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68th Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show & Mondak Pulse Day This Week

By Anna Draseth

The 68th Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 10, and the Annual MonDak Pulse Day is set for Thursday, Feb. 11. Both events will be at the Williston Area Recreation Center, 822 18th St. E., Williston.

This year, both events are being offered in a hybrid in-person and online format, due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Participants will have the opportunity to choose to attend the event at home via Zoom or in-person.

The 68th Annual Hard Spring Wheat Show is free admission. Everyone is encouraged to register online for the event using this link: <https://forms.gle/DnK317kfW6tWoqEWA>.

At the event, Daryl Ritchison, North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network director will present a seasonal weather outlook. Dr. Audrey Kalil, NDSU Williston Research Extension Center plant pathologist, will present a talk on scab management in durum. Kelly Leo, NDSU Williams County Extension Agent, and Jeff Chilson, MSU Roosevelt County Extension Agent, will give a weed update.

Other agriculture specialists that will speak at the event include Dr. Dave Franzen, NDSU Extension soil specialist; Dr. Frayne Olson, the NDSU Extension director and crop economist/marketing specialist; Dr. Jim Staricka, NDSU Williston Research Extension Center soil scientist.

There will also be a panel discussion on soil acidification in no-till farming. "We're looking forward to the event and continuing this program. Hopefully, we can have a longer, more traditional program return in 2022," stated area extension specialist/cropping systems Dr. Clair Keene, Williston Research Extension Center.

Individuals interested in attending the MonDak Pulse Day can register online using the link: <https://forms.gle/ocJ4zYbYZAn6ghoP9>.

This event is free to attend via Zoom, and attendees who wish to attend virtually are required to register online.

"We encourage everyone to register so that if they want to watch on Zoom, we can email them the link or if they are attending in-person to help us with our headcount. The event has been shortened to a single half-day because of the pandemic," said Dr. Keene.

At this event, many speakers will be informing attendees on the latest in pulse crop disease management, intercropping pulses, and pulse breeding in Montana and North Dakota. Speakers include research Hettinger Research Extension Center agronomist John Rickertsen; NDSU associate professor of plant science and pulse breeder Dr. Kevin McPhee; Carrington Research Extension Center plant pathologist Dr. Michael Wunsch; Irrigation Research Specialist Justin Jacobs; Williston Research Extension Center Dr. Kalil and Dr. Keene.

Dr. Keene added, "We're excited to have John Rickert-



The 39th Annual Bread Fair is set to take place over the first two weeks of February. (Photo submitted)

sen from the Hettinger REC come and speak about growing soybeans in western North Dakota and what producers need to know about this rapidly expanding crop." For more information on these events, contact the Williston Research Extension Center at 701-774-4315.

Hunter Announced as New RMC Director of Nursing

By Jaimee Green

Roosevelt Medical Center proudly announces Karla Hunter, of Sidney, as the new Director of Nursing following her recent promotion.

Hunter's career in healthcare spans over 22 years. Prior to becoming the director of nursing, she managed the clinic downstairs as the director, overseeing a staff of seven. Prior to becoming the DON, she had already taken on some of those management duties after RMC's previous DON relocated. Those duties included overseeing the infection control program as well as the internal pharmacy.

"My immediate goal is to develop a collaborative and efficient workplace paying specific attention to the quality of care we provide and ways we can continue to improve. I am excited to be part of the continual process of commitment to quality that is fundamental to healthcare. Through much of my education I have worked on many projects and have ideas I want to implement that will continue to align us with the very best practices in patient care," Hunter said.

Hunter joined RMC in 2014 as a clinic staff nurse and then became the clinic director in 2015. Pursuing a graduate degree in 2020, she transferred upstairs to work as a floor nurse before accepting the director of nursing position. She has worked in many areas of nursing including long-term



Karla Hunter, Sidney, Roosevelt Medical Center new Director of Nursing. (Submitted photo)

care, obstetrics, surgery, in-patient psychiatry, in the clinical setting and in management.

She earned her Master's Degree in Nursing Leadership and Management in 2018 from Western Governor's University and her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 2017. She earned her Licensed Practicing Nursing Degree in 1999 from North Dakota State College, Wahpeton, ND.

"I look forward to further developing and implementing programs to help our nursing staff continue to innovate and align with our mission of providing quality

care that is personalized and patient-centered," said Hunter.

As the DON, she will oversee an in-house and traveling nursing staff of 24 and join the facilities 10-member management team. Her immediate goal is to recruit in-house nursing staff and utilize less traveling nurses.

Indirectly, Hunter has been familiar with the director of nursing position for many years. Her mother, Brenda French, served as the DON for 15-years before retiring. Today, as a part-time floor nurse, French will work alongside her daughter. "I

think it's an honor to work in the same position my mother did for so many years. She will be a great resource and will provide a wealth of knowledge as I take on this challenge," she added.

Hunter has served on many internal committees including the Orientation, Quality Improvement, Community Needs Assessment and the Antibiotic Steering Committee. She also managed a new chronic care management program and integrated behavioral health program. She was recognized as Employee of the Quarter in 2018.

Williston Area Chamber Of Commerce To Host Annual Awards Ceremony Online

Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on Feb. 12, at 12 p.m. at willistonchamber.com. The auction that is traditionally held at the Chamber's Annual Award Banquet will also be online from Feb. 11-14.

The Chamber will present the following annual awards:

- Distinguished Western Star Award

- Williston Leadership Award
- Generation Next Award
- Champion of Agriculture Award
- E. Ward Koeser Advocacy Award
- Community Engagement Award
- Chamber Connector Award

Each award is presented to an individual or organization that has exemplified

the Chamber's values of Connection, Engagement, Leadership, and Growth throughout 2020 and whose accomplishments meet the criteria specific to each award category.

"We are excited to honor individuals and organizations who have made meaningful contributions to make Williston a better place to live, work, and do business," said WACC President Rachel Richter

Lordemann" We hope to see a great virtual turnout to help us celebrate these deserving award winners.

"Links to the Virtual Awards Ceremony Video as well as the online auction can be found at www.willistonchamber.com.

For more information on the Annual Awards and Auction, contact The Chamber at 701-577-6000 or via email at wchamber@willistonchamber.com.

McKenzie County JDA Housing Programs Continue To Be Successful

By Anna Dragseth

In June 2019, the McKenzie County Job Development Authority (JDA) started two programs designed to help defray infrastructure costs for qualifying housing projects in McKenzie County.

"Our goal has been simply to help generate incentive for more quality single family housing to be built, as that has been identified as one of the greatest barriers to further economic growth in our community. Once the funds are exhausted, we are not looking to continue the programs as we hope that the market will be able to take over getting the needed housing built," stated Daniel Stenberg, McKenzie County economic developer and McKenzie County Job Development Authority executive director.

The two programs are the Housing Development Subsidy program and the Shovel-Ready Lot program.

The Housing Development Subsidy program provides a development subsidy of up to \$50,000 per single-family house in McKenzie County.

In order for a house to qualify for this program, it must be a newly constructed site-built house that meets the quality requirements detailed in the application process. A qualifying house must be located within the city limits of Watford City, Arnegard, Alexander, or in an approved County Subdivision.

The homebuyer's loan amount cannot exceed the FHA Mortgage Limit. The Development Subsidy amount will be adjusted based on the purchase price of the house and if it is built with complete or limited infrastructure. Complete infrastructure includes a curb, gutter, sidewalk, municipal water, municipal sewer. This qualifies for a development subsidy of up to \$50,000 per house.

