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March of Dimes Celebrates 75th Year

By Ashley Harris

As the March of Dimes celebrates its 75th anniversary, we take a look at the past of the foundation. The foundation was put together by President Franklin Roosevelt after his struggle with polio. Starting as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in 1938, the foundation was set up in order to research and fight against the crippling disease, polio.

After the mission to 'lead, direct, and unify' the fight against polio was accomplished, the foundation changed its focus to birth defects prevention. Considering the slogan used previously, 'Join the March of Dimes', the foundation was named the March of Dimes.

So on July 22, 1958 the March of Dimes was started, as did the research for prevention and treatment of birth defects. By the 1970s, the focus on birth defects and infant mortality turned the spotlight on to premature birth and low birthweight to cover all aspects of infant health. With the rate of premature birth rising, in 2003 the March of Dimes launched its Prematurity Campaign.

According to the peristats on marchofdimes.com, in an average week in Montana there are 232 babies born,

with 28 being preterm, 17 with low birthweight, and 2 that die before their first birthday. Preterm birth is described as prior to the 37th week of pregnancy, while low birthweight is considered less than five and a half pounds.

March of Dimes has been working to prevent just that, as their mission is 'to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, infant mortality, and premature birth.' The March of Dimes is working to find causes of premature birth, how to intervene, and to educate health professionals. They also work to provide information and support to the public.

One of the ways they get funds for research is through the 'March for Babies' fundraising walks which are held throughout the country. The first walk was held in 1970, which was the first fundraiser of its kind for non-profit organizations. Since then the walks have raised two billion dollars to benefit the health of babies. More than 7 million people across the nation walk to support the cause, some walk in memory of a loved one, some walk in honor while some are just walking for the cause.

With 900 walks throughout the nation, there are many chances to help the



The 2012 top corporate team, Sidney Health Center, included top walker Allison Thiel. Pictured above are, back row, L to R, Dora Christensen, Nanette Bergerson, Brenda Filler holding Cooper Thiel, Suzann Radke, and Rita Steinbeisser. Front row, L to R, Allison Thiel and Rayella Radke.

cause. The 'Eastern MT March for Babies' will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park (Central) Sidney, MT on April 13, while the Williston March for Babies will be at Spring Lake Park on May 18. Both events will be a 3 mile walk and will begin at 9 am, in their

respective time zones.

For more information, to sign up or to donate to the March for Babies, please go to: www.marchforbabies.org. Come join the March of Dimes as they are 'working together for stronger, healthier babies.'

Junior Leaders Dinner April 12

Jr. Leaders Dinner & Dance is on April 12th, 2013 at the VFW 124 2nd Ave. N.E., Sidney. Tickets are \$25. Dinner is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and dance is from 8:30-10:00 p.m. Dinner choices are steak or shrimp. For more information and to purchase tickets contact 4-H Jr. Leaders or call the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

Local Easter Egg Hunts Rescheduled

Due to the weather last weekend, the Easter Egg Hunts that were scheduled for Sat. March 23 have been rescheduled.

-The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Sidney Elks Lodge will now take place at Quillings Park on March 30 starting at 11 am for all children under 12.

-The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Center Easter Egg Hunt will also be held on March 30, with 4000 hidden eggs this year. All children ages 0 through 12 are welcome, which will be divided into three groups by age. The egg hunt will begin at 1 pm CDT, but come early to register as door prizes will be handed out after the egg hunt. The event is sponsored by the Trenton Fire Department and First Responders, The Indian Club, and the Fort Buford State Historic Site/Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

-On March 28th, the Fairview Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their Easter Egg Hunt for all children beginning at Noon at Sharbono Park.



Connie Wold Wellness Center Ribbon Cutting

Celebrating the opening of the new Connie Wold Wellness Center and Amy's room at a private Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, March 22 are family members of the late Connie Wold along with committee members and speakers. The long anticipated opening of the new Connie Wold Wellness Center became a reality when they opened their doors on February 19, 2013. After a little over one month of operation the Wellness Center has over 1234 members and gain new members each day. Come in and check out the new "State of the Art" facility located at 200 8th St NE in Watford City. Pictured left to right: Dwight Brew, Linda Svihovec, Jim Svihovec, Myra Anderson, Tricia Sundeen, Dan Kelly, Brent Sanford, Gene Veeder, Ron Anderson, Cordell Wold, Molly Soleim, Kristen Bolken Joyce Moe, Orrin Moe, Hayley Moe, Angie Moe and Terry Moe. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Sidney Middle School Science Fair
On March 18, Science classes at Sidney Middle School displayed their projects at this year's Science Fair. Pictured are the top 7th Grade placers: (L to R) Jocce Cundiff, 1st; Ben Brodhead, 2nd; Coy Hermanson, 3rd; partners Kaelyn Volk and Tessa Weiferich, 4th; and partners Luke Turek and Joe Mindt, 5th.



