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## Richland County Residents Urged to Attend Public Service Commission Meeting, Oct. 29, Helena

The Richland County Commissioners requested a meeting with the Public Service Commission (PSC) to discuss the proposed closure of the Lewis & Clark substation of MDU located in Sidney, MT. The PSC favorably awarded the Commissioners an open meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 29, after 11:00 a.m., and the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting to

be held at 1701 Prospect Avenue in Helena.

The Richland County Commissioners asked Richland Economic Development Corp. to make the arrangements to and from Helena for anyone who would like to make the trip to attend the meeting. As this is a public meeting, the PSC will be accepting letters of testimony to be considered.

If you would like to attend this PSC meeting in Helena, please contact Richland Economic Development Corp office at 406-482-4679 to reserve your seat on the bus. We will also likely have an overnight stay on Monday, October 28, so let us know if you would like to purchase a room at the Delta Marriott (former Red Lion Hotel).

## Trail Of Treats, Sidney, October 26

The Trail of Treats, organized by the Sidney High School Key Club, will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 26.

Trail of Treats features children accompanied by adults going to local businesses for treats.

The event will begin at Reese and Ray's IGA with doughnut items prior to 10 a.m. There will be maps available at IGA as well as some other participating businesses.

Highlights of the Trail of Treats will include the Roundup having a carnival on West Main Street between Central and Second Avenue SW from 10 a.m. to noon, and the Sidney Assembly of God also offering activities.

Reynolds Market will hold a costume contest for children up through fifth grade starting at 12:30 p.m. There will be prizes and healthy treats at the event.

## Haunted House, Fall Fest, And Trail of Treats to Take Place End Of October In Watford City

By Anna Dragseth

This year there are many ways families can have Halloween fun during the month of October in Watford City. There will be a Haunted House, Fall Fest, and Trail of Treats on Main Street for everyone to enjoy.

The Rough Rider Center in Watford City will be hosting two Halloween events, a Fall Festival, and the Haunted House. The Haunted House will take place in the hockey arena of the Rough Rider Center on Thursday, October 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, October 25, from 8 to 10 p.m. There is an \$8 admission fee per person - a portion of the proceeds will be used to buy winter gear for elementary students in need.

The Rough Rider Center and the Long X Arts Foundation will host the Fall Festival. This event will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 26. There is an admission fee of \$5 per person; ages two and under are free. At the event, there will be a straw bale maze, carnival games, a cake pop walk, photo booths, pumpkin painting, face painting, and concessions set up at the Rough Rider Center.

The Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Trail of Treats. The event will take place on Watford City's main street on Thursday, October 31, at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate!

## Harvest Hayride Food Drive, Sidney, October 27

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Sunday School will be having a Harvest Hayride Food Drive Sunday, October 27. The students will be going door-to-door collecting food items for the Richland County Food Bank from noon to 1:30 p.m. To guarantee pickup of food, please call the church office at 433-7479. This is a Thrivent Action team project.

## Savage Post Harvest Community Dinner, Nov. 10

The Savage Community Hall and the Savage Sunrise Manor are hosting a post harvest community dinner to be held on Sunday, November 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Savage Community Hall.

The free meal will feature roast beef and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables and desserts. Redneck Country and the Sunrise Brass Band will provide musical entertainment.

Please come and join us for some great food and music!

## St. Catherine's Fall Dinner in Fairview, Nov. 3

Please come and join us for the always-delicious celebration of fall at St. Catherine's Fall Dinner on Sunday, November 3 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 317 W 7th St, Fairview.

Enjoy turkey and dressing, roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, salads and homemade pies for dessert.

There will be live entertainment by Judd Burman, Alyson (Cayko) Schriver and Amy (Karst) Balcer.

Carry out boxes will be available by calling 406-742-5293. There will be a free meal offering for the meal.

For more information contact AnnDee Taylor at 406-480-0927.

## Stevens Earns Eagle Scout Service Badge

By Michele Seadeek

When Richland Opportunities Inc. Director, Dan Peters, approached Boy Scout Troop 190 about an opportunity to update ROI recycling units in Sidney, scout Daniel Stevens was interested. This local 8th grader gladly took it on for his Eagle Scout Service Badge project.

"This project took a lot of hours," Daniel says. His father and troop leader Bart Stevens agreed. This project included the cleanup and repainting of seven ROI recycling bins around Sidney: two bins at central school, two in the Western Choice Co-op parking lot, one at Johnson's Hardware, one at Reese & Ray's IGA and one at the new NAPA store location on Main St. ROI recycling bins take newspapers, magazines and empty aluminum cans. Each ROI recycling bin took two coats of paint, new signage and approximately six hours per volunteer to complete the updated look. Daniel and his father calculate that no less than eighty-four hours of total volunteer time was given for this project. Daniel had support for his project from various students and adult volunteers that helped with the painting and clean up work. He scheduled each bin and had between two and eight volunteers each time depending on each volunteer's schedule. All project materials were supplied by Dan Peters at Richland Opportunities, Inc.

"I think that my project helps the positive image of our community," says Daniel. With this project he wanted to not only

highlight our community's need for continued recycling but also the world's need as well. "These bins look really nice and I think my project standards have been met."

There are 15 youth in Troop 190 and five are working on completing their Eagle Scout Badge through projects like this one of Daniel's.



Daniel Stevens standing beside Reese & Ray's IGA location. (Photo submitted.)

## Chronic Wasting Disease Detected In McKenzie County

Two mule deer taken in September have tested positive for chronic wasting disease, including one taken during the archery season from deer gun unit 4B in McKenzie County, where CWD had not previously been found. The other deer was harvested during the youth season in unit 3A1 in Divide County where CWD was first detected last fall.

North Dakota Game and Fish Department wildlife veterinarian Dr. Charlie Bahnsen said the finding in 4B marks the first detection of CWD in the badlands.

"This is an iconic place to hunt big game where people travel to from across the state," Bahnsen said. "By no means does this first detection spell doom for hunting in this area, as long as we are proactive in trying to keep infection rates from

climbing. We also need to reduce the chance of CWD spreading to new areas."

Game and Fish will review its CWD management strategy after the deer rifle season and will consider making revisions for next season. While unit 4B does not have carcass transportation restrictions in place for 2019, Bahnsen does recommend that hunters in 4B submit their deer for testing, and avoid transporting high-risk carcass parts, such as the brain and spinal column, outside of the hunting unit.

More information on CWD, including transportation regulations, can be found by visiting the Game and Fish website, [gf.nd.gov/cwd](http://gf.nd.gov/cwd).

## SHS Concession Stand Ribbon Cutting



On Friday night (L-R) Terry Averett, Lacey Nevins, Katy Peterson and Travis Rosaaen gathered for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new concession stand and bathrooms at the Sidney High School football field. (Photo by Nicole Lucina)

# OBITUARIES

## Braxton Hunts Along, 4 Months, Mandaree, ND

Funeral services for Braxton Hunts Along, 4 months, of Mandaree, ND are pending at this time. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Braxton passed away Saturday, October 19 in Mandaree, ND.

## Michael Martin, 57, Sidney, MT

Services for Michael Martin, 57, of Sidney, MT are pending at this time. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Mike passed away Sunday, October 20 at Sidney Health Center in Sidney, MT.

## Selina "Sally" Transtrom, 95 Watford City, ND

Funeral services for Sally Transtrom, 95, of Watford City, ND were held Friday, October 18 at 10 a.m. at Watford City Assembly of God with Pastor John Brady officiating. There was a visitation on Thursday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Watford City, ND. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Sally passed away on Tuesday, October 8 at Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, ND.

## Larry Ernster, 68, Fairview, MT

A funeral service for Larry Ernster, 68, of Fairview, MT was held Wednesday, October 16 at 2 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home in Sidney, MT. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Larry passed away, October 11 at his home in Fairview. Larry Dean Ernster was born April 14, 1951 to William and Sarah Vanderhoof Miller and then adopted by Lester and Eva Vanderhoof Ernster. He grew up in Savage, MT graduating from Savage High School in 1970. As a truck driver for most of his life, Larry worked for Wagners Trucking for 10 years in Billings, MT and for Neu Construction in Fairview, MT for 13 years. On April 21, 2001 Larry married Deborah Jarvis. Larry was preceded in death by his parents William and Sarah Miller and Lester and Eva Ernster, Henry (Bill) Miller, Vernon (Suzanne) Miller, Virgil Miller, Rose (Don) Yadon, Mel (Jan) Miller, Ruby (Nels) Yadon, Verna Miller, Doris Miller, Paula Miller, and adopted sister Georgia Ernster. He is survived by his wife Deborah, son Travis Ernster of Roundup, MT, daughters Stacie (C.J.) Peterson of Richey, MT and Kiley (Nathan) Volesky of Billings, MT, brothers Alvin Miller, Fred Miller, Rolland (Lynne) Miller and Robert (Penny) Ernster of Savage, and four grandchildren Paeton, Kaeden, Bridger and Brodie.



Larry Ernster

## Russel "Russ" Eugene Wells, 73, Sidney, MT

Russel "Russ" E. Wells, 73, Sidney, MT, passed away peacefully from metastatic bladder cancer, surrounded by his family at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT, September 29, 2019. Russ was born at home near Grygla, MN, to Joseph Milton Wells and Virginia Marilyn (Wagner) Wells. He was a 1963 graduate of Goodrich, MN, High School and attended Dickinson State College, Dickinson, ND. He married Linda Bolken, Alexander, ND, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Dickinson, ND, on February 19, 1966. They made their home in Dickinson where he was the wire editor and sports writer for the Dickinson, ND Press. In 1967 he became the youngest editor at the age of 21 in the state of Montana when accepted an editor position at Sidney Herald, Sidney, MT. Under his guidance the weekly newspaper grew to a twice-weekly publication. He next followed his Sidney Herald publisher, Bob Keller, to Livingston to become the editor of the daily newspaper, Livingston Enterprise, Livingston MT. His first challenge was with a union print shop, which he was not familiar with but conquered. He then moved to Big Timber to work with the Big Timber Pioneer and opened his photography studio focusing on senior photos and weddings. In 1972 he returned to Sidney to become the publisher of Sidney Herald and was then promoted by Wick Communications to publisher of Williston Daily Herald and Plains Reporter. In 1974 he was transferred to Sierra Vista, AZ as publisher of Sierra Vista Dispatch and Bisbee Review, Bisbee, AZ, to convert their thrice-weekly newspaper to a daily publication. Along with the Sierra Vista & Bisbee newspapers he still was in charge of the Williston & Sidney newspapers. During his tenure in Sierra Vista he became instrumental in the 25th Anniversary of the city of Sierra Vista. His next challenge was Green Valley News that he designed a small space in a mall to an efficient newspaper publication. He also was involved with the Wilcox and Benson, AZ newspaper publications. In 1982 he moved his family back to North Dakota where he managed for Williston Cable TV, Williston, and did advertising consulting for Williston Basin State Bank. In 1983 he returned to Sidney to become the publisher of a newly created Richland Free Press. He spearheaded the publication for one year and then opened another new publication called Richland County Leader, which was purchased by Wick Communications in 1988. In 1994 he purchased The Roundup, a publication based out of Garrison, ND and operating in Watford City, ND. His son, Jody purchased The Roundup in 2008. The Roundup had grown out of its facilities so Russ began looking for a new office space. He purchased the vacant Yellowstone Mercantile in 2010 and designed it into a mini mall along with its own Italian restaurant. Survivors include his wife, Linda; daughters, Sheri Ressler, Cape Coral, FL; Kristi Kuylen, Sidney, MT; son: Jody, Sidney, MT. Sisters: Janet Lahti and Helen Azure, Hoyt Lakes, MN; Linda Stordahl, Punta Gorda, FL; and Donna Malnar, Cambridge, MN. Brothers: John, Gilbert, MN; and Jerry Wells, White Salmon, WA. Eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Preceding him in death: his parents, Joe and Marilyn Wells and one sister, Robin Wells.



Russel "Russ" Wells

# EVENTS

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## RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.  
**Thurs., Oct. 24**  
6 p.m. - **Sidney Run Club** - Free event for the entire family. New members welcome. Signup at 6 p.m. run starts at 6:15, meet at Cattle-ac or Mucho Si, Sidney. For more information visit <https://sidneyrunclub.weebly.com/>.