Limited infrastructure includes municipal water and municipal sewer in a city; or in a county subdivision that has improved gravel road and septic. This qualifies for a development subsidy of up to \$25,000 per house.

This program has proven to be successful in 2020. So far, JDA has had a total of 19 houses close, which resulted in \$7,143,775 in cumulative sales price - JDA's overall investment in those houses was \$925,000. Each of those houses pay approximately \$2-3k in annual taxes and provides quality, long-term single-family housing for McKenzie County.

The Shovel-Ready Lot program was designed to trigger residential construction that would have the ability to benefit from economies of scale and provide a cross-section of in-demand, affordable single-family housing products located on efficient to serve lots in residential subdivisions.

The program's goal for 2020 was to provide 90-110 affordable shovel-ready lots in the year of 2020 through JDA sponsored public infrastructure development in established or new residential subdivisions.

In 2020, there were two awardees of this program: Stepping Stone Development, 55 lots (32 single family, 10 twin homes, 13 row homes), and Stenehjem Development, 79 lots (37 single family and 42 townhomes).

This program successfully stimulated residential construction and kept contractors busy in what may have been an otherwise quiet summer.

For more information about the Housing Development Subsidy Program, you can visit the website: <https://econdev.mckenziecounty.net/grants-incentives/housing-subsidy-program/>.



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MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave., Sidney, MT.
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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

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

THURSDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
7:30 p.m. — Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

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

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

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

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....	1838.0
Last Week's Elev.	1838.5
One Year Ago	1838.6
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	
Precip.			
February 1	50	10	0.000
February 2	58	21	0.000
February 3	33	4	0.004
February 4	17	-1	0.003
February 5	11	-5	0.008
February 6	-3	-19	0.001
February 7	-4	-21	0.007
Total 2021 YTD Precipitation			0.217

OBITUARIES

Roy Zadow, 93, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Roy Zadow, 93, Sidney, MT are 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT with Tony Sifuentes officiating. Visitation was 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home is caring for the family. Roy passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, Sidney, MT.

Sidney Kindergarten Registration Fall 2021 School Term

Kindergarten registration for the Fall 2021 School Term will be held the month of February at West Side School, Sidney. If you have a child who will be five on or before Sept. 10 you are encouraged to register them, whether or not you have decided for sure that your child will start school this fall. We register at this time so that we can order supplies for the upcoming school year. Parents need to bring the child's birth certificate and immunization record when registering. We will take copies of these for the school file. West Side School office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

DPHHS Continues Weekly Vaccine Distribution To Local Jurisdictions

On Feb. 2, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) was notified the state would receive 16,425 first doses and 13,525 second doses for those completing the vaccine series. This allocation will be distributed to local jurisdictions the week of Feb. 8. DPHHS continues to be notified week-to-week regarding vaccine allocation. However, the agency has been assured the amounts will not be less than current levels. Governor Greg Gianforte also announced on Feb. 3 a reallocation of 19,500 unused Pfizer doses that were originally provided to CVS and Walgreens under contract by the federal government to vaccinate residents and staff in long-term care and assisted living facilities. These doses will be distributed to hospitals around the state with ultracold storage capability, in coordination with local public health agencies. This allocation will also free up more Moderna doses to be allocated to rural areas of the state.

"The good news is that vaccines are being administered on a weekly basis to Montanans most vulnerable to complications from COVID-19," said DPHHS Director Adam Meier. "While the current supply the state receives each week from the federal government isn't keeping up with the demand in Montana, the state is one of the best in the nation in administering the vaccine to its citizens."

Meier said while the federal government's vaccine shipments to the state remain low, DPHHS continues its work to equitably allocate doses across Montana. Factors that impact vaccine allocation to counties include the local jurisdiction's estimated population of those eligible to receive the vaccine in each phase, previous allocations to each specific provider, and the amount of vaccine that provider has left to administer.

DPHHS then uses this information to determine specific allocations to local jurisdictions before they are notified every Friday. The local jurisdictions then begin to make their vaccine allocation plans for the following week.

Pharmacy Chains Will Distribute Vaccines
Also, starting next week, DPHHS has been notified the federal government is partnering with 21 national pharmacy chains and independent pharmacy networks to help administer COVID-19 vaccine in communities across the United States as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination.

This program represents the federal strategy to expand access to vaccines. The initial phased implementation of the program will begin next week, with select retail pharmacies administering COVID-19 vaccine across the country as early as Thursday, Feb. 11. It is not known at this time which specific Montana pharmacies will receive doses through this program. Once that information is known, DPHHS will share it.

The pharmacy program will be implemented incrementally, based on the available supply of COVID-19 vaccines. **Governor Gianforte Urges President to Send More Vaccines to Montana**

Governor Gianforte continues to urge President Biden and our federal partners to ramp up vaccine production and send more vaccines to Montana to match the state's efficiencies surrounding vaccine distribution and administration.

Montana is in Phase 1B. In Phase 1B, COVID-19 vaccines are available to Montanans 70 years of age and older, 16 to 69 years of age with a high-risk medical condition, and Native Americans and other persons of color who may be at elevated risk for COVID-19 complications.

As of Feb. 3, 2021, a total of 116,119 Montanans has received the COVID-19 vaccine first dose and 30,137 people are fully immunized. These numbers are updated daily on the new vaccine dashboard. The new dashboard includes information on total vaccine doses administered, Montanans fully immunized, and doses administered per 1,000 eligible people across Montana counties.

DPHHS Has New Vaccine Map & Website
DPHHS has launched a new COVID-19 vaccine website landing page, including a map with local information and resources. Local jurisdictions continue to hold vaccine clinics for those eligible in Phase 1B and are providing regular updates online about vaccine availability at the local level. This information changes constantly so Montanans are encouraged to check the map frequently.

The DPHHS map links to online and social media sites where jurisdictions share information regularly on vaccine availability and scheduling. The map also includes the best local phone number to call, but Montanans are urged to utilize the online information first.

Health officials also state that during the vaccination process, it's important to remain vigilant to limit the spread of COVID-19. Montanans need to continue to practice basic public health prevention methods to keep case numbers low while the vaccine rollout continues: wear a mask to protect yourself and others, practice social distancing by staying six feet apart, stay home if you are sick, cover your cough, wash your hands often, and avoid large crowds.

