humidity controlled and is now home to over 650 flags behind glass doors. Once a year the flags are rearranged in alphabetically order. Because of the number of flags, approximately 130 flags are displayed in Veteran's Park on Memorial Day. Various organizations have made it possible for new benches in front of the stage area, and sidewalks. The park is now called Veterans Memorial Park and a new statue of former Governor Donald Nutter, a Sidney native, greets visitors to the park. Gov. Nutter's flag is one of the 650 flags on display.

In 2014 another major project was completed to increase the availability of space for more flags. Cabinets were built on top of the original cabinets and now display the 141 flags representing veterans from the Civil War, the Spanish American War, and WW1. These flags are no longer flown outside.

Sidney is very proud to have the Lions Club help with posting a representation of these flags beginning at 7 a.m. on Memorial Day and take them down about 4 p.m. that evening. The rotation of displayed flags allows for a complete cycle every four years. Flags not flown, but are not in the retired section, can be checked out and carried folded or on a pole for the parade and refolded after the parade. The VFW has a Memorial Day program and service at the stage after the parade. A picnic in the park follows the program.

The program is funded entirely by donations. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation or to donate their flag can take it to City Hall with the necessary information. The 5th grade classes tour the facility annually. Private tours can be arranged by contacting Violet Tharp, 406-488-1173 or 406-489-1234; or Margaret Bradley 406-488-4613 or 406-489-1535.



The annual Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 29 to honor fallen war heroes. Crowds will gathered to watch the Parade of Flags of Honor as they marched through town from the VFW to Veteran's Memorial Park. (Photo by Nicole Lucina)

Elizabeth “Betty” Risinger, 81, Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Elizabeth “Betty” Risinger, 81, Sidney, MT, will be Friday, May 26, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church, Sidney, MT, with Father Jim O’Neil officiating.

Visitation is Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family.



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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny’s Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.
7 p.m. — 24-hour Women’s AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

WEDNESDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
6:30 - p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny’s Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

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STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....	1830.6
Last Week’s Elev.	1829.5
One Year Ago	1829.2
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 15	77	43	0.000
May 16	81	43	0.000
May 17	68	51	0.000
May 18	56	40	0.000
May 19	70	33	0.000
May 20	80	42	0.000
May 21	79	46	0.000
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....	2.264		

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

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Betty’s name to the Catholic Daughters, Right to Life, or the Sidney Health Center’s Good Cents Store.

Elizabeth “Betty” Risinger passed away on Friday May 19, 2023 at St. Vincent’s Healthcare, Billings, MT, with family by her side.

Doris Redman, 85 Sidney, MT

Celebration of Life services will be Friday, May 26, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Our dear Mother, Doris Aleen Redman, Sidney, went to be with her Lord April 20, 2023. She lived her final year of life in Billings, MT, in an assisted living home. Dementia claimed her final years and her family grieved that it was necessary to move her away from her beloved home near the Yellowstone River.

Doris was born in Lewistown, MT, on Oct. 27, 1937 to Alvin E. Peterson and Ruth Eva Smail Peterson. The family lived in the Arrow Creek/Coffee Creek area on a small farm. Doris went to first grade in Lewistown and then her family moved to Bozeman, MT, and she went to second grade at the Monforton Country School and third grade at the Ray Country School both near Bozeman. The schools were so small then that Doris was the only kid in her grade for four years! From the eighth grade through high school, Doris went to Bozeman High School, graduating in 1955.

Doris attended Montana State University for 2 ½ years where she met and married her husband John Robert (Bob) Redman, Dec. 22, 1957. In January 1958 John and Doris went to Alaska to attend college in Anchorage, but they changed their minds and decided to come back to Montana to finish John’s education at MSU. Kenneth John was born in 1958 in Bozeman. Kwin Aleen, Jamie Belinda, Lessie Ann and Lora Lee were born in Sidney, MT. As a rancher’s wife, Doris learned about cattle, gardening, horses and 4-H. She was a 4-H leader for over 30 years and was on the Montana 4-H Heritage Foundation. Doris was also one of the founding Cowbelles members. She was a member of the Lonsdale United Methodist Church, Sidney, and served as a Sunday School teacher and as a church board member. Our Mom drove hundreds of miles to watch her children participate in sporting events, school plays, concerts and 4-H.

In our Mother’s own words written to us in her final years, “Children and farming were my lifestyle and I loved both of them! From my family I learned love, faith and happiness. I had a wonderful life. A wonderful husband, delightful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a strong faith in God. I am so happy that God sent me to Earth.”

Doris was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, her brothers Lorrie and Eugene Peterson, and her sister Lorraine Gaugler.

She is survived by her brother, Paul Peterson; and sister, Nancy Hasch; her children, Ken (Holly) Redman, Kwin Redman, Jamie (Don) Wycoff, Lessie (Ashley) Sites and Lora (Kevin) Brown; grandchildren, Sarah (Cody Drees) Tuck, Amy (Paul) Richter, Brian Redman, Sloane Tuck, Carl Redman, Devin Brown, Logan Sites, Kellen Brown, Morgan Sites and Makenna Brown; and great-grandchildren Gabriel Richter, Michael Richter, Malachi Richter and Abigail Richter.



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Leota “Lee” Jensen, 80 Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Leota “Lee” Jensen, 80, Sidney, MT, was held Monday, May 22, 2023, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church, Sidney, MT, with Father Jim O’Neil officiating. Visitation was Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 1-5 p.m., and Family Services followed at 5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT, and Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Leota Irene “Lee” Jensen, 80, passed away quietly on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, surrounded by her family.

Lee was born on May 26, 1942, to Francis Hammond and Perry Shannon, Iowa City, IA. She grew up on her grandparents farm in Columbus Junction, IA. After graduating high school, she lived and worked in Rock Island, IL, where she met and married Gale Vincent in 1966. To this union they had two daughters, Michelle and Melissa.

And then... she found her happily ever after, the first day of the rest of her life, when on July 7, 1984, she married her true love – her one and only, her person: Ronald James Jensen. Together they shared a love of 40 years. At last, she found her true north and she was HOME. She also welcomed her step-children, Tony, Randy, and Holly.

Lee was a quiet, soft-spoken woman who could be quite sassy too. She walked through life with a big heart and always treated everyone she met with warmth and kindness. She enjoyed Sunday Mass at St. Matthew’s, crocheting, puzzle books, reading romance novels, playing cards, and Sunday football (Go Packers!). Lee loved her fur-babies over the years and no matter how many times we heard “no more,” there were always more. She loved and cherished her family, afternoon drives with her beloved husband Ron, and frozen Coca-Colas. She recently shared, when asked what she missed most doing; “making and sharing lunch with Ron every day at noon and their card game nights with her much loved and missed in-laws, John and Margaret.

Lee was loved by her family very much, but she was truly blessed with a devoted, caring and loving husband, best friend, and in end, the most loving and dedicated caretaker who shared quietly as he whispered in her ear, “I love you very much and if I could... I would do it all over again.”