Students at Sidney Middle School have worked on their science projects for months now. They got to display them March 18 during the Science Fair. Pictured are the 8th Grade placers: (L to R) Justin Candee, 1st; Jordan Baxter, 2nd; team of Johren Carpenter and Amanda Valnes, 3rd; Nathan Wick, 4th; and the team of Michael McGinnis and Dawson McGlothlin, 5th.



Mini-Eaglettes
Sidney's Mini-Eaglettes performed their last performance of the year Monday, March 18. During their "Extravaganza", the girls performed to various songs. They are divided into three groups: Kindergarten-1st Grade, Grades 2-4, and Grades 5-8. Pictured are the Kindergarten-1st Grade as they perform to "Under the Sea". (L to R) Ella Norby, Allie Redmond, Abby O'Toole, and Ryleigh Kleinke, alongside their Eaglette coach Eliska Cvrkalova.



Sidney Middle School's Science Fair was held on March 18. Students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade completed projects. Pictured are the 6th Grade winners: (L to R) Shanyn Reidl, 1st; Abby Reitz, 2nd; Carlee Strasheim, 3rd; Lilli Seitz, 4th; and Trev Stewart, 5th.

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Medicaid Expansion Good Idea for Montanans

By Ashley Harris
In the state of Montana there are currently over 43,000 uninsured working men and women who could benefit from Medicaid, if the program were to expand. Approximately 528 of those people reside within Richland County. Medicaid expansion, in fact, is one of the topics for the 2013 legislative session. Based on the needs of Montanans, Legislature will make a decision whether or not to accept the expansion.
The financial requirements to qualify for Medicaid are currently leaving many Montanans with no access to health insurance. Soon, many people with a higher income will receive a tax credit in order to afford private health insurance, while those with a lower income either have to qualify for Medicaid or not afford healthcare. If the expansion goes through, many who don't currently qualify for Medicaid will be able to receive coverage. Many people may think this would cost our govern-

ment extra money, but Montana taxpayers have been supporting a Medicaid expansion since 2008. In face it will cost little to the state, as the federal government covers 100% of costs for the first three years and no less than 90% thereafter.
Montanans will continue to pay for Medicaid expansion, but if the dollars are not accepted they will be re-directed to other states that do accept the expansion. Many Montanans need the expansion in order to get health care coverage. In fact Montana has the highest percentage of uninsured veterans in the nation. Approximately 9,000 veterans have no insurance, while 5,000 only have VA healthcare. It is estimated that 9,500 veterans and their spouses would gain access to quality, affordable health care coverage if Medicaid is expanded.
Kristie Smith, Director of Public Affairs with the Montana Budget and Policy Center, stated "It's not only critical for our citizens, but for our

economy." The expansion would support the economy as more people would be seeking healthcare, which in turn would increase the demand for doctors, nurses, and other medical staff. A Medicaid expansion could add as many as 12,700 jobs annually throughout Montana and as many as 110 in Richland County. With the increase of jobs, the labor income will also increase to approximately \$4,403,000 annually in Richland County. It is anticipated that throughout Montana, labor income will generate \$4 billion in the first eight years.
Medicaid plays a vital role in supporting the healthcare economy in Montana and Richland County. Without the expansion, many Montanans will have worse health, higher financial burdens, and cause the healthcare costs to rise. Smith also stated she is "extremely hopeful that we will see Medicaid expansion happen in Montana. It's just a smart opportunity."

Bakken Investor Conference April 24-26

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tate developers and investors build out the housing, industrial, commercial and other infrastructure needed to sustain energy and economic development in the Bakken. The 3rd Annual Bakken Investor Conference brings together oil and gas companies and investors along with real estate developers and investors to connect and explore investment and development opportuni-

ties. Bringing together these two key industries and their investors will help each to better understand the other and expand development for their mutual continued success.
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I wish to thank all of you who sent cards, visited, made a phone call, or just wished me well during my hospital stay and recovery. Thanks to all who helped with the chores the past three weeks. Also thanks to Dr. Shahin and the staff at Mercy Medical Center and my family for the excellent care. I am doing fine and ready for spring! I treasure you, one and all.

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STATISTICS

Lake Water Level Report

	Sakakawea	Fort Peck
Current Elevation.....	1827.3.....	2222.5
Last Week's Elev.	1827.2.....	2222.5
One Year Ago.....	1838.2.....	2234.74
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	15,500.....	6,000

Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 18	25	2	0.17
Mar. 19	20	8	0.00
Mar. 20	18	2	0.00
Mar. 21	33	12	0.00
Mar. 22	30	17	0.16
Mar. 23	29	4	0.10
Mar. 24	20	12	0.13

Sidney Weather Data

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 18	24	3	0.10
Mar. 19	20	7	0.00
Mar. 20	39	6	0.00
Mar. 21	27	21	0.00
Mar. 22	26	5	0.39
Mar. 23	19	4	0.00
Mar. 24	21	1	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation.....			1.86

Game & Fish Advisory Board Meetings Set

Submitted by North Dakota Game and Fish Department
Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend a North Dakota Game and Fish Department advisory board meeting in their area.
These public meetings, held each spring and fall, provide citizens with an opportunity to discuss fish and wildlife

OBITUARIES

Charles “Charlie” Dowse, 72, Sidney, MT

Funeral service for Charles “Charlie” Dowse, 72, of Sidney, MT is 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at the Sidney Church of Christ with Pastor Richard Eggar officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home. Remembrance and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Charlie passed away Saturday, March 23, 2013 after courageously fighting cancer.

