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Richland County Commissioners Vote To Lower Property Taxes

Story by Jaymi Mozeak

Tuesday, Oct 3, the three Richland County Commissioners made a risky vote that while being beneficial to landowners across the county, could get the county sued by the state. They voted to levy the 77.89 mills that the state told them was needed to run the state instead of the 95 mills counties across the state have been blindly levying for years.

State law established the 95 mills in 2001 to fund equality in education, because of a lawsuit against the state. There are 33 mills for elementary schools, 22 mills for high schools, and 40 mills for a state equalization levy that is to go to the State General Fund. The mills for the elementary and high schools are not allowed to be changed but every year the Department of Revenue is required to recalculate the levy authority for the equalization mills. According to Duane Mitchell, Richland

County Commissioner, they had not been sharing the results of the recalculations with the counties. Back in June, Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner noticed something that he felt did not add up and he started to bring it up in MACo, according to Shane Gorder, Richland County Commissioner. He said, "Mike started it, but that set off a light bulb. I realized I needed to educate myself and we started asking questions." On Aug. 28 the Richland County Commissioners sent a letter to join in the request for opinion that the Beaverhead commissioners had sent off Aug. 18. They had to send off the letter three more times before the Montana Department of Revenue responded. The response was that the amount of mills county commissioners had to levy was 77.89 but they still were expected to levy 95 mills. MACo refused to

take a position on the issue so the leadership of each of the 56 counties in Montana had a choice to make. According to an article by Seaborn Larson published in the Independent Record, "The Gianforte administration on Monday, (Oct. 2) filed a District Court lawsuit to block Missoula County from cutting the school equalization tax collected on behalf of the state." Gorder said, "I believe that this was a overreach of state government to ask us to keep at 95 mills instead of what the number the Department of Revenue sent at 77.89."

Landowners in Richland County stand to benefit tremendously because of the commissioner's decision. The commissioners and even Dr. Tim Tharp, Sidney Superintendent of Schools, checked into it and found either decision will not affect the schools. According to calculations based on the information the state sent



(Pictured L to R) Richland County Commissioners Duane Mitchell, Loren Young, and Shane Gorder all voted to levy the 77.9 mills calculated by the state over the 95 mills the state requested they levy. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

out to the commissioners, Richland County landowners will be saved over \$1 million, and land owners all across Montana would save over \$8 million if every county levied the determined 77.89 mills. Tax mills are measured in

tenths of a mill and any mills that are found to be smaller than a tenth are rounded up to the next tenth so the commissioners are going with 77.9 instead of the 77.89 the Department of Revenue prescribed but they are still

doing their best to lower the property taxes for Richland County.

Lambert 4-Her Donates Hog to School Lunch Program



Brynn Spinner cuddles one of her hogs. (Photo submitted)

By Dianne Swanson

Brynn Spinner, Three Buttes 4-H Club, recently donated her back-up hog to the Lambert school lunch program. She said that Scotty Huft, Badland's Water Works, was so generous when he purchased her hog at the Richland County Fair that she did not need the money so she decided to donate the extra animal.

Spinner is 13 years old and has been a 4-H member

for two years, with hogs and horses as her projects. Her favorite parts are going to the fair, hanging out with friends, and raising hogs. At home with her mom Jessica, dad Jim and an older brother and sister, Brynn prefers to be outside riding horses, moving cows, raising her hogs, and generally helping with whatever needs to be done. At school, she is a member of the Lambert volleyball team.

Lambert's head cook Leanne Evenson is delighted with the donation. Once it is processed into bacon and sausage, the pork will be used for hot breakfast, which is served five days a week. She called the donation awesome. "The Spinner family is awesome all the way around," she said. Spinner is grateful for all the help she has received with her projects.

Family Walk For Life & "Conquer the Course" Event

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney Fall Festival, organized by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, and the Sunrise Women's Clinic are teaming up to present the Family Walk for Life and the "Conquer the Course" Event.

This 1 or 5k walk/run will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. Registration will start at 2 p.m. The event will begin at Veteran's Memorial Park, Sidney.

Events will include a 1 mile/5k run and walk, plus "Conquer the Course" event.

"Conquer the Course" is a challenging 4-person team competition. The entry fee for the team is \$150. This is a fun experience for any family or athletic or club team.

The entry fee for the walk/run is \$30 per person, or \$100 for a family of four.

"This is a great event for the whole family," said organizer Stacey McNally. "It is our hope that families, sports teams, churches, businesses, and civic groups will form teams and come out to support this worthy cause! And vie for the traveling trophy. Your support will help us continue our mission to be a voice for those who don't have one! This is just one of many great family events taking place during Sidney's Fall Festival. We hope to have you join us."

To pre-register go to www.eventcreate.com/E/SIDNEY-FALL-FESTIVAL-436086.

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Sidney Homecoming

Sidney High School celebrated their homecoming last week. Pictured above are homecoming king Kevin Hutzenbiller and queen Ella Norby after being crowned during coronation Oct. 3 at the Sidney High School gym.



The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the Sidney Fall Festival scheduled for Oct. 14. This event is a big community shindig with multiple community organizations hosting the fun. The festivities include:

The Main Street Car and Bike Show presented by the Richland County Sportsmen's Club features Judged categories and Non-Judged Showing Only categories. Your first judged entry is at a cost of \$35 and all following judged entries get in for \$15. Non-judged entries are displayed at a cost of \$10/vehicle.

Local businesses will be hosting a slew of activities downtown including the grand opening of Studio 20's new store front, which will feature mini colored hair extensions and a ribbon cutting. Other activities

span to Meraki's candle pour workshop, kids crafts at MT Bare Cave, recreational activities at High Caliber Sports, family photography mini sessions with Jordyn Melby Photography at the MERGE, walk-in pottery classes at the MonDak Heritage Center and live music sprinkled across downtown.

Several streets will be shut down for vendors, food trucks, a hay maze and pumpkin patch and live music.

The Sunrise Women's Clinic's Walk for Life - Conquer the Course will round off the afternoon with the 1 mile and 5k course starting at 3 p.m. Families, teams and individuals are encouraged to participate. Pre-register to guarantee a t-shirt on the Sidney Fall Festival website.

The MonDak Heritage Center will host MonDak

Mayhem Lanter Tours - some mystery with your history - from 3 to 8 p.m. The Mayhem Tours are living history events where attendees can meet characters of past and hear true stories of MonDak mayhem. Tours are scheduled in 20-minute blocks and tickets can be purchased on the Sidney Fall Festival website. Special rates apply to MonDak Heritage Center members and children!

Sidney High School's Speech and Drama Team will present a production of "Dracula" at the Sidney Middle School at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

Finally, the Cattle-ac will host the Sidney Fall Festival after party with live music from the local band, "the Relics."



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Sidney: Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077

Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980

Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Activities/Cards

Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.; Women's Cards: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050

Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077

Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Senior Commodity Distribution (Change)

2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

STATISTICS

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Current Elevation.....1840.9

Last Week's Elev.1840.3

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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|---------|
| Oct. 2 | 62 | 56 | 0.000 |
| Oct. 3 | 59 | 47 | 0.000 |
| Oct. 4 | 66 | 44 | 2.080 |
| Oct. 5 | 58 | 36 | 0.000 |
| Oct. 6 | 51 | 32 | 0.000 |
| Oct. 7 | 75 | 30 | 0.000 |
| Oct. 8 | 71 | 35 | 0.000 |
| Total 2023 YTD Precipitation..... | 12.894 | | |

USDA-APHIS Grasshopper Meeting, Oct. 16

Submitted by Marley Manoukian

USDA-APHIS is the provider of the Rangeland Grasshopper Suppression Program. This is a cost-share program on private, state, and federal lands. Because of the high population of grasshoppers this year and specifically in August and September when they were laying their eggs, it is likely populations will again be high next spring and summer.

We are meeting on Monday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Richland County Extension Office to start the process for the cost-share program. This program requires 10,000-acre contiguous blocks of rangeland, which involves participation and planning between neighbors and landowners. If you are interested in this program, please plan to attend. USDA-APHIS State Plant Health Director Gary Adams will be here to start discussions on the program. While it may be difficult to think about next year's grasshoppers already - this program involves some paperwork and mapping, and other logistics that can be time consuming, making it important to get a jump on it now. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 406-433-1206.

Fairview Lighting Of The Bridge, Silver Bells Craft Show Set For Nov. 18

By Dianne Swanson

Kick off your holiday shopping at the Silver Bells Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fairview High School. Kids will be entertained by the Crafting Corner while you shop and enjoy some music.

The show always features the best in the area with a variety of crafters and vendors. A highlight will be the sale of the second ornament in the Jeremy Dean collection.

Spaces are available now with an Early Bird Discount of just \$35 through Sept. 30. Spaces will be \$40 after that date. Contact Faith Oakland by texting 406-480-1476 or email her at faithoakland@gmail.com.

The popular Lighting of the Bridge, with some very special surprises, will take place that evening.

Richland Co. Food Bank Christmas For Seniors & Disabled

The Richland County Food Bank will be setting up on Wednesday, Dec. 13, for their Christmas for Seniors and Disabled. They are looking for help with delivery, set up and helping the seniors. Distribution will be Thursday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-noon.