EVENTS
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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.
Month of Feb. - Mon.-Thurs.
8 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Kindergarten Registration for the fall 2021 School Term** - Registration for children who will be 5 before Sept. 10. Bring child's birth certificate and immunization record. West Side School.
Wed., Feb. 10
10 a.m. -4 p.m. - **Jodi Lightner: Straight There and Back** - This show features drawings examining "how architecture coexists with what we are thinking and imagining." Showing through Feb. 27. **Joseph Garcia: Visual Interpretation of Natural History** - Joseph Garcia's artwork looks at how nature, science, and history can be explained visually. Showing through March 13. MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Cook's choice soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.
Sun., Feb. 14, 21, 28
9 a.m.-noon - **Breakfast** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.
1 p.m. - **Bingo** - Open to the public. Sidney Moose Lodge.
Mon., Feb. 15, March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3
6:30-8 p.m. - **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Meetings** - Open to all Moms with school aged children and younger, including Moms who are expecting. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1101 Madison Lane. No childcare provided. For more information call Stacy Abar, 406-672-1463.
Tues., Feb. 16
12 p.m. - **Job Service Employers Committee Meeting (JSEC)** - Open to everyone. Reynolds Market conference room. Meetings every third Tues. of the month. For more information call Margie 406-433-1204 ext. 204.
Wed., Feb. 17
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Tomato soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.
Thurs., Feb. 18
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Sidney Country Club. RSVP by Feb. 16. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.
Sat., Feb. 20
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Open Studio Saturdays** - All participants must make an appointment call 406-433-3500 or email mdhc@richland.org. Adults 18+ years old only, masks required, other restrictions apply. Take home an Art to go Kit for your little ones. MonDak Heritage Center. If you are unable to make it during open studio hours set up an appointment with Jessica, 406-433-3500. For more information e-mail mdhc@richland.org or visit <https://mondakheritagecenter.org/>.
Mon., Feb. 22
7 p.m. - **Snacks & Chats** - Anxiety & depression support group for teens ages 13-19. Board games, foosball, ping pong and treats. Pella Church, not church related.
Wed., Feb. 24
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - **WOTM Soups** - Open to the public. Potato soup. Sidney Moose Lodge.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone
Thurs., Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
4-5 p.m. - **After School Art-3rd-6th by Long X Arts Foundation** - Children will take home a different art project every day! \$15 a class. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. For more information call Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.
Thurs., Feb. 11 & 25
2-4 p.m. - **Food Giveaway with New Winter Hours** - First Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
Tues., Feb. 16
2-4 p.m. - **Food Pantry Handouts** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more information call McKenzie County Extension Office, 701-444-3451 or visit McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page for dates, times and updates.
Tues., Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
4-5 p.m. - **After School Art-K-2nd by Long X Arts Foundation** - Children will take home a different art project every day! \$15 a class. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. For more information call Jessie, 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.
Tues., Feb. 23, March 9, 23
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - **Percs & Rec Kids** - Free fun activities for children, crafts, story time, scavenger hunts, sport games, building blocks and more. McKenzie County Public Library.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.
Fri., Feb. 12
6-9 p.m. - **Ladies Night** - Snacks, wine, sales and door prizes. Style Uncorked Boutique, 125 Main St.
Sat., Feb. 13
9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m. - **Mom & Daughter Day** - Homemade spa kits, specialty crafts, motivational speaker, groove dance class & more. Ages 4-12, \$30 a couple, \$10 additional daughters. Keel Boat, Spring Lake Park.
Thurs., Feb. 18
7 p.m. - **Confluence History Book Club** - Join history buffs to discuss this month's book, "Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence," by Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnese. Free refreshments. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call Debbie Crossland or Joe Garcia, 701-572-9034.
Fri., Feb. 19 & Sat., Feb. 20
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Confluence Sewing & Quilting** - All experience levels welcome and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. For more information call Debbie Crossland or Joe Garcia, 701-572-9034.
Sat., Feb. 27
9 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Hypertension Screening Event** - Providers will offer blood pressure screenings, check blood glucose (sugar) levels and offer diabetes education. Insurance will be billed. If you currently do not have insurance, financial counselors are available. Call 701-572-7651 to schedule an appointment. Craven Hagan Clinic, 1213 15th Ave. W. Event by CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. CT Zone
Sat., Feb. 13
5-11:30 p.m. - **Badlands D&D Adult Game** - The game masters will be there to lead you through an adventure for the evening. Seats are \$5 a person and space is limited. VFW Post 1125, 218 S. Merrill Ave.
Wed., Feb. 17
7:30-8:30 p.m. - **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 234** - Glendive American Legion Hall, 105 N. Merrill Ave.
Fri., March 5, 4-8 p.m.; Sat., March 6, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., March 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Glendive Gun Show - Antiques, art, books, collectibles, coins, jewelry, western items, firearms and accessories. 170 tables, food and refreshments available. \$3 per day, \$6 for all 3 days. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill.

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McKenzie County 4-H Hosts Badlands Roundup Archery Match In Watford City

Submitted by Marcia Hellandsaas, NDSU Extension Agent McKenzie County

McKenzie County beginners received second and third place team honors in the Bare Bow category at Badlands Roundup 4-H Archery Match held on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Rough Rider Center, Watford City.

Receiving fourth place honors individually was Beau Hovland, son of Blaine and Jennifer Hovland, Arnegard.

Also shooting Barebow from McKenzie County were the following, Ashlynn Rolla, Jacob and Brianna Rink, Faith Langford, KayDee Ceynar, Charlie Wisness and Paul Smith.

Freestyle Beginner McCoy Lawlar, son of Howdy and Jodee Lawlar, Watford City, received fourth individual honors.

The McKenzie County junior Bare Bow team received second place honors with Cooper George, son of

Josh and Erin George, Watford City, placing fourth individually and Hailey Wendlandt, daughter of Crystal Wendlandt, Watford City capturing fifth place. Also shooting junior Bare Bow were, Luke Smith, Griffon Signalness and Malakai Wendlandt.

McKenzie County took second place honors in Junior Freestyle division. Dylan Cargo, son of Laci and Seth Cargo, Arnegard, received third place honors individually. Also shooting were: Wyatt Bookelman, Luke Smith, Jax Hovde and Nicholas Ellis.

In the Senior Barebow division, McKenzie County placed second as a team. Ryan Pingel, son of Sandra and Brent Pingel, Watford City, was third place finisher with Jake Ceynar, son of Sara and Dustin Ceynar, Arnegard, placing fourth. Others shooting were, Addison George, Clay Ceynar and Hunter Cowan.

Finally, McKenzie County placed second and fourth as teams in Senior Freestyle with Jake Ceynar placing fifth individually. Other McKenzie County Freestyle shooters were, Clay Ceynar, Shyanna and Skyla Hovde, Ryan Pingel, Colton Crist and Addison George.

About 95 4-H'ers from western North Dakota participated in the match.

For more information, please contact NDSU Extension/McKenzie County, 701-444-3451.



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Guest Opinion:

Bicoastal & Washington DC Elites Despise Middle America

By Jerry “Doc” Kessler

It has become increasingly obvious that the Bicoastal and D.C “elites” despise Middle America. Unfortunately, they are now the policy makers for the whole country. President Biden seems obliged to appease the elites at the expense of the rest of the country. Biden has signed a record number of 37 executive orders in the first week in office. His inner circle of advisors no doubt wrote his executive orders, and they effectively dismantled the

recent accomplishments of conservatives. So much for the claim Biden that he was going to be a moderate and a unifier.

With a few strokes of his pen, our new president has declared war on the oil and gas industry. Global warming, the elites have said in recent years, is our biggest national problem. The COVID-19 pandemic is obviously important, but it is significant that his first actions in office were directed at other issues. Renewable energy sources (solar and

wind), they say, is the answer to all our problems. Biden’s new energy czar, John Kerry, lectures us on the importance that “we” must reduce our carbon footprint. Consider the hypocrisy of his preaching: His private jet alone consumes 36 times more carbon energy than the average American automobile does in a year. That does not even include the energy that Kerry and his wife consume by owning six houses, two yachts, and twelve vehicles.

California and Governor Newsom have mandated that cars in their state must all be electric by 2035. Electric vehicles currently account for about 2% of the vehicles in this country. It should also be known that a Tesla electric vehicle costs about \$21,000 more than a comparison gas vehicle. How many average Americans can afford these more expensive cars? And how are people from Montana and North Dakota going to find energy-charging stations when they drive across the wide expanses of our rural states? Build a fleet of electric car charging stations, the elites say – but at what cost?

