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Fairview Superintendent of Schools Luke Kloker has been voted to be the Class C representative on the Montana High School Association's Executive Board.

Kloker Selected As Class C Representative

By Bill Vander Weele
Fairview Superintendent of Schools Luke Kloker has stepped up into a role where he feels he can benefit students throughout the state.

Kloker, who is in his 14th year in Fairview, has been voted to be the Class C representative on the Montana High School Association's Executive Board.

"I am pretty excited for the opportunity to be involved," Kloker said. "I'm a big supporter of the Montana High School Association and interscholastic sports and activities."

The process began when Eastern C officials approached Kloker about whether he was willing to serve in the position. The final vote by all MHSA member schools for the Class C representative came down to Kloker and Fairview native Paul Bills, who is athletic director in Ennis. The term is for four years.

"I got a lot of support from the East with Class A, B and C schools," Kloker said. "I feel like my job is to represent all

of Class C and to support their wants and needs."

The seven-member executive board features representatives of each of the four classes, a governor's choice, a school board association's representative and an Office of Public Instruction representative.

Kloker compares the executive board to a school board that establishes policies and procedures, and the MHSA staff serves in an administrative role. He said he's very impressed with the MHSA's staff. "Being on the MHSA board is kind of like getting on the school board," Kloker said. "You do it to help the kids." Part of the executive board's duties is to award tournament locations and to listen to appeals.

Kloker is entering his third year as Fairview's superintendent of schools. His time in Fairview included coaching the boys basketball team for 11 years where the squad won one state championship and placed second once.

City, County Officials To Hear From State Candidates

By Bill Vander Weele
A legislative luncheon, featuring candidates who won their primary elections, is scheduled to take place in Sidney on July 13.

Sidney Mayor Rick Norby said Tim Burton, the Montana League of Cities and Towns' executive director, is organizing the meeting so city and county officials can discuss issues with candidates.

Norby said he expects about 15 communities to be

represented at the meeting.

In other business during the Sidney City Council meeting on June 6:

- A resident of the 300 block of 10th Avenue SW requested the city handle a dog issue in his neighborhood. He described the situation as a safety concern.

"I'm not here to talk about having a dog put down or a voice box removed," he said. "I'm not that kind of guy."

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Residents Should Attend Public Meetings To Represent Future Farmers Of Area

By Bill Vander Weele

The president of the Montana-North Dakota Sugarbeet Growers Association is urging a strong showing of positive support at the upcoming public meetings regarding the future of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District.

"Each meeting needs to be attended because this is not just a farmer issue, it's a community issue. No matter how you feel about it, it does affect you. From a farmer standpoint, we need support from everyone," Kjeld Jonsson said. "The rancher that gets irrigated hay and corn from an irrigated grower, we need your support. From the towns that have shallow wells and sand points that are recharged from the irrigation district, we need your support. From the fellow business owners that we farmers purchase our inputs and do business with, we need your support. From the hunters and fishers that enjoy bountiful birds and trees and nature that has come from this irrigation district, we need your support."

Jonsson noted if anyone doubts the importance of the irrigation project, they should look at pictures of the area from 1910-1914 when the canal was under construction.

"As a farmer, we are just asking for the ability to carry on a tradition of providing crops to the people who need them," he stressed. "Currently we buy retail, sell wholesale and pay freight both ways and overall we are OK with that because it is in our nature to do what needs to be done and we do it with pride."

The meetings start at 5:30 p.m. on June 28 at the Richland County Event Center and on June 29 at the Dawson County High School auditorium in Glendive. A meeting in Billings on June 30 is scheduled from 5:30-9 p.m. Buses are being arranged for the meetings.

Jonsson said these meetings are even more critical to attend than similar meetings in past years.

"Because farmers are getting to be a smaller group, it is difficult to explain the severity of the issue. While most have always assumed 'things will just be OK,' this issue is real and affects more than just farmers," Jonsson explained. "When economic viability goes away, so does economic stability, and all communities need that as a base. If a community base becomes fractured, then it can crumble bringing even stable businesses down with it."



Kyler and Karsten Jonsson checking out sugarbeets. (Submitted photo)

Leslie Messer, executive director of Richland Economic Development, said an informational meeting will take place on June 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge to answer any concerns that residents may have.

"This project is important in the sense it is really the reason Sidney, Savage, Fairview and Glendive are on the map. Yes we can say Glendive has the railroad and the interstate, but the reason most families came to eastern Montana was stability," Jonsson said.

He added, "Stability came from an irrigation district that was formed and gave jobs at a time of need to those who were willing to work. With the formation of that district and the stability to the area, then came the ability to grow consistent crops. That resulted in the construction of a sugar factory, which is still here today. Because of that factory, people relocated from other areas, due to the fact that this project gave them the opportunity to provide for their family. This is an example of a government project that did succeed; it helped in a time of need, and laid the foundation for what we now have in Richland County."

The Corps and Reclamation are serving as joint lead federal agencies in the preparation of the EIS which analyzes six alternatives: no action, rock ramp, bypass channel, modified side channel, multiple pump, and multiple pumps with conservation measures.

The Environmental Impact Study has identified the bypass channel alternative as the preferred alternative.

"When it comes down to it, some options are not

economically viable. So when we look at the big picture, it needs to be something that is sustainable in the long term. Some of the options are short term fixes with long term implications. Those costs would be placed on the backs of your local farmers," Jonsson said. "With the change in times, and the modernization of farming efficiencies, the number of farmers and farms has decreased. One thing that has not decreased is the amount of acres being farmed under irrigation in Richland County. Agriculture was our base in the early 1900s, and still is our base in 2016; but our voice to stand our ground has gotten smaller. Farmer improvements and efficiencies have led to farmers and ranchers being able to do more with less."

The sugarbeet growers' leader said it's hard to say what eastern Montana's future would look like if the diversion is closed. Jonsson feels a dryland wheat acre to sugar beet acre comparison is 15 to one. He explains that a possible closing of a sugar processing factory is like losing 497,250 acres of wheat based if you're comparing dollars to dollars.

"If you are looking at it from a labor standpoint comparing dryland farming to irrigating farming it is about an eight to one ratio in the sense that one hired employee can assist a farmer with eight times as many dryland acres than irrigated acres," Jonsson added. "So obviously that leads to job losses. Those job losses aren't only felt on the farm; but also filter through to all other jobs tied within the community. To guess where this could go from there is just a guess. Do

home values drop in towns because people now don't have jobs and have to leave? Do taxes go up because now that land values are drastically lower due to no irrigation? Bills need to be paid to balance a county and city budget. When something like this happens the impacts are then passed on to the ones who can afford to stay and tough it out."

The public comment for the Environmental Impact Statement runs until July 18. Comments can be submitted three ways: handwritten or verbal at a public meeting; email: cenwo-planning@usace.army.mil or by mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District, Attn: CENWO-PM-AA, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Neb., 68102. Each different comment during the public meeting will be placed in the official record.

"Farming is a business unlike any other, when you sit back and look at it. No matter what happens, the land is always farmed. It is like a business in town being open every year since the beginning of agriculture. How many businesses in town are able to say that?" Jonsson said.

The Richland County native added, "My goal in life even at my younger age is this: I have two young boys Kyler, 7, and Karsten, 5, and I would like to be able to let them have the opportunity to farm should they choose. The name on the farm may change, the color of the tractor may change, the crops may change, but no matter what, the land will be used for the best purpose there is – farming. If our ability to affordably irrigate is taken from us, each and every one of those things is at risk."

Fairview Students Raise Funds For MonDak Relay For Life

By Bill Vander Weele

Showing their caring for community members, the Fairview High School's National Honor Society recently raised more than \$2,700 for the MonDak Relay for Life.

Kelly Danielson, spokesperson for the club, said students became interested in holding a fundraiser because the son of former teacher Rosemary Weber is undergoing medical treatments.

"We all wanted to put together a Relay team in the high school," Danielson said. "This was the first time."

Melissa Gackle, faculty advisor, said the students gained interest when Weber talked to them about service during the group's induction ceremony in April.

About three weeks before the Relay for Life, Gackle said students decided they wanted to participate.

The team's fundraiser consisted of a "Burgers and Carnivals" event on June 2, the night prior to the MonDak Relay for Life held

in Sidney. A free-will donation was taken for the meal, and children purchased tickets for carnival games.

"Each of the students also sold luminaries," Gackle said.

Jae Kloker and Meredith Johnson served as captains for the Fairview High School Honor Society team.

Danielson explains that service is one of the four pillars for the National Honor Society. The other pillars are scholarship, leadership and character.

"The Relay for Life was fun," Danielson said.