Jean Torgerson, 79, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Jean Torgerson, 79, of Sidney, MT are at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 30, 2013, at the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, Sidney, MT. Interment will be in the Bainville Cemetery, Bainville, MT, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Jean died on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Country House Residences, Dickinson, ND.

Lambert First Lutheran Church Bazaar April 7

The Lambert First Lutheran Church Spring Dinner & Bazaar will be held Sunday, April 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lambert School. Roast beef, salads and homemade pie will be served. Free-will donations accepted. There will be a raffle for handmade quilt and goodie-baskets and a bazaar with baked/canned goods and handmade crafts. Everyone is welcome.

Richey Public Schools 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

“A” Honor Roll
Senior: Taylor Brown 3.96, Taylor Vaira 3.67
Junior: Michelle Switzer 3.89, Grace Kavanaugh 3.86
Sophomore: Paige Smith 4.00, Shelby Senner 3.83, Thomas Baldwin 3.76, Ryder Olson 3.75
Freshman: Brittany Whiteman 3.79, Shaye Johnston 3.67, Ian Fatzinger 3.58
8th Grade: Sydney Brost 3.90, April Kavanaugh 3.71, Seth Brown 3.67
7th Grade: Ellie Smith 4.00, Halle Fatzinger 3.96, Isaac Sponheim 3.96, Charlie Hoffman 3.83, Anna Johnson 3.75
6th Grade: Tyler Brown 4.00, Haley Olson 4.00, Abbie Smith 4.00, Brylee Brost 3.93, Chase Brown 3.56
5th Grade: Chance Senner 3.56
“B” Honor Roll
Senior: Shanna Olson 3.47, Kody Sodt 3.08
Junior: Trey Switzer 3.38, Audrey Helmuth 3.17, Austin Schultz 3.05
Freshman: Skilor May 3.21
8th Grade: Ellie Volbrecht 3.24
5th Grade: Daejha Gibson 3.41, Peyton Sodt 3.41

Public Invited to Chateau De Mores Easter Egg Hunt

Submitted by Samuel Kerr
The public is invited to the annual Chateau de Mores Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2013, at 11 a.m. on the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center grounds in Medora. This event is free of charge. The Easter egg hunt will be moved inside the Interpretive Center in case of inclement weather. For more information, contact the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site at 701-623-4355.
The French nobleman and entrepreneur, the Marquis de Mores, came west in 1883 and made his home at what is now the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site. Featured are an interpretive center with exhibits, a museum store, original chateau and outbuildings, and tours.

issues and ask questions of their district advisors and agency personnel.
In addition, prior to each meeting this spring, Game and Fish along with other conservation partners, will hold an informational session for landowners interested in qualifying land for the Conservation Reserve Program general signup May 20-June 14. These special sessions begin an hour before the regular meeting, with a short formal presentation at 6:30.
The governor appoints eight Game and Fish Department advisors, each representing a multi-county section of the state, to serve as a liaison between the department and public.
Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service must notify the contact person at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting date.
District 1 – Counties: Divide, McKenzie and Williams
Date: April 16 – 7 p.m.
Location: Civic Center, Watford City
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Contact: Rick Pokrzywinski, 842-3174
Advisory board member: Jason Leiseth, Arnegard, 586-3714.

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Thurs., Mar. 28
12 p.m. — Easter Egg Hunt, Sharbono Park, Fairview.
12 p.m.— Savage Senior Center will host a meal.
12:45 - 1:45 p.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be having a potluck lunch and cards. For more info. call 406-433-8077.
5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.
6:30p.m.— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinocle games.
7 p.m. — Interfaith Community Outreach will host a Coffee Hour at the LDS Church, 1215 5th St SW.
8 p.m. — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.
Fri., Mar. 29
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Richland County Right to Life Easter Bake Sale at Village Square Mall. For more information call Mary Ann at 406-433-2185.
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
Sat., Mar. 30
9 a.m. & 7p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.
10 a.m. — Gamblers Anonymous at Millers' Corner.
11 a.m. — Elks Easter Egg Hunt, Quillings Park, Sidney.
Sun., Mar. 31
1 p.m. — Savage Senior Center will be hosting cards, coffee, and potluck at 1pm.
6:45 p.m.— Early Bird Bingo at the Moose Lodge regular bingo at 7 p.m.
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.
Mon., Apr. 1
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.
Tues., Apr. 2
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.
Wed., Apr. 3
11:30a.m. - 1p.m. —The Sidney Women of the Moose will serve soup until gone.
6 p.m. - 8p.m. — Interfaith Community Outreach will host a free meal and get acquainted at the Assembly of God Church, 414 E. Main St.
7 p.m. — Beginners Square Dancing at Sidney High School, come as you are.
Thurs., Apr. 4
6:30p.m.— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinocle games.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., Mar. 27
8 p.m.— Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. — Wine tasting at The Watford, 810 3rd Ave. S.W., \$10/ticket.
Thurs., Mar. 28
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.
Sat., Mar. 30
1 p.m. — Watford City Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on the Good Shepherd back lawn.
OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES
Sat., Mar. 30
1 p.m. — Easter Egg Hunt at the Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Age groups will be 0-3 yrs, 4-7 yrs and 8-12 yrs. Come early to register for prizes.

