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Watford City Municipal Airport Recognized As North Dakota General Aviation Airport Of The Year

By Meagan Dotson

Watford City Municipal Airport was recognized as the 2022 General Aviation Airport of the Year by the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission in partnership with the North Dakota Aviation Association. The airport attained this award for building a new runway and parallel taxiway, installing new runway lighting and instrument approach procedures.

These projects were started in 2020 and completed in 2021. The airport closed for six months in order to tear out the existing runway and install a new one, which has increased length and weight capacity making it possible for larger aircrafts to utilize the airport. The new runway is 6,550 feet long and 75 feet wide.

While these have been the most recently completed projects, the airport has been in the process of making improvements for the last ten years with discussions of improvements beginning just prior to the oil boom. The airport apron, where planes park, load and unload, has been rehabilitated from asphalt to concrete and has doubled in size

and tie-downs. There are two new hangar taxilanes, 15 new hangars, a reconstructed parking lot, and a new Aviation and Terminal Building. Additionally, during this time, a Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan were developed, multiple planning studies, wetland and cultural studies were conducted and 60 acres of land were acquired for the project. In the last five to six years flight instruction, rental aircraft, and fuel has all been made available on site.

As a general aviation airport, Watford City Municipal Airport does not offer commercial flights, but is now better able to accommodate more charter planes, private planes, company planes and air taxis. Additionally, the airport is more easily accessible to those doing flight training, pipeline patrol, air ambulance services, and aerial application. In 2012, there were 2,800 aircraft operations and 14 based aircrafts versus 7,300 aircraft operations and 35 based aircrafts in 2022.

"We were looking at a runway rehab prior to the oil boom. The old runway was in poor condition and had penetrations to the

approach ends, meaning that we would've had to shorten it from 4,400 feet to under 4,000 feet, limiting the planes we could accommodate even further. The oil boom just made that need greater," explained Airport Manager Luke Taylor, airport manager.

KLJ Engineering Services helped the airport throughout the process by assisting in obtaining federal grants, planning and design, and project management. Stata did all the electrical including runway lighting and poured concrete and Park Construction was contracted for all building needs.

Taylor, who has been the airport manager for the last seven years, and worked as airport authority four years prior to that stated, "The Watford City Municipal Airport is the front door to the community for those doing business here. These improvements solidify the future of the airport, Watford City, and McKenzie County because it enables companies to do business more easily, whether bringing in executives, contractors or employees."



Pictured (L-R) are Kyle Wanner, North Dakota Aeronautics Commission director, Steve Reeves, Watford City Municipal Airport Authority chairman, Luke Taylor, Watford City Municipal Airport manager, and Ryan Riesinger with the Airport Association of North Dakota. (Photo submitted by Watford City Municipal Airport)

Construction On Fairview-West Project To Begin

By Jaymi Mozeak

After eight years of planning, the Fairview-West project is set to break ground this week.

According to the Montana Department of Transportation's website, www.mdt.mt.gov, the Fairview West project is a locally driven

effort to reduce crashes by improving a segment of Highway 201 (MT 201) west of Fairview.

The project will cost just over \$34 million. It will reconstruct six miles of roadway, including two miles of new alignment north of the Fairview Airport, to improve safety while alleviating the impacts of commercial truck traffic on streets of Fairview. A new intersection will be constructed as part of the realignment, creating a new junction of MT 201 and MT 200 north of Fairview.

MT 201 was identified for improvement in response to a large influx in traffic volumes and crash trends, primarily due to commercial truck traffic related to the Bakken and the desire to improve safety by bringing the roadway up to current design

standards, wider shoulders, flatter side slopes, better sight distance, installation of centerline and shoulder rumble strips, pavement markings, improved signage, a roundabout at the intersection of MT 200 and MT 201, and other intersection improvements, including a complete reconstruction of the CR 350 intersection.

A new bridge spanning Second Hay Creek and the Lower Yellowstone Project Canal and a new drainage structure at the Third Hay Creek crossing will also be built. Spring of 2015 a study on an alternative alignment began. That summer a public meeting was held to present alternative alignments. The results of the study were published that fall and by the summer of 2016 the town of Fairview

and Richland County agreed to the realignment. Preliminary engineering went on for a few years and in 2022 property was bought and the design was completed for the project.

In 2023, the construction of the project is set to begin. Originally, the plan was to break ground the third week of March but because of weather in other parts of the state, the project was delayed. When they do begin the work crews have 250 working days to complete the job. MDT project manager Jerry Phillips said it should take three seasons to complete the project. Most of it would be finished by the end of 2024 and the road will then be chip-sealed the following year when the temperature has risen high enough. For more information on the project look

online at www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/fairviewwest/.



The Fairview-West project will reconstruct six miles of Montana Highway 201 to enhance safety features while alleviating the impacts of commercial truck traffic in Fairview. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

Not Guilty Plea in Embezzlement Case

By Jaymi Mozeak

Samantha Berry, Savage Sunrise Manor former administrator, who is being charged with embezzling over \$30K from the business, was scheduled for an omnibus hearing Monday, March 13 to update details about the case.

Berry's first day in court was Monday, Jan. 30. She had pleaded not guilty but did not have representation at the time. She did acquire Shannon Sweeney, a licensed attorney in Montana and Arizona, as representation and they were able to provide the information required before the hearing date and it was canceled. Berry is keeping her plea.

Many hearings are set throughout the spring and summer in preparation for Berry's trial. If the case is not dismissed beforehand, a jury trial for Berry's case is set for 9 a.m., July 20 and 21.

Berry's legal representation was unavailable for comment.

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Rough Rider Center Rec Show, March 31-April 2

By Jaymi Mozeak

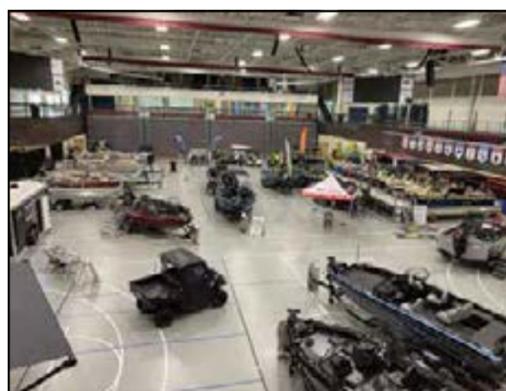
The Rough Rider Rec Show will be Friday, March 31-Sunday, April 2, at the Rough Rider Center field house and arena, Watford City.

The Rough Rider Center holds the Rec Show every year to provide a space for businesses to promote themselves, sell their product, to promote tourism, active lifestyles, and exploration of western North

Dakota to all. Vendors will have boats, campers, side-by-sides, ATVs, fishing gear, and information brochures to display, hand out, and sell. Many local businesses that sell recreational equipment, outdoor experiences, gear, and more will be there to display their wares. On Friday, March 31, the show will be from 3-8 p.m., Friday, March 31, Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. with a cash bar available to visitors 21 and

older from noon-7 p.m. On the last day, Sunday, April 2, the show will be from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission for the event is \$5 per person.

The Rough Rider Center is located at 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City. For more information on the show visit the Rough Rider Center webpage at www.roughridercenter.com, their Facebook page, or call them at 701-842-3665.



Dealers and vendors from across the region will be bringing their boats, campers, ATVs, Side-by-Sides, fishing gear, and more to the Rec Show. (Rough Rider Center Facebook page)

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February Meeting Offered Options & Hope For Sidney Sugars Employees

By Meagan Dotson

Approximately 100 Sidney Sugars employees attended a meeting held in conjunction by Richland Economic Development and the Sidney Job Service on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the MSU Extension Office, Sidney.

"Normally, the Job Service would take the lead on something like this, but because of the great partnership we have, the Job Service did what they do best and then allowed me to bring other resources in," said Richland Economic Development Corp. (REDC) director, Leslie Messer.

During the two-hour meeting, 10 speakers served as community resources speaking about the available options to employees facing lay-offs.

These speakers included Messer and Steve Olson, Sidney Job Service manager, who each gave an overview of the resources that are available at both the job service and REDC.

Ron Slinger, Miles Community College dean, and Sara Engle, Dawson Community college workforce development director, discussed options that both community colleges and the university system will offer.

Kathleen Williams, USDA Rural Development state director, and Shandy Moran, Rural Development, Business & Cooperative Program Commercial lending specialist presented the available help through the U.S. Department of Ag & Economic Development Administrations.

Josie Evenson and Marley Manoukian, Montana State University Extension Office, reviewed options available through the Extension Office as well as discussing mental health options, and Paddy Flemming Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MME), director, shared ways MME could assist displaced employees.

"I opened by telling the employees that REDC doesn't have all the resources to help them, but we have some amazing friends who do. I was truly impressed by the prompt and quality responses we got from our speakers as well as their willingness to drive from out of town during terrible weather to be here," Messer commented.

With many difficult decisions to make, some Sidney Sugars employees have decided to take a new job now, while others will wait until layoffs begin, but either way they have options available to help them succeed once they leave the factory.

Following the presentations people had the opportunity to talk with speakers one-on-one.

"I had half a dozen people approach me after the meeting and tell me how worried they and their families have been about the future. They told me that this was the first time in two months that they have had any hope about the situation," Messer recalled. "I can't put into words how powerful that was."

Messer added that following the February meeting she has had consultations with some of the Sidney Sugars employees who are interested in taking advantage of the opportunities that were presented to them and want to do something different.

Messer went on to say that she has been contacted by several companies who are interested in purchasing the sugar beet factory, and that she has passed the information along to American Crystal Sugar and has gotten zero response.

The question of what will become of the factory weighs heavily on the community, especially considering that, according to public record, American Crystal Sugar still owes \$37.5 million on the property. A \$15,000,000 payment is due Aug. 31, 2023 and a final payment of \$22,000,500 is due Aug. 31, 2028.

When contacted regarding this story, American Crystal Sugar communications manager Belinda Forknell stated, "We are too early in the process to have additional comments on plans at the Sidney facility. While we will discontinue producing product in April, we still have inventory at the location that we will package and distribute, taking us well into September, as we mentioned in our press release."

Anyone interested in available resources can contact REDC at 406-482-4679.