She noted Fairview students took part in the Super Heroes Walk and earned first place in the relay race organized by the Kid Curesaders.

Danielson, who just finished her junior year, is confident the organization will participate in the MonDak Relay for Life again next year.

"I hope so," Danielson said. "It was a success for our first year."



Fairview High School National Honor Society at the MonDak Relay for Life event held in Sidney on June 5.




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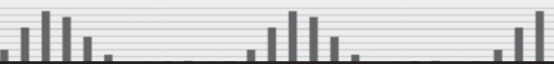
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I wish Mr. Heinbauch the best and hope he represents all the residents of Senate District 18.

- Bret Smelser

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STATISTICS



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Last Week's Elev.	1840.4
One Year Ago	1841.2
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	21,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 6.....	75	46	0.00
June 7.....	86	47	0.00
June 8.....	92	64	0.00
June 9.....	97	60	0.02
June 10.....	87	63	0.02
June 11.....	80	63	0.32
June 12.....	77	56	0.15
Total YTD Precipitation.....			0.51

OBITUARIES

Charles Boyer, 71

Mass of the Christian burial for Charles “Charlie” Boyer, 71 of Sidney was at 1 p.m., Friday, June 10 at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church in Sidney, MT with Father Jim O’Neil as presider. Wake services were at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home. Interment was at the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home.

Charles “Charlie” Boyer, 71, Sidney died Tuesday afternoon, June 7, at the Sanford Health, Bismarck, N.D.

Sharon Cayko, 76

Funeral service for Sharon Cayko, 76, Fairview, is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Kevin Schmidt officiating.

Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home.

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

Sharon died at her home in Sidney on Saturday, June 11.

Ann Finnicum, 80

Mass of the Christian burial for Ann Finnicum, 80, Culbertson, is at 10 a.m., Friday, June 17, at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church with Father Jim O’Neil and Father Hillary Tran presiding.

Wake services are at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at 3 p.m. at the family farm.

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

Ann died on Saturday, June 11 at her home.

Fairview Honor Roll

High Honor Roll
Sixth Grade: Logan Scott Adams, Megan Olivia Asbeck, Michyla Jade Emly, Evan David Kalligher, Lauren Marie Kjos, Vilate Jules Knapp, Lacie Lynn Selting, Makayla Rose Smith and Teigan Alyvia Taylor.

Seventh Grade: Jadya Tariah Gackie.

Eighth Grade: Cody Ryan Asbeck, Lak Walter Kloker, Macy Seadeek, Jesse Wayne Selting, Hanna Doyle Skov, Hunter Joel Whitmus and Allyson Marie Young.

Freshmen: Emily Joy Axtman, Bryce Neu, Jaycie Marie Rau, Elizabeth Paige Shannon and Alexis Renee Sundheim.

Sophomores: Jae JaRyn Kloker, Tanner Poulsen and Rex Dustin Reynolds.

Juniors: Kelly Rae Danielson, Angelika Grace Dragseth, Parker Michael Jensen and Tanner Mark Reynolds.

Seniors: Brooke Rochelle Richards and Alex Tamary Maria Wicks.

Honor Roll
Sixth Grade: Caleb Baxter, Dakotia Chicoine, Shanlyah Tiera Harris, Scout Marie Hopes, Piper Callan Hurley, Hayley Rainey, Avery Seadeek, Tristin Graham Skov and Jack Harrison Smies.

Seventh Grade: Brady James Buxbaum, Shaylee Rae Dean, Robert Easton

Hopes, Martha Sue Isley, Daniel Craig Porter and Erin Rose Shannon.

Eighth Grade: Rebecca Rose Deming, Dylan Ray Elletson, Mackenzie Jade Hall, Eric Nicolai Harris, Tanasia Chantavia Harris, Joshua Kenneth Herron, Edward James Joslin, Luke Martin Lebsock, Stephanie Ann Nay, Thomas Neu and Alex James Schriver.

Freshmen : Carson Wayne Cayko, Anna Faith Dragesth, Alexis Griggs, Gerit Wendell Johnson, Dylan Richard Klein, Blake Michael Patten and Alexander Blaine Young.

Sophomores : Amber Berry, Carley Candee, Adam Dale Elletson, Laurel Erickson, Torrie Mae Hurley, Merideth Johnson, Sierra Rowlett, Lexie Lee Selting, Bailee K Vitt and Sydney Webster.

Juniors : Brett James Andreassen, Jenna Rachelle Bieber, Taryn Scott Candee, Patrick James Hardy, Martha Lucille Hurley, Emily Grace Mocko, Chandler Scott Norby, Tylor Jonathon Patten, Courtney Seadeek and Emma Dagney Skov.

Seniors : Taylor Thomas Baxter, Cole William Berry, Reagan Michael Finsaas, Benjamin Paul Hardy, Joshua Phillip Hurley, KateLyn Olivia Mocko, Sadie Ann Swenson and Caitlin Rose Yadon.

Resident Complains About Dogs

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The resident, however, thought there could be penalties such as mandatory obedience school or mandatory relocation of the animal.

Sidney Police Chief Frank DiFonzo said police have handled the situation and the dogs’ owner is scheduled to be in court this month. He encouraged the resident and other neighbors to attend the hearing if they desire.

“It’s up to the court whether he can keep the dogs or not,” DiFonzo said. The owner was also cited last fall for similar offenses. “He’s back to his tricks so we will send him back to court.”

Norby told the resident that the city couldn’t do much different with penalties except increase fines.

• DiFonzo said “Children At Play” signs will be added at the entry way of the Fisher Trailer Court.

There are already 15 miles per hour speed limit signs posted in the area.

• Public works director Jeff Hintz said CTEP funds will be used to improve sidewalks by West Side Elementary School along with improvements at Quillings Park and Hansen Park.

• Council members debated whether to keep \$10,000 in the city’s State Transportation Improvement Program fund.

After council member Deb

Gilbert said she feels the funds should remain where they are, council member Dan Smith made a motion to move the funds into another account and consolidate the funds. The motion was seconded by council member Tami Christensen and approved by a 4-1 margin.

“I don’t know what it’s hurting sitting there,” said Gilbert, who was the only member voting against the motion.

• Library director Kelly Reisig discussed all the programs offered at the public library. She said the library has received \$3,000 in community donations for summer reading program prizes.

She highlighted programs for seniors, toddlers and distance learning. The library serves an average of 6,000 residents per month, which is up by 1,000 per month compared to last year.

“We need to expand our space,” Reisig said.

Surveys and counts are taking place regarding if the library’s operating hours should change.

“We certainly welcome any comments or feedback,” Reisig said.

The library has recently received an excellent rating for library services to communities. Reisig said the library’s internet speed is going to increase. The only public library in Montana that will be as fast for internet is Billings.

EVENTS

SEND US YOUR EVENTS!

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed. June 15
10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Sidney Health Center Blood Drive, Healthworks Fitness Room.
5 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Community Pint Night- Meadowlark Public House. \$1 for every pint sold will go to support a community organization.
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Car Night. Everyone is welcome to come and show off your cars and view the area’s cars and trucks. Reynolds Market parking lot. Weather permitting.

Thurs., June 16
12 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Fairview Blood Drive - Fairview School.
4 p.m. - Teen Craft & Book Club - Sidney-Richland County Library, 433-1917.
5 p.m. - Family Coloring Club - Sidney-Richland County Library, 433-1917.

Fri., June 17
6:30 p.m. - Five Stones Meetings - All are welcome to these confidential meetings to find victory over hurts, habits and hang-ups. First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW.

Sat., June 18
Sherry & Janae’s Annual Softball Tournament. Open to all ages, prizes given out all day, concessions available. Entry fee: \$100/\$50 due at time of sign up. South Meadow Softball Complex. For more information call Tammy Pedersen at 406-489-0451 or at sherrystournament@hotmail.com.
Bakken Barrel Daze - Barrel racing event on June 18 and 19 held at the Richland County Event Center arena/grandstands.
10 a.m. - Family Friendly Fellowship Get Together. Fun bible discussions, songs, crafts, a hot pitch-in meal and yummy homemade donuts. Central Park. Free to the public and everyone is invited. Weather permitting. Please call Julia at 406-774-3309 or 406-480-5648 with any questions.
6:30 p.m. - Burgers, Blues & Brews - Featuring Las Vegas House of Blues house band, the Rick Berthold band. Tickets which include food, drinks and music are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members and can be purchased at the MonDak Heritage Center or by calling 406-433-3500.

Sun., June 19
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Bingo - Sidney Moose Lodge.

Tues., June 21
3:30 p.m. - Lego Club - Richland County Library
5:30 p.m. - Public Information Meeting concerning Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project. Sidney Elks Lodge.
6 p.m. - MonDak Writer’s Group. All skill levels accepted. Free. MonDak Heritage Center.

