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

Watford City’s Veteran’s Memorial Park. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

The Veteran’s Memorial Park in Watford City. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)
Leota “Lee” Jensen, 80, passed away quietly on May 16, 2023, at St. Matthews Hospital, Sidney, MT, after a period of declining health.

Leota was born on October 27, 1942, in Lewistown, MT, to Alvin and Norma Holmes. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John Robert (Bob) Redman, her brother Larry Holmes, and her sister Sharon Rose.

Leota moved to Billings MT at age six and attended schools in Sidney. She graduated from Central High School in 1960. She attended MSU for two years and moved to Bozeman where she graduated from Montana State University with a BS in education in 1964.

She married John Robert (Bob) Redman in 1963 and they lived in Bozeman until 1966. They moved to Sidney in 1966 to raise a family.

Leota was a teacher for 33 years at Central High School from 1966 to 1999.

Leota is survived by her brother Larry Holmes and her sister Sharon Rose. A celebration of Life will be held at St. Matthews Hospital, May 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Central High School Auditorium.

A luncheon will be held after the service in the Central High School Commons.

Leota’s family shared, “Our mother believed in living each day to the fullest. She loved her children, family, friends, and her career. She enjoyed Sunday Mass at St. Matthews, crocheting, and puzzle making. She was passionate about her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a strong faith in God.

Leota was preceded in death by her parents, Francis Stanley and Leota Irene, her husband John Robert, and her brother Larry Holmes.”

Doris Redman, 80, passed away quietly as she whispered in her ear, “I love you very much and if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.”

Doris is survived by her family.

Doris was born in Watford City, ND, on October 27, 1937, to Alta Aiken and Almane Aiken. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Kenneth John Redman, and her brother, Lonnie Aiken.

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Doris was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

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By Jaymi Museek

Sidney’s own Ace Hardware opened on May 22. It was a soft opening, but that didn’t mean the store was open in time for the start of the growing season.

Manager Reece Gairrett, Owner Skip King, and all of the local Ace Hardware employees worked hard throughout the months of May to get everything ready for opening day. Gairrett said, “We are very close to fully stocked, 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 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.

By Dianne Swanson

All area children from pre-school-9th grade are invited to attend the student run Vacation Bible School at the Zion Lutheran Church, held June 5-8 with the theme of Safe in the Fire: A Story of Faith. Presbyterians, Fairview, host Vacation Bible School June 5-8 with the theme of Safe in the Fire. A Story of Faith: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

The fun-filled week kicks off Sunday, June 4 with a picnic and games will follow at Zion Lutheran Church. Everyone in the community is invited to the Grand Finale on June 8. At the Grand Finale, the kids will perform a story play in front of their parents and grandparents. A picnic and games will follow at Zion Lutheran Church.

The Zion Lutheran Church is located at 605 North 2nd Street, Fairview, MT. The church is open for you to attend Sunday School and services during the week. The church is located in the center of town, close enough to allow for an accurate count for registration. If you have any questions, please call Zion Lutheran Church at 406-742-5523.

The VBS theme of Safe in the Fire is a story of faith. A full lunch will be served each day, with pickup of kids at 12:35 p.m. 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.
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The eighth fold is made to a flag by a mother for her son, who has entered into the Armed Forces. It is a symbol of the mother's love, loyalty and devotion to her son and to the country he represents.

The ninth fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country. It is a symbol of the love, loyalty and devotion of the nation to the men and women who have given their lives for the nation.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the land of the free and the home of the brave. It is a symbol of the United States of America and represents an emblem of liberty and justice.

The eleventh fold is a tribute to the American home. It is a symbol of the love, loyalty and devotion of the nation to the home and the family.

The twelfth fold is a tribute to the American soil. It is a symbol of the love, loyalty and devotion of the nation to the land.

The thirteenth and last fold is made to a flag by a father or mother for their son or daughter who has been killed in action. It is a symbol of the love, loyalty and devotion of the nation to the sons and daughters who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The flag is then folded in a triangular shape, and presented to a flag carrier, who is a member of the Armed Forces. The flag carrier is then instructed to present the flag to the son or daughter of the deceased.

