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"Divas 3", All Female Powerhouse Trio To Perform In Watford City On Feb. 24

Submitted by Jessie Veeder

The next performance from the Watford City Area Concert Association will be coming to Watford City on Saturday, Feb. 24. The all female act, Divas 3, will take the stage of Watford City High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

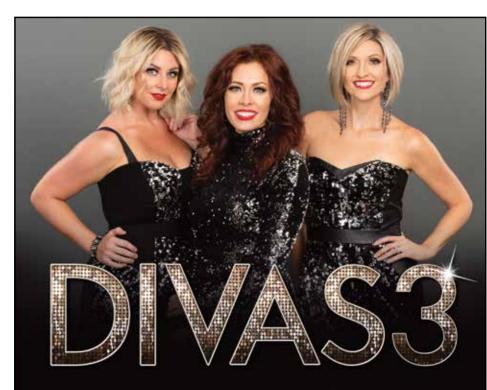
Divas 3 is an amazing group with powerhouse voices who will sing the biggest hits of the greatest divas in music history. This vibrant show spans four decades covering the 1960s through the 1990s with hits by Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Cher, Dolly Parton, Donna Summer, ABBA, and many more! Individual members of the group have all starred in shows on the Las Vegas Strip. Since its inception in 2013, the group has gone on to perform at performing arts centers across the United States, and internationally as a headlining

entertainer act aboard luxury cruise ships. Their unique three-part arrangements are blended with solid, top-notch vocals honoring the iconic hits of the era of the great

Join us before the show for a dessert social in the concourse to celebrate the Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Annual Meeting. You won't want to

The Watford City Area Concert Series is a membership-driven organization, with individual memberships starting at \$50. A 2023-24 membership grants access to the remaining two concerts of the season as well as reciprocity with concert series lineups in Williston, Dickinson, Crosby, and Hazen. There are a variety of membership levels to choose from.

If you are not interested in a membership, individual tickets are available at \$30



Divas 3 to perform in Watford City on Feb. 24. (Submitted by Jessie Veeder)

for adults and all youth under 19 are free. Tickets and memberships can be purchased at www.longxarts.

com or at the door.

To find out more contact Jessie Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director at

701-770-8659 or longxart@ gmail.com or visit longxarts.

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Richland Co. Commissioners **Pass Resolution** Regarding 95 Mills

On Feb. 12 the Richland County passed Resolution 2024-03 amending the mill levy for the state equalization, county high school equalization and county elementary equalization mill levy authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. The resolution follows a ruling by the MT Supreme Court ruling that county's must adhere to the 95-mill state level equalization rather than the lower 77.9-mill rate passed last year by 49 out of the 56 counties in the

"Forty nine counties challenging this issue with the Department of Revenue, the governor, budget director and going all the way over to the Supreme Court has definitely got their attention. Now, the governor has formed a property tax task force. I really feel there are going to be some changes this next legislative session," stated Commissioner Shane

The commissioners will send out a letter to taxpayers with their next tax statements. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Richland County Tax Payer,

The Montana Supreme Court determined that the Department of Revenue has the authority to direct counties to levy above the current mill levy calculation limitation each vear if reserved mills are deterred to be available. The Department has verified that the school equalization mills-under the statutory limitations that adjust mills down when taxable values increase—are reduced from 95 mills to 77.9 mills for this tax year. However, the Department of Revenue under the direction of the Governor's Budget Office and Governor Gianforte is directing the County to levy extra mills they hold to reserve to generate additional revenue from property taxpayers in Montana. The Supreme Court ordered counties to comply, therefore your second half taxes will necessarily be increased to comply with the request from the Department of Revenue as directed by the Governor and the Order from the Montana Supreme Court. Please remember that the local county employees and Department of Revenue employees did not play a role in this decision and the work they do is centered on complying with laws passed

> Sincerely, Duane Mitchell, Chair

Loren Young, Commis-

by the Legislature.

Shane Gorder, Com-

Sidney/Fairview/Lambert Wrestlers Finish 2nd at State

The Sidney/Fairview/ Lambert wrestling team finished the MHSA State All-Class Wrestling Tournament in 2nd place in Billings Feb. 9-10. The Eagles had 9 state placers including state champion Tyson Syth at 103#. Placing 2nd were Gordon Knapp (113#), Brenner Mullin (126#), Aaron Schmitz (132#) and Brody Keysor (138#). Finishing 3rd was Ty Schepens (160#) and 4th was Reece Graves (145#). Sixth place finishers were Thor Fulgham (205#) and Caleb Kleinke (285#).

Eagles head coach Guy Melby was proud of this young team's performance at the tournament. "I think it went awesome," Melby stated. "Our coaching staff thought we had it in us, nobody else did. When you walk in there with all those young dudes." The team had 10 wrestlers that were 8th graders or freshmen. The Jan. 17 Montana state coaches poll ranked the team 7th prior to the Class A Duals in Butte.

"We knew these guys were coming up. We have been grooming them for a lot of years," said Melby. "I'm really pleased with how they performed. Just how they fought. I told the guys at the beginning of the tournament its hard to beat a guy that fights

for six minutes.

Some of the events at the tournament defied even the coaching staff's expectations. "We always thought we could get six (wrestlers) in the semi finals. We got seven in the semis and we got five in the finals," stated Melby.

With the help of the wrestlers in the consolation rounds the team was able to remain in the running on the second day of the tournament. Entering the consolation semifinals the team was in first place with a small lead ahead of Laurel, the eventual Class A team champions. "Any time you can go to the state tournament and be in it going into



the placing rounds its a pretty successful tournament," stated Melby.

The Eagles definitely had an outstanding semifinal round. "I'm not going to say it was perfect but it was so close to perfect. I felt really good about it. I was so proud of our younger guys," said Melby. "We had two 8th graders and two freshmen in the finals at the state tournament. It's unbelievable."

Coach Melby has great pride in this year's team and is excited for years to come. "I was very pleased with the performance. What I kinda really liked was if they got beat they were upset about it. This crew loves wrestling and they even like conditioning. It's pretty bazaar," stated Melby. In the years ahead the team is poised to be even more dominate as the wrestlers mature, improve

and upcoming wrestlers ioin their ranks. "Anything lower than second will be a huge disappointment," said Melby. The Eagles have set a high bar with this year's performance. "I think we will be deeper next year. We will have a few more kids out. Instead of bringing 12 (wrestlers) to state I think we will bring 17."

Ellingson Named Fitzgerald Pharmacist Of The Year



Erin Ellingson, RPh, was recognized as the Fitzgerald Pharmacist of the Year by the Montana **Pharmacy Association. (Submitted Photo)**

Sidney – It is with great pleasure and immense pride that Sidney Health Center extends congratulations to Erin Ellingson for being honored with the prestigious Fitzgerald Pharmacist of the Year award by the Montana Pharmacy Association. This recognition was awarded to Ellingson during the 2024 Winter Conference held in January, where her outstanding contributions to healthcare were acknowledged and celebrated.

As the primary pharmacist at Sidney Health Center Cancer Care, she collaborates with the medical oncologists and the care team to ensure high-quality patient care. Her dedication is evident in her contributions, from advising on medication for cancer treatment to shaping effective treatment plans. Her commitment extends beyond her role, as she actively seeks growth

by attending oncology conferences. In the past year, she participated in events in Denver and Washington, DC, enhancing her skills alongside the Cancer Care team. From direct patient care to learning new skills, She puts her heart and soul into ensuring our cancer patients receive high quality care, specific to their needs.

The Fitzgerald Pharmacist of the Year Award is awarded annually to a Montana pharmacist who makes a difference by actively supporting their profession and demonstrates going beyond the professional call of duty.

Steve Case, Sidney Health Center pharmacy director, submitted the nomination to the Montana Pharmacy Association. "I am honored to have nominated Erin for this prestigious award," stated Case. "Her dedication and compassion in helping each and every patient,

always going above and beyond, is truly remarkable. Erin puts her heart and soul into her work, and I wanted to share her inspiring commitment with others, hoping it will encourage everyone to give a little bit more. We are so fortunate to have her as a apart of our team."