Lee is survived by her husband of 39 years, Ron Jensen; her sons, Tony (Dani) Jensen and Randy (Chantel) Jensen; daughters Nina Michelle Mayes, Melissa (James) Elmore, and Holly (Jeff) Moore; grandchildren Kassidee, Charles, Brooke, Ryan, Austin, Josh, John, Laura, Gage, Brynn, Jordan, Lexi, Brooke, Jakub, Carter, Nick, and Beans; great grandchildren Preston, Elsie, Willow, Taven, Lincoln, Jenessa, Presley, Charlotte, Reese, Aiden, Emma, and Alex; and her sweet cat, Sammy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Francis Stanley and Perry Shannon; sister Janette Cliff; mother-in-law Margaret Witkowski; brothers-in-law Russ Trudell and Butch Jensen; and her fur-babies Bailey, Buddy, Arrow, and Kramer.



Leota “Lee” Jensen

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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., May 24
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Water Works Art Museum Juried Exhibit** - Mysteries, puzzles, & treasures are hidden in the details of practically everything. Runs through June 6. - **Vietnam Voices** - Features powerful stories of 81 Vietnam veterans. Runs through June 10. - **Lacey Holmen Western Pride** - Runs through July 1. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.

Thurs., May 25
6 p.m. - **Ink & Water with Afton** - MonDak Heritage Center. Members \$30; not yet members \$40. Limited space reserve you spot by calling 406-433-3500.

Sat., May 27
8 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Homesteaders Swap** - Free admission to buyers/lookers. \$25 vendors. Richland Co. Fairgrounds. For more info call Jamie 406-270-8333.

2-4 p.m. – **Voices of Vietnam Open House** - Everyone is invited to come to the open house & view the Vietnam Voices exhibit & say thank you to our country’s veterans! Light refreshments will be served. MonDak Heritage Center.

6 p.m. - **Sidney, MT Draggin’ Main Food Drive** - Meet up at Footers for a great cause. Food Banks most needed items: Hamburger Helper, Ramen noodles, dish soap, canned fruit (any), cereal, instant potatoes, shampoo, women’s deodorant, canned chili.

Wed., May 31 - Richland County Taxes Due
The 2nd payment of 2022 Real Property taxes & 1st payment of 2023 mobile home taxes are due by 5 p.m. May 31. Payments & payment coupons may be mailed or brought to the Richland Co. Treasurer, 201 W. Main, Sidney, MT 59270. Office hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. A payment drop box is located in the alley behind the Old Courthouse & credit card payments are accepted online at richland.org. Any payments after 5 p.m., May 31 will be assessed penalty & interest charges. For more info call 406-433-1707.

Thurs., June 1
3-7 p.m. - **The Wellness Collective & Healthy Kids Expo** - Explore the faucets of your health: mental, physical, financial, spiritual, environmental, intellectual, social. Keynote speaker: Danny Wyrwas. The “Healthy Kids Expo” features resources, & activities for the youth. Richland County Event Center.

Sat., June 3
1-3 p.m. - **Reading & Book Signing At Page Turners, Fairview** - Kicking off the summer reading challenge with a reading at 1 p.m. & book signing to follow of “The Most Unlikely Pair” by Sandy Rieker.

7-10 p.m. - **Jazz Age Jeopardy Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** - A murder mystery & scavenger hunt in 2 acts. Richland County Event Center. Single ticket \$30; pair of tickets \$55; table of 8 \$225. Proceeds benefit Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide prevention. For tickets visit the Facebook page.

Tues., June 13
12-6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Matthew’s Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. Advance appointments are recommended, call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. MT.

Tues., May 30
7 p.m. - **Northeast Montana Land & Mineral Owners Association Meeting** - If you have mineral interests in the Culbertson area, attend the meeting & find out the latest info. Roosevelt Co. Complex meeting room.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Started Mon., May 22 - Tues., May 30
Pick Up The Patch 2023 - Gather friends, neighbors, coworkers, family members, & others to clean up the garbage after the long winter! Supplies for volunteers available at First International Bank and Trust (main street location) and the Rough Rider Center. For more info contact Kylee Roff, 509-295-1658 or kyleelroff@gmail.com; or Teresa Morawski, 701-300-3704 or teresa.morawski@oneok.com.

Thurs., May 25 (Every Thurs. through July 13)
5-8 p.m. - **Dogs On The Deck** - Food, beer garden, live music, crafts & games. Long X Liquor Store deck.

Sat., June 3
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Badlands Plein Air Painting** - Paint the badlands while you’re in the badlands. \$60 per person, all supplies included, no experience necessary. CCC Camp 15 miles south of Watford City. For more info visit daphneclarkart.com.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., May 24
10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **City of Williston Public Outreach Day** - Free event open to all ages, Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. East.

Wed., May 27
12 p.m. - **Fort Buford Flag Raising Ceremony** - Fort Buford 6th Infantry Regiment Association frontier army re-enactors will raise flags at field officer quarters, cemetery, & Masonic Lodge site marking the beginning of summer hours, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more info call 701-572-9034.

Thurs., June 1
5:30-9 p.m. - **Williston Downtowners Association Art & Wine Walk** - Enjoy an evening of wine tasting, appetizers & art as you explore more than a dozen downtown businesses & meet talented artists. Tickets: presale \$40 (ends May 30); day of \$50. Presale tickets at Cooks on Main, The James Memorial Art Center & Exhale Yoga. Online tickets visit willistondowntown.com & on Facebook.

Sat., June 3
6:30 a.m. start - **Liberty Energy & Upper Missouri Relay for Life Marathon 2023** - The Williston Marathon is the first premiere endurance event in Williston & will feature a marathon, 1/2 marathon, 10K run, 5K run & 5K walk that will be certified for a Boston Marathon Qualifier. XWA Airport. Sign up online at tinyurl.com/willistonmarathon.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

Fri., June 2
5 p.m. - **Glendive Medical Center Foundation Annual Grill & Chill Fundraiser** - Delicious food, refreshing drinks & great company. Dawson County Fairgrounds.

Fri., June 9, 6 p.m.; Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Makoshika State Park Buzzard Day 2023 - June 9: Cornhole tournament & food vendors. June 10: 1/2 marathon, 10K, 5K races; pancake breakfast; Bluebird Hike & Talk, disc golf tournament, bouncy house, mini train, archery, atlant, face painting, archeology exhibit, Mak the T-Rex, food vendors, National guard fun events. Kids fun run, Museum of the Rockies Paleo Presentation & Hike. Free movie at dusk. All events at Kiwanis Group Shelter unless otherwise noted. For more info visit www.friendsofmakoshika.org/buzzard-day.

