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Facebook Post Causes Temporary Closure Of Sidney Business

By Dianne Swanson

A Facebook post by Nick Weeks, Williston, ND, which was shared to multiple groups on Wednesday, March 20 showing a worm on his shirt and a burger from Burger King in Sidney, resulted in the temporary closure and thorough inspection of the restaurant.

Co-owner of Burger King, Jen Dirk, said that immediately upon hearing about the post, she called the Richland County Health Department and told her staff to pull everything they were using and keep it, pending an inspection. Dirk said she has been with Burger King for 31 years and is proud of the Sidney location for passing the health inspection with flying colors. She also said that she questioned Weeks about his experience at the store and whether he had a dog. He said that the customer service was very good. The post was taken down on Thursday, March 21.

Richland County Health Inspector Stephanie Ler said she received a call from Weeks and asked him to send her the video. He did not, but she saw it on Facebook shortly thereafter.

Ler conducted a risk-based assessment of Burger

King since she believed the worm was a dog tapeworm, focusing on the factors that could have caused that kind of physical contamination. She interviewed the staff about their health and interaction with their pets, as well as their pets' health. She observed their hand washing techniques and inspected their uniforms. She then hand sorted all of the food products that were left from the day of the incident, including six bags of chopped iceberg lettuce. Another restaurant had called concerned about whether lettuce was the culprit and if they should be worried about their stock. She found no evidence of worms or any other contamination. All those products were disposed of and she completed the remainder of the inspection.

In a statement, Ler said, "Overall I did not find any evidence of contamination nor any condition that would pose a risk to the public. This is our job at the Health Department, to ensure that there aren't any conditions that pose a risk to the public. Once I could confirm that the store met the food safety requirements set by the FDA, I authorized them to open at noon on Thursday. The



store closed voluntarily on Wednesday evening, which means that I did not have to invoke the power given to me by state law and local health code to forcibly close them. The local staff and management and district management were extremely cooperative. Even though I did not close them under our Health Code, I followed

the procedures set out in Code to reopen them."

Ler went on to state, "The Health Department takes each complaint seriously and follows up on each complaint. We have policies, plans and procedures in place, including those that come down from the FDA, to investigate complaints and mitigate risks to the public's

health."

The Roundup has reached out to Mr. Weeks

multiple times and has received no response.

2C Pepsi Classic All Star Basketball Game April 9



By Dianne Swanson

Catch some exciting basketball with the best players from District 2C competing in the 3rd Annual 2C Pepsi Classic All Star Games on Tuesday, April 9 in Lambert. The top 16 boys and top 16 girls from District 2C have committed to play that evening. Tip off for the girls' game is at 6 p.m. MDT followed by the boys at 7:30.

Lambert senior Graceelyn Gonsioroski and junior Keira Rains, planners for this year's big event, are working hard to ensure a great experience for the players and fans. A generous \$1500 donation from Pepsi helps sponsor the entire event. The \$5 gate admission pays for the rest, including jerseys, refs and MVP trophies. "We couldn't do it without them," Gonsioroski said.

Players from across the district will converge

on Lambert with the goal of winning bragging rights for the year. They are All Conference winners as voted on by coaches, divided evenly into teams. They have no opportunity to practice together although there may be more than one player from a particular school.

Coaches, who can not be current District 2C coaches, are Bill Triplett, Blue Boys and Girls teams; Keri Jorgensen, Girls White; Cody Stepler and Grady Gonsioroski, Boys White team. In a tradition started last year, one girl and one boy will earn MVP for the night, chosen by the referees.

Regular season may be over but these games will give fans one more chance to see some great high school basketball so plan to be in Lambert April 9.

SHS Cheer & Drill Teams Bring Home Gold



Back row (L to R): Coach Alyssa Cadwalader, Victoria Kyhl, Whisper Enriquez, Claire Steinbeisser, Sophie Pust, Kaiden Roote, AnnDee Eksteen, Rebecca Hoffman, and Mackenzie Wadley. Middle row (L to R): Kinley Wieland, Kodi Zoanni, Ella Norby, Teagan Kauffman, Ellie Burns, Madison Kapp, Callee Manning, McKenna Sparks, Ruby Reidle, and Coach Weslie Zoanni. Front row (L to R): Maude Hammerly, Shaniah Painter, Makayla Sparks, Savanna Juarez, Lexi Rang, Tayten Bright, Abby Schilling, Lilly Tranquill, Nutsa Nozadze, and Brooklynn Boyer. (Submitted photo)

By Robyn Heck

The Sidney High School Cheerleaders and the Eagle Drill Team competed at Cheerfest in Lewistown, MT on Friday, March 15.

The drill team competed with their routine to "Thunderstruck". They took first place. Our drill team seniors competed with a routine to "Smooth Criminal" and took second place. Senior Tayten Bright also took first place in the tumble off.

"I am beyond proud of the accomplishments of this team! It was absolute perfection watching them compete!" said Drill Team

head coach Weslie Zoanni.

The cheerleaders also came home with a first place in their division.

"One of our team goals we set last June for this year was to get the opportunity to compete at CheerFest 2024. The SHS Cheer team had not competed at this event since 2021. This is one of the events that most cheer athletes had looked forward to as they moved into high school, so we are incredibly grateful to bring that event back to our program!", said head cheerleading coach Alyssa Cadwalader (Coach "Cad").

The cheerleaders had a great time while bringing the energy, cleanliness, and precision it took to win first place in their division. Having 12 cheerleaders on the mat put them in the small group division for class A. Any cheer teams with 13 or more members compete in the large group division. "We were incredibly proud of our performance from the moment we stepped off the mat. You could see it in the girls' faces! I told the girls before they started to leave everything on the "mat". They truly did just that!" said Cadwalader.

Cadwalader continued: "As a coach, I am just so proud of all the obstacles we overcame this year as a team, the relationships that were built, and the willingness the girls had to have extra practices, try new things, and adapt when needed. This program has a pretty stellar group. Our season starts in August and does not end until March. The dedication and commitment from this group over the last eight months, has been outstanding and it certainly paid off!"