Erin has been a pharmacist at Sidney Health Center since 1999 starting as a hospital pharmacist working in all aspects of the organization including inpatient, ER, Extended Care, and Oncology. In 2012, she transitioned to working mainly at the expanding Cancer Care Suite. Since that time, the number of patients cared for daily has increased with the addition of full-time oncologists and expanded IV therapy. Outside of work, Erin is an equally dedicated hockey and rodeo mom to

Rowan and Drew.

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406-433-8077

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12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, Sidney, MT (enter through back entrace door, SE side.

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City. 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, Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrace door, SE side. (Last Tuesday of the month-Open-Birthday Night)

7 p.m. – 24-hour Women's AA group meeting. Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:

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.

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. — AA Welcome Home Group, Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

SATURDAYS:

7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

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SUNDAYS:

7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrace door, SE side.

STATISTICS LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation	1836.5
Last Week's Elev.	1836.9
One Year Ago	1827.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	25,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date		High	Low	Precip.
Feb.	5	44	27	0.000
Feb.	6	37	30	0.000
Feb.	7	35	31	0.040
Feb.	8	31	26	0.030
Feb.	9	27	23	0.000
Feb.	10	26	8	0.000
Feb.	11	38	11	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation0.280				

OBITUARIES

Lola Fay Hansen, 79 Sidney, MT

Funeral services will be Saturday Feb. 17, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Barb Haugerud officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation will be Friday Feb. 16, 2024 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Lola Fay Hansen

Heaven gained a whole lot of sparkle on Feb. 9, 2024, when Lola Fay Hansen, 79, passed away following a brief hospitalization at Sidney Health Center. She was welcomed into the arms of Jesus with her daughter and son-in-law at

Lola was born while her father was stationed in Temple, Bell County, Texas, on Nov. 10, 1944. She was the oldest of 3 daughters born to Sidney natives Orvald Norgaard and Hazel Blair Norgaard Peterson.

Lola grew up on a farm in the Mount Pleasant community west of Sidney. She was educated in Mount Pleasant and Sidney schools, attended Dawson Community College, and studied business at Montana State University in Bozeman.

She married Arnold G. Hansen on March 25, 1961. Following their education, the couple moved home, to Sidney. Arnie took a teaching position at the high school and Lola started her business career.

By age 34, Lola had started and was running six businesses in Sidney. Her first venture was the Montgomery Ward catalog store. She began as a clerk and soon became the youngest Ward's manager in the country, winning awards for increased sales and her exceptional management skills. She bought the Ward's store in 1972 and added a health food department. In 1977, she built the connecting South 40 complex, which housed the award-winning South 40 Restaurant and Lounge, Homestead Clothing, The Book Loft, and Homestead Shoes. In the 1980s, she continued to expand, adding The Flair, Macho Man, and Kids' Corner clothing stores in the Village Square Mall. In 1997, the Winner's Pub Sports Bar & Casino was opened. Lola loved making people happy and giving them the best shopping and dining experience possible. This was her passion and the key to her success. She never retired, staying involved in the businesses' daily operations until the last days of her life.

Lola was active in community affairs on both the local and state levels. During her lifetime, she served in the following capacities: Director of the local Chamber of Commerce, Secretary and founding member of the Richland Co. Tavern Assoc., Chairman of the Richland County Democratic Central Committee, Charter member and Secretary of the Xi Alpha Beta Sorority, Director of the MT Retail Association, Board member of the Montana State Board of Regents, and on the Governor's Board of Montana Ambassadors to promote Montana's economy. She was named Woman of the Year for the Sidney Chapter of the Business and Professional Women of America in 1985. Lola was incredibly charitable and an active supporter of all Sidney Eagles activities.

Lola loved spending time at their cabin on Lake Sakakawea. She didn't like the water but loved spending time with family, cooking, reading, and playing card games, especially Pinochle and Squeak. She was particularly fond of Squeak, playing with such speed that her opponents would pause to watch in amazement, often securing her the win. She tried to learn to crochet once and spun a starting chain so long it could have competed for a record, humorously dubbing it a work of art. It may not have been a record or art, but it did symbolize her fortitude to succeed at whatever she set

Lola is survived by her husband of 62 years, Arnie; daughter, Heather (Ray) Johnson; son, Raymond Hansen; three grandchildren, Cody (Megan), Jace (Kylee), and Liliana Johnson; one great-grandson, Brooks Johnson; and two sisters, Rita and Jeanette.

If there are superhumans among us, Lola was undoubtedly one of them. She was intimately familiar with life's many challenges, having faced head-on every type of life's pain and sorrow. Yet, she turned these struggles into a source of strength for herself and everyone she inspired, especially other women. Her resolve made the impossible seem possible. Her legacy is a profound narrative of resilience, hope, and endless possibilities.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Lola's name may be made to the Mon-Dak Heritage Center or a charity of one's choice.

Betty Lamphier, 94 Bismarck, ND

Funeral services will be Monday Feb. 19, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Barb Haugerud officiating. Betty will be laid to rest at the Richland Memorial Park, Sidney, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Betty Gene Lamphier, 94 peacefully passed away on Wednesday Feb. 7, 2024 at St. Gabriel's Nursing Home, Bismarck, ND, with family by her side.

Buffalo Soldiers Program at Confluence Center

Submitted by State Historical Society of North Dakota

Williston - The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, near Williston, is launching its 2024 History and Nature Lecture Series with "The Mustering of Buffalo Soldiers" set for Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Join Calvin Henderson, public outreach coordinator, for a talk on the formation of Buffalo Soldier Army regiments. Discover the ways these African American soldiers impacted western Dakota Territory, and learn about their time at Fort Buford.

For more information, contact Calvin Henderson at 701-572-9034. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is part of Fort Buford State Historic Site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CT; Sunday 1-5 p.m. CT; and closed Monday-Tuesday. Fort Buford is currently closed. Find information about upcoming programs of the State Historical Society at history.nd.gov/events.

THE ROUNDUP: PO Box 1207 •111 West Main • Sidney, MT 406-433-3306 • Fax: 406-433-4114 • Email: classads@esidney.com

RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Dramatic Moments: Frederic Remington's Early Engravings - through March 30 - The Odyssey of Montana's Thomas Francis Meagher By Stephen Glueckert - through March 30 - Rhythm & Whimsy By Richard Swanson - through April 26 -MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info call 406-433-3500, or visit https://mondakheritagecenter.org/. Wed., Feb. 14, 21, 28

10 a.m. - Storytime - Ages 4-5, but all ages welcome. Focuses on kindergarten readiness & includes songs, finger plays, stories & a craft. Sidney-Richland County _ibrary, 121 3rd Ave NW.

Fri., Feb. 16, 23

7:30 p.m. - **Volleyball Sports Night** - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

Sat., Feb. 17

10 a.m. - Puzzle Palooza Benefit For Sunrise Pregnancy Resources & Family Outreach & Anakin \$100 for teams of 4, 1,000 piece puzzle, supervised kids activities, free will puzzle sale, free lunch & refreshments for participants, free will lunch for others at approximately 12:30 p.m. To register call 406-433-7772. Limitless Church, 414 E. Main Št. Sat., Feb. 17, 24

7 p.m. - Basketball Sports Night - Come bring your family & have a great time, 1215 5th St. SE. For more info call 701-317-2309.

Mon., Feb. 19-Wed., Feb 21

5-7 p.m. - Sidney Summer Girls Fast Pitch Sign-Ups - For players between 6-18 as of Jan. 1, 2024 \$50 per player. Richland Co. Sports Complex, 1281 S. Central Ave. For more info for ages 6-9 contact Julio Lopez, 406-480-1804, or Sidney Girls Softball Ages 6-9 on Facebook. For more info ages 10-18 contact Terri Moore, 406-480-9649, Jozi Moore, 406-480-5960, or Sidney Summer Girls Fastpitch on Facebook. Fri, Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15

5-7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays -\$13 a plate. Ned Shinnick Hall St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. March 15: Right To Life Bake

Sat., Feb. 23

p.m. - Dance Night At The MonDak - Dance lessons & dance social, country swing & 2-step more! \$10 members, \$15 not yet members. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE, 406-433-3500. Sat., Feb. 24

5 p.m. - Mike Otterstetter Benefit Fairview - Free will offering pulled pork dinner, silent & live auctions. Waterhole #3, 418 Ellery Ave. An account for Mike's medical expenses has been set up at Merchants Bank, 5:30 p.m. - Sidney Ducks Unlimited Sportsman

Dinner - Richland County Fairgrounds. buy tickets online @ www.sidneydu.org. For more info contact Melissa Kasson at 406-548-2569. Mon., Feb. 26 4 p.m. - Lego Club - Children in grade Kindergarten-5

can stop by for this activity. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. Tues., Feb. 27

4 p.m. - Adult Craft - Water color painting with salt. Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW.