Ace Hardware Is Now Open

By Jaymi Mozeak
Sidney's own Ace Hardware opened on May 22. It was a soft opening, but means the store was open in time for the start of the growing season. Manager Reece Gair-

rett, Owner Skip King, and all of the local Ace Hardware employees worked hard through the month of May to get everything ready for opening day. Gairrett said, "We are very close to fully staffed, close enough to

open the doors." The store is not yet fully stocked either. There are a few shelves that are still waiting for vendors' deliveries and they are not going to have a Garden Center until the 2024 planting season. Gairrett said, "We're

90% there." Sidney's Ace Hardware is now open 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays. There are not any sales in the rest of May except the in-store specials, but there

will be a regular sale flyer in the papers starting in June. They plan on having a grand opening in August. Sidney's Ace Hardware is now open for business

and able to bring several quality brands of tools, hardware, and outdoor goods to Sidney.



Sidney's Ace Hardware's Manager Reece Gairrett, center, and Assistant Managers Phil Kuylen, left, and Sam Simard, right, are confident that their store and staff are ready to serve Sidney and the surrounding area with high quality tools, hardware, and other goods. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

VBS, Safe In The Fire, A Story Of Faith, In Fairview June 5-8

By Dianne Swanson

All area children from pre-school-9th grade are invited to a week of fun and learning as Zion Lutheran and Community Presbyterian Churches, Fairview, host Vacation Bible School June 5-8 with the theme of Safe in the Fire, A Story of Faith: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace. The fun-filled week kicks off Sunday, June 4 with a parade at 4 p.m. with golf carts, side by sides, gators, antique cars full of kids, and adults, riding through the streets of Fairview. A picnic and games will follow at Zion Lutheran Church. Please pre-register your kids at the Zion Lutheran Church office, if possible, to allow for an accurate count for lunches. But don't worry if you don't. Registration also takes place each morning from 8:30-9 a.m. in the Zion entry so it's never too late to join in the fun! Kids will be divided into age groups with fun projects planned for each one as they learn the inspiring bible story. A full lunch will be served each day, with pickup of kids at 12:35 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to the Grand Finale Thursday evening at 6 p.m. when the VBS students show off their knowledge and talent at the presentation of The Musical: Safe in the Fire: A story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego face the fire, But Not Alone! A festive reception will follow. You don't want to miss this! Please call Zion Lutheran Church at 406-742-5523 if you have any questions.

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Fairview School Holds Spring Concert

Fairview Westside Elementary hosted its spring concert on May 16 with music director Miss Barth and 5th grade band director Miss Motichka. The kindergarten kids sing *Frere Jacques* accompanied by 5th graders Timothy Ellis, Malcom Bradley, Kaelynn Nay, Audree Hanson and Terrell Jones on ukuleles. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)



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“The Most Unlikely Pair” Book Signing At Page Turners, Fairview

By Dianne Swanson
Readers are in for a treat on Saturday, June 3 as Page Turners, the book store in Fairview, hosts Alexander author Sandy Rieker for a reading and signing of her book “The Most Unlikely Pair.” The reading will be at 1 p.m. followed by the book signing until 3 p.m.

Rieker says she got her inspiration from watching her own farm animals and wrote the story about a chicken and a goat that become friends with one another after being adopted. Her intention is to teach kids that it’s okay to be different and to always be kind to one another. Amazing illustrations by Cheryl Brown accompany the story.

Co-owner Betty Cherry said she and her daughter and co-owner Sarah Manuel are delighted to host what is hopefully the first of many such events with regional authors being the focus. “We invite everyone to come in and meet Sandy. She’s a lovely person,” Cherry said of Rieker.

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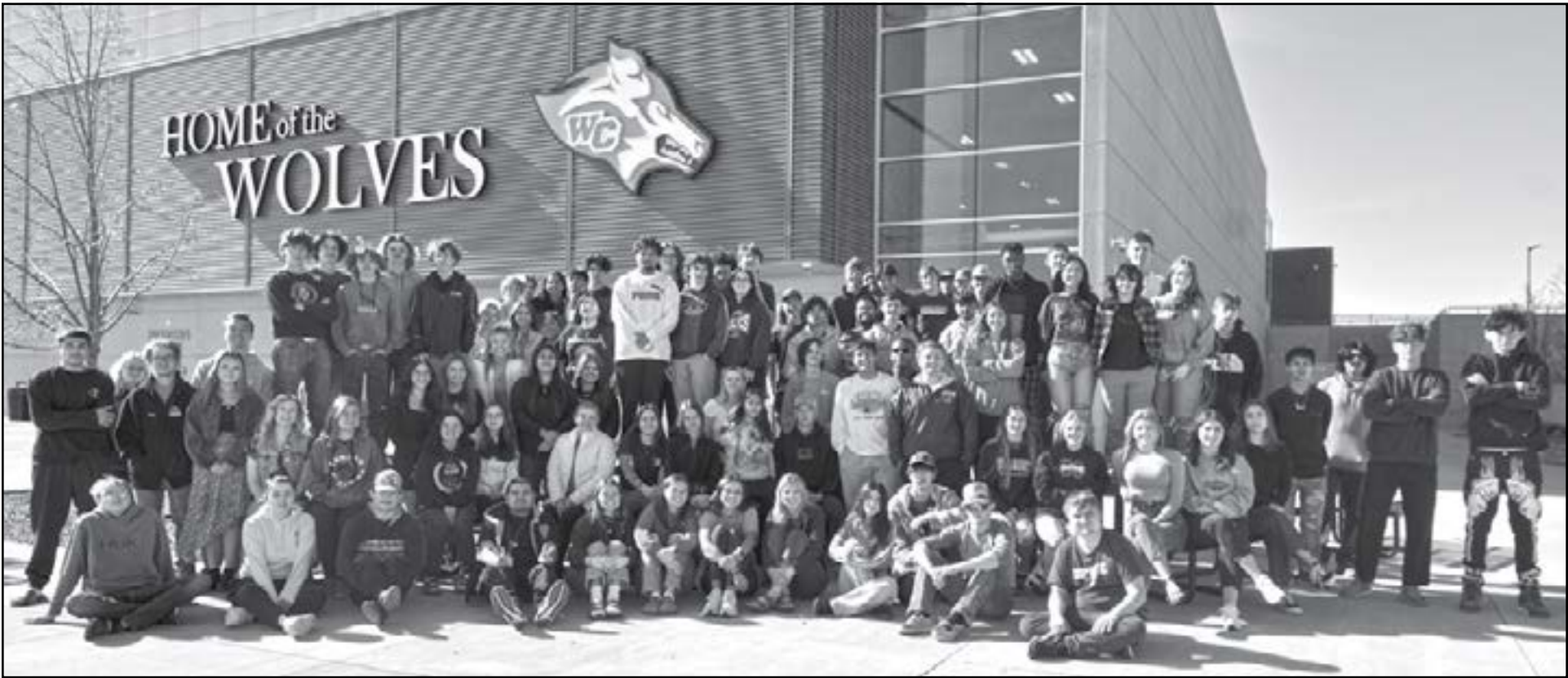
celebrating its first anniversary through May 31. Purchasers will be registered to win a tote filled with a signed copy of a book, a bookmark and a \$20 gift card. So hurry in now to find that special book for yourself or as a gift. Father’s Day is coming soon!