If you know anyone in Sidney that could use a small hand up during the Christmas season, please encourage them to call the Food Bank at 406-433-8142.

Any help or donations with this event would be appreciated. The Food Bank would appreciate any donations by Monday, Dec. 11 for this event.

Items the Richland County Food Bank is in need of:

- 400 Ramen Noodles
- 100 Jello
- 100 Mixed beans (kidney, pinto, black)
- 100 Pork & Beans
- 100 Spaghetti
- 100 Hamburger Helper, Mac & Cheese
- 100 Instant Oatmeal
- 200 Tuna
- 100 Each of Corn, Peas, Green Beans
- 100 Each of canned fruit: Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Mandarin Oranges, Black Olives.
- 100 Gravy
- Hamburger Helper
- 100 Stove Top Stuffing

If your church or organization would pick an item, any amount, that would help to get us closer to our goal.

Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Meeting Oct. 27 Dickinson

The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association will host a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27, in Dickinson.

District 1 Senator Brad Bekkedahl, ND Senate Appropriations Chair, will be present at the meeting.

TREA is dedicated to four-laning US Highway 85 across North Dakota. Currently, construction is underway on the divided four-lane on Highway 85 between Watford City and the Long X Bridge. The \$77.2 million project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

To register for this meeting visit <https://www.trexpressway.com/Register>.

Candy Donations Being Accepted

Candy donations are being accepted for the community trick or treating event that will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

The residents and trick-or-treaters will appreciate any and all donations.

Please drop off any donations at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, 104 14th Ave NW, Sidney by Oct. 25.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Fri., Oct. 13

5 p.m. - **Aladdin Jr., Savage Public School Music Department** - Savage High School, 368 Mesa Ave. S.

Sat., Oct. 14

7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland Co. Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St. NW & 2nd Ave. NW.

Sat., Oct. 14 - Fall Festival Downtown Sidney

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Car & Bike Show** Main Street, **Candle Pouring** at Meraki; **Fishing Pond** at High Caliber; **Kids Crafts** at Montana Bare Cave; **Vendors; Fall Baking Championship** at Mimi's Kitchen; **Hay Maze & Pumpkin Patch, Shop Small** in fall challenge; **Fall Photo Mini Sessions** at Merge, **Live Music & Sidewalk Sales.** 1-2 p.m. - **Walk-in Ceramics** at MonDak Heritage Center - 2 p.m. registration for **Sunrise Women's Clinic Family Walk For Life Conquer The Course** - 3 p.m. start - 3 p.m. - **MonDak Mayhem Lantern Tours** at MonDak Heritage Center. - 7 p.m. - **SHS Drama Production "Dracula"** at Middle School. - 8 p.m. - **Fall Festival After Party "The Relics"** at the Cattle-Ac. For more info & registration visit Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Facebook page or www.sidneymt.com.

Fri., Oct. 13 & Sat., Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Sun., Oct. 15, 2 p.m.

Sidney High School Presents Dracula - A comedy for all ages, \$5 adults \$3 seniors/students, Sidney Middle School Auditorium.

Sun., Oct. 15

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **St. Matthew's Fall Dinner** - Turkey & dressing with all the trimmings & pie. \$14 a plate, 5 & younger free. St Matthew's Parish Center. 310 7th St. SE.

Tues., Oct. 17

12-6:15 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - For advance appointments call 406-868-0911 or 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, with an emergency need for type O. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE.

Thurs., Oct 19

6:30 p.m. - **Vaccinations Matter: Empowering Communities for Health** - Community presentation by Steven Case, SHC pharmacy director. Refreshments & free flu shots offered for attendees. Free admission. Sidney Moose Lodge 101 3rd St. SE.

Fri., Oct. 20

6-9 p.m. - **Mom & Dad's Night Out Halloween Party held by Mamas Helping Mamas** - Mom's & Dad's of all ages show off your most creative gifts & boo-tiful costumes. Mock tails, cocktails, & delicious treats. Full menu of food to order, full bar, & bring your favorite spooky themed dessert to share! For tickets visit eventbrite.com or purchase at the door, \$8 per person or \$12 a couple. Sidney Country Club, 2250 W. Holly St. For more info call 406-478-4089.

Sat., Oct. 21

9:30 a.m. rules & announcements - **Filthy 5K Fall Edition Burns Creek Inn Savage** - Race starts 10 a.m., \$30 entry fee. All ages Fun Run/Walk/Crawl - Free beer along the route for 21+(Wristband required) Race starts at Burns Creek Inn, 76 Main St., Savage. Proceeds & registration fees go towards assisting financial responsibilities of Levi Papka & Vicky Prevost, who are both fighting different forms of cancer.

6 p.m. - **Sidney Wrestling Club Presents Halloween Spooktacular Bash** - 50/50, heads or tails, silent & live auctions, raffle, dinner for 2, strip steak or chicken. \$40 per ticket, 1 chance to win. Costume party starts 10 p.m. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St SW.

Tues., Oct. 24

6 p.m. - **Fall Customer Appreciation & 2024 Crop Planning Event** - Steak dinner. Meeting to follow featuring Joe Schefers & representatives from NuSeed promoting the Omega 3 Canola system. Special pricing offered at meeting. 34752 CR 129.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Sat., Oct. 14

8:30 a.m. race check in - **Fall Frolic 5K Run/Walk** - Race start 9 a.m. \$35 registration. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. Register at roughridercenter.com.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Fall Fest** - Food, shopping, fun. \$5 admission. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Pkwy.

Sun., Oct. 15

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Brandon Kindred Benefit** - Pancake breakfast & silent auction. Boulder Ridge, 906 Park Ave. W. All proceeds go toward the Kindred family for medical expenses. For more info contact Stacy Arnegard, 701-770-7492. Account set up at First International Bank & Trust, FBO Brandon Kindred.

Mon., Oct. 16

4-7 p.m. - **Volunteer Fair** - Learn more about ways you can serve as a volunteer & organizations you can become involved with. Watford City Civic Center. For more info contact Angie Hartel at 701-580-4403. Proceeds will benefit Watford City MobilePack.

Tues., Oct. 17

2-4 p.m. - **McKenzie Co. Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Fri., Oct. 13, 4-8 p.m., Sat., Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Williston Rifle & Pistol Club Annual Gun, Knife & Outdoors Show - Buy, sell, trade, or just browse. Admission \$5 a day, children under 12 free with a paid adult's supervision. Concessions available. Raymond Center, 1002 11th St. W.

Thurs. Oct. 19 - Ages 6 & under & Fri., Oct. 20, All ages

12 p.m. until eggs last - **Halloween Egg Hunt Costume Contest & Face Painting with Natasha** - Participants need jump socks, waiver signed ahead of time at www.safaritrampoline.com & purchase any jump pass. Come wearing costumes which will be posted on Facebook, the most likes win. Winners announced, 5 p.m., Oct. 30 on Facebook. Winners will receive Safari game cards, 1st: \$200; 2nd: \$150; 3rd: \$100. Separate \$15 fee for face painting, will last until 3 p.m. Safari Trampoline, 3206 26th St. W.

Sat., Oct. 21

3 p.m. doors open - **11th Annual Bras for a Cause BRA Auction** - Silent auction 4 p.m., live auction 6 p.m. Free will feed, cash bar, & live models, 21+ event. Event is dedicated to assist those who are battling cancer. All cancer. UMFV, Bldg. B. For more info Call Denise, 701-570-1574.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Thurs., Oct. 12

5-9 p.m. - **Cancer Awareness Night Richey vs Circle Volleyball** - Everyone is encouraged to wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness month. Free will donations at the gate, silent auction of baked goods at the game. All collected proceeds donated to Richland Co. Cancer Coalition. Richey High School, 205 Royal Ave.

Thurs., Oct. 19

6 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Up to 4 people per team, entry fee \$10 or be your own team for \$3 per player. Cross Country Brewing.

SHS Drama Club's Performance Of Dracula Opens On Oct. 13

By Jaymi Mozeak

The Sidney High School Drama Club is pleased to present, Dracula, a production based on Bram Stoker's Dracula Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 13-15. The three-day production will be held in the Sidney Middle School auditorium.

The high schoolers, as always, are happy to perform it, but Christy Pierce, SHS drama coach, is the one who chooses the productions. She chose this one for this year for many reasons. "I've always wanted to do Dracula," she said. "The production is funny, for all ages, and just a little over an hour long." According to Pierce, this adaptation has only been in existence since January 2023. It's a new script, new material, and a lot of fun. Not only will the participants be acting out scenes and saying lines; but the actors will also be doing some of the sound cues.

The production starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday, the production starts at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. There will be concessions for sale in the hallway to benefit the drama program. See the Sidney Eagle Speech, Drama, Debate & Drama Club Facebook page for updates.