**Fri., Oct. 25**  
9 a.m. - **Make It With Sugar Baking Contest At Reese & Ray's IGA** - Great prizes, Call The Roundup for details, 406-433-3306.  
7-10 p.m. - **Jr. High Halloween Costume Dance** - Grades 6th-8th, admission with costume \$7; without costume \$10. Concessions available for purchase. Music DJ by Midnight Express, dance is lock-in for safety. Students only allowed to leave early if picked up and signed out by a parent. St. Matthew's Parish Center Gym.

**Sat., Oct. 26**  
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Trail of Treats Sidney** - Starts at Reese and Ray's IGA. Maps will be provided of participating businesses.  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Harvest Carnival** - Beet toss, candy harvest, cupcake walk, scarecrow decorating. 100 block of W. Main.  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Children's Carnival, Lunch and Costume Contest** - Held at Sidney Moose Lodge. All children will receive a Tommy Moose Trick N Treat Halloween bag.  
12:30 p.m. - **Costume Contest** - Hosted by Reynolds Market for kids up through the fifth grade. There will be prizes and healthy snacks!

**Sun., Oct. 27**  
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - **Germann Family Benefit** - Free will donation meal of chili and cinnamon rolls will be served. Silent auction of homemade pies and baskets. Rau School. For more information contact Stacey McNally, 406-489-2004.  
12-1:30 p.m. - **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Sunday School Harvest Hayride Food Drive** - The students will be going door to door collecting food items for the Richland County Food Bank. To guarantee pickup of food call the church office, 433-7479. This is a Thrivent Action team project.  
2 p.m. - **Christopher Bengochea at Sidney Middle School Auditorium** - Performing opera, show tunes and crowd pleasers. Proceeds benefit Emmaus House and Vision of Hope Scholarship Fund. Reception to follow. Tickets \$35 for adults, \$10 students (12-18). For ticket information contact Emmaus House at 406-488-6021 or St. Matthew's Parish Center at 406-433-2510.

5 p.m. - **Powder Puff Football** - Seniors vs. Juniors girls. \$5 entry fee at Swanson Field. No activity cards.  
**Thurs., Oct. 31**  
5-8 p.m. - **Trick or Treat in Sharbono Park** - Lots of fun and activities for all. Sponsored by Fairview Community Foundation.  
**Sat., Nov. 2**  
7-10 p.m. - **Wine and Food Festival** - Wine and food pairings highlighting local restaurants, silent auction, exclusive artwork and experiences. Admission \$50 per ticket. Tickets available for purchase at the Foundation for Community Care or by calling 406-488-2273. No tickets sold the night of the event. Richland County Event Center, Sidney. Proceeds benefit local healthcare.

**Sun., Nov. 3**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - **St. Catherine Fall Dinner in Fairview** - Free will offering for the meal, live entertainment. 317 W 7th St., Fairview. Carry out boxes available by calling 406-742-5293. For more information call AnnDee Taylor, 406-480-0927.  
2-4 p.m. - **Community Forum on Economic Opportunities** - Living in Fairview Public Housing? Currently or interested in working in Richland County? We want to hear your opinions on employment opportunities, barriers to employment, job assistance resources, accessible childcare and other resources you would like to see in the community. Fairview Senior Center. For more information contact Sam Boshoff, [sboshoff@richland.org](mailto:sboshoff@richland.org) or 406-433-8538.

**Mon., Nov. 4**  
6:30 p.m. - **Sidney City Council Meeting** - Public welcome. City Hall, 115 2nd St. SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call 406-433-2809.  
**Fri., Nov. 8**  
7-9:30 p.m. - **Harvestfest At The MonDak** - Dennis Strougmann et L'Esprit performing, beer, brats, wine and punch will be served. Tickets \$50 per person, \$40 for MDHC and NAN members. For tickets contact the MonDak Heritage Center, 406-433-3500.

**Sun., Nov. 10**  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Post Harvest Community Dinner** - Free will offering meal and musical entertainment. Savage Community Hall.

## McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone  
**Thurs., Oct. 24**, 7-9 p.m. & **Fri., Oct. 25**, 8-10 p.m.  
**Haunted House** - Held at the Rough Rider Center Hockey Arena. Cost is \$8 per person per time through. 13+ at parental discretion.  
**Sat., Oct. 26**  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Fall Festival** - Straw bale maze, carnival games, pumpkin painting, concessions and more. \$5 per person, ages 2 and under free. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City, ND.  
6-9 p.m. - **Watford City Karate & MMA Halloween Party** - Free event! Come in costume and expect games, candy, costume contests, music and more! Family event, no alcohol. Prizes for best table decorating and best costumes in different age categories. Watford City Civic Center Gym.

**Sun., Oct. 27**  
3-5 p.m. - **Arnegard Booster Club Halloween Party** - Arnegard Rural Fire Department. Best dressed prizes to be won. Chili and cornbread served.  
**Thurs., Oct. 31**  
3 p.m. - **Trail of Treats** - Watford City's Main Street. Everyone welcome to participate.  
5-8 p.m. - **Trunk or Treat** - An event the whole family can enjoy! Concessions available. Check in begins at 5 p.m. For more information and sign-up call 701-842-3640. 3410 5th Ave, NE, Watford City.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.  
**Sat., Oct. 26**  
10 a.m. - 2p.m. - **Williston Downtowners Farmers Market** - 110 West Broadway parking lot (Upper Missouri District Health Unit).  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Spooktacular Craft and Vendor Show** - Crafts, vendors and treats! Trick or Treating for kids, shopping and more. Held at the Williston Grand Hotel.  
**Fri., Oct. 25**, 4-7 p.m.; **Sat., Oct. 26** & **Sun., Oct. 27**, 12-7 p.m. - **Cottonwood Forest Pumpkin Patch** - The giant chair, bale mountain, sand pile, climbing bale net, large slides, corn box, bale mazes and more! \$5 per person, 2 and under free, with \$1-\$2 activities. 1501 2nd Ave. W, Williston.  
**Thurs., Oct. 31**  
2:30-5:30 p.m. - **Trail Of Treats** - Downtown Williston.

## DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone  
**Sat., Oct. 26**  
12-5 p.m. - **October Hauntings** - Join us for our monthly D&D game sessions. Everyone welcome. We will be taking coat donations for Action for Eastern Montana. Masonic Hall, 202 S. Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT.  
6 p.m. - **Night of Hope 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner** - Tickets \$40. Silent auction, bucket auction, live auction. Those not participating in the dinner can join in the auction. Glendive Moose Lodge, Glendive, MT. All proceeds go to assist cancer patients in the area.  
**Sun., Oct. 27**  
12-2 p.m. - **Halloween Tiny Pumpkin Painting** - Your child can paint a tiny pumpkin, first come, first serve while supplies last. Albertsons, 307 N Harman St, Glendive, MT.  
**Mon., Oct. 28**  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - **Buccaneer Day at Dawson Community College** - Academic services fair, a campus tour, classroom experiences, time to learn more about academic and extracurricular programs from advisors and coaches. Register to attend at [www.dawson.edu/visit](http://www.dawson.edu/visit).

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## AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

**MONDAYS:**  
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support group at First Lutheran Church in the music room, Watford City.  
6 p.m. — Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave., Sidney.  
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.

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

**SATURDAYS:**  
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. — 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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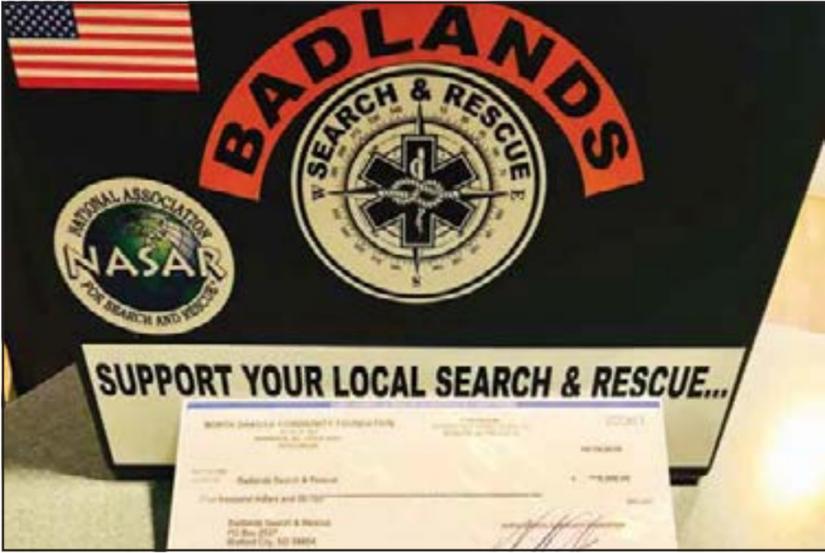
Current Elevation.....	1844.2
Last Week's Elev.....	1844.8
One Year Ago.....	1842.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	48,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
October 14.....	58	24	0.00
October 15.....	44	27	0.00
October 16.....	74	27	0.00
October 17.....	68	29	0.00
October 18.....	62	42	0.00
October 19.....	58	29	0.05
October 20.....	49	26	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation.....	.21.13		

**\$5,000 Donation Received from Statewide Greatest Needs Fund of the ND Community Foundation**



Out of 168 applications to the fund, 43 were accepted, and 30 were recipients of \$5,000 each with your Badlands Search & Rescue being one of them!

This is the largest donation to date for BSAR. We began taking donations in May of 2019 and after receiving our 501c3 status in June of 2019, which opened up the ability to apply to statewide and national funding programs like

the NDCF. BSAR will be sure to share what equipment and training these funds provide us as we add it to our inventory. (Photo submitted)

**9TH ANNUAL Halloween Party**  
**November 2nd • 8pm - 1am**

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**Leadership Development Training Offered In Watford City, Nov. 12**

Aspiring, elected and appointed leaders serving on boards, councils and committees are encouraged to attend "Lead Local" training workshop to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 at the Yellowstone Room in the Courthouse, 201 5th Street NW, in Watford City. Pre-registration is requested prior to attending. Please contact NDSU Extension/McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 by November 5 if you are interested in participating in the Workshop.

This one-day workshop will help leaders:

- Feel better prepared to serve in their leadership role
- Recognize the components of an effective meeting
- Learn basic parliamentary procedure and how to use it
- Understand different personality styles and how they can work together effectively

Use effective tools when dealing with conflict  
 Cost to attend is \$75, which includes lunch, breaks and materials. McKenzie County Job Development Authority is offering scholarships for folks interested in attending but needing financial assistance. Please contact NDSU Extension/McKenzie County to access the form to complete this request.

The NDSU Extension Service and McKenzie County Economic Development sponsors this program.

For more information, please contact the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County or Daniel Stenberg at McKenzie County Economic Development at 701-444-7419.

Join us on Halloween for arts & crafts and refreshments while kids trick or treat throughout the bank.

**When:** Thursday, October 31  
**Time:** 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Stockman Bank  
 301 West Holly Street, Sidney

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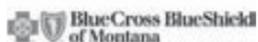
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# Williston's American State Bank Donates \$500,000 To Innovation Academy



Pictured, from left: American State Bank & Trust Co. President/CEO Dave Hanson, Williston Public School District #1 Board President Joanna Baltes, WPSD#1 Board Member Heather Wheeler, ASBT Board Member Tammy Davidson-Sogard, WPSD#1 Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Thake, WPSD#1 Board Member Tom Kalil, ASBT Chairman of the Board Pat Sogard, ASBT Board Members Earl Rennerfeldt, Rick Tofte, Ryan Geltel and Ken Heen. (Photo submitted)

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Williston, ND - The Board of Directors of American State Bank & Trust Company of Williston recently approved an anchor donation of \$500,000 to the Williston Public School District #1 Innovation Academy. The anchor donation from ASB, combined with many other community, business and energy industry sponsors and a major grant from Williams County, has made it possible to begin remodeling the former indoor pool facility into a dedicated learning space for approximately 400 fifth through eighth grade students.