Sat., June 25
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Ken Bailey Benefit - Spaghetti dinner and raffle. To purchase raffle tickets in advance contact Cliff Dahl at 480-7041. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. Moose Lodge, Sidney.

Tues., June 28
5:30 p.m. - Public hearing on Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Intake Diversion project. Richland County Event Center.

Wed., June 29
2:30 p.m. - Film “Fleeced” followed by panel discussion by local experts on how senior financial fraud happens. Crestwood, 410 3rd Ave. SW. Free and open to the public.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., June 16
9 a.m. - The MonDak at Rendezvous - Join the MonDak Heritage Center at Fort Union National Historic Site for Rendezvous! Education Coordinator Jessica Newman will be on hand for Children’s Day to teach a special craft from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Time. This event will continue on June 17 at 2 p.m.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Fort Union Rendezvous & Run 2016 - This event runs from June 16-19. June 16 is Kids Day! Kids can enjoy free games and hands-on activities. Groups of 5 or more can pre-register by calling 701-572-9083. Saturday is the Rendezvous Run! For more information or to register call American State Bank & Trust Company at 800-486-8173.

Fri., June 17
9 a.m - 4 p.m. - Confluence Quilters - Quilters will be working on quilting projects. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Sat. June 18
7 p.m. - Ft Buford History Book Club - Join history buffs in an interesting discussion of this month’s selected book. Free refreshments. Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri., June 24
5 p.m. - Midnight - Watford City Homefest 2016 - Food, drinks, music and fun on Main Street. Featuring music by Minnesota based band, Contention; 7 p.m. Missoula Children’s Theater presents “The Frog Prince” Watford City Middle School Media Center. This event continues on Sat., June 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Parade of Homes, 11 a.m., Homefest Street Fair with food, arts, crafts and fun, McKenzie County Farmers Union kids zone; noon, Homefest Baby Pageant; 1 p.m. Trish Gravos Memorial Golf Scramble at Fox Hills, mud volleyball at the tourist park; 2 p.m., Missoula Children’s Theater presents “The Frog Prince” Watford City Media Center; 4:30 p.m. Bingo; Music on Main; 8 p.m., Jessie Veeder and Outlaw Sippin’ Band.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Sat., June 18
Lemonade Day. Watch for entrepreneurs selling lemonade in Williston.

Sat., June 25
7 a.m. - noon - Williston “Fly In” & Pancake Breakfast - A pancake breakfast will be served. Also partake in airplane rides, helicopter rides, airplane static displays, RV shows, car show, fire truck display and much more. Open to the public. Money raised for the Salvation Army. Sloulin International Airport, Williston.

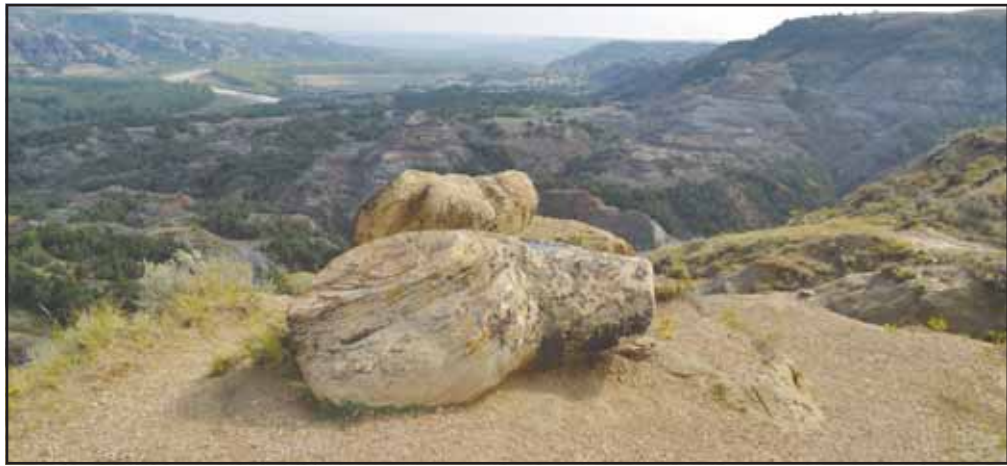
Thurs., June 30
5-9 p.m. Summer Nights On Main - Featuring Bill Falcon and The Good Machine Band, kids activities, food vendors and a beer garden. Free to the community. Downtown Williston.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Fri., June 24
5:30 p.m. - Cars In The Park Car Show - This event starts on Friday with a Cruise & Fun Run followed by the Gearhead Gathering & Dance to Cherry Creek, 9 p.m. at the Moose Lodge. The event continues June 25 with the car show in Eyer Park, West Glendive. \$3 Spectator admission fee. For more information call 406-365-3516, 406-365-5342 or 406-377-6290.

Wed., June 29
5:30 p.m. - Public hearing on Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Intake Diverson Project, Dawson County High School, Glendive.



Overlooking the beautiful badlands. Families should consider taking a vacation to North Dakota. (Photo by Meagan Dotson)

Enjoy Family Vacation Fun

By Meagan Dotson
Last summer I planned a trip to neighboring North Dakota and honestly felt a bit ashamed of myself for not having an adventure in this legendary state sooner. Better late than never I suppose, but I can say it was one of our best vacations and we will be returning to do some camping this summer.

We spent part of our first day in Medora, checking out the unique little tourist town, filling up on delicious food, and doing a little shopping. This is home to the well-known Medora Musical and Pitchfork Fondue.

After that we visited Painted Canyon Overlook before taking the Scenic Loop, a 36-mile drive through the South Unit of the park; turnouts are located all along the loop where visitors can stop and look around. We stopped at Scoria Overlook, Badlands Overlook, and Boicourt Overlook, which also has a handi-capped accessible walking trail.

The vast beauty of the badlands is spectacular, and the wildlife is pretty amazing, too. The bison were my favorite, especially the calves. We had to stop on the road for a while as they milled around the vehicles; clearly we were little more than day-trippers in their space.

My kids enjoyed the prairie dog towns and I suppose



Fisherman's Dream is just one of 7 iron sculptures along the Enchanted Highway. (Photo by Meagan Dotson)

the little ground-rats can be somewhat endearing if you watch them long enough.

The park is home to lots of other wildlife such as coyotes, elk, white tail and mule deer, feral horses, pronghorns, several types of snakes and lizards, and well over 100 different bird species.

The following day we ventured off I-94 and took a trip down the Enchanted Highway. The 32-mile highway between towns Gladstone and Regent entice travelers with their giant iron artistry. Gary Greff, who is a retired school teacher and Regent native, saw the small town of Regent in trouble, being 30 miles from the nearest major town. Construction of the seven iron sculptures began in 1990 as a way to draw people from the interstate. The sculptures include Geese in Flight, A Covey of Pheasants, World's Largest Grasshopper, Deer Crossing, Fisherman's Dream, Teddy Roosevelt, and Tin Family. There are picnic

tables and plenty of photo opportunities along the way.

Another highlight of the trip was a quick stop at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, located 7 miles south of Mandan. There we got to tour the reconstructed On-A-Slant Indian Village. The earth lodges portray what life was like along the Missouri River for the Mandan people, who lived at this location for more than 200 years.

We wrapped up the week-end vacation with a Lewis & Clark Riverboat Tour down the Missouri River. Beginning and finishing at the Port of Bismarck, there was seating both on top of and inside the boat, with space to stand outside as well. Taking in the beautiful sunset on the water was a relaxing way to end the trip.

There is so much to see and do that we just didn't have time for all of it. What a perfect reason to go back and have another adventure this summer.

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Car Shows Held Wednesdays

By Bill Vander Weele

Thanks to the inspiration of a few local residents, Wednesday night has now been designated as Car Night at the Shops at Fox Run parking lot.

“It’s something that I wanted to try,” Gene Trudell, one of the organizers of the car shows, said. “There are so many great cars around. We thought we should have a no-strings attached event where we could talk cars.”

Trudell said no prizes or awards are given. Instead, the prize is sharing fun time together.

“It’s just to neighbor up for two or three hours,” Trudell said. “Cars are just a magnet for people. It’s just fun. It’s to get your mind off your bills for one evening a week.”

The car shows are held each Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in the parking lot. The plan is to keep the shows going through September.



Car shows run from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

“Reynolds has been great,” Trudell said. “They are all about things that the community can get involved in.”

Trudell added, “We make sure to clean up, so there’s no trash after it.”

The shows started with

about 10-15 participants and have increased to about 60 individuals. Ages range from about 16 years old to about 85 years old.

“There’s men, women, children. It’s just for anybody interested in cars,” Trudell

said.