Pictured (L to R) Zoie Gibbs, Elisabeth Baseley, Brooke Watson, Ben Stevens, Cayla Hanson, Hayden Wiidanen, Hannah Carren, Kyle Pust, (Not pictured) Macki Gonzalez, Luca Verville, Amber Brown, and Rey Gregg will all perform in Sidney Eagle Drama Club's production of "Dracula", which opens in Oct. 13. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

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Fairview Clinches Conference Championship Against Culbertson

Submitted
The Fairview Warriors celebrated senior night on Saturday by defeating Culbertson 46-20. The win clinched the conference championship for the Warriors and eliminated Culbertson's playoff hopes. Culbertson struck first with a touch-down run and successful 2-pt conversion, making the score 8-0. Fairview finally found paydirt in the second quarter with a 64-yard pass from Jeff Tjelde to Jaxon Vitt. They followed that up with a Tyler Loan 1-yard run and a 33-yard field goal by Loan making the halftime score 17-8.

The Warriors stretched the lead to 31-8 early in the third quarter on a Brock Schlothauer 1-yard run and Loan 20-yard interception return. Culbertson scored on a 50-yard scramble by their quarterback, which was their first 1st down since their opening drive. Wyatt McPherson caught an 18-yard pass from Tjelde and



Fairview' Gavin Serafini chases down Culbertson's quarterback Bridger Salvevold. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

Deacon Gackle caught a 4-yard pass from Tjelde to finish off the Warriors scoring. On defense, Gackle

and Keegan Skogas each had an interception and Gavin Serafini blocked a punt. The Warriors travel to

Plentywood next weekend to wrap up their regular season and then they start prepping for the playoffs.

Fairview Warriors Volleyball Excel After Another Week Of Volleyball



Senior Setter Kallee Hopes sets the ball in the match vs Poplar on Thursday, Oct. 5. (Photo submitted)



Fairview Seniors Jaxon Vitt, Jeff Tjelde, Bridger Free, Landen Thompson, Curt Rice, Gavin Serafini, Brock Schlothauer and Rowan Rushnell. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



The Fairview Warriors place 3rd at the Beach, ND Invitational on Oct. 7. (Photo submitted)

By Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde
The Fairview Warriors continued to excel after another week of volleyball. After defeating the Poplar Indians (25-9, 25-11, and 25-23) on Oct. 5, the Warriors improved their conference record to 6-1 and their overall record to 9-2.

The Warriors are looking ahead to a tough week

as they face their only two losses, the Sidney Eagles in Sidney on Tuesday, Oct. 10 and the Wolf Point Wolves at home on Oct. 12.

In non-conference play on Saturday, Oct. 7, the Fairview Warriors traveled to Beach, and took on teams from Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. After a busy morning of pool play,

the Warriors won the tournament's first round in a match against Wibaux, but they lost the second round in a match with Mott-Regent. In the semi-final game to earn 3rd place, the Warriors were able to dig deep and earn the win in three sets against the Heart River Cougars (25-21, 23-25, and 15-11).

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Sidney Homecoming Highlights



Band instructor Kilee Sundt leads the SHS marching band in playing the school song after the homecoming parade Oct. 5.



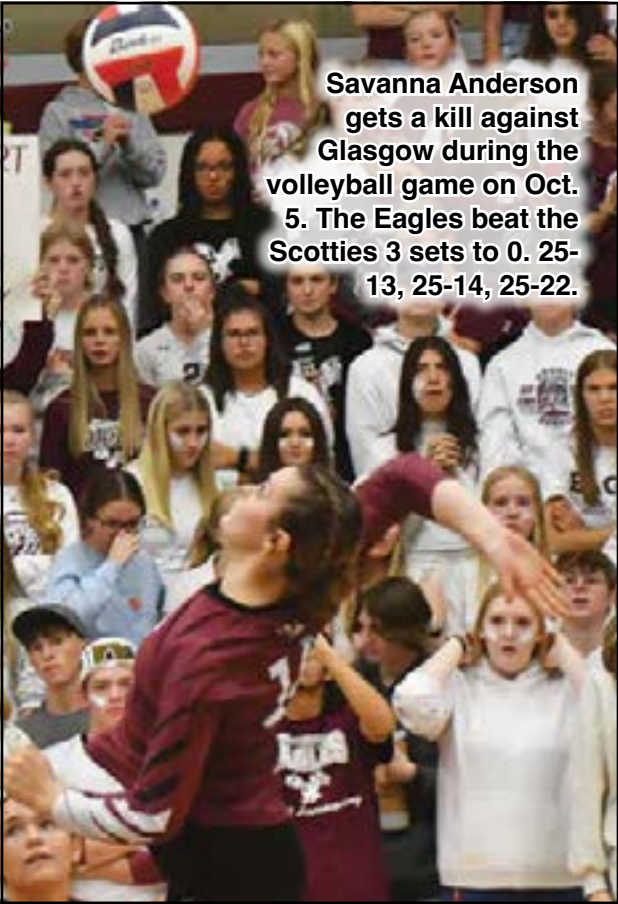
Mary Gasman, Ireland Vandall and Riley O'Donnell show their Sidney Eagle team spirit during the homecoming parade Thursday, Oct. 5.



The Sidney High School class of 2025 love "Barbie". Shown (L to R): Alice Thogersen, Reece Graves, Ryeigh Kleinke and, of course, "Barbie" Zoey Garsjo.



Sidney High School drill team member Abigail Schilling bravely carries the American flag during the Sidney Eagle homecoming parade.



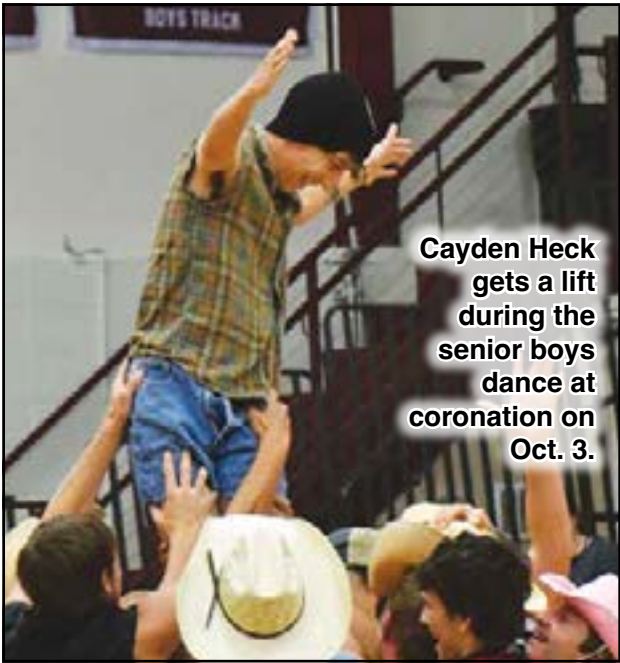
Savanna Anderson gets a kill against Glasgow during the volleyball game on Oct. 5. The Eagles beat the Scotties 3 sets to 0. 25-13, 25-14, 25-22.



Sidney's Ethan Erickson powers into the end zone for a touchdown during the homecoming game against Glendive on Oct. 6. The Eagles fell to the Red Devils 26-20.



Stetson Armes wins the Footers Sub Eating Contest during coronation.



Cayden Heck gets a lift during the senior boys dance at coronation on Oct. 3.

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Savage Warriors Hosts Their Pink Nights



Brooke Reuter, Savage, with the tip against Wibaux on Pink Night. (Photo submitted)



The Savage volleyball team in their pink uniforms. (Photo submitted)



Senior Warrior Connor Lyons sacks the Terry quarterback. (Photo submitted)



Savage seniors Connor Lyons & Cade Tombre. (Photo submitted)

Submitted by Myssie Sanders

The Savage Warriors hosted their Pink Nights this past weekend, raising funds to donate to two of their local community members who are currently battling cancer. The volleyball team defeated Wibaux in three (25-10, 25-9, 25-11).

Stats vs Wibaux

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| #12 Miley Pilgeram | Aces 10, Kills 3, Digs 7 |
| #7 Mya Jorgensen | Aces 5, Assists 15, Digs 5 |
| #8 Karley McPherson | Aces 5, Kills 2, Digs 2 |
| #3 Cambry Conradsen | Aces 2, Kills 2, Digs 6 |
| #9 Faith Reed | |

Aces 2, Kills 2, Digs 4
#1 Brooke Reuter
Aces 1, Kills 8, Blocks 4, Digs 1

On Saturday night, the football team also hosted pink night fundraisers along with their senior night celebrating Seniors Cade Tombre and Connor Lyons. They defeated the Terry Terriers, 59-26. Scoring for the Warriors were Zane Pilgeram (2 touchdowns, 4 extra points), Cade Tombre (1 touchdown, 1 extra point), Sayer Erickson (4 touchdowns and 1 extra point), Hunter Sanders (1 touchdown and 1 extra point), Connor Lyons (1 extra point) and one safety.