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MONDAYS:
 12 p.m. - **Monday Noon AA Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 12 p.m. - **"We Are Not Saints AA Meeting, Watford City** - Glory of the Lord Church, use back door entrance, handicap accessible.
 7 p.m. - **Hope For Today Al-Anon Family Group Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228
 7 p.m. - **24-hour Women's AA Group Meeting Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

WEDNESDAYS:
 6:30 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery, Watford City** - Assembly of God
 7 p.m. - **24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane.
 7 p.m. - **Al-Anon Meeting, Watford City** - Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE.
 8 p.m. - **AA Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Call 701-770-3603 or 701-770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side
 8 p.m. - **NA Meetings, Watford City** - First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd St. NW, use 3rd Ave. NW entrance.

SATURDAYS:
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - **24-Hr AA Group Meeting, Watford City** - Northern Pump & Compression. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
 1 p.m. - **Sober Soaks AA/NA Meeting, Fairview** - Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Upstairs Fellowship Room.
 7 p.m. - **AA Welcome Home Group, Sidney** - Prairie Hills Fellowship Hall, 623 N. Central, white building, enter through back entrance door, SE side.
 7 p.m. - **Living Free NA Group, Sidney** - Candlewood Suites, 201 6th St. NW, Room 228

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT
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Current Elevation.....1835.4
 Last Week's Elev.1835.2
 One Year Ago1824.7
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
 Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 18	66	17	0.000
March 19	46	24	0.000
March 20	26	18	0.000
March 21	25	11	0.000
March 22	25	9	0.000
March 23	25	17	0.000
March 24	23	13	0.000
Total 2024 YTD Precipitation.....			0.470

OBITUARIES

Steve Jay Joslin, 81, Sidney, MT



Steve Joslin

A Memorial Service was held Monday March 18, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT, with Pastor Barb Haugerud officiating. A luncheon followed the service for a time of fellowship and sharing. Steve's ashes will be scattered on the farm in a private family ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Boys and Girls Club or Pella Lutheran Church in Steve's name. Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Steven Jay Joslin, rural Sidney, MT, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024, at his home on the family farm surrounded by loved ones at the age of 81 after a short but courageous battle with ALS.

Steve was born at the Sidney Hospital on Feb. 20, 1943, to Glen and Sena (Hundtoft) Joslin. He attended Ridgelawn School through his eighth-grade year. He graduated from Sidney High School in 1961. He was a lifelong resident of the area. After high school graduation, Steve went to work at Boeing in Seattle, WA, but his heart belonged in Montana to work on the family's farm with his father.

Steve married Annette (Schaaf) Joslin on Dec. 27, 1975. He took over the operation of the farm in 1974. He, along with Annette, spent decades expanding the successful farm business. Steve was honored as an outstanding sugar beet farmer several times.

Steve loved the farm, his family and travel. He and Annette were fortunate enough to enjoy Australia, Russia, Europe and Florida. He was always open to exciting new experiences and foods. His quiet, gentle manner made it easy for him to make new friends. Most who knew Steve were familiar with his sense of humor. He did SO love to tease Annette. They enjoyed almost 50 years of laughter. In addition, he was an incredibly generous man sharing his good fortune with family and charitable organizations.

Steve is survived by his wife, Annette; daughter Theresa (Mike); grandson Dmitri, Sidney; granddaughter Brianna (Jon) Schaefer, Belle Fourche, SD; William Steppe, Idaho; brother Joe (Kathy), Sidney; sister Betty Erlandsen, New Hope, MN; sister Carolyn Joslin, Coeur d'Alene, ID; brother Alan (Jan), Chanhassen, MN; three great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Steve in death were his parents Glen and Sena, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. He was a lifelong member of Pella Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Boys and Girls Club of Richland County or Pella Lutheran Church.

Steve faced his ALS diagnosis with dignity and humor. He was lovingly cared for at home by his wife, daughter and grandson. He left this world as he wanted: "on the farm!"

MT Stockgrowers Association To Host Producer Profitability Listening Session For Area Ranchers

By Dianne Swanson

The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) is hosting a Producer Profitability listening session for all area ranchers on Tuesday, April 2 at 5 p.m. MDT at the Sidney Livestock Center. The local MSGA board, plus staff from the Helena office, invite all Montana and North Dakota livestock producers to attend and provide input and ideas on where the American livestock industry can be strengthened. Membership in MSGA is not required.

Local member Kristin Larson said one of the concerns is how to get more cows back into production after having so many sold in recent years due to drought and various other factors. The other is how to enable young people to make a living as a rancher. She said the markets are still very good but there are issues and MSGA wants to hear about them from producers.

The session is part of MSGA's Producer Profitability Initiative, a grass roots movement started and led by cattle ranchers who have a vision to create a sustainable future for the American livestock industry.

Sidney City Hall To Be Closed April 1-2

Sidney City Hall staff will be relocating back to the original office space on Monday and Tuesday, April 1-2. Since all computers, phone lines, furniture and more must be moved, the office will be inoperable for those days. This includes no phone payments.

City Council will meet as usual on Monday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the temporary office.

City Hall will re-open Wednesday, April 3 with visitors using the original front door once again.

Fairview Loaf 'N Jug Earns Montana Lottery Award

Congratulations to Manager Salina Huggins and the team at Loaf 'N Jug in Fairview for earning the Montana Lottery 2024 Sales Agent of the Year Award.

The award is given to sales agents that meet and exceed the criteria for excellence in sales, engagement, positive promotion and product management.

Manager Salina Huggins accredits their success to the stores' team members, who ensure lottery tickets are always stocked and that every new employee is fully trained on the lottery terminal.

Montana's annual lottery revenue has increased by nearly \$90 million since 2020. The 2023 fiscal year reached record sales of nearly \$150 million.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

Wed., March 27
 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 - April 1-27: - **Charles Beck "Artist + Muse"** - April 3-27: **MDHCs Annual "Youth Art Show"** - 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/>.

Thurs., March 28, April 4 & 11; Tues., April 2 and 9
 5:30-7 p.m. - **Richland County Baseball in Person Registration** - Sidney High School Commons. Or sign up online using the link in the about section on Richland County Baseball's Facebook page.

Fri., March 29
 10:15 a.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** - Ages 0-5. Children will hunt in small groups & be guaranteed eggs. (Library closed for normal business) Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW.

11 a.m. - **Sidney Elks Lodge No. 1782 Easter Egg Hunt Rescheduled** - Veterans Memorial Park, 218 6th St. SE.