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Savage: Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980
Lambert: Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Activities/Cards
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Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
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Current Elevation.....1824.7
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One Year Ago.....1827.7
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 20	25	3	0.00
Mar. 21	23	13	0.00
Mar. 22	21	5	0.00
Mar. 23	40	0	0.00
Mar. 24	40	15	0.00
Mar. 25	29	18	0.00
Mar. 26	29	19	0.00
Total 2022 YTD Precipitation.....	0.43		

2nd District 2C Pepsi All-Star Basketball Game To Be Held In Lambert

By Jaymi Mozeak

For the second year in a row, the District 2C Pepsi All-Star Basketball Game will be hosted, Tuesday, April 4, at Lambert School in their new gym.

In 2022, after watching the NBA All-Star game, the members of the Lambert student council sat around discussing ideas for the coming months. A district-wide All-Star basketball game was brought up by Grady Gonsioroski. The students started planning and looking for sponsors. Blue Rock Pepsi decided to lend a hand and the Pepsi All-Star Basketball game was born.

The game is mostly student-driven and players from Fairview, Culbertson, Westby-Grenora, Bainville, Savage, Plentywood, Circle, Richey-Lambert, Brockton, and Froid-Lake teams have a chance to be picked for it. The top 20 male athletes and top 20 female athletes on the 2C all-conference list are selected by coaches for displaying the best skills in offense, defense, or as a team leader before the District 2C tournament. The girls' game will be at 6 p.m. and the boys' game will be at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 each and can be purchased at the door.

According to student council member Tiegen Cundiff, they are the only district in Montana that does this game. The closest there is to the Pepsi All-Star is the Billings Senior Classic Tournament but that is just for seniors. The Pepsi All-Star is for high school players of any age in the 2C District. An MVP trophy will be awarded to the best player in the girls' game and the best player in the boys' game. The MVP choice will come from the officials, coaches, and Grady Gonsioroski. Proceeds from ticket sales will go into the fund for next year's game. With year two of the game about to start, student Cundiff said, "We plan on doing this annually as long as we can."

Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the games. For more information contact Nicole Simonsen at 406-774-3333. The games will also be live-streamed on the Pepsi 2C Classic YouTube channel. Shirts, hoodies, and hats will be available for sale. Concession and a meal will be offered by the Lions' Den.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., Mar. 29
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Dave Torrence Exhibition** - View the life work of a local art influencer. On display through May 3. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or mdhc@richland.org.

Wed., Mar. 29, April 5, 19 & 26
10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - Ages 4-5. Songs, fingerplays, stories & a craft. Sidney/Richland County Library.

Fri., March 31
5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Knights of Columbus 2023 Friday Fish Fry** - Cost \$13 per person. Ned Shinnick Hall, St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE.

Fri., Mar. 31
4-7 p.m. - **Easter Bake Sale** - Baked goods accepted the afternoon of the bake sale from 3-4 p.m. Price of baked goods, free will donation. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE (use 4th Ave. entrance). For more info contact Teresa, 406-798-3464; Diana, 406-798-3429 or Tara, 406-488-6274. 1/2 of the proceeds will go to Sunrise Women's Clinic.

5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Knights of Columbus 2023 Friday Fish Fry** - Cost \$13 per person. Ned Shinnick Hall, St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE.

Sat., April 1
10 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Girl Scout Cookie Booth** - Reynolds Market.

11 a.m. - **Sidney Elks Lodge 1782 Easter Egg Hunt** - Veterans Memorial Park.

2-4 p.m. - **"Fluff A Bear" Workshop** - MonDak Heritage Center, \$30 for members; \$40 for non members, Limited space call to reserve your spot, 406-433-3500.

Sun., April 2
9 a.m. - **Palm Sunday Services** - Pella Lutheran Church.

Mon., April 3
9 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Classical Conversations Open House** - Join us for a peek into home schooling. Fellowship Baptist Church, 2181 West Holly St. RSVP at https://classicalconversations.com/events/. For more info call Amanda Snodgrass, 406-647-4970.

7 p.m. - **Richland Co. Slow-Pitch Adult Softball Signups** - Sidney Elks Lodge. For more info contact Art Herman, 406-480-9885; Brandie Azure, 406-480-0508 or Facebook page Richland County Adult Softball.

Mon., April 3 & 17
6 p.m. - **Egg Tray Pottery 2 Part Class** - MonDak Heritage Center. \$35 for members, \$45 for non members, Guest instructor, Jazmine Sommerfeld. Limited spacing call to reserve your spot, 406-433-3500.

Mon., April 3, 17 & 24
4 p.m. - **Lego Club** - Children in grades Kindergarten-5. Sidney-Richland County Library.

Tues., April 4
6 p.m. Girls; 7:30 p.m. Boys - **Pepsi All Star Game District 2C** - Admission \$5, Lambert High School.

Thurs., April 6
Noon Eggsactly - **Fairview Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt** - Sharbono Park, Fairview.
6:45 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday Service** - Pella Lutheran Church.

Fri., April 7
6:45 p.m. - **Good Friday Service** - Pella Lutheran Church.

Sun., April 9
Easter Sunday Services - 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service; 7:40 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship; 9 a.m. Festival Worship Service. Pella Lutheran Church.

Mon., April 10
6 p.m. - **Come Worship With "Unwavering"** - Classic hymns, choruses, contemporary. Pie social to follow, no cost, no denomination. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Fri., March 31
4:30-7 p.m. - **Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Benefit** - Watford City Civic Center. Free will offering. All proceeds benefit Andrew & Kristen Noel family who lost their house due to a fire.

Fri., March 31, 3-8 p.m.; Sat., April 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Cash Bar 12-7 p.m.) & **Sun., April 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**
Rough Rider Center Rec Show 2023 - Campers, boats, RVs, bikes, fishing gear & more. Admission \$5 per person. Rough Rider Center.

Sat., April 1
2-4 p.m. **Bullet Journal Monthly Meet-Ups** - This meet-up is for beginners who want to learn the art of bullet journaling, those just starting on the journey & long time bullet journalers! Recommended ages 12 & up. Rough Rider Center Coffee Shop. \$20 for first timers, free for those who've taken the class before.

Tues., April 4
7 p.m. - **Donkey Basketball Alexander** - Free will supper at Alexander Public School at 6 p.m. Pre-pay: child \$5; student \$7; adult \$9. At the gate: child \$6; student \$8; adult \$10. Tickets available from senior class students, the school office. or pay at the gate.

Sat., April 8
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** - For kids ages 0 - 9. Gift bags for everyone, meet the Easter Bunny, face painting & games. Good Shepherd Home, 709 4th Ave NE. Check the Facebook pages for updates in case of inclement weather.

WILLIAMS COUNTY
Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thurs., Mar. 30
3-7 p.m. - **All Industries NW North Dakota Semi-Annual Job Fair** - Williston State College. View list of registered employers & Positions: jobsnd.com/jobfair. For more info contact Job Service North Dakota, 701-774-7900, infojswl@nd.gov.

Sat., April 1
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - **Easter Bunny Pictures** - Lemonade stand & treats, added props for fun photos & more. Spring Lake Park.

12:30 p.m. - **Polar Plunge Fundraiser** - Live auction 11 a.m., food, activities & entertainment for the whole family. For more info go to specialolympicsnd.org. Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds.

5 p.m. - **Ducks Unlimited Event** - Williston Fairgrounds. Ticket price \$15 to \$50. For more info contact Mike, 920-242-8619.

5:30 p.m. Social Hour - **4th Annual Leather & Lace Gala** - 6:30 p.m. Dinner; 8 p.m., Dance to XXL Entertainment. \$100 per couple, \$75 single. Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center. All proceeds donated to fallen riders & their families in times of need.

Wed., April 5
11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. - **Community Egg Hunt** - Free admission. Photo booths, The Bunny, emergency vehicles, golden eggs. Davidson Park.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

Sat., April 15
11 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Eastern MT Scootfest 2023** - Lower Yellowstone Abate Chapter Bike Show. Rock & Roll, Food & Beverages, Door Prizes, bicycle drawings for ages 12 & under, booth for kids. Eastern Plains Event Center. Admission \$5 for 13 & up; Free for 12 & under. For more info call 406-939-0183.

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Watford City Oilers 12 & Under Girls Win North Dakota State Championship



The Watford City Oilers 12 & under girls team won the North Dakota State Championship after a 22-9 record season. (Watford City Oilers Facebook page)

By Jaymi Mozeak
The Watford City Oilers' Girls 12 & Under team won the North Dakota state hockey tournament March 9-11 in Devils Lake.

The 13 Watford City girls that make up the team have been playing hockey at their best since Nov. 11, 2022. Months of travel, playing on the weekends, and after school from the Rough Rider Center to rinks as far as Devils Lake came to a culmination in February. They did not have to win any certain number of games as every team in the league qualifies for the state championships. They did, however, go on an 11-

game winning streak from Jan. 21-Feb. 12, outscoring their opponents 47-12 in 11 different games. Ending the season with a 22-9 record. Their first game was against Williston Thursday, March 9, 1 p., which they won 2-0. They played Hazen Friday morning, winning 8-0. Friday at 7 p.m. they played Devils Lake and won 4-2. The final game was against Williston again. They played at 1:15 p.m. Saturday and won 4-1 making them the North Dakota State Champions.

The Watford City Oilers' Girls 12 & Under team is one of 12 teams that are part of the McKenzie County Hockey Club. According to

their website, www.wcoilers.com, Watford City Oiler Hockey was started in 1985 by Dave Hansen and Arden Berg. The first team had only 12 players and ranged in age from 5-14 years of age. They joined the US Amateur Hockey Association during the 1989-90 season, making them eligible for tournaments and player insurance. The hockey season runs from November-February of the following year and registration starts July 1. For more information on the Watford City Oilers visit the McKenzie County Hockey Club on Facebook.

'Piercing The Veil' Book Signing At Books On Broadway

By Dianne Swanson
Books On Broadway will host a book signing by local author Steve Guglich from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 for his new book, 'Piercing the Veil'.