Page Turners is conveniently open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 214 S. Central, Fairview. Stop in, call them at 406-742-5700, email them at pageturners24@gmail.com or connect on Facebook.



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Long X Arts Gallery Hosts Gallery Showing Inspired By North Dakota State Parks

Submitted by **Jessie Veeder Scofield**

The Long X Arts Foundation is pleased to announce the second exhibition in their new gallery space located in the lower level of the Long X Visitor Center, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City. "Art in the Parks" is a collection of work inspired by North Dakota's state parks. It is on display from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday until June 23. The exhibit is free and open to the public and comes to Watford City from its last show in the state capital.

Each year, the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department and North Dakota Council on the Arts put out a call for artists to participate in the Artist in Residency program within the North Dakota State Parks. The Artist in Residency program offers artists the opportunity to stay and work in unique environments where they'll draw inspiration from a North Dakota State Park, demonstrate their skills, and assist park visitors of all ages in discovering their artistic side.

The program's goal is to continue creating works

of art that showcase, document, and celebrate our North Dakota state parks while providing opportunities for visitors to become stewards, with a deeper appreciation of artistic works inspired by the state parks. Artworks generated from this program have characterized the state's beauty for present and future generations, allowing park visitors to see North Dakota through the eyes and ears of contributing artists.

The exhibition features the work of 20 artists who have pieces inspired by Lake Metigoshe State Park, Icelandic State Park, Turtle River State Park, Beaver Lake State Park, Cross Ranch State Park, Lewis and Clark State Park, Fort Ransom State Park, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and Fort Stevenson State Park.

Explore work by Michelle Brusegaard, Nicole Gagner, Megan Hanson, Lise Erdrich, Shalini Agarwal, Terri Berg, Marie Snively, Johnathan Campbell, Heidi Goldberg, Karen Bakke, Linda Roesch, Candace Brekke, Pieper Bloomquist, Aaron Michels, Jennifer Mathews, Jane Kalmbach,



Candace Brekke-Art in the Parks. (Photo submitted)

Linæe Bieber, Ron Siverson, Whitney Nielsen and Tayla Sessing.

This exhibition is sponsored by the North Dakota Art Gallery Association with support from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from

the State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

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The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see

the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen,

represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

The thirteenth and last fold reminds us that when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

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NOTICE

One school board position was declared vacant at a Special Meeting of the Lambert Board of Trustees held on May 16, 2023. The Lambert Board of Trustees will follow the procedure as outlined in MCA 20-3-309 to fill this vacated trustee position. To be eligible for this vacated school board position the applicant must be a registered elector and a resident of Lambert Public School Elementary District #86 for 30 days. The person appointed to this vacated position agrees to serve until the next regular school election-May 2024. Persons interested in applying for this vacated school board position may submit a Letter of Interest to Sammie Nelson, District Clerk, PO Box 260, Lambert, MT 59243. Letters of Interest will be accepted through June 1, 2023.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the annual meeting of the Richland County Public Hospital District will be conducted on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility, 104 14th Avenue N.W., Sidney, Montana. The election of two hospital district trustees for a three year term will be conducted at said meeting. Contact Clara Jepsen, Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility, 104 14th Avenue N.W., Sidney, Montana 59270; by email at clara.jepsen@sidneyhealth.org; or call (406) 488-2300 to obtain further information or to request an accommodation for a disability. DATED this 16th day of May, 2023. GARY C. SCHOEPP HOSPITAL DISTRICT CLERK

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Submitted by Lynn Welker-Fevold, MMHC, ACHE
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thank you to the generosity of so many who are passionate about positive, quality of life activities as they pertain to long term care." Welker-Fevold also stated that the idea was sparked from a person who wishes to remain unnamed but cares deeply about making sure that spiritual services are available to residents in a comfortable setting.
The expanded and renovated chapel space will provide needed updates to equipment and facilities,

offering additional options for separating the activities room from the chapel using modern architecture concepts while maximizing space. The adjacent courtyard will offer a new, reimagined space to include an accessible gazebo for residents to enjoy. To complement an already robust activities program, a greenhouse will be placed in the courtyard as well to accommodate guest gardeners and opportunities for residents to grow flowers.

Of the new capital additions coming, Randy Quale, Benefit Fund of McKenzie Health Board Chairman, said, "The Foundation is excited to be able to enhance the Good Shepherd Home's space for residents to enjoy individually or with family & friends. Our hope is that the chapel, courtyard, and greenhouse will offer diverse spaces for spirituality, creativity, and sociability."
Icon Architects, in concert with McKenzie Health and McKenzie Health's

Good Shepherd Home Activities Team, are moving forward with the project design where the chapel, courtyard, and greenhouse will be deployed simultaneously. Design processes will be wrapped up in July. Construction Engineers will be overseeing project construction. During the month of August, Construction Engineers will be working to coordinate contractors for the project where the goal will be to break ground in September. The greenhouse

structure will be the last piece of the project to be installed. A final project completion timeframe is targeted for June 2024. As forward motion is occurring with the design process, Welker-Fevold said, "We look forward to sharing renderings with the community soon. This type of project is only made possible thanks to donors. Thank you to every one of you that made this amazing project a reality!"

13th Annual Fairview Alliance Church Blessing Sale June 17

By Dianne Swanson
For 13 years the Fairview Alliance Church has held what has been labeled as the Blessing Sale, instead of the Big Garage Sale, because the items at the sale are not priced. Get a blessing, give a blessing, be a blessing is the concept and it has yielded many blessings for many causes over the years.
In keeping with their tradition, the Fairview Alliance Church will offer a huge variety of un-priced, used goods at the rummage sale, as well as freshly baked goodies

for purchase. All proceeds will be split evenly between Fairview Summer Youth programs, and Eastern Montana Bible Camp.
The sale will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church located at 702 Western Ave, (across the street from the Fairview High School) and in conjunction with the Fairview community garage sale day. Get a blessing by finding items you can use, then give a blessing by donating whatever you wish to the sale. Even if you don't find anything you can use, you

are still welcome to make a donation. You never know how the Lord will multiply the blessings of your generosity.
Community members can also contribute sale items in good condition by dropping them off at the church no later than June 15. The church can no longer accept used television or computer monitors. If needed, pickup is available by calling the church 406-742-5425 or to answer any questions.
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USDA Offers Livestock Disaster Program Flexibilities; Responds To Needs Expressed By Producers Hard-Hit By Drought & Winter Storms