View all monthly events on our calendar at www.roundupweb.com.

Van Dyk Introduces Bill Investing Oil and Gas Tax Money in Eastern Montana Communities

Senator Kendall Van Dyk (D-Billings) introduced legislation today putting a limit on the state's 18-month oil and gas tax holiday and using the proceeds to address local impacts in communities facing the Bakken oil boom.

SB 399 is modeled after North Dakota's highly successful tax-holiday system, which reduces oil and gas production taxes on new wells whenever oil prices dip below a certain level.

"Montanans have lived through oil booms and we have lived through oil busts," said Van Dyk. "During each cycle of oil and gas production we pray for one more

boom, and we promise not to blow it next time. Now we need to make responsible decisions that lessen the impacts on eastern Montana communities."

The bill would create a trigger mechanism that offers oil companies low taxes when petroleum prices fall, but maintains taxes at their normal level when oil prices are high enough to stimulate development. Under the bill, that level would be priced at \$50.07 per barrel or below for the "holiday" to take effect.

"We can no longer afford to shortchange impacts to communities, both social and structural, all of which are significantly stressed due to the oil boom," said Brandon

Schmidt, who sits on the Baker City Council. "This is how North Dakota does things, and no one can argue with a straight face that our neighbors to the East are hurting because of their policy. The companies profiting most should pay their fair share, rather than send the bill to local taxpayers."

The bill is projected to return \$20 million per year and the funding would go toward improving local roads and sewage systems.

SB 399 proposes the following:

Trigger Montana's existing oil and gas tax "holiday" if oil drops is at \$50.07 or below.

Fund the existing "Community Oil and Natural Gas Impact Relief Account" from oil and gas production taxes.

Distribute money from the "Community Oil and Natural Gas Impact Relief Account" for counties and

towns to address priority impact needs.



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FWP Releases Minimum Wolf Count for 2012

At least 625 wolves inhabited Montana at the end of 2012 according to state wildlife managers preparing the federally required annual wolf conservation and management report.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' complete report, which is expected to be available online at fwp.mt.gov by April 12, will show that Montana's verified minimum wolf count decreased more than four percent in 2012, compared to a 15 percent increase in 2011 and an eight percent increase in 2010. The minimum wolf count is the number of wolves actually verified by FWP wolf specialists.

The minimum numbers verified by FWP at the end of 2012 include 625 wolves, in 147 packs, and 37 breeding pairs. While it's the first time since 2004 that the minimum count has decreased, Montana's minimum wolf pack and breeding pairs estimates increased slightly from 2011. The 2012 calculation, however, doesn't include the 95 wolves taken by hunters and trappers between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28 of this year.

"We're making some progress," said FWP Director Jeff Hagener. "Confirmed livestock loss has been on a general downward trend since 2009, and we have more tools now for affecting wolf populations. In some areas, where hunting, trapping and livestock-depredation removals have been effective, it looks like the wolf population's growth has been curbed this year. In other areas the population may be leveling off, but we have more work to do. There are still places where we need to manage for a better balance among other Montana wildlife and with Montana's livestock producers and their families."

Delta Kappa Gamma Looking for Award Applicants

Delta Kappa Gamma is looking for women in their third year of college majoring in education to apply for their College Recruitment Award. This is a \$500 award.

Please contact lobermeyer@sidney.k12.mt.us or cosland@sidney.k12.mt.us for the short application form. The deadline is April 1, so please contact them as soon as possible to meet the deadline.

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First Montana Hantavirus Case Reported for 2013

Submitted by Jon Ebelt
The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has confirmed the first case of Hantavirus infection in a Montana resident in 2013. The individual is expected to make a full recovery. The resident of Deer Lodge County is believed to have come into contact with the virus while cleaning an area that had been contaminated by rodents.

This case is one of 36 Hantavirus infection cases reported in Montana since 1993. Montana typically sees one to two cases a year, making Montana second only to New Mexico in the number of cases per 100,000 population. "Montanans should be aware of the precautions they can take to avoid Hantavirus and the rodents that can carry it," said DPHHS Director Richard H. Oppen. "People can contract the illness when they breathe in air contaminated by the virus. It is important to avoid actions that raise dust, such as sweeping or vacuuming if signs of rodents are

present. Protecting yourself and cleaning correctly is essential." During spring and summer months more opportunities for exposure may occur as people clean out buildings or recreate outdoors and come in contact with mouse and rat nesting materials.