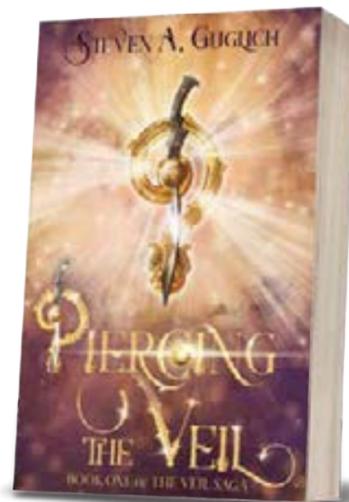
Fantasy fiction fans will love following the story of Jeremy Goodson and Masaru Hagan, two complete strangers from opposite sides of the world who are confronted by something that neither one of them can explain. Their unforgettable journey will forge them into living legends, as they fight principalities of this world that will do whatever they can to stop the two and keep magic out of the hands of humanity forever. With its unique plot and richly imagined world building, 'Piercing The Veil' is sure to be a hit with fans of the fantasy genre.

Guglich serves as principal at Missouri Ridge School, Williston. He has written short stories, teleplays, screenplays and nov-

els. 'Piercing The Veil' is the first in a planned trilogy. Guglich's Instagram page describes him as a Christian, dad, and Nationally Distinguished Principal. He says he writes clean fiction, written to be read by middle school aged children and up. While readers will find references to suicide, violence, torture and mild flirting, they

will not find profanity, gratuitous violence and innuendo in the Veil saga.

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Lonski Signs With University of Mary

Sidney Eagle Wrestler Owen Lonski signed with University of Mary on the March 14. Lonski is a three time Montana state champion and finished third this year. Pictured (L-R) are Nick Lonski (Owen's father & assistant wrestling coach), Owen Lonski and Guy Melby (SHS wrestling head coach). (Photo from Sidney Eagles Facebook page)



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LEGALS NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION TOWN OF FAIRVIEW WATER SYSTEM MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE II
March 10, 2023

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of installing approximately 4,171 lineal feet of 6-inch PVC water main, including all associated valves, fire hydrants, fittings, service lines, service connections, and asphalt replacement. The proposed project will replace existing undersized cast iron pipe water mains primarily along the following streets:
• 2nd Street (between Pleasant Avenue and Central Avenue)
• 3rd Street (between Pleasant Avenue and Ellery Avenue)
• Pleasant Avenue (between 2nd Street and 4th Street)
• Dawson Avenue (between 4th Street and 5th Street)
• 5th Street (between Grand Avenue and Western Avenue)
Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time-period specified

in the planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated. The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at <http://deq.mt.gov/public/publicnotice> and at the following locations:
Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601
Town of Fairview
P.O. Box 426
318 S. Central Avenue
Fairview, MT 59221
Sincerely,
Sandie Koenig, PE, acting DWSRF Engineering Manager
Engineering Bureau
Water Quality Division
Montana Department of Environmental Quality

MNAXLP
(Publish March 29, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City/County Planning Board of Richland County, the City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Community Services Building, Room 201, at 1201 W Holly, Sidney, Montana. The meeting agenda is published below. Contact the County Planner by email at planner@richland.org or call (406) 433-6886 to obtain further information. If you wish to submit written comments to the board, please do so by 4:00 PM on April

4, 2023, to the County Planner. To request an accommodation for a disability, please contact the County Planner.
City/County Planning Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 4, 2022
7:00 PM
Community Services Building
1201 W Holly, Sidney, MT
7:00 pm – Meeting Call to Order – *President Trumpower*
1. Roll Call: Verify Quorum
2. Election of Officers:
President:
Vice-President:
Sidney Jurisdictional Area
"Standing" Committee Chair:
Fairview Jurisdictional Area
"Standing" Committee Chair:
Executive Secretary:
3. Approval of preceding meeting minutes:
a. October 18, 2022
b. Jan 1, 2023 (no quorum)
4. Petitions and Communications from audience (Public Comments):
5. Public Hearings: none
6. Regular Business/Action Items:
a. Introduction of Interstate Engineering (*Adam Smith, Richland County*)
b. Case processes & work Plan (*Rachel Laqua, Interstate Eng*)
c. Update on bylaws (*Rachel Laqua, Interstate Eng*)
d. Update Contact List (*Rachel Laqua, Interstate Eng*)
7. Written Communications:
8. Reports from Planning Board Committees:
9. Staff Reports:
10. Discussions on land use issues in Richland County, City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview:
a. Update on growth policy timelines (*Rachel Laqua, Interstate Eng*)
11. Adjourn:
Next Board meeting: July 11,

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Fri., Mar. 31: No school.
Mon., Apr. 3: Chicken noodle soup, cheese breadsticks, carrot sticks, grapes.
Tues., Apr. 4: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic toast, bananas, pudding.
Wed., Apr. 5: Chicken drumsticks, potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, hot rolls.

Savage School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Hot ham & cheese.
Fri., Mar. 31: No school.
Mon., Apr. 3: Chicken burgers.

Rau School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Spaghetti, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Mar. 31: No school.
Mon., Apr. 3: Taquitos, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., Apr. 4: Grilled chicken, salad, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., Apr. 5: Fish sticks, vegetable, fruit, salad bar.

Froid School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Polish dogs, sauerkraut, fries, veggies, fruit.
Fri., Mar. 31: Fish patties on buns, macaroni salad, veggies, fruit.
Mon., Apr. 3: Cook's choice.
Tues., Apr. 4: Taco casserole, lettuce mix, taco bar, fruit.
Wed., Apr. 5: Carolyne's day! Finger steaks, curly fries, lettuce mix, strawberry cups.

Bainville School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Ham & cheese sliders, Normandy blend veggies, pears.
Fri., Mar. 31: Swedish meatballs, broccoli, bananas.
Mon., Apr. 3: Maddox Hansen Day! Burgers, baby bakers, oranges, brownies.
Tues., Apr. 4: Quesadillas, corn, strawberries.
Wed., Apr. 5: Chicken teriyaki, stir fry veggies, mandarin oranges.

Richey School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Cheese-

burger bake, mixed veggies, bars, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., Mar. 31: No school.

Culbertson School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Mini corn dogs, chips, strawberry shortcake.
Fri., Mar. 31: Macaroni & cheese, ham slice, applesauce.
Mon., Apr. 3: Omelet, hash browns, sausage.
Tues., Apr. 4: Pork chop sandwiches, tater tot, jello.
Wed., Apr. 5: Chicken tacos, green chili corn, peaches.

Lambert School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Cook's choice.
Fri., Mar. 31: Tater tot hot dish, fruit.

Fairview School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Mongolian beef, noodles, broccoli, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Fri., Mar. 31: No school.
Mon., Apr. 3: Burgers, French fries, fresh garden bar.
Tues., Apr. 4: Cajun chicken pasta, fresh garden bar.
Wed., Apr. 5: Hot ham & cheese, fresh garden bar.

Alexander School
Thurs., Mar. 30: Hot ham or turkey with cheese, tomato or chicken noodle soup, fruit, vegetable bar.
Fri., Mar. 31: No school.
Mon., Apr. 3: Chicken burgers or fish patties, fries, fruit, vegetable bar.
Tues., Apr. 3: Spaghetti or alfredo, garlic toast, fruit, vegetable bar.
Wed., Apr. 5: Breakfast for lunch, fruit, vegetable bar.

Watford City School
Thurs., Mar. 30: BBQ pulled pork, baked potatoes, chips, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.
Fri., Mar. 31: Chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.
Mon., Apr. 3: Chicken burgers, chips, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.
Tues., Apr. 4: Two soft shell beef tacos with all the fixings, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.
Wed., Apr. 5: Orange chicken, fried rice, fortune cookies, fruit, vegetables, salad bar.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.
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2023
Dated at Sidney, Montana this 23rd day of March, 2023.
Rachel Laqua
Richland County Contract Planner

should be directed to the County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708, no later than Friday, March 18th, 2022. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request.

County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.
Mail Ballot Election:
**Ballots will be automatically mailed to Active Electors only. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the county election office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration form and submitting it to the county election office.

with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 406-444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the State of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. No bidder may withdraw their bid for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any informalities. Dated this 16 day of February, 2023.
Richland County Solid Waste District

MNAXLP
(Publish March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2023)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNTIL 5:00 P.M. APRIL 3, 2023 IN THEIR OFFICE AT THE COURTHOUSE, SIDNEY, MONTANA FOR THE FOLLOWING HERBICIDES:
ITEM ONE: Tordon 22K (2.5 gallon and 1 gallon)
ITEM TWO: Escort XP
ITEM THREE: 2,4-D Amine
ITEM FOUR: Method
ITEM FIVE: E-2
ITEM SIX: Rejuvra
ITEM SEVEN: DuraCor
ITEM EIGHT: Curtail
ITEM NINE: Glyphosate
ITEM TEN: Milestone (2.5 gallon and 1 quart)
ITEM ELEVEN: Plateau
ITEM TWELVE: Opensight
ITEM THIRTEEN: Transline
ITEM FOURTEEN: Dicamba
ITEM FIFTEEN: Liberate
ITEM SIXTEEN: Surfactant (AD90, Spreader90, or equivalent)

ITEM SEVENTEEN: Habitat or Polaris or Arsenal
ITEM EIGHTEEN: PlainView
ITEM NINETEEN: Vista
ITEM TWENTY: Telar
ITEM TWENTY ONE: Lockdown
ITEM TWENTY TWO: Venue
NOTE ** VENDORS, PLEASE BID EACH ITEM SEPARATELY**
****BIDS SHALL HOLD FOR THE 2023 SPRAY SEASON****
**** BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON April 4th at 9:30 am****
*****Vendors bids will be accepted based on COST and ABILITY TO DELIVER in a timely manner.**
THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

ALL BIDS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED AND SUBMITTED TO:
"CHEMICAL BID"
RICHLAND COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
201 WEST MAIN STREET
COURTHOUSE
SIDNEY, MT 59270

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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST ISSUANCE OF ONE NEW MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE

NONETTE BROWN (Nonette Brown, Owner(s)) has applied for one new Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 17-255-6804-001 to be operated at KORNER BAR, 170 2nd Ave W, Poplar, Roosevelt County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Roosevelt County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 17-255-6804-001 and the applicant's name NONETTE BROWN; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before April 22, 2023.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Poplar. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Nicole Harris, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-3016 or Nicole.Harris@mt.gov.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid which they deem to be in the best interest of Richland County.

Dated at Sidney, Montana, this 9th day of March 2023.
Stephanie Verhasselt,
Clerk & Recorder

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(Publish March 15, 22, and 29, 2023.)