Here is another issue: The Keystone gas pipeline has passed numerous environmental studies, and it has been concluded that the pipeline is a safe way to deliver energy to metropolitan areas. Biden just cancelled that project. That stroke of his pen just made 12,000 good-paying American jobs disappear, and that does not even include the economic impact those job losses will have on the communities and local companies that benefitted from that project. Another one of Biden’s executive orders just banned new oil and gas leases on

federal lands. The Western Energy Alliance said that this ban would kill 58,700 jobs in eight states in middle America. John Kerry said “those people” working on the Keystone pipeline (and related industries) can just find new jobs . . . How facetious is that? And switching gas transports from pipeline to trucks and trains has the potential of causing way more harm to the environment than the pipeline.

Joe Biden just proudly rejoined the Paris Climate Accord. The science and politics of that decision is way more complicated than that, however. The United Nations released the 2020 “Emission Gap Report” and said that the U.S was the most successful major country at reducing its pollution. According to the report, “the United States of America emits 13% of global greenhouse gas emissions.” By comparison, they reported, “China emits more than 25% of global emissions.” Over the last decade, our country’s greenhouse gas emissions have been declined by 0.4% annually.” Greenhouse gas emissions per capita in this country do remain high, but are dropping significantly while those of China, India, and Russia continue to rise. A recent Forbes magazine article said that the US “doesn’t need the Paris Climate Accord,” especially since we are already meeting carbon emission guidelines and those other countries are not being held to the same standards. Adhering to the Paris guidelines will cost as many as 2.7 million American jobs by 2025, as was reported by National Economic Research Associates. The next agenda item, by the way, is to outlaw fracking. How will this affect our regional

economy? The process of handcuffing our gas and oil industry will also jeopardize our country’s energy independence, which we worked so hard to attain. We will once again be dependent on hostile countries for our energy needs.

It should also be noted that researchers estimate forest fires (aggravated by poor forest management) cause almost half of the carbon emissions globally. For example, the forest fires that occurred in 1997 in Indonesia alone were responsible for “13 to 40%” of global carbon emissions that year.

I agree that it is important that the US increases its use of alternative energy sources. Past estimates said that 17% of our energy needs can be met with solar energy, but now some more recent idealistic predictions say it can provide 80-100% of our needs. What is the truth? It depends on whom you listen to. Alternative energy technology has come a long way. Unfortunately, about 80% of the world’s solar panels are made in China, which contributes to their world dominance – and costs many American jobs. Phasing out older solar panels also produces a lot of toxic waste – which has not been calculated into the equation. And what about the “visual pollution” that occurs with wind generators and solar panel farms?

There are other clean sources of energy. Nuclear energy meets about 10% of the world’s energy needs. France gets 70% of its energy from nuclear. This is theoretically the cleanest source of energy, providing the latest technology is used and safety guidelines are followed. Big cities, which need electricity the most, are not willing to consider this option.

Elites also belittle our farmers and ranchers. Cattle should be eliminated because they emit methane gas, they say – but I say that blowhard politicians produce much more noxious gas. Michael Bloomberg, a Democratic presidential candidate last year, said “anybody can be a farmer.” In a now famous news clip, Bloomberg was heard saying: “I could teach anybody – even people in this room,

no offense intended – to be a farmer. It’s a [process]: you dig a hole, you put a seed in, you put dirt on top, add water, up comes the corn.” Mr. Bloomberg’s comments reveal his ignorance of the farming and ranching businesses. It seems like he has no understanding of how food magically appears on his own plate.

I do not believe that the goals of these new policy makers (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bernie Sanders, and Joe Biden’s advisors) are what most Americans want. They have mounted attacks on the energy industry and other conservative values: respect for our borders, protecting female sports from domination by biologic males, respect for human life, value-based private school education, access to unbiased media, free speech for opinions that they do not agree with, police attempting to do their job, maintenance of a two-party political system, etc. I sincerely fear that enactment of this liberal agenda will adversely affect the lives of my children and grandchildren. I choose to believe that God still wants good things for our country. I do not believe that big government, past and present, knows what is best for all Americans. The true founders of our country (not the 1619 project version of the story) emphasized personal liberty and individual responsibility: “Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” are ideals that are more American than the nanny state telling us what we can and cannot do and believe. Our economy and industry have been the envy of the world. Our energy and food producing industries have done a great job. It is reasonable to set realistic carbon emission guidelines, for example, but eliminating carbon-based industries overnight is unfair and heavy handed. None of these so-called experts have demonstrated the ability to accurately analyze the costs and benefits of these options. I do not claim to be an expert either. I pray for our country. All of us should try to be less political and more practical in trying to find realistic solutions to these challenges.

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On Keystone XL Pipeline, Tester Urges President Biden To Reverse Course

Senator: Pipeline could support thousands of good-paying Montana jobs

US Senator Jon Tester is urging President Joe Biden to reconsider his decision to cancel the presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline and asking him to sit down with stakeholders – including Montana’s Tribes – to chart a path forward on the job-creating project together.

Tester has long supported the Keystone XL pipeline, which has the potential to support thousands of good-paying Montana jobs and would increase tax revenue for local communities in eastern Montana.

“I am writing to encourage you to reconsider your decision to cancel the presidential permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline,” Tester wrote. “This project has the potential to support thousands of good paying jobs, increase tax revenue into local communities, and support a safer, more efficient alternative to transporting fossil fuel by truck or railroad. The completion of the Keystone XL Pipeline would be a powerful economic driver for Montana. I continue to support this project as long it is built to the highest safety standards, uses American steel, respects private property rights, and includes robust consultation with Tribes.”

Tester has consistently called on TC Energy to ensure the project is held to the highest safety standards, and has facilitated discussions with Montana’s Tribes regarding their concerns with the current route and related community safety and water quality concerns.

“With a straightforward conversation and commonsense safeguards, I believe we can make adjustments to the proposed project that will provide even stronger protections for people and clean water, while still supporting jobs and economic development along the pipeline route,” Tester concluded. “I stand ready to help facilitate these conversations, and look forward to working with you to safely secure a significant investment in Montana’s economy.”

Tester recently criticized Biden’s decision to cancel the pipeline permit, and has fought for years to complete the project, including voting for the project in 2015 when it was before the Senate, as well as to override President Obama’s veto of the project later that year.

Boy Scout Week February 7-13

Mayor Rick Norby met with Pella Lutheran Church Boy Scout Troop 141 to sign a Proclamation making the week of Feb. 7-13, 2021 Boy Scout Week.

Proclamation
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Whereas, the Montana Council of the Boy Scouts of America and its many Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews are celebrating Scouting's 111th Anniversary; and

Whereas, there are 3



Pictured left to right, Assistant Scoutmaster Haans Halvorson, Scoutmaster David Christensen, Mayor Rick Norby and Boy Scout troop members, Corey Christensen, Christian Lassey and Isaac Lassey. (Submitted photo)

local community organizations that make Scouting available for youth members in our area who participate in the Scouting Program as a means of character building, citizenship training and personal fitness.

Now, Therefore, I, Rick Norby, Mayor of the City of Sidney, MT, do hereby designate the week of Feb. 7-13, 2021 as Boy Scout Week.