According to Dr. Steven Helgersen, the State Medical Officer, early symptoms of Hantavirus infection include fever and muscle aches, and sometimes chills, headache, vomiting. Within a few days,

Sidney Tiger Sharks to Host State Swim Meet

Sidney has been selected to host the 2013 Montana Federation of Swimmers State Swim Meet this summer. The State Meet will be August 3rd & 4th. The Sidney Tiger Sharks are the defending 2012 AA Swim Champions and have won the AA title 10 of the last 12 years.

Registration to be on the 2013 team will be April 2 & 3 from 5 to 7 pm, upstairs at the Richland Youth Hockey Arena. The season will begin June 1st and is open to children 4-18. The cost of registration is \$40 for an individual swimmer or \$70 for a family. All swimmers are also required to purchase a season swim pass from the City.

The swim team also has a program called Sharkpups. The program is for beginner swimmers who aren't quite ready for competition. As swim team president, Don Garsjo, stated, "It's a program we started a long time ago for the younger siblings." An additional \$20 per swimmer is charged for Sharkpups program and takes a limited amount of members, as it takes extra volunteers.

For more information please contact Team President, Don Garsjo, at 406-488-6523.

symptoms progress to coughing and severe shortness of breath. The symptoms develop one to six weeks after exposure.

"Early recognition and immediate medical care are key to surviving the illness," Helgersen said. "If someone is exposed to rodents and experiences symptoms – especially severe shortness of breath, they need to seek treatment right away. Telling your doctor about any rodent exposure will alert your physician to look closely for any rodent-carried disease, such as Hantavirus."

The best way to prevent Hantavirus transmission is to control rodent populations in areas where one lives and works. When cleaning areas where rodents may nest, the following precautions should be followed: Where rubber or plastic gloves, thoroughly spray/soak area with a disinfectant or mixture of bleach and water to reduce dry dusty conditions in the area being cleaned, wipe or mop the area with a sponge or paper towel (throw away any items after use), wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after removing gloves, never sweep or vacuum in these areas as this can stir up dust and aerosolize the droppings.

More information on Hantavirus and its prevention can be found at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website at: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov>.

City Hall Community Workshop

Submitted by Rachel Sawicki
The City of Williston, in conjunction with JLG Architects, will be hosting a Community Workshop on Thursday, March 28th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Williston Community Library. The City is asking for input from the Citizens of Williston on ideas for future and current facilities needs of the various City Departments.

The City of Williston is experiencing unprecedented growth, and keeping up with the various demands that this brings has proven to be an unprecedented challenge. Planning for growth is one thing, but carrying out a strategy for unpredictable growth, both in terms of speed and size, is an entirely different challenge.

The City of Williston is taking that challenge head on, both by choice and by necessity, as they see an opportunity to address current and long-term needs for their departments and employees. The workload of the various governmental departments has increased dramatically due to the increased population and building activity, and additional space and efficiency are vital to the future health, security and performance of these various departments. This too, correlates to the health, safety and welfare of the public that they serve.

Because of this, this City of Williston is facilitating the space and operations study for the following City facilities: City Hall, Public Works and the MDU Building (Building Department). The goal of this study is to analyze these existing facilities, determine current programming needs and develop options for long-term facility needs (25-30 years) based on extensive case study research, trends and multipliers for growth.

These options will be determined and developed based off of input from Committee leadership and from the Community of Williston. With each option, cost estimates will be developed and analyzed so future informed decisions can be made regarding existing and new facilities that may be built. Ultimately the outcome of the study is to provide framework for future facilities that can be flexible to growth and development of the government and the City of Williston.

TRENTON INDIAN SERVICE AREA GENERAL ELECTION April 2, 2013

The 2013 General Election for one Chairperson-at-Large with term expiring in April 2017 and one District Candidate in each of Districts I, II and III with terms expiring April 2017 will be held on April 2, 2013. There will also be a referendum ballot to vote on issues pertaining to the members of Trenton Indian Service Area. The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (local time).

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The Sidney - Nick Jones Realty 4th Grade Boys basketball team that finished 2nd at the Sidney Sunrise Youth Basketball Tournament held on 3/16-17. Front Row (Left to Right): Braden Klinke, Jaxson Franklin, Logan Jones. Back Row (Left to Right): Dan Peters (Coach), Riley Waters, Boston Peters, Ty Lovegren, Hudson Severson



Sunrise Youth Tournament

The Sidney - Reynolds Market 5th Grade Girls basketball team that won the Sidney Sunrise Youth Basketball Tournament held on 3/16-17. Front Row (Left to Right): Jenna Baxter, Maddie Peters, Cassidy Larson. Back Row (Left to Right): Dan Peters (Coach), Logan Schipman, Rae Hintz, Liza Reynolds, Nicolle Larson (Coach), Carrie Peters (Coach)



The Sidney - Seitz Insurance 7th Grade Boys basketball team that won the Sidney Sunrise Youth Basketball Tournament held on 3/16-17. Front Row (Left to Right): Trent Dejarlais, Kolby Waterson. Back Row (Left to Right): Conner Larson, Max Peters, Alec Lovegren, Layne Swigart, Dan Peters (Coach)