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Lynde Benefit Check Presentation



The Sidney Elk's Lodge presented a check to Larry Lynde to help with his cancer treatments. Fundraising was done during the month of September. Pictured (L-R) Karmen Schmierer, Curt Williams, Bobbie Selsensky, Larry Lynde, Ruth Moore, and Ryan Laqua. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

Williston Tendo/Sidney Tendo Invitational Tae Kwon Do Championships Results, Oct. 7



(L-R) Troy Turnbull, Jacob Stordahl, Katharyne Long, Aurora Miller, Mercy Long, Finley Miller, Rhett Fisher, Miles Sturgis, and two new friends from Williston; back, instructors Jerrold Baxter and Mike Bergh. (Photo submitted)

Submitted by Sidney Tae Kwon Do
Eight members of the Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do School traveled to Williston to participate in the 2023 Williston Tendo/Sidney Tendo Invitational Tae Kwon Do Championships held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Area Recreation Center.
Competitors from North Dakota, Montana, and Canada were on hand.
Competitors from Sid-

ney and their results are as follows:
Troy Turnbull, 7 yr. old yellow belt, placed 3rd in forms and 3rd in sparring.
Mercy Long, 6 yr. old orange belt, placed 3rd in forms and 4th in sparring.
Katharyne Long, adult orange belt, placed 4th in forms and 1st in sparring.
Rhett Fisher, 8 yr. old orange belt, placed 2nd in forms, 2nd in board breaking, and 1st in sparring.

Miles Sturgis, 9 yr. old orange belt, placed 3rd in forms and 3rd in sparring.
Finley Miller, 8 yr. old orange belt, placed 4th in forms and 1st in sparring.
Aurora Miller, 10 yr. old orange belt, placed 3rd in forms and 3rd in sparring.
Jacob Stordahl, 10 yr. old green belt, placed 4th in forms, 4th in board breaking, and 2nd in sparring.

Buckshot Seeds To Hold Customer Appreciation/2024 Crop Planning Event Tuesday, Oct. 24

By Jaymi Mozeak
Beginning at 6 p.m., Mark and Sue Erickson, Buckshot Seeds, will be holding a Fall Customer Appreciation and 2024 Crop Planning event at their office and warehouse on Tuesday, Oct. 24 on 34752 CR 119. REA Hybrids is merging with another Bayer brand, Channel, and special pricing will be offered for REA Hybrid seed at the meeting.

The event will start with a steak dinner as appreciation for their client's business. Mark said, "We've been so well received here. We've worked in the area but never had roots like this, before." The meeting will begin after everyone has eaten. The Ericksons asked Joe Schefers, regional agronomy lead, Bayer, to come talk about what the genetics he helps develop do for corn and soybean seed grown in this area. Representatives from NuSeed are coming to promote the Omega-3 Canola system.

Nuseed has had Omega-3 Canola out for about 2-3 years. According to a pamphlet put out by Nuseed, they want to meet the increasing demands of the aquaculture and human nutrition markets for plant-based long-chain omega-3



Mark Erickson, Buckshot Seeds, is happy to invite his customers to a Customer Appreciation and 2024 Crop Planning event at Buckshot Seeds' office and warehouse, south of Sidney. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

sources. It says that two acres of Omega-3 canola will produce as much DHA as 10,000 one-kilogram fish. He said, "It is grown and pressed in the United States and then shipped overseas to be put in farmed fish food." He also said that he would like to see processing plants for the oil brought here, to this region, so the highly nutritious meal can be fed to livestock. It is unclear whether the meal

would have increased levels of Omega-3s, but even if it did not the meal still would be 34% protein and 6% fat. This is Buckshot Seed's first year of offering the Omega-3 Canola system.
The Ericksons enjoy their time in the MonDak region and love to hold events to get together and talk with the local farmers. Mark said, "I'm not very smart but I know a lot of smart people so I try to get them here to talk."

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SHS Powder Puff Flag Football Oct. 15

SHS Powder Puff participants (L-R) Riley O'Donnell, Ethan Erickson, and Lexi Rang practice for the game on Swanson Field at the Sidney High School.



By Robyn Heck
The annual Powder Puff flag football game will take place next Sunday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at Swanson Field, Sidney.
This is the 20th anniversary of the Close Up fundraiser with advisor Brad Faulhaber! There will be lots of snacks and a 50-50 drawing and Blue Rock will be sponsoring drinks.

"This game is the Junior girls versus the Senior girls," said participant Ryleigh Kleinke. "There are about 50 girls and 10-13 coaches participating". The coaches are males, but all of the players are female.
Students have been practicing for weeks. "This is a big competition in our high school," said senior coach Cayden Heck.

Each participant spends \$40 to play and coach. This includes the crewnecks each participant gets to put their number and name on. There will be a \$5 entry fee for fans who come to watch. "All of the funds go to SHS Close-Up so we can go to Washington DC and use it to learn about our government and history," said Kleinke. "The game is fun because we

(girls) get to do something that isn't always provided by public schools (female flag football), and learn from our male classmates what it's like to play football. We also get to trash talk each other and compete for bragging rights and we all get cute crewnecks."
Don't miss the entertainment on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.



Watford City Takes On Williston

Watford City's Konnor Winter #4 defends the pass in the end zone during Friday nights match up with Williston. A defensive battle led to a scoreless first half but the Coyotes pulled away in the 2nd half and came away with a 12-0 win against the Wolves. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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Halloween Decorating For A Cause



By Robyn Heck

Do you love Halloween? I'm not sure anyone in Sidney loves it more than Jan Getchell and her daughter Alysia Roland. Drive by 507 7th Ave. Southwest and see how their Halloween decorations beat the Griswolds at Christmas.

Alysia says she's been decorating her mom's yard for nine or ten years. The first few years the theme was the traditional witches, ghosts, and spiders. She has always done most of the decorating by herself, however, last year, she recruited help from her husband

because of so many new decorations. Most of them are built by hand.

Alysia's birthday is around Halloween, so instead of gifts in the traditional style, she asks for Halloween decorations.

Alysia and Cory have three children ages two,

four, and seven. They're all excited for Halloween.

This year they are encouraging fans of the decorations to drop off canned goods to be donated to the Richland County Food Bank.

Jan and Alysia encourage kids to stop by on Halloween night.

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DPHHS Encourages Montanans To Prepare For Respiratory Illness This Fall, Winter; First Influenza Death Reported For 2023-24 Season

Submitted by DPHHS
As Montana gears up to enter another respiratory illness season, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) encourages Montanans to take precautions to help protect against severe symptoms from COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections.

The number of people ill due to respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, and RSV, is currently low across most of the United States, but has increased in recent weeks.

Montana has already begun seeing laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza and DPHHS is reporting the first influenza death of the 2023-24 season. The

individual, an adult who died last week, was a resident of Cascade County.

Health officials say this is early in the season to report an influenza death as Montana has historically reported deaths due to influenza beginning in November.

Vaccination remains the best form of protection against serious outcomes of these diseases, such as hospitalization or death due to infection. Older adults, infants, and persons with weakened immune systems and other chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease) are at greatest risk for hospitalization and death due to infection, but healthy children and adults can still experience severe disease.

Vaccines are available for COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, and RSV. To find vaccine

locations, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), or contact your local health department or health care provider.

- Updated COVID-19 vaccines are available for Montanans ages six months and older.
- Several flu vaccines are available for Montanans ages 6 months and older. One dose offers protection for the full season (October – June).
- Pneumococcal vaccines help protect against a deadly form of bacterial pneumonia, which is the most serious form of pneumococcal disease. Older persons and those with chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, existing lung disease) are at higher risk for contracting this disease and experiencing serious health outcomes.
- Adults 60 years and

older are eligible to receive RSV vaccines after discussion with their health care provider.

- Infants and young children under 24 months old may be eligible to receive a monoclonal antibody product that offers protection from severe RSV infection.

Montanans are encouraged to consult with a health care provider to determine their recommended vaccine options heading into this respiratory season.

In addition to vaccination, Montanans can take everyday precautions to help stop the spread of respiratory illness. Those precautions include:

- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness. If you have a fever, stay home for at least 24 hours until after the fever is gone without the

use of fever reducing medication, unless you need to seek medical care.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol in it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth with your inner elbow or a disposable tissue anytime you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid contact with people experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness.

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu, RSV, and other respiratory illnesses are similar and may include a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, body aches, and low energy. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, consult with your medical

provider. Your provider may recommend that you get tested to confirm a diagnosis. Antiviral medications are available for certain individuals with influenza or COVID-19 infections.

Anyone experiencing symptoms such as trouble breathing, shortness of breath, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new onset of confusion or disorientation, inability to stay awake, or other severe or concerning symptoms should seek immediate medical evaluation.

This month, DPHHS will release a new dashboard to keep the public informed of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV activity in Montana.



Governor’s Conference On Aging

Submitted by Jodi Berry, CCTM RCCOA/RCTS Director
Last week wrapped up the 54th Annual Governor’s Conference on Aging and laid the groundwork for some big plans to assist Montana’s elderly population. This year’s conference was held in Great Falls and was a refreshing return to face-to-face networking and resource sharing after several years of virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

The conference kicked off with a focus on Elder Justice with an eye opening, first hand account from Susan Bivins; an educated woman who did all the right things to save for her golden years only to become a victim of a scam that forced her out of the home she loved.

Susan’s story is one everyone should be aware of; it started with her questioning a charge from Amazon and ended with a DEA imposter threatening and terrifying her before stealing her

life’s savings. Susan’s story highlights how sophisticated scam artists can be and she hopes it will give other victims the courage to come forward without fear of accusations that “they should have known better”. Her story can be heard on the AARP website at aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam.