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13th Annual Fairview Alliance Church Blessing Sale June 17

By Diane Swanson

For 13 years the Fairview Alliance Church has held what has been labeled 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 behind the Blessing Sale as it provides needed updates to equipment and textiles, offering additional options for acquiring the services of local charity workers to maximize the concept while maximizing space. The adjacent courtyard will offer a new, renovated 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 so well to accommodate guest gardens and opportunities for residents to grow flowers.

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Program Application Deadlines Extended to June 2

By Tammy Leavengood, Executive Director, USDA Risk Management Program Service Agency

So what are we supposed to do with the dead livestock? The deadline for sending in the 2022 losses is extended. The deadline for submitting notices of loss and applications for payment for 2022 losses is extended. The deadline for sending in the 2022 losses is extended. There will be an extension for the 2022 losses.

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Guest Opinion: Eliminating 40% of American Coal In One Stroke

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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 residence in Missoula. A highlight of the evening will be the 32nd Annual Jazz Age Jeopardy! The fun happens at St. Matthews Parish Center, 4232 East Broadway Road East. The MSU Richland County Extension Agent will host the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and Scavenger Hunt. Attendees can expect to enjoy delicious food, live music, and mystery! 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.

Concerns with your child’s development? We’re here to help.

Every parent worries about their child’s development—that’s just part of being a parent. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services provides support and resources for families to help them navigate this important part of their child’s life. If you have any questions about your child’s development or if you are concerned that your child may have a delay in development, you can reach out to the Montana Early Intervention Program at 406-494-1234 or visit www.partc.mp.org.

Red Cross
Blood Drive
June 13
In Sidney

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13, 1-4 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Parish Center, 116 N. 12th Ave. Advance appointments are strongly recommended as there is limited availability in this area. Every two or three days, there is an opportunity for you to save a life. Contact 800-288-8585 or 1-800-723-7767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate blood.

Plant, Insect ID & Plant Disease Diagnosis

By Marlynn Manosalaz, MSU Extension Agent

As our crops and gardens begin to grow, keep in touch with the MSU Extension Agent for Richland County if you have any questions about plant and weed identification, insect pests, or plant disease identification. This month you can find me here at the MSU Extension office in Richland County if you have any questions that need to be answered. Or, if you have any more questions or if you are unable to identify or diagnose your samples in house, we seek the expertise of the Montana Diagnostic Lab. This lab specializes in plant diseases, insects, weeds, and plant herbicides. Have you seen any weeds that need to be identified or a plant disease that needs to be diagnosed, please contact the MSU Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-3126 or marlynn.manosalaz@montana.edu.

Richland County Taxes Due May 31

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

By Jaymi Mozeak

The 4th Annual Richland County Sportsman’s Club Car Show will be Sat-

day, June 17, this year.

Several local enthusiasts are expect- ed 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

ey 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

cash prize. 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 $25.

The raffle will feature 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 Gorder Memorial Project.

The Brodie Gorder Memorial Project is a non-profit

set up in memory of Brodie Gorder, 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.

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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 include 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, “Horses 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.

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 Shemidte 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. Shemidte answered the questions that were geared more toward the events at the fair and different events on the fairgrounds. She made it clear 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 questions about and involving the County Commissioners and members of the Fair Board.

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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.

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) Jaecee Pelvit, Landon Franck, Jacelyn Johnson, Anthony Leon and Adriene Leintz. (Photo by Robyn Heck)
MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 29

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.

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On May 26 and June 29, 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 Columbia, OH. Those that are going, including the girls, are looking forward to the experience. According to their website, www.youthag.org, the Fine Arts Festival is a majestic celebration of the arts, inviting students, teachers, and communities 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 greater or lesser degree than the year before. Students may enter as many as 84 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. Hike students qualified this year with 15 different entries.

To fund this incredible opportunity, the Sidney AG Youth are holding a series of fundraisers. The first one a movie night showing “Jesus Revolutionizes” 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 AGG gym and starting in the last week of June the Sidney AGG Youth will be running a fireworks stand. The wood 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 406-433-2500, or look for them on Facebook.