McKenzie County Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT. Fri.-Sun., Feb. 16-18

7 p.m. - Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames - An evangelistic drama presenting the gospel in a unique way by partnering with the local Watford City area churches. Admittance is free for everyone. Childcare is provided. Rough Rider Center 2209 Wolves Den

Sat., Feb. 17

12-4 p.m. - Floral Embroidery Class - Learn the art of embroidering flowers on a 9" x 7" makeup bag, , \$15 a person. No experience necessary. Only 4 people in every 30 minute time slot. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2 Ave. SW. Tues., Feb. 20

2-4 p.m. - McKenzie County Food Pantry Handouts

First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW. For more info go to McKenzie County Food Pantry Facebook page or call First Lutheran Church 701-444-3244. 4:30 p.m. - Celebration of Community & Commerce Watford City Area Chamber & EDC Annual Meeting Meeting, 4:30-5 p.m.; social & Hors d'Oeuvres, 5-5:30

p.m.; Open bar & celebration program, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Pkwy. Text attendance count by Feb. 22 to Mary 701-570-5084. 7 p.m. - **Divas 3 Concert** - Spanning 4 decades covering 1960s through 1990s with hits by Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Cher, Dolly Parton, Donna Summer, ABBA, & more! WCHS Performing Arts Center, 2313 Wolves Den Parkway. Concert series memberships or purchase tickets \$30 adults, 18 & under, First Responders & Military free. Sat., March 2

5:30 p.m. - The Gala For Arts, Parks & Recreation Fundraiser - Featuring supper, blackjack tables, live music, live painting, silent auction & dancing to benefit the arts & parks & recreation programs. Cocktail attire, 21+, tickets \$75 per person, prime rib or roasted chicken supper. Rough Rider Center 2209 Wolves Den Pkwy. Sponsorship tables available, contact Jessie at 701-770-8659.

WILLIAMS COUNTY **Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.**

Sun., Feb. 18

1-3 p.m. - **Boom Fast Pitch Tryouts** - Tryouts for 16U/18U, \$40 fee, register at www.willistonparks.com/ boom-fast pitch-tryouts. This program is for girls ages 9-19 by who wish to play competitive fast pitch softball during the summer. Williston ARC Turf, 822 18th St. E. For more info visit www.willistonfastpitch.com. Sat., Feb. 24

2-8 p.m. - Bras For A Cause 9th Annual Gumbo Cook-Off & Mask-R-Aid Party - Silent auction, gumbo served 5 p.m., live music by Josey & the Whalers. Cash bar. Admission fee at the door. Must be 21⁺ to attend. For more info call Cheryl: 701-770-0045 New Armory, 10 Main St.

7 p.m.-midnight - Game Night - Free & open to the public. Bring your favorite games & snacks. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Ave. W.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT. Fri., Feb. 16

12:30-5:30 p.m. - Live2Lead-Glendive 2024 -Will equip attendees with new perspective, practical tools & key takeaways, \$79 per person register at live2leadglendive. com. Dawson Community College Ullman Center, 300 College Drive.

Sun., Feb. 18 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Sunday CATS-EROLE Fundraiser

- Brunch & bake sale, supporting your local rescues efforts in curbing the community's cat population. Moose _odge, 415 N. Merrill Ave. Thurs., Feb. 29

6 p.m. - Glendive Friends of the Library Brains & Brew Trivia - 4 people per team, per table, entry fee \$10 or go it alone for \$3 per player. Cross Country Brewing, 320 E Allard St.

Area Basketball Action





Sidney vs. Miles City
The Sidney Eagles played CCDHS (Miles City) at
home on Feb. 6: Boys lost 41-54; Girls lost 33-43.
Pictured above: Avé Norby (Sidney) looking to
pass against heavy defense from CCDHS (Miles
City). (Photo by Kaci Dean)

Pictured left: Tanner Tiesen (Sidney) controls the ball at the top of the key. (Photo by Kaci Dean)

Watford City's Tynlee Fahrman's beam performance earned her a 5th place finish in Saturday's Blast in the Badlands Gymnastics Meet at the Rough Rider Center. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

ROUNDUP, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 3A

Blast In The Badlands Held

in Watford City Feb. 9-10

Blast in the Badlands Gymnastic Club held a new "Best of the Blast" finalist competition involving 315 gymnasts, 12 teams from North Dakota, South Dakota Montana, Wyoming and Minnesota at the Roughrider Center, Watford City, Feb. 9-10.

Finalists showcased their best routines and were judged by 8 judges from across the U.S.

The top two gymnasts in DP Levels 6-9 and Excel Gold - diamond qualified. "Best of the Best" gymnasts were awarded in each event.

An awards ceremony was held recognizing all gymnasts. Along with Crumbl Cookies team parties.



Sasha Steig scores a 9 on her uneven bar routine in the championship finale of the Blast in the Badlands Gymnastics Meet at the Rough Rider Center, last weekend. Sasha is a member of the Badlands Edge team in Watford City and was the first-place finisher in the Diamond Division in all of her events. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Faiview Vs. Glasgow Fairview's senior's pep band, cheer and basketball players were acknowledged before their home game against the Glasgow Scotties Saturday, Feb. 10. Girls: Fairview 35-Glasgow 40; Boys: Fairview 60-Glasgow 43 Fairview girls and boys both came in 4th place in the district for Class B. Districts are held in Wolf Point and will start Wednesday, Feb. 14, the girls will play Harlem at 3 p.m. the boys will play Harlem at 4:30 p.m. Good Luck Warriors.

Fairview At Wolf Point The Fairview Warriors traveled to play the Wolf Point Wolves: on Feb. 9. Girls: Wolf Point 36-Fairview 45; Boys: Wolf Point 34-Fairview 63

Right: Deacon Gackle gets up and makes two with a layup. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)



Stick Pony Rodeo

Evie Jacobson races through the poles for a fast enough time to earn 2nd place Overall Reserve Champion in the Stick Horse Rodeo held at the McKenzie County Ag Expo on Saturday. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



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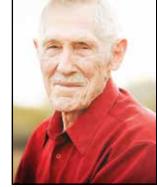
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Call: 406.488.2546 SidneyHealth.org

OBITUARIES

Alton Vernald Hillesland, 95, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Alton Vernald Hillesland, 95, Sidney, MT, will be Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Barb Haugerud officiating. A luncheon will follow the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fulkerson-Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, MT and from 5-7 p.m. at Pella Lutheran Church with a Celebration of Life service to follow, open to the public.



Alton Vernald Hillesland

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

Alton Vernald Hillesland passed from this life on Feb.

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10, 2024, at the Sidney Health Center surrounded by family. He was born on July 2, 1928, to Ted and Lottie Hillesland, Calmar, IA, and grew up on the family farm with three brothers, Dalos, Glenn, and Harvey. He married Harriet Ohnstad and they enjoyed 62 years of marriage. He later

married long-time family friend Ruthann Knutson.

His 95 years were filled with the love of learning and his unwavering, steadfast faith in God. He earned his bachelor's degree from Luther College, Decorah, IA, and Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He served as pastor in Spring Grove, MN; Willow City, ND; country churches around Parshall, ND; Mondovi, WI; Culbertson and Bainville, MT; Sidney, MT; and Watford City, ND.

Upon retirement as pastor, he was asked to be the building inspector for the city of Sidney and Richland County and served in that role until age 89. His desire to help others and love of medicine led him to become a certified EMT. He served in that role through age 85.