4-7 p.m. - **Girl Scout Cookie Booth Troop 2433** - The Market, 203 2nd Ave. NW.

Wed., April 1 & Thurs., April 2
 All Day - **Sidney City Hall Office Closed Including No Phone Payments** - The staff will be relocating back to the original office space & will reopen April 3 with visitors using the original front door. City Council will meet as usual on April 1, 6:30 p.m. in the temporary office. City Hall will re-open Wednesday, April 3rd with visitors using the original front door once again.

Tues., April 2
 5 p.m. - **Producer Profitability Listening Session** - All livestock producers are invited to attend & provide input & ideas on areas where the American Livestock industry can be strengthened. Sidney Livestock Market Center, 720 10th Ave SE.

Thurs., April 4 & Tues., April 9
 5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Tiger Sharks In Person Registration & Mandatory Parent Meeting** - Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW. Only required to attend one evening.

Sun., April 7
 2 p.m. - **Sidney Gymnastics Club Spring Show "Tumbling Through The Decades"** - Sidney High School, 1012 4th Ave SE.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

Thurs., March 28
 6:30 p.m. - **Worship Night** - All are welcome. Watford City Civic Center Gym, 213 2nd St. NE.

Fri., March 29
 6-8 p.m. - **Spring Crocus Watercolor Class** - Ages 8+, all supplies included, no experience necessary. Cost \$18. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info visit www.longxarts.com.

Sat., March 30
 10 a.m.-noon - **Easter Egg Hunt** - Ages 0-9, hunts starts at 10:15 a.m. Meet the Easter Bunny. Face painting & games. Good Shepherd Home, 709 4th Ave. NE. Visit www.facebook.com/mckenziehealth/ for updates in case of inclement weather.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Art for Tots** - Art class geared for tots, preschooler & kindergartner. Painting, weaving, coloring, drawing, clay & more. \$15 per child. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

Wed., April 3 & May 1
 5 p.m. - **Switcholio Cornhole Tournament** - This tournament uses the Scoreholio App. You will be randomly drawn partners to play some round robin games & then placed with a partner for a tournament. \$15/person; age 21+; cash prizes. Registration 5-6 p.m., tournament starts 6 p.m., Rough Rider Center Convention Hall. For more info email Nikki, nicoles@roughridercenter.com.

Fri., April 5
 5 p.m. - **Alexander Public School Foundation's Cornhole & Pinochle** - Steak dinner, 5-7 p.m., bring the family. New Alexander Fire Hall; Foundation Event, ages 21+ Silent & live auction, 5-9 p.m.; Cornhole & Pinochle, 7 p.m.-midnight. Alexander Firehall. All proceeds will go toward educational & athletic opportunities for Alexander School students. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/AlexanderSchoolFoundation/>.

5-7 p.m. - **Rainbow Candle Dipping Class** - Learn the art of hand-dipping candles. Fee \$15 a person for 2 candles. All supplies & materials included. Ages 6+ recommended with adult supervision. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW. For more info call 701-770-8659.

6-8 p.m. - **Spring To Life: Session 1: Growing A Garden** - No charge for classes, donations accepted. Light snack will be served. Sessions will be the 1st Friday of each month. McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum, 904 2nd Ave SW.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

Wed., March 27
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. - **Williston Community Library 4th Annual Community Egg Hunt** - Free & open to all ages. Williston Community Library, 22 E. Broadway.

Fri., March 29, 7 p.m. & Sat., March 30, 2 p.m.
Come to the show "Hiding Eggs" - An Easter comedy for the whole family. Free event. Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1320 19th Ave. W.

Mon., April 1, 8 & 15
 6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Spring Fever Garden Forums** - Free event. Gardeners may attend the forums & educators will be there to share educational materials & expertise. NDSU Extension Williams County, 5218 141st Ave. NW, or join online at www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/events/2024-spring-fever-garden-forums. For more info call 701-231-7881.

Tues., April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & May 7; Thurs., April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 & 9

5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Strength Development Workouts** - A series of 45 minutes progressive workouts, designed to build strength in science backed phases. Accessible to everyone, experienced lifters & those just starting out. Williston ARC, 822 18th St. E. Fee \$75. Sign up at www.willistonparks.com. For more email Rhonda@wprd.us.

Fri., April 5
 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. - **CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Foundation Indoor Golf Challenge** - Consists of a 4-member team participating in a longest drive, chipping and putting competitions. The Range- Sports Bar and Simulators, 3210 27th St. W.

Sun., April 7
 8 a.m. - **First Lutheran Church Easter Cantata** - A musical journey to resonate with the depth and significance of the Easter Season. Featuring the "Lamb of God" by Rob Gardner presented by The Williston Symphony Orchestra. First concert, 9 a.m.; Breaking Bread Potluck, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; second concert, 4 p.m. First Lutheran Church, 916 Main St.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT.

Sun., March 31
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** - Tractor Supply Company, 2808 W. Towne St.

Fri., April 5
 6:30-11 p.m. - **Designer Purse Bingo Eastside Elite Baseball & Softball Fundraiser** - Designer Purse Bingo tickets \$50 for \$10 games; silent auction. Games start at 7:30 p.m. Moose Lodge, 415 N. Merrill Ave.

Fri., April 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat., April 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Glendive Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling - Art, crafts, vendors, free admission. EPEC, 313 S. Merrill Ave. For more info contact Barb, 406-377-3602.

Avery Is Reading Royalty

Submitted

Avery Hermanson achieved a huge milestone by reading 1,000 books! Avery is an enthusiastic reader and reads five books each night but would happily read more. Her favorites include Fancy Nancy, Taylor Swift, and Disney Princesses. She looks forward to her weekly library visits with mom and grandma, and loves participating in Storytime at the park. Avery enjoys swimming, playing with her dolls, and all things unicorn. When she grows up, Avery wants to be a nurse, firefighter, and veterinarian. Avery, age 5, is the daughter of Wyatt and Caycee Hermanson.

To encourage a love of reaching in children, the Sidney-Richland County Library is promoting "1,000 Books before Kindergarten", a nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud with their children every

day. Research continually shows that children who are read aloud to every day before kindergarten will have higher scores and more success when they begin school. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and learning.

