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## 2023 MSU-EARC & NDSU-WREC Preparing For Annual Field Days

By Katelyn Sponheim

The 2023 MSU-EARC Field Day, Sidney, 1501 N Central Ave., will start at 9 a.m. on July 11. They have an agenda packed with speakers who will be covering their current research projects, all of which affect our local farmers and crop choices.

Marie Dorval, MSU Ph.D. student, will be discussing intercropping chickpea and flax for Ascochyta disease management.

Followed by, Dr. Frankie Crutcher, MSU-EARC plant pathologist, will speaking on cover crops affecting pulse crop root diseases.

Dr. Chengci Chen, EARC superintendent and agronomist, will share his findings especially interesting to local growers looking for alternatives to sugar beets. His studies of mung bean, adzuki bean, and dry beans as potential rotation crops for the region include variety selection, planting, harvesting, and weed management. Dr. Chen will present with Dr. Maral Etesami, research professional, their study of camelina and canola as potential rotation crops for dryland and irrigated production systems.

Dr. Gautum Pradhan, NDSU Research Agronomist, will cover black gram and soybean variety performance; followed by Drs. Jason Cook and Mike Giroux, and several other plant breeders, discussing cereal crop breeding and new released varieties.

Lunch will be served at the EARC building, 1501 N. Central Ave., Sidney.

Williston's NDSU-REC 2023 Field Day will begin July 12, and plans to run from 4-8 p.m., at the Research Extension Center, 14120 Hwy 2, Williston.

Registration begins at



Dr. Gautum Pradhan, NDSU research agronomist, will cover black gram and soybean variety performance at the EARC Field Day July 11. (File photo)

3 p.m. CT for those wishing to attend, with NDSU Vice President Greg Lardy and NDSU President David Cook welcoming attendees before loading the wagon to begin the tour.

There are three divisions of the Williston-REC; Agronomy/Dryland, Horticulture, and the Irrigated Tour.

The Irrigated tour will be held separately on July 13, from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Nesson Valley Irrigation Research and Development Farm, located 23 miles east of Williston on Hwy 1804.

Meals will be served at both, with the dryland and horticulture tour serving a steak and lamb dinner afterwards,

and the Irrigation tour plans on offering hamburgers for lunch.

The agronomy, or dryland, section of the tour will host Hannah Worrall, Minot Research Center, speaking on pulse breeding and upcoming releases, and Kyle Dragseth, WREC, will share their foundation seedstock pulse varieties at stop 1. At stop 2, Clair Keene will discuss Kernza perennial grain, also considered a sugar beet alternative. Lindsay Malone and Kelsey Griesheim are two planned speakers at this stop, along with Audrey Kalil, NDSU-REC plant pathologist. Kalil will speak on the impact of planting date on root rot of peas.

In fields 3 and 4, the third stop of the tour, they plan five speakers and an optional seed plant tour for those interested. Plotted speakers and topics include Elias Elias on durum varieties and breeding update; Andrew Friskop with a scab update; Charlie Lim with a weed management update; and Gautam Pradhan with guar and black gram trial results. James Rogers is a hopeful, discussing forage grass species selection and production.

The horticulture section of the tour was not able to share their plans at this time, but Tyler Tjelde, Nesson Valley Irrigation Research Farm plans to cover diseases in

corn and small grains during their tour. Andrew Friskop, NDSU plant pathologist, will discuss weeds and weed management, especially in resistant varieties. Again, that tour will take place July 13, from 8:30 a.m.-noon., at the Nesson Valley Research Farm.

For producers, the field days provide priceless research updates and information valuable to their daily and future operations. They represent not only the last year's research findings and progress, but decades of scientists and agriculture professionals' labors to better our farming techniques and ultimately, results.



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### Burgum Appoints Watford City Attorney "Chas" Neff Jr. To NW Judicial District Judgeship

Bismarck, ND - Gov. Doug Burgum has appointed Watford City attorney Charles "Chas" Neff Jr. to a judgeship in the Northwest Judicial District.

Neff has served as a staff attorney for the Northwest Judicial District Court since May 2020, assisting judges with research and drafting orders and opinions on a variety of topics including criminal motions, oil and gas matters, administrative appeals and complex civil pre-trial motions, in addition to providing trial assistance. He previously served as the McKenzie County state's attorney in Watford City in 2017 and 2018 and as an assistant state's attorney from 2014 to 2017, prosecuting over 3,000 criminal cases, 23 jury trials, and advising the County Commission on legal matters. He also spent seven years as a reference staff attorney and consultant for the legal research platform Westlaw at Thomson Reuters, Eagan, MN, and worked for the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations during the 61st General Assembly.

Neff was born and raised in central Minnesota. He is a graduate of Shanley High School, Fargo, and Cardinal Muench High School Seminary. He earned his bachelor's degree in mass communications from North Dakota State University, Fargo, and his law degree in 2006 from the University of St. Thomas School of Law in the Twin Cities.

Neff is a member of the Upper Missouri Bar Association and the Long X Arts Foundation and has officiated several sports at the high school and collegiate levels. He will fill the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Paul W. Jacobson. Two attorneys were named as finalists to fill the vacancy for the judgeship, which is chambered in Williston.

## Montana's First Lady Susan Gianforte Visits Boys & Girls Club Of The MonDak

By Jaymi Mozeak

On June 27, Montana's first lady Susan Gianforte came to the Boys & Girls Club of the MonDak to thank the staff for sponsoring all of Richland County children 0-5 with the Imagination Library.

She discussed a little of the history of the Imagination Library in Montana and why she feels so passionate about the program. Before Gianforte took this program on as a personal mission the project started by Dolly Parton in 1995 was available in Montana but not in very many places. She claimed that her goal is to make the program available to all children 0-5 in the state of Montana. After speaking with the staff, Gianforte stood with staff and a Dolly Parton cutout for pictures and shot a promotional video.

National Boys & Girls Club Week was from June 26-30 this year. According to the National Boys & Girls Club website, it has been celebrated since 1941 to recognize the invaluable service the Boys & Girls Clubs bring to communities.



Pictured (L-R) Boy & Girls Club of the MonDak director Heather Cotter; first lady of Montana Susan Gianforte; Club CEO Elaine Stedman; Vice President Tammi Christensen; and Club Executive Assistant Cammy Balcer proudly stood beside a cardboard cutout of Dolly Parton who created the Imagination Library as a tribute to her father.

## Fargo-Moorhead Community Theater To Perform "The Hello Girls" Musical In Watford City July 8

Submitted by Jessie Veeder Scofield

Fargo-Moorhead Community theater is set to visit Watford City for a performance of their production of "The Hello Girls" on Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Watford City High School Performing Arts Center at 2313 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the performance of "The Hello Girls" will begin at

7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of live, professional theater!

From New York to Paris, from ragtime to jazz: "The Hello Girls" chronicles the story of America's first women soldiers in this new musical inspired by history. These intrepid heroines served as bilingual telephone operators on the front lines, helping turn the tide of World War I. They then returned home to fight a decades-long battle

for equality and recognition, paving the way for future generations.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (65+) and \$10 for kids.

Purchase tickets at www.longxarts.com or call 701-770-8659. Veterans and military service men and women, ask how to get 50% off your ticket.

A preview of the show will be performed at the Long X Visitor Center and

Long X Arts Foundation at 100 2nd Ave. SW on Friday, July 7 at 5 p.m. as part of the Gallery Open House event. All are welcome to that performance with refreshments served.

The Flow and Pop Gallery Open House is open all day from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. followed by a Bubble Glazing Class at 5:30 p.m. as part of Katie Vasbinder's show featuring paintings and ceramics. All are welcome


to attend and explore her works in the gallery. For more information and to register for the class visit www.longxarts.com.