His list of hobbies continued to grow through the years. He taught himself to play the guitar, banjo, mandolin, violin, and most recently the piano. He also taught himself Norwegian rosemaling, oil painting, wood carving, sketching, wood turning, fine woodworking, and house building. He also authored daily devotions for Christ in Our Home.

He made space for his ever-growing wood shop in each of their homes. His woodworking skills included building a pull-behind camper complete with a kitchen on one side and wardrobe on the other side that was used for annual summer camping vacations. One of the biggest woodworking challenges Dad tackled in his shop was his History Clock. It was a project that took him just over 20 years. It is a testament to his drive and determination.

He was an active member in Kiwanis for many years. He met Monday-Friday for over 30 years with his Coffee Buddies ('the grandpas') and was always up for a game of Pinochle.

Philanthropy and giving back to the communities he lived in was something he felt very strongly about. As a result, he enjoyed supporting many different organizations in the communities where he lived, including serving as a founding member of the McKenzie County Heritage Park, Watford City, ND.

Alton is survived by his wife, Ruthann; four children, Tom (Marie), Jeff (Sally), Chris (Billie), and Sana (Ken) Keller; five stepchildren, Chad (Brad) Knelson, Joe (Jeni) Knutson, Sandra (Mark) Fetting, Marty Knutson (Jenifer Grau), and Bethany (Erick) Spiegel; 23 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Adding to the family, reconnecting with long-lost relatives, and discovering new family was a joy throughout his life. One of his greatest joys was spending time with all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, first wife, and grandson Jade.

If desired, memorials may be made in Alton's name to the Foundation for Community Care, Pella Lutheran Church, or Martha's Place in Sidney.

Kurt Anderson, 59 Lambert, MT

Memorial services for Kurt Anderson, 59, Lambert, MT, were at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at the new gymnasium at the Lambert School, Lambert, MT, with Dennis Gugger officiating. Internment will be in the St. Theresa's Catholic Cemetery, Lambert, MT. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.



Kurt Anderson

Kurt David Anderson was born Aug. 10, 1964, in New Haven, CT, to Kathleen Joyce and Paul S. Anderson, Jr. Kurt grew up in Oklahoma City, OK, playing football and basketball, driving fast cars, and enjoying movies and comic books. He worked hard from a young age to support his "fun." He grew up close to his family and seven cousins who live in Connecticut and Arizona.

Kurt graduated from John Marshall High School in Oklahoma City, OK, and went on to get his Bachelor of Science and master's degrees in education from Oklahoma City University. He started his teaching career immediately after graduation and it was the passion of his life. Teaching began in Oklahoma and took him to Texas, Georgia, Florida, and even Korea. When he traveled to Montana to teach, it became his home

Kurt was a loving son, wonderful brother, and committed, lifelong friend. He loved walking into his classroom every day to teach about history, politics, and pop culture. His students were "his kids" and he affectionately nicknamed most of them. He was committed to reaching each one individually and helping them believe in what they were capable of. He found his heaven on earth in the community of Lambert, MT. His colleagues and friends in Lambert were added to his chosen family and he loved them dearly.

Kurt passed away on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at the St. Vincent's Health Care Center in Billings, MT.

Kurt is survived by his two cats Duke and Tempest; his sister Nancy Osmundson; brother-in-law Chris "Oz" Osmundson; nephew Thomas Taaca; niece Tiffany Taaca, and all of Bozeman, MT. He is also survived by his beloved cousins and friends across the country.

Part of Kurt will live on as his corneas have been donated to a matched individual. Kurt will give this person the gift of sight.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be given to the Kurt Anderson Foundation. These funds will be used in his honor for high school scholarships at Lambert High School. Donations are tax deductible and may be mailed to: Kurt Anderson Foundation, care of Nancy Osmundson at 4602 West Dry Creek Road, Belgrade, MT 59714.

MonDak Cropping Seminar To Be Held Feb. 20

Submitted by Marley Manoukian Voll, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

The northeast group of Montana State University (MSU) Extension Agents are planning the MonDak Cropping Seminar, formerly known as MonDak Pulse Day, for Tuesday, Feb. 20 in Wolf Point, MT. This event will feature a wide range of topics and a great lineup of speakers. The event will be held at the Elk's Lodge, 304

Main St. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$20 registration fee and lunch will be included. There will be a total of four pesticide points available during the MonDak Cropping Seminar, two available in the morning and two in the afternoon. Thank you to our event sponsors, Pro-Coop Ag Center and Ag Partners, LLC.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. with Dr. Weaver, MSU professor of entomology, presenting on Wheat Stem Sawfly Integrated Pest Management. Dr. Weaver's research focuses on developing new techniques and tools for wheat stem sawfly management. At Shelley Mills will be discussing Grasshopper Management, including grasshopper biology and management strategies including cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical at 10 a.m. Mills is the MSU Extension Valley County agriculture agent, and her areas of expertise include crop production, invasive weed management,

horticulture, pesticides, beekeeping, pollinator protection, and pest and plant identification. To conclude the morning session, Tyler Tjelde, NDSU Williston Research and Extension Center (NDSU-WREC) irrigation agronomist, will present on Sovbean Production in the MonDak. where he manages the Nesson Valley Irrigation Research and Development Project, 25 miles east of Williston. He has worked for NDSU-WREC for 15 years and in those 15 years has done a lot of research on soybean production and continues to see expansion of soybean acres throughout the MonDak region and the important role that they have in our cropping system. He also farms and ranches in western North Dakota and soybeans have become an important rotational crop in

his operation both irrigated and dryland.

Following lunch at 1 p.m. Charlie Lim will present on Herbicide Modes of Action and Injury to Crops. Lim is Williston Research Extension Center NDSU Extension weed specialist where his research is focused on weed control and integrated weed management, the mitigation of herbicide-resistant weeds, and other topics related to weeds. Wrapping up the day will be Dr. Weaver discussing Best Practices for Management of Insect Problems in Stored Grain. In addition to wheat stem sawfly, Dr. Weaver's other key research focus is on pests of crops and stored grains.

For more information on the MonDak Cropping Seminar, contact your local MSU Extension Office; Richland County at 406-433-1206.



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Gala Scheduled For March 2 In Watford City

Submitted by Jessie Veeder

The Long X Arts Foundation and Watford City Parks and Recreation invite you to The Gala: For Arts and Parks and Recreation, March 2, at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City.

The Gala is a formal fundraiser featuring supper, a blackjack table, live music, live painting, silent auction, and dancing to benefit the arts and parks and recreation programming in McKenzie County.

"We are looking forward to hosting an evening of entertainment where guests get a chance to dress up and get treated like the celebrities they are as they support the unique programming our organizations offer," said Jessie Scofield, Director of the Long X Arts Foundation.

Guests can expect a cocktail hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m. sponsored by First International Bank and Trust featuring a signature cocktail and appetizers. During the cocktail hour, browse unique silent auction items and watch as artists Morgan Wagner and Afton Ray-Rossol paint regional

themed pieces that will be available at the live auction later in the evening.

In addition to live painting, the American Legion Club will be hosting a blackjack table throughout the evening, with proceeds benefitting the causes. Guests can also take part in the wine and whiskey pull sponsored by Red Barn Liquors, where, for a fixed price participants will choose from a selection of wrapped wine and whiskey bottles of varying types and quantities, with the chance to score a highend bottle.

Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a choice between prime rib or chicken parmesan before the featured entertainment, Pop Rock Orchestra, hits the stage at 8:30 p.m. Pop Rock Orchestra is an eight-piece band that plays the hits spanning the 60s, 70s, and 80s from British Invasion to iconic American rock. This is a big band with a big band sound so put on your dancing shoes or just come to enjoy musical entertainment at its finest!

"We believe that the arts and the parks and rec-

reation activities that we offer makes our community an outstanding place to live, work, and raise kids," said Josh Nollmeyer, Event and Recreation Director at the Rough Rider Center. "We couldn't do what we do without the support of the community and this event gives guests the chance to support a great cause while taking part in a special event."

"A special thank you to our sponsors who are supporting our efforts in creating an event that we hope will become a community tradition," added Scofield. "We look forward to hosting an unforgettable evening."