The theme of the Sidney-Richland County Library program is "Reading is Magic". Children receive a small prize at each 100-level milestone, and at the end of the program participants earn a certificate and T-shirt for successful completion. This program is free to

children ages 0-5 and their families. Stop by the library to sign up today!

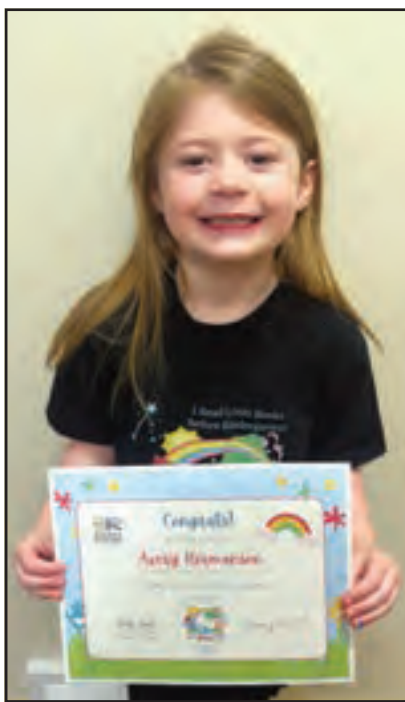


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Community Power Hour

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce held their Community Power Hour on March 19 at the MSU Extension office conference room in Sidney. Montana State House candidates (L-R) Morgan Thiel (R) House District 30, Brandon Ler (R) House District 33 and Kathy Hoiland (R) House District 33 were in attendance. The candidates provided opening statements and answered question on agriculture, education and other local and state issues.

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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 2, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Interstate Engineering office, 2177 Lincoln Ave S.E., 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 4:00PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 to the County Planner. To request an accommodation for a disability, please contact the County Planner. City/County Planning Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:00 PM Interstate Engineering Office 2177 Lincoln Ave S.E., Sidney, MT 7:00 pm – Meeting Call to Order – President Trumpower
1. Roll Call: Verify Quorum
2. Approval of preceding meeting minutes:
a. March 5, 2024
3. Petitions and Communications from audience (Public Comments):
4. Public Hearings: none
5. Regular Business/Action Items:
a. Discuss and review updates to the Richland County Subdivision Regulations based on the 2021 and 2023 Montana Legislatures
b. Planning Board discussion.
6. Written Communications: None
7. Reports from Planning Board

Committees: None
8. Staff Reports: None
9. Discussions on land use issues in Richland County, City of Sidney, and Town of Fairview: None
10. Adjourn:
Next Board meeting: July 2, 2024
Dated at Sidney, Montana this 22nd day of March, 2024
Rachel Laqua
Richland County Contract Planner

MNAXLP (Publish March 27, 2024.)

CALL FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Montana, will on Monday, the Fifteenth (15th) day of April 2024 at 11:00 a.m., in their office in Sidney, Montana, open sealed bids for the purchase of:
SUPPLY OF MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE FOR 2024 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 should be directed to the County Clerk & Recorder, 201 West Main Street, Sidney, MT or 406.433.1708, no later than Friday, April 12th, 2024. Alternative accessible formats of this notice are available upon request. 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 18 th day of March 2024.
Duane Mitchell, Commission Chair

MNAXLP (Publish March 27, April 3 and 10, 2024.)

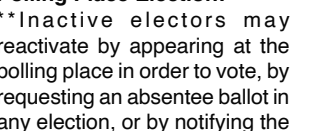


REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS
Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Board of Control (LYIPBOC)
2327 Lincoln Ave SE. Sidney, MT 59270
Office= (406) 433-1306
email= LYIP@midrivers.com
Notice is hereby given; That Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Board of Control (LYIPBOC); Sidney, Montana, will, on Tuesday the 16th day of April, 2024 at 1:30 o'clock pm in their office at the LYIPBOC headquarters; 2327 Lincoln Ave SE.; Sidney, MT 59270 will open sealed bids for the purchase of a new:
DIESEL POWERED HYDRAULIC LONG REACH EXCAVATOR With Ditch Cleaning Bucket

A detailed list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the LYIPBOC. No bid will be considered unless; Accompanied by a bid bond, in the amount of not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid. **The board reserves the right to hold the bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.** Bid will present in a sealed envelope containing a complete copy of the bid, specifications, and Exceptions to the Specifications clearly marked.
Call Project Manager James Brower (406) 433-1306 or (406) 478-4502 with any questions or e-mail jbrover@midrivers.com.
2024 LONG REACH EXCAVATOR BID
The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid they deem to be in the best interest of LYIPBOC. Starting this 11th day of March 2024 the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project will be accepting bids until **Tuesday the 16th day of April, 2024 at 1:00 o'clock pm.**

MNAXLP (Publish March 20 and 27 2024.)

SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the School Election(s) to be held on Tuesday May 7th, 2024, will close at 5:00 p.m., on Monday April 8th, 2024. *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



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.
DATED this 27th day of February 2024.
Stephanie Verhasselt
Richland County Election Administrator


MNAXLP (Publish March 13, 20 and 27, 2024.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UNTIL 5:00 P.M. April 1, 2024 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, Unison
ITEM FOUR: Method
ITEM FIVE: E-2
ITEM SIX: Fulldeck
ITEM SEVEN: Rejuvera
ITEM EIGHT: Grounded or equivalent
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 or equivalent
ITEM SIXTEEN: Surfactant (AD90, Spreader90, or equivalent)
ITEM SEVENTEEN: Habitat or Polaris or Arsenal
ITEM EIGHTEEN: PlainView
ITEM NINETEEN: Vista
ITEM TWENTY: Payload
ITEM TWENTY ONE: Lockdown
ITEM TWENTY TWO: Venue
NOTE:
VENDERS, PLEASE BID EACH ITEM SEPARATELY
BIDS SHALL HOLD FOR THE 2024 SPRAY SEASON
BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON April 2nd at 10:00 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:
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ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #13
RESOLUTION UNDER SENATE BILL 307
RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
20-9-116, MCA mandates the Fairview School Board of Trustees estimate possible permissive levies that may be utilized in August. As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Fairview School District Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Fairview School District Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund	2023-2024 Tax Levies		2024-2025 Projections		2024-2025 Tax Levies		2024-2025 Tax Levies		2024-2025 Tax Levies	
	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue
General - District	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
General - Fairview	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Transportation	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Facilities	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Food Service	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Building Reserve	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Building Reserve - State	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Grand Total	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00

*These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2023) certified taxable valuations (\$12,365,681) provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year. At this time the amount shown on the resolution are estimates only, required under provision of 20-9-116, MCA. Accurate numbers for ending fund balance, reserves and appropriation, all of which affect permissive tax levy revenues, are not known until after the fiscal year end books are closed, which is after June 30. Taxable value for the FY25 budgets, which is used to calculate the number of mills needed to generate the tax levy revenue, is not received from the Department of Revenue until August 1.