Susan’s story was followed by a panel discussion from Montana’s four Elder Justice Councils that were created specifically to combat stories like this. Richland County Commission on Aging Director, Jodi Berry, chairs the Eastern Elder Justice Council. During the panel discussion, she joined the chairs of the North and South Central Councils and Montana’s Elder Justice Prosecutor to discuss what each council is doing to combat elder exploitation, abuse and neglect and how all four councils are working together for the betterment of seniors across the state.

The theme among all four councils centered around education and awareness while reducing the stigma that falling prey to a scam artist is somehow the victim’s fault. To achieve their goals, the councils are working on a variety of projects that range from creating a statewide training database for every sector (including the general public) to the creation of a program to safeguard senior electronics and information from scammers. Members of the panel also received some valuable input from conference attendees that will help them refine their focus and include a number of other issues that many seniors have found themselves facing.

After a morning of sobering topics, the event lifted everyone’s spirits by honoring Montana’s Centenarians; those that have turned over 100 years young, including some of Richland County’s very own residents. Hearing their stories is



The Governor's Conference on Aging was held Tuesday, Oct. 3 in Great Falls.

always heartwarming and inspirational and one of everyone’s favorite parts of the event.

The rest of the conference was comprised of breakout sessions so you could tailor your experience to what affects you the most. Sessions including everything from Social Security Myths and Facts to Landlord/Tenant

laws and even an immersive dementia simulation gave attendees unique insight and the ability to get answers from the experts.

Plans will soon be underway for the 55th Annual Governor’s Conference on Aging and if this year was any indication, it will be well worth attending whether you work with the

elderly or you are a senior yourself. For those that want to attend but find it financially difficult, grants are available for travel, lodging and registration. If you would like to apply for a grant once the next conference is announced, the Richland County COA will happily help you submit an application.


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(Pictured L to R) Jennell Huff (Chair of the North Central EJC (Elder Justice Council)), Nancy Anderson (Chair of the South Central EJC), Jodi Berry (Chair of the Eastern EJC) and Mike Fanning (Montana Elder Justice Prosecutor) were the Key Note Panel at the Governor's Conference on Aging Tuesday, Oct. 3.

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Photo submitted

Submitted by Alice Hart, Superintendent Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

Williston – Beginning Oct. 9, 2023-March 30, 2024, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site's winter hours will be Monday-Tuesday: Closed Wednesday-Sunday: Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. CT Visitors to Fort Union can enjoy a visit to the fort, outdoor exhibits, a museum, and the park's store featuring Native American made

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requirements of § 7-13-2281, MCA, The Board of Directors of the Richland County Valley View Water District intends to take action on the following matter at a board meeting to be held on the day of November 10th, 2023, at 7:00pm MST at the residence of Marian Demangelaere, 35264 County Rd 121c, Sidney, Montana 59270.

Time of Hearing: 7:05pm MST
Time of Hearing Objections to Final Adoption: 7:15pm MST
Vote on final adoption of a resolution levying a special assessment to defray the costs of a new water well, submersible pump, and motor sufficient to serve the entire district's needs against the property within the district benefited by the development.

The new tax levied onto the properties contained within the boundary of the district would amount to \$75.00 per month.

The resolution is on file in the office of the Secretary, Michelle Miller, 314 S Central Avenue, Sidney, Montana 59270; and can be produced upon request during the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm MST, Monday through Friday. The resolution is subject to inspection.

If you have questions, comments or objections prior to the board meeting, please direct all such inquiries to: Gayle Nelson, President, Richland County Valley View Water District Board of Directors; 406-480-7049.

District Boundary: ATRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION FOURTEEN (14), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO NORTH (T22N), RANGE FIFTY-NINE EAST (R59E), P.M.M., RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Lot A of Thiel's Minor Subdivision of Lot 4, Containing 1.488 acres, according to the plat.

Lot B of Thiel's Minor Subdivision of Lot 4, according to the plat.

Lot C of Thiel's Minor Subdivision of Lot 4, according to the plat.

Lot D of Thiel's Minor Subdivision of Lot 4, containing 2.716 acres, according to the plat.

Lot E of Lot 4 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot F of Lot 4 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot G of Lot Four (4) of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 and 8.

Lot A of Lot 5, Thiel's Valleyview Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5, & 8.

Lot B of Lot 5, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5, & 8.

Lot C of Lot 5 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

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Lot H of Lot 5 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot I of Lot 5 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot J of Lot 5 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot K of Lot 5 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot L of Lot 5 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

All of Lot One (1) of Amended Original plat of Lot Six (6), Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot 2 of Lot 6 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the official plat.

Lot A of Amended Plat of Lot 3 of Amended plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot B of Amended Plat of Lot 3 of the Amended Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot C of the Amended Plat of Lot 3 of the Amended Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot D of the Amended Plat of Lot 3 of the Amended Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot E of the Amended Plat of Lot 3, of the Amended Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot F of the Amended Plat of Lot 3, of the Amended Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot 4 of Amended Original Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, situated and being in Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 59 East.

All of Lot 5 of Amended Original plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

The W½NW¼4NE¼ of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 59 East, P.M.M. otherwise described as follows: The W½ of Lot 3 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to Certificate of Survey 27-5.

All of Lot 6 of Amended Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot 8 of Amended Original Plat of Lot 6, Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

All of Lot Nine (9) of Amended Original Plat of Lot Six (6), Thiel's Valley View Subdivision.

Lot A of Lot 8, Thiel's Valleyview Subdivision, according to the Amended Plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot B of Lot 8 of Thiel's Valley View Subdivision, according to the Amended Plat of Lots 4, 5 & 8.

Lot A of Thiel's Minor Subdivision, according to the official Plat thereof entitled "Thiel's Minor Subdivision." Filed as Document #358106.

Lot B of Thiel's Minor Subdivision, according to the Plat entitled "Thiel's Minor Subdivision." Filed as Document #358106.

Tract number 16 of the River View Subdivision, according to

the official plat.

Tract number 18 of the River View Subdivision, according to the official plat.

SIGNED
Michelle Miller Secretary,
Richland County Valley View Water District Board of Directors

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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License

SABR HOSPITALITY & GAMING (Shadd and Amanda Cullinan, Owner(s)) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 27-270-6765-001 to be operated at SALOON 27 STEAK & SEAFOOD, 520 N Central Ave, Sidney, Richland County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this transfer?
Protests must be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Richland County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 27-270-6765-001 and the applicant's name SABR HOSPITALITY & GAMING; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

How are protests submitted?
Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before October 28, 2023.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Sidney. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Hunter Heffley, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-4324 or Hunter.Heffley@mt.gov.

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELROY KITTLESON
Deceased.
Probate No. DP - 23-70
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kenneth Kittleson and Daniel Kittleson have been appointed co-personal representatives of the Estate of Elroy Kittleson. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be presented to Kenneth Kittleson and Daniel Kittleson, the Co-Personal Representatives, return receipt requested, c/o Lyle R. Panasuk, Attorney at Law, PO Box 1025, Sidney, Montana, 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Kenneth Kittleson
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Daniel Kittleson
Co-Personal Representative

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FAIRVIEW SCHOOL BUS ROUTE BIDS

Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Fairview School for four-six-year contracts for the following bus routes:

Route #1 – North Route
This route is 88 miles per day 2024-2030

Route #2 – Sioux Pass Route
This route is 131 miles per day 2024-2030

Route #3 – Girard Route
This route is 95 miles per day 2024-2030

Route #4 – South Route
This route is 40 miles per day 2024-2030

Detailed specifications may be secured by prospective bidders from the Superintendent's office during regular school hours. These specifications include a copy of the Fairview School Bus Contract, which is an integral part of the specifications.

The Fairview School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contracts to the bidder(s) considered to be the most suited to the needs of the school district, and further to waive informalities.

ATTEST: Julie Asbeck
Business Manager

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ALEXANDER SCHOOL CITIZEN'S BUILDING MEETING

The Alexander School Citizen's Meeting will be on October 17, 2023, at 7:00p.m. at the Alexander Public School. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



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/s/ Kenneth Kittleson
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Daniel Kittleson
Co-Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; that Petitioner DARREL CORNELIA, has filed herein his Petition for formal probate of will, determination of testacy and heirs, and appointment of personal representative and for unsupervised administration. Hearing upon said Petition will be in said court at the courtroom in the courthouse at Sidney, Montana on the 14th day of November, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2023.

DARREL CORNELIA,
Petitioner

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Badlands Cattle Conference at Regency Acres Angus Ranch

AgPro Solutions & Purina Animal Nutrition in partnership with Thiessen's Regency Acres Angus Ranch hosted the inaugural Badlands Cattle Conference on Oct. 4 near Lambert. Pictured: Kurt Kangas provides an update from American Angus Association including certifications, marketing and the status of the United States cattle industry. Also presenting were Mark Voll, Zoetis Animal Health; Dr. Chad Zehnder, Purina Animal Nutrition; Dr. Chris Zellmer, Diamond V; Jon Scofield, Zinpro, and Austin Buzanowski, AgPro Solutions.