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH G. MCKINLEY, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-42-2023-17-IT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to JAMES THOMAS MCKINLEY, C/O ARMSTRONG LAW OFFICE, P.C. return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1327, Sidney, Montana 59270, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury and under the Laws of the State of Montana, that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 6th day of March, 2023, at Old Hickory, Tennessee.
JAMES THOMAS MCKINLEY,
Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph G. McKinley, deceased.

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(Publish March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the School Election(s) to be held on Tuesday May 2nd, 2023, will close at 5:00 p.m., on Monday April 3rd, 2023.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. All active and inactive**electors of Richland County, Montana are entitled to vote at said election.

Polling Place Election:
**Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the

DATED this 8th day of March 2023.
Stephanie Verhasselt
Richland County Election Administrator

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(Publish March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Separate sealed Bids will be received by the Richland County Solid Waste District for construction of a 5.5-acre waste cell at the County's landfill. The project shall include excavation of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of soil, installation of a Geoclay Membrane Liner, a 60 mil HDPE liner, a leachate collection system consisting of a geomat drainage fabric, gravel, and piping on the base of the cell, a cushioning geotextile on the sideslopes of the cell and 15" of protective soil over the entire liner system. All bids must be submitted to the District by April 4, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Richland County Public Works Department, 2140 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270 at which time all responsive and reasonable bids will be read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the County Engineer's office located at the County Public Works Department. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the office of Barry Damschen Consulting, LLC, 5317 Harbor Lane, Helena, MT 59602, (406) 461-5003 upon receipt of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set. No refunds will be made for returned documents. There will be a pre-bid conference held on March 21, 2023. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. All participants are to meet at the landfill located 12 miles north of Sidney, MT on Highway 16 at 2:00 pm.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements of the State of Montana in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Within ten days after the Notice of Award, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount.

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CALL FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the Third (3rd) day of April 2023 at 11:00 a.m., in their office in Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the purchase of:

SUPPLY OF MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE FOR 2023 ROAD STABILIZATION

A detail list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the Richland County Public Works office at 2140 West Holly, Sidney, MT 59270 (406.433.2106) or via email at: countyworks@richland.org. No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, money order, certified or cashier's check in the amount of no less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The bid shall be presented in a sealed envelope containing a copy of the complete bid specifications and marked "MAG CHLORIDE BID". Completed bids shall be delivered to the Richland County Courthouse at 201 W Main St, Sidney, MT 59270. Requests for ADA/EEO accommodations or information

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OBITUARIES

Donna L. Umback, 66 Fairview, MT

Funeral services for Donna L. Umback, 66, Fairview, MT are at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Pastor Tim O'Shields officiating. Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, and one hour before service at the church. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Donna L. Umback

Donna (Christiansen) Umback, Fairview, MT, was born Nov. 17, 1956, to Alma (Gustafson) and Marion Christiansen. She grew up on the family farm northwest of Fairview and was the second of five children. Donna attended 1st -12th grade at Fairview School, graduating from FHS in 1975. She went on to beauty school in Miles City, MT. Her return to Fairview after completing her education led to an introduction to Randy Umback at the Triangle Night Club, Sidney. The couple dated for one year before uniting in marriage on Aug. 20, 1977, at Zion Lutheran Church. They were blessed with two children: daughter Rachel and son Zachery. Donna was welcomed by the Lord into Paradise on Thursday, March 23, 2023, with the occasion celebrated by a spectacular display of the northern lights that evening.

Donna had a knack for making everyone around her feel loved. She didn't have to say the words to make you know she cared for you. She showed it to you in her actions, and you especially felt it when she gave you her big Donna hugs "Ooo ahh, love you". She worked for many years at KD's Cut & Curl and the Hair Force making the whole town look their best. She also spent the last 10 years working at the Oasis Casino. Even if you didn't have luck on the machine, you hit the jackpot by just walking in and spending the evening with her. Donna was raised a farm kid and continued being part of this ag community by driving beet truck for 25 years. One of Donna's favorite pastimes was playing in a pool league where she made many friends from surrounding towns. She loved the sunshine and working in her flower beds. She never ever complained about the heat but would occasionally say it was getting a little toasty out - never that it was hot.

Donna was rarely seen without a Dr. Pepper in her hand, a smile on her face, and flip flops on her feet. One of her very favorite trips was to Hawaii because sunshine, sand, and seashells made her heart smile. It didn't take much to please Donna. So many things brought her joy, but nothing brought more pride than her family. She loved her kids fiercely, was so proud of them and made sure they knew it. She was Rachel's biggest cheerleader and Zach's #1 roadie. She loved listening to Zach play a gig & went to every show she could. Her grandchildren were the lights of her life. She wore the grandma title proudly and made sure every one of them knew how much she adored them. She even became "Grandma Donna" to many of the grandkid's friends.

She had so much strength. Even in the depths of her battle with cancer, her courage and grace were unparalleled. Her last Facebook post was a quote that reads, "No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind." Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you." Goodness, kindness, tenderheartedness, that will be your earthly legacy, and for the rest of our days we will miss you. We thank God we're able to know that someday you will greet us in Paradise.

Donna is survived by her husband of 45 years, Randy; daughter, Rachel (Stevie) Andrews; son, Zach (Brittany) Umback; grandchildren, Hallie and Grady Andrews and Kyra, Axel, Zaven, and Nash Umback; Mother, Alma Christiansen; siblings, Rodger (Debbie) Christiansen, Diane Miller, Mary-Ann (Darin) Danielson, and Richard (Cindy) Christiansen; sister-in-law Linda Posivio; brother-in-law Rick Umback; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends that she considered family.

She is preceded in death by her father, Marion Christiansen; in-laws, George and Alice Umback; aunts, Annie Christiansen and Ida Vertner; uncle, Jimmy Christiansen; brother-in-law, Don Posivio; numerous other aunts and uncles; and several nephews.

Patricia Sundheim, 79 Sidney, MT

Funeral services were held Friday, March 24, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Ebenezer Congregational Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor David Meehan presiding. A luncheon followed the service. Patricia was laid to rest at the Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT. Visitation was Thursday March 23, 2023 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT.



Patricia Sundheim

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Patricia Ann Sundheim, "Patty", was born on Aug. 16, 1943 to Edwin and Lola "Sis" Wheeler. Patty entered the world with an older sister, Annabelle and brother Neil, later followed by brothers Bobby, Gail, and Larry. Their first home was in Billings, MT, followed by a short stay in Borger, TX, then Sidney, MT, and finally to the family farm just north of Sidney.

Growing up with a sister and four brothers always provided endless adventures and stories. Between being convinced that angle worms tasted good and that you can sit on bumble bees without getting stung, there was never a dull moment at the Wheeler household.

Patty attended school at the Ridgeland and Hardy country schools, followed by high school in Sidney and a year of college at Dickinson State.

She met her lifelong partner Judean Sundheim in the spring of 1963 while working at the Fairview Bank. He stopped in to make a deposit and ended up asking her out on a date. Judean and Patty were married in Fairview on Dec. 5, 1964. Nineteen months later, their first son Kevin was born followed by Shawn three years later.

Raising two boys and keeping the farmer in line were her superpowers.

She was an avid reader and a student of history which helped land her dream job as a park ranger at Fort Union as a historical interpreter.

Patty was a fierce defender of all animals and never turned away a stray. At one point, there were two dogs, two cats, a dwarf calf named "Wart", transient skunk "FeFe", "Charlie" the coyote, and a one-legged woodpecker named "Alfonso".

Her love of the outdoors was infectious. She could be found most summer evenings hiking her hills looking for arrowheads and agates.

Patty and JuDean spent many hours supporting and watching every sporting event Kevin, Shawn, Brady, and Sheridan ever participated in.

She was a staunch Viking fan and on gameday there was always a hot homecooked meal with her famous buns which usually helped ease the pain from a Vikings loss.

Patty is survived by her husband JuDean, sons, Kevin and the Shawn, grandson Brady, granddaughter Sheridan, and the many animals she loved so much.

Lambert School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Lambert School supports two honor roll awards. Students maintaining a 4.0-3.5 will earn an "A" honor roll status. Students with a 4.0 are indicated with an "***". "B" honor roll status is for students earning a 3.0-3.49 "A" Honor Roll 3.5-4.0

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4-H Rendezvous, Culbertson, March 17-19

By Robyn Heck

Over 160 4-H members and volunteers participated in the Culbertson Rec Lab Rendezvous sponsored by the MSU Extension agency.

There are 8 different 4-H districts in Montana, so every 8 years our district, which is district 4, gets to host the event. "We held it in Culbertson, and called it the rendezvous to draw on local history from Fort Union." said MSU extension 4-H agent Josie Evenson. "The recreation lab is a hands-on and 4-H member favorite. It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action, packed, interactive setting."

REC lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. This allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state. "It brightens their skills and widens their network." said Evenson. "It was a great event. We took advantage of being close to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. We had students able to participate in setting up a teepee and we also had the Pretty Iron Feather Dancers from Fort Peck. They closed the event with a friendship dance that we all participated in, and it was breathtaking."

Tommy Christian, Fort Peck Indian Tribe elder, talked on culture and heritage. He suggested: be the best you can be with what you have, make smart choices, get yourself on a path you enjoy, and be an active part in the future.

Workshops during the weekend included leadership, life skills, communication, and dance, just to name a few.



Youth at Rec Lab participating in Friendship dance. (Photo submitted)

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Baily Joins Sidney Kiwanis Club

Nikki Baily became the newest Kiwanis member on Thursday, March 9. She is the director of the MonDak Heritage Center and was sponsored by Kali Godfrey. Welcoming Baily is club president Keith Bostrom. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)

"End Of The Rope" Red Carpet Premier



The Red Carpet Premiere of the North Dakota western thriller, "End Of The Rope" in Watford City was a big hit. All four premiere showings were sold out. Those attending the premiere showings were also treated to a question-and-answer session with the cast and crew, "End of the Rope" merchandise and a behind-the-scenes looks at the making of the North Dakota film. Pictured is Charles Griak, director and one of the producers of the film. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

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Sidney Gymnastics Results, Helena, March 24-26

Montana State Gymnastics held March 24-26, Helena, MT.