"American State Bank & Trust is proud to support the school district's efforts to increase classroom capacity in response to many years of significant increases in student enrollment," Chairman of the Board Patrick Sogard said. "It is important to ASB that our community has quality education facilities and we are excited to also honor the history of the building and the bank's long-standing relationship with the family of the late Dr. Edward J. Hagan," he added.

The Davidson family has

owned the bank for its 113 year history. During this time, the Davidson and Hagan families have had close ties. ASB Director Tammy Davidson-Sogard noted that for decades the Davidson and Hagan family homes were located one lot apart on 2nd Avenue East: "My dad and Dr. Hagan grew up on the same block and remained close friends throughout their lives. In addition to being a decorated WWII hero and practicing medicine in Williston for the remainder of his adult life, Dr. Hagan was a member of the ASB Board of Directors for 53 years. Giving new life to a building that opened in 1969 and was known as the Hagan Indoor Pool has special significance to the Davidson-Sogard family and ASB," she added.

Pat Sogard explained that, after the most recent failed bond vote, the ASB Board of Directors had been contemplating a way to provide a significant show of support for the youth of Williston. He said, "when the announcement of plans for the Innovation Academy came out in late July, our Board thought

a substantial donation was the perfect way to show both community and financial support for the school district's efforts to improve Williston's education system."

A ground-breaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 15, and WPSD#1 School Board President Joanna Baltes announced the \$500,000 donation to the public. Baltes said "We are incredibly grateful that American State Bank's historic donation allows us to launch the Innovation Academy which will provide desperately needed space to alleviate overcrowded classrooms in our schools and create the first purpose-built personalized learning environment in North Dakota." According to Baltes, construction has begun and the facility is expected to be open at the beginning of the 2020/2021 school years.

Members of the ASB Board of Directors are Tammy Davidson-Sogard, Patrick Sogard, Dave Hanson, Earl Rennerfeldt, Noel Hanson, Ken Heen, Laurie Furuseth, Rick Tofte, and Ryan Geltel.

## East Holly Street Construction Update – Drainage

Sidney, MT — The recent unusually rainy weather has adversely affected the East Holly Street construction project, as well as some nearby residents. High volumes of rain have left the ground saturated and the water with nowhere to go, leading to drainage issues.

Both the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Knife River Construction are taking the matter seriously. Knife River is currently contacting affected landowners and will be assessing all damage claims related to the drainage issue. The construction hotline is open 24 hours a day, and landowners can call to ask questions any time: 1-800-987-3681.

Despite some weather and supplier-related delays this summer, the East Holly Street project will be paved and opened this year as originally planned.

Work began in April on the \$3.8 million project and is expected to be completed by December 2019. Construction will improve traffic flow by adding a two-way left-turn lane and realigning the County Road 351 and 9th Avenue N.E. intersection. Additionally, this project will install new drainage, curbing, and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side of Holly Street, meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for accessibility.

Traffic flow is being maintained with a well-marked detour route for all non-truck traffic. Truck traffic is currently detouring to Central Avenue and 14th Street S.E. There is signage along the route to guide truck traffic through the detour. A complete detour map can be found on the project website, www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/eastholly.

For questions, comments, or concerns, use the method most convenient for you:

- A construction hotline is available at (800) 987-3681.
- Questions or comments may be submitted via email to eastholly@kljeng.com.
- You may also get on a weekly update list by texting "eastholly" to 555888.

For more information on the East Holly Street project, please contact Molly Herrington at 701- 355-8717.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Billings office at PO Box 20437, Billings, MT 59104-0437, or online at: www.mdt.mt.gov/mdtcomment\_form.shtml

Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request by contacting the ADA Coordinator in the Human Resources and Occupational and Safety Division, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620; 406-444-9229; fax 406-444-7243, or e-mail to aflesch@mt.gov. Those using a TTY may call 800-335-7592 or through the Montana Relay Service at 711.

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**- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY -**  
Please call the Sidney Health Center Outpatient Coordinator at 406-488-2195 with questions.



# Free Workshop "Palmer Amaranth: It's Coming! What You Need to Know", November 5, Sidney

By Beth Redlin

SIDNEY, MT - What's scarier than all the ghosts and goblins roaming the countryside on Halloween? Palmer Amaranth lurking in your fields!

Palmer Amaranth, a pigweed relative, is one of the most serious weeds facing American agriculture today and it's coming this way! After traveling across the southern U.S. and moving northward through the Midwestern states into North Dakota, it now sits on our doorstep ready to pounce.

Be prepared. Join us for a free half-day workshop, "Palmer Amaranth: It's Coming! What You Need to Know" on Tuesday, November 5, at the Richland County Extension Office conference room in Sidney, MT. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon MT and is being sponsored by the Montana Wheat and Barely Committee.

Palmer Amaranth is one of the most adaptable and dangerously resistant weeds in the country. It can grow 2 to 3 inches a day (to a height of 6 or more feet), produce up to a half million seeds per plant and has demonstrated resistance to nearly all herbicides commonly available to producers for weed management. It competes aggressively in crops, emerging throughout the growing season, and its small seeds can be easily transported in equipment or through grain, seed or feed contamination. Farmers and ranchers across Montana need to take immediate

action to identify and prevent establishment here, weed scientists working with this pernicious pest warn. This workshop is designed to provide participants the necessary tools to do that.

The featured speaker is Dr. Jason Bond, the weed control in agronomics crop specialist from Mississippi State University Extension and a 20-year veteran in battling Palmer Amaranth. He describes his talk as "what mistakes we made when Palmer Amaranth showed up and how to avoid doing the same." Dr. Bond works out of the Delta Research and Extension Center and will discuss the problems that Mississippi producers have faced in trying to prevent and control Palmer Amaranth and what they've learned in the process.

Dr. Bond will be joined by other weed experts including Dr. Brian Jenks, weed scientist at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot, North Dakota. Dr. Jenks will discuss North Dakota's efforts to prevent the spread of Palmer Amaranth since it was first identified there two years ago. Also on tap is Dr. Tim Seipel, Montana State University Extension Cropland Specialist, who will discuss steps Montana producers can take to avoid infestations and more specifically what

they can do to combat herbicide resistance. Dr. John Gaskin, Molecular Botanist with the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory will discuss identification tips and possible biocontrols, while Plant Ecologist Dr. Natalie West, also with the Sidney ARS lab, will discuss the potential for drones in scouting for the weed.

In addition to their various presentations, the program's weed experts will also participate in a panel question and answer session with attendees.

And finally, Richland County Extension Agent Tim Fine will join Dr. Gaskin to discuss other emerging crop and rangeland weeds MonDak producers need to be on the lookout for.

Pesticide points are pending for this workshop. The workshop will also be broadcast as live webinar at County Extension Offices across the state, where participants will also be eligible for pesticide points.

## #Adulting Series Offered For Aspiring Adults, Watford City October 30 & November 6

Aspiring adults are encouraged to attend #Adulting on Wednesday evenings, October 30 and November 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at NDSU Extension/McKenzie County, 205 6th Street NW in Watford City. This program will help upcoming "responsible adults" accomplish (with more success) the more mundane, but necessary tasks in life. Both classes include hands-on activities and a light group meal.

Sessions on Wednesday, October 30 will be as follows:

- #SmellySocks: Gives you the knowledge and skills to successfully do a load of laundry.
  - #BudgetBoss: Personal finances are often the biggest concerns for new adults. You will learn how to create and keep to a budget.
  - #BabyitsColdOutside: Learn to navigate to grandma's house in a winter driving scenario and make your own winter survival kit.
- Wednesday, November 6 classes will be:
- MYFirstPlace: Select

a mock rental and create a budget to furnish your home.

• #HealthyYou: Nutrition and physical activity are key to staying healthy. Attendees will create their own snack.

• #ShowMeTheMoney: Financial terminology will help you understand your own money situation. You will play a #ShowMeTheMoney show-down game to help you learn financial terms and why they are important.

Attendance is free of charge. Please pre-register by Monday, October 28 if you are interested in #Adulting. Please call NDSU Extension/McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu if you are interested in attending.

## Participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project®

By Don Smies

The Teal Pumpkin Project® is a worldwide movement to create a safer, happier Halloween for all kids. Putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep means you have non-food treats available, such as glow sticks or small toys. This simple act promotes inclusion for trick-or-treaters with food allergies or other conditions. There are a few considerations when choosing which non-food items to hand out. First, some non-food items still contain food allergens, such as some brands of moldable clay, may contain wheat. Additionally, try to choose latex-free items, as there are children who have latex allergies.

Can I still hand out candy? Sure, just do it safely. The point of the Teal Pumpkin Project® is to make trick-or-treating as inclusive as possible. You can keep the experience safe by keeping your food treats and non-food treats in separate bowls.

If I'm handing out candy and non-food treats, how do I determine which treat to give to each trick-or-treater? You can either ask trick-or-treaters if they have any food allergies, or give every visitor a choice of which treat they'd like: candy or a non-food item.

Do kids really like non-food treats? They don't just like them they love them! Finding a unique treat at your house will be a fun surprise. Glow bracelets, for example, are a great option. They are inexpensive, kids can wear them throughout the night and parents are appreciative because they help make kids more visible after nightfall. Other non-food items, such as pencils and stickers, can be used at home and at school long after candy has run out or expired.

If you would like a sign to put on your front door or in your yard announcing you have non-food items, please visit us at the Health Department and pick the one you like for free. Or, you can download and print your own at, [foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project](http://foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project), click on free resources and scroll through the items. You can select signs, Pumpkin stencils, coloring sheet, connect the dots, make a mask and many others. Download as many or as few as you like.

If you have any questions, need some additional information or would like to be a member of the Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force please contact Don Smies, Coordinator 406-433-2207. Check us out on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment](http://www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment)

## Fairview Holiday Bazaar, Lighting of the Bridge to Take Place Nov. 17

The much anticipated Holiday Bazaar Arts & Crafts Fair and the Lighting of the Fairview Bridge will take place on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Find the perfect gift, or something special for yourself at the Bazaar in the Fairview High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn something new by taking in one of the demonstrations, and enjoy lunch at the concession stand.

The spectacular Lighting of the Bridge takes place in Sundheim Park from 5 to 8 p.m., with the fireworks starting at 7 p.m. Take the kids on a hayride, warm up with a hot dog and some tasty chili, and give Santa your wish list, all while you take in the beautifully decorated park.

Spaces for the bazaar are limited and on a first come, first served basis. To book your spot, contact Joan and Paul Eldridge at [ironworks.eldridge@gmail.com](mailto:ironworks.eldridge@gmail.com).

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# Health Officials Identify First MT Death Of Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated With Vaping

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) officials have identified the state's first death associated with the national outbreak of e-cigarette use, or vaping.

DPHHS officials say the case involves an individual in their late teens with a history of vaping. State and local health officials have been investigating and officially identified this as a case on October 15. No further information about the individual is being released at this time due to confidentiality.

"My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family who has lost a loved one way too soon," Governor Steve Bullock said. "This

tragedy truly hits home. I urge Montanans to take the recommendations being issued by public health officials very seriously until more is known about this public health crisis."

DPHHS continues to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and local public health as this ongoing national investigation continues.

In Montana, there have been three identified cases of vaping-associated pulmonary illness, including one death. DPHHS is currently reviewing additional cases as part of the national investigation. CDC on October 10, 2019 reported 1,299 lung injury cases associated with the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and one U.S. territory. The CDC also reported 26 deaths in 21 states last week. These numbers will be updated again on Thursday.

In addition, last week Governor Bullock directed DPHHS to enact emergency rules to temporarily ban flavored e-cigarette products. The rules will be effective on October 22. Fruit and candy-flavored products are marketed to youth in epidemic proportions and the ban seeks to keep the addictive products out of kids' hands as the CDC continues to investigate the cause of the national outbreak of vaping associated pulmonary illness. Reported cases have included the use of nicotine and THC products.

DPHHS State Medical Officer Dr. Greg Holzman said much is still unknown about what is causing these vaping-associated illnesses and deaths. DPHHS continues to reiterate the same message. "During this time, we highly recommend that people refrain from any vaping products," Holzman said.