Since 1946, Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre (FMCT) has provided a wide range of performance and education opportunities to the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo area and surrounding communities. FMCT is the longest-running community arts organization


in the Red River Valley Region of Minnesota and North Dakota. This production is part of their state-wide theater outreach initiative.

Their Watford City performance is hosted by the Long X Arts Foundation. Contact Jessie for questions or more information at longxart@gmail.com or 701-770-8659.

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### Senior Center Events

**Congregate Meals:**  
Fairview: Mon. & Wed., 11:30 a.m., 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050  
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**  
2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Wed., 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

### AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAYS:**  
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.  
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St., Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

## STATISTICS

### LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

**Sakakawea**

Current Elevation.....	1838.3
Last Week's Elev. ....	1832.0
One Year Ago .....	1834.9
Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....	22,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**  
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 19 .....	78	53	0.080
June 20 .....	77	56	0.210
June 21 .....	70	53	0.220
June 22 .....	73	52	0.040
June 23 .....	72	54	0.000
June 24 .....	72	57	0.000
June 25 .....	80	55	0.000
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation.....	5.274		

## MT Depart. Of Revenue Mailing Property Appraisal Notices

### Public Meeting Scheduled July 18 in Sidney

Helena - The Montana Department of Revenue is mailing property classification and appraisal notices to all owners of residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural land properties.

These notices are not tax bills. They include the department's determination of market or productivity value and the taxable value for your property that will be used by your county treasurer to determine the property taxes owed for tax year 2023 and 2024.

"It's important that Montana property owners review this information," said Brendan Beatty, Montana Department of Revenue director. "If property owners wait until property tax bills are sent in November, it will be too late for the department to correct property characteristics and make adjustments that may impact the value of the property for tax year 2023. So please review the notice as soon as possible and contact us if you have questions."

If property owners disagree with the department's determination of value for their property, they may submit a Request for Informal Classification and Appraisal Review (called Form AB-26) within 30 days of the date on their notice. Owners can electronically submit the form, download it, and find more information on the informal review process at MTRRevenue.gov.

In July, public meetings in cities and towns across the state will be held to help taxpayers understand the property valuation process and how the department determined the new values on their appraisal notices. Go to MTRRevenue.gov for the dates, times, and venues of the public meetings being held.

The public can find contact information for local Department of Revenue field offices by visiting MTRRevenue.gov/contact/ or by calling 406-444-6900, or Montana Relay at 711 for hearing impaired.

The meeting in Sidney is scheduled for July 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Richland County Event Center located at 2118 Holly St.

## Watford City Homefest Art In The Park Seeking Art, Craft, Food Vendors & Talent July 15

Submitted by Jessie Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation

The Long X Arts Foundation is keeping the Homefest tradition alive in Watford City on July 15 as a way to welcome those returning for a visit and those who have made Watford City home.

Grab your friends and family and shop artists, crafters, makers and bakers as well as a variety of food options on Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Watford City Tourist Park. The event will feature a Hands-On Art Tent for Kids and families where the public can enjoy being creative with free art projects conducted by the Long X Arts Foundation staff. In addition, artists and crafters will be selling their work in the First International Bank Gallery on Main Street during the same time frame as part of the Homefest activities.

In order to make this event a success, Long X Arts is seeking more artists, makers and food vendors to fill the park. Vendor booth registration is only \$25 for a 10x10 space and any interested parties are encouraged to register soon before the spaces are filled.

"The best part of this event is that there is creativity and activity around every corner," said Long X Arts Foundation Director Jessie Scofield. "The Tourist Park is a perfect spot for families to spend time and enjoy the event together."

In addition to shopping, Beaver Creek Creations will be hosting the ever-popular Baby Pageant at 11 a.m. Enter your 0-13 month-old for prizes! At noon nationally touring family comedian and ventriloquist, Jeff Wedgwood will be taking the stage. Local talent is encouraged to register for the Homefest Talent Contest at 2:30 p.m. for a chance to win cash prizes and to perform on the Ribfest Stage in August.

For a full schedule and to register as a vendor, for the talent show or for the Baby Pageant, visit longxarts.com/events/artinthepark/ or contact Jessie at 701-770-8659 or longxart@gmail.com.

## Fort Buford & The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center Upcoming Programs

Williston, ND - The public is invited to July programs at Fort Buford State Historic Site and the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston. All events are free and open to the public. All times are Central time.

July 8: Sixth Infantry Encampment, Fort Buford State Historic Site, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The day features demonstrations of military life by living historians, including a rifle and cannon demonstration at 2 p.m. Bring socks or a t-shirt to the laundresses to discover how the soldiers' clothing was washed. Learn how the weather station, telegraph, and Signal Corps functioned at the fort. July 16: "Plein Air on the Prairie," Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 12-2 p.m. Bring your art supplies and join members of the Williston area visual artists for Plein Air painting.

July 23: History and Nature Lecture Series, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 2 p.m. Join Daphne Clark as she presents "Nature Journaling". Learn how this type of journaling is used for relaxation and therapeutic purposes. Hear how Lewis and Clark, Prince Maximilian, and others have used this method for scientific studies. Bring a notebook or journal to participate.

For more information, contact Yvette Bachmeier or Calvin Henderson at 701-572-9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Fort Buford is open daily 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is open daily, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

# EVENTS

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### RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Wed., July 5**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Carol Hartman's "Courage Enough" Exhibition** - Runs through July 29. - **Pat Olding "Montana Fabric" Exhibition** - Runs through Aug. 26. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.

**Fri., July 7**  
5-7 p.m. - **Montana Artist Pat Olding Reception** - MonDak Heritage Center.

**Sat., July 8**  
9 a.m. - **911 Hero Run Benefiting Lone Tree & Fairview Fire Dept.** - Registration 9-10:45 a.m., Fairview Fire Hall, 412 S. Central Ave. Kickstands up 11 a.m.; Last hand dealt 5 p.m. \$20 per bike, \$10/extra hands. All 2, 3 & 4 wheels welcome. 188 miles: Smokey's, Bainville; The Shop, Williston; Alexander Bar, Alexander; Stonehenge Brewing, Watford City; VFW Post 4099, Sidney; & Waterhole #3, Fairview. Supper provided by Waterhole #3, Fairview.

**Mon., July 10**  
7:30 a.m. registration - **Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament** - 9 a.m. tee time. Free for farmers & ranchers. Register your team in advance. For more info call Sidney Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 406-433-1916.

**Fri., July 14**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Kiwanis Pie Social** - Sidney Middle School S. entrance, 415 S. Central Ave. Hamburger/brat meal that includes homemade beans, chips, drink & homemade pie. Pre-order large orders by calling/texting 406-794-2304. All proceeds go to local kids.

**Fri., July 14-Sun., July 16**  
**77th Annual Fairview Old Timers' Reunion & Summer Festival** - Events take place in Sharbono Park unless stated otherwise. **July 14:** Registration of old timers, hamburgers in the park & entertainment. - **July 15:** Registration & free breakfast. Kiddie parade, grand parade, car show, vendors. Music downtown. Button honorees Gerry & Bev Reichenbach.

### ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Events in Wolf Point unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Wed., July 5**, 4 p.m.; **Thurs, July 6**, 10 a.m.; **Fri., July 7**, 7:30 a.m.; **Sat., July 8**, 7 a.m. & **Sun., July 9**, 10:30 a.m.