He noted the event features a lot of different “special” vehicles.

“Everybody who puts their sweat and tears into it, feels that their car is pretty remarkable,” Trudell said.



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Medora Plans Car Show

The 39th Medora Car Show is June 25 in Medora, N.D. Exhibition for the public is Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to show a vehicle in any of the 21 different classes through 1991 (including customs) and a modern collectible class (1992-2016) should call 701-225-8851 or 701-225-8149, or register on the show grounds by the Badlands Motel June 25. The first-place winners from the 2015 Medora Show will be on display in the Medora Community Building along with a special center exhibit, a 1910 Maytag Touring. The show is sponsored by the Dakota Western Auto Club of Dickinson, N.D.

Kiwanis Pie Social In July

The Sidney Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pie social from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 8 at the Richland County Courthouse lawn.

The menu will include brats, hot dogs, beans, chips and pie a la mode.

All proceeds are used for Kiwanis youth projects and scholarships.

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Helping clean up on June 4 were Mya, Ava, Boden and Barrett Jorgensen, and Arntson and Evelyn Ler.

Community Cleanup Efforts Underway

By Bill Vander Weele

The Richland County Health Department is urging individuals and groups to take an active part in cleaning up their communities in order to give the area a fresh appearance for upcoming summer events.

Stephanie Ler, the county's environmental health director, said the clean-up project was created because of a wide variety of events in the area this summer including the Sunrise Festival of the Arts weekend in Sidney, Savage's catfish tournament, Lambert's Fourth of July celebration and the Fairview Old-Timers' Festival.

"With all of these events, we thought we would create a little more interest in a clean up," Ler said.

She credits Heather Luinstra of the health department for coming up with the idea.

Cleaning items such as gloves, safety vests and garbage bags were donated for the

project.

Although June 4 was "clean-up day," the project will continue throughout this month. If groups and individuals take part in cleaning up an area during June, their name will be placed in a raffle drawing. Prizes include a grill donated by Reynolds Market, a gift certificate from the Depot restaurant and ice cream sundaes from McDonald's.

"Our objective is to let people know the cleaning kits are available any time at the health department," Ler said.

If you wish to be designated a specific area to clean, officials can assist you.

Groups that have already taken part in the clean-up are the ag research station, Thiel Subdivision residents, Richland Rockets 4-H, Goss Avenue residents and the Savage Fire Department's logistics team. ONEOK is planning a clean-up for later this month.

For more information, call Ler at 433-2207.

Fort Union Holds Annual Rendezvous

This year's Fort Union Rendezvous takes place, June 16-19. Headlining the event is Dr. Daniel Patterson. Patterson is a scholar of early American natural history and nature writing and professor of English at Central Michigan University.

Patterson's presentations will be at 2 p.m. each day, Friday through Sunday, he will present; "Oh that we had more guns!": John James Audubon's Missouri River Journals and His Hidden Conservation Ethic."

In addition there will be a featured speaker sponsored by the Montana Humanities Council, Kristi Hager. She will present "Dueling Paintbrushes, artwork of Bodmer and Catlin." Her presentations will be on Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. of the Rendezvous.

The Rendezvous will feature about a dozen traders

along Trader's Row extending out the north gate of the reconstructed post. The traders will feature their usual array of furs and handcrafted items for sale. A number of re-enactors will demonstrate a variety of 19th century fur trade skills including blacksmithing, beaver skinning, brain tanning, bow making, and flint knapping.

The 25th annual Rendezvous Run is on Saturday at 9 a.m. (CDT). It's sponsored by the American State Bank and will include 11K and 5K run, a 5K walk and a "one-mile" fur trader's run/walk.

Books by Patterson include "Early American Nature Writers: A Biographical Encyclopedia" (2008) and three volumes on the 19th-century American nature writer Susan Fenimore Cooper, "John James Audubon's Journal of 1826: The Voyage to the Birds of America" (2011) and his newest addition "The Mis-

souri River Journals of John James Audubon" (2016).

He is also at work on a book that foregrounds the life of Audubon's wife, Lucy Bakewell Audubon.

Hours are from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CDT daily at Fort Union.

Fort Union Trading Post is located 24 miles north of Sidney and 25 miles southwest of Williston, via highway 1804. While here, visitors are encouraged to tour the reconstructed fort, trade room and bourgeois house. Come and spend the day at Rendezvous. Admission is free.

A concession will provide food and drink for sale on site.

For more information on Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site contact the park at 701-572-9083. Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Union-Trading-Post-National-Historic-Site/118231345800

Blessing Sale Planned in Fairview

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The work of 4-Her North Dakota has made a significant impact on our area during the

past few years, from instigating changes in legislation and raising public awareness, to helping secure convictions for perpetrators and restoring victims of sex trafficking in our own backyard. A

safe house has now been established and is ready to serve victims in both Montana and North Dakota. More information can be found at www.4hernd.org.

Richland County citizens

have been very generous, contributing more than \$11,000 over the past two years at this sale, and are again invited to extend compassion and care to those who are trapped in the Bakken area's sex trade.

The sale will be held at Fairview Alliance Church, 702 Western Avenue, across from Fairview High School, in conjunction with the town's community garage sale day, June 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Third Annual Color Run Scheduled For June 25

By Tieheena Lemerond

The Richland County Senior Coalition will hold its largest fundraising event, the

third annual Color Race, on Saturday, June 25 at Peterson Park. Don't let the name fool

you - this is an event for runners and walkers of all ages. Registration begins at 8am, followed by a pre-race

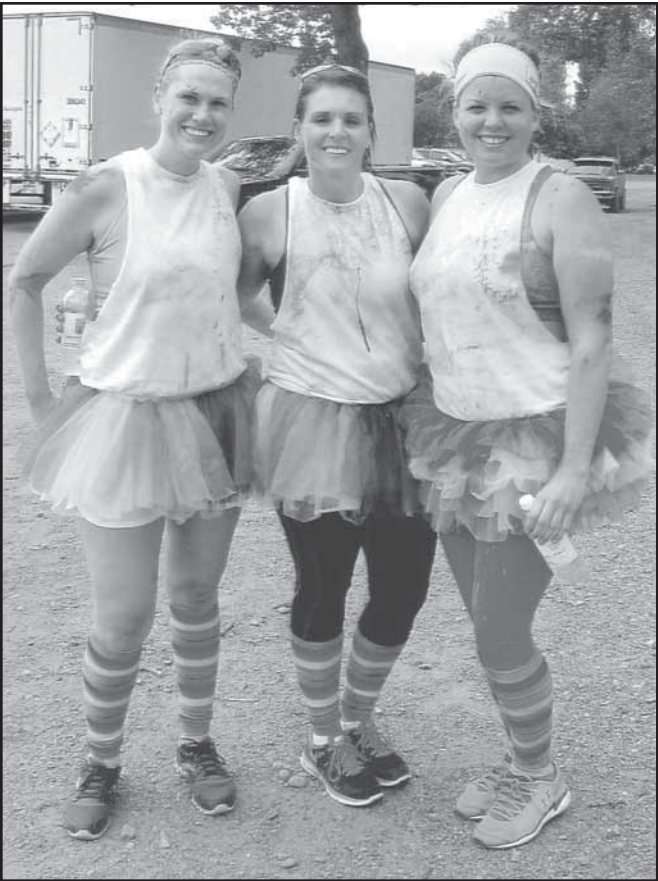
Latin Dancing warm-up with instructor Kristin Norgaard at 9:30 a.m.

The un-timed race kicks off on the bridge at 10 a.m. with a blast of color. Runners will be blasted with color at 12 different stations – which are sponsored by local businesses. At the end of the race, race participants will cast their vote as to whose station was the most fun. The business with the winning station will receive a traveling trophy to defend next year.

After the race, participants are invited to stick around for a “Party in the Park” featuring a number of non-profit organizations. The family friendly “party” will be emceed by Melissa Quilling and feature carnival games hosted by Partnership for Promise.

In addition, there will be giant bubbles, a hot dog stand, a pulled pork stand, and numerous other food vendors and activities. The day's events will wrap up around 1 p.m.

Station sponsors include: Elite Sponsor-Kringen Construction, Sprint Sponsors-Union Gateway Insurance and Mid Rivers Communications, Grand Master Sponsors: Elks & Hurley Oil-field Service, Walk of Fame Donors-Eagle Country Ford & Action Auto. Blue Rock and IGA donated water and ice so



2015 Color race participants in colored tutus. (Submitted)

runners can cool down after the race.

The Foundation for Community Care will host a water station halfway through the race to give runners a needed break.