The CDC continues to post new information and recommendations about the outbreak on its website.

The CDC and FDA have not identified the cause or

causes of the lung injuries in these cases, and the only commonality among all cases is that patients report the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products. This outbreak might have more than one cause, and many different substances and product sources are still under investigation. The specific chemical exposure(s) causing lung injuries associated with e-cigarette product use, or vaping, remains unknown at this time.

DPHHS State Epidemiologist Laura Williamson thanks all those who are cooperating with the investigations that are occurring around the state. Specifically, she said it's crucial that those who have been identified as having symptoms to save any leftover product so it can be tested. "The assistance of the public is so important as we work to understand what is happening in order to prevent future illnesses," Williamson said.

As part of this information-collecting effort, DPHHS will add vaping associated pulmonary illness to the list of reportable diseases and conditions to aid in the epidemiological investigation of the outbreak.

Those involved in the outbreak report symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath, chest pain, and fatigue. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea are also common. Symptoms worsen over a period of days or weeks and do not appear to be caused by a pulmonary infection. Anyone who vapes and is experiencing respiratory issues should promptly consult their provider. Healthcare providers treating patients with respiratory illness with no apparent infectious cause and who have a history of e-cigarette use are asked to notify their local health department.

Regardless of the ongoing investigation, health officials state that youth, young adults, pregnant women, or adults who do not currently use tobacco products should never use e-cigarette products.

Holzman said almost all e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is very addictive. There are many services that are available to help Montanans quit. He urges Montanans to talk to their healthcare provider about help that is available.

For all Montanans, there is the Montana Tobacco Quit Line. This service is for all types of tobacco, including smokeless, cigarettes, and e-cigarettes. The benefits include free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), reduced-cost prescription medication, free quit coaching, and a free personalized quit plan.

There are also several specialized programs available. The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Quit Line has several benefits. This program is culturally sensitive and distinguishes between commercial and traditional tobacco. Free NRT is also provided.

The My Life, My Quit Youth program is for ages 12-17 who want to quit all forms of tobacco, including vaping. The program provides free coaching through text, chat or phone; confidential enrollment and coaching; coaches specially trained to work with teens and youth; and on-line enrollment and coaching (mylifemyquit.com). Text 'Start My Quit' to 1-855-891-9989 or call.

The Quit Now Montana Pregnancy program provides a free personal female quit coach, cash incentives and free NRT if approved by a doctor.

More information is available on the DPHHS website at [dphhs.mt.gov](http://dphhs.mt.gov).

## GERMANN FAMILY BENEFIT

OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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A free will donation meal of chili and Cinnamon rolls will be served. There will be a silent auction consisting of homemade pies made by area homemakers and numerous baskets donated by local businesses and individuals. If you feel compelled to give to this families cause, either by a contribution or by attending this benefit, the family would be forever grateful. Our hope is to let this family know they are surrounded by a community of people who truly care and will see them through this. Please contact Stacey McNally at 406-489-2004 if you have any questions.

The Germann family, of Squaw Gap, was struck with tragedy when Jim lost his sudden, but courageous, battle with brain cancer.

In the short amount of time that he battled, the family was hit hard with unplanned medical bills as well as travel costs and accommodations. Laura (Jim's wife) and their son Cole and wife Grace, along with two beautiful grandchildren, own and operate their cattle ranch in Squaw Gap. Laura is also the part-time counselor at Rau Elementary.

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# Sidney Health Center Receives 3 Montana Awards For Cardiac And Stroke Efforts

Sidney, MT – During the Montana Hospital Association Fall Convention and Trade Show, Sidney Health Center received three quality awards for its commitment to cardiac and stroke standards of care.

Sidney Health Center received a Quality Improvement Award from the Montana Rural Healthcare Performance Improvement Network (PIN) for its work with cardiac patients. Specifically, hospital staff worked together to reduce door-to-EKG test time in the Emergency Department for patients who present with chest pain from sixteen minutes to less than ten minutes.

Sidney Health Center has demonstrated a commitment to its community and the region it serves through its involvement with the MT Rural Healthcare PIN. Criteria to achieve this award includes:

- Performance Improvement in a project related to the Montana PIN data measures.
- Consistent and complete data reporting.
- Engagement and sharing with Montana Critical Access Hospitals.

In addition, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services recognized Sidney Health Center for its work in providing quality care for patients with a heart attack or stroke. The Cardiovascular Health Program within the state health department sponsored the Cardiac and Stroke Recognition Awards.

First, the Cardiac Recognition Award singles out Critical Access Hospitals which demonstrate that they have the infrastructure and commitment to provide high quality care for patients with acute coronary syndrome, which includes heart attack. Receiving the Cardiac Recognition confirms Sidney Health Center meets high standards related to the utilization of evidence-based cardiac order-sets and protocols, provides laboratory services 24/7, has a well thought out transfer protocol and has administrative commitment to treating heart attack patients.

Heart disease is a leading cause of death in both Montana and the United States. Last year, over 3,000 Montanans died from the impact of heart disease. Symptom recognition and timely, high quality treatment are important factors in reducing death from heart attack.

Know the signs and symptoms of heart attack:

- Discomfort in

the chest that does not go away after a short period of time

- Discomfort in the arm, shoulder, jaw or upper back
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort
- Breaking out into a cold sweat, unexplained nausea, dizziness, palpitations or fatigue

Secondly, the Stroke Recognition Award singles out Critical Access Hospitals that demonstrate that they have the infrastructure and commitment to provide high quality care for patients with acute stroke. Receiving the Stroke Recognition confirms Sidney Health Center meets high standards related to the utilization of evidence-based stroke order-sets and protocols, laboratory and radiology services available 24/7 and administrative commitment to treating acute stroke patients.

Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability and is a leading cause of death in Montana. Last year, the devastating effects of stroke directly impacted over 2,000 Montana families. Symptom recognition and timely, high quality treatment are important factors in reducing death and disability from stroke.

Know the signs and symptoms of stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg
- Sudden trouble seeing
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

In both instances, if someone you know is experiencing heart attack or stroke symptoms:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately

For more information about heart disease, please visit: [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org); and for more information about stroke, please visit: [www.strokeassociation.org](http://www.strokeassociation.org).



Pictured (left to right): Representing Sidney Health Center's Emergency Department nursing staff and the three quality awards are: Pam McGlothlin, Director of Nursing; Kay Hatter, RN; Renee Williams, RN; Tammy Jones, Assistant Director of Nursing; Yvette Lien, RN; Holly Weninger, RN; and Meriah Harms, RN. (Submitted photo)

**Adult Education Classes for Fall 2019**  
Please call Sidney High School at 433-2330 for more information or check our website at [sidney.k12.mt.us](http://sidney.k12.mt.us), Resources/Adult Ed

**Monday**

*Strength and Conditioning*, Instructor-Kira Pewonka, 480-5308, \$20.00 (Wednesdays, also)  
Beginning Oct.7, 6:00 pm, SHS Weight Room  
Strength and conditioning class open to all levels! The class will consist of using functional movements, constantly varied, at a high intensity. Designed to build endurance and strength to use in all aspects of everyday life. A class full of energy and positive reinforcement, to help each individual feel their strongest and have fun while doing it!

**Tuesday**

*ESL (English as a Second Language)*, Instructor-Bee Morales, \$20.00  
Beginning Oct. 8, 6:00-7:30 pm, Location-Sidney Middle School, Rm. 123  
(See Thursday info)

**Wednesday**

*Men's Volleyball*, instructor-Dennis Marker, (406)482-5281 \$20.00  
Beginning Oct. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm, West Side School Gym  
Still one of the most popular adult education classes offered. Come and find out why.

*Women's Volleyball*, instructor-Amber Beyer (701)390-3436, \$20.00  
Beginning Oct. 3, 7:00-8:30 pm, SHS Gym  
Popular class for women. Knee pads are recommended. All skill levels welcome.

*Strength and Conditioning*, Instructor-Kira Pewonka, 480-5308, \$20.00  
Beginning Oct. 7, 6:00 pm, SHS Weight Room (See Monday info.)

**Thursday**

*ESL (English as a Second Language)*, Instructor-Bee Morales, \$20.00  
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**Lunch Menus!**

**Sidney Schools**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: French toast, sausage links, hash brown patty, apple juice.  
Fri., Oct. 25: Pepperoni hot pocket, tossed salad, applesauce.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Chicken sandwich, oven wedges, peaches.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Burritos, tossed salad, apple.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, diced carrots, pears, dinner roll.  
**Savage School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Tostadas.  
Fri., Oct. 25: No school.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Hamburgers.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Meatloaf.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Pork steak.  
**Rau School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Pizza.  
Fri., Oct. 25: French toast, sausage.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Chicken strips.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Scalloped potatoes with ham.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Cheeseburgers.  
**Froid School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Ham and potato casserole, veggies, fruit, buns.  
Fri., Oct. 25: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, squash, fruit.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Fishsticks, rice pilaf, veggies, fruit.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Chicken pot pie, biscuits, string cheese, fruit.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Hamburger pockets, fries, baked beans, dessert.  
**Bainville School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Cheese soup, dinner roll, veggie sticks, apple.  
Fri., Oct. 25: Karisa Goebel day! Goulash, corn, strawberries, ice cream.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Hot dogs, french fries, carrot sticks, pears.  
Tues., Oct. 29: BBQ chicken, baby bakers, brussel sprouts, applesauce.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Finger steaks, green beans, hash brown patty, peaches.  
**Richey School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Hamburgers, fries, green beans, pears.  
Fri., Oct. 25: No school.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Surf and turf casserole, peas, mandarin oranges.

Tues., Oct. 29: Chicken pot pie, sweet potato fries, applesauce.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Fish sticks, potato wedges, broccoli, pineapple.  
**Culbertson School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Chicken patty sandwich, smiles, jello.  
Fri., Oct. 25: Pizza, corn, applesauce.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Riblet sandwiches, curly fries, green beans.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Taco in a bag, mandarin oranges, Spanish rice.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Mini corn dogs, cake, apples.  
**Lambert School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Ham and turkey wrap, chips, fresh veggies, fruit.  
Fri., Oct. 25: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, fruit.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Cheeseburger casserole, green beans, fruit.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Hobo stew, cheese, crackers, fruit.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit.  
**Fairview School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, fruit.  
Fri., Oct. 25: No school.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Chicken burgers, chips, veggies, fruit.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Taco in a bag, refried beans, fruit.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Tater tot casserole, veggies, fruit, buns.  
**Watford City School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Macaroni and cheese with ham slice, chips.  
Fri., Oct. 25: Chicken quesadilla.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Super nachos with meat, beans and all the fixings.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Chili, cinnamon roll.  
**Alexander School**  
Thurs., Oct. 24: Meatball sub, wedges.  
Fri., Oct. 25: No school.  
Mon., Oct. 28: Biscuit and gravy or french toast, scrambled eggs, hash browns.  
Tues., Oct. 29: Chicken or hamburger gravy on a biscuit or mashed potatoes.  
Wed., Oct. 30: Baked chicken breast or cod, rice pilaf, broccoli with cheese.

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# Dennis Stroughmatt Et L'Esprit Creole To Perform At The Mondak Heritage Center's Harvestfest, November 8



Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole will be performing at the MonDak Heritage Center's HarvestFest event on November 8. Along with Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit's music, attendees will also enjoy seasonal beer and brats (wine and punch for non-beer drinkers) as part of the HarvestFest fundraiser. Tickets are available through the MonDak Heritage Center, \$50 per person, \$40 for MDHC & NAN members. Attendees for this event must be 21 or older to attend.

Originally from southeastern Illinois, Dennis Stroughmatt was taught to play fiddle by Missouri Creole fiddlers Roy Boyer and Charlie Pashia in the tradition of their fathers. He became an adopted son of the French Midwest Creoles who settled near St Louis, subsequently playing at weekly local French Creole house

parties or "bouillons." As a result of his physical journeys that have also included French and musical studies in Louisiana, Quebec and Tennessee, Dennis finds himself in a unique position as one who can speak knowledgeably and play in a variety of French and Cajun/Western Swing styles. He has an innate sense of what is needed to get an audience on their feet, keep a band on its toes and educate throughout. Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole are now passionate ambassadors of Creole music and traditions, expanding interest and excitement in a region that has been ignored by the history books.