**100th Annual Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede** - Pitchfork Fondue; Wild Horse Ranch Rodeo, Stampede Roundup Tough Enough To Wear Pink Golf Tournament, classic hamburger stand, All-Class reunion, carnival, Fort Peck Sioux honor song & dancers, Wild Horse Stampede Ram Rodeos; street dances, WPCO OsKade Family events, parades; Wolf Point Museum benefit pancake breakfast, barrel racing & breakaway slack, human stampede, Arts in the Park, "Stick Horse Rodeo", Brandon Jones Band concert, Cowboy Church. For more info visit https://www.wolfpointchamber.com or call 406-653-2012.

### McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Thurs., July 7 (Every Thurs. through July 13)**  
5-8 p.m. - **Dogs On The Deck** - Food, beer garden, live music, crafts & games. Long X Visitors Center deck.

**Tues., July 11 (3rd Session Mon., Aug. 7)**  
7-8:30 p.m. — **Watford City Chamber of Commerce Summer Series: Conversations With Nikki** — 2nd Session: The Real-Life Struggle Between Work & Home. How To Find Your Compass — Nikki will leave participants with improved positivity, ideas, and tools to COPE (Concentrate On Positive Energy). Rough Rider Center.

**Sat., July 15**  
9 a.m. - **Homefest 5K Run & Walk** - 8:30 a.m. check in & race day registration. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. Fee \$30. Register at roughridercenter.com. For more info contact Molly at mollyb@roughridercenter.com.

**Tues., July 18**  
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info call McKenzie Co. Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie Co. Food Pantry Facebook page.

### WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Sat., July 8**  
10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - **Sixth Infantry Encampment, Fort Buford State Historic Site** - Featuring demonstrations of military life by living historians, with a rifle and cannon demonstration at 2 p.m. Bring socks or a t-shirt to the laundresses to discover how the soldiers' clothing was washed. Learn how the weather station, telegraph, and Signal Corps functioned at the fort. For more info call Yvette 701-572-9034.

**Tues., July 11**  
6 p.m. - **Family Sand Volleyball Night** - Bring the whole family for sand volleyball, spike ball & more. Spring Lake Park, 5906 2nd Ave. W.

**Fri., July 14 & Sat., July 15**  
**Christmas In July At Lewis & Clark State Park** - Bring your Christmas decorations; have your camera ready to meet Santa & your wishes ready too. Free of charge, open to the public, 4904 119th Rd NW, Epping, ND. Vehicle passes are required for park entrance: daily pass \$7 or annual pass \$35.

**Sun., July 16**  
12-2 p.m. - **"Plein Air on the Prairie"** - Bring your art supplies & join members of the Williston Area Visual Artists for Plein Air painting. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more info call Yvette 701-572-9034.

**Sun., July 18**  
11 a.m. - **Confluence Trail Walk History & Nature Lecture Series** - Free 1/2 mile guided walk beginning at Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, proceeding westward to the cemetery near Fort Buford State Historic Site. Participants should bring water, notebook to record details & binoculars are recommended. For more info call Yvette 701-572-9034.

### DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

**Thurs., July 13**  
6 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Up to 4 people per team, \$10; or be your own team for \$3 per player. Cross Country Brewing.

**Sat. July 15**  
1:30 p.m. - **Glendive Community Cancer Fund Golf Scramble** - Enjoy a beautiful day of golf & help support the cancer fund. Cottonwood Country Club. To register your teams contact Staci Knuths, sknuths@me.com or 406-698-1701.

**Sat., July 16**  
2 p.m. - **68th Annual Richey Rodeo** - Wild horse race, jackpot team roping, saddle bronc, ranch bronc & ladies barrel race calcutta, wild pony race & more. Admission \$10 adults; \$5 students. Oland Tucker concert at Saddle Club Grounds Sat. evening. Richey Saddle Club.

# Sidney Health Center Receives Jeff Martin Leadership Award For Maternal Care

Sidney, MT - Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG is pleased to announce that Sidney Health Center earned the Jeff Martin Leadership Award for 2022. The award was presented to the hospital at the Yellowstone Annual Meeting and Risk Management Conference held June 19-21, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho.

This prestigious award recognizes the organization's efforts in improving patient safety and providing quality care in the communities they serve. The dedication and progress made over the past two years in providing patient-centered care for

mothers and newborns has earned the organization this gold award.

"The Jeff Martin Leadership award is a great achievement for our facility and the OB staff, who committed to a standard of excellence through additional training and education," stated Jennifer Doty, Sidney Health Center CEO. "With a growing shortage of prenatal care in rural areas, Sidney Health Center is proud to continue providing this vital service to the community with the support of our OB/GYNs."

Following a "near miss" event in May 2021, Sidney Health Center's OB unit committed to providing excellent

OB care by adhering to recommended staffing guidelines and obtaining inpatient OB nursing certifications. Additionally, staff participated in quality initiatives and education opportunities, including the Montana Perinatal Quality Collaborative and the Montana Obstetrics Maternal Support (MOMS) program.

Tami Larson, OB nursing director completed the 6-month professional course through the Simulation Leadership Academy, which qualified Sidney Health Center for the mobile simulation training in August 2022 and allowed 20 staff members to participate in the OB trauma emergency

scenario.

Participating nursing staff and physicians commented that it was a great experience, and they appreciated the opportunity to take part in a very realistic, hands-on training. Sidney Health Center remains

committed to continued improvement of maternal health care in rural areas and serving families in the MonDak region.

Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG is a provider of sophisticated insurance and risk management

services to healthcare organizations located in Idaho, New Mexico, Montana and Wyoming. The company is owned by member hospitals committed to strong patient safety efforts and the delivery of exceptional care.



Jennifer Reid, RN; Tami Larson, RN; and Dee Hamburg, Director of Nursing; were instrumental implementing quality initiatives that lead to Sidney Health Center receiving the Jeff Martin Leadership Award. (Submitted photo)

## "KING ARTHUR'S QUEST" Missoula Children's Theater Auditions Scheduled For July 10

Submitted by Jessie Veeder Scofield

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of "KING ARTHUR'S QUEST" on Monday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Watford City High School Theater. There are roles for those students entering 1-8 grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor and Director. Up to four students will be cast as Assistant Directors. Those auditioning should arrive at 11:30 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are King Arthur; Guinevere; Merlin; the Raven; Taliesin; Lancelot; the Knights; the Squires; the Camelotians; the Lady of the Lake; Mordred, Morgan Le Fey; Uther Pendragon; the Damsels; and the Minis. All students, grades 1-8 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time! Assistant directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of



the production.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, and props. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week Tuesday, July 11-Friday July 14 from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Watford City High School Theater.

Workshops for acting, makeup and improv will be held July 11-14 at 10:30 a.m. Participation is free to all children involved, but due to high turnout of participants, a role cannot always be guaranteed for each child.

Every child is welcome to participate in the free workshops.

"KING ARTHUR'S QUEST" will be presented on Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m. at the Watford City High School Theater. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Watford City is brought to you by the Long X Arts Foundation with support from Roosevelt Inn and Suites. For more information, call Long X Arts at 701-770-8659 or visit www.longxarts.com.

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# OBITUARIES

## Thomas "Tom" Prevost, 64 Sidney, MT

Mass of the Christian Burial for Thomas "Tom" Prevost, 64, Sidney, MT, was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, MT, with Father Jim O'Neil as presider. Wake services were at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Interment was in the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. The visitation was Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before mass at the church. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

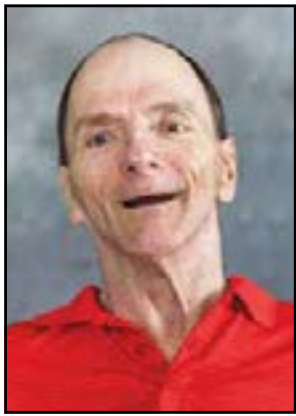
Thomas (Tom) Eugene Prevost was born to Paul and Lucy Prevost on July 1, 1958, Sidney, MT. Tom attended St. Matthew's Catholic School and graduated from Sidney High School in 1977. After high school Tom attended Eastern Montana College (MSU-Billings). Tom returned and lived in Sidney for the rest of his life except for a few years spent in Miles City and Missoula.