Program Application Deadlines Extended to June 2

Submitted by Tammy Lyseng, County Executive Director, USDA - Richland County - Farm Service Agency
Bozeman, MT, May 10 - USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has provided additional flexibilities and further enhanced disaster recovery assistance provided by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) in response to needs expressed by livestock producers in the Western U.S. who have experienced significant feed, forage, animal and infrastructure loss from preexisting, long-term drought conditions further compounded by unprecedented snowfall and winter storms. These livestock disaster program policy enhancements include an extended June 2, 2023, deadline to submit notices of loss and applications for payment for 2022 losses. The deadline extension and program flexibilities are available to eligible producers nation-

wide who incurred losses from a qualifying natural disaster event.
"Impacted producers are encouraged to contact their FSA county offices to take advantage of ELAP enhancements. Expenses eligible for assistance can include above normal feed purchases, above normal freight, even snow removal in some cases," said Maureen Wicks, FSA Montana State Executive Director. "This Administration continues to demonstrate our understanding of and commitment to livestock production. Last year, we changed a policy in LIP to better reflect the investment producers have in newborn livestock. This year, cognizant of the fact that many of our producers are managing open range operations, unprecedented amounts of snow, and in some cases are just now realizing all their losses, we are extending the deadline to apply for these critical programs to allow these producers the time they need to manage their recovery."
LIP and ELAP reimburs-

es producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died because of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed, and forage. LFP provides benefits for grazing losses due to a qualifying drought or wildfire. For fire, losses must occur on federally managed lands. ELAP provides benefits for grazing losses not covered under LFP.
New Program Applications for 2022
FSA is accepting 2022 LIP notices of loss and applications for payment through June 2, 2023, for all covered livestock that may have been eligible in 2022.
Producers who did not sign up for ELAP assistance for hauling livestock, forage and feedstuff hauling or other losses covered under ELAP in 2022 can also apply through June 2, 2023.
FSA will accept LFP applications for only newly eligible covered livestock through June 2, 2023.
All required supporting documentation must be received and on file in the county office by the estab-

lished deadline.
Revising 2022 Applications
Producers who have a 2022 ELAP, LIP or LFP application on file with FSA as of the program deadline or were placed on an approved register, may revise their application with the newly updated eligible livestock no later than June 2, 2023.
Filing a Notice of Loss for ELAP due to 2022 and 2023 Drought
To support program access for counties that do not currently have a 365-day grazing season, FSA is waiving the 30-day timeframe for producers to submit a notice of loss for the 2023 ELAP program year due to qualifying drought in calendar years 2022 or 2023. Producers can now submit a notice of loss from the date the loss is apparent, as far back as Jan. 1, 2023, for 2022 eligible losses and 2023 eligible losses that occur before June 2, 2023.
For counties that have

a 365-day grazing season, producers must have a qualifying drought in the 2023 calendar year to be eligible for 2023 livestock, water and feed hauling in 2023.
More Information
Livestock producers must provide evidence that livestock death was due to an eligible adverse weather event or loss condition. In addition, livestock producers should bring supporting evidence, including documentation of the number and kind of livestock that died, photographs or video records to document the loss, purchase records, veterinarian records, production records and other similar documents. Owners who sold injured livestock for a reduced price because the livestock were injured due to an adverse weather event, must provide verifiable evidence of the reduced sale of the livestock.
Producers can apply for ELAP, LFP and LIP benefits at their local FSA county of-

fice. For more information or to submit a notice of loss or an application for payment, please contact your local FSA office or visit farmers.gov/recover.
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Guest Opinion: Eliminating 40% Of American Coal In One Stroke

By Tom Halvorson
We have seen shortages of things like eggs and baby formula. Imagine the shortage of energy and products that would result from eliminating 40% of the coal mined in the United States.
As far-reaching and unimaginable as that might seem, a federal court in Montana appears set to do just that. The same judge who attempted to eliminate irrigation from the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers is now commanding the Bureau of Land Management to consider eliminating coal mining on federal lands in the Power River Basin. The Basin includes Richland County and much of Eastern Montana. He does this despite realizing in his order that "The Powder River Basin also yields approximately 40% of all coal extracted in the United States." (Western Organization of Resource Council v. U.S. BLM, 4:20-cv-76-BMMm)
Ever since its creation, Congress gave the BLM its mandate to administer fed-

eral lands with a balanced multiple-use policy. The court's order commands the Bureau, in effect, to consider violating its mandate of multiple-use by court-ordered elimination of use for coal.
How, you might ask, could a court pretend to have that power? What reasoning does it use?
Read its opinions and orders and you will see a sophisticated, high-minded, hyper-intellectual focus on the trees that loses sight of the forest. Way down in the nuts and bolts, the court thinks it understands the machine, so to speak. But when, because of the court's orders, the machine does not produce its designed product of multiple use, the court breaks the machine.
In obedience to the court's orders, the BLM has formulated a set of alternatives named Alternative A, B, C, and D. The alternatives would reduce federal lands available for coal from 1,214,380 acres in A, to 57,940 in B, to 810 in C, and to 0 (zero) in D.
Theoretically, this is

to save the planet from climate change. Of course, we should keep the planet clean and healthy. But again, the court sees trees and not the forest. National Public Radio reported in March this year that China is opening two new coal-fired power plants per week. Citing a report by Global Energy Monitor and the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, NPR said "China has six times as much plants starting construction as the rest of the world combined."
So, is this about climate change and the environment? Or is it just one more front in industrial rivalry between China and the U.S.? The judge is an Obama-Biden appointee. The court's orders in this and other cases correspond to Obama-Biden policy on China and diminishing the United States.
The State of Wyoming understands. It intervened in the case to try to do us some good. Meanwhile Montana is asleep at the wheel.

Flag Raising Ceremony At Fort Buford May 27

Williston, ND - The public is invited to the Flag Raising Ceremony, May 27, at Fort Buford near Williston. The event is free and open to the public. All times are Central time.
The Flag Raising Ceremony conducted by the Fort Buford 6th Infantry Regiment Association frontier army re-enactors begins at 12 p.m. Flags will be raised at the field officer quarters, cemetery, and Masonic

Lodge site. Raising the reproduction 1872 flag marks the beginning of summer hours. Fort Buford will be open daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center will be open daily, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
For more information, contact Yvette Bachmeier at 701-572-9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State

Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CT; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. CT; and Monday-Tuesday. Fort Buford is currently closed. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

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Richland County 4-H Holds Annual Communications Day



Prepared Speech, Elicia Snodgrass and Tegan Turnbull. Not pictured is Ayla Riordan. (Submitted photo)



Cloverbuds (L-R) Josie Castro, Oliver Becker and Clair Coryell. (Submitted photo)



Crown Division, Felix Becker and Matthias Castro. (Submitted photo)



Impromptu Speakers (L-R) Felix Becker, Hazen Foss. (Submitted photo)



Junior Demonstrations (L-R) Beau Becker, Avynn Carda, Sam Snodgrass, Collin Coryell, Kamden Johnson, Briar Hanson, Leddy Larson, Brooke Skov and Kenzley Van Every. Not pictured is Cameron Coryell. (Submitted photo)



By Josie Evenson, Richland County 4-H/ Youth Development Agent

The annual 4-H Communications Day was held on April 18, at Pella Lutheran Church. Speech and Demonstration Day is a local 4-H event, where 4-H members get to practice public speaking skills that build self-confidence and self-esteem in these young people. This year 26 4-H youth competed in this event and were evaluated by 11 community judges.