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Rick Norby, Mayor

The Scouting program is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting

depends on our volunteers who serve in a variety of leadership roles. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we honor all the members of the Boy Scouts of America and salute the volunteers who serve in positions of leadership.

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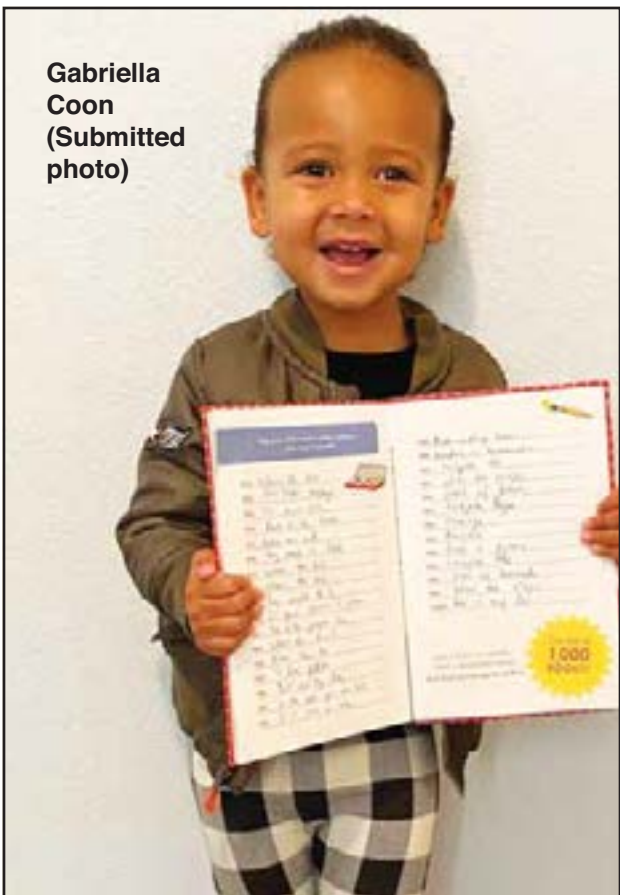
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Submitted by Kelly Reisig, MBA Director

Gabriella Coon completed the 1,000 reading book challenge on Jan. 21, 2021. She is two and a half years old and likes reading all types of books. Her favorites are the textured books where you can feel the items being read about and the flip/slide books that reveal what is hidden. Mom (Kamai) and Dad (Mathew) read her two books a night during the program and will continue the same since Gabby loves reading so much due to this wonderful program.

To encourage a love of reaching in children like Gabriella, the Sidney-Richland County Library is promoting "1,000 Books before Kindergarten", a nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud with their children every day. Research continually shows that children who are read aloud to every day before kindergarten will have higher scores and more success when they begin school. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and learning.

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Survey Conducted During COVID-19 Pandemic Shows Food Security Has Decreased Among Montanans

From MSU News Service
Bozeman - A state-wide survey conducted by Montana State University researchers during the COVID-19 pandemic determined that food security — or having consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life — has decreased substantially among Montanans. At the same time, anxiety and other feelings of mental distress are on the rise.

The survey results, released in December under the title “The Impact of COVID-19 on the Health of Montanans,” include the responses of 1,944 participants between April and September 2020. The research received grant support from MSU’s Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity, or CAIRHE.

“This survey was the first of its kind in Montana to report about the immediate impacts of COVID-19 on food security,” said lead researcher Carmen Byker Shanks, a CAIRHE investigator and associate professor in MSU’s Department of Health and Human Development. “In addition, we investigated a variety of health variables, since the causes and consequences of food insecurity are multifaceted. To build solutions to food insecurity in our state, we must understand the entire scope of the issue.”

Byker Shanks leads a separate CAIRHE project that aims to increase the availability of healthy foods at two rural Montana food pantries while promoting nutritious diets to decrease health risks. When the pandemic reduced her ability to work with her food pantry partners last year, she pivoted a portion of her research to include the statewide survey. The project is supported by a three-year, \$464,943 grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Byker Shanks’ co-investigators on the survey project are Michelle Grocke, assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Development and an MSU Extension specialist; Justin Shanks, former faculty at the MSU Library; Eliza Webber, CAIRHE research project manager; and graduate research assistant Kimberly Scanlon.

“This research casts light on an often overlooked consequence of COVID-19, which is greater food insecurity and anxiety among many sectors of our rural population that are already facing health disparities,” said Dr. Alexandra Adams, director of CAIRHE and a nutritional

scientist. “It should be an important tool for those who are working to make sure underserved populations aren’t left behind as the pandemic continues.”

During the early months of 2020, the research team developed the online survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Montanans’ food security, health behaviors and health outcomes, then distributed it statewide through email and social media beginning in late April.

Among the survey’s most significant findings is the reported increase in food insecurity. Prior to the pandemic, 11% of the survey respondents were food-insecure, while 18% reported food insecurity during the pandemic.

“Recommendations to stock up on food and limit trips to the grocery store aren’t possible for those who can’t afford to purchase large amounts of food, or who live in communities without access to a consistent food supply,” Byker Shanks said. “COVID-19 requires considerable and rapid behavioral shifts for everyone, including food management skills to cook more, plan ahead and reduce waste. Not everyone has the resources to navigate our new situation.”

Not surprisingly, with food hoarding rampant in the early weeks of the pandemic, respondents reported a decline in food availability, particularly in remote communities, Byker Shanks said. About 77% of respondents indicated that some of the foods they needed were unavailable. Nearly half of the respondents reported buying more food out of fear or anxiety.

Beyond the pandemic’s particular effect on food security in Montana, the survey also explored the broader impact on the well being of respondents. For example, 34% reported financial hardship due to COVID-19, and 37% said they had engaged in negative health behaviors, such as greater alcohol consumption and more screen time, since the start of the pandemic.

In a six-question assessment of psychological distress, respondents indicated an increase in all six measures since the pandemic began. For example, thinking back to the period before the pandemic, 2.4% of respondents answered “all of the time” or “most of the time” in response to the question “How often did you feel nervous?” That number jumped to 21.5% for the time after COVID-19 struck Montana.

“Navigating a variety of information in the media was stressful to Montanans because it was unclear what was accurate,” Justin Shanks said. “The public needs to be equipped with tangible strategies to access, analyze and share media in the contemporary digital era that’s defined by an ever-increasing pace of access and quantity of information from multiple sources.”

But the news isn’t all bad, Byker Shanks said. A majority of respondents, 54%, also reported positive health behavior changes since the start of the pandemic, such as more exercise and greater connection with family and friends. At the community level, the survey highlighted a greater sharing of resources and more flexible federal food assistance for those in need.

Last August, with early results of the Montana survey in mind, Byker Shanks published an editorial in the

American Journal of Public Health titled “The COVID-19 Pandemic: A Watershed Moment to Strengthen Food Security Across the U.S. Food System.” In it, Byker Shanks and her three co-authors from institutions in Arizona and Nebraska said the pandemic provides “an opportunity to develop policy, systems and environmental strategies to enhance food security, reduce inefficiencies and decrease inequities, now and into the future.”

Also prompted in part by the survey, Byker Shanks and her colleagues published a position paper in Translational Behavioral Medicine titled “Scaling Up Measurement to Confront Food Insecurity in the USA” that outlines strategies to bolster measurement of food security.