Tom started his life with a hole in his heart, a very serious medical condition. His parents took him to see a specialist in Great Falls, MT. When they returned for a second appointment the doctor was surprised, he had made it home alive after his first visit. For three years Tom could not be laid down to sleep in fear he would die. His parents took shifts throughout the night holding him on their shoulders until he was strong enough for heart surgery. At age 3, Tom received open heart surgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. After successful surgery Tom slowly developed, until he caught up to other kids his age. He was eventually medically cleared from the doctors. His older sister Mary also had open heart surgery and they were known as the zipper kids at Mayo.

Throughout his life Tom always loved animals, especially dogs and horses. One of Tom's favorite things to do as a child was to go out to Three Buttes to play with his cousins George and Phillip Prevost.

Tom was in band in school. He played the trombone, but his real passion became rock and roll. He loved his music! There was rarely a day (or night) that music wasn't playing in his home. His genre included everything from instrumental to hard rock and roll. Not only did he listen to the music, he researched many of the bands. He could tell you random facts and trivia about them.

His passion for music inspired Tom to teach himself to play both the acoustic and bass guitar. He loved to jam out on his guitar in his bandanas and band t-shirts. He would play day or night, sometimes waking up the neighbors! At first, he learned to play many of his favorite songs, but later he wrote poetry and put chords to some of his poems. He would spend hours writing poems, listening to music or playing guitar. Tom also learned to play the harmonica,



Thomas  
"Tom" Prevost

Native American flute and the bongo drums. He truly was a music man!

Tom's other interests were photography, sketching and drawing in pencil and charcoal. Most of his drawings were of landscapes of familiar places or from his photography. He entered several of his drawings and photos at local fairs, winning ribbons.

Tom was a big fan of both the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. He often listened to the Twins on the radio just like his grandmother Cole. He loved the statistics of the game and could rattle them off. His ability to calculate in his head also came in handy when he was working construction with his dad and brother, Greg.

Besides working construction and helping on the farm, Tom worked several jobs. Most of them were at convenience stores. When he got bored, he could always find another job. He never seemed to worry when he left one job and was resilient in finding another. One of his favorite jobs was working for Linette at Miller's Corner.

Tom loved holidays, birthdays, and family gatherings. He especially enjoyed playing Santa for his nephews.

Tom was in a relationship with Jeanne Johnston for several years. They enjoyed and loved each other's company. Jeanne always made sure Tom's birthday was special.

Tom loved to spend time out in nature, taking long walks or just walking around town. All his life he was willing to be a runner for others to get them whatever they wanted from the store. He was his siblings' treat go getter when they were kids and continued being a runner for his friends at Crestwood.

One constant in Tom's life was his quiet and personal faith. He acquired his faith foundation from his parents and then attended a search in high school. After that he worked several searches with his sister, Diane. Throughout his life, despite his struggles, he relied on God and his faith. They were a constant entry in all his journals.

Tom's sisters Deb and Mary played a critical role ensuring Tom got the care he needed and that his medical needs were met. He spent his last years at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care facility after suffering mini strokes. This was a big adjustment for Tom and the staff as he had physical difficulties and was unable to communicate verbally. There definitely was a learning curve with many trials and errors along the way. Throughout the process a strong bond developed between Tom and the staff. Through the staff's patience, kindness and compassion, they became his beloved family. They often would stop by his room to assist Tom with his lifelong addiction to Mountain Dew and chocolate, and of course, make sure his music was turned on. It wasn't long before Tom developed some favorites. When he was in a good mood, Tom would flash his big bright smile and his face would light up whenever they entered his room. Sometimes he even asked for kisses! He loved them and they loved him as was evident from the many visits to Tom in his last days at the hospital.

Tom passed away peacefully Thursday night June 22, 2023, in Sidney MT. He will be forever loved and most dearly missed.

Tom is survived by his siblings Jeannette (Nick) Phillips, Spokane, WA; Greg Prevost, Lambert, MT; Deb Prevost, Sidney, MT; and Diane Beck, Billings, MT; brother-in-law Jerry Buske, Sidney, MT; along with his nephews Shane (Kelly) Sheridan, Joel (Ashlee) Sheridan, and Luke (Tami) Sheridan, Matt Buske, and Greg (Megan) Buske; and all his nephews' children.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lucy Prevost; his infant sister and brother, Paulette and Larry Prevost; his sister and brother in-law Paula and Pat Sheridan; his sister Mary Buske; his brother in-law Bart Beck; and his nephew Scott Buske.

## Elroy Kittleson, 89 Fairview, MT

Funeral services for Elroy Kittleson, Fairview, MT, will be Friday, July 7, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Pastor Tim O'Shields officiating.

A luncheon will follow this service for a time of fellowship and sharing.

Elroy will be laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 10 a.m.-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](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Elroy Kittleson, passed away peacefully on Wednesday June 28, 2023 at Roosevelt Medical Center, Culbertson, MT, with family by his side.

## JuDean "Sonny" Sundheim, 84, Fairview, MT

Funeral services for JuDean "Sonny" Sundheim, 84, Fairview, MT, will be Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Meehan officiating.

JuDean will be laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT, with Military Honors presented by the United States Air Force Honor Guard and VFW Post 4099.

Visitation will be Monday July 10, 2023 from 10 a.m.-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](http://www.fulkersons.com).

JuDean "Sonny" Sundheim passed away Tuesday July 27, 2023 at the Sidney Health Center with family by his side.

## Richland County Farmers Market July 8 - Oct. 14

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

The Richland County Farmers Market will once again be in Sidney this summer. The market will be held the second Saturday of July through the second Saturday of October, July 8-Oct. 14. The farmers market will again be located at the Richland County Courthouse parking lot, on the corner of 2nd St. NW and 2nd Ave. NW and will be open from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

There will be a variety of handmade items and crafts, produce, and food products available at the market. Individuals interested in becoming a vendor at the Richland County Farmers Market can contact the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

Stop by the Richland County Farmers Market on Saturdays starting July 8 to take in the variety of produce, food products, and handmade items that the vendors in our community have to offer.

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## Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament July 10

**By Hunter Simmons**  
The Sidney Chamber of Commerce along with Kraken Resources and Dasinger Oil Properties will host the annual Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament on Monday, July 10, at the Sidney Country Club.