Level 4 Girls Scores are as follows:

Averi Riedel Sr B: Vault 8.650; Uneven Bars 9.050; Balance Beam 8.650; Floor Exercise 8.550; All Around 34.900 (11T)

Malia Larson Sr A: Vault 8.500; Uneven Bars 8.625 (6T); Balance Beam 8.750; Floor Exercise 8.600; All Around 34.475 (10)

Myra Wieland Sr A: Vault 8.150; Uneven Bars 7.900; Balance Beam 9.100 (2T); Floor Exercise 9.175 (2); All Around 34.325 (11)

Camryn Franck Sr A: Vault 8.325; Uneven Bars 7.150; Balance Beam 8.150; Floor Exercise 8.425; All Around 32.050 (16)

Level 3 Girls Scores are as follows:

Avynn Carda Jr B: Vault 8.800; Uneven Bars 8.800; Balance Beam 7.550; Floor Exercise 8.600; All Around 33.750 (11)

Adriene Leintz Sr A: Vault 9.325 (3); Uneven Bars 8.650; Balance Beam 7.600; Floor Exercise 8.150; All Around 33.725 (10T)

Kenzie Koch Sr A: Vault 9.075 (6); Uneven Bars 8.275; Balance Beam 7.425; Floor Exercise 8.900 (5T); All Around 33.675 (12)

Morgan Murphy Sr A: Vault 8.850; Uneven Bars 7.350; Balance Beam 7.500; Floor Exercise 8.450; All Around 32.150 (15)

Hallie Bergstedt Sr B: Vault 9.000(6T); Uneven Bars 8.475; Balance Beam 8.700 (2T); Floor Exercise 8.925 (2T); All Around 35.100 (4)

Paisley Obergfell Sr B: Vault 9.100 (4); Uneven Bars 9.000(4); Balance Beam 8.025; Floor Exercise 8.925 (2T); All Around 35.050 (5)



Level 4 Girls coach Rachelle Ellis, Averi Riedel, Malia Larson, Myra Wieland, Camryn Franck, and coach Melanie Morrill. (Photo by B. Larson)



Sidney Gymnastics floor awards: 2T Hallie Bergstedt and Paisley Obergfell; and 5T Kleyopatra Zoanni and Aspyn Sorteberg. (Photo by S. Sorteberg)



Sidney Gymnastics level 3 vault awards: 1st Aspyn Sorteberg; 4th Paisley Obergfell; 6T Hallie Bergstedt. (Photo by S. Sorteberg)

Aspyn Sorteberg Sr B: Vault 9.400 (1); Uneven Bars 8.000; Balance Beam 8.475 (5); Floor Exercise 8.850(5T); All Around 34.725 (8)

Kleyopatra Zoanni Sr B: Vault 8.950; Uneven Bars 7.800; Balance Beam 8.350; Floor Exercise 8.850 (5T); All Around 33.950 (11)

Zoey Buske Sr B: Vault 8.750; Uneven Bars 7.850; Balance Beam 8.300; Floor Exercise 8.700; All Around 33.600 (12)

The coaches are Melanie Morrill and Rachelle Ellis. The club's next event will be their Gymnastics Club Spring Show in May.

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Jordan Sullivan, An Eagle, A Griz, And Now A Ute

By Robyn Heck

"It's unreal to sit here as I work on scouting and realize that we are one win away from the elite 8! We are in the top 16!" said Sidney native, Jordan Sullivan.

Jordan graduated in 2010 from Sidney High School. During her days at SHS, Jordan was homecoming queen, Richland County female athlete of the year, an all-state basketball player all four years of high school, and the 2010 valedictorian.

From there, Jordan played in Denmark for a season and also played international basketball in China. Many readers will recognize the Sullivan name. She has been living and breathing basketball since she was little.

Sullivan's mother, Sandy, is currently in her 41st year of teaching. She is a Sidney Middle School english teacher. Sandy has also coached for more years that she can recall. She has taught the fundamentals of basketball to so many Sidney students that the ripple effects of the knowledge she passed on now reach March Madness!

Current SHS boys' varsity basketball coach Chad Quilling said, "Sandy is a vital coach who has taught the fundamentals of basketball to so many Sidney Youth." Jordan's father, Rolie Sullivan is in the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame.

All Sidney High School graduates recognize the quote, "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle". Jordan is a great example. "I'm anxious to keep that Ea-



Sullivan (far left) celebrates with her team after the win. (Photo submitted)

gle spirit soaring as I step foot onto the court for our next game. I'm so proud to have been an Eagle, a Griz, and now a Ute!" said Jordan. She was very appreciative to hear about the support from her home town. "I'm so thankful to be from a community that cares. Thank you for reaching out."

Jordan is thankful that she is currently able to make basketball her career. She went from the Eagle court in high school, to playing four years at the University of Montana as a Griz, to being the Director of operations (one year), assistant coach (three years), and recruiting coordinator (two years) all at University of Montana, Missoula.

This is her first year

as assistant coach for the Utah Utes and her 7th year in college coaching. Sullivan is very grateful to the multiple coaches that have taken a chance on her and welcomed her into their coaching staff. "Our head coach has done a great job by treating and preparing for March Madness like any other game or tournament of our season. She has been consistent with her approach to each game." explained Jordan. When asked if there were any down falls to being a college coach, Jordan explained that because of her coaching schedule she hasn't been able to get back home to Sidney for a year and a half. "It's an amazing job, I'm disappointed that due to collegiate rules, I can't put on any basketball

clinics or summer camps and I can't play in alumni games."

When I caught up with Mom, (Sandy Sullivan), I asked her if they were heading to the March Madness tournament. "My kids and I will go if the Utes make the Final 4. LSU is beatable, but whoever wins will need the stars aligned perfectly on Friday night," said Sandy. "It's so hard for me to watch. The last game, when Princeton got within two points, I took my car to the car wash and started scrubbing. I went back home with a minute to go and held my breath."

Unfortunately, the Utes lost out of the March Madness tournament on Friday night, but memories were made that will last a lifetime.

Alexander's 1st Donkey Basketball Game To Be Held April 4

By Jaymi Mozeak

For the first time, Alexander's Public School seniors will bring donkey basketball to Alexander, Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m., at Alexander Public School gymnasium.



The donkey basketball game will be an way for Alexander Public School seniors to raise funds for their senior trip. A free-will supper starts at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The senior class will be serving a slushburger dinner.

The game starts at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. It consists of four teams of 8-12 people. There will be a staff team, seniors, an alumni, and a first responder's team. There will be two elimination rounds of 40 minutes each with a 15-minute intermission. The last game will be a five-minute playoff between the winners.

Advance tickets can be purchased through senior class students or at the school office, \$5 for kids, \$7 for students, and \$9 for adults. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$6 for kids, \$8 for students, and \$10 for adults. The seniors will get 40% of the ticket sales to go towards their trip. If they can pull in over \$2,000 in sales, they will receive 50%.

Fundraisers like this and others will help the students with transportation, lodging, and meals as they visit Idaho in May. The remaining funds will go towards their graduation ceremony.

Donkey Sports Incorporated, based in Entiat, WA, will send their donkeys and staff out to many different states to hold donkey basketball games as fundraisers and just for entertainment.

According to their website, www.donkeysports.com, the friendly, clean, and well-kept donkeys are trained to play the games, are fun to ride, and wear rubber shoes to protect the surface they play on. Donkey Sports provides referees to keep control of the basketball game, assist the players, and assure the donkeys are treated humanely.

According to Kari Rustand, Alexander Public School, they would like this to be an annual event. For more information about this or other fundraisers being put on by the students of Alexander Public School contact them at 701-828-3335.

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Sure Sign Of Spring, Girl Scout Cookie Booths

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Billings, MT - March 20 - If you didn't have the opportunity to pre-order your Girl Scout Cookies—no worries!

You can still purchase your favorites at Girl Scout Cookie Booths across Montana and Wyoming.

From local grocery to large box stores, Girl Scout Troops will hold booth sales through April 16. On Saturday, April 1 there will be booths at Reynolds Market, Sidney, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and the Raymond Center, Williston, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Customers can find more locations, dates, and times by visiting www.girlscoutcookies.org and enter their zip code.

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) will have nine varieties to offer at cookie booths including Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Trefoils, Adventurefuls, and new this year, Lemonades, Toast-Yay!, and gluten and allergen free Caramel Chocolate Chip. All varieties will sell for \$5 per package with the exception of the gluten and allergen free Caramel Chocolate Chip, which will sell for \$6 per package. This is GSMW's first price increase since 2013.

Even if you don't eat cookies, you can still support local Girl Scouts by donating to the Cookie Share program. Donated cookies are given to anyone that troops recognize as hometown heroes including firemen, police officers, first responders, medical staff, teachers, and others. This is one more way Girl Scouts can make an impact in their community through the Cookie Program.

All of the net revenue raised through the Girl Scout Cookie Program: every penny after the baker is paid: stays with the local council and troops. Girl Scout troops set goals for how to spend their proceeds on program-related activities including travel, camp, as well as purchasing materials for community projects.

New Video Series Showcases Trails And Outdoor Recreation In North Dakota

A new video series showcases the beauty, history and ecosystems of the many trails in North Dakota. In each YouTube video, the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's state trails coordinator takes the viewer along to give an authentic glimpse of what state parks and other trail systems offer for outdoor recreation.

From winter's spectacular views at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park to the cool trek through Sheyenne State Forest in the heat of summer, NDRPD invites the public to come along for the adventure and discover the many people and places that add to the quality of life in North Dakota.

'Connecting People and Places through Outdoor Recreation' is full of adventure and unexpected surprises, entertaining quips about learning how to use recreational equipment, and plenty of interesting facts about the sights and sounds on each trail. If you're looking to try something new or travel to a new area of the state, this video series gives you a unique inside look into outdoor recreation in North Dakota.

The public is encouraged to subscribe to the NDRPD YouTube page to be alerted to new videos in the series by searching @ndparkrec on YouTube.

"A big part of my job is to become familiar with the trail systems in North Dakota, and I've been having a blast sharing those experiences with the public," said NDRPD State Trails Coordinator Sarah Rankin. "We really want the videos to inspire everyone to explore outdoor recreation through every season in North Dakota, taking advantage of all that our state parks and gateway communities have to offer."