This year three Cloverbuds, 4-H members aged 6-8, presented a piece of their choice. Oliver Becker presented a poem entitled "Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall"; Clair Coryell presented the 4-H pledge and Josie Castro gave a demonstration entitled "Mini Cheeseburgers".



Left: Sr Career Communication, Burton Pollari. (Submitted photo)

Above: Sr Demonstrations (L-R) Addison Foss, Landry Larson, Garrett Larson, Cayla Hanson and Eva Srygley. (Submitted photo)

A demonstration gives the 4-H member the ability to teach others how to do something that they have learned, they present the step-by-step process to the audience and judges. This year, 11 junior 4-H members aged 9-13 gave demonstrations. The junior members that gave demonstrations were Kinlee Peters, Avynn Carda, Sam Snodgrass, Beau Becker, Kamden Johnson, Collin Coryell, Leddy Larson, Cameron Coryell, Briar Hanson, Kenzley VanEvery and Brooke Skov. Peters, Carda, Becker, Johnson, Coryell, Larson, Coryell, Hanson, VanEvery and Skov received blues, Snodgrass received a red and Beau Becker earned honors as the top junior demonstrator.

The Crown Division is comprised of junior members who have, in years previous, already won their respective division. This year, two youth competed in the Crown Demonstration division and taking top honors was Felix Becker. Matthias Castro received a blue.

This year, three youth members presented a prepared speech. Tegan Turnbull and Elicia Snodgrass received blues and earning honors as the top junior prepared speech was Ayla Riordan. In addition to the prepared speech, we had two members who chose to participate in the impromptu category, both members, Felix Becker and Hazen Foss, did exceptionally well and tied, both earning honors as the top junior impromptu speaker.

In the senior category, Addison Foss, Garrett Larson, Landry Larson, Eva Srygley and Cayla Hanson all gave demonstrations.

Foss, Larson, Larson and Hanson all received blues and Srygley received a red. We also had one senior member participate in career communications. In this category, youth get to go through a mock interview for a career of their choice, including an application, cover letter, resume and interview. Burton Pollari received a blue.

All top juniors will be honored at this year's Achievement Day that will be held in the Fall. All seniors that received blue ribbons and meet all other requirements are eligible to attend Montana 4-H Congress in the summer to compete for the state title. Richland County 4-H would like to thank all the judges, volunteers and Pella Lutheran Church staff for making this a successful event.

Letter to the Editor

Urging Mid-Rivers to Rethink the "Mid-Rivers Tax"

I am writing to raise awareness and voice my concerns regarding Mid-Rivers's utilization of the pay-per-gig model for their internet service. As a member-owned cooperative, Mid-Rivers should prioritize the best interests of its customers and foster an environment that benefits the entire community.

Since its establishment in 1952, Mid-Rivers has been an integral part of our community, providing essential services to its members. However, the recent implementation of the pay-per-gig model, which I firmly believe should be referred to as the "Mid-Rivers Tax," has left many of us feeling frustrated and burdened.

With Mid-Rivers ending their cable TV service at the end of the year, they are essentially forcing customers to rely solely on internet-based streaming services for their entertainment needs. While embracing streaming technology is understandable, the decision to charge customers per gigabyte of data usage seems unjust and outdated. In an age where reliable and affordable internet access is considered a necessity for many aspects of daily life, this model penalizes individuals and families who rely heavily on internet services.

While Mid-Rivers claims an average cost of \$78 for its members, it is crucial to recognize that this average is skewed by those individuals who rarely use the internet. For the majority of us who rely on the internet for streaming content, remote work, educational pursuits, and other essential activities, this pricing model is exorbitant and inequitable.

Affordable, high-speed internet access should be recognized as a fundamental right in the digital age. It is essential for bridging the digital divide and fostering community growth.

Here are some numbers to help illustrate my point. Let's consider a scenario where you only watch the national average of three hours of TV per day on a 4K TV. Using Mid-Rivers's own Data Estimation tool, this would result in an additional \$148.80 on top of the monthly base fee of \$19.95 for internet service. This does not include any other online usage during that time.

For those who enjoy watching the NFL, the NFL Sunday Ticket is now exclusively available on streaming through YouTube TV. The average NFL game lasts a little over three hours. Fans would incur additional charges each time they stream a game.

I ask the residents of Sidney and surrounding areas to join me in using the term "Mid-Rivers Tax" to highlight the unfairness and inequity of this pricing strategy and to urge Mid-Rivers to consider alternative pricing models that align with the cooperative principles of fairness and community benefit.

By voicing our concerns collectively, we can encourage Mid-Rivers to reevaluate their current approach. Let us remind them of their cooperative mission and the duty they hold in prioritizing the welfare of their customers and the community at large.

Thank you,
James Netzer, Sidney, MT

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Guest Opinion: Nostalgia & Politics

By Jerry “Doc” Kessler
People are now being told to avoid labelling of any kind whatsoever. Discrimination is always bad. Not being able to describe things can also be bad. The “woke” movement preaches that some people are “awake” and enlightened about social injustice. If you are “not woke” then you are obviously inferior and despicable in the eyes of “woke” people. Concerns about these trends are paradoxically not tolerated.
Medical school students used to be taught to identify and describe patients we

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were trying to take care of. For example, while describing a hypothetical patient (name him Jerry Kessler, if you want) as a “69-year-old married Caucasian male” who reported having had a sore throat, back pain, chest pain, etc. Then the medical student would add other pertinent comments about the chief complaint, history of present illness, past medical history, health habits, etc. None of these descriptors were intended to be derogatory, even if later in the report it said that this was an “alert, oriented, cooperative, and mildly obese male in no acute distress.”
Doctors are now being advised to avoid all these labels completely. We probably should refer to said patient as “a human being” who has a sore throat, etc. Stating a person’s age is an example of ageism. Stating ethnicity reflects racism. Stating biologic sex is genderism. In the future the phrase “human being” could also be construed as derogatory to other entities: dogs, cats, falcons, rocks, etc. If I use these humanoid terms in the future, I might even lose my medical license. For example, in California trying to intentionally infect someone with HIV has now been downgraded from a felony to a misdemeanor.

On the other hand, if you intentionally “misgender” someone it is a punishable crime with fines up to \$20,000 recently issued. You could actually go to jail for that verbal offense. Avoid apologizing excessively if you accidentally misgender someone because that can be regarded as offensive.
For old guys like me, this is all very confusing. Just about every ethnicity, religion, non-religion, political affiliation, and gender identity is represented in my extended family. Where is a person to find guidance on how to manage matters during these confusing times? One traditional source (The Bible) repeatedly says that all “brothers and sisters” should be loved. I hope those words are no longer regarded as sexist. We are also told to “love our enemies.” Those who profess to be Christian are told that we are all sinners no matter how hard we try to be good. In a similar manner, the belief that I could ever be perfect at attaining goodness or knowledge in all things is “a vanity and chase after wind.” Be that as it may, I apologize for my past and future offenses. That is a fact and not an excuse.
The new spoken and unspoken rules of society are sad, true, and confusing.