Transportation increase is due to regular increases in fuel, repairs and maintenance of buses. The Building Reserve fund is comprised of the State Permissive Levy of \$20,000. Building repairs and maintenance will still be the main use of these funds, however many projects will also utilize these funds. These projects include: Lockers 99-154, LED lighting/drop ceiling in high school, Vo-Ag Building, Track In-Field and Shot-Put Area, Exterior Siding on School Complex, Door Entry System Upgrade and Boiler Upgrades.

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RAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #21 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Rau Elementary School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose permissive levies to support its budget in Richland County Elementary School District #21. The Rau Elementary School Board of Trustees estimate the following increases/decreases in tax levies and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 using certified taxable valuations from 2023 as provided to the District by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR):

Fund	2023-2024 Tax Levies		2024-2025 Projections		2024-2025 Tax Levies		2024-2025 Tax Levies		2024-2025 Tax Levies	
	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue
General - District	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
General - Fairview	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Transportation	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Facilities	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Food Service	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Building Reserve	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Building Reserve - State	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00
Grand Total	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00

*These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2023) certified taxable valuations provided by the MDOR for the current school year. 2024 Taxable Property Valuations will not be available until the end of July 2024. The new figure will include newly taxable property, changes in assessed value and have an impact on the number of mills levied as well as the tax impact on a \$100,000 and \$200,000 home

- The number of mills levied will be impacted by ending Fund Cash Balances as of 6/30/2024 to be re-appropriated for the 2024-25 fiscal year
- The number of mills levied will be impacted by the amount of estimated 2023-2024 revenue actually received by 6/30/2024 (including taxes currently levied, assessed and outstanding)

A PERMISSIVE LEVY IN THE BUILDING RESERVE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS/SAFETY & SECURITY MEASURES:

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Updates to exterior walkway surfaces and building exterior
- Improvements to parking lot

2024-2025 projects are anticipated to be completed with fund cash balances available as of 6/30/24, oil & gas revenue and a permissive levy in the Building Reserve.

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Sidney: Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
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
Fairview: Men/Cards, Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.; Women's Cards: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050
Sidney: Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077
Lambert: Cards, Tues., 1 p.m.; Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

Senior Commodity Distribution (Change)
2190 W Holly St., 406-433-3701; the last full Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. of each month

Lunch Menus!

Sidney School
Thurs., March 28: Tony's pizza, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, cookies.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Corn dogs, oven wedges, mandarin oranges.
Wed., April 3: French toast, sausage links, hash browns, orange juice.

Culbertson School
Thurs., March 28 - April 2: No school.
Wed., April 3: Hot turkey with gravy, peas, pears.
Lambert School
Thurs., March 28 - Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Beef stroganoff, pasta, corn, fruit.
Wed., April 3: Pizza sticks, criss cuts, fruit.

Savage School
Thurs., March 28: Taco soup.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Pulled pork.
Wed., April 3: Tater tot hotdish.

Fairview School
Thurs., March 28: Deli turkey subs, pasta salad, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Cordon bleu chicken burgers, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.
Wed., April 3: French dip, French fries, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar.

Rau School
Thurs., March 28: Super nachos, gems, pears, carrot sticks.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Corn dogs, green beans, French fries, mandarin oranges.
Wed., April 3: Ham & turkey pita pockets, broccoli salad, bananas.

East Fairview School
Thurs., March 28: Pizza.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Orange chicken & rice.
Wed., April 3: Taco in a bag.

Froid School
Thurs., March 28 - Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Corn dogs, chips, baked beans, fruit, salad bar.
Wed., April 3: Missouri's Day! Pizza stromboli, smiley fries, mixed veggies, apple crisp, salad bar.

Alexander School
Thurs., March 28: Tuna noodle or cheesy lasagna, peas, dinner rolls, fruit & vegetable bar.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.
Tues., April 2: Slush burgers, sun chips, fruit & vegetable bar.
Wed., April 3: Chicken burgers or fish patties, fries, fruit & vegetable bar.

Bainville School
Thurs., March 28-Mon., April 1: No school.

Richey School
Thurs., March 28: Tater tot casserole, bread, broccoli, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., March 29 & Mon., April 1: No school.

Watford City School
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HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
RESOLUTION UNDER SENATE BILL 307

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
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Fund	2023 Actual		2024 Est. Proposed		2025 Est. Proposed		Change Proposed 2024	Change Proposed 2025	2025 Annual Tax	2025 Annual Tax	2025 Annual Tax
	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	\$	Mills					
General Fund	147,907	11.15	352,229	17.61	34,296	0.31	832	0.02	11,242	25.78	11,112
Debt Service	21,417	1.67	0	0	12,910	1.00	0	0	14,544	0.00	14,544
Transportation	107,812	8.23	114,232	10.61	9,799	0.09	0	0	1,300	2.91	1,300
State Operations	29,000	2.23	16,000	1.23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acad Fund	12,482	0.96	41,273	3.18	7,781	0.60	0	0	1,160	2.58	1,160
Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building Reserve	14,000	1.08	14,000	1.08	0	0	0	0	1,160	2.58	1,160
Building Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	309,206	23.29	471,761	36.27	62,435	4.78	832	0.02	14,602	33.02	14,488

*These impacts are based on ESTIMATED mills using current (2023) certified taxable valuations (\$13,341,441) provided by the Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR) for the current school year. At this time the amount shown on the resolution are estimates only, required under provision of 20-9-116, MCA. Accurate numbers for ending fund balance, reserves and appropriation, all of which affect permissive tax levy revenues, are not known until after the fiscal year end books are closed, which is after June 30. Taxable value for the FY25 budgets, which is used to calculate the number of mills needed to generate the tax levy revenue, is not received from the Department of Revenue until August 1.