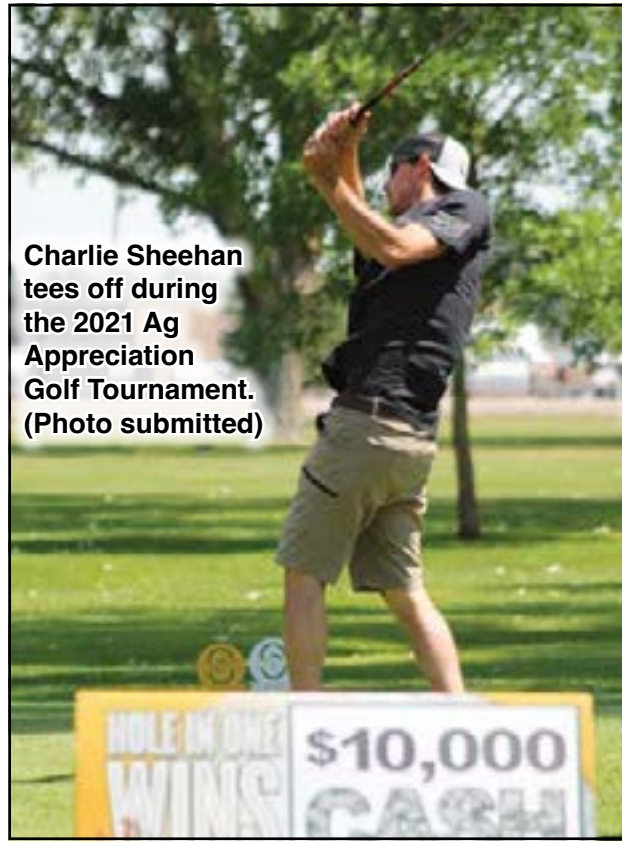
This event has a prestigious past, pairing farmers and ranchers with local businessmen and women for a four-person scramble. Prizes in varying categories will be awarded at the close of the tournament at 4 p.m.

Last year's winners were Tim Cayko, Rob Breuer, Todd Cayko and Kyle Cayko. For their success, they each received bottles of Pendleton whiskey and gift cards to Western Tire Co. They are anticipated to return this year to defend their title.

Breakfast and a barbecue lunch will be provided at the course. Each hole has its own sponsor, touting exclusive giveaways and refreshing adult beverages. Whether you are a seasoned golfer, beginner, or just a spectator, this is an event you do not want to miss!

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and is free for farmers and ranchers in Richland County thanks to over 50 local sponsors. Tee time is set for 9 a.m.

Reserve your spot today by contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 406-433-1916 or signing up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBS6P9B>.



**Charlie Sheehan tees off during the 2021 Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament. (Photo submitted)**

## 77th Annual Fairview Old Timers Reunion & Summer Festival July 13-16

**By Dianne Swanson**  
It's that time once again when people from all over the country converge on Fairview for the annual Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival. Class reunions, family reunions, parades, food and tons of fun mark the weekend. Kick off the celebration with Bingo & Beer at the Double Barrel Thursday, July 13. Cards are \$2 each and proceeds go to Post Prom 2024.

Enjoy a nice evening in Sharbono Park Friday beginning at 5 p.m. with "Hamburgers in the Park" served by Fairview 4-H for only \$10 per plate. Registration of Old Timers will also take place at that time. Junior high kids are invited to a Glow Party at the swimming pool Friday evening from 8-10 p.m. for \$5 each.

Saturday promises a full day of fun starting at 6:30 a.m. with check-in for the 5K Color Race. Sign up early on line at [runsignup.com/Race/MT/FairviewFestivalColorRace](https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/FairviewFestivalColorRace). The 5K race starts at 7:10 a.m. with a 1-mile race

starting at 7:25 a.m. Wear White!

The Fairview Fire Department will be cooking, and Fairview FFA serving, the Free Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. while registration of Old Timers takes place from 8-11 a.m. Registration for the Kiddie Parade is at 10 a.m. at the MonDak Clinic with the parade starting at 10:30 a.m. Sign up for the Grand Parade on State Street is from 10-11:30 with the parade happening at noon. The theme for both parades is "Ewe all bring your herd".

Check out all the beauties at the Classic Car Show at the north end of the park beginning at 11 a.m. Kids will have a blast on the water inflatables from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$15 to bounce all day. Bring your swimsuit! There will also be open swimming at the pool from 1-5 p.m.

Be sure to take in the flag raising by the American Legion, the national anthem and the program, which will include recognition of this year's button honorees Ger-

ry and Bev Reichenbach, beginning at 1 p.m. at the gazebo.

Fairview FFA is sponsoring a cornhole tourney at the north end of the park at 2 p.m. or check out the Fairview History displays and ice cream social sponsored by RTC Networks at the Senior Center from 2-4 p.m. The annual duck race starts at 4 p.m. at the canal bridge.

Finish the night off downtown as you visit with friends and enjoy the Street Dance with music by The Great Outdoors Band.

Church in the Park at 9 a.m. Sunday wraps up the official events of the weekend.

To order T-shirts, register for the Color Race, or for more information visit Old Timers Reunion and Fairview Festival Facebook page, call Dennis Trudell at 406-798-3427 or 406-478-2395, Marion Kittleson at 406-489-9286 or Renee Sundheim at 406-747-5344 or 406-489-0191.

## Wheeler, Bieber & Associates To Hold Business After Hours July 13

**By Hunter Simmons**  
The newly renamed accounting firm, Wheeler, Bieber & Associates, will be hosting a business after-hours event in the parking lot of their offices located at 1060 South Central Ave., on Thursday, July 13 at 5 p.m.

Formerly Smith, Lange, & Halley, the firm has been operating in its current offices since 1988. Cory Wheeler bought out former owner Duane Smith, Amy Bieber then bought out Teresa Halley, and Richard Lange has since retired. Together, Wheeler and Bieber decided to finally undertake the arduous process of changing the official title to reflect their own last names.

Spoken like a true, frugal account, Wheeler comedically commented that they are "just too cheap to change names." Bieber and Wheeler have a combined 20 years of experience as CPAs. They have a productive and good-spirited working relationship.

Wheeler grew up in Fairview. After graduating high school, he spent six years as a black hawk mechanic in the Army. Wheeler then attended North Dakota State University, where he received his degree in accounting.

"Cory loves finding loopholes in the tax code



**Cory Wheeler and Amy Bieber of Wheeler, Bieber & Associates.**

to help clients," Bieber remarked.

Bieber is a Sidney native and SHS graduate. She took a more direct route, receiving her accounting degree from MSU Billings and immediately returning home to begin working at the firm.

Wheeler was pleased with the new tradition Bieber brought to the practice, "Beer Cart Fridays." Every Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. the entire office gets together and enjoys a cool beverage in the break room.

"Some people have morning coffee. Some people have beer cart Fridays," Wheeler quipped.

This lively group is hiring candidates with accounting degrees and/or CPAs.

Currently, the firm is beyond max capacity for the number of clients they can take on. However, they hate turning people away. If interested, reach out to [cory.wheeler@yahoo.com](mailto:cory.wheeler@yahoo.com) or call 406-433-4510.

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce is hosting a business after-hours event to commemorate the firm's renaming. Contrary to town rambblings and Bieber's hopes, there will not be a mechanical bull due to a lack of insurance liability coverage. Nevertheless, the event is guaranteed to be a swell time with BBQ, beverages, games, and networking. Join us in celebrating Wheeler and Bieber's achievements!

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# Martha's Place To Hold Barn Dance Fundraiser In September

By Jaymi Mozeak

Martha's Place, a non-profit organization established to develop a home-like environment for the residents in eastern Montana, will be holding a barn dance Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Richland County Fairgrounds. It will be a fundraiser for the construction that needs to be done to bring the future hospice into existence.

On Aug. 9, 2022, a ribbon cutting for a new non-profit hospice house, just south of Sidney, tasked with providing the dying with a safe and supportive environment for them to move to the other side.

Martha Nugent and her husband, Richard Garcia, were living in Texas when she felt God gave her a vision that she would build a hospice called Martha's Place. She has a passion for the elderly and the dying so she chose a career encompassing her interests. They moved to Sidney in 2020 for her work and joined St.

Matthew's Catholic Church. In 2021, a fellow parishioner approached Martha and her husband. He had just purchased a large house at an auction and said he wanted to do something for the elderly with it and thought of them. Richard and Martha, both felt it was God providing for what He wanted her to do. The work was started and, on June 27, 2022, the non-profit paperwork was finally accepted by the IRS.