OBITUARIES

Ruth Elsie Beyl Martin, 93 Fairview, MT

Funeral services for Ruth Elsie Beyl Martin, 93, Fairview, MT, will be Friday, Oct. 13, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT with Pastor John Baseley officiating. A luncheon will immediately follow the service. Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT. Friends and Family Service will be Thursday Oct. 12, 2023 at 5 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.



Ruth Elsie Beyl Martin

Ruth Martin peacefully passed away on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

Ruth was born to Theobald Beyl and Ella Koehler on Dec. 29, 1929 in Golden Valley, ND, and was raised in the East Fairview, ND, area and learned to speak English at the age of five when she started the first grade of school, as German was the home language at the time. She loved her extended family. Her grandfather Friederich Beyl and his five children immigrated from Crimea-Russia in 1904 making them Germans from Russia. They eventually ended up in the Fairview area, with some of those siblings migrating and farming along the Yellowstone River to Billings.

Her high school education came to a stop when she married at the age of 16 and had her first baby a year later. She met her husband, Ervin Martin at an ice-skating party right after World War II.

She began a more formal education and enrolled in a high school course at UND and graduated 10 years after she married. She was excited that Nelson Rockefeller was the main speaker. She continued with several college courses over time and was just short a few hours of becoming a para-professional group counselor.

Ruth worked as an usher at the Orpheum Theater, Fairview. She also worked at the Super Value, Fairview, and the Sidney Drug Store before she went to work as the office manager at the Peavey Company, Sidney, where she retired.

Ruth's passion was doing quilts for missions and continued doing this project until the end. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She also loved to read. In the 1980's she worked extensively on the genealogy of the Beyl family, putting out a book and sharing this with family.

Ruth and Ervin enjoyed traveling in their retirement years. They visited their daughter and family in Germany. They spent several winters in Arizona, traveling in their motorhome. She also traveled to the Ukraine, searching for family history.

Ruth and Ervin married June 2, 1946 and farmed in the Dore community for over 70 years. Ervin passed away Aug. 4, 1999 and Ruth remained on the farm until 2020.

Ruth is survived by daughter Debra (Werner Harris), Ocean Springs, MS. Sons Kennard (Diana), Chinook, MT, Monte, Fairview and foster daughter, Charlotte Payette, Fairview. Grandchildren: Brian Harris (Catherine), Biloxi, MS and Kevin Harris, Mobile, AL. Great grandchildren: Steven Wade (Sarah), Pass Christian, MS, Ashley Harris & Aric

Harris, Bowie, MD, Carissa (Stephen) Dunipace, Irvington, AL, Amber Harris, Ridgeland MS, Alyssa Noel Harris, Long Beach, MS, Cailyn (Brian) Mueller, Richlands, NC, and Christopher Harris, Biloxi, MS. Great great grandchildren: Ezra Sweeney, Abygail & Adaline Ella Wade, and Amelia, Luke & Noah Dunipace. Nephews: Gene Elletson, Deloyce and Michael Beyl, and nieces: Karen Bauer & Sue Treider, sister-in-law, Virginia Beyl.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Ervin, her parents, sister Lillian Elletson, brother Elmer Beyl and 2 baby siblings.

Victoria Ann Trebesch, 76 Sidney, MT

Victoria 'Vicky' Ann Trebesch passed away Sept. 25 at her daughter's home from complications of cancer.

Services will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Dutton, Sunday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. with internment at the Dutton Cemetery following.

Her life of 76 years began in Wisconsin where she was the first-born to Joseph and Margery. She was soon joined in the family by her brother, Don. Her family lived in Wisconsin in her earlier years where her father worked, attended the University of Wisconsin and later taught high school Spanish, which also included a teaching job in Panama for a time.

Upon returning from Panama, Vicky and family moved back to Wisconsin. Her sister, Sandy, was welcomed to their family during that time.

After her parents' divorce, her mom remarried Wes', a Master Sgt. in the military, and the family moved to Spain where Wes was a training instructor. While in Spain, the family welcomed Vicky's youngest brother, Mark.

After Spain, Vicky and family moved to Oregon where Wes was stationed. She attended and graduated from high school in Oregon. Upon graduating she set out in the world on her own and landed her first job in California where she worked as an operator and eventually a supervisor for a telephone company.

She moved from California to Colorado and married her first husband there and they later moved back to northern Montana. Vicky's first child was born there, a daughter, Jean. She lost little Jean at 8-weeks to SIDS.

After Montana, they moved back to Colorado and Vicky worked again for the telephone company. After she divorced, Vicky moved to Montana where she started working at Safeway. It was at this time she met her husband of the last 47 years, Carl.

Vicky and Carl were married and shortly afterward started farming. They were blessed with twin sons, Matthew and Tyson. Three years later the family welcomed their new sister, Tessa. Vicky lost her grown son Tyson in a tragic farm accident. Vicky and Carl remained in their farm home until they moved to eastern Montana for work opportunities there. They both found good jobs there and bought their current home. Vicky's touch made this their new home where they enjoyed a farm style life in the city with their gardening and farm home habits from years before.

Vicky's kind personality, sense of humor, and determination made this new house the home that it is today. She became known for her kind rapport with not only people, but with animals of any genre. Flowers were her specialty, not to mention her photography and cooking abilities. She is present always in our minds and will be dearly missed by her family and all those who crossed paths with her.



Victoria Ann Trebesch

Letter To The Editor

Thank you from Martha's Place

We appreciate you making the effort to come to our fundraising event on Sept. 16 for Martha's Place, the future residential hospice house. We had an amazing turnout, and we managed to bring in a little over \$10,000 between ticket sales, silent auction, and donations! Your attendance and support have played an important role in our event's success—thank you.

With your contribution, we will be able to continue working toward remodeling the old Fischer House, now officially called Martha's Place, in Richland County. We have been able to install laminate wood flooring and paint the walls located in the front part of the home, have an 80 ft. well drilled, purchase the material required to tie the new well into the existing plumbing, and pay monthly utilities (LYREC & MDU). A local resident donated his valuable time and expertise to trench the ground and tie the new well to the two homes on the property. We are still seeking an electrician to finalize the well project. The home is currently being used to store furniture previously donated for future use, and stock donated items such as wheelchairs, walkers and various medical supplies that are passed on to those in our community who need them.

We met with SDI Architects last year to begin conversations about the residential hospice house. They have drawn up a preliminary floor plan to align with our vision. Our ultimate goal is to develop 12 individual rooms that will each accommodate a dying patient and a loved one, a nurse's station, a common seating area for friends and families, a chapel, a conference room, and a healing space. We plan to utilize the basement level for our employees so our patients and loved ones are not disturbed. SDI Architects will be assisting us in utilizing the existing structure and usable materials to remodel the home in the most cost-efficient manner while fulfilling the rules and regulations outlined for a licensed residential hospice home in the state of Montana.

We also have a "wish list". We would like to convert the man cave behind the home into a coffee bar, where patients and/or loved ones can gather. There is a small bridge and wood decking around the man cave that needs to be replaced. There is a man-made pond in the back that we would like to clean up, fill with water, and stock with fish for anyone who would like to fish. At some point, we would like to add horses to the property and offer horse therapy.

The cost of initial renovation is expected to cost between \$300-500k, with the entire project anticipated at nearly \$2M. We are researching grant opportunities and met with a large corporation who has shown genuine interest in potentially funding the initial renovation. However, our biggest obstacle right now is obtaining city water and sewer. Although we had a water well installed, we will definitely need city water and sewer to see this project to fruition. Jeffrey Hintz, Sidney Public Works director, recently provided us with a rough verbal estimate of \$1M for the engineering required to extend city water and sewer to Martha's Place. We are now exploring the next steps needed to make this happen. We are on a God mission and know He will see this through to the end.

If you were told you were dying in six days, six weeks, or six months, what would you like to do? If you are diabetic and want a chocolate cake for breakfast - guess what? We are going to bake that cake for you! If you have swallowing problems and want to drink a coke, we will bring you a 12-pack! If you do not want to take those giant potassium pills, you don't have to! If you want to smoke, we will have a smoking area for you! You will have the opportunity to spend your final days on earth doing whatever you choose or not choose to do. You will have the ability to create wonderful lasting memories with your family and friends. Some of us are not allotted a final goodbye. When you are provided with the opportunity to do so, we would like to help make this time special.

Until Martha's Place is prepared to take patients, our president has been offering house calls for dying patients free of charge. Martha Nugent is a licensed nurse practitioner with experience in oncology, gerontology, and end-of-life care. She believes no one should have to struggle during their final days, and she will work with families to ease their fears. She will walk you through the dying process to minimize the anxiety associated with this difficult time. She can be reached by phone at 832-330-4931.

We believe in providing care that is focused on optimizing quality of life, comfort, and dignity for those who are transitioning to Heaven. If we don't want to see our loved ones suffer when they're living, why would we want to watch them suffer when they're dying?

Your generosity and support is an encouraging reminder of why we started this very much needed project. We are going to change the way we care for our dying loved ones.