The fundraiser plays a huge role in allowing the coalition to fulfill its mission. The Senior Coalition is a volunteer run organization that works to keep seniors in their homes as long as possible by providing

funding for needed services that seniors are unable to qualify for on their own. The Senior Coalition pays for the following services plus so much more: medication dispensers and setups, lifeline services, personal care assistance, handicap railings, fall assessments and intervention and durable medical equipment.

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Debunking The Epsom Salt Myth

By Danielle Steinhoff
Extension Agent

Gardening is an opportunity to grow fresh produce in your back yard, which is a real treat during the summer. Over the years, gardeners have little tips and tricks that will help them get the biggest yields for the respective plant. One trick that is used is Epsom salt to prevent blossom end rot, well it is time to debunk that myth.

Epsom salt doesn't stop blossom end rot- it can lead to more of it. Blossom end rot is caused by a deficiency of calcium, Epsom salt contains magnesium sulfate- no calcium at all. When you add Epsom salt to the soil, that may increase the chance of rot since magnesium and calcium ions will then compete for uptake into the plant. The more manganese that is in the soil, the less chance that the needed calcium will be absorbed. Some things that gardeners can do to prevent blossom end rot are; don't focus on the soil, most soils in North Dakota have plenty of calcium.

What gardeners need to focus on is the watering, the uptake of the already there calcium is controlled by the water uptake. With that being said, watering regularly is important.

Having water logged soils or drought soils can encourage blossom end rot to show up, mulch can help maintain consistent levels of moisture. Cultivate shallowly, don't damage the roots of your plant, we need these roots to absorb calcium.

Another important item is to avoid over fertilization, especially with ammoniacal nitrogen fertilizers (such as 10-10-10 fertilizers) choosing a calcium nitrate is a better choice, as the complete fertilizers will compete with the needed calcium. The vines should be green, but not lush, as the lush vines will take the calcium before the plant can send it to the fruit. Calcium sprays might help, or they might not. Mix four tablespoons of calcium nitrate per gallon of water. Spray fruits, not leaves, two to three times a week. The key time is when the tomatoes are dime-sized or smaller. This information was gathered from the June 8th publication of the North Dakota State University Yard & Garden Report.

Watford City Holds Homefest June 24-25

Watford City residents will enjoy one of its busiest weekends of the year and host many class reunions when Homefest is celebrated on June 24-25.

Activities start with a food fest and fun on Main Street from 5 p.m. to midnight central time on Friday, June 24. The street dance will feature live music by Minnesota based band Contention

On Saturday, June 25, a street fair with food and craft vendors starts at 11 a.m. on Main Street. The McKenzie County Farmers Union's Kids Zone will offer inflatables.

At noon, the 2016 Homefest Baby Pageant will start. The fun event is open to babies between 0-24 months. Cost for registration is

\$10 and registration deadline is June 17. For more information, go to www.watfordcitychamber.com.

Music on Main begins at 5 p.m. with a variety of individuals sharing their musical talents.

Other fun on June 25 includes mud volleyball and the Trish Grovos Memorial Golf Scramble.

The second annual Watford City Parade of Homes will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For updated information on the event, check out www.watfordcityparadeofhomes.com.

A street dance featuring Jessie Veeder and the Outlaw Sippin' Band will entertain for a street dance starting at 8 p.m.

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Water users should make sure to wear life jackets that are the appropriate size, and in good condition. It is also important that children wear a PFD while swimming.

Water skiers and tubers should wear a

life jacket with four nylon straps rather than one with a zipper, because straps are stronger than zippers upon impact with water. Anglers or persons paddling a canoe should opt for a PFD that is comfortable enough to wear for an entire outing.

Water skiers and tubers are reminded it takes three to ski and tube. When a person is towed on water skis or a similar device, an observer other than the operator is required on the vessel.

Swimmers should know the water's depth as serious injuries can occur from diving into water. Large objects hidden below the water's surface can lead to significant injury.

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Commissioners Keeping Eye On Mosquito Problem

By Bill Vander Weele
Richland County commissioners are discussing a couple options regarding the mosquito problems in the Lambert community. Commissioners feel that there are more mosquitos in Lambert than in other areas because of the stagnant water at Fox Lake.
Richland County Commissioner

Shane Gorder said he has spoken with weed district coordinator Dick Zoanni and Montana Association of Counties' officials about different options relating to handling mosquitos.
Gorder said counties that have a mosquito district pay a full-time coordinator during summer months.
Although that position would be

seasonal, the person would need to be certified.
Gorder added Lambert resident Bryan Prevost commented that he might ask for donations from other Lambert residents to pay for spraying. Commissioners appeared to rather have the community handle the problem than county officials supervising.



The REAL Montana Program made a visit to area oil locates on Friday. (Submitted by Jessica Sena)

Leadership Class Offers REAL Industry Education

By Jessica Sena
Special to the Roundup
Through a public-private partnership, the Resource Education and Agriculture Leadership (REAL) Montana program has been providing leaders from around the Treasure State with an in-depth look at natural resource development industries.
This year, the second class of participants makes its way through a two year course, wherein seminars are scheduled throughout the state as well as in Washington D.C. At the end of the course, participants also take an international trip. The inaugural class traveled to China, and the current class will visit Columbia next spring.

Each seminar provides an education in everything from media training, to professional networking, persuasive speaking, and the campaign process for elected office. To date, the class has held seminars focused on Ethical Leadership and Teambuilding, Working with the Media, Crop Production & Economy, and Federal Government: Policy on a National Scale. Organized through the MSU Extension Office, and supported by the generous donations of private sponsors, REAL Montana focuses on training current leaders, as well as future elected officials and opinion makers about industries such as mining, oil and gas, agriculture and logging.

The current class is comprised of business owners, ranchers, representatives of the coal mining, logging, and energy development industries, with many holding leadership positions in professional organizations, advocacy groups, and trade associations.

Last week, the REAL Montana class attended an oil and gas seminar in Sidney. Richland County remains the state's top oil producing county, in spite of the downturn in activity. With the help of the Montana Petroleum Association (MPA), the entire class was given an informative tour of a drilling rig and a frac site, along with a natural gas processing plant and rail terminal by MPA members Oasis Petroleum and ONEOK Rockies Midstream.

Tour hosts provided an education in the many high tech changes that have taken place in the oil and gas industry, both through regulation and innovation, in hopes of providing an accurate portrayal of an industry often misrepresented by the media and anti-oil groups. The REAL Montana class visited with Oasis drilling and frac directors while they were "fracking". Both a chemist and a petroleum engineer with the company explained the constituents in frac fluid, and purpose of the controversial well completion process, following a tour through an active drilling rig.

At ONEOK's newest gas processing facility, Lonesome Creek (outside of Watford City), company representatives explained how increased regulation on flaring has created opportunities for midstream companies like ONEOK to build new, revenue generating infrastructure to capture and utilize otherwise flared gas at the wellhead. Today, ONEOK is the largest independent operator of natural gas gathering and processing facilities in the Williston Basin. Between 2006 and 2014, ONEOK Partners completed \$8 billion of capital-growth projects and acquisitions companywide, and has investments of approximately \$3 billion in additional projects at varying stages of production across the Williston Basin area.
The class finished the tour at the Riverview Rail Terminal in Sidney, also owned by ONEOK.

Prior to the day-long oilfield tour, the class had the opportunity to hear from speakers about the current regulatory environment, the city and county planning process, and how oil and gas extraction and processing works. Representatives from Oasis Petroleum provided an "Oilfield 101" presentation ahead of the tour day, and Bret Gallo, project engineer for Bison Engineering discussed the state of flaring and air quality regulations. Other speakers included Leslie Messer with the Richland County Economic Development Office; Pete Hanebutt of the North Dakota Farm Bureau; and Jim Talbert, McKenzie County planning director; and Danette Welsh, government affairs manager for ONEOK Partners.

Along with exercising leadership skills by taking turns as seminar coordinators and session managers, each of the participating members of the class presents a persuasive speech of their own during one of the 10 seminars, on something they are passionate about.

Paul Babb, community relations manager with North-Western Energy, appropriately gave his speech at the oil and gas seminar. His speech focused on the importance of attitude to individual and corporate success; giving back and telling the personal story of each company (industry). Babb used many philanthropic stories of work that North-Western employees have done in their communities to point to the positive impact the company is making beyond its day-to-day operations. "Future classes are open to the public, and companies are encouraged to refer and/or sponsor their employees to participate. To learn more about the class, visit www.realmontana.org.