In their report on the Montana survey findings, Byker Shanks and her MSU co-investigators make similar recommendations for

state and local policymakers. Those recommendations include leveraging policy and programmatic support to promote food security; reorienting food systems to ensure adequate food for all; formalizing strategies for resource sharing and the use of federal aid; making mental health resources more readily available; communicating to Montanans through a variety of methods; and creating support systems to encourage positive habits.

“This moment in time highlights a food insecurity crisis that’s existed for decades,” Byker Shanks said. “We have a responsibility to solve an inexcusable problem in a society where enough food and resources are available, but we don’t distribute them equally to everyone.”

To learn more about the survey, visit montana.edu/cairhe/projects/byker-shanks/COVID-19-food-security.html.

Lunch Menus

Sidney School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Turkey and cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, gelatin, grape juice.
Fri., Feb. 12: No school.
Mon., Feb. 15: Chicken taco salad, clementines.
Tues., Feb. 16: Cheeseburgers, fries, fruit cups, berry crisp.
Wed., Feb. 17: Goulash, corn, bananas, cheesy pretzels.
Savage School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Pancakes, sausage.
Fri., Feb. 12: No school.
Mon., Feb. 15: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese.
Tues., Feb. 16: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy.
Wed., Feb. 17: Hard and soft shell tacos.
Rau School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Taco in a bag, lettuce, peach cups.
Fri., Feb. 12: No school.
Mon., Feb. 15: Hot pockets, green beans, mixed berries.
Tues., Feb. 16: Philly cheesesteak casserole, corn, fresh fruit, salad.
Wed., Feb. 17: Hot ham and cheese, hash browns, oranges.
Froid School
Thurs., Feb. 11: White chicken chili with cheese, tortilla chips, veggies, fruit.
Fri., Feb. 12: Chicken strips, rice pilaf, peas, fruit.
Mon., Feb. 15: Finger steaks, au gratin potatoes, veggies, fruit.
Tues., Feb. 16: Taco soup with beans, cornbread, taco bar, applesauce.
Wed., Feb. 17: Lasagna, garlic bread, veggies, fruit, dessert.
Bainville School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Jambalaya, rice, cornbread, pears.
Fri., Feb. 12: Pizza pasta, caesar salad, peaches.
Mon., Feb. 15: Nacho tots, beans, taco bar, pineapple.
Tues., Feb. 16: Turkey hoagies, chips, celery sticks, apples.
Wed., Feb. 17: Hamburger stew, dinner rolls, garden salad, pears.
Richey School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Fish and chips, fruit.
Fri., Feb. 12: No school.
Mon., Feb. 15: Corn dogs,

fries, carrots.
Tues., Feb. 16: Ham and cheese sliders, pears.
Wed., Feb. 17: Hamburger steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit.
Culbertson School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, sliced apples.
Fri., Feb. 12: Sub sandwiches, curly fries, pineapple rings, cookies.
Mon., Feb. 15: Grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, cucumber slices.
Tues., Feb. 16: Chicken nuggets, sour cream and chive fries, kiwi.
Wed., Feb. 17: Sloppy joes, green beans, oranges.
Lambert School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit.
Fri., Feb. 12: Chicken and waffle bites, smiley fries, fruit.
Mon., Feb. 15: Ham and turkey rollups, chips, fresh veggies, fruit.
Tues., Feb. 16: Chicken parmesan, pasta, peas, fruit.
Wed., Feb. 17: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, fruit.
Fairview School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Sub sandwiches, chips, veggies, fruit.
Fri., Feb. 12: No school.
Mon., Feb. 15: Hot dogs, fries, veggies, fruit.
Tues., Feb. 16: Nachos, breadsticks, veggies, fruit.
Wed., Feb. 17: Biscuits and gravy, egg patty, sausage patty, hashbrown casserole, fruit.
Alexander School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Hot dogs or brats, macaroni and cheese.
Fri., Feb. 12: No school.
Mon., Feb. 15: No school.
Tues., Feb. 16: Finger steaks or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread.
Wed., Feb. 17: Mini corn dogs, chips, cheese.
Watford City School
Thurs., Feb. 11: Cheeseburgers, potato dippers.
Fri., Feb. 12: Sun butter and grape uncrustables, chips, treat.
Mon., Feb. 15: No school.
Tues., Feb. 16: Cheese breadsticks with marinara sauce, treat.
Wed., Feb. 17: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, crackers.

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Wednesday, February 17th			At Sidney		
4:30 pm			Winner 1G & 2G (7G)		Loser 1G & 2G (5G)
6:30 pm			Winner 3G & 4G (8G)		Loser 3G & 4G (6G)
Friday, February 19th			At Sidney		
3 pm			Winner 5G & 6G (9G)		5th Place
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Back row (L-R) Lucille Hart, Ava Lone Bear, Povee Youngman, Hally Eder, Coach Edmisten.
Front row (L-R) Jadin Dupree, KayJay First that Walks, Princess Russell, Kyra Stormy, Maryah Russell. Not pictured Coach Bighorn.

FAIRVIEW



Back (L-R) Allison Axtman, Scout Hopes, Lauren Kjos, Hannah Sundheim, Emily Sundhaim, Megan Asbeck, Emily Johnson, Jady Gackle. Middle (L-R) Chloe Gullikson, Allison Weiss, Aubree Johnson, Brooklyn Anderson, Brailey Anderson, Kallee Hopes, Grace McPherson. Front (L-R) Gracelynn Free, Hannah Hurley, Kambre Kloker, Carly Buxbaum, Lauren Cozzens, Macy Tjelde.

CIRCLE



Back (L-R) Taylor Murry, Kayli Haynie, Sierra Nagle, Cheyenne Eissinger. 3rd row Autumn Island, Ryann Moline, Brooke Bartelson, Jalyn Curtiss. 2nd row (L-R) Coach Taylor Schipman, Grace Gackle, Tina Hogan, Alexis Moline, Coach Mikenda Seymour. Bottom row (L-R) Landynn White, Austyn Lockie, Manager Leah Beery, Jenna Holland, Lexie Pawlowski.

WESTBY/GRENORA



Back Row (L-R): Elizabeth Field, Emma Smart, Assistant Coach Haley MacLean, Head Coach Dylan MacLean, Kira Baker & Ella Edwards. Middle Row (L-R): Brynn Folvag, Sayler Stewart, Kiara Brunelle, Angelia Garcia & Ashden Christian. Front Row (L-R): Reign Ledahl, Katelynn Folvag & Erika Christian. Not Pictured: Zalianah Lowes, Olivia Christian & Zoe Brandenburger.

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FROID/LAKE



Back row (L-R) Manager Avery Johnson, Asst Coach Andy Dethman, Baylee Davidson, Dasani Nesbit, Sydney Dethman, Carolyne Christoffersen, Meg Ator, Coach Lance Brekke, Manager Lilly Johnson. Middle row (L-R) Zoey Ator, Addison Elvsas, Jaeleigh Davidson, Mara Salveold, Brooklynn Nordwick, Alexa Nelson. Front row (L-R) Keira Stentoft, Jordyn Breuer.

SAVAGE



Front (L-R) Alexia Papka, Taryn Hagler, Raigan Smith. Middle (L-R) Teah Conradsen, Nycole Prince, Cambry Conradsen, Karley McPherson, Brooke Reuter. Back (L-R) Faith Reed, Taylor Conradsen, Jaidyn Alvstad. Coaches (not pictured) April McPherson, Todd Verhasselt (Assistant).