This medley of music, language, stories, and culture secreted away in the Missouri and southern Illinois Ozarks now has a voice in the tapestry of this world. With the blessing of the Creole people of the

Midwest, Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole work to expand interest and excitement in a region that has been, in many ways, forgotten by the march of time. But what many have considered to be long lost is alive and kicking.

HarvestFest is sponsored by The MonDak Heritage Center, Northeastern Arts Network, Blue Rock Distributing, Edward Jones Investments, Fink Dental Center, Fulkeron-Stevenson Funeral Home, Redneck Meats, Reynolds Market, Seitz Insurance Agency, and Tri-County Implement, Inc.

The MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is FREE. For more information call 406-433-3500 or e-mail mdhc@richland.org.

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**PROGRAM**

- Evolution of a Driver Weed
- What to Do When You Find It
- Combating Herbicide Resistance in MT
- Palmer Amaranth Identification
- Drones: A Scouting Tool?
- Other Emerging Weeds in the MonDak
- Expert Panel Q&A

**Additional Speakers:**  
 Drs. John Gaskin and Natalie West, USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT  
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## Alexander Football Team Places 4th

The Alexander 6-man football team played for 3rd & 4th place against Midway/Minto on Oct. 19 at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City. Alexander came up short by a score of 48-14. Pictured is Alexander's Dawsen Wasik rushing for a touchdown in the 4th quarter.



## Active Parenting 4th Edition Classes Available

By Carrie Krug

Sidney, MT – MSU Extension Richland County and Parenting Montana are offering Active Parenting Classes. The school years of your child's life can present many different changes and challenges, for you as a parent and your child. Active Parenting is a program created by Dr. Michael Popkin who is a parenting expert. The Active Parenting 4th Edition program is a six-session class designed to help parents learn about a variety of items such as teaching responsibility, encouraging school success, how to defuse power struggles, and much more. Classes start Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the MSU/Richland County Extension Office-Meeting Room from 6-8 p.m. and are free of charge. Class size is limited; please RSVP by noon on November 1, by calling the MSU/Richland County Extension office at 433-1206.

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# Women's Health Screening Set For Oct. 25

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and an opportune time to increase awareness about the disease through social media, fundraising, screening events and by wearing pink at local sporting events. Statistics indicate that about one in eight U.S. women will develop breast cancer over the course of their lifetime.

Besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. In 2019, estimates predict about 30% of newly diagnosed cancers in women will be breast cancers. Early detection is the key to treating and surviving breast cancer.

Although guidelines may vary depending on an individual's risk and family history, clinical breast exams and mammography are always important especially as we age.

"At Sidney Health Center, we recommend yearly mammograms for women starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as they are in good health," states Dr. Jennifer Adams, Radiologist. "Even though mammograms are the best method for early detection, not all cancers are found this way. Additional testing such as ultrasound or magnetic resonance imaging may be needed for further evaluation."

This October, Sidney Health Center and the Richland County Health Department are teaming up to host a free Women's Health Screening for women ages 40 and older on Friday, October 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Sidney Health Center Clinic, located at 214 14th Avenue Southwest in Sidney. Participants will fill out a quick health form and navigate through a series of quick assessments including a blood pressure check, clinical breast exam, and complimentary IFIT take-home kit (fecal immunochemical test).

Additional information will include smoking cessation, genetic testing, MyChart registration and an opportunity to schedule follow-up appointments for mammograms, pelvic exams, colonoscopies, and routine physicals as needed. All participants will receive a complimentary gift card to local establishments. No appointment is necessary. Please direct any questions to the Sidney Health Center outpatient coordinator by calling 406-488-2195.

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# KRINGEN SURPLUS AUCTION

**Sunday, November 3, 2019 • 11:30am MST**  
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- Matco 76 piece tap&die set
- (2) Crescent tool sets
- Craftsman SAE end wrench set
- Craftsman 174 pc tool set
- Stanley 200 pc tool sets
- Channel lock tool set
- Snap On bushing driver set
- Snap On 1/2" torque wrench
- OTC ton set
- (5) Bosch SDS MAX 11316EVS Demolition hammers (need work or for parts)
- (3) Hilti Demolition hammers (need work or for parts)
- JET 1.5 hp 1" drill press (may need motor work)
- Multiple tool boxes with miscellaneous tools
- Small velvet lined wood tool box
- Numerous sets of jumper cables
- (11) 20x3/8" log chains (new)
- (15) 50' Pro Glo extension cords (new)
- Many 50&100' extension cords
- 3,000# hydrair line
- (6) 5 ton jack stands
- 10' A frame ladder
- 3 ton floor jack
- Crew chief Self Evacuating waste oil drain
- Cooling system pressure test set
- Tow Doctor trailer tester
- 100lb utility scale
- 8" bench vise
- Pipe cutters
- Hammers
- Numerous Pipe Wrenches
- Ratchet straps and tie downs
- Come alongs
- Multiple lifting slings (various sizes)
- Pallet puller
- Bottle jacks
- Lots of log chains and boomers
- Pipe vise
- Nylon strapping kit
- Fiberglass shop carts
- Work benches and welding tables
- 12x48" heavy duty warehouse shelving
- 6 door shop lockers
- Lots of 2 stroke oil, shop fluids, & lubricants
- 2" x 20' 92,000lb low rope

**Tires & Wheels**

- (7) new 215/75r 17.5 tires (1 with rim)
- (5) 225/70r 19.5 with rims (3 new)
- Misc 15'x13" trailer tires with rims
- (3) AT 25x8.00 (1) 25x10.00 ATV tires & wheels (new off Kawasaki mule)
- 7.00 15 tire new
- 12x16.5 skid steer tire (75% tread)

**Fuel Tanks & Job Boxes**

- (2) 500 gallon fuel tanks with 115v, 20gpm fill-rate metered pumps (Tanks built in 2009 by Empire Steel of Billings, MT)
- (2) 70 gallon fuel tanks w/ electric pumps
- Knaack Storaemaster job box (like new)
- Knaack Jobmaster job box (nice)
- Handy 40 gallon portable fuel transport
- 140 gallon service tank with pump

**Equipment**

- Honda WDP30x 3" diaphragm pump (like new)
- Window for Case 70XT skidsteer
- Honda GX 150 2" pump
- 4hp Honda 2" pump
- 1/2hp 2" Tsurumi pump
- 11hp Honda pressure washer
- Aladdin 175,000 steamer (needs pump)
- Landa pressure washer w/ 13hp honda (needs pump work)
- 2hp electric Cold Sting pressure washer
- Husqvarna K950 gas concrete saw (may need work)
- Husqvarna K375 gas concrete saw (may need work)
- Partner K650 gas concrete saw (may need work)
- Honda 1" pump with 4 stroke engine
- 5' Arbo skidsteer snow pusher
- (2) Nova 395 paint sprayers
- Power Sored with 6&12" heads, 4 stroke Honda engine
- Air filters and parts for Hilti DSH 700 concrete saw

**Sheet Metal & Other Building Supplies**

- New metal and supplies ordered for a barn but never used
- (50) 8' red Propanel II
- (30) 17.5 red Propanel I
- (4) 48x10' 6" white flat sheet
- (6) Whitewall like flashing
- (12) White L base trim
- (20) White C metal
- (4) OS white corner post
- (60) PPII Closure strip
- (30) 15' White corr. steel
- (39) 10' White corr. steel
- (55) 2.5" corr. closure strip

**Household & Office**

- (2) Amana dishwashers in good condition
- Maytag Neptune washer and dryer
- Large Oak 6 cabinet, 4 drawer entertainment center
- Oak entertainment center
- Loveset
- Glass front stereo center
- Bookshelves
- Large corner office work station
- Numerous office chairs
- 6 ft. sliding door steel storage cabinets
- Multiple 2&4 drawer filing cabinets
- Programmable advertising light board
- 12 piece Panasonic commercial telephone system
- Slide projector with screen
- Many calculator clip boards
- Many cell phone boosters
- Stainless steel pots and pans

**Antiques & Collectibles**

- Large 4 cabinet oak icebox in excellent condition
- (2) Antique drop leaf tables
- CM Russell framed prints (Meats Not Meat Til It's In The Pan, The Elk, When Shadows Hint Death)
- "Morning Sun" Darrell Davis Ducks Unlimited Print
- Sithi advertising figurine
- Trasco Disc Coulter sign (1940s)
- Vintage check stamping machine

**Outdoors/Lawn & Garden**

- Mary Tiller 26" tiller w/ 5hp Briggs (like new)
- Ryan LawnAire IV lawn aerator w/ 3hp Briggs
- FG 110 Honda 4 stroke tiller
- FIMCO ATV sprayer w/ 3hp Briggs on cart
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- 1850 gallon poly water tank
- Sithi weedsteer
- Lawn fertilizer
- Wheelbarrows
- ATV gurnacks
- Warn 4000lb ATV winch with controls
- Charbroil propane grill
- Bradley smoker (used very little)
- Survival and first aid kits
- Large amount of new mower blades
- Large Bear yard fountain
- Car Cutter Arctic Cat vintage snowmobile trailer (great condition)
- Expedition 3x propane camp stove
- (2) Speedway motorsports shelters, 1 for ATV, 1 for side-by-side (like new)

**Other Metal, Electrical & Supplies**

- (42) 13x36" tan high rib tin (new)
- (+100) Sheets of blue Propanel mostly 19-22ft.(new)
- Much more used sheet metal for buildings or windbreak
- (72) 12' 2x6 planks
- Lots of various entrance doors, screen doors, interior doors, windows (many new)
- (13) Cooper 400watt metal halide light fixtures
- (6) 400watt high pressure sodium light fixtures
- (2) 1000ft rolls of 12/2 w/ ground wire (1 full, 1 90%)
- Many new 20amp breakers
- (+20) Large rolls of used 6ft. chain link in good condition
- Large amount of chain link posts and top rail
- Large amount of 3/4" and 1" piping, fittings and ball valves
- Numerous rolls of 3/4" and 1/2" Nibco Pex line with fittings
- Pallet of 5/8" and 3/4" cable
- 3x30" culvert (used)
- Large amount of electrical conduit 1/2"-3"
- Large amount of surplus electrical supplies
- Quantity of 6' beige chain link privacy slats

**Trailer & Car Dolly**

- 2011 Echo tandem axle trailer, 2900# axles, 14' w/ fold down ramp, no title
- 2007 3500# GVWR car dolly, no title
- Reese 5th wheel hitch 15k
- (4) Bridgestone Dueler 265/65-18
- (2) Sets 10/22/11/24.5 tire chains (new)
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## ONEOK Grants \$15,000 To CHI St. Alexius Health Foundation For Orthopedic Surgery Bed



Pictured L-R – Heather VanGelder – ONEOK Community Relations Coordinator, Cherise Norby – CHI FNP-C, Orthopedics; Janna Lutz – CHI Foundation Director, Victoria Knox – CHI Perioperative Services Director, Marti Volz, CHI Specialty Clinic Manager.

CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center identified a need for expanded orthopedic services and how

purchasing a second orthopedic surgery bed would directly impact patients of this community immediately. September 9, 2019, ONEOK Community Investments granted the CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Foundation \$15,000 toward this project.

Purchasing a second orthopedic surgery bed would make a significant, positive impact on our patients and our staff. Currently, we utilize our orthopedic surgery bed for all shoulder arthroscopies, hip fractures, hip replacements, and almost all lower extremity orthopedic surgeries. With the addition of a second bed, we will be able to accommodate more patients in a day and decrease surgical wait times. This will allow for an increase

in scheduled surgeries here and a decrease in the number of patients transferred out to tertiary facilities. Thus, enabling more people to stay in our community for their surgery. Furthermore, when orthopedics is not using this bed, it can be used for all general cases as well. Particularly if trauma patients arrive in our emergency department, it can quickly configure to meet the needs of the procedure and surgeon in our OR, even with limited staff on call. To join ONEOK in supporting this important project and donating to the cause or for more information visit our website <https://www.chistalexiushealth.org/williston-foundation> or call the Foundation 701-774-7466.