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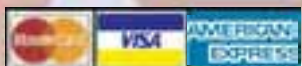
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Sidney Gymnastics Club Competes at Montana State Gymnastics Meet

The Sidney Gymnastics Club competed at the Montana State Gymnastics Competition 2013 Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24 in Bozeman. The results are as followed:

Level 4

Hailey Hasvold, Vault 9.6; Bars 6.6; Beam 7.675; Floor 8.025; All Around 31.9

Bethany Wells, Vault 9.4; Bars 8.125; Beam 8.7; Floor 9.225; All Around 35.46

Becca Deming, Vault 9.4; Bars 8.5; Beam 8.6; Floor 9.025; All Around 35.525

Cheyenne Christian, Vault 8.95; Bars 8.55; Beam 8.175; Floor 8.3; All Around 33.975

Lorraine Coronato, Vault 9.15; Bars 8.45; Beam 8.45; Floor 7.575; All Around 33.625

Cassidy Larson, Vault 9.225; Bars 6.45; Beam 8.0; Floor 8.275; All Around 31.95

Shea Roberts, Vault 9.25; Bars 7.15; Beam 7.775; Floor 7.55; All Around 31.725

Codi Hasvold, Vault 9.45; Bars 9.075; Beam 8.675; Floor 8.875; All Around 36.075

Bailee Vitt, Vault 9.35; Bars 8.975; Beam 8.75; Floor 8.95; All Around 36.025

Hallie Andrews, Vault 9.2; Bars 8.175; Beam 7.9; Floor 8.35; All Around 33.625

Suttyn Barnhart, Vault 9.175; Bars 8.7; Beam 7.425; Floor 8.175; All Around 33.475

Liliana Johnson, Vault 9.475; Bars 8.65; Beam 8.375; Floor 8.3; All Around 34.8

Taylor Stewart, Vault 9.375; Bars 8.825; Beam 8.2; Floor 7.9; All Around 34.3

Level 5

Hannah Hasvold, Vault 9.375; Bars 8.0; Beam 7.75; Floor 8.45; All Around 33.575

Level 8

Amanda Deegan, Vault 8.525; Bars 9.025; Beam 7.6; Floor 9.125; All Around 34.275

Bethany Wells 2nd Floor, 5th Beam, 7th Place All Around

Hailey Hasvold 3rd Vault

Liliana Johnson 4th Vault

Becca Deming 4th Vault, 4th Floor, 5th All Around

Cheyenne Christian 8th All Around

Lorraine Coronato 9th All Around

Shea Roberts 5th Vault

Codi Hasvold 5th Vault, 5th Bars, 5th All Around

Bailee Vitt 5th Beam, 3rd Floor, 6th All Around

Hannah Hasvold 1st Vault

Amanda Deegan 2nd Bars, 3rd Floor, 5th Vault, 6th All Around

Amanda Deegan qualified in the individual competition for the Regional Meet by being in the top 14 placers at the State Gymnastics Meet, Amanda is one out of 8 gymnasts to represent the state of Montana in the team competition at Regionals.





AJF Invitational

Three members of the Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do and Judo School traveled to Billings to participate in the 31st Annual AJF Invitational Tae Kwon Do and Judo Tournament. This tournament was held at Billings West High School on Saturday, March 16th and hosted by Grand Master Suk Byunng Park. Competitors from Sidney were (L-R) Corey Christiansen in the 6 to 8 year old green belt division, who placed 3rd in forms and 2nd in sparring; Jackson Thogerson in the 9 to 11 year old blue belt division who placed second in the forms and third in sparring; Casey Christiansen in the 15 to 17 year old brown belt Judo division, who placed 3rd in Randori – free fighting; and Master Mike Bergh.



Level 4

Above: The Sidney Gymnastics Level 4 girls competed at the Montana State Gymnastics Meet Sunday.

Front row (L-R) Cheyenne Christian, Becca Deming, Suttyn Barnhart, Hailey Hasvold, Bethany Wells, Liliana Johnson, Lorraine Coronato.

Back row (L-R) Bailee Vitt, Cassidy Larson, Codi Hasvold, Hallie Andrews, Shea Roberts, Taylor Stewart.



Level 8

Despite an injury on the beam, level 8 gymnast Amanda Deegan placed 2nd on bars, 3rd on floor, 5th on vault and 6th all around. Deegan also qualified for the USA Gymnastics Regionals.

Level 5

Level 5 gymnast Hannah Hasvold was a Montana State Champion with a first place finish in the vault.

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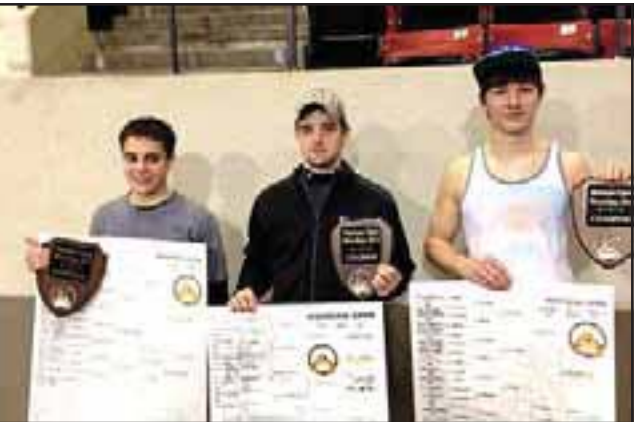
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Sidney Wrestlers Compete in Billings



Ethan Graves, Jordan Stevens, and Cody Christian each won their weight group at the Montana Open this weekend.