BAINVILLE



Back row (Left to Right): Coach Johnson, Lakyn Rabbe, Micah Anderson, Kaitlyn Adkins, Coach Hansen. Middle School (Left to Right): Kaelyn Romo, Sadie Ullmer, Kendra Romo, Brecklyn Pippenger. Front Row (Left to Right): Mgr. Hailey Berwick, Tally Berwick, Miah Pippenger, Elsie Wilson, Mgr. Addison Hansen.

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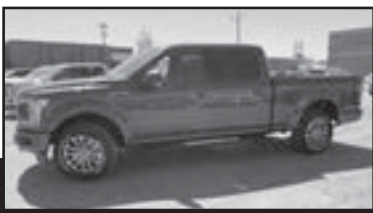
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Andrew's Small Engine Repair Shop Opens New Location

By Jessica Lyons

If you live in the Alexander area of North Dakota, you've already heard of "Andrew's Small Engines". For those who have not, I was able to have a quick chat with Andrew related to his new business. The Noels' bought property near Alexander: during Andrew's time doing rabbinic jobs he noticed there was a need for a small engine repair shop. He and his wife moved to North Dakota, in 2018 after his wife had graduated from college, and he started in the oil field at the beginning of that same year. Due to the pandemic, opening a new business has been difficult with the uncertainty of cur-

rent events being a great concern for the couple.

Noel both volunteers for the fire department and he assist coaching the Alexander wrestling team, even though the couple does not have any children of their own currently, they look forward to a family addition when that happens.

Some great qualities you'll find of this small-town engine shop include community driven, small and humble. So, to recap if you find yourself in the Alexander area and need your engine looked at make your way over to "Andrew's Small Engines" for a real small town feeling with a smile. Andrew's Small Engine is



Andrew Noel. (Photo submitted)

located at 14153 26th K St. NW, Alexander. They can be reached 701-339-1974.

Going for Three

The Sidney boys & girls basketball teams competed against Wolf Point on Feb. 2. The girls won 57-54 at home and the boys lost 48-57 in Wolf Point. Pictured right is Sidney's Taylan Hansen shooting a three pointer during the game. (Phoot by Tonya Schoepp)



Letter To The Editor

Facts Matter

State Senator Steve Hinebauch has written that the Jan. 6 riots in the Nation's capital were caused by ANTIFA disguised as Trump supporters and that identifying the "far right" as those that caused, "problems" during the administration change, was a farce. An editorial sidebar to Hinebauch's legislative report stated the FBI refuted ANTIFA involvement and identified well-known Trump supporters photographed during the riot as members of Q-ANON and Proud Boys. Helena, MT area brothers Joshua Calvin Hughes and Jerod Wade Hughes, who turned themselves in to authorities, have been charged with obstructing official business, obstruction of a police official, destruction of property and entering the capitol without authorization. Prosecutors say the brothers were among the first ten rioters to enter that part of the Capitol building. Also identified was Henry Muntzer of Dillon charged with unlawful entry and disorderly conduct in the capitol riots.

Facts matter and the prolonged denial of the electoral results, by government officials from the president on down, fed conspiracy theories and fueled the passions of those who believe their only recourse is a violent overthrow of the duly elected government. Taking responsibility for one's actions includes accepting that a fringe group of Trump supporters instigated the riots that caused death and destruction in the US Capitol and attempted to overthrow the U S government. Janet Martineau, Sidney, MT

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Mid-Rivers Offers \$46,000 In Scholarships To Area Students

Submitted by Nicole Senner, Marketing & Branding Specialist Mid-Rivers Communications

Mid-Rivers Communications is offering \$46,000 in scholarship funds for eastern and central Montana students.

The Mid-Rivers Fund for Education, funded by unclaimed capital credits and donations of capital credits from members, has awarded over \$426,000 in scholarships to area students. In 2021, Mid-Rivers is offering 32 competitive scholarships and 14 drawing scholarships. Scholarship categories reflect the mission and values of the cooperative and its members. This year's scholarship program has three categories:

- Mid-Rivers Higher Education Scholarship: Twenty-Five (25) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending a four-year educational institution or a technical school, available to both graduating high school seniors and current college students who are continuing their undergraduate studies. One (1) major award of \$5,000 may be awarded at Mid-Rivers' discretion to an applicant with outstanding scores in the selection criteria and/or an interest in completing an internship with the Cooperative.

- Dawson Community College/Miles Community College Scholarship: In support of local educational institutions, up to six (6) \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to students attending Dawson Community College (DCC) or Miles Community College (MCC).

- Mid-Rivers Annual Meeting Drawing: Fourteen (14) \$500 scholarships will be awarded through a drawing of eligible students in attendance at the 2021 Mid-Rivers Annual Meeting scheduled for May 25, at Eastern Montana Fairgrounds, Miles City. To qualify, students must attend the meeting with a parent or guardian who is a member of the cooperative, register at the meeting, provide proof of

full-time college enrollment for the fall of 2021, and participate in simple interactive tasks that will be assigned at the Annual Meeting. Students must be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Competitive Scholarships will be awarded based on how well each student's application addresses the following priority areas:

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Guest Opinion: Legislative Report

Greetings from Helena!
This week in judiciary committee we heard four pro-life bills. HB136 the Pain Capable Bill, HB140 which allows a pregnant mother to see the ultrasound of her baby before an abortion, HB171 which puts restrictions on abortion drugs and HB167 the Born Alive Bill. The Born Alive Bill sim-

ply states that a baby who survives an abortion must receive medical attention and not just put on a shelf to die. A few of the opponents of the bill were Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, The National Association of Social Workers, and Montana for Reproductive Rights. HB167 is a Referendum, which will be on the ballot in

our next election.
One of the bills we heard in Public Health committee was SB142. This bill would change the children to caregiver ratio in childcare facilities. In eastern Montana parents are having a hard time finding childcare for their children. It is amazing to me that Government always thinks they know better than parents.

Probably the longest hearing that we have had in my committees was in Fish and Game, SB143. I have received about 4,000 emails and 100 phone calls on this bill, the majority being from out of state. Two things this bill is going to do is allow consistency for outfitters and require outfitters to pay more so we can fund right of ways to access public land for all hunters. SB143 will not take any tags from local hunters and will change the out of state picture very little. I am still waiting on the final numbers, but it looks like a win for all to me.

It looks like our mild winter has come to an end. Keep safe and if you are in Helena stop and see us.

For Freedom,
Senator Steve
Hinebauch

Letter To The Editor

"I was very pleased recently when testifying at the Public Service Commission regarding a potential rate hike by MDU to see two other Sidney residents also call in to share their thoughts. Also testifying was Sidney mayor, Rick Norby, and Richland County Commissioner, Duane Mitchell. As I shared in my own testimony, MDU stocks are up since COVID-19 struck, Northwest Energy requested to lower rates recently (not raise them), and natural gas prices are at a 20-year low. Any increase would seem unwarranted, but the nearly 20% hike they proposed seemed particularly hurtful in a recession.

I would like the public to understand that this potential rate increase would affect nearly 85 thousand of us in eastern Montana and cost millions upon millions of dollars. After three testimonies from Sidney were given at the hearing, MDU backed off their proposed increase. This should be a lesson to all of us that lending your voice to the more mundane aspects of state government can have real rewards.