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## Don't Let Halloween Night End In A Nightmare

By Don Smies

Ghouls and goblins galore. Halloween is a night of celebration for people of all ages. Whether young trick-or-treaters, or adult partygoers, Halloween is a time for friends and family to enjoy candy, costumes, and a night of make believe. Save the nightmares for the horror films, don't engage in drunk driving.

Each year, thousands of trick-or-treaters flock to the streets on Halloween night. Thousands of others head to local bars and restaurants to also partake in the merry-making. Don't put yourself or another at risk by choosing to drink and drive. To help spread the message that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with the Richland County Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force, to remind everyone of the dangers of drunk driving. Halloween poses a potentially dangerous threat to pedestrians, as more people are out at night on the hunt for candy. If your night involves alcohol, plan for a sober ride home. Remember, it's never safe to drink and get behind the wheel of a vehicle.

"If you know you're going to go out and party on Halloween night, make sure you have a sober driver designated to get you home safely," said Don Smies, Richland County Injury Prevention & DUI Task Force Coordinator. "It's a lot easier to enjoy the party when you're not worrying about how you're getting home." Richland County Car Seat Coordinator wants to remind parents with children in car seats to make sure their costume doesn't interfere with the proper fit and function of the car seats. Also to have your little ghouls and goblins buckled-up when the vehicle is in motion.

Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

If you have any questions, need some additional information or would like to be a member of the Injury Prevention/DUI Task Force please contact Don Smies, Coordinator 406-433-2207. Check us out on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment](http://www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment).

## Revolving Loan Fund Awarded to Miller's Garbage Service

Richland Economic Development Corp is pleased to announce that the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) committee has awarded its seventeenth loan for the expansion of a business in Savage. Troy and Trent Prevost were approved for a loan to purchase Miller's Garbage Service from Jim and Rebecca Miller.



Troy and Trent completed an application in partnership with his lead lender, Neil McWalter, of Merchants Bank of Fairview, and presented this project to the RLF committee for review. The funding request was to purchase the business and expand their clientele.

Troy stated that the timing of his purchase was right. "We wanted to buy Miller's Garbage Service so that we can build a future for all of us."

The RLF committee is pleased to assist Troy and Trent in this business venture. The intent of the RLF is to offer an additional tool to support new business and business expansion projects. Neil McWalter states, "This program is a unique resource for borrowers, and Merchants Bank is pleased to coordinate with REDC to get this project completed."

Richland Economic Development Corp encourages existing businesses and new business startup projects to consider the RLF as a resource. The RLF loan pool of \$1,000,000 is not free money, but an investment made by the Richland County Commissioners, to assist in the development of business in our economy. The application and review process is achievable, and done in conjunction with the area financial institutions in Richland County.

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# HARVEST

Special Section

## Beet Harvest Progressing



**By Dianne Swanson**

As of Friday, October 18, Sidney Sugars agricultural manager Duane Peters estimated beet harvest at a third complete with some growers at 10% and others at 50%. The biggest factor in the disparity is the type of soil with the heavier ground retaining more moisture. "We've made good strides this week," Peters said.

Frost shut down harvest Sunday and Monday to let the beets heal before heading into storage. With no damaged beets, the piles will hold in the long term and beets will process well.

Yield is better than earlier estimates with tonnage at 32 to 32.5. "We're half a month behind so we're still seeing growth as the beets use the extra moisture," Peters explained. The earlier moisture caused diluted sugar. However, those numbers have come up to 17 as of Thursday night. "That's a good sign. We feared that the frost might have set the sugar, but we like what

things are looking like right now," Peters said.

Processing started October 11 and there are plenty of beets on the ground to continue running through campaign.

The big concern, as always, is the weather and whether those beets will store properly. Peters gave a huge thank you to American Crystal's storage specialist who has provided good guidance this fall. Sidney Sugars is hoping for a cool fall to allow the beets to cool gradually before freezing.

Help is also a major concern for growers and Sidney Sugars as harvest help is usually retained for the normal couple of weeks. Delays this year have meant some of



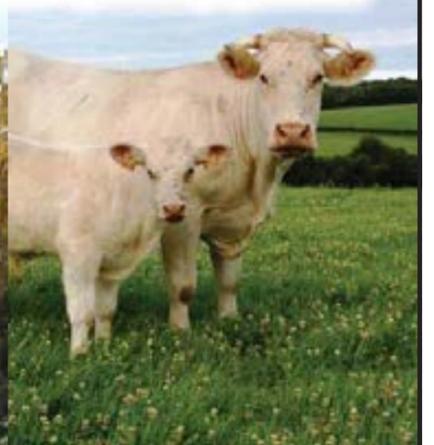
those workers have had to go back to regular jobs. Peters credited Express Employment, which brings in the RVers, for maintaining that labor pool.

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each entry. The Peoples Choice winner will win a \$100 Reese & Ray's IGA gift card. Enter in cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads and rolls, and other. The expert judges from Sidney Sugars will determine the winners.

### Harvest Carnival

Follow the Trail of Treats with Key Club and Builders Club Saturday, October 26 and join in the Carnival fun on West Main and in the Yellowstone Marketplace starting at 10 a.m. Decorate a scare crow, dig for treats in a tub of grain, do the cupcake

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# Staffansons Continue To Share Their Love For Agriculture From Generation To Generation



Wedding picture, from left, Gail, Scott, Jesse, Daylor, Katie, Dillon, Cindy, Amanda, Caleb, and grandchildren. (Photo by Life as I See it)

**By Anna Dragseth**

Scott Staffanson began farming in 1984 when he and his dad rented a farm. Thirty-five years later, he still carries on the farming tradition. This time he farms where his grandfather, Jesse Staffanson, homesteaded, which is located just five miles south of Sidney, Montana.

The Staffansons farm around 265 acres and maintain a cow-calf operation. "We have a 140-acre pivot, and we flood irrigate 125 acres. We were fortunate we did not have any small grains this year," stated Scott.

Scott now shares his love for agriculture with his daughters; just as his dad did with him.

Scott's daughter Amanda and son in law Caleb Snodgrass are also involved in farming and ranching. They raise beef cattle and have their own dryland farming on the place. "They have built their own house west of us, and have a yard full of chickens and grandkids," said Scott.

In December 2016, his daughter Jesse returned to the Staffanson farm after obtaining a degree in Animal Science - Livestock Management and Industry at the Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. She now helps out with all aspects of the farm and ranch.

"The past three years since I moved home, I have worked full time on the ranch. I am basically in charge of the cattle year round and ask my dad for help when needed. As far as farm work, I help with

whatever needs to be done, whether that is swathing, irrigating, running the tractor, etc. I like to call myself the "cattle manager." More and more, I am getting to be part of the decision making," said Jesse.

She has taken an Artificial Insemination class to enhance specific genetics into her and her family's cattle herd. "Al has been a hard learning experience. But I am hoping to bring some superior genetics into our herd. I want to improve the cowherd and make our calves more marketable. It was really cool to watch the AI calves jump up off the ground this spring. I was like a proud mama. Or father. Not sure which!" added Jesse.

Jesse raises her own herd of dairy and beef cattle. After years of raising bottle calves for her dad, she traded in all of her work for a bred heifer. "Herferdialia became my official first beef heifer. I could not have chosen a better matriarch for my beef herd. She is going to be 12 this spring, and she is definitely one that makes replacement heifers. I have five of her daughters in our herd and another at her side. I have expanded my beef herd more and more over the past three years. My goal is 100 pairs before I get married, because cows before vows!"

Jesse started raising dairy cows when she was awarded a dairy cow from the Wick family. "Around fifteen years ago, I was awarded a dairy cow from the Wick family. You could say it all started with that cow, Iris. She ignited a love for dairy cattle in me. I learned a

lot about her and about me. Patience. Love. Iris's daughter, Brownie, is still around. This spring, I had three nurse cows that raised ten calves together. They give me lots of gray hairs, but they are something that is just mine."

Jesse explained that she has always had a love for agriculture but had no idea she would be ranching at the age of 25. "Before I headed off to college, I was set on going to veterinarian school. I started out as a "pre-vet" major, but after a semester and a good heart to heart with my parents, I dropped the pre-vet plan. Ranching was kind of a minor part of my long term plan. I never really saw myself doing this at 25. I seriously thought I would be in school still!"

The Staffanson family enjoys farming and ranching, "I enjoy the peace of being able to work with my family. I also enjoy watching things grow, especially when I have a good crop or calf crop," explained Scott. "The thing I find most enjoyable is watching those tiny 60-pound calves grow into cows. I love being on watch for the next cow or heifer to have a calf," stated Jesse.

Scott explained that he hopes to pass the farm on down from generation to generation, and Jesse said "Farming and ranching is definitely something I want to keep doing. The ranch is a place that I feel completely myself. I have so much to learn, but I feel like I am getting a grasp on some of it. Slowly."

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## Sugar Beet Decorating Winners

The Roundup held its 16th annual beet decorating contest last week and, as usual, the kids did an amazing job of turning a sugar beet into something fun. Special thanks go to Tim Neu and his staff at Super Valu for hosting the event and Powder Keg for providing \$20, \$15 and \$10 gift cards, which excited both the kids and their parents.



Jacob Unruh, 10, with his first place, "Tractor and beet cart."



Isabella Miller, 10, with her second place, "Giraffe."



Rykia Johnson, 8, with her first place, "Unicorn."



Cameron Unruh, 8, with his second place, "Dragon head."



Tayler Unruh, 7, with her third place, "Sea shell."



JayLynn Johnson, 5, with her first place, "Pegasus."

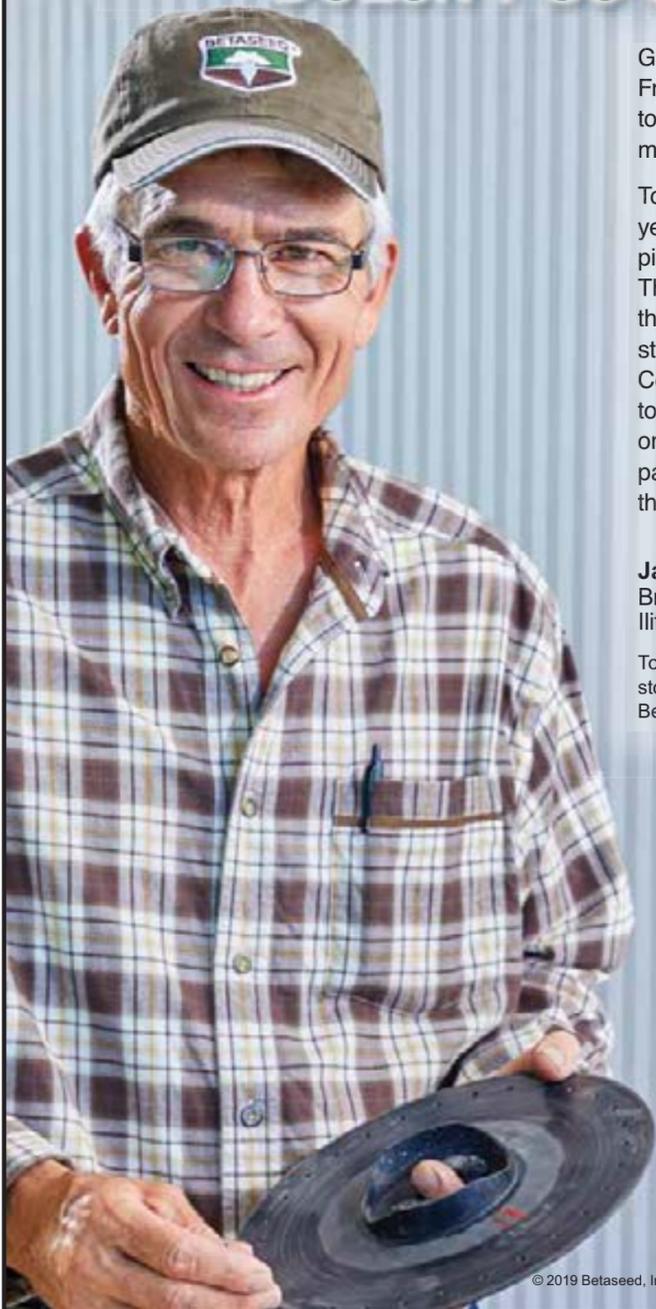


Jace Johnson, 4, with his second place, "Alien."