Martha's Place will be available to anyone who chooses not to die in a facility regardless of social status or ability to pay. So far, the project has been paid for by fundraisers, donations, and grants.

The barn dance will be held in the cattle barn at the fairgrounds starting at 5 p.m. Cimarron Band from Billings will be playing live music. The Cattle-Ac will be providing food and drinks. There will be a mechanical bull, live, and silent auctions. Martha's Place wanted to offer special thanks to Bakken

Balloon for their balloon decorations as well as Ryan and Nicki Bell for the haybales.

Four admission tickets for the National Finals Rodeo 2023 in Las Vegas,

NV, Dec. 7-16, 2023 at the Thomas and Mack Center are being raffled off as an additional fundraiser. Raffle tickets will go on sale Monday, July 17-Sept. 15, at

Wild Cat Trucking, Sidney. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the Barn Dance until 8 p.m. The winner will be announced at the Barn Dance at 9 p.m.

For more information or to donate items for the live and silent auctions, contact Martha by phone at 832-330-4931 or check them out on Facebook.

## Governor Gianforte Tours Martha's Place in Sidney

Montana Governor Gianforte met with Martha Nugent, a small business owner providing personalized home care for seniors in Sidney through her caregiving business, Thy Neighbor on June 27.

Nugent will soon open Martha's Place, the only residential hospice house in eastern Montana and western North Dakota.

"Martha's work is making a real difference in eastern Montana, especially as more folks elect to age in place," Gov. Gianforte said. "Today, we heard from families who had loved ones pass at home in their communities, and what a difference that made for them as a family."



Gov. Gianforte with Martha Nugent, owner of Thy Neighbor and Martha's Place.

# Makoshika Seeks Comment On Archery Range Upgrades

Submitted by Erin O'Connor, Administrative Support Supervisor Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region 7

Miles City - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is proposing to make improvements at the archery range in Makoshika State Park in Dawson County. Public comment is being sought on this proposal.

The improvements will include new targets, a new vault latrine, road repairs and an additional storage shed. The archery course dates back to the 1960s and needs upgrades to improve safety and increase amenities while visitors use the course. The project will open access to archery recreation for visitors to Makoshika State Park.

A draft Environmental Assessment Checklist has been prepared and is available for public comment. It can be viewed on the FWP website at <https://fwp.mt.gov/news/public-notices>.

The draft EA checklist is also available upon request from the Makoshika State Park Visitor Center, 406-377-6256. Public comment is welcome and will be accepted until 5 p.m. MST on July 18. Written comments can be mailed or e-mailed to: Makoshika State Park, Makoshika Archery Range Project, PO Box 1242, Glendive, MT 59330;

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Riley Bell, Makoshika State Park Recreation Manager, at 406-377-6256, Riley.Bell@mt.gov.

## Updating Water Mains Construction Moves To Central Ave., Sidney

By Jaymi Mozeak

Construction scheduled in Sidney to go from April through the end of July 2023 moved onto Central Ave. on June 19. As a result, the Hwy 16 was closed from Holly Street to 2nd St. NW.

COP Construction started working on Lincoln replacing and laying down water pipes and mains that were old, outdated, or non-existent.

According to Sidney Public Works Director Jeff Hintz, the work is scheduled to continue for three more weeks.

After they are done, in another week the workers will be able to repave the other roads they tore up except for Central Avenue, which is a state highway, and any private roads or lots. After the repaving work is done, work will begin on



The construction crews that started tearing up Lincoln Avenue in April to work on the water mains have moved on to Central Avenue just a few weeks before July 4. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

Peterson Park.

The work is behind schedule because of summer rains delaying the project.

It is inconvenient, but the surrounding residents should be better off for it.

For more information

about the project, visit [www.sidneyprojects.com](http://www.sidneyprojects.com), a website created by Interstate Engineering.

## Sidney Chamber of Commerce 20 Under 40, July 11

By Hunter Simmons

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce announced its inaugural class of Richland County's 20 Under 40. Approximately 80 nominations were entered by community members and reviewed by a panel of judges to select this stellar group of up-and-comers.

Each nominee was scored blindly with varying point values based on business/industry leadership innovation, expertise in their field, and community leadership and engagement.

Recipients range in occupation from owners/operators to educators to registered nurses. What they all have in common is their hard work, ingenuity, and heart for Richland County. The complete list of awardees in alphabetical order with their occupation and employer is as follows:

- Anya Chamberlain: Owner/Operator, Merge
- Ashley Fields: Owner/Operator, Manager, Trust T Trucking & Octane Outdoors
- Cruz Aquilar: CFO, Wildcat Trucking
- Curtis MacGrady: Owner/Operator, MacGrady Construction
- Dawn Rehbein: Accountant, Eagle Country Ford
- Hunter Gordon: History Educator, Sidney High School
- Jennifer Lear: Escrow Officer, The Title Team
- Jennifer Moore: Owner/Operator, Pizza House
- Kaleb Dasinger: Owner/Operator, Dasinger Oil Properties & Purified Resource Partners
- Katie Turnbull: RN, Sidney Health Center
- Katrina Wortman: Educator/Owner, Eastern MT Music Studio
- Kayla Anderson: Owner/Licensed Addiction Counselor, Prairie Hills Recovery Center
- Kristy Prewitt: Office Coordinator, Seitz Insurance Agency
- Kyle Welnel: Owner Operator, Burns Creek Inn
- Larysa Hurst: Owner/Operator, Meraki
- LaShell Sheehan: Medical Manager, Richland Opportunities INC
- Megan Garza: Owner/Operator, The Rush Espresso
- Michelle Lane: Owner/Operator, Jitterbugs & Littlebugs
- Ryan Kopp: Project Manager, Interstate Engineering
- Vanessa Pooch: Operations Specialist, ONEOK

The award recipients will be honored at a reception on July 11 at 5:30 p.m. held at 1035 Brewing. Community members are encouraged to come and celebrate with the honorees. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served with beer and seltzer available for purchase.

Our county is lucky to be graced with such talented and passionate individuals such as these. We cannot wait to see what more they will accomplish in the future.

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# OUTDOORS

## Look Out For Harmful Algal Blooms When Recreating This Summer

Reporting Suspected Blooms Helps Alert Others



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**Submitted by Moira Davin, Montana Department of Environmental Quality**  
 Helena - When recreating on Montana's waterbodies this spring, summer and fall, be on the lookout for harmful algal blooms (HABs) that can occur on Montana's reservoirs and lakes. While not all algal blooms contain toxins, the blooms can impact human health and the health of freshwater ecosystems. Report suspected HABs at HAB.mt.gov to help others be alert and prevent illness.