George Orwell, in his classic book, 1984, predicted the future with amazing accuracy. That dystopian society used “Newspeak” and “Big Brother” as ways to keep citizens in line. It is not clear who is writing the rules for political correctness in our times. The similarities between the world today and this book are many and depressing. The predictions of 1948 were already happening in 1984 and are essentially fact at this time.
As a child, my parents – and the community I lived in – taught me that faith, family, country, and hard work were the important things in life. Even as one of eight kids in a lower middle-class family (the son of a mailman, part-time landscaper, and part-time janitor) I do not recall any significant discrimination against me. When I was occasionally teased for being from a family that scraped by financially, and had to do without some material things, it did not seem like oppression to me. We did experience some real challenges, however. In 1968 my dad died after I

had just turned 14. I was fatherless from then on, which is a huge problem in today’s world. I later realized that hardships in my life were not unlike hardships that others have had to bear.
Thank God my mother guided our family through those difficult times. My mother died peacefully at home, at the age of 89, just a few days before Christmas in 2009. Most people recently celebrated “Happy Mother’s Day”. We recognize and honor all the sacrifices mothers have lovingly made for their families. I hope this holiday never gets renamed “Happy Birthing Persons’ Day”.
Whatever obstacles I encountered in my life motivated me to “try hard,” as my parents repeatedly told me. I never felt like I was a “victim” despite having been from the wrong side of Larpenteur Avenue in Greater East St. Paul, MN. I don’t feel like I had “white privilege” by virtue of having been raised

in a lower middle class blue color neighborhood. I had one pair of pants, a tie, and one shirt to wear every day to the Catholic grade school I attended. I didn’t mind cleaning toilets with my janitor dad to help pay for our private school education – where “Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Religion” were emphasized. I received a justifiable number of spankings to my backsides (from my dad) and ruler slaps (from the nuns) across the knuckles. I believe the discipline that was imposed on me put me two years ahead, from an academic standpoint, when I later transferred to a public school. That advantage catapulted me into college and then medical school. I hope that those who have been victimized, in one way or another, do not make things worse by “volunteering” for victimhood the rest of their lives. I might be regarded as nostalgic, but I pray that our country becomes more like it was when I was a child.

Out Of The Darkness Walk Fundraiser Set For June 3

By Robyn Heck
You won’t want to miss Jazz Age Jeopardy: A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre & Scavenger Hunt in Two Acts taking place on Saturday, June 3 at the Richland County Event Center from 7-10 p.m.
Guests at the murder mystery party will be at a private party held at a jazz club in 1920s New York City. It is the height of the Jazz Age, and the social revolution is afoot. Furthermore, this is the age of Prohibition - and of bootleggers and gangsters.
Club owner, Felix Fontano, the son of a successful bootlegger and crime boss -- and a successful businessman himself -- is throwing this private party for a group of select friends.
It’s a night of revelry like many other nights of revelry enjoyed by this group of sophisticates, artists, and hoodlums...until things go horribly wrong.
Reserve your tickets today, \$30 for 1, \$55 for 2, or \$225 for a table of 8.
Proceeds benefit the Eastern Montana Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention.
“Join us for an evening of fun while we raise funds to fight suicide!”, said Chairman Nick Kallem.

Red Cross Blood Drive June 13 In Sidney

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13, from 12-6 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.
Advance appointments are strongly recommended as there is limited availability for walk-ins. Please call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate blood.

Plant, Insect ID & Plant Disease Diagnosis

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent
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OUTDOORS

Richland Co. Sportsman's Club's Annual Car Show Set For June 17



Below: Larry Christenson Richland County Sportsman's Club, stands at Moose Park, where the club will hold their Annual Car Show on June 17. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)



By Jaymi Mozeak
The 4th Annual Richland County Sportsman's Club Car Show will be Saturday, June 17, this year. Several local enthusiasts are expected to bring their classic cars, current hot rods, and works in progress to show off their rides. The car show was started back in 2019 for the Sportsman's Club to raise money to establish an outdoor public shooting range in Richland County. Larry Christenson said, "We're still looking for land, but that ain't nothing new." There is, currently, one shooting range just northwest of Sidney on Hwy. 16 but it is owned and run by the Sidney Trap Club and is for shotguns only. No rifles allowed. Registration for the car show will be \$35 per judged

entry and \$10 per unjudged entry. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the car show will each receive a cash prize. There will be a People's Choice winner. They will receive a one-day, two-person fishing trip to Indian Hills Resort. Each vehicle registration includes a driver and one passenger. Admission is \$5 per person and kids 12 and under are free. Besides the car show, there will be a raffle and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are one for \$5 and five for \$20. Raffle winners need not be present to win. The 1st prize winner will receive a 12-gauge semiautomatic shotgun and the 2nd prize winner will get a whole McCone Heritage Berkshire hog, cut and wrapped by Craig's Meat, Savage. The 3rd place winner will get a 75-quart cooler. The sole winner of the 50/50 draw will receive half the pot and must be present to win. For more information call 406-489-0589. The car show will be held at Moose Park, 7th Ave. SW from noon-4 p.m. Registration will be in the morning, from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Food and drink will be available to purchase courtesy of the Brodie Gordor Memorial Project. The Brodie Gordor Memorial Project is a non-profit set up in memory of Brodie Gordor, a young wrestler who was killed in a tragic ATV accident in 2013. The project hosts events and raises funds to help youth in our community through grants and scholarships.

Paddlefishing in North Dakota



Jeff Benda, Fargo, poses with his paddlefish caught at the Confluence on May 2, 2023.

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May Community Power Hour Centered On Changes To Richland County Fair & Fairgrounds



Sidney Chamber Director of Programs Katie Dasinger read Fair Manager, Pam Shelmidine and County Commissioner, Duane Mitchell several questions asked by the community about changes happening to the Richland County Fair and Fairgrounds. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

By Jaymi Mozeak
A lot of changes have happened at the Richland County Fairgrounds and a lot of people in the Sidney area have expressed concerns about it. The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture May 2023s Community Power Hour addressed these concerns. Richland County Fair Manager, Pam Shelmidine and County Commissioner, Duane Mitchell were asked by the Chamber to come and answer a series of questions given to and overheard

by Chamber staff on this topic. After introductions, the Chamber's Director of Programs, Katie Dasinger, began. Shelmidine answered the questions that were geared more toward the events at the fair and different events on the fairgrounds. She made sure to be adamant that The Main Link was returning this year. Commissioner Mitchell handled most of the questions about the funds involved in the maintenance, remodeling, and brought in by the fair as well as the ques-

tions about and involving the County Commissioners and members of the Fair Board Commission. He said the public can participate more in the decisions for the funds coming into the county by visiting with the commissioners about it. They are in their office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the first full week each month, Mondays and Tuesday of the second full week, Mondays thereafter, and the last working day of the month 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and anyone wanting to discuss issues may call

the Clerk and Recorder to make an appointment to speak with them. There were some additional questions by the audience wanting to elaborate on the information given at the end. The meeting was very informational and cleared up a lot of concerns those in the community have. Community Power Hours are held on the third Tuesday of every month. For information on next month's power hour watch the Sidney Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