The North Dakota state parks encompass approximately 190 miles of trail, intended to showcase our state's natural resources and beauty, variety of terrain and to connect communities and public lands. North Dakota is home to 15 National Recreation Trails, with six of these on state parks property. The North Country Trail along the Sheyenne River is part of the National Scenic Trail, the longest trail system in the country spanning more than 60,000 miles and linking wildlife refuges, national parks and forests, wilderness areas and major metropolitan areas.

The mission of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is to enrich generations through experiences that connect people and places.

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McDanold Renovation Brings Much Needed Updates & a Modern Look

JD and Jessie McDanold and their two boys moved to Sidney from Glendive in 2017 and purchased the home that was previously owned by Roger Kimble.

JD is a senior rig supervisor for Cord Energy and Jessie is the mental health therapist/owner of Sunrise Wellness Center, LLC, Sidney. "We just love the location of our home and the neighbors!", they commented.

This beautiful home was custom built about 40 years ago but was in need of some serious updating.

The first phase of their renovation included new doors and windows from Big Sky Siding and Windows, Sidney.

Next, they contacted Brenda Larson, Creative Solutions, Sidney, for a new kitchen and living area layout. With the professional help of MacGrady Construction, Sidney, walls were knocked out, fireplaces removed and rebuilt, floors leveled and redone and interior doors and trim were replaced. The family now has a well-designed, functional kitchen that the entire family can enjoy. Jessie chose cherry cabinets in a shaker design for the perimeter of the kitchen and used dark blue, painted cabinets for the large island. The white and soft gray quartz countertops provide the perfect contrast. The result is both whimsical and elegant. The new layout is much more efficient than the previous U-shape and features organizational accessories in most every cabinet as well as a special spice cabinet for JD's large spice collection.

When asked why they remodeled? Jessie said, "We wanted a "two-butt kitchen!" We spend a lot of family time in the kitchen and loved the idea of opening it up to create a gathering place that accommodates our lifestyle. Without Brenda's help, I don't think we would have thought it possible with the space we started with."

The vinyl, wood-planked floors flow throughout the dining room, kitchen, living area and hallway. This beautiful and durable flooring was purchased from B Home and Design, Sidney, and professionally installed by MacGrady Construction. The focal point of the living area is a massive, stacked stone fireplace that was also crafted by MacGrady Construction.

"We Love It All!" exclaimed Jessie. "We are especially excited to utilize the island and enjoy the new fireplace. We did encounter some unexpected structural problems that would have created major issues in the future. We appreciate the integrity of all of the MacGrady crews. They all had their special niches and the project seemed to evolve as time went on resulting in truly getting everything we wanted, plus some."

"This was such a great project to be a part of," stated Brenda Larson. The McDanolds are a wonderful family that love living here and wanted to give back to the local businesses as much as possible."

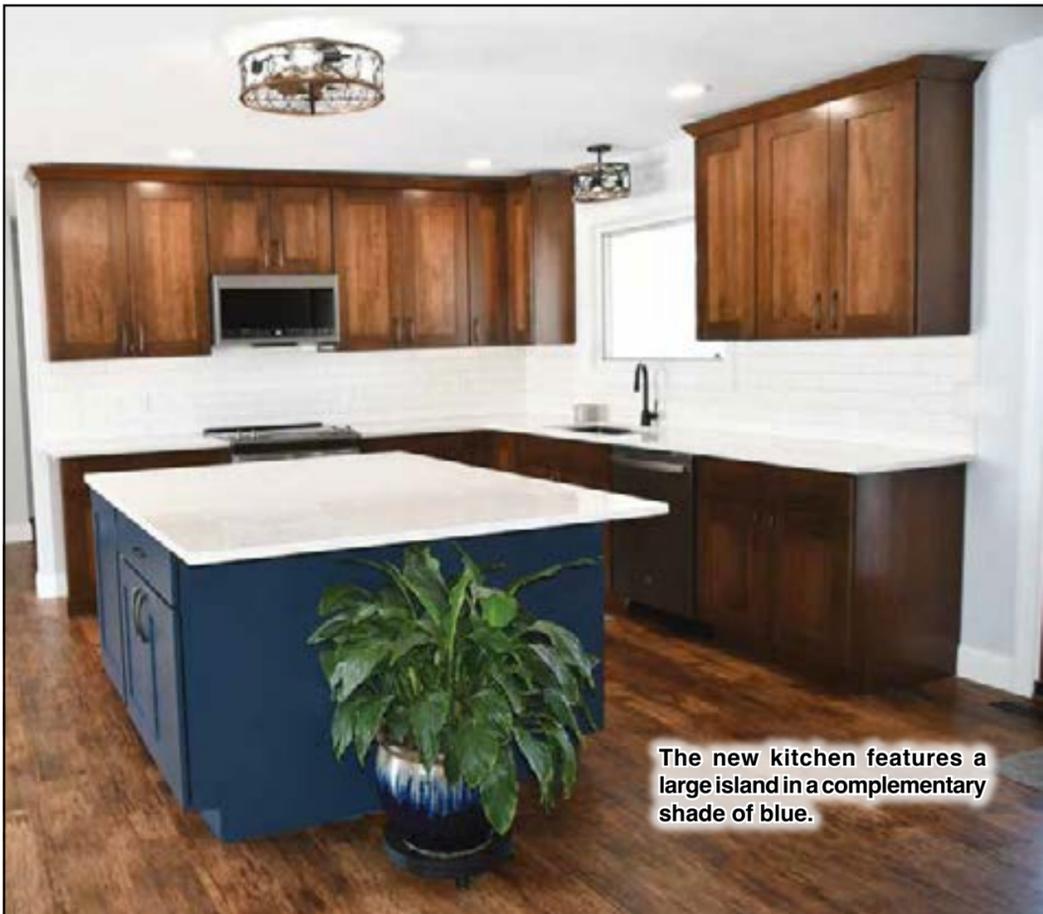
The following businesses were used in this remodeling project: MacGrady Construction: general contracting and construction; Big Sky Siding and Windows: doors and windows; Builder's FirstSource: build-

ing materials; Prairie Electric: electrical; Agri Industries: plumbing; Sundance (Ryan Dempsey): drywall and texture; PATH: appliances; B Home and Design:

flooring; Creative Solutions: cabinets, countertops and design. The McDanold's family and some friends did the demolition and painting. "We worked with so

many amazing local businesses throughout this whole project. Each business was a pleasure to work with. They gave us good feedback and presented

ideas we didn't think of. Their flexibility in making it all come together made the project go smooth," stated JD and Jessie. "We Love It All!"



The new kitchen features a large island in a complementary shade of blue.



Many of the kitchen cabinets feature slide out drawers making storage easy.



The McDanolds removed walls to open up the kitchen and living room areas. The mantel above the fireplace is made from reclaimed wood.

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Explore The Beauty Of North Dakota Through Unique Accommodations This Year

Yurts, Lodges, Wagons and More Have Rolled Out Welcome Mats for Visitors

From hundreds of outdoor experiences to endless opportunities to explore arts, culture, and cuisine there is no shortage of adventures to be had in North Dakota. What may surprise some visitors is the array of unique lodging options that can enhance their adventures. With everything from yurts to charming cabins, North Dakota welcomes you to explore their one-of-a-kind accommodations on a trip to the Legendary state this year.

Conestoga Wagons in the Medora Campground

Nestled along the Little Missouri River, the Conestoga Wagons in the Medora Campground are a modern-day pioneer's dream. Each wagon has ample space to set up camp, enjoy dinner around the wagon wheel table, and take in a Badlands sunset. Complete with several amenities, the Conestoga Wagons are the perfect homebase for all your Medora adventures including exploring Theodore Roosevelt National Park or taking in a show at the Medora Musical.

Lone Butte Ranch Cabins

Enjoy breathtaking views of enormous stretches of prairie lands with a stay at the Lone Butte Ranch Cabins. Situated about 40 minutes outside of Watford City, this property features three unique handcrafted log cabins, each with a private



The Juniper Ridge cabin at the Lone Butte Ranch near Watford City. (Photo from lonebutteranch.com)

deck to enjoy the serenity. Although located further away from town, the cabins are equipped with a few modern conveniences to make staying a breeze. Don't forget to relax with a late-night dip in the hot tub under the North Dakota night sky.

Coteau des Prairies Lodge

Coteau des Prairies Lodge is a true North Dakota getaway experience. Perched on the northernmost ridge of the Coteau des Prairies flatlands, this refined yet rustic lodge has something for everyone. Created and operated by a farming family, the lodge atmosphere embodies the legacy of the multi-generational farms. With everything from a warm country welcome to hearty homemade meals

and outdoor expeditions to hands-on farming fun, a true rural experience comes alive at Coteau des Prairies. The lodge constructed with Native North Dakota pine has 13 guest rooms all with awe-inspiring prairie farm and field views.

Hotel Donaldson

Located in historic downtown Fargo, Hotel Donaldson has become an iconic Fargo landmark. After more than 100 years as a fraternal lodge and hotel, the building took on its current life in 2003 after a three-year renovation process and is now much more than just a place to stay. With the work of over 60 regional artists, each guestroom is designed and curated around the pieces from a single artist. Within each room, there is a biography folder that invites

you to learn more about the artist featured in your room, as well as the other artists whose works appear throughout the property, including the restaurant, The Blarney Stone. Centrally located, Hotel Donaldson is a perfect place to stay and enjoy downtown Fargo's craft beer scene, up and coming restaurants, and culture.

One Majestic Place

Overlooking the beautiful west bank of historic Lake Agassiz in northeast North Dakota, One Majestic Place was named for just that - its majestic view of the Red River Valley. With two lodging options, The Cabin and The Gathering Place, One Majestic Place provides all the comforts of home with a spacious patio complete with a grill, fire pit and more.

These charming cabins are excellent for a family reunion, friends getaway or just a peaceful weekend trip.

Cross Ranch State Park

Cross Ranch State Park has several cabins and yurts available for overnight lodging along with two different campgrounds. Each option offers panoramic views of the Missouri River and easy access to 17 miles of trails that cater to the adventurer all year long. The extensive trail system can be explored either on foot or with cross-country skis during the winter months. The trail system allows access to a 5,000-acre nature preserve with mixed prairie grass, river bottom forests, woody draws, and roaming bison.