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased at longxarts.com. Watch social media channels for a chance at prizes for early registration.

Sponsorship tables are also available by contacting Jessie Scofield at longxart@gmail.com or call 701-770-8659

For more information on the event visit: longxarts. com/the-gala-for-arts-parks-recreation.

Benefit For Mike Otterstetter Feb. 24

By Dianne Swanson

A benefit for Mike Otterstetter, Fairview, will be held Saturday, Feb. 24 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Waterhole #3. Enjoy a pulled pork dinner for a free will offering, then bid on your favorite silent and live auction items.

Otterstetter, who is employed by Horizon Resources, fell ill on Oct. 26, 2023 and ended up being life flighted to Billings with seizures and a sub-dural hematoma. He underwent a craniotomy to remove a blood clot from his brain on Oct. 30. He is recovering well at home but will need multiple trips for further checkups and medical care. Any financial help would be appreciated as he and his family go through this journey.

An account for medical expenses has been established at Merchants Bank, Fairview, for those wishing to contribute.



Sivertson Achieves Membership In MDRT; Prestigious Membership is Exclusive to World's Leading Financial Professionals

Submitted by Terry Sivertson

Park Ridge, IL. — Terry J. Sivertson, Sidney, achieves membership in the prestigious MDRT organization, a coveted career milestone that offers the opportunity to share innovative ideas and best practices with other leading financial professional members. This is the 1st year that Sivertson achieved MDRT member-

Membership in MDRT is a highly recognized mark of excellence and limited to only the most successful in the financial services profession. This places Terry J. Sivertson among the top professionals in the global

life insurance and financial services industry.

Members are provided career-shaping resources to better communicate and serve clients, as well as opportunities to broaden professional development. The exchange of ideas at MDRT meetings helps members gain new and unique insights to better serve clients' individual needs. Clients are connected to a highly credible and leading financial advisor using cutting-edge financial strategies.

"We commend our MDRT members and their continuous dedication and participation in the organization," said Gregory B. Gagne, ChFC, MDRT president. "MDRT looks forward to serving its members and providing innovative resources for growth in all aspects of their career."

MDRT's culture motivates the best in the business to share innovative ideas, concepts, and techniques with each other. The exclusive tools and resources members obtain through membership help them to better guide their clients to beneficial solutions and provide their clients with the best service.

For more information contact Terry J. Sivertson at 406-488-6020 or tsivertson@mwfbi.com.



Terry J. Sivertson, Sidney, achieves membership in the prestigious MDRT organization, a coveted career milestone that offers the opportunity to share innovative ideas and best practices with other leading financial professional members. (Submitted Photo)



Discovery of 100-Year-Old Signed Quilt Blocks Prompts Questions

By Dianne Swanson

Pristine quilt blocks crafted 100 years ago were discovered recently in an old trunk, which belonged to life-long Girard resident Mary Helen (Daniels) Arneson. She was born in 1921 and hadn't made a block so they must have been in the company of her mother Junia Cole Dan-

iels. Junia was married to George who homesteaded the current Arneson place in 1908.

Girard Homemakers plan to create an authentic period quilt out of those blocks and place it in the Baue exhibit at the MonDak Heritage Center. Baues were also homesteaders in the Girard area. It is unknown what the purpose of the blocks might have been but the club is thankful that they were dated. They have been undisturbed since 1925 and remain in pristine condition.

Each block is signed by its seamstress, with many of those names unknown to current residents of the area. Some may not have lived in the Girard area. The club would like to gather brief information on each of those individuals to include with the quilt. Anyone having such information on Dorothy Elliott, Blanche Boltus, Phebe Kirkland, Mary Klute, Bessie Moore, Sadie Johnson, Sara Fletcher, Agnes Lloyd, Ina Richardson, Alvina

Post, Iver L. Post, Pearl Forsyth, Rachel Mann, Agnes LaBonte, Ethel Moore, Anna Rabe, Ellen Bowden, Clytie Elliot, or Mrs. Maude Glenn is asked to please share. Information should include a maiden name, who they were married to, children, and where they lived, but any information would be appreciated.

Please contact Linda Simonsen at 406-798-3672, pullet27@midrivers.com or Becky Daniels at 406-798-3647, countrygal1953@gmail.com with any information or questions you may have.





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Syth Win State Title



Sidney freshman Tyson Syth (103#) was a state champion last weekend at the MHSA State All-Class Wrestling Tournament in Billings Feb. 9-10. The Sidney/Fairview/Lambert wrestling team finished in 2nd. Pictured above Syth brings Laurel's Emerson Nose back to the mat before pinning him in the cradle to capture the state title at 103 pounds.



Syth embraces head coach Guy Melby following his championship match. For more photos from the tournament visit roundupweb.com

MHSA State **Championships** Results for Sidney/Fairview/ Lambert Feb. 9-10

103: Tyson Syth: 1st Place

126: Brenner Mullin 2nd Place

132: Aaron Schmitz: 2nd Place 138: Brody Keysor: 2nd

145: Reece Graves:

4th Place 160: Ty Schepens: 3rd

Place 205: Thor Fulgham: 6th

Place 285: Caleb Kleinke: 6th

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Visit roundupweb.com for more photos and full tournament results.

Ranger Bantams – Putting in the Work



Cooper Thiel vs. Mandan Mayhem. (Photo by Brenda Filler)

By Brenda Filler

Ever wonder what is going on in a hockey player's' head when they step on to the ice? Is it the smell of freshly jammed ice, is it the fans in the stands, is it the work they put in to get to this moment? Whatever it is that they think many players have been here before them and many will be here after them putting in the work. Well, let me tell you, your Richland Bantams have been putting in the work and it shows.

The Rangers met up with Mandan Mayhem on Sunday, Feb. 11 for their

11th league game of the season. The Bantams worked hard both offensively and defensively proving they have what it takes. In the end that hard work paid off giving your Bantams a winning score of 7-4 over Mandan and giving the Ranger Bantams their 11th straight league win!

Adding points to their season standings were Korbyn Johnston, Cooper Thiel, Jake Schlothauer, Avery Schantz, Chloe Harmon, and Brody Verhasselt. Goalie, Paxton Berry saved an incredible 45 shots this past weekend against Mandan.

Next up for your Ranger Bantams, they will travel to North Dakota to face the Williston Flyers on Saturday, Feb. 17 for a game at the Agri Complex at 1:45 p.m. (MST). Then, return to home ice on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m. to face off against Bismarck Red.

If you have not made it down to the Richland Ranger Hockey arena to see some incredible hockey do not wait any longer. There are just two weekends of home games left as the Ranger hockey season is winding down.



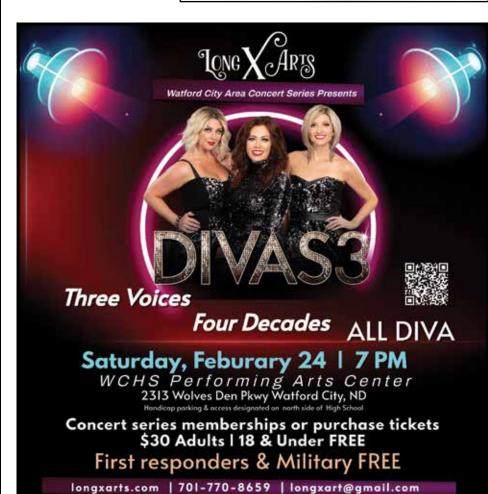
The Watford City Oilers put up a good fight but lost in overtime 2-3 to Minot. Feb. 9. Pictured: Watford City Jr. Gold Goalie, Zach Tomlinson gets some help from his teammates Brighton Foote, #20 and Gavin Wirtz, #18 in Friday night's game against Minot, Feb. 9. The Oilers put up a good fight but lost in overtime 2-3. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



Chasen Samuelson #20 and Degan Liedtke #22 team up for a goal against South Saskatchewan in the Pee Wee A match up on Saturday. The Oilers recorded a 3-5 win. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)

Kaylor Knutson #28 and Kavden Samuelson #6 celebrate after teaming up for a goal against Grand Forks in Sunday's 19U match up. Watford City defeated Grand Forks 5-3. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)







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Celebrating Chocolate

The photo booth was a popular stop at Celebrating Chocolate Saturday, Feb. 10. The event featured the incredibly talented duo of Nic and Desi wowed the audience with Broadway tunes and Tables were laden with delectable chocolate concoctions. Pictured (L-R) Leann Pelvit, Cheryl Olson, Dana Moos and Danielle Russell get their picture taken by Nikki Bailey, MonDak Heritage Center director. (Photo by Dianne Swanson)



Sidney Mayor Issues Boy Scouts Proclamation

At the Feb. 5 Sidney City Council meeting Mayor Rick Norby released a proclamation designating Feb. 4-10, 2024 as Boy Scout Week. View the full resolution on roundupweb.com. (Pictured L-R) Back Row: Haans Halvorson, Corey Christensen, David Christensen, Mayor Rick Norby, Isaak Lassey, Cedric Halvorson; Front Row: Kaelis Halvorson and Garrick Halvorson.