Meanwhile, I also want to thank Commissioner Pinocci. While as a regulatory judge, Pinocci has to remain impartial; he has tirelessly tried to inform his constituents as to the function and responsibility of the Public Service Commission. If it wasn't for his educating of the public, we would have had no idea what was happening at the PSC and we would all be paying higher natural gas bills.

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7 pm			#7 vs #10
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4:30 pm	#1 vs #8 (1B)		#3 vs #6 (3B)
6:30 pm	#4 vs #5 (2B)		#2 vs #7 (4B)
Thursday, February 18th		At Sidney	At Culbertson
4:30 pm	Winner 1B & 2B (7B)		Loser 1B & 2B (5B)
6:30 pm	Winner 3B & 4B (8B)		Loser 3B & 4B (6B)
Saturday, February 20th		At Sidney	
3 pm	Winner 5B & 6B (9B)		5th Place
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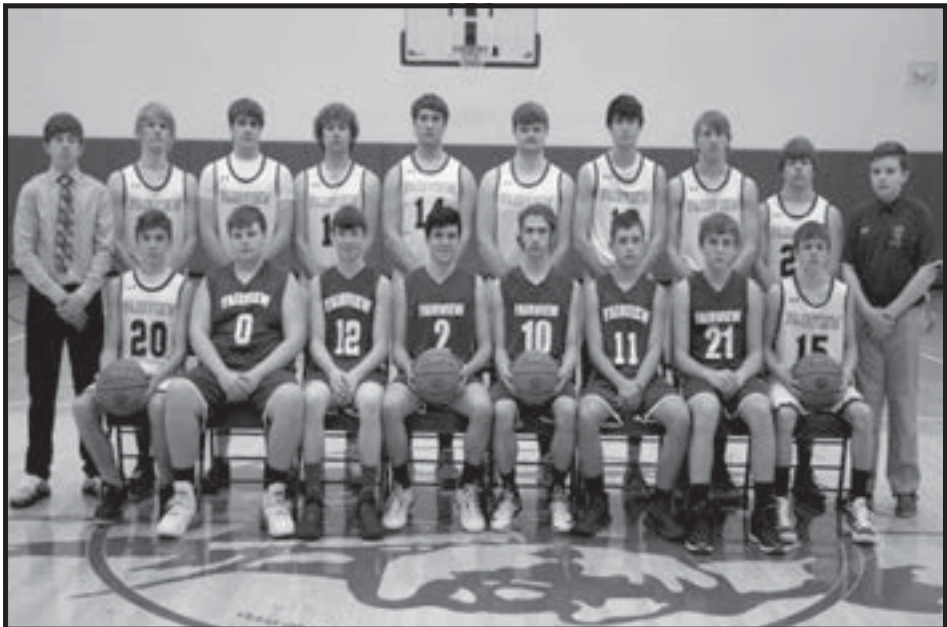
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CIRCLE



Back row (L-R) Arley Island, Kaleb Nay, Beau Beery, Tate Arneson. Middle row (L-R) Coach Taylor Schipman, Caleb Gackle, Hayden Lockie, Hunter Olson, Coach Jason Beery. Front row (L-R) Chance Beeley, Bowen Taylor, Jace Curtiss, Breckyn White.

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Back Row (L-R): Tyson Oster, Adam Paine, Cole Gebhardt, Head Coach Chad Solberg, Manager Carson Solberg, Assistant Coach Parker Westgard, Adrew Petersen, Braden Pulvermacher & Landyn Brunelle. Front Row (L-R): Anson Joyes, Ledger Pulvermacher, Adian Harbin, Darian Holecek, Keegan Nelson, Erik Field & Graham Wright. Not Pictured: Spencer Rudningen & Elliot Rudningen.

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FROID/LAKE



Back row (L-R) volunteer coach Chase White, Colt Miller, Walker Ator, Jason Eylander, Javon Nesbit, Mason Dethman, Tyler Wivholm, Asst Coach Bryan Jacklitch, Head coach Josh Stentoft. Middle row (L-R) volunteer coach Don Delorme, manager Owen Logan, Cian Logan, Caden Kelm, Max Engelke, Sol Grainger, Brett Stentoft, Bode Miller, Jacob Martensen. Front row (L-R) manager Joseph Robertson, Nate Stentoft, Ashdyn Hobbs, Isaac Johnson, Laden Kelm, Daniel Forizs, Connor Huft.

SAVAGE



(L-R) Sayer Erickson, Zane Pilgeram, Cade Tombre, Lane Papka, Sterling Thiel, Cooper Hofer, Gentry Conradsen, Sloan McPherson, Logan Nelson, Caesn Erickson, Hunter Riding, Connor Lyons, Hunter Sanders. Coaches (not pictured): Brady Reuter, Brent Hagler (Assistant).

BAINVILLE




Left to Right: Trevor Robertus, Ayden Knudsen, Jesse Strickland, Charles Butikofer, Samuel Butikofer, Braeden Romo, Kaden Hansen, Reid Anderson, Alex Strickland, Drae Nelson, Reese Harmon, Carter Winn, Reed Winn, Mgr. Maddox Hansen

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Waters Signs With Dickinson State University

Sidney's Riley Waters signed a letter of intent to play football at Dickinson State University on Feb. 4. Waters was all-conference running back in 2018 & 2019, 1st team all-state linebacker in 2019 & 2020, 1st team all-conference linebacker & running back in 2020. He was also 2020 season leader in the state for both total tackles and tackles per game. Waters was selected to play linebacker for the 2021 MT East-West Shrine Game. In addition to his football accomplishments, Waters is also a two time MT wrestling state champion. (Photo submitted)





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Sidney Grapplers Best Miles City and Havre at Home

The Sidney/Fairview wrestling team took on Miles City and Havre at the Sidney High School gym on Feb. 6. Sidney beat Miles City 61-3 and Havre 61-9.

Right: 103 pounder Gordon Knapp tries to finish a single leg takedown against Miles City's Caleb Smith. Knapp won 7-2.

Below: 145 pounder Zander Burnison puts in a wing against Havre's Kendall Pleninger. Burnison won by pin in 3:17.



Sidney Triangular Wrestling Results

Custer Co. (Miles City) vs. Sidney/Fairview, Sidney Triangular Feb. 6 103: Gordon Knapp (S/F) won by decision over Caleb Smith (CCMC) 7-2 113: Owen Lonski (S/F) won by fall over Isaac Beardsley (CCMC) 3:44 120: Kolby Hutzenbiler (S/F) received a bye 126: Zander Dean (S/F) won by major decision over Bryce Hirsch (CCMC) 9-1 132: Kolton Reid (S/F) received a bye 138: Jordan Darby (S/F) won by fall over Morgan Buckingham (CCMC) 0:48 145: Daimian Leidholt (CCMC) won by decision over Zander Burnison (S/F) 5-2 152: Aden Graves (S/F) won by fall over Brenen Hager (CCMC) 2:50 160: Kade Graves (S/F) won by fall over Easton DeJong (CCMC) 1:48 170: Dylan Lutz (S/F) won by	decision over Dalton Tvedt (CCMC) 3-0 182: Easton Hopes (S/F) won by fall over Jaiden Gibson (CCMC) 4:44 205: Riley Waters (S/F) won by fall over Jackson Miller (CCMC) 0:37 285: Brodey Skogen (S/F) won by decision over Gabe Walker (CCMC) 5-0 Team Scores: (S/F) 61.0 – (CC/MC) 3.0
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