Lady on the Lake Bed and Breakfast

Stationed on the north shore of Lake Elsie, south of Fargo, Lady on the Lake Bed and Breakfast is a truly romantic retreat steeped in history and comfort. The historical home of Colonel Richard Hankinson, the founder of Hankinson, ND, spans across five acres and has 463 feet of private shoreline. The 5,000-square-foot home built in 1884, features four bedrooms for occupancy with jetted tubs and private baths and great views of the lake. The patio is equipped with an outdoor fireplace and kitchen, a dock, kayaks, and a canoe. Bikes are available for guest use with several multi-purpose paths leading into the town of Hankinson.

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B Home & Design Helping Eastern Montanans With New Home Planning



B Home & Design currently shares a building with MacGrady Construction and a couple other businesses but the building has its own showroom and entrance. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

B Home & Design is a design company where customers can have house plans designed and rendered. They also sell flooring, Karndean, Johnson Hardwood, Legacy, Mannington Adura, some carpeting, Smith and Noble window treatments and installation. Also they stage homes and do interior design. (Submitted by Heidi MacGrady)



By Jaymi Mozeak

Since 2021, a business little known outside of MacGrady Construction sits hidden away on the south end of 10th Ave. SE, Sidney. B Home & Design is the darling of Heidi MacGrady.

Heidy is the wife of Curtis, the owner of MacGrady Construction. In November 2021, she sold her share in Mimi's Kitchen, a small retail company in Sidney specializing in kitchen goods, and started B Home & Design.

She designs house plans and renders them with a program that will put her ideas into 3D. This is very helpful when people want to see what their home or remodel will look like. She can do full houses, remodels, kitchens, baths, flooring, Karndean, Johnson Hardwood, Legacy, Mannington Adura, and will be getting Nova in May. She does some carpets as well

and offers Smith and Noble window treatments and installation.

She can stage a home if someone is getting ready to sell or just wants some insight into what would make their home more attractive to buyers. She does interior design as well and works closely with Curtis, helping with most of his job interior furnishings here and ready to go. In a sense, she's his in-house designer to help clients reach their vision.

Heidy loves decoration and home design. She said, "I decided to open B Home & Design because I enjoy all the things of design and home, from the picking out of furnishings and putting design boards together, decorating, painting, and helping people achieve the mood and style while making the most out of their space. The comforts, relaxation, all of it. I love to help people get their

ideas to happen in real-time. I'm a forever watcher of HGTV and on Pinterest or Houzz. If I'm shopping, it's at Hobby Lobby or HomeGoods or any place that has to do with home and design, pretty sure I make my family crazy with all my ideas and potential projects." Heidy is a member of the Real Estate Staging Association, has done courses with Home Staging Resource L.L.C., and is currently enrolled in the New York Institute of Art and Design.

B Home & Design is located in the same building as MacGrady Construction but has its own showroom and entrance. The business has a Facebook page and is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. To see some of her recent work or book an online appointment visit www.bhomeanddesign.com.

Tips & Tricks For Sowing Veggie Starts

By Andy Kuester, Handy Andy's Nursery

Planning Stages: The first place I like to start with this process is deciding what it is you would like to grow. People often ask me that question about their gardens and I respond with, "What would you like to consume!?" When it comes to veggies you should always seek to grow things you have a use for.

The next part of the process is how will they be grown. Will you be gardening traditionally, in the ground, with rows? Will you be doing raised beds or containers? Answering these questions will help you make decisions on plant varieties. There are many growth habits of various veggie plants and deciding where you will be growing them can help make some determination as to what varieties to choose.

Once you have these two decisions made, it's time to select your seeds, if that is how you plan to start. Sowing from seed has tremendous advantages to the purchase of veggie starts. Perhaps the greatest advantage is the availability of items. While we pride ourselves in carrying a diverse selection of veggie starts come Spring, we could never carry LL the items that are available by seed.

Sowing Seeds: One of the most important ways you will be successful in sowing seeds is to utilize good potting soil. One designed for germinating is often best. The particle size of these mixes is often fine and small ensuring that

there will be good "soil-to-seed" contact. An important factor in germination because much of the "magic" of seed germination comes from water. Good germination mixes often to ensure good "soil-to-seed" contact. It is also helpful if this media has been sterilized. This will ensure it is free of pathogens that can cause rotting or dampening off.

Next, pay attention to the needs of your crop. Your seed packet is often the first place you should look for this information. If you don't find it there, refer to a seed catalog you purchased seeds from, or spend some time searching on the internet. When looking for answers to horticulture questions online it is always good practice to look for sites with an EDU as their domain suffix. These sites are often more likely to have accurate information.

The Germination Process:

When you have determined the needs of your seeds it's time to start. I like to begin the process by thoroughly wetting my soil mix. Pressing it down with my fingers or tool to remove any air pockets. I like it to be almost soupy. Allow the soil to drain slightly and then scatter your seeds on top. Next, determine if your seeds require light to germinate or not. If they do not, you may cover them lightly with dry soil mix. I usually don't cover any deeper than twice the depth of the seed. Maintain good humidity for the duration of the germination process. Put containers in a plastic bag, or use a dome over your tray

to maintain good humidity. Germination varies by plant type and variety but most veggie seeds germinate within a week if conditions are right.

I hope you've been helped by this information. We hope you'll visit us soon, until then, good luck, and happy growing!

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Home Comforts Moves Down The Street

By Dianne Swanson

Your favorite store for delightful home décor, unique furniture and comfy bedding has moved just down the street to the former Kum & Go building at 1404 2nd Ave. W., Williston. After six years in business, Home Comforts owners Bev and Dale Salmen are delighted with the new location, which offers more floor space to showcase their wares.

Make a statement with the expanded line of furniture by Salt Flats, and make yourself and your guests more comfortable with luxurious bedding by Malouf, which includes those marvelous cooling pillows. Towels and wash cloths by Kassatex make bathing a delight.

Home Comforts is also adding to its popular Pendleton line with blankets, throws, crib blankets, hats, mugs, backpacks, bags, towels, thermoses and insulated water bottles, all of which make great gifts.

Get your home ready for spring with new florals and wreaths from the full line at Home Comforts. Special Easter décor items from the whimsical to traditional will help make your holiday decorating a breeze.

A grand opening is being planned for mid to late April but stop in today and let the friendly and experienced staff at Home Comforts help you choose what is perfect for your home because "everyone deserves to love the place they call home."

Home Comforts is now located at 1404 2nd Ave., W., Williston. Call them at 701-774-2381 and check them out on Facebook and Instagram.



Home Comforts owners Dale and Bev Salmen in their new location at 1404 2nd Ave. W, Williston.

Mitigate The Impact Of Flooding In Rural Areas

Mitigation strategies can help protect homes, farmsteads, livestock and stored grain.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

Flooding is expected in some rural areas," says Ken Hellevang, North Dakota State University Extension agricultural engineer. "Now is the time to prepare before water accumulates on the farmstead. Observe where water flows and ponds during the snow melt and consider what needs to be done to reduce future problems."

The National Weather Service shows the snow water content across much of North Dakota to be 4 to 6 inches. Even with the drought conditions across the state last fall, water ponding and runoff are expected. The snow water equivalent can be viewed at interactive maps on their site at www.noahsc.noaa.gov/.

The March 23 flood forecast is for moderate to major snowmelt flooding across the Red, Maple and Sheyenne river basins. All the flood information can be viewed at the Grand Forks (www.weather.gov/fgf/) or Bismarck (www.weather.gov/bis/) regional websites.

To protect your home, farmstead and livestock, consider this advice from NDSU Extension:

- Test your sump pump to make sure it is operating properly.

- Move snow away from building foundations if it is more than 2 to 3 feet deep. Each cubic foot of piled or packed snow contains almost 3 gallons of water.

- Assure that downspouts carry water several feet away from the house or other structures. Six inches

of compacted snow on 1,000 square feet of roof is about 1,200 gallons of water.

- Move hazardous material such as agricultural chemicals, paint, oil and cleaning supplies to higher locations.

- Have an emergency power source, such as a standby generator.

- Verify adequate drainage around the farmstead.

- Assure that livestock have access to dry ground and their feed is dry and accessible.

- If your septic system's drain field will become flooded, plug all basement drains and drastically reduce water use in the house. Unbolt toilets from the floor to plug the outlet pipe.

- Use material such as heavy plastic and duct tape

to seal your well cap and top of the well casing if necessary to keep floodwater out.

For more information

on preparing for a flood, visit the NDSU Extension flood information website at www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/

[ag-hub/ag-topics/disasters/flood](http://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/ag-topics/disasters/flood).

Williston Community Library To Host 3rd Community Egg Hunt

By Mitch Melberg, City of Williston Communications Director

Williston, ND - Mark your calendars for the next Community Egg Hunt scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, at Davidson Park located at 11th St. W. and 9th Ave. W.

This year's hunt will be split into two times from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4 p.m.-6 p.m. This event is free and open to all ages.

Formerly organized by the Williston Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), the Community Egg Hunt was taken over by the Williston Community Library in 2019.

"We are thrilled to host our third annual Community Egg Hunt," stated Andrea Placher, Library Director.

"The mission of any event we host is to promote literacy in our community, our library's many resources, and of course a love of reading. This event is special because we can join forces with so many community organizations to bring awareness to their missions as well. We are excited to see families coming together, playing outdoors, and having fun!"

Attendees will receive a bag to fill with eggs which can then be exchanged for a free book.

In addition to the traditional egg hunt, there will be photo stations and a chance to meet the Bunny, courtesy of the Williston CVB; emergency vehicles and other

equipment from Williston Fire Department, Williston Police Department, Williston Basin International Airport, and Williston Public Works; and golden eggs every hour which can be exchanged for bigger prizes!

For more information on this story, please contact Andrea Placher, Library Director, at 701-774-8805 or andrea@ci.williston.nd.us.

For more information on the Williston Community Library, please visit www.willistonndlibrary.com. Follow the Williston Community Library on Facebook and Instagram (@willistoncommunitylibrary), and YouTube (@WillistonCommunityLibrary - Williston, ND).

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McKenzie Electric Making Life For Members Easier With SmartHub & Integrated Outage App

By Jaymi Mozeak

The people of eastern Montana and western North Dakota are used to working through the results of harsh weather on the northern plains. McKenzie Electric Coop, Watford City, is trying to make it easier with its app and new outage map.