**How to identify HAB:**  
 • A coloration or scum on the surface of the water that can look like grass clippings or spilled paint.  
 • Blooms are often blue, green or gold in color.  
 HABs can occur when there is a rapid overgrowth of blue-green algae (also called cyanobacteria). The

blue-green algae can produce toxins that can cause skin irritation, sicken humans and even kill pets and livestock if ingested. Toxins do not always occur with a HAB and water quality samples are the only way to determine if toxins are present. Blue-green algae are native to Montana and commonly occur at low, safe densities in many freshwater systems.  
 When in doubt, stay out. Do not drink, swallow, or swim in water that shows signs of HAB and keep kids, pets and livestock out. Direct contact, ingestion, or inhalation of the toxins may irritate the skin, eyes, nose, throat and respiratory system, or cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or liver and kidney damage. If you suspect an HAB-related illness in a person or animal, including livestock, call your

health care provider or veterinarian immediately.  
 The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) maintain a website where people can submit reports of suspected HABs at: HAB.mt.gov.  
 Before recreating in a waterbody, Montanans and visitors can check the website and view a map of reported blooms, any associated health advisories and monitoring data associated with reports. The site also has photos and information to educate yourself on how to identify HAB. If you suspect HAB, submit a report to HAB.mt.gov and state agencies will work with the local jurisdiction to sample for the presence of toxins and monitor the incident. These reports are important for the health and safety of recreators and water users

in the state, and they also help state agencies track where nutrient pollution may be an issue.  
 Nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus fuel algae growth and potential HABs. Below are actions you can take to reduce nutrient pollution in Montana's waters:  
 • Reduce your use of lawn or crop fertilizers.  
 • Avoid trampling streamside vegetation when you're recreating.  
 • If you live alongside a stream or lake - restore and protect native woody plants, flowers and grasses because they help filter pollution and stabilize land.  
 • If your home relies on a septic system, have it regularly serviced and consider upgrading it to a higher-level treatment system.  
 Throughout the summer, DEQ will post confirmed HABs on Facebook. Follow @MTDEQ for updates.

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# Sidney Lions Club 6th Annual Trap Shoot Held June 25

Submitted by Ron Gebhardt,  
Sidney Lions Club Secretary

The Sidney Trap Club was very busy Sunday, June 25 hosting the Sidney Lions Club 6th Annual Family Fun Trap Shoot. A HUGE Thank You to all the sponsors and participants for making this event possible. The day was perfect for shooting clays and it showed in the scores. Each shooter had the challenge of 50 flying discs (clays) as their targets (two rounds of 25). Those who were present who had never shot trap before had the opportunity to try their hand at an individual station with instruction given by Lion George Biebl. All shooters had an enjoyable experience.

Adult Winners were Brent Schwan: 1st Place; John Watkins: 2nd Place; and Trent Hansen: 3rd Place. John & Brent had to settle their final places with a head-to-head competition which added to the excitement of the day! Youth Winners were Kamden Johnson: 1st Place and Ryker Heckler: 2nd Place. Congratulations Guys!

Part of the fun revolved around the numerous gift cards donated for the event. Several of the clays were loaded with a blue powder which when struck earned one of the gift cards for that shooter. Random drawings throughout the day were used to award randomly drawn shooters gift cards as well.

Everyone on site had the opportunity to enter several drawings for donated items as well. These items included a shotgun donated by Johnson Hardware, two round trip flights to Billings by Cape Air, shotgun shells donated by High Caliber Sports, trap shooters bundle (thrower, clays & shells) donated by Sidney Trap Club, Sidney products donated by Sidney Lions Club, Red Ryder BB gun kit donated by Seigfreid Agency.

Winners for the raffle which is done in conjunction with the Trap Shoot were drawn as well. Those winners are: Eric Beenken: set of 4 tires at Quick Change Oil, Pat Rindahl: shotgun donated by Misty the Groomer, John Watkins: Bulova clock donated by John Stockhill; and Lisa Gorder: \$300 Gift Card at Reynolds Market.

The event allows the Lions Club to continue its efforts to improve the community, assist those needing glasses or hearing aids, scholarships to area graduates, or assisting other communities like Fairview, Denton or Red Lodge with disaster assistance.

(Right) Lion George Biebl teaching a youngster.



Photos submitted



Sidney Lions Club President Kristin Kennedy (right) awards Brent Schwan 1st place.



Sidney Lions Club President Kristin Kennedy presents the 1st place youth award to Kamden Johnson (right).

# THE RACING ROUNDUP

## 'Smokin' Hank Berry Will Compete At Williston Basin Speedway July 11

By Meagan Dotson

Sidney resident and Richland County native 'Smokin' Hank Berry competed at the Williston Basin Speedway Friday, June 23 and will be back Tuesday July 11 with the Dakota Mod Tour, just two of the 35 races he'll compete in this year.

Berry found his love for racing as a kid watching his uncle on the race track in Great Falls. He started drag racing in high school at the dragstrip that was in Glendive at the time. This is where he first raced a 900

Kawasaki street bike and later a few big block Chevy Chevelles and Camaros. When that closed, he headed to Williston where he would eventually buy his first late model in 1980, and so it began.

Berry has won several track championships at the Williston Basin Speedway over the years and served as a board member for a while. Additionally, he has won multiple championships in Minot, won more tours than anyone, and in 2021 he was inducted into the Nodak Hall

of Fame, Minot, ND.

"It is definitely fun to win, but I enjoy looking for speed in a car. I enjoy tinkering with the car, the fans, and the comradery with the other racers," Berry commented. "I've met some great people over the years."

Perhaps it was his love for speeding down the rack that earned him the nickname 'Smokin' Hank Berry.

"Ralph Lockwood was an announcer in Williston who tagged me with that name," Berry fondly remembers. "I don't know if it was because I was smoking cigarettes, because my car was smoking, or if it was because I was smoking the competition, but I like to think it was because I was smoking the competition."

He can even contribute meeting his wife to his love for racing as she was working for a news station in Minot during one race where he flipped his car.

"She came over to inter-

'Smokin' Hank Berry at the Williston Basin Speedway 2016. Berry was inducted into the NoDak Hall of Fame in 2021. (Photo by Tyler Hagen Photography)



view me and the rest is history," he laughed. "But, it is a tough sport to balance with family. It's a huge investment of time and I've been very fortunate because my wife has been great."

While late-models are his preferred car, he races his IMCA modified at the Williston Basin Speedway, where racers can reach

speeds up to 70 mph on the straightaway.

Berry does admit that racing has changed over the years, explaining, "When I started racing, everyone worked on their own cars. Everyone tried to build better parts to make faster cars, but now with technology, anyone can buy a fast car."

While the times might

have changed, the thrill of watching racers give it their all with every race remains the same and continues to draw fans. Be sure to head over to the Williston Basin Speedway, 519 53rd St. E., Williston, Tuesday July 11 to see the grit that earned 'Smokin' Hank Berry his nickname.

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An audit of the affairs of Lambert School Districts #86 & #4, Richland County, MT has been conducted by Smith, Lange & Halley, PC, Certified Public Accountants. The audit covered the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Section 2-7-521 MCA, requires that the public be made aware that the Audit Report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the Lambert Public Schools and that the Lambert Public Schools will send a copy of the Audit Report to any interested person upon request.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Fairview, Montana, will on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairview Senior Center, 217 5th Street West, Fairview, MT 59221, hold a public hearing that

was previously initiated and adjourned on June 14, 2023, for the purpose of hearing comment on a proposed zoning change for the following described property:  
Richland County, Montana 6.85 acres in the SE¼NW¼, Section 8, Township 24 North, Range 60 E  
Physical Address: 611 West 1st Street, Fairview, MT  
Gordon P. Jones has submitted an application to change the above-described property from the current designation of Residential A zone to the General Commercial Industrial zone. The above-described property is also located in the Coal Mine Overlay District. The above-described property is currently vacant land. The applicant's intended use of the property is for storage of industrial equipment and heavy highway equipment. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions at the public hearing. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing. Contact the Fairview Town Clerk, Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box

426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, Montana 59221; by email at [townoffairview@midrivers.com](mailto:townoffairview@midrivers.com); or call 406-742-5616 during business hours to obtain further information, to request an accommodation for a disability, or to review a copy of the application. Dated at Fairview, Montana, this 30th day of June, 2023. Norma F. Carlson, Fairview Town Clerk