If you would like to make a donation to Martha's Place, you can mail a check or money order to 619 14th St SE, Sidney, MT 59270. We are a private 501c3 nonprofit.

With gratitude,
Martha's Place Board of Directors: Martha Nugent, president; Felix Aguilar, treasurer; Jessica Byers, ssecretary

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FALL FESTIVAL

SAT, OCT 14 • 10AM - 4PM



HIGH CALIBER SPORTS

Shops at Fox Run
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406-433-1800
Mon-Sat: 9am - 6pm
Sun: 10am - 4pm

DOWNTOWN SIDNEY SAT, OCT 14

Public Invited To Stop In & Judge For People's Choice 12-1pm

FALL BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, OCT 14th
Check-In: 10am - 12pm
Awards: 1:30pm
Categories Include:
..... Autumn Apple
(Baked goods w/ich include apples)
..... Perfect Pumpkin
(Baked goods w/ich include pumpkin)
..... Youth
(Entries made by participants 18 years or younger)
..... People's Choice
(Please include enough for 50 bite-sized servings. Must also be entered in one of the above categories.)

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MOBILE FRIENDLY

SIDNEY'S FALL FESTIVAL & SUNRISE WOMEN'S CLINIC ARE TEAMING UP FOR THE FAMILY WALK FOR LIFE CONQUER THE COURSE



SAT, OCT 14TH • 2PM REGISTRATION

\$30 ENTRY
\$100/FAMILY OF 4

1 MILE/5K
RUN OR WALK

- Conquer The Course (challenging)
- Team Event (team of 4 to conquer the course)
- \$150 (athletic, church, school, civic groups)

REGISTER TODAY



 **Sunrise** 406-433-7772
women's clinic

10am - 4pm

- Main St Car & Bike Show
- Meraki Candle Pouring
- High Caliber Fishing Pond
- MT Bare Cave Kids Crafts
- Vendors
- Mimi's Kitchen Fall Baking Championship
- Hay Maze & Pumpkin Patch
- Shop Small Challenge
- Merge Mini Photo Sessions
- Live Music • Sidewalk Sales

1-2pm

- Walk In Ceramics at the MonDak Heritage Center

3pm

- Sunrise Women's Clinic's Family Walk For Life
2pm Registration at Veterans Memorial Park
- MonDak Mayhem Lantern Tours at MonDak Heritage Center (3-8pm)

7pm

- SHS Drama Production "Dracula" at the Middle School

8pm

- Fall Festival After Party "The Relics" at the Cattle-Ac

SHOP SMALL FALL

HOW IT WORKS

Join local businesses for a "Shop Small in Fall" challenge this season. Visit each shop OR tag each shop in their respective challenge to be entered into a chance to win a grand prize! Each challenge completed will enter a contestant into the grand prize drawing once.

The grand prize drawing will be held at the Sidney Fall Festival on October 14th. The drawing will be at 3:00 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center. The drawing will also be broadcast on Facebook live. Winner need not be present to win.

Good luck and thank you for shopping local!

THE CHALLENGES



Wellth Mgmt
Post a pic in a stretching pose and tag @wellth mgmt,LLC on Facebook.



Party Central
Buy a Bargain at Party Central & Main Street Popcorn Factory!



Mimi's Kitchen Co.
Give a product review of your favorite Mimi's item and tag us on Facebook or Instagram @MiMi's Kitchen!



Gem City Motors
Stop in, grab a treat at the coffee bar! Like our Facebook page and leave a google review.



The MonDak Heritage Center
Vote for your favorite MonDak swag and enter to win a new hat!



Johnson Hardware
Select a hammer and bring it to the front counter for an entry. No purchase necessary.



Awakened Wellness
Take a selfie in our new storefront. Tag us on social media @Awakened Wellness LLC! Enter a drawing while you're there!



Sidney ACE
Sign up for ACE Rewards or show the cashier your already a member!



Montana Bare Cave
Give us a review of your favorite MT Bare Cave product on Facebook or Instagram.



High Caliber Sports
Find a cashier and name all the mounts in High Caliber Sports.



State Farm Michele Herres
Stop in to the office Monday - Friday take a picture with Jake from State Farm and tag us on Facebook @Michele Herres - State Farm Agent



Boutique 33
Take a photo in front of Boutique 33's store front sign and tag them on Facebook @Boutique33.MT.



Reynolds Market
Stop in to Reynolds Market and take a photo in our pumpkin patch. Tag us on Facebook @reynoldsmarket.



Willow Collective
Stop in to receive 20% off! Take a picture of your favorite beauty product from Willow Collective. Leave a Facebook review about why you love it. Check our Facebook page for hours.



Johnson Furniture
Take a picture with a Halloween inflatable in the Home Center



Studio 20
Visit us during our GRAND OPENING October 14th!



Meraki Boutique
Join our Meraki Insiders Page on Facebook



The Coffee Stop
Take a picture of your favorite Coffee Stop Drink or Treat and tag us on Facebook @The Coffee Stop



Merge
Create an outfit and share it on social media. Tag us @mergefashionlifestyle



The Parlour
Try the special of the week and tag us with a photo on Facebook @theparlour

Shop Small in Fall Challenge is a Sidney Chamber of Commerce initiative. Please contact the Sidney Area Chamber for more information: (406) 433-1916.

FALL FESTIVAL

DOWNTOWN SIDNEY, MONTANA

OCTOBER 14TH

Richland County Sports Complex Moves To New Location

By Robyn Heck
The Richland County Sports Complex has moved to a new building! They are now located in the old Cenex garage, next to Cooperative Western Choice. Up until August, they had been located at the fairgrounds. “The reason for the move was because this building has heat, has no dirt floor, and we had room to add a pickle-ball court,” said Chairman Terry Roth. “This gives an opportunity for more people to use our complex.”
The RCSC hours for the month of October are Tuesday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (pitch and catch for softball players), Thursday 5-7 p.m., and lessons and camps by appointment.
“Stop in during our open hours, or call me at 406-489-3285 with any questions. We also have a Facebook page,” said Roth.
The fee to use the complex is \$5 a day, or \$30 a month. Currently they are having sign-ups for a

pickle-ball league. The cost is \$30 per player for the season.
The RCSC is also accepting sign-ups for a softball hitting camp that will be in December and January. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 15.
The Legion Baseball organization is also planning some camps for the future.
“All of the camps are free to the students. We do fund raisers to cover the cost,” said Roth. “The programs are going well, and we are thankful to our sponsors for their help.”
They would like to thank all of their sponsors so far:
Beauty Loft
Agri Industries
Satra Insulation & Construction
Builders FirstSource
McDonalds
Fink Dental
Pizza House
Niehenke Welding
Nick Jones Real Estate
Frontier Heating
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Reynolds Market
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Boss Office Supply
Nationhaul Transport
Ron’s Power Wash
Sidney Millworks

Ken’s Heating
Border States Electric
Anonymous Donors



The Richland County Sports Complex sells advertising banners to help pay for building rental, equipment, daily operating costs, and camps. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

Holden Expresses Support For Montana Stockgrowers and Grazing Districts American Prairie Reserve Appeal

Submitted by Holden for Congress
Long time rancher and congressional candidate, Ric Holden, recently spoke to the Prairie County Grazing Association, in Terry at



Ric Holden speaks to Prairie County Grazing Association in Terry. (Photo submitted)

their annual meeting. Holden took part in discussions concerning the Bureau of Land Management decision to allow for the removal of cross fencing on government pasture allotments requested by the American Prairie Reserve. Bison tend to naturally congregate around water sources, which stresses and denudes these fragile areas.
Holden stated that, “Our family has had BLM rental allotments before, and I cannot even imagine how the department would allow the removal of cross fencing on those allotments.” Holden went on to assure the members that he would not support

the favoritism that the department is showing the American Prairie Reserve on this grazing issue. Holden stated, “The American Prairie Reserve is supporting the effort to drive family cattle ranchers off the land and replace them with Bison operations.” It is proven by range science that cross fencing preserves and protects the prairie from overgrazing of the land by controlling the movement of cattle or buffalo. Holden said, “I support the Montana Stockgrowers and Grazing Districts legal actions to appeal the departments ruling on this issue”. Holden believes that the unfenced bison will damage the land and set a poor precedent for future government grazing decisions.