The Sidney Wrestling Club had 29 wrestlers compete at the Montana Open at Metra Park in Billings this past Saturday and Sunday. There were wrestlers from eight different states which includes Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho, Utah, Washington and New York. Three wrestlers brought home championship plaques. Following are the placers:

- 6 and Under**
#43 Reece Graves, 4th
- 10 and Under**
#89 Riley Waters, 3rd; #127 Trey Schepens, 4th
- 12 and Under**
#90 Jace Winters, 4th
- 15 and Under**
#116 Ethan Graves, 1st; #151 Cody Johnson, 3rd; #172 Cody Christian, 1st
- 18 and Under**
#145 Jordan Stevens, 1st; #152 Doug Rooney, 5th



Left: Reece Graves looks to pin his opponent at the Montana Open this weekend in Billings. Visit roundupweb.com for more pictures. (Photos by Erin Graves)

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Sidney Students of the Month



Duran Vigesaa

Duran Vigesaa is a Senior at Sidney High School. He is new to Sidney this year, and we are lucky to have him! Duran is the son of Jill and Claire Vigesaa. They have lived most of their lives in Fargo, ND, spent one year in Denver, CO, and are now here in Sidney. Duran has an excellent attitude. He is hard working, positive, determined and a great leader. He is also a very talented musi-

cian. He sings, plays the piano, guitar and violin. He will be greatly missed next year.



Gresh Jones

This year's Sidney Sophomore class is a good group of students to teach and a very athletic bunch off the sidelines. This year Gresh Jones was chosen for his actions both as a student first and athlete second. He is always on time, prepared and

ready to go for class, often leading P.E. class in warm-ups. His eyes are on the speaker and he always chimes into a conversation or debate where one is needed. Gresh is an all around good athlete as we have seen in football and wrestling. It was shocking to see how quickly he picked up learning tennis as Gresh and his partner won his class tournament with ease. He is what every teacher should look for as a student-athlete. Gresh is the son of Derald and Kari Jones.

The sixth-grade student chosen for the February Sidney Middle School student of the month is Tyler Berka. Tyler continuously approaches each day with a positive attitude. She comes to class prepared, eager to learn and willing to always put her best

foot forward. Tyler is considerate of others, well liked by her peers and makes a conscious effort to always do her best. Tyler is the daughter of Allison and Pat Berka.



Tyler Berka

Nicholas Frandsen is West Side Elementary's student of the month for February. Nicholas is a fourth-grade student in Miss DiFonzo's class. He is a very

kind and respectful student who is always willing to lend a hand to those in need. Nicholas takes his job as a student seriously and is very conscious of having work completed and turned in on time. He is very bright and a real pleasure to have in class. Nicholas is the son of Peter and Cara Frandsen.



Nicholas Frandsen



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'Slamabama' to Entertain at Jaycees Concert

By Ashley Harris

With a blend of country and rock, the band 'Slamabama' will be performing live at the Sidney Jaycees Spring Concert. The concert will be at the Ranger Hockey Arena, Friday, April 19 with the doors opening at 7 pm and the concert starting at 8 pm.

Known for their energy and fun, Slamabama is a mix-



ture of a female vocal lead, 2 male vocalists and a "tight rhythm section."

For more information about Slamabama and to hear a sample of their music visit: www.Slamabama.com.

Tickets are selling for \$20 in advance or \$30 at door. Anyone 21 and older can purchase tickets at Fink Family Chiropractic, Lone Tree Motor Inn, Restorx, or from any Sidney Jaycees member.

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SEA Scholarship Due April 12

SEA Scholarship is due in the Guidance Office by April 12, 2013.

The SEA Scholarship will be awarded to at least one high school senior entering the field of education. The SEA has also decided to open up the scholarship to at least one current college

sophomore or junior who is a Sidney graduate and enrolled in the field of education.

Current seniors and college students who are interested, please contact Thom Barnhart at Sidney High School or his website for application forms. These applications are due by April 12.



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Voice Your Opinions About Health Care in Richland County Health Survey

Submitted by Rita Steinbeisser

Community members in Richland County may soon be receiving a survey form in their mailbox. This survey will be sent to a random sample of homes within the next couple of weeks which will help Sidney Health Center identify the health services needed in the community. This information will be used for strategic planning, grant applications, new programs, and by community groups interested in addressing health issues.

The National Rural Health Resource Center of Duluth, Minnesota is assisting Sidney Health Center in the analysis of local community needs, use of local health care services and overall community health. This process was developed to maintain quality health care to serve the continuing and future needs of the community.