Guest Opinion A Lesson from Sven and Ole

By Joel Krautter

Some readers, especially those with Scandinavian heritage, may be familiar with the stories of Sven and Ole. I grew up hearing them from my late grandfather. One story comes to mind in the context of our current political climate.

Sven and Ole, were two farmers with neighboring farms who had always been very competitive. Ole's father had always been a Ford man, and the bigger the better, especially the F-350s. So, of course, Ole grew up as a Ford man, too! Sven's father had always been a Chevy man, and he loved those big Silverados. Sven kept up the tradition as a Chevy man, too.

One day, as Sven and Ole were both attending the local livestock auction, they argued about who had the strongest, toughest truck. They finally decided to settle the dispute by hooking a towrope up to the hitch of each pickup, to see who

they each gave their trucks the gas.

dealer who sells ropes and transmissions.

ton, D.C. ABC News recently reported the "118th Congress history." And Republican Congressman Chip Roy of Texas took to the House floor to challenge "One thing: I want my can go campaign on and say we did. One!"

That resonates with all Montanans, regardless of one's political stripes.

How do we move away from today's chaos and return to the stability that has powered American prosperity? One of my political heroes pointed the way. In 2017, the late Republican senator, war hero and political maverick, John McCain, called for a return to regular order, compromise and open legislative processes.

Count me in on that. Regular order in Congress would

then the full legislative body for additional debate. That is the way our democratic balances is designed to work. That is why we elect

nibus bill.

However, returning to the stability of the past ultimately depends on whom we elect. Candidates who follow the example of Sven and Ole, of spinning the tires, burning out the motor, and giving off a lot of pointless smoke and noise will only add to the chaos. To find stability again we must choose candidates who put the Constitution first, reject chaos and extremism and will work for the good of all



Joel Krautter is a Republican candidate Congress Montana's 2nd congressional district, covering eastern and central Legislator. (Submitted Photo)

Montana, who is an attorney and small business owner in Billings and Sidney and a former State

could pull the other guy in his direction. Once in position, Of course, we know who won. It was the local parts

Much like Sven and Ole, today we have politicians pulling our country apart. Traveling around eastern and central Montana, people

tell me they're frustrated with the dysfunction in Washing-(was) on track to become one of the least productive in US Republican colleagues to give me one thing-one-that I

require a bill to go through the normal committee process,

hearings, amendments, and system of separation of powers and checks and representatives.

Another solution for our U.S. Congress is something already done at the Montana legislature, thanks to our Montana Constitution, single subject legislation. Single subject legislation ensures greater transparency and can limit the growth of government, by allowing bills to pass or fail on their own merits, rather than having lawmakers try to work on multiple bills packaged together into a massive Om-

their constituents.

Letter **To The Editor**

February 4-10th is National Boy Scout Week. This week is set aside to celebrate Boy Scouts and the great things that they do for their communities. Scouting has benefitted the Sidney community in a variety of ways. The Boy Scouts are often called on to do service projects to help the elderly, needy or other organizations that are short on volunteer man power. Scouting has instilled great values into a lot of boys in Sidney. These core values of scouting are Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. Scouts are trained to be leaders. These core values act as a compass throughout a scout's life and many scouts are now serving the Sidney community in a variety of leadership occupations including the military, doctor, judge, teacher, attorney, policeman and business owner just to name a few. If you know a boy ages 11-18 that would like to be a part of Boy Scouts, please contact David Christensen at 406-489-7502. Thank vou.





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DPHHS Urges Consumers To Dispose Of Recalled Dairy Products; FDA **Conducting Listeria Monocytogenes Outbreak Investigation**

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) officials announced Feb. 9 that Rizo Lopez Foods, Inc. has issued a nationwide voluntary recall of multiple dairy products due to possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination.

The recalled products were sold at Costco, Albertsons, Safeway, and Whole Foods stores in Montana. A complete list of recalled products can be found at www.fda. gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-listeria-monocytogenes-queso-fresco-and-cotija-cheese-february-2024#products

"Our message to Montanans is to take time to check if these products are in their possession, and if so, discard them," said Dr. Maggie Cook-Shimanek, DPHHS Public Health Phy-

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as fever, muscle aches and fatigue,

headache, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women and serious illness or death in newborns. A consumer with symptoms of listeriosis should contact their health care provider to report their symptoms and receive care.

Twenty-six illnesses have been linked to the recalls nationwide, including 23 hospitalizations and two deaths. There are no confirmed illnesses or deaths in Montana linked to these

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been notified of additional recalls for products made with or containing recalled dairy products from Rizo Lopez Foods, Inc.

Recalled food items confirmed to have been sold in Montana stores are summarized below:

Simply Fresh Rojo's Black Bean 6- and 7-Layer Dip 2-20 oz. Club were sold at Costco stores in Montana. www.fda.gov/safety/ recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/simplyfresh-llc-voluntarily-recallsrojos-black-bean-layer-dip-220oz-product-becausepossible

Fresh Creative Foods cremas, everything sauces, cilantro cotija dressing, poblano Caeser dressing, cilantro dressing, and one taco kit were sold at Costco, Albertsons, and Safeway stores in Montana. www.fda.gov/ safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/freshcreative-foods-announcesvoluntary-recall-dressingsand-taco-kit-due-risk-liste-

ria-ingredient 365 Whole Foods Market ricotta whole milk cheese and ricotta part skim milk cheese were sold at Whole Foods stores in 15 oz. packages. All dates through 04/2/2024 have been re-

A sample of Rizo Bros Aged Cotija tested positive for Listeria monocytogenes during sampling conducted by the Hawaii State Department of Health's Food and Drug Branch in January 2024. In response to that finding, Rizo Lopez Foods, Inc. voluntarily recalled one batch of Rizo Bros Aged Cotija Mexican Grating Cheese (8 oz) on Jan. 11, 2024

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and FDA reopened the investigation in January 2024 after new illnesses were reported in December 2023. Whole genome sequencing (WGS) analysis of the cotija cheese sample showed that it is the same strain of Listeria that is causing illnesses in this outbreak.

Rizo Lopez Foods, Inc. issued an expanded voluntary recall on Feb. 5 in response to the investigation.

The FDA urges consumers not to eat, sell, or serve recalled brands of cheeses, sour creams (cremas), or yogurts manufactured by Rizo Lopez Foods, Inc. or products made with recalled dairy products.

Consumers should check their refrigerators and freezers for any recalled products and throw them away. Consumers who purchased these products may take them back to the store for a refund or discard them.

Consumers, restaurants, and retailers who purchased or received recalled products, including wholesale products, should carefully clean and sanitize any surfaces or containers that it touched. Listeria can survive in refrigerated temperatures and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces. Follow FDA's safe handling and cleaning advice to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

Letter to the Editor

My name is Brandon Ler. I am the seated Representative for House District 35, which covers all of Richland County. Due to recent redistricting, I am running for House District 33, which covers Richland County south of Highway 200 and all of Dawson County.

As a State Legislator, the topic I receive the most questions about is by far property taxes. Why are Montanans paying so much in property taxes? What's behind the recent property tax hikes?