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Homestead Subdivision Welcoming Buyers



By Dianne Swanson

The Homestead subdivision, owned by MPEG Land Development, LLC, consists of approximately 26 acres just north of the Justice Center in Sidney. Currently zoned for B2 Neighborhood Business, co-owner Don Sterhan explained that the original plan for the subdivision was family housing. However, the company feels needs have changed and are now pursuing more commercial plans and options on what they consider to be a great location.

He said infrastructure is mostly in place and lots are for sale. The company is offering multiple choices for buyers including build-to-suit and lease back, or providing financing, depending on the buyer. Sterhan said the development is a nice asset and has great value for the growth and development of Sidney. "Hopefully we find buyers that fit into that growth trend," he said.

Sidney Public Works director Jeff Hintz said the county did a land swap with MPEG within the past year where the county gained some acreage north of the Justice Center and MPEG acquired some highway frontage property. According to Sterhan, 1.3 acres along Holly St. have been sold to Ag West, formerly Farm Credit Services.

Buyers interested in this prime real estate are encouraged to call Don Sterhan at 406-254-1677.

Left: The Homestead subdivision is located near the Justice Center in Sidney.

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ND Department of Commerce Announces New Grant Program to Help Businesses Automate and Address Workforce Shortages

The North Dakota Department of Commerce announced the launch of the Automate ND Grant Program, a new initiative designed to help North Dakota businesses overcome

workforce shortages and increase productivity through automation.

The program, funded with \$5 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will provide grants

of up to \$500,000 to North Dakota Primary Sector Certified (PSC) businesses, such as those in manufacturing and agricultural processing. These grants can be used to cover up to 50% of the cost of purchasing or leasing machinery, equipment, and software for automation projects.

"North Dakota businesses are facing a significant workforce shortage," Head of Investments and Innovation for Commerce Shayden Akason said. "The Automate ND Grant Program will help these businesses invest in automation technologies that can increase their productivity and allow them to expand without needing to hire additional staff."

The program aims to achieve several key objectives:

- Increase productivity per employee: Automation can help businesses produce more goods and services with fewer workers.
- Create upskilling opportunities: Businesses can use grant funds from the Technical Skills Training Grant (track C) to conduct a feasibility study on the purchase of automation equipment and train their employees on how to operate and maintain the new

equipment.

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To be eligible for the Automate ND Grant Program, businesses must:

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- Complete a third-party feasibility study that assesses the project's impact on productivity, workforce needs, and return on investment (ROI).

Applications for the Automate ND Grant Program will be accepted from March 21st to May 30th, 2024.

For further information about the Automate ND Grant Program, please visit the following link: ndgov/AutomateND.

McKenzie County Fatal Crash March 18

A 2020 Ram 1500, driven by Darek Pederson, 47, Blaine, MN, was westbound on Highway 23 Monday, March 18, approximately 7 miles west of New Town, ND. The vehicle crossed over the centerline into the eastbound lanes and struck a Peterbilt truck driven by John Youngblood, 53, Ross, ND.

The Ram 1500 came to rest in the center of the highway facing south while the Peterbilt came to rest in the south ditch of the eastbound lanes. The driver of the Ram 1500 was flown to Trinity Hospital and succumbed to his injuries on March 19.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Agencies involved were Three Affiliated Tribes Police, North Dakota Highway Patrol, McKenzie County Sheriff's Dept., New Town Fire Dept., New Town Ambulance and Trinity First Response.

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MFU Members Help Shape National Policy

Family farmers and ranchers from Montana traveled to Scottsdale, AZ., March 10-12 for the 122nd National Farmers Union convention. Delegates and attendees heard from nationally known speakers, administration officials, and each other during policy debate.

Over the past year, NFU has increased membership by more than 12,600 members, as well as continued the impactful Fairness for Farmers campaign. This campaign and meetings with administration officials in the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Environmental Quality have elevated issues of importance to farmers, like right to repair, and anti-competitive practices and market concentration.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack also took time to address attendees with updates on the Farm Bill and answer questions.

He also announced a Product of the USA labeling rule that requires packages of meat labeled as "Product of the USA" to be born, raised, and processed in the

USA. Product with packaging that includes an image of the U.S. flag must also be born, raised, and processed in the U.S.

MFU President Walter Schweitzer called the rule a "great first step" toward mandatory country of origin labeling and said the rule will give U.S. ranchers credit for their high-quality product and give consumers confidence because of truthful labels.

Half of the convention schedule is dedicated to policy considerations, debate, and votes. Policy informs the organization and dictates which issues NFU's president and staff will promote or oppose. Montana's delegation played an active role during policy consideration.

Federal farm subsidies were one issue that was discussed during policy work. As a family farm organization, NFU is concerned that 85 percent of farm subsidy money goes to the largest 15 percent of farms. Numerous policy proposals discussed methods of redirecting government funding. Most proposals generated spirited debate but failed to pass. One proposal would

have altered the way the Farm Service Agency Credit Programs evaluated retirement accounts. The change was opposed by Montana delegate Sarah Degn who said, "I came back to the farm with a little bit saved in a retirement account from a previous career. Having to liquidate that account to finance my farm or call that an asset to acquire a loan would have incurred a huge penalty. Farmers deserve to save for retirement too."

Sometimes national policy must be expanded because regional or state needs have become relevant nationally. Erik Somerfeld, an MFU board member and veteran delegate, proposed and successfully passed new policy.

"MFU has had policy opposing the removal of dams on the Snake and Columbia River systems since 1999. Until the last year or so, we hadn't been worried that this could happen. Now that it is possible, we passed policy at National to protect the hydropower produced and the grain shipped by those river systems," Somerfeld explained.

Whether it was network-

ing with NFU members from around the country, learning from industry experts, hearing updates from Biden Administration officials about their headway tackling anti-competitive practices, or helping craft policy to direct the organization in the coming year, MFU delegates left convention hopeful, inspired, and more dedicated to the success of family farms and ranches than ever.

"I'm inspired and re-

minded why farming is so important. I come home ready and eager to go to work," MFU member John Wicks said. "This administration is listening to our concerns and actually taking action. It's refreshing to see the work of all these people come to fruition for family farms, and it shows that being involved is important and is the only way to get results."