MonDak Heritage Center Announces Lacey Holmen's "Western Pride" Exhibition & Hosts Artist Reception May 26

**Submitted by Nikki Bailey,
MonDak Heritage Center Executive Director**
Join us at the MonDak Heritage Center on Friday, May 26 from 4-6 p.m. for a reception for North Dakota artist Lacey Holmen. Holmen's art exhibition "Western Pride" will be on display at the MDHC until July 1. Lacey Holmen's creative passions includes watercolor, acrylic and occasionally wood. Having started off in drawing, she has expanded into acrylic, eventually growing into watercolor and then taking steps into wood art. Lacey's style is more realism. She states, "Animals have always been my main subject matter. Horses became my main focus ever since the passing of my father in 2013. Horses have unique lines throughout their body from the muscles when running, to the neck turn. The brush strokes create each detailed movement of the horse." Stop by the reception on May 26 to meet Lacey Holmen and discuss her techniques and inspiration behind her beautiful pieces. Light refreshments will be served and the reception is free and open to the public. The MonDak Heritage Center is funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana's cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund. The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org. Visit us online at www.mondakheritagecenter.org.



American Horse. (Photo submitted)



Rau School Spring Concert

Rau School held their spring concert on Monday, May 15. Rau students graduating this year from high school were also honored. Two chairs placed at the front with roses in memory of Brodie Gorder and Riley Christofferson. Pictured (L-R) Jaccee Pelvit, Landon Franck, Jacelyn Johnson, Anthony Leon and Adriene Leintz. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

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The VFW and VFW Auxiliary are preparing for another traditional Memorial Day recognition this year on Monday, May 29, in Sidney. The day will include the annual parade, program at Veterans Memorial Park and a free-will community meal sponsored by Kraken Industries.

The day will begin at 7 a.m. with the posting of approximately 130 flags of the 650 flags stored in the Flags of Honor room. The Lions Club and local Boy Scout Troops are again assisting with this early morning endeavor.

Individuals wishing to participate in the parade can select a

flag from those flying in the park starting at 10 a.m., choose to fly on a pole one of the flags not in the rotation to fly this year, or select a folded flag to carry in the parade. Flags chosen from the Flags of Honor room MUST be checked out.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. starting at the VFW Club, proceeding down Central Avenue, and finishing at Veterans Memorial Park. After the parade, there will be a program in the park at the pavilion, music provided by the Sunrise Brass, and a guest speaker. The VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary will also honor deceased

veterans with their ceremonies.

Following the program, the VFW Auxiliary will provide a meal for all attendees sponsored this year by Kraken Industries. Everyone is welcome to attend, which will begin after the program at approximately noon in the park. The VFW Auxiliary will be accepting free-will offerings for the Flags of Honor program, which is funded entirely through donations. Started in 1965, this program houses over 650 casket flags from deceased veterans behind glass doors in a humidity and temperature controlled room.

The day will close at 4 p.m. with the flags being taken down, again with the assistance of the Lions Club. In case of inclement weather, all activities will be moved to the VFW Club.

In addition, the Northeast Montana Veterans Coalition will have a table set up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. distributing information about services they provide for veterans.

While fifth grade classes tour the Flags of Honor facility annually, private tours can be arranged by contacting Violet Tharp at 406-489-1234, or Margaret Bradley at 406-488-4613 or 406-489-1535.

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Sidney Assembly Of God Youth To Hold Fundraisers For National Fine Arts Festival Trip



Pictured (L-R) Teagan Kauffman, Ashlynn Burke, Missy Schiffer and Michelle Schmierer helped out at the Sidney Assembly of God Fireworks stand in 2022. (Photo by Kailey Trim)

By Jaymi Mozeak
On May 26 and June 3, Sidney Assembly of God Youth will be holding two different fundraisers in preparation for a trip for some of the youth to the National Fine Arts Festival in Columbus, OH. Those that are going competed for the ability to attend and are looking forward to the experience. According to their website www.youth.ag.org, the Fine Arts Festival is a discipleship tool of the AG Youth Ministries designed to help students discover, develop, and deploy their ministry gifts and to learn about their God-given abilities and talents. The staff will encourage students to develop their gifts and then use them in their schools, churches, and communities. Fine Arts Festivals enable students to experience a time of learning

through evaluations, workshops, and interaction with other students. Beginning in September each year, over 65,000 junior and senior high school students begin preparing their entries for the district and National Fine Arts Festivals. These students are encouraged to develop their gifts to a greater level than the year before. Students may enter as many as 80+ categories offered in seven main divisions: Art, Communication, Dance, Drama, Instrumental, Vocal, and Writing. It is going to cost \$105 per person plus the cost of the hotel, food, and plane ticket. Nine students qualified this year with 15 different entries. To fund this incredible opportunity, the Sidney AOG Youth are holding a series of fundraisers. The first one is a movie night showing "Jesus

Revolution" in the church sanctuary on May 26 at 6 p.m. Admission is by free-will donation. The church coffee shop will be open for the showing and concessions will be available. On June 3 at 9 a.m. the youth will be holding a rummage sale in the Sidney AOG gym and starting in the last week of June the Sidney AOG Youth will be running a fireworks stand. The exact dates and location of the stand will be determined in June. Sidney Assembly of God is located at 414 E. Main St., Sidney next to White Drug. For more information about Sidney Assembly of God or the events they have check out their website at www.sidneyaog.com, call the office at 406-433-2550, or look for them on Facebook.

The MonDak Grace Fund

By Robyn Heck
The MonDak Grace Fund is here to help anyone in need. Organizer Robyn Heck said, "The MonDak Grace Fund is similar to the Salvation Army. We provide gift cards for groceries, fuel, or to the community secondhand stores". They are always in the fund-raising process which began last October with the Depression Recovery Walk. "Our 2nd walk will be Saturday, June 22 at Peterson Park, by The Lodge, Sidney. This is the same day as Sunset in the Park. We will also be putting on the "Arch Ellwein Memorial Drama Camp" July 17-21. This is open to all children, preschool-18. We will be putting on a play written by Williston's Legendary Jack Deville. Karen Shaide, Williston, and I will be putting on the camp. The cost is \$250. Lunch, T-shirts, arts and crafts, music lessons, and field trips are included in that price. We also sell "Sunshine Cups". They can be delivered to anyone in the area, \$5 or \$10, depending on size. For orders, questions, or to donate or help, please message Robyn Heck at 406-480-0704 or robynheck@hotmail.com.



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