I believe that property taxes have gone up because of Montana's lack of natural resource development in recent years. Montana is abundant in natural resources and each of these resources plays a fundamental role in the State's economy. A good piece of the taxes collected from the production of coal, timber, oil and natural gas is used to fund key budget items throughout our state, like county infrastructure and local schools. So what happens when production in these industries decline or stop all together? The burden for the current budget, and planning for future needs, is shifted to other taxable entities and individuals.

While natural resource production has declined, the State's budget has not. In fact, with the growing number of new residents, there is an increased demand for more school funding, road maintenance, and improvements to other infrastructure. The increases we've seen in property taxes can be directly linked to the decrease we're seeing in natural resource development, and loss of taxable land we're seeing in our state.

A diverse mix of industry is essential to a strong tax base, and by benching some of our strongest players through never ending litigation for permitting, restricting logging, and shuttering oil and gas production, we're guaranteeing an increase in the demand on other tax paying entities, including our friends and neighbors. The impact of these actions is far reaching, and the increase in property taxes is only part of the impact these reductions have had on Montana taxpayers.

While natural resource development is only one part of a complicated answer, I will continue to support the development of our resources in Montana, and other proposals that will keep your taxes lower.

Representative Brandon Ler, House District 35, 406-

_etter to the Editor

Dear Editor and Fellow Constituents,

Montana's election process belongs to the people. We want to facilitate open and fair discussions during our primaries. The National Republican Senate Committee-Chairman Daines- does not need to choose the Arizona candidates or the candidates for Montana... Montanans can pick our own candidates, we do not need rich establishment politicians spoon feeding us our choices for Federal or State offices. We want fair and honest Elections not Selections.

Now is a time for the Grassroots of Montana to Stand up and Let your voice be heard. As we know, elections have consequences.

Sincerely, Lana Tibbetts Billings, MT Tim Popper Terry, MT Craig Steinbesser Sidney, MT





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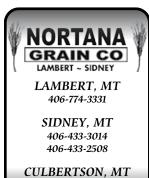
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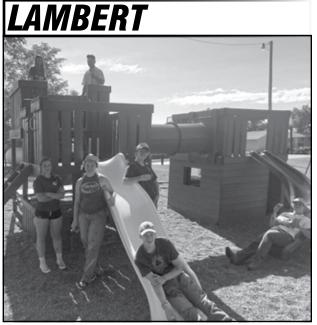


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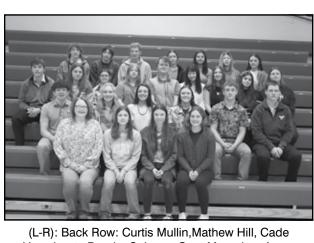
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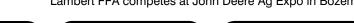


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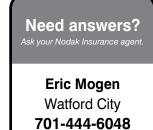
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The Town of Fairview has sufficient cash reserves to cover these unforeseen expenditures. The budget amendment has been placed on file and is open to inspection at Fairview Town Hall. Any taxpayer or resident may appear at the public hearing and be heard for or against any part of the budget amendment. Contact the Fairview Town Clerk, Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box 426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, Montana 59221 by email at townoffairview@ midrivers.com; or call 406-742-5616 during business hours to obtain further information or

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NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Town of Fairview, Montana, will on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Fairview Senior Center, 217 West 5th Street, Fairview, Montana, hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting public input on the perspective projects possible with House Bill 355 State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act.

HB 355 is a state-funded initiative designed to assist cities and towns in financing the maintenance and repair of local government facilities through collaborative efforts. Local governments are required to contribute a cash match to participate in this partnership. Contact the Fairview Town Clerk, Fairview Town Hall, P.O. Box 426, 318 South Central Avenue, Fairview, Montana 59221; by email at townoffairview@ midrivers.com; or call 406-742-5616 during business hours to obtain further information or request an accommodation for a disability. Dated at Fairview, Montana, this 30th day of January, 2024.

Norma F Carlson Fairview Town Clerk

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FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT #3 & #13 REQUESTS FOR **QUALIFICATIONS**

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Fairview School District #3 and #13 is soliciting proposals to hire a firm(s) or individual(s) to provide general engineering architectural, planning, and/ or grant writing/administration services related to the Fairview School Facilities and Property. Fairview School will utilize the selected firm(s) or individual(s) for a period of up to five years for all engineering architectural, planning, and/ or funding-related activities associated with Fairview School Facilities, including but not limited to, the Fairview School electrical design, HVAC design wastewater and water systems, storm drainage, site development, structural design, roof evaluating and design, remodels/additions/ new construction, security, ADA, environmental reviews. environmental abatements, permitting, surveying, and miscellaneous Fairview School **Facilities Projects**

Desired services may include: Repairs and maintenance design and cost estimating, capital improvements, and project development planning; surveying; preliminary and final architectural and/or engineering design; construction management and inspection. The agreement and payment terms will be negotiated with the selected offeror

Responses to this RFQ must not exceed 20 pages - excluding resumes, cover letter, and front and back cover, and table of contents, and must include the following:

1.) The firm's legal name, address, and telephone number. 2.) The principal(s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications.

The experience and qualification of the staff to be assigned to the project.

4.) A description of the firm's prior experience, including any similar projects, total construction cost, and name of a local official knowledgeable regarding the firm's performance

5.) A description of the firm's current work activities and how these activities would be coordinated with a project, as well as the firm's anticipated availability during a project term. 6.) List, including contact names, a minimum of five projects involving services applicable to those outlined in this RFQ.

7.) Specific project experience related to the design of vocational agricultural classroom and workshop.

The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria: 1.) The qualifications of the professional personnel to be assigned to the project 30% 2.) Related experience on similar projects 20%

within the last 10 years for Fairview Schools or similar entity issuing the RFQ 25% 4.) The consultant's capability to meet time and project budget

3.) Recent and current work

requirements 10% 5.) Present and projected workload 10%

6.) Location 5%

Fairview Schools may select the finalists to be interviewed, if necessary, on its evaluation of the written responses. Fairview Schools will select the most qualified offeror(s) whose proposal is deem most advantageous to the residents of Fairview and Richland County, all criteria considered. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified as soon as possible. Please direct all questions to Luke Kloker, Superintendent, 406-742-5265, lkloker@fschool. org. Proposals must be emailed in PDF format to Julie Asbeck, Business Manager, jasbeck@ fschool.org. Hard copies may be mailed to Fairview Schools ATTN: Julie Asbeck, PO Box 467, Fairview, MT 59221. FAIRVIEW SCHOOLS MUST RECEIVE ALL RESPONSES BY 12:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024.

This solicitation is being offered in accordance with federal and state statutes governing the procurement of professional services. Accordingly, Fairview Schools reserves the right to negotiate an agreement based on fair and reasonable compensation for the scope of work and services proposed and the right to reject all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory, or inappropriate. By order of the Board of Trustees. Fairview School District #3 & #13, 713 - South Western Ave.; Fairview, MT 59221. Brad Tveit, Chairman. DATED this 23rd day of January,

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Sidney School

Thurs., Feb. 15: Chicken taco salad, applesauce. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Hot dogs, French fries, peaches, cookies.

Tues., Feb. 20: Chicken nuggets, potatoes & gravy, dinner rolls, fruit fluff, Wed., Feb. 21: Soft shell tacos, mandarin oranges.

Savage School Thurs., Feb. 15: Soup, sandwiches.

Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Beefaroni

Tues., Feb. 20: Meatballs. Wed., Feb. 21: Chicken a la king.

Rau School Thurs., Feb. 15: Grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato

soup, applesauce. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Goulash, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, dinner rolls.

Tues., Feb. 20: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, dinner rolls. Wed., Feb. 21: Ham & turkey pita pockets, bananas, salad, celery, carrots. **Froid School**

Thurs., Feb. 15: Chicken patties on buns, fries, veggies, salad bar, fruit. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Pork chop johns, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggies, salad bar,

Tues., Feb. 20: Taco salad, refried beans, salad bar, fruit.

Wed., Feb. 21: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggies, salad bar, fruit dessert.