Montana Farmers Union has worked more

than 100 years for family farms, ranches, and rural communities. MFU supports its members through: Strong education programs for both youth and adults, by advocating member-driven policies and legislation at the state and federal level, and cooperation through producer-owned co-ops. For more information, visit www.montanafarmersunion.com.



Montana Farmers Union delegates recently attended National Farmers Union's annual convention in Arizona. While there, they heard from industry leaders, as well as helped craft the policy that laid the groundwork for NFU's efforts on behalf of family farmers and ranchers in the coming months. Pictured above is Sarah Degn, MFU board member and a Next Generation Advisory Representative on NFU's board. (Courtesy photo)

Sidney Health Center March 2024 Newborns

Zayde Dwayne Fredrickson was born March 2, 2024 to Juliana Biagioni and Joshua Fredrickson, Watford City. Sister: Ariella. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Waylon Edward Jordan was born March 2, 2024 to Madison Warren and David Jordan, Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents: Alan and Gwyn Starr, Lindale, TX. Paternal grandparents: Shannon and Jason Jordan, Sidney, MT. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Mason Ryder Angel was born March 4, 2024 to Ashley Angel and Ryan Spence, Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents: Pamela and Ellery Berry, Sidney, MT. Brother: Donovan. Sister: Sophia. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Tayden James Miller was born March 6, 2024 to Alivia Hultquist and Taylor Miller,

Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents: Ronnie Hultquist and Jay Thurman, Deer Park, WA. Paternal grandparents: James and

Michelle Miller, Sidney, MT. Brother: Dayton. Sister: Oaklynn. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Emryn JoAnn Marie Wacha was born March 8, 2024 to Tyler and Sara Wacha, Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents: Jason and Julie Klein, Fairview, MT. Paternal grandparents: Tyler and Kris Radke, Sidney, MT. Brother: Lucas. Sisters: Isabella and Bexlie. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Asher Daniel Sims was born March 9, 2024 to Shaylene Garfield and John Sims, Wolf Point, MT. Maternal grandparents: Dawn and Douglas Garfield, Wolf Point, MT. Paternal grandparents: Carol and Tony Sims, Belcourt, ND. Brother: Devon. Sisters: Johnna, Layla and Isabella. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Bowen Bradley Russell was born March 12, 2024 to Bradley and Carissa Russell, Williston, ND. Maternal grandparents: Dave and Jo Ferrell, Williston, ND. Paternal grandparents: Gary

and Lynn Russell, Williston, ND. Brother: Winston. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz.

Aaron Lawrence Savelkoul was born March 15, 2024 to Zachary and Stephanie Savelkoul, Sidney, MT. Maternal grandparents: John and Deena Stein, Kalispell, MT. Paternal grandparents: Jon and Charlotte Obergfell, Sidney, MT and Scott and Robbie Savelkoul, Bainville, MT. Brother: Kyler. He weighed 8 lbs.

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Proper Spring Grain Drying And Storage Critical

Stored grain needs attention as outdoor temperatures rise.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

The warmer winter and early spring have increased the potential for grain storage problems and the need for grain monitoring and management, says Ken Hellevang, North Dakota State University Extension agricultural engineer and grain drying expert. Stored grain temperature increases in parts of a bin in the spring, which is not only due to an increase in outdoor temperatures but also due to solar heat gain on the bin.

Solar energy produces more than twice as much heat gain on the south wall of a bin in spring as it does during the summer. That, in addition to the solar heat gain on a bin roof, can create an environment conducive to grain spoilage. A ten degree increase in temperature reduces the allowable storage time of grain by about one-half. For example, the allowable storage time of corn at 17% moisture is reduced from about 130 days at 50 degrees Fahrenheit to about 75 days at 60 degrees and 45 days at 70 degrees.

Hellevang recommends periodically running aeration fans during the spring to keep the grain temperature near or below 30 degrees if it exceeds recommended storage moisture contents and below 40 degrees as long as possible during spring and early summer if the grain is dry. In northern states, night air temperatures are normally near or below 30 degrees in April and 40 degrees in May.

Bin vents can become blocked with frost and ice when the fan is operated at temperatures near or below freezing, which may lead to damage to the roof. Leave the fill and access door open as a pressure relief valve when operating the fan at

temperatures near or below freezing.

Cover the fan when it is not operating to prevent warm air from blowing into the bin and heating the stored grain. Warm grain is more prone to spoilage and insect infestations. Hellevang also recommends ventilating the top of the bin to remove the solar heat gain that warms the grain. Provide air inlets near the eaves and exhausts near the peak so the top of the bin can ventilate due to warm air rising, similar to what occurs in an attic, or use a roof exhaust fan.

Stored grain should be monitored closely to detect any storage problems early, Hellevang advises. Grain temperature should be checked every two weeks during the spring and summer. A temperature increase may indicate a storage problem. The goal is to keep the grain cool. Grain also should be examined for insect infestations.

Check the moisture content of stored grain to determine if it needs to be dried. Remember to verify that the moisture content measured by the meter has been adjusted for grain temperature.

In addition, remember that moisture measurements of grain at temperatures below about 40 degrees may not be accurate. Verify the accuracy of the measurement by warming the grain sample to room temperature in a sealed plastic bag before measuring the moisture content.

Some in-bin cables measure grain moisture content by measuring the temperature and air relative humidity then calculating the grain moisture content based on grain equilibrium moisture content equations. The measured moisture may

be 1.0 to 1.5 percentage point different than the true moisture content, so it is a tool that should be verified with another moisture content measurement method.

Corn needs to be dried to 13% to 14% moisture for summer storage to prevent spoilage. Soybeans should be dried to 11% to 12%, wheat to 13%, barley to 12% and oil sunflowers to 8%. The allowable storage time for 13% moisture soybeans is less than 100 days at 70 degrees.

Corn at moisture contents exceeding 21% and soybeans exceeding 15% should be dried in a high-temperature dryer because deterioration is rapid at warmer temperatures. For example, the allowable storage time of 22% moisture corn is about 190 days at 30 degrees but only 8 days at 70 degrees. Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for high-temperature drying soybeans. Monitor the soybean quality and reduce the drying temperature if excessive cracking or splitting occurs. Reduce the fire hazard by keeping the soybeans flowing in the dryer. Pods and trash can become lodged and combustible. Frequently clean the dryer to remove anything that may impede flow. Constantly monitor the dryer when drying soybeans.