Chandler Pilch, 3, with her third place, "Genie."

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# Farm Bureau Convention Workshops Tackle Challenges And Current Issues

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, AgNewsWire

Montana Farm Bureau members attending the organization's 100th Annual Convention November 11-14 in Billings will have the opportunity to attend a variety of informative workshops. Those workshops will cover current topics of interest to farmers and ranchers including employment, rural broadband, mental health, estate planning, social media marketing and leadership.

Bob Milligan, professor emeritus, Cornell University, is offering two separate workshops: one on hiring farm and ranch employees; the other concerning interpersonal relationships with employees. In his workshop, Dr. Milligan will cover hiring employees as well as communicating and supervising your ranch workforce.

With the need for rural broadband in the news, RJ Karney, director of Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau, will talk about why rural broadband is essential to modern agriculture and how current policy is affecting the ability to deploy rural broadband.

A topic of apprehension across the country is mental health concerns with farmers and ranchers. Darla Tyler McSherry founded askinearrest.org, an initiative designed to bring awareness, education and prevention strategies to the issue of suicide. In her workshop "Candid and Compassionate Conversations for the Farm and Ranch Community" McSherry will explore the issue of suicide and agriculture. Participants will learn the latest data regarding this topic, identify risk factors unique to farmers and ranchers, and define strategies they can incorporate into their personal lives and their community to improve mental well-being and reduce the risks.

Ever think about marketing your product directly to consumers? Mary Heffernan, who is slated as a lunch speaker, will present her workshop, "Using Social

Media to Build a Brand and Market a Direct to Consumer Operation." Heffernan runs several successful ag-related businesses in her small hometown with her family and looks forward to sharing her knowledge with Farm Bureau members.

With estate planning on everyone's mind, Wipfli CPAs and ag business transition strategists Curt Barnekoff and Dana Springer will share insights to begin breaking down the barriers and create your specific roadmap to successfully transition your family's farm or ranch.

No Farm Bureau workshop list would be complete

without a session on leadership. Montana State University Leadership Institute Director Carmen McSpadden will encourage attendees to look at the future and MFBF's next 100 years. "How do members want to serve their county Farm Bureaus and Montana agriculture? By talking with peers about challenges and opportunities during this workshop, attendees will learn to capture goals and keep these dreams in mind on a daily basis," McSpadden said.

For more information on the MFBF Centennial Convention visit [www.mfbf.org](http://www.mfbf.org) or call 406-587-3153.

## Oilseed Growers Petition MDA to Create Advisory Committee

Meeting set for December 3, 2019 in Great Falls

Helena, MT – The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) has received a verified petition from 25 Montana oilseed growers to create an advisory committee. MDA will hold a listening session to receive additional grower input regarding the proposal in Great Falls on December 3. Meeting information is provided below.

Oilseed Listening Session: December 3, 2019 – Great Falls, MT; 10 a.m. – Heritage Inn, Room 201 (1700 Fox Farm Rd.)

Growers will have the opportunity to learn about the process for creating a commodity advisory committee and provide input regarding its composition, crops to be included, and rate of assessment. Based on feedback received during the meeting, MDA will decide whether to propose an oilseed research and market development program for adoption by administrative rule.

Montana is a leading producer of oilseeds including canola, flaxseed and safflower. Canola production is forecast to total more than 210 million pounds in 2019, which is a 62 percent increase from Montana's 2018 crop according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

MDA currently administers the Montana Potato Advisory Committee and the Montana Alfalfa Seed Committee along with the statutorily enabled Montana Wheat and Barley Committee and Montana Pulse Crop Committee. In total, these programs annually contribute over \$8 million in checkoff funds towards research, marketing, and education.

The Montana Department of Agriculture's mission is to protect producers and consumers, and to enhance and develop agriculture and allied industries. For more information on the Montana Department of Agriculture, visit [agr.mt.gov](http://agr.mt.gov).

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# Beet Harvest, Contracts and Exchange Visitors



Digging beets on the Buxbaum farm.

**By Dianne Swanson**  
After being delayed a couple of weeks due to excess moisture, sugar beet harvest started in the afternoon of Monday, October 7 at the Scott Buxbaum farm north of Fairview. As both a grower and president of the Montana Dakota Beet Growers Association, Buxbaum talked about the harvest and negotiations with Sidney Sugars during a short break from digging last Wednesday morning.

Harvest has been sporadic with a couple of days of digging, followed by a shutdown caused by slippery conditions at the pile grounds, and then frost. "The rain Wednesday, October 9 wasn't enough to stop us from digging but safety issues at the pile grounds caused the shut down. That was necessary, Sidney Sugars and the growers want everyone to be safe," Buxbaum said. The Sugar Valley station had extremely muddy grounds to begin harvest, with fewer pileers than usual, also causing a bit of delay for growers.

Growers were able to go full speed again on the 15th. Most of the beets have healed from the frost but sugar content has probably been affected. "Normally, the sugar content increases every day of harvest," Buxbaum explained.

"The frost may have either set the beets so the sugar won't increase or it could have killed some beets which would mean a decrease in sugar if the beet tries to grow new tops."

Fears of a muddy, ugly harvest have largely been unfounded. "We were pleasantly surprised when we got into the fields. It was drier than most people thought it would be. The beets kept growing and absorbed a lot of the excess moisture. The region was fortunate to escape the big snow storms to the west and east," he added.

Buxbaum estimated tonnage of 34 to 34.5 with sugar at 16.9 to 17 on his farm. "It's not the best but all the moisture diluted the sugar content. However, we're seeing a tonnage gain compared to the root sample estimates, because of all the rain, so that's good." As of Wednesday morning, Buxbaums were about 20% complete, which he said was not too bad for running just a few days.

One of the truck drivers I met as I was heading into the beet field was Julio, an exchange visitor from Brazil. He and Zoltan, from Hungary, have been part of the Buxbaum farm since mid-March. "They have been excellent," Buxbaum commented. "They

have done pretty much everything." The two men will go their respective ways mid-November, taking the experiences and knowledge they have gained back to their native countries.

With negotiations to buy the factory dead, the Mondak beet growers are in year one of a three year contract during which they took a cut in price per ton. "It's too early to tell what will happen next time. We took a huge cut this time. We wouldn't be able to survive another cut. We have to hope that we can get a better contract or, at a minimum, stay the same," Buxbaum stated.

Commenting on this season, Buxbaum said that it's been a tough year for everyone. Dryland farmers are still combining what had promised to be a record crop. Flooding in the Fairview area made planting late for some growers. Storms wreaked havoc in some regions. Hay is still being put up. "There are issues harvesting any kind of crop and lots of worry. But we'll get the beets. The forecast looks promising, we'll get the crop out. We've had a lot of bad but we're fortunate that we're not looking at what Powell is facing with the snow and cold they've had."

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# Montana FSA: USDA Opens 2020 Enrollment For Agriculture Risk Coverage And Price Loss Coverage Programs

## Safety Net Program Payments for 2018 Have Started

Washington –Agricultural producers now can enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs – two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety net programs – for the 2020 crop year. Meanwhile, producers who enrolled farms for the 2018 crop year have started receiving more than \$1.5 billion for covered commodities for which payments were triggered under such programs.

“These two programs provide income support to help producers manage the ups and downs in revenues and prices,” said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “USDA is here to support the economic stability of American agricultural producers by helping them maintain their competitive edge in times of economic stress. We encourage producers to consider enrolling in one of these programs.”

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized and updated both programs.

Signup for the 2020 crop year closes June 30, 2020, while signup for the 2019 crop year closes March 15, 2020. Producers who have not yet enrolled for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office.

ARC and PLC have options for the farm operator who is actively farming the land as

well as the owner of the land. Farm owners also have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields beginning with crop year 2020. If the farm owner and producer visit the FSA county office together, FSA can also update yield information during that visit.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

2018 Crop Year ARC and PLC Payments

FSA began processing payments last week for 2018 ARC-County (ARC-CO) and PLC on covered commodities that met payment triggers on enrolled farms in the 2018 crop year. In addition to the \$1.5 billion now in process, FSA anticipates it will issue another \$1 billion in November once USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes additional commodity prices for the 2018 crop.

Producers who had 2018 covered commodities enrolled in ARC-CO can visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc) for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity. For farms and covered commodities enrolled in 2018 PLC, the following crops met payment triggers: barley, canola, corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, peanuts, and wheat.

Oats and soybeans did not meet 2018 PLC payment triggers.

2018 PLC payment rates for the following covered commodities have not been de-

termined: crambe, flaxseed, large and small chickpeas, long and medium grain rice, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, seed cotton, sesame seed, sunflower seed and temperate Japonica rice.

More Information  
On December 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law the 2018 Farm Bill, which provides income support, certainty and stability to our nation’s farmers, ranchers and land stewards by enhancing farm support programs, improving crop insurance, maintaining disaster programs and promoting and supporting voluntary conservation.

For more information on ARC and PLC including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the ARC and PLC webpage.

For additional questions and assistance, contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator).

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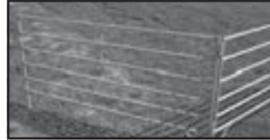
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# Beet Harvest...

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“It’s been a slow harvest but they’ve stuck with us and their efforts are greatly appreciated. They say they’ll stick with us to the end,” Peters commented.

It’s been a rough year for farming altogether but Peters said the growers are doing a good job getting rid of the mud and bringing in clean beets. Growers have had exceptional challenges this past three years with unusual weather and road construction including the roundabout in Fairview, the construction of 200 between Sidney and Fairview, and Holly this year. “It’s not fun, always having to find alternate routes to get the product to the pilers or the factory,” Peters stated.

“There’s challenges at all times and we appreciate their perseverance,” Peters said of the growers.

Peters also praised his ag staff for putting in long hours and dealing with this unusual harvest. Summer Reidle handles Sugar Valley, James Johnson takes care of the south district, while Peters has Culbertson and the factory. “They take their job very seriously, helping the growers get the best quality beets we can get, which helps with long term storage and ultimately, the top quality sugar that gets produced here.

Peters reminds everyone to stay safe and watch for beet trucks and harvest equipment on the roads.

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# Excessive Rain Puts A Damper On This Year's Grain Harvest

By Anna Dragseth

This year's harvest has been difficult for farmers all across the MonDak area. This is due to continuous rainfall plaguing farmers' attempts at combining. This type of weather puts a big damper on harvest and causes sprout damage, quality/yield loss, and an overall delay in harvest, which has the farmers paying more than they are earning.

Just for the month of September Williston, North Dakota received so much rain that it is now their wettest September on record.

Although rain seems to be a good thing for farmers, it sure is not the case during the months of harvest. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as of September 15, 2019, just 69 percent of Montana's corn crop was harvested, and for

North Dakota, 73 percent of corn has been harvested as of September 15.

Continued wet weather conditions are slowing dry down and encouraging fungus development on crops. Some fungi produce mycotoxins that are harmful to animal and human health. Excessive rainfall also creates moldy grain, which causes a shorter storage life than clean grain held at the same moisture and temperature. The moldy grain is expected to have only 60% to 70% of normal storage life.

This weather also promotes quality loss, which is arguably the most significant detriment to farmers. A lot of acres of quality-sensitive crops are very susceptible to rains when they are mature. Durum, in particular, loses its glowing amber color, which is a significant factor when it comes to grading. Lentils, green peas, and other wheat classes are susceptible as well, and losses can increase in those crops along with the durum.

Yield loss is also a factor caused by heavy rainfall during harvest. Eventually, given enough rain, even tolerant crops like canola can start to lose yield. The rain washes the seed so much and so aggressively that it begins to lose weight. The lighter each seed gets, the fewer tonnes of grain growers end up with

at the end of the day. Wheat is one of the most sensitive to this and can lose quite a large amount of yield to this phenomenon.

Sprout damage is also a big concern for MonDak growers this year. It occurs when grain kernels start to germinate when the crop is still standing (pre-harvest sprouting). Sprout damage correlates to Falling Numbers, which affects the overall seed value.