Bainville School

Thurs., Feb. 15: Charles Butikofer Day! Chicken sandwiches, tater tots, salad bar, mandarins, dirt cake. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Chicken strips, pineapple, green beans, salad bar,

Tues., Feb. 20: Taco-in-abag, corn, salad bar, tropical fruit.

Wed., Feb. 21: Burgers, fries, salad bar, peaches, celery

Richey School

Thurs., Feb. 15: Western casserole, tuna casserole, veggie, salad bar, fruit, cookies.

Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Chicken pot pie, veggies, salad bar, fruit, bar.

Tues., Feb. 20: Orange chicken, rice, stir fry vegWed., Feb. 21: Spaghetti, French bread, corn, salad bar, fruit, bars.

Culbertson School Thurs., Feb. 15: Pulled pork, baked beans, pears. Fri., Feb. 16: Chicken

strips, carrots, peaches. Mon., Feb. 19: Pizza, salad, pineapple. Tues., Feb. 20: Chicken

alfredo, broccoli, pears. **Wed., Feb. 21:** Turkey ba con cheese wrap, peas, peaches.

Lambert School Thurs., Feb. 15: Sub sandwiches, fresh veggies, fruit. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Enchiladas. fresh veggies, fruit. Tues., Feb. 20: Finger steaks, tots, fruit.

ers, chips, fruit. Fairview School Thurs., Feb. 15: Chicken tacos, Spanish rice, veggie,

Wed., Feb. 21: Bison burg-

fruit, fresh garden bar. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Cheeseburger soup, pretzel bites corn, fruit, fresh garden bar. Tues., Feb. 20: Pogos corn dogs, macaroni & cheese.

kanine krunchies. Wed., Feb. 21: Chicken & waffles, bacon green beans, cinnamon apples, fresh garden bar.

East Fairview School Thurs., Feb. 15: Spaghetti,

garlic bread. Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: Hot ham & cheese

Tues., Feb. 20: Enchilada casserole. Wed., Feb. 21: Macaroni &

cheese

Alexander School Thurs., Feb. 15: Build your own pizza, fruit & vegetable

Fri., Feb. 16: No school. Mon., Feb. 19: No school. Tues., Feb. 20: Taco in the bag, fruit and vegetable bar. Wed., Feb. 21: Zoo nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, fruit & vegetable

Watford City School Thurs., Feb. 15: Knoephla soup, cheese breadsticks, crackers, salad bar, fruit,

veggies. Fri., Feb. 16: Chicken asado. shoestring fries, salad bar, fruit, veggies.

Mon., Feb. 19: No School. Tues., Feb. 20: Cheese pizza, cheez it's crackers, salad bar, fruit, veggies. Wed., Feb. 21: Crispitos, fritos, salad bar, fruit, veggies.



Sidney Gymnastics Gold team (L-R) Brynlee Deming, Hallie Bergstedt, Kleyopatra Zoanni, Malia Larson, Kenzie Koch, Myra Wieland, Paisley Obergfell and Adriene Leintz. Visit roundupweb.com for more photos. (Submitted photo)

Sidney Gymnastics Club Competes At Kim Lupu Meet, Minot, Feb. 3-4

Sidney Gymnastics Kim **Lupu Meet Results, Minot**

Feb. 3-4 **Bronze Team**

Miryn Beyer: Vault: 9.2, 1st: Bars 9.05, 4th; Beam: 9.2, 3rd; Floor: 9.2, 4th; All Around 36.65, 2nd

Hadlev Leintz: Vault: 8.9, 5th; Bars 9.1, 3rd; Beam: 8.65; Floor: 9.2, 4th; All Around 36.65, 2nd

Lena Leintz: Vault: 8.9; Bars 9.05, 5th; Beam: 8.9, 4th; Floor: 9.3, 5th; All Around 36.15, 4th

Bentley Messer: Vault: 9.0, 4th; Bars 8.75; Beam: 9.0, 3rd; Floor: 9.4, 3rd; All Around 36.15, 4th

Team Place: 3rd, 109.3 Silver Team

Skye Alvstad: Vault: 9.2, 1st; Bars: 8.95, 4th; Beam: 8.4, 5th; Floor: 9.0, 4th; All Around: 35.55, 3rd

Rikki Elenberger: Vault:

8.5; Floor: 9.3, 3rd; All Around: 35.25, 4th

Kenzie Jaquith: Vault: 8.8, 1st; Bars: 8.9; Beam: 9.0, 3rd; Floor: 9.25, 1st; All Around: 35.95, 1st

Olivia Lacey: Vault: 8.4, 5th; Bars: 8.9, 5th: Beam 8.9, 3rd; Floor: 9.35, 1st; All Around: 35.55, 3rd

Morgan Murphy: Vault: 8.4; Bars: 9.15, 2nd; Beam: 8.1; Floor: 9.15, 2nd; All Around: 34.8, 4th

Team Place: 4th, 108.5 Gold Team

Hallie Berstedt: Vault: 8.55; Bars: 9.2, 2nd; Beam: 9.25, 1st; Floor: 9.0, 5th; All Around: 36.00, 1st

Brynlee Deming: Vault: 0.00; Bars: 9.0, 2nd; Beam: 8.6, 5th; Floor: 8.6; All Around: 26.2

Kenzie Koch: Vault: 9.3, 2nd; Bars: 9.2, 2nd; Beam:

9.2, 1st; Bars: 8.25; Beam: 7.7, 1st; Floor: 9.0, 5th; All Around: 35.2, 2nd

> Malia Larson: Vault: 9.35, 2nd; Bars: 9.0, 2nd; Beam: 9.2, 3rd; Floor: 9.1, 3rd; All Around: 36.65, 2nd

Adriene Leintz: Vault: 8.65; Bars: 8.3; Beam: 7.6; Floor: 8.6: All Around: 33.15

Paisley Obergfell: Vault: 8.65; Bars: 8.7; Beam: 8.55, 3rd: Floor: 9.1, 4th; All Around: 34.9

Myra Wieland: Vault: 8.9, 5th; Bars: 8.8; Beam: 9.6, 2nd; Floor: 9.3, 2nd: All Around: 36.6, 3rd Kleyopatra Zoanni:

Vault: 7.3; Bars: 8.6; Beam: 7.3; Floor: 7.8: All Around:

Team Placed: 1st, 110.5

Congressman Rosendale Launches U.S. Senate Campaign

Submitted by Aashka Varma, Matt Rosendale for Montana

Helena - Feb. 9, Congressman Matt Rosendale (MT-02) officially declared his candidacy for the United States Senate at the Montana Secretary of State's office in Helena. The announcement event was attended by numerous America First state legislators and supporters.

"For decades, Mitch McConnell and the Washington Establishment have sold the American people short," said Rep. Rosendale. "They've been the architects of a \$34 trillion debt, the invasion taking place at the southern border, allowing China to spy on Americans and emerge as the global superpower, all while enriching their friends with the Green New Deal, at the taxpayer's expense.

"Montanans are sick and tired of having Washington work against them, which is why you sent me to Congress to be your voice. Since I've been elected, I've kept my promise to fight for you and stand up to the Uniparty.

"Having served in the Montana State Legislature, I know what a functioning governing body looks like, which is why I was proud of the work a handful of my colleagues and I did last January to restore regular order to the U.S. House of Representatives. Those changes included single-subject legislation, 72 hours to review bills, and offering amendments on the Floor. These changes allowed us to pass legislation to secure our border, restore America's energy dominance, hold China accountable, and reduce spending.

"Unfortunately, Mitch McConnell and the Uniparty in the Senate killed every single one of these measures and continue to use swamp tactics to add to our \$34 trillion debt and allow the invasion at our border to continue.

"Over the last several months, I have been humbled by the overwhelming support I received from Montanans across the state to challenge Jon Tester. While it has truly been an honor and a privilege to represent Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives, it is difficult for me to stand by and allow Mitch McConnell to select our next senator who would be another voice for the Uniparty and another vote for every porkfilled omnibus that comes through the Senate, which is why I am running for the U.S. Senate. "Our republic is tattered and torn, but it is not defeated. We need to send a shock to the system to restore it. So today, I am asking for your support to run for the U.S. Senate so together we can rebuild this great nation."

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