The community healthcare assessment process promotes health care as a local affair. Health care delivered in rural communities is affordable, high qual-

ity, and necessary to the good health of the entire community. Citizens of rural counties can take responsibility for the health of their community by completing the survey they receive in their mailbox. Most communities face a large number of complex issues in providing high quality healthcare, but fortunately, Richland County can engage effective problem-solving, which is the most important factor in the survival of rural health services.

An accompanying goal of this process is to keep health care dollars within the local community. While the vast majority of health care can be provided locally, rural citizens often drive to large medical centers for care, spending money on health care and non-health care purchases that could be spent locally. It is estimated that within a typical rural community, millions of dollars of revenue is lost in this way. This revenue could be retained in the local community with stronger community-health care provider linkages.

Sidney Health Center's campus features a clinic, hospital, cancer care center, sleep center, retail pharmacy, medical equipment store and an extended care facility, offering services from birth to end-of-life.

"We are partnering with the Montana Office of Rural Health at Montana State University to conduct this community health survey. We hope to receive valuable information from a wide range of participants to assist in planning our programs, services and facilities to meet present and future health care needs," stated Rick Haraldson, Sidney Health Center CEO.

"We are pleased to be able to bring some of the best community health resources in the country to Sidney Health Center. The goal of this initiative is to assist forward-thinking rural hospitals and communities in aligning their resources, to address their present and future needs in the best way possible," said Terry Hill, Executive Director of the National Rural Health Resource Center.



Catch of the Day

Five year old Camron Maxwell of Williston waits patiently to make the catch of the day at the annual Coates RV show held last weekend. (Photo by Tie Shank)



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**Submitted by
Leslie Sullivan**
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Both Mercy Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center are 25-bed, Critical Access Hospitals with a Level IV Trauma Center accredited by The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). In August and September 2012, St. Joseph's and Mercy respectively, met rigorous quality certification standards to once again receive The Joint Commission's National Quality Approval Award. This certification is valid for up to 36 months.

"In the face of much growth and change in our region, St. Joseph's

Hospital's quality has continued to increase. St. Joseph's has always provided excellent quality care, so it's a gratifying moment for our staff to be recognized nationally with this designation," said Reed Reyman, President of St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center. Matt Grimshaw, President of Mercy Medical Center also commented, "As the landscape of our region has rapidly grown and changed, so has the breadth and quality of services delivered at Mercy Medical Center. Receiving this award is a true testament to the level of exceptional care and dedication our staff deliver on a daily basis, and we are honored to be recognized as one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the nation."

The HealthStrong™ Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals, including St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center of Dickinson, and Mercy Medical Center of Williston, scored best among critical access hospitals on the iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index™. The 2013 Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals that provide a high quality "safety-net" to communities throughout rural America – measur-

ing them against 56 different performance metrics, including quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability and efficiency.

"Rural hospitals play a critical role in providing needed care to communities across America, yet the challenges are completely different while being as complex as urban hospitals. The need for enhanced performance and a framework for success are equally important as hospitals prepare for the impact of health reform," said John Morrow, EVP of iVantage Health Analytics.

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By Tieheena Shank

A twin-cities based national property development firm, Oppidan Investment Company, broke ground on Watford City's newest shopping center, bringing more choices and opportunities to residents and businesses in the area.



Public Speaking

Emily Schaff of Sidney FFA Chapter was a 1st place winner of Prepared Public Speaking and a 2nd place winner for Extemporaneous Public Speaking. She will represent the 12 school, Big Muddy District, at the State Convention in Billings this April. Emily has been a multiple speaking winner for Sidney FFA for three years. Emily accompanied Travis Obergfell and Jimmy Topp in Job Interview event as well. Each placed in the top ten over 30 other contestants from the district. Garret Leland participated in the FFA Creed for Sidney FFA as an 8th grader placing 7th. (Submitted by Gary Schaff)

The 118,000 square foot retail shopping center is located on 12 acres of land at the corner of U.S. Highway 85 and the Highway 23 bypass and is expected to open in July 2013.

Coborn's, an employee owned grocery store chain that has several stores throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, has acquired Mike's Super Valu in Watford City and is opening the Cash Wise Grocery and Liquor store in the new shopping center. It'll be the center's largest tenant with the grocery store occupying approximately 48,000 square feet.

Alco will be the second largest tenant in the shopping center, occupying roughly 27,000 square feet and the Happy Rice Buffet will be occupying 5,000 square feet. A national shoe and apparel company is also in the process of signing a lease.

Gene Veeder, McKenzie County Job Development executive director, has recently stated that the new businesses that will be operating in the Watford Plaza will be generating \$2.5 million in city sales tax.

Oppidan has become a major player in the efforts to ensure Watford City's continued growth and development. They've recently presented a \$10,000 check to the Watford City Chamber of Commerce to help fund development of the Wolf Pup Daycare Center, a child-care facility that will be located in the new Wolf Run Village development. The facility will provide daycare services for up to 200 children.

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Conceptual drawing of the complex.



Current construction photo.

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