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# RVers Help Sidney Sugars Through Harvest



**Dave and April Hunt.**

**By Nicole Lucina**

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After their kids were grown, the couple downsized, got an RV and became full time "RV'ers."

"It's just our lives," April said happily.

The couple said they take jobs here and there while on the road and just try to live life to the fullest and as positively as possible.

Like so many others, during their stay in Sidney the couple has taken up camp at Bagnell RV Park.

"We absolutely love it here, we love the park, we love Kandi (Davis) and she gives us the VIP treatment."

One of the things the Hunts enjoy the most is the freedom they have.

"We work the season and then we can take five months off and visit our kids and our grandkids," April said.

They have worked during the sugar beet harvest season for the last three years and have grown to greatly enjoy the experience.

Dave works as a foreman, while April works as a piler. They said there are a lot of couples that work the campaign and the singles "fill in the blanks."

Another beet harvester, John Erhart said this is also his third year working the cam-

paign. He got started working the harvest after a friend told him about it.

"The best part is coming up and being around good people," Erhart said.

He and his wife are originally from Wyoming, but travel to surrounding states working job such as the harvest and oil field work.

"I like helping the locals. I like to see people make it," Erhart said.

At the time of this interview it had been too rainy and wet for them to start harvesting, but one thing the harvesters agree on is that it's a waiting game.

"The fields are like lakes right now," Erhart said.

While we've had an unusually wet season, it's been quite the setback for the farmers and harvesters.

"You just have to come out here with a positive attitude," April said.

There may be some downsides such as the extreme weather and having to wait for the right time to get started, but April pointed out that the benefits far outweigh any negatives.

She went on to explain they are provided clothing, hats, gloves, safety gear and anything else that they might need.

"They really take care of us," April said.

When asked what he felt was the best part of the job, Dave said the overall experience.

"Being able to meet new people, coming back and seeing the same people. Coming back up to the park (Bagnell) and having things like crock pot parties. There are a lot of good people out there." Dave said.

Dave and April said they are typically scheduled to work 12-hour days, working from 7 a.m. till 7 p.m.

They talked about the importance of leaving on good terms. "If you leave with the door open, the door will be open when you come back," April said. "You have to work for it and care about it."

Bagnell RV Park has had a contract for years with the company to host the harvesters.

She said the community has always been so great toward the harvesters, with business owners bringing flyers, business cards and menus to the park for the harvesters.

"They really like MT Bare Cave and Sidney Mercantile. Mucho Si has been doing to-go orders for them; other places have been giving drink coupons. They also really like 1035, they think it's so cool that it used to be a video store," Davis said.

Overall, Davis said hosting the harvesters has always been enjoyable. They all come together for meals, spend time together hanging out and over the years have become one big family.

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## New Survey Suggests Improvements In Montanans' Understanding Of Noxious Weeds



A recent survey shows that Montanans' understanding of noxious weeds and ways to stop their spread has increased over the past 25 years.

By Reagan Colyer, MSU News Service

Bozeman – Farmers and ranchers in Montana are often intimately aware of the dangers posed by noxious weeds, but the general public's knowledge of invasive species has also increased due to education and outreach efforts over the past 25 years, according to a recent survey.

The survey follows up an initial survey done in 1994, which determined the level of public knowledge at the time in order to gauge education needs. The 2019 survey was administered by Eric Raile of the Montana State University Human Ecology Learning and Problem Solving Lab; Jane Mangold of MSU Extension and the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Science in the College of Agriculture; and Shantell Frame-Martin of the Montana Noxious Weed Education Campaign, or MNWEC. Both surveys were funded by the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund, which is overseen by the Montana Department of Agriculture.

"The goal of that first survey was to gain insight into the level of knowledge that Montanans had about noxious

weeds," said Frame-Martin. "We found out that there wasn't a whole lot of knowledge, so that was when the MNWEC was formed."

The MNWEC, housed in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at MSU, is a cooperative effort among state and federal entities and non-governmental organizations that seeks to educate Montanans about noxious weeds, encouraging them to participate in integrated weed management.

Since 1994, the MNWEC has used billboards, pamphlets, educational classes, newspaper articles, and radio and television advertisements to increase knowledge across the state. Recently, it has focused on key audiences like recreationists and hunters who spend a lot of time in Montana's natural areas and may accidentally spread noxious weeds. They also developed educational materials for real estate professionals.

Noxious weeds infest nearly 8 million acres of Montana, said Frame-Martin, and something as simple as walking or driving through a patch of noxious weeds without washing shoes or vehicles afterward can spread the weeds to areas that haven't yet been exposed. Of particular concern are medusahead and ventenata, invasive grasses that are detrimental to rangelands because they decrease the amount of forage available for livestock and wildlife.

More than 800 Montanans responded to the newest survey. Of those, nearly half reported they drive on dirt roads or across fields, 41% reported that they routinely go hiking or backpacking, 37% work outside or in fields, 24% fish and 17% hunt. All of those are outdoor activities that, without proper awareness, can spread noxious weeds.

About half of respondents, 48%, said that they have "little to no" knowledge of noxious weeds. While it

seems like a large proportion, it is an improvement over the 1994 survey, where 67% of respondents indicated they knew little or nothing about noxious weeds.

However, 73% of respondents were able to name at least one species of noxious weed, and at least 80% identified loss of wildlife habitat and biodiversity, increased wildfire and loss of native plants as particularly concerning impacts of noxious weeds, showing awareness of the impacts the weeds can have.

Nearly half of respondents said they do more now to prevent noxious weed spread than they did five years ago, which Frame-Martin said is encouraging. While all the numbers might not yet be where the researchers hoped, she said they are moving in the right direction. When it comes to environmental issues, educating people about the behaviors that contribute to the problem is critical, she said, and Montanans who know about noxious weeds are more likely to do their part to help stop the spread.

"The results that we gained are encouraging," Frame-Martin said. "The trends in our data show that knowledge has increased."

One of the less encouraging results from the survey for Frame-Martin was the trend of younger adults and female respondents tending to know less and show less interest in noxious weeds. But, she said, this finding will help the MNWEC adapt its educational efforts to engage those groups.

"Everybody has the capability and capacity to help stop noxious weeds," Frame-Martin said. "We all love Montana, and we live here because of the great recreational opportunities. We need to protect those for future generations. Making sure that knowledge is out there and that everybody can do their part is essential."

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# Agricultural Community Well Being

By Tim Fine

This article is going to take a bit of a more serious tone than I usually write about but there is something that I've been thinking about focusing on for some time and this year it seems as though the time is right.

It is a fairly well known fact (at least I guess it's a fact but I'm not sure that there are actually studies that can prove it) that farmers and ranchers are a resilient bunch. By the nature of the job, one has to be in order to survive. A farmer and/or rancher wakes up every morning and generally speaking, the first thought he or she thinks about is what the weather is doing outside and how much work is going to be done or not done depending on what the forecast is. There are so many factors that are outside of this person's control but yet he or she somehow still finds the strength and wherewithal to continue to live a life and remain in a profession that brings him or her joy and a standard of life that he or she aspires to create.

In case you are not aware, there is almost this perfect storm (I really think it should be called imperfect actually) of issues that are causing some real concern for our farmers and ranchers. Commodity prices for just about every crop that we grow are not the greatest, input prices are not necessarily following that same trend, and the weather has not been favorable to do much of anything except take naps and watch football.

The reason that I am bringing all of this up is because even though we all know how resilient our agricultural producers can be, there are some things they may not be able to overcome. I will

not bore you with statistics but suffice to say that mental health issues for agricultural producers are a rising concern and often go overlooked and/or unnoticed. But when a person's livelihood is being threatened and/or attacked from several different levels it is difficult to remain optimistic.

My reason for pointing this out is two-fold. First off, to our producers I want you to know that I and several others in this community are here for you and feel for you. I know that things are tough right now and the future does not look a whole lot brighter but you do have the respect and admiration of several people and we will do all that we can to help you succeed. Secondly, to the general public, you can help ease some of the struggles that our producers are facing. The first step to help is simply being nice and polite. As the weather is now cooperating and harvest is in full swing again if you just have patience and be courteous that will go a long way. In addition, reaching out to a farmer/rancher that you know and just letting them know that you respect them and appreciate their struggles would be a nice gesture. And it probably wouldn't hurt to not bring up the fact that there are still lots of acres of crops still needing to be harvested. They pretty much know that.

In all seriousness, I am concerned about the well being of our agricultural community and if there is anything that I can do to help contribute to that, I am happy to do so. Thank you for all that you do and you are always welcome to contact me at 433-1206 or by email at timothy.fine@montana.edu.

## Montana FSA: USDA Hosting Farm Bill Meetings In 23 Montana Communities

Learn about changes to the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs

BOZEMAN, Montana – October 17, 2019 - USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in partnership with Montana State University (MSU) today announced the schedule of 23 informational Farm Bill meetings across Montana in October and early November 2019.

USDA and MSU are conducting the meetings to inform Montana agricultural producers about FSA's Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs authorized by the 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills. Attendees can learn about program changes and ARC or PLC election and enrollment options. The meetings are expected to range from two to three hours in duration.

"Montana ag producers are invited to a meeting in their area to learn more about their election and enrollment options under these important programs," Montana FSA State Executive Director Mike Foster said.

Montana Farm Bill Meetings:

- Oct. 21, Billings, 10 a.m., Big Horn Resort (1801 Majestic Lane)
- Oct. 21, Shelby, 1 p.m., Coyote Club & Event Center (137 Main Street)
- Oct. 21, Hardin, 3:30 p.m., Hardin Volunteer Fire Dept. (1204 North Custer Avenue)

- Oct. 22, Choteau, 8 a.m., Stage Stop Inn (1005 Main Avenue North)

- Oct. 22, Miles City, 10 a.m., Miles City Community College, Room 216 (2715 Dickinson Street)

- Oct. 22, Great Falls, 1 p.m., Family Living Center, State Fairgrounds (400 3rd Street NW)

- Oct. 23, Fort Benton, 7 p.m., Fort Benton Elementary School (1406 Franklin Street)

- Oct. 23, Havre, 1 p.m., Havre High School Auditorium (900 18th St.)

- Oct. 23, Ronan, 1 p.m., Lake County Community Development Corporation Conference Room (407 Main Street SW)

- Oct. 24, Malta, 8 a.m., Phillips County Library (10 South 4th Street East)

- Oct. 24, Scobey, 1:30 p.m., Scobey Schools Common Room/Lunch Room (205 2nd Avenue East)

- Oct. 24, Glasgow, 1 p.m., Cottonwood Inn (54250 US Hwy 2)

- Oct. 24, Dillon, 1 p.m., USDA Forest Service Conference Room (420 Barrett Street)

- Oct. 25, Circle, 8 a.m., McCone County Fairgrounds Kitchen/Community Room (14 Fairgrounds Road)

- Oct. 25, Bozeman, 9 a.m., USDA Service Center Forest Service Training Room (3710

West Fallon Street, Suite C)

- Oct. 25, Jordan, 1 p.m., Jordan Library (208 Main Street)

- Oct. 28, Harlowton, 10 a.m., Faith Chapel Basement (601 Pritchard NW)

- Oct. 28, Lewistown, 3:30 p.m., Eagles (124 West Main Street)

- Oct. 29, Baker, 10 a.m., Thee Garage (19 West Montana Avenue)

- Oct. 29, Glendive, 3 p.m., Courthouse Community Room (207 West Bell Street)

- Oct. 31, Culbertson, 9:30 a.m., American Legion (115 2nd Ave. East)

- Nov. 5, Townsend, 9 a.m., 4-H Building, Townsend Fairgrounds (189 US Hwy 12E)

- Nov. 5, Browning, 1 p.m., Tribal Conference Room, Blackfeet Headquarters (640 All Chiefs Road)

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Jennifer Cole at jennifer.cole@usda.gov and/or 406-654-1333, ext. 117 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 at least two workdays prior to the meeting date.

For more information about a meeting, please contact your local FSA office. Visit Montana FSA online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mt](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt) and [www.farmers.gov](http://www.farmers.gov).

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