Staffanson, Hinebauch Win Primary Republican Elections

By Bill Vander Weele
Scott Staffanson and Steve Hinebauch were the big winners during primary election night as far as Richland County is concerned.
Staffanson, running for re-election in District 35, won the Republican primary with 1,127 votes. Challenger Joel Krautter received 749 votes. Staffanson will face Democrat Chris Trumpower in the general election.
In the State Senate District 18 Republican primary, Steve Hinebauch received 2,302 votes compared to former Sidney mayor Bret Smelser's 1,952 votes. Casey Brock received 246 votes.
Other winners in the primary for Richland County included Shane Gorder with 1,723 votes for commissioner and Janice Klempel with 1,719 votes for clerk of District Court.
At a state-wide level, voters backed Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton in the Democratic presidential race 48-47 percent. Donald Trump easily won on the Republican side with 74 percent of the vote.
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Progress Being Made On Fire Hall

By Meagan Dotson
For more than 100 years, Richland County has been fortunate to have dedicated individuals who are willing to sacrifice their time and safety as volunteer firefighters. Because the county operates with a volunteer fire department, the city and county can invest money into fire equipment; there are currently two full-time city trucks, one truck that serves both the city and the county, and seven county firetrucks.

During the last three years, the fire department has been fundraising toward a goal of \$300,000 in order to replace personal protective equipment; they've raised approximately \$150,000 through donations and recently received a \$30,000 grant through the Foundation for Community Care.

"Residents have always been outstanding in their support," Fire Chief Larry Chris-

tensen said. "They are very generous in their donations. For more than 26 years the firemen's breakfast has been our sole fundraising event; we always have an excellent turnout, serving breakfast to more than 1,000 people every year."

County commissioners first began discussing plans for a new fire hall 2008, as needs for both the fire department and the community changed. Dirt work for the building began in May of 2016.

The biggest issue with the current fire hall is space; as the National Fire Protection Association sets stricter safety standards, the days of firemen riding atop the fire trucks has ended. Firefighters must now ride in the cab with seatbelts, which means that firetrucks are getting bigger.

The location of the new fire hall is on county owned land at 1105 Third St. NW in Sidney, east of the Law Enforcement Center and north of

Mainstay Suites. The building will be 20,793 square feet on the main floor including seven drive-through bays and a dedicated wash bay, a meeting room, a separate office for the fire marshall, men's and women's bathrooms with showers, and an ADA compliant elevator.

On the 5,796 sq. foot second floor, there will be a situations room overlooking the bays allowing for a secondary command to support ground operations, a fitness center, and sleeping quarters in case a full-time fire department is ever needed. The Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting truck, currently kept at the airport, will also be housed at the new fire hall allowing for a quicker response time when it's needed.

Building supplies with a 25 year or greater longevity will be used, ensuring that it will be a long-standing building that will allow the Fire Depart-

ment to serve the community more efficiently. B&B Construction is the construction manager, coordinating all sub-contractors, and says the building will be finished by August 1, 2017.

"We have a great bunch of guys. They always show up when they're needed," said Christensen of the 29 volunteer fire fighters.

There can be as many as 36 fire fighters and Christensen notes, "Of course it would be nice to add a couple more, but we are getting it done with what we have."

With all that our volunteer fire department does for us, what can we do for them to show our appreciation and make their jobs easier? Pull to the right! Anytime you are driving and see an emergency vehicle behind you, pull to the side of the road immediately; create a clear path for them to get past you quickly without risking traffic accidents.

Health Center Recruits OB/GYN

Sidney Health Center is pleased to announce the successful recruitment of Lisa Ross, M.D. Dr. Ross joined the medical staff in June as an OB/GYN.

Dr. Ross, who is American Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, provides a wide range of obstetrical and gynecological services to the residents living in the MonDak region.

Her scope of practice

includes routine and high risk obstetrics, office and surgical gynecology, menopause management, infertility as well as minimally invasive and advanced laparoscopic surgery.

Dr. Ross received her medical degree from Texas A&M University in College Station and Temple, Texas, and completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, Texas. With more

than 20 years of experience, she has been practicing in Montana for the last 10 years and most recently relocated from Miles City.

Dr. Ross will partner with Dr. Malua Tambi, OB/GYN at the Sidney Health Center Clinic upon her arrival in July 2016 as Dr. Shari Twigg, OB/GYN, pursues other opportunities in the medical field.

"We are excited to successfully recruit two female

OB/GYNs to assist in meeting our women's health needs in the community," Rick Haraldson, Sidney Health Center CEO, said.

Both physicians will practice in the Sidney Health Center OB/GYN Clinic, Suite 106. Wendy Wiltzen, FNP will continue to provide women's health services in this office as well.

SHC Named Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) recently announced the names of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in America for 2016 and among the list was Sidney Health Center.

"I was thrilled to get the news and share the information with our staff. It is quite an honor when their commitment to providing exceptional care at all levels in the organization is recognized nationally," Rick Haraldson, Sidney Health Center CEO, said.

Currently, there are nearly 1,300 Critical Access Hospitals across the nation. Six Montana facilities made the list this year including Sidney, Dillon, Lewistown, Livingston, Hamilton and White Sulphur Springs, and four North Dakota hospitals including Carrington, Devils Lake, Jamestown and Mayville.

Sidney Health Center is among a small percentage of facilities nationwide to make the list multiple years – four times in the last six years.

The NRHA announces the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the nation based on the Hospital Strength Index by iVantage. This objective and in-depth analysis system uses 71 hospital-specific performance indicator variables across nine pillars of performance

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A Critical Access Hospital is a hospital certified to receive cost-based reimbursement for Medicare. The reimbursement that these hospitals receive is intended to improve their financial performance and thereby reduce hospital closures. Sidney Health Center received the Critical Access Hospital designation in 2005.

Critical Access Hospital requirements are very similar to general acute care hospitals. One of the main differences is the inpatient bed count. Critical Access Hospitals may have up to 25 acute care inpatient beds. For hospitals with swing bed agreements, any of its beds may be used for either inpatient acute care or swing bed services.

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Panel To Discuss Financial Scams

Sidney-Action for Eastern Montana, Richland County Commission on Aging, Crestwood, the Montana Area Agencies on Aging Association (M4A) and Montana SMP are spearheading a campaign to educate the public and talk about the growing problem of senior financial fraud.

Lisa Sheppard, current president of the M4A, said, the goal of "Face it-Senior Financial Fraud Happens!" is to help prevent financial exploitation of more Montana seniors.

In Sidney, older adults,

their families and caregivers are invited to view a free documentary film titled "Fleeced" and hear from expert panel members on June 29 at 2:30 p.m. how seniors can protect themselves from financial exploitation. The free event will be held at Crestwood located at 410 3rd Ave. SW.

Members of the panel will include: Richland County Sheriff John Dynneson; Claudette Manson, regional supervisor, Adult Protective Services; Veronica Melby, Wells Fargo Bank; Jodi Berry,

coordinator, Richland County Commission on Aging; and Heather Handran, Senior Medicare Patrol Volunteer coordinator.

Handran will also give a brief overview of what that statewide program does to help prevent Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse.


The film screening and panel discussion are free and open to the public, but to guarantee seating for all who wish to attend, please contact Heather Handran at 406-345-2120. MNAXLP

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Dryland Field Days Set For June 23-24 in Froid, Sidney

Area producers have two opportunities to learn more about dryland agricultural research underway in this area as well as demonstrations of a cross-slot drill and a new subsurface irrigation system at two annual dryland field days to be held on June 23 and 24. The Froid Research Farm Field Day is on June 23 and the joint Sidney ARS/MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center dryland field day is set for June 24. Details for both events are as follows:

Froid Field Day – June 23

The 2016 Froid Research Farm Field Day is June 23, from 1-5 p.m., and includes a special presentation by NRCS Civil Engineer Ann Ross on the new subsurface irrigation demonstration project being established at the farmsite. The farm is located 8 miles north of Culbertson on MT Highway 16.

Presentations include:

- Field soil sampling demonstration – Jeff Chilson, Roosevelt County Extension, Culbertson
- Marestail ID and control – Tim Fine, Richland County Extension, Sidney
- Common vetch in lentils – Bobbie Roos, Daniels County Extension Agent, Scobey
- Weediness potential of cover crops – Rob Bray, District Conservationist, NRCS Culbertson Office
- Froid farm subsurface irrigation demonstration project – Ann Ross, Civil Engineer, NRCS Area Office, Miles City
- Cross slot drill demonstration – Roger Ashley, Retired Extension Agronomist,

NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center

- Warm season legumes (demonstration plots) –Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- Camelina seeding rate and depth study with MSU –Reza Keshavarze Afshar, Post Doc Assoc., MSU-EARC, Sidney
- A cooperative model for preventing resistant weed invasions – Natalie West, Entomologist/Ecologist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- Fallow replacement study:
- Using cover crops to fight compaction –Jay Jabro, Soil Physicist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- Identifying pest insects in oilseeds and cover crops / New pollinator studies in canola (with SDSU) and in reclamation cover crops – Tatyana Rand, Entomologist, USDA-ARS, Sidney

The day concludes with a free steak dinner at 5 p.m. sponsored by the Sheridan and Roosevelt County Conservation Districts. Other event sponsors include the Sheridan and Roosevelt County Extension offices, and the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPRL) in Sidney.