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**NOTICE OF TOWN OF FAIRVIEW'S PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 14, 2023, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Fairview, Montana (the "Town"), adopted its Resolution No. 559 of its Intention to Increase Rates and Charges for the Users of the Water System. The City currently owns and operates a municipal drinking water and distribution system (the "System") and imposes a monthly rate charge on all connections to the System (the "Monthly Rate Charge"). The costs of the System covered by the Monthly Rate Charge are the amount necessary to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System, to pay the principal of and interest on any outstanding or authorized debt of the System and to establish and maintain any reserves and other debt service requirements. The current Monthly Rate Charge for the System is as follows:

Size of Water Meter	EDU Multiplier	Monthly Base Rate	Water in Base Rate
3/4 inch	1	\$52.00	1,000
1 inch	1.7	\$88.40	1,700
1.5 inch	4	\$208.00	4,000
2 inch	7.1	\$369.20	7,100
2.5 inch	11.1	\$577.20	11,100
3 inch	16	\$832.00	16,000

The Town charges a rate of \$20.00 each month for fire protection on all improved properties within the Town that are neither hooked up nor using the Town water System where available. The Town proposes to not change this Fire Protection rate. The proposed new Monthly Rate Charge for the System is proposed to be as follows:

Size of Water Meter	EDU Multiplier	Monthly Base Rate	Water in Base Rate
3/4 inch	1	\$64.00	1,000
1 inch	1.7	\$108.80	1,700
1.5 inch	4	\$256.00	4,000
2 inch	7.1	\$454.40	7,100
2.5 inch	11.1	\$710.40	11,100
3 inch	16	\$1,024.00	16,000

The reason for the proposed increase in rates is that the Town will need to borrow approximately \$675,000 (payable over 30 years at an interest rate of 2.5% per annum) as part of the Town's waterline replacement Project, and the costs of operating the Town's water system. The debt service coverage requirements for such loan repayment and reserves, as well debt service coverage on existing water debt, will be approximately \$149,513 per year and the expenses for that water system, including operation and maintenance are estimated at \$260,449 per year. These obligations, along with the increasing costs of operation and the need to maintain reasonable reserves, require a monthly base rate increase of \$12.00 per month per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). On July 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Fairview Senior Center, located at 217 West 5th Street, Fairview, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed water rate increase. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing to the address below before 3:00 PM on the date of the hearing. Further information about the proposed rate increases may be obtained by contacting Norma Faye Carlson, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 426, Fairview, Montana 59221, phone: (406) 742-5616. Done by Order of the Council of the Town of Fairview, Montana, this 30th day of June, 2023. Norma Faye Carlson, Town Clerk Publish: July 5th, 2023 and July 12th, 2023

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# MonDak Heritage Center Announces Pat Olding's "Montana Fabric" Exhibition & Hosts Artist Reception July 7

By Nikki Bailey,  
MonDak Heritage Center  
Executive Director

Join us at the MonDak Heritage Center on Friday, July 7 from 5-7 p.m. for a reception for Montana artist Pat Olding. Olding's art exhibition "Montana Fabric" will be on display at the MDHC until Aug. 26.

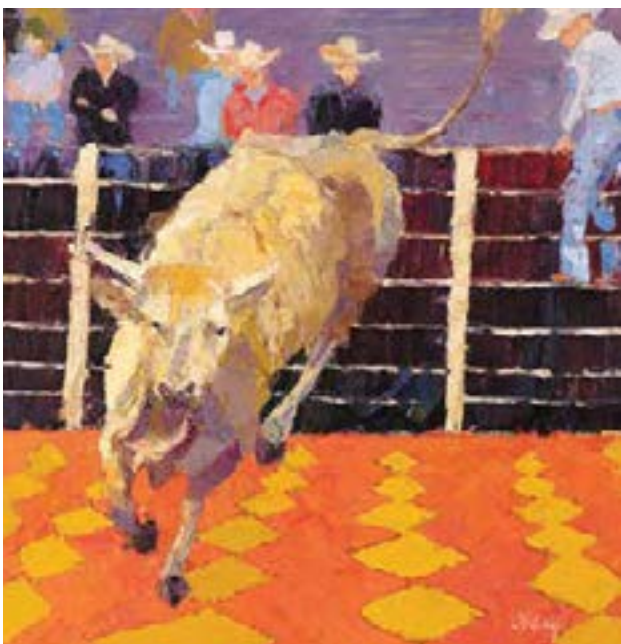
Olding's "Montana Fabric Exhibition" contains paintings that incorporate Montana quilt patterns, wildlife, and images of the west. With a palette knife, Pat Olding pairs majestic animals with painted Montana graphic quilt patterns on each of her canvases. She finds the process of combining these two unlikely elements challenging, thrilling and also enlightening. Olding has combined the two with the belief they both represent our state and are diverse enough to metaphorically represent all the many threads of Montana. The treads define our humanity that makes us Montana.

The concept for this show came about after reading that Sidney women created quilts for auction during WWI & II. These unsung talents were used to support the war efforts. Olding states, "I thought if I re-colonized these efforts with some of the most majestic elements of Montana, they would be seen too as equal threads and in so doing recognize all the talents, all the efforts, all the treads of Montana Fabric. The spark was ignited."

Olding explains, "My goal is to create a path of discovery for viewers and invite new awareness. By exploring and reimagining color and pattern I aim to engage the viewers' eye. I paint Montana, from the ivory rump elk and dusty cowboy to the glistening trout-filled rivers. My paintings have transformed from still life and urban landscape to amorphizing subjects of Montana, rodeo action, wild and ranch animals plus breath-taking vistas. My palette knife allows me to smash, scrape and layer colors. These layered strokes create a history of marks that permanently interlocks with each subject. My paintings come to life with beautiful lighting, lush streaks of color, and texture.

Stop by the reception at the MonDak Heritage Center on July 7 to meet Pat Olding 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.



Who's Next (Photo submitted)



Moonlight Square Stars (Photo submitted)

# Long X Arts Hosts Gallery Open House, And Ceramic Class July 7



Photo submitted

Submitted by Jessie Veeder Scofield

The Long X Arts Foundation is celebrating their newest art exhibition "Flow and Pop," the art of Katie Vasbinder with an open house event on Friday, July 7 from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Long X Visitor Center and Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City.

Stop in all day to enjoy refreshments and Vasbinder's exhibit featuring large abstract acrylic paintings and ceramic pieces.

In addition, at 5 p.m. the public can enjoy a preview of the upcoming Fargo/Moorhead Community Theater's musical theater production of "The Hello Girls," meet the cast and get your tickets for the Saturday, July 8 showing at the Watford City High School Theater.

Guests then have the opportunity to create their own ceramic bowl with the bubble glazing technique that Vasbinder uses in her art. The Bubble Glazing Class is at 5:30 p.m. and is only \$15 for all ages!

Katie Vasbinder is a practicing artist, a licensed architect and a mother. She was born and raised in central Minnesota and currently lives in North Dakota. She works with a variety of, from acrylic paint to ceramic clay and enjoys practicing both art and architecture, believing they dance with each other in her head, taking turns with the lead.

The process-based ceramic pieces in the show are the result of continuous experimenting and play her studio. She enjoys the endless ways you can create with clay and glaze. These pieces are made with marbling glaze through a bubble glaze technique. After a base coat of glaze is applied, a contrasting color is combined with soap and blown into bubbles that pop around the piece, leaving a marbled-like imprint. The result is an organic type of liquid air design. Placed on functional pieces, this technique creates an interesting juxtaposition between the practical and play.

Come and see for yourself! For more information and to register for the bubble glazing class visit [www.longxarts.com](http://www.longxarts.com) or call Jessie at 701-770-8659.

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