Recommended Air-Flow Rates and Maximum Air-Drying Moisture Contents

- Corn - For natural air-drying, assure that the fan's airflow rate is at least 1 cubic foot per minute per bushel (cfm/bu) and the initial corn moisture does not exceed 21%. Start the fan when the outdoor temperature averages about 40 degrees. The grain will reach a moisture content based the average air temperature

and relative humidity during the fan operation. Nighttime higher humidity air is generally needed to balance the lower daytime relative humidities.

- Soybeans - Use an airflow rate of at least 1 cfm/bu to natural air-dry up to 15% to 16% moisture soybeans. Start the fan when the outdoor temperature averages about 40 degrees.

- Sunflowers - Natural air-drying for oil sunflowers requires an airflow rate of 0.75 cfm/bu for up to 15% moisture. The drying should start when outdoor temperatures average about 40 degrees.

- Wheat - Use an airflow rate of at least 0.75 cfm/bu to natural air-dry up to 17% moisture wheat. Start drying when the outside air temperature averages about 50 degrees.

- Barley - Use an airflow rate of at least 0.75 cfm/bu to natural air-dry up to 16% moisture barley.

"Remember that some of the allowable storage life was used during the fall before the grain was cooled to near or below freezing, so there is less time for spring drying before deterioration occurs," Hellevang says. "This is partic-

ularly important for malting barley, where germination can be lost, so using a higher airflow rate to reduce the drying time is encouraged."

Grain storage molds will grow and grain spoilage will occur in grain bags unless the grain is dry. Grain in the bags will be at average outdoor temperatures, so grain will deteriorate rapidly as outdoor temperatures increase unless it is at recommended summer storage moisture contents.

Grain bags that run east-west will have solar heating on the south side, which creates a temperature

variation across the bag that will move moisture to the north side of the bag. Continue to monitor grain stored in bags frequently.

"Also, everyone needs to become aware of safety hazards associated with handling grain and to apply recommended safety practices," Hellevang stresses. "More grain deaths occur during years with challenging conditions when there is more potential for chunks of grain to block unloading sumps or when grain columns occur."



Monitor stored grain closely to detect any storage problems early. (NDSU photo)

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Remodeling Journey Started With A Kitchen Sink



Shari Leland's newly remodeled kitchen with quarter-sawn wood to match the feel of her vintage home.



Leland's new farmhouse sink.



This pantry and the island have many roll out shelves installed for easy access.

A kitchen sink.....Shari Leland's remodeling journey all started because she wanted a farm sink and one step led to another!

She lives in a 100-year-old home and wanted a new kitchen that looked old but still had all of the modern conveniences. Shari loves antiques and knew what she wanted but after searching by herself, she knew she needed help, so she went to Brenda Larson, Creative Solutions, Sidney. "I found exactly what I wanted for the cabinets and tops!" Shari chose Craftsman style, quarter-sawn oak cabinets made by Dua Supreme and stained in a traditional mission-colored stain. "The cabinets blend perfectly with all of her lovely antique furniture and look like they belong in her vintage home," Brenda said. "Once I found the cabinets I wanted, Brenda, Creative Solutions, helped me put the project together and

get the show on the road! Shari stated.

Shari also chose Cambria quartz countertops for its durability, functionality as well as elegance. "The quartz she chose, really brightens the kitchen" stated Larson. "It blends nicely with the deep, rich tone of the cabinetry and floor and is accented perfectly by the mottled gray wall tile, bright white sink as stainless steel appliances. "I found the tile and plank flooring at Ace Hardware, Williston, and the appliances at Ekblad's. I really appreciated their customer service and large selection of products," Shari mentioned.

"Quality materials are important to any well-done job, but professional carpentry skills are even more important and Kevin Brost, Brost Construction, rose to the occasion,"

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Remodeling Journey...

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Brenda said, "Older homes typically have uneven floors and walls, but Kevin did exceptional work on this project!" Shari stated, "Kevin did a fantastic job on the flooring, cabinet installation and tiling!" Other professionals that contributed to the success of this kitchen remodel were Chris Gurney, Gurney Electric, and Dustin Mitchell, D&L Plumbing Supply. MacGrady Construction also installed new flooring on her steps, which was purchased at B Home and Design.

"I just love working on older homes!, exclaimed Larson. "Shari worked very hard to maintain the integrity of this beautiful piece of history. With the exception of the modern appliances, one would think this kitchen was original to the home." Also, making this project even more unique, is the fact that Shari made her selections and then went south for the winter. She hasn't even seen it yet, except through pictures and videos! "I just love it all!" exclaimed Shari. "I really appreciate all of the good work every one did and am excited to get home and see my beautiful kitchen!" Not only did she get an updated and beautiful kitchen, but she will also get to enjoy her sparkling white vintage farm sink!



Above: Custom hood vent with vintage crown molding.



Right: Modern appliances with a black matte finish.

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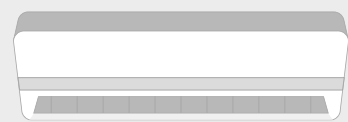
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Long X Arts Gallery Featuring Prairie Rose Quilt Show Now-May 3

Open House April 13

By Dianne Swanson

Discover the craftsmanship of McKenzie County's most talented quilters at the Prairie Rose Quilt Show on now through May 3 at Long X Arts Gallery, Watford City. Fifty-eight quilts are on display, all works of art.

Yvonne Hollenbeck, South Dakota quilter, cowgirl poet and entertainer will be the star attraction at an Open House on Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. CDT. Her presentation takes place at 2 p.m., featuring her collection of family quilts spanning 140 years, plus her own prize-winning creations.

The Prairie Rose Quilters Guild was started in 1986 and has 25 active members of all ages. They meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Mason's the third Monday of each month from September through May where they love teaching and learning from

each other. New quilters are always welcome.

The Long X Arts Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW, Watford City, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to take this opportunity to view all the beautiful quilts and Hollenbeck's presentation which is guaranteed to be delightful. Admission to the museum as well as Hollenbeck's presentation are free of charge.



NDSU Extension To Offer Online Gardening Forums

This is a great opportunity for gardeners to learn about the latest research from NDSU.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

Do you want to grow a beautiful yard and garden?

North Dakota State University Extension will be broadcasting its Spring Fever