McKenzie Electric Coop has been providing the people of North Dakota with power since 1945. They currently have members in five different North Dakota counties and two different counties in Montana, 4,486 miles of lines, and 4,657 total members. To offer an-

other way for members to communicate with the coop, an alternative bill pay option, and a quicker way for members to get the information they needed on their service, the electric coop launched the SmartHub app in March 2016. According to their website, there are several benefits to Smart Hub. With it, members can view and pay bills online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They can also set up automatic payments, email, and text alerts, and even choose a preferred method of payment. With the usage exploration tool, members

can view past bills and up to 13 months of their usage history along with the average temp for each month. Member Services Coordinator Andrew Spratta said, "The biggest incentive SmartHub offers our membership is reliability. With the uncertainty of mail delivery members can pay their bill on time regardless of whether the mail is moving."

McKenzie Electric also launched an online integrated outage map in December 2022. Members can report outages and go online to check the status of outages in real-time. The map is not

a part of the Smart Hub app but can be found on the website. Spratta said, "If we had another outage, like the one in April 2022, you won't need to wait in the queue over the phone to report an outage. You can simply report the outage through SmartHub and view the outage map online. McKenzie Electric does more than bring electricity to its members and the communities it serves with scholarship, grant, and rebate programs."

To find out more about McKenzie Electric and what they do for the members and communities they serve visit



them online on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. People can also visit their website at www.mckenzieelectric.com or in person at 3817 23rd Ave. NE, Watford City.

Reminder: Leave Baby Animals Alone, Be Mindful Of Diseases

By Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Helena - Each spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks receives calls from people who have picked up deer fawns or other wildlife. It's important to remember that FWP does not accept, hold or rehabilitate moose, deer, elk and most other animals.

Often times, people think they are rescuing an orphaned animal. However, it's important to understand that wildlife care for their young much differently than humans. They have strategies to provide the highest chance of survival for their young.

One strategy that some species, particularly those species that are more commonly seen as prey (deer, rabbits, birds), use is to distance themselves from their young for many hours at a time. This helps to keep predators away from their young. For example, fawns

are born without a scent and it is safer for them if their mother, who has a scent, is not nearby. This also can potentially distract a predator into focusing on the doe vs. their offspring.

FWP believes wild animals thrive better in the wild where they have plenty of natural habitat (food, water, shelter, space) and thrive better with other wildlife than with humans, who they consider an apex predator. Nature provides them the best options for survival and a better quality of life.

The potential to spread wildlife disease is also a good reason to leave young wildlife alone. Baby ground squirrels, racoons and rabbits can carry zoonotic diseases, which means diseases that are infectious for humans. Examples include plague, hemorrhagic diseases and tularemia.

If you see a baby animal, whether a goose or a grizzly, keep your distance

and leave it alone. Handling baby animals can be dangerous, and usually once young animals are picked up by people they can't be rehabilitated. They are often abandoned by adult animals once human scent is transferred to them.

What can you do?

- Leave It There. It's natural for deer and elk to leave their young alone for extended periods of time.

- Control Your Dog. Keep your dog under control, especially in the spring when newborn wildlife is most vulnerable. Pet owners can be cited and dogs that harass or kill wildlife may by law have to be destroyed.

- Keep in Mind. It is illegal to possess and care for a live animal taken from the wild.

As a wildlife agency, FWP's priority is to keep wild animals wild. When people keep and raise elk, deer or other animals, it habituates

wildlife to humans, potentially causing problems once released back into the wild.

Should someone bring

a deer or elk to FWP, they'll be asked to take the animal back to the site where it was found. If the animal can't be

returned, it may need to be humanely euthanized.

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Deadline For Deer & Elk Permit Applications Is April 1

By Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Helena - Hunters have until April 1 to apply for deer and elk licenses, but they shouldn't wait for the last minute. Get it done now.

Hunters who are applying for special licenses and permits need to have a valid email address. Hunters can apply for permits on the FWP website. If hunters want to apply in person, FWP offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Hunters and anglers can also take advantage of the MyFWP mobile app, if they haven't already. The app holds and displays licenses, permits and E-Tags, which can be

downloaded and used in the field without cell service. Hunters and anglers will need a MyFWP account to use the app, which is a secure and convenient digital profile that stores licenses, permits and related information.

To create a new account, visit the MyFWP login page. Users need to make sure to link their ALS number to the MyFWP account to ensure their hunting and fishing licenses are attached to their MyFWP account.

A MyFWP account is not used to apply for permits or to make purchases. Purchases and applications are done through the online licensing system.

Hunters will also still have the option to print copies of

licenses they purchase online or at FWP offices.

If people have questions, the FWP licensing call center will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. through April 1; after April 1, the hours will return to 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The call center can be reached at 406-444-2950.

Remember, if you're applying for a special license or permit, you will need to have a valid email address.

Public Invited To Easter Egg Hunts At Chimney Park & Chateau De Morès



Medora, ND – The public is invited to the 81st annual Harry Roberts Memorial Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. MT, at Chimney Park, Medora. This free event is for children ages 12 and under. Thousands of eggs will be hidden within Chimney Park. Children should bring their own collection basket or bag and must be accompanied by an adult. This event is free; reservations are required at <https://bit.ly/81ChateauEasterEggHunt>.

For children who require a more accessible experience, a series of adaptive hunts will begin at 2 p.m. MT at the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center. Parents can choose from several different hunts in our exhibits and on the patio. Reservations are required at <https://bit.ly/ChateauSensory-Friendly2023>.

Harry Roberts, the first site supervisor at the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site, started this annual Easter Egg Hunt in 1941. The event is sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, Medora Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of the Chateau de Morès.

Schedule changes due to inclement weather will be posted on Facebook facebook.com/ChateauDeMores. For more information, contact Chateau de Morès State Historic Site at 701-623-4355. Chimney Park is part of the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site and is managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (MT). Find a calendar of upcoming State Historical Society events at history.nd.gov/events.

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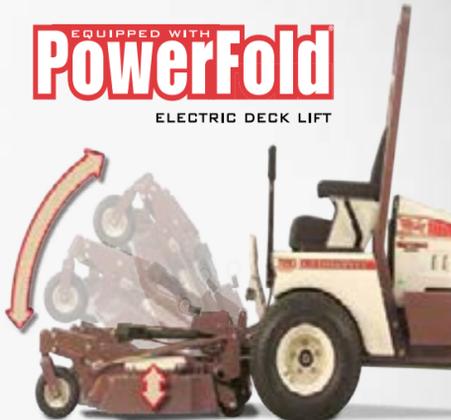
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Now Is The Time To Check Your Sump Pump

Make sure your sump pump is working before the snow melts.

By NDSU Extension & Ag Research

A sump pump is the first line of defense for many homeowners to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

"Last summer and fall were dry, so many sump pumps probably haven't run for a long time," says North Dakota State University Extension agricultural engineer Tom Scherer. "However, as the snow starts melting this spring, homeowners should check their sump pump to make sure it works properly, and if it has some age on it, have a backup ready in case it quits. As the snow melts, some water is sure to seep into the tile surrounding the house footings."

Sump pumps are available in two basic models: upright (commonly called a pedestal) and submersible. Either works well with proper maintenance.

The pedestal pump's motor usually is about a foot above the top of the sump and the pump is at the base, which sits on the bottom of the sump. The motor is not meant to get wet. A ball float connected by a rod to a switch near the motor turns the pump on and off.

"One advantage of this type of pump is that the on/off switch is visible without having to look into the sump," says NDSU Extension agricultural engineer Ken Hellevang.

Submersible pumps are designed to be submerged in water and sit on the bottom of the sump. A float-activated switch controls the pump's on/off operation.

The float moves according to the water level in the sump. When the water in the sump rises to a certain level, the pump turns on, and when the water level drops to a certain level, the pump turns off.

The float control mechanism can have different configurations, depending

on the manufacturer. The on/off distance is adjustable on some models and not on others.

To check the pump's operation, first make sure the discharge pipe on the outside of the house is not plugged and that it directs water away from the house. Alternatively, some cities allow the sump pump to discharge into the sanitary sewer before a certain date for a fee.

Make sure the pump is plugged in. Remove the lid (if the sump has one) and use a flashlight to check that the sump doesn't contain any material that can plug the pump.

If the sump is dry, lift the float for about 10 seconds to see if the pump turns on and runs smoothly, then lower the float slowly. Briefly running a pump when it's dry will not do any damage.

If you have an electric backup pump, that can be checked the same way.

You also can check the pump's operation by pouring water into the sump until the float turns the pump on. Try to simulate the speed that water normally would flow into the sump. Watch the on/off float operation and listen to the pump.

"Make sure the pump

turns on and off at least twice," Hellevang advises. "If the pump sounds like it is pumping gravel or the float is sluggish, then you may need a new pump or float."

A common cause of pump failure is damaged or rusted bearings in the motor. Another common problem is the float switch doesn't make good electrical contact and turns on slowly or not at all.

"If the homeowner is new and not familiar with sump pumps, now is a good time to call a licensed plumber," Scherer says. "The plumber can check to make sure the sump pump is ready for the spring thaw."

Because of power outages or sump pump failure, many houses have additional protection in the form of an electric backup sump pump. This pump is installed in the same sump as the primary pump, but it only turns on if the primary pump fails. These pumps are battery-powered.

Battery maintenance is very important, the specialists say. For more information, see the NDSU publication "Electric Backup Sump Pumps for Houses" (available online at nds.u.edu/BackupSump), or contact the NDSU Extension office in your county.

Backyard Tree Care: Planting & Pruning Workshop April 5

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension

Pruning trees can help control tree size, prevent damage from overgrown branches, and remove dead, diseased, or damaged wood. The best time to prune is during the late dormant season before new growth starts. Join us Wednesday, April 5 at the Richland Coun-

ty Extension Office from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for a Backyard Tree Care: Planting and Pruning workshop with MSU Extension Forestry Specialist, Peter Kolb. Learn about tree physiology, planting, pruning, and problem solving. There will also be a pruning demonstration. Call 406-433-1206 for more information.



The primary and backup pumps are in the bottom of this sump. (NDSU photo)

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