Reminder Of NRCS Conservation Funding Application Date Set For Oct. 27

Submitted by Tasha Gibby, State Public Affairs Specialist
Bozeman – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making more than \$3 billion in funding available for agricultural producers and forest landowners nationwide to participate in voluntary conservation programs and adopt climate-smart practices in fiscal year 2024. As first announced in August, Montana private land managers interested in participating in Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs must apply by Oct. 27, to be considered for the current funding cycle.
“We know that funding provided through the Inflation Reduction Act for 2024 combined with our traditional Farm Bill funding will be the largest climate and conservation investment in history,” said Tom Watson, Montana NRCS State Conservationist. “This investment provides the resources to help meet producer demand for our oversubscribed programs while maximizing applied conservation practices that help producers address natural resource challenges.”
Inflation Reduction Act funding is implemented through existing NRCS programs including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), and the Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (ACEP). NRCS saw record producer interest in these resources in fiscal year 2023. The agency is

accepting applications from producers interested in this conservation assistance for fiscal year 2024. See the NRCS Montana webpage at nrcs.usda.gov/montana for more information about these programs and initiatives that meet locally-developed conservation priorities.
The Inflation Reduction Act and Farm Bill funds provide direct climate mitigation benefits, advance a host of other environmental co-benefits, and expand access to financial and technical assistance for producers to advance conservation on their farm, ranch or forest land. This includes popular, common sense practices like crop rotation, conservation tillage, wetland restoration, prescribed grazing, forest management to mitigate wildfire risk, and more. Ultimately, this will lead to economic opportunity for operations small to large, improved reach to communities that have been marginalized by underinvestment, more productive soil, cleaner water and air, healthier wildlife habitat and natural resource conservation for future generations.
Over fiscal year 2023, NRCS in Montana worked with private landowners to obligate a record conservation investment, which the agency is set to exceed in 2024. The total amount of funding obligated to contracts and easements with producers and partners was:
• EQIP: more than \$41 million of which \$2.8 million was IRA funding
• CSP: more than \$25.7 million of which \$4.8 million was IRA funding
• RCPP: more than \$2.8 million of which there was no

IRA funding
• ACEP: more than \$29 million of which \$6.5 million was IRA funding
The Inflation Reduction Act provides funds to EQIP, CSP, ACEP and RCPP. For fiscal year 2024, which began Oct. 1, 2023, the Inflation Reduction Act provides nationwide an additional \$1.65 billion for EQIP, \$472 million for CSP, and \$189 million for ACEP, and \$754 million for RCPP.
The current anticipated portion of this Inflation Reduction Act funding for Montana is \$27.9 million for EQIP and \$13.5 million for CSP. This is in addition to the current anticipated allocation of Farm Bill funding for Montana of \$28.6 million for EQIP, \$20.7 million for CSP, and \$13 million for ACEP.
How to Apply
NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation programs year-round, but Montana producers interested in this cycle of conservation funding must apply by Oct. 27. This application date applies to Montana’s EQIP, CSP, RCPP projects, and ACEP-WRE opportunities.
Similarly, NRCS accepts applications year-round for ACEP Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE) and Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE). Producers interested in the current national, IRA-funded cycle must apply by Nov. 13. NRCS will also consider previously unfunded applications in this round.
Interested producers should contact the NRCS at their local USDA Service Center. To learn more, visit nrcs.usda.gov/montana.

MDA Announces 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Awardees

Submitted by Logan Kruse, Communications Officer
Helena – The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have partnered to announce the recipients of the state’s \$3.071 million investment in projects through the Montana Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG) program.
“The quality of Montana’s agricultural products and the producers raising them are unmatched,” said Montana Department of Agriculture Director Christy Clark. “These grants support vital research and outreach efforts that directly benefit Montana’s farmers and ranchers to diversify, innovate, and grow their operations.”

2023 SCBG Awards
Montana State University-Bozeman has been awarded the following grants:
• A \$55,839 award for “Preserving Pulse Crop Acres by Solving Soil Erosion Risk”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Perry Miller.
• A \$123,867 award for “Variety and Seeding Date Evaluation of Cowpea in Montana”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Perry Miller.
• A \$200,627 award for “Control of Soilborne Disease Using Beneficial Bacteria for Organic Pea Growers”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Qing Yan.
• A \$328,949 award for “Pea Ascochyta Blight-Resistant Variety Development by Genomic Approaches”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Li Huang.
• A \$386,105 award for “The Wild Bees of Montana 3, Research for Specialty Crop Pollination Security”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Michael Ivie.
• A \$142,326 award for “Exploring Intercropping and Essential Oils to Control Fusarium Root Rot of Pea”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Frankie Crutcher with the Eastern Agricultural Research Center in Sidney.
• A \$328,857 award for “Managing Grasshoppers Damaging Pea, Lentil, and Chickpea Crops in Montana”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Kevin Wanner.
• A \$88,256 award for “Investigating Novel Approaches to Improve PVY Detection in Dormant Tubers”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Nina Zidack.
• A \$113,585 award for “Characterization of the Ecological and Epidemiological Factors Driving Pathogen Spread in Chickpeas”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Frankie Crutcher with the Eastern Agricultural Research Center in Sidney.
• A \$254,174 award for “Testing Dibutylidithiophosphate as a Fertilizer to Improve Yield of Pulse Crops”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Michael Giroux.
• A \$373,949 award for

“Enhancing Innovation Service Capability and Offering Extrusion Training for Specialty Crops Stakeholders”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Wan-Yuan Kuo.
• A \$186,353 award for “Evaluating Desiccants for Crop Dry Down and Weed Seedbank Management in Pulses”. Primary Investigator is Dr. Lovreet Shergill with the Southern Agricultural Research Center in Huntley.
• A \$201,444 award for “Salsa 2.0: High Value Vegetable Variety Screening and Quality Optimization”. Primary Investigator is Dr.

Andrej Svyantek with the Western Agricultural Research Center in Corvallis.
The Specialty Crop Block Program also supported a grant for \$60,000 for “Expanding Specialty Crop Education and Marketing Through Harvest of the Month” for the National Center for Appropriate Technology, based in Butte.
The Montana Department of Agriculture is serving Montana Agriculture and growing prosperity under the Big Sky. For more information on department programs and services, visit agr.mt.gov.

| Lunch Menus! | |
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| Sidney School Thurs., Oct. 12: Finger steaks, oven wedges, pineapple tidbits, cookies. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Chicken strips, potatoes & gravy, corn, mixed fruit, dinner rolls. Tues., Oct. 17: Homemade pizza, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits. Wed., Oct. 18: Cheeseburgers, oven wedges, mandarin oranges, national chocolate cupcake day. Savage School Thurs., Oct. 12: Hamburgers, fruit. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Ravioli lasagna, fruit. Tues., Oct. 17: Meatballs, fruit. Wed., Oct. 18: Chicken salad sandwiches, fruit. Rau School Thurs., Oct. 12: Cheeseburgers, French fries, carrots. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Goulash. Tues., Oct. 17: Cheesy dippers, tomato soup. Wed., Oct. 18: Chicken pot pie. Froid School Thurs., Oct. 12: Grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Shrimp-mates, rice pilaf, peas, fruit, salad bar. Tues., Oct. 17: Chicken supreme, buns, veggies, fruit, salad bar. Wed., Oct. 18: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, buns, veggies, dessert, salad bar. Bainville School Thurs., Oct. 12: Hot ham & cheese, carrot sticks, waffle fries, pineapple, salad bar. Fri., Oct. 13: Creamy beef & shells, Normandy veggies, peaches, salad bar. Mon., Oct. 16: Spaghetti, corn, bananas, salad bar. Tues., Oct. 17: Tacos, Normandy veggies, mixed fruit, salad bar. Wed., Oct. 18: Orange chicken, rice, sweet peppers, mandarins, salad bar. Richey School Thurs., Oct. 12: Macaroni & cheese, hot dogs, veggie sticks, fruit, salad bar. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Spaghetti, corn, French bread, bars, fruit, salad bar. Tues., Oct. 17: Chicken al- | fredo, bread, green beans, bars, fruit, salad bar. Wed., Oct. 18: Tater tot casserole, fruit, salad bar. Culbertson School Thurs., Oct. 12: Hot turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas. Fri., Oct. 13: Pizza sticks, salad, pineapple. Mon., Oct. 16: Spaghetti, breadsticks, green beans. Tues., Oct. 17: Turkey noodle soup, wheat rolls, strawberry cups. Wed., Oct. 18: Sub sandwiches, carrot/celery sticks, pears. 2 p.m. out. Lambert School Thurs., Oct. 12: Italian dunkers, corn, fruit. Fri., Oct. 13: Soup & sandwiches, fruit. Mon., Oct. 16: Chicken strips, fries, fruit. Tues., Oct. 17: Beef stir fry, rice, fruit. Wed., Oct. 18: Tuna hot-dish, peas, fruit. Fairview School Thurs., Oct. 12: Orange chicken, rice, stir fry, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Hamburger stroganoff over egg noodles, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. Tues., Oct. 17: Chili, cinnamon rolls, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. Wed., Oct. 18: Chicken bacon ranch flatbread pizza, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. Alexander School Thurs., Oct. 12: Meatball subs, wedges, fruit, vegetable bar. Fri., Oct. 13: No school. Mon., Oct. 16: Street tacos or burrito bowl, cilantro, lime, rice, fruit, vegetable bar. Tues., Oct. 17: Build your own burgers, fries, fruit, vegetable bar. Wed., Oct. 18: Pulled pork on buns, wedges, fruit, vegetable bar. Watford City School Thurs., Oct. 12: Chicken alfredo, stuffed cheese sticks, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Fri., Oct. 13: Pizza pockets, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Mon., Oct. 16: Teriyaki chicken, fried rice, fortune cookies, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Tues., Oct. 17: Sliders, chicken bacon ranch, fries, fruit, veggies, salad bar. Wed., Oct. 18: Knoephla soup, dinner rolls, crackers, fruit, veggies, salad bar. |

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