Two private applicator points are available.

Sidney ARS / EARC Field Day – June 24

The USDA-ARS Northern Plains Ag Research Lab in Sidney and the MSU Eastern Ag Research Center are joining forces for a 2016 Dryland Field Day set for June 24 from 9 am

to 12:30 p.m. The event features stops at both research farms with a special presentation on winter wheat by MSU professor and breeder Phil Bruckner and demonstration of a cross slot drill by Roger Ashley, a retired agronomist with the NDSU research facility at Dickinson N.D.

Presentations include:

- Weed Identification Exercise (continues throughout the day) – Richland County Extension / Sidney ARS
- Marestail ID and control – Tim Fine, Richland County Extension, Sidney
- MSU-EARC field stops:
- New plant pathologist and research interest – Frankie Crutcher, MSU-EARC, Sidney
- Orange blossom wheat midge trapping update – Sherry Turner, Research Associate, MSU-EARC, Sidney
- Winter wheat –Phil Bruckner, Professor/Wheat Breeder, Montana State University, Bozeman
- Herbicide residuals affecting pulse crop germination and growth – Prashant Jha, weed scientist, MSU-SARC, Huntley.
- Macro- and micro-nutrients study for cereal and pulse crops (pea and spring wheat) –Yesuf Mohammed, and Reza Keshavarze Afshar, Post Doc Assocs., MSU-EARC, Sidney

Sidney ARS field stops:

- Cross slot drill demonstration – Roger Ashley, Retired Extension Agronomist, NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center
- Warm season legumes (demonstrations plots) – Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- National oilseeds project:
- Yield report – Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- Water use and water use efficiency – Jay Jabro, Soil Physicist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- Diversified cereals with pulses and oilseeds study (spring wheat-pea-winter wheat or barley-oilseed) – Brett Allen, Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Sidney
- A cooperative model for preventing resistant weed invasions – Natalie West, Entomologist/Ecologist, USDA-ARS, Sidney

The tour begins at the MSU dryland farm located about 4.4 miles north of Sidney on MT Highway 16. The farm turnoff is located immediately across from the Hi-Line trucking building and will be marked. Rainplace is the Richland Co. Extension Conference Room.

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Holst Starts Work In Area

The Richland County Health Department is excited to welcome Maci Holst as the county's new health educator and cancer control coordinator. Holst is currently a senior student in Community Health and Gerontology at Montana State University - Bozeman. She will spend her summer working at the Richland County Health Department, graduate after her last semester at MSU in the fall and then return to Sidney to start her full-time position.

When the graduate of Sidney High School returns in January, she will work on a health promotion campaign focusing on school children. Her goal is to increase students' well being during the winter months by providing fun, family-friendly activities that students can do no matter what the weather brings.

She will also coordinate the Comprehensive Cancer Program and worksite wellness programs.

Judy LaPan, administrator of the Richland County Health Department, noted, "Maci brings a high level of expertise and enthusiasm to this position. She has creative ideas to make Richland County a better place for all of us to live."

Holst said, "There are so many great things about Richland County. I can't wait to make it even better."



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Sidney natives Gresh Jones, left, and Brandon Eggum help out young wrestlers during the camp at Sidney High School last week. Jones is a wrestler at the University of Minnesota. Eggum is the head assistant wrestling coach for the Gophers.

McKenzie County Discusses Building Plans

By Bill Vander Weele
McKenzie County commissioners heard about proposed design plans on June 7 for when the current sheriff department is vacated. Heidi Brenna of ICON Architectural Group said plans are for the area to have holding cells, moving court room two and for more storage space. Because construction of the new law enforcement center is scheduled to be completed next spring, commissioners needed to put in their budget now costs for design fees. Commissioner Douglas Nordby explained that positives are having the two courtrooms on the same level and not having judges go through the public on the way to their courtrooms. There will also be space for a small secondary dispatch station and storage. "It's not like we haven't discussed this before," Commission Chair Richard Cayko said. "We need to make a decision and stick with it." Commissioners approved a motion to pay the ICON Architectural Group for design fees concerning the vacated sheriff's department.

Supreme Court Rules On Sidney Case

The Montana Supreme Court has ruled that a former Sidney High School custodian must have a new trial. Jeffrey Thomas Weber was found guilty of stealing a plasma cutter from the Sidney High School industrial arts area in 2014. The felony theft conviction, however, was overturned by the Montana Supreme Court citing that Weber's attorney failed to prove that the plasma cutter was worth less than its original value of \$1,500. Because of the reduced worth of the plasma cutter, the charges should have been a misdemeanor. Weber, 36 at the time of his sentence, received a four-year deferred sentence for the felony charge of theft.

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Teammates congratulate Max Peters after his home run at Moose Park.

Patriots Sweep Williston Squad

A home run by Max Peters highlighted Richland's efforts as the Patriots swept the Williston Oilers on Tuesday. The Patriots earned a 6-5 victory in the first game of the double-header. The Patriots trailed by a 4-3 margin until Peters' blast over the right-field fence put Richland ahead 6-4 in the fifth inning. Bridger Coffman pitched six innings for the victory. He struck-out five batters and allowed five hits. Parker Dean pitched the final inning for a save. Peters finished the

contest with four RBIs. Hunter Severson and Matt Dey added RBIs. Kory Halvorson doubled and scored three runs in the home game. Dey and Peters finished with two hits each. In the second game, the Patriots won by a 6-2 final. Richland accounted for two runs in the first and three more in the fourth in the victory. Severson fanned five batters in six innings for the win. Trustin Holcomb pitched the final frame. Peters finished with two hits and two RBIs. Also adding two hits each were Halvorson, Dean and Brett Norby. Kyle Mueller scored two runs.



Shortstop Cody Voss makes a play against Williston.

Pats Split Games With Mavericks

Kory Halvorson came through with a single that scored two runners as the Richland County Patriots knocked off Miles City, 6-4, in the first game of a home double-header Sunday. The game was deadlocked at 4-4 entering the bottom of the sixth. The Patriots started the inning with Adam Wentz hitting a single and Cody Voss being hit with a pitch. With two outs, Halvorson singled to bring home Wentz and Voss for a 6-4 advantage. Wentz retired the Mavericks without a run scoring in the seventh to earn the victory. Bridger Coffman pitched the first five frames for the Patriots. The Patriots struck for two runs in the opening inning when Kyle Mueller scored on a single by Max Peters and Brett Norby crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly by Matt Dey. Richland added a pair of runs in the third when Hunter Severson came home on an infield hit by Wentz and Dey scored on a single by Voss. Miles City, however, scored three runs in the fourth and another in the top of the sixth for a 4-4 deadlock. Leading for the Pats were Wentz with two hits and Halvorson with two RBIs. The Mavericks won the nightcap by a 15-3 margin. Miles City accounted for six runs in the fourth and another six runs in the seventh inning. Peters had two hits while Norby scored twice to lead the Patriots.



Keeping Pace Anna Allen competes during a youth track meet.

Correction

Ben Hardy was part of Fairview's boys 1600-meter relay team that placed third at the Class C state track meet.

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School Trustees Discuss Scheduling

By Bill Vander Weele

Sidney school officials are hoping that students will miss less school in the future because of extra-curricular activities.

During a report of his season, high school softball coach Damon McLaughlin noted how impressed he is that 10 of his 16 varsity players earned Academic All-State honors considering how much the softball schedule conflicts with school time. McLaughlin said the squad plays a lot of Tuesday and Thursday games.

Sidney Superintendent of Schools Daniel Farr said school officials are looking to switch games for all sports to the weekend.

"Some of this has to deal with a lot of coaches who don't want to give up their weekends," Farr said.

McLaughlin, who said he has no problem coaching during weekends, noted missing that amount of school puts a lot of time challenges on student athletes.

Theis Earns Honors In Miss Montana Program

Julie Theis of Sidney was selected third runner-up at the Miss Montana Scholarship Pageant held in Glendive.

Theis was named the most photoge-

"It's horrible," Farr said.

The superintendent added that the high school fall schedule doesn't look bad as far as students missing instructional time at this point. Farr has some concerns with the middle school athletic schedules.

After McLaughlin asked if Sidney was still hosting next year's Class A state softball tournament, trustees said 95 percent of the funding has been raised to pay for field improvements."You guys are going to stay home next year," Farr said to McLaughlin about having the state tournament in Sidney. "Plan on it."

In other business during committee meetings:

• Farr said the school district needs to provide correction action plans to the Office of Public Instruction for Sidney High School, Sidney Middle School and Central Elementary School. He noted the deficiencies cited all were the result of teaching recruitment challenges. "Each of the teachers is working to be certified,

but OPI isn't looking at that," Farr said.

• School officials are researching the positives and negatives to having drug testing for co-curricular activities. Their research has included gaining information on how well Glendive's first-year process worked. School officials plan to also contact county health and law enforcement for input. "This isn't going to be on the fast track," Farr said of drug testing. "This will be a work in progress."

• Farr made the recommendation to hire Sheridan Cotrell as speech therapist, Lexie Baxter as middle school special education teacher, Stacey Collins as head track coach, Katie Dasinger as head drill/cheer coach, Heidy MacGrady as assistant girls high school basketball coach, Crystal Weltikol as assistant girls high school basketball coach, Jordan Mayer as middle school girls basketball coach, Marie Holler as middle school basketball coach and Matt Welchel as middle school girls basketball coach.


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Wednesday June 22nd at 7pm

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4-H Market Animal Sale

Friday, June 24th at 5pm



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Multi-Purpose Building

Wednesday - Saturday June 22th - June 25th 10am - 8pm

Sunday June 26 Noon - 4pm

Open Class Livestock Show



Saturday, June 25th at 9am Building C

2016 Williams County 4-H Fair Schedule

Wednesday, June 1st
5:00 p.m. LAST DAY 4-H REGISTRATION EXHIBIT FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN EXTENSION OFFICE

Friday, June 10th
1:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

Monday, June 20th
6-8 p.m. Enter and interview judge 4-H non-living exhibits - Multi-Purpose Building

Wednesday, June 22nd
8 a.m. Check-in and weigh market hogs
8:30 a.m. Check-in and weigh market sheep/goats
9 a.m.-noon Exhibits prepared for display
9 a.m.-noon Check-in, Weigh, hip height and Ultrasound
4-H Market Sales
11 a.m. Enter 4-H rabbits and poultry
11 a.m. Cattle need to be in the barn by this time
Noon-10 p.m. 4-H Exhibits open to public—Multi- Purpose Building
1p.m.-4 p.m. Mandatory interview, judging (Market Animals) and all other interview judging
4:30 p.m. Judging of rabbits and poultry
8 p.m. Cattle are allowed to go to tie outs

Thursday, June 23rd
9 a.m. Judging swine, showmanship will be first
Sheep and goats, showmanship will follow these classes
4-H Exhibits open to public—Multi- Purpose Building
10 a.m.-10 p.m. Cattle need to be in the barn by this time
Judge beef animals, beginning with breeding; Showmanship to follow
7 p.m. 4-H Hamburger feed (Bowman Building)
8 p.m. Cattle are allowed to go to tie outs

Friday, June 24th
9 a.m. Supreme Showmanship - Bowman Building
10 a.m.-10 p.m. 4-H Exhibits open to public— Multi-Purpose Building
10:30 a.m. Quiz Bowl
11 a.m. Cattle need to be in the barn by this time
12:30 p.m. Awards and Announcements
3 p.m. Buyer's Social
5 p.m. Market Animal Sale
5 p.m. Buyer Appreciation Picnic
8 p.m. Cattle are allowed to go to tie outs
8:30 p.m. Open class check-in and hip height

Saturday, June 25th
9 a.m. Open Class Show
Swine, Sheep, Goats and Beef
20 minute break between each species
9 a.m. Kiddie Parade
10 a.m.-10 p.m. 4-H exhibits open to public— Multi-Purpose Building
11 a.m. Cattle need to be in the barn by this time
2 p.m. Farewell Pizza party
3 p.m. Official Animal Check-out

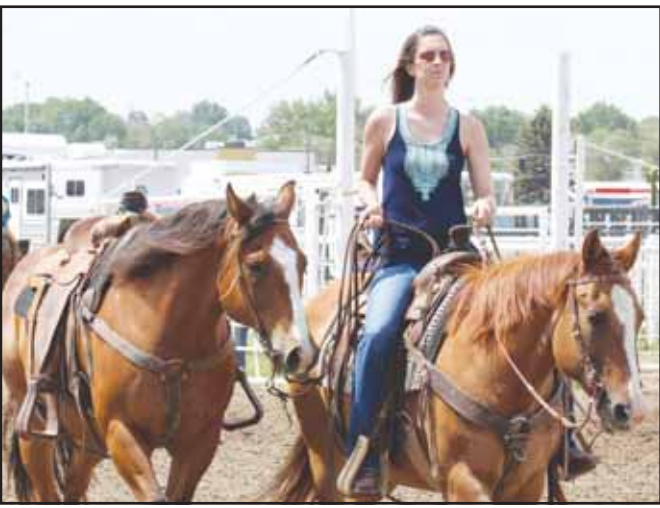
Sunday, June 26th
3 p.m.-4 p.m. Check out of all non-living exhibits

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Ranch Rodeo

Anna-Marie Balcer rides with the empty saddle horse during opening ceremonies of the Neal Hermanson Memorial Ranch Rodeo on Saturday.

Fair Improvements Approved
By McKenzie County Board

By Bill Vander Weele
The McKenzie County commissioners approved \$29,792 on June 7 for a fencing project at the McKenzie County Fairgrounds.
Tim Jorgenson, county fair board member, said the

chain link fence will be located between the parking lot and the rodeo grounds.
Commissioner Kathy Skarda asked, “Have you felt like you have outgrown the area there?” She said she heard some concerns from 4-H members.
Jorgenson answered that there is enough room at the current location, “if we get it like we want. We’re working on it.”
He said the fair board has a plan for fair improvements. “It revamps the whole fairgrounds.”
But the plan is to make the improvements piece by piece through the years, he said. Commissioners requested to see the plans during a future meeting.
There was also discussion regarding the hockey and skating clubs using the multi-purpose building at the fair. Commissioners urged the parties to work together.
Board appointments during the June 7 meeting included Charles McNaney and Doug Olson for weed board, Larry Novak for water resource board, Dale Patten and Corine Brugh-Sage for human services board, Ray Mrachek and Lee Stevens for park board, Skarda for state fair board and Ron Anderson for fair board.

Letters To The Editor

Attend Public Meeting In Billings

Notice of an upcoming meeting to all interested in not removing the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Diversion Dam at Intake.
There is another group that wants to remove the Intake structure. We are inviting the public to attend an informational meeting at the Elks Club in Sidney on June 21st at 5:30 p.m. We are also asking people to attend a public meeting in Billings at the Lincoln Center at 6 p.m. on the 30th of June in order to protest this groups’ intentions to have the dam removed. We need a lot of people to attend the Billings meeting on the 30th. Buses will be provided for transportation to and from Billings.
We need all irrigators, business people, dry land farmers, ranchers and concerned citizens to take part and voice their opinions. This is very important because if these national groups are successful it will affect everybody along the Yellowstone River not just irrigators. The Endangered Species Act passed by congress in 1973 was never intended to put people out of business, it was meant to have everyone work together to try and save a species, (the pallid sturgeon)!

Don Steinbeisser
Commissioner LYID #1

Don’t Kill Diversion Dam

Kill the Dam not the fish!
This is what an environmental group is spreading worldwide on the Internet to have the Diversion dam on the Yellowstone River at Intake removed to save the pallid sturgeon. They are saying the 58,000 acres of irrigated land in eastern Montana and western North Dakota can supply water by pumps powered by wind turbines. Studies show that this would be cost prohibitive. Spring flooding caused by ice jams, movement of the river channels on the Yellowstone River would make pump sites very costly to maintain. The farms in the valley would no longer be able to afford irrigation of sugar beets, corn, alfalfa, beans and other crops.
The Intake Diversion Dam has been supplying water to the valley for 107 years. The endangered species act to save the Pallid Sturgeon and the condition of the dam is why the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project has approved the preferred plan of the Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to replace the dam and install a fish bypass channel.
As a board member of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project I am asking for your help by attending the public comment meetings put on by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation June 28, Richland County Fair Event Center, Sidney, MT, 5:30-9 p.m., June 29, Dawson County High School Auditorium Glendive, MT, 5:30-9 p.m., June 30 in Billings, MT.
The removal of the Intake Dam will have a huge impact on the entire Lower Yellowstone Valley and most businesses. Please attend the comment meetings and mail comments before July 18, 2016 to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha district. Attn: DENWO-PM-AA, 1616 Capitol Ave., Omaha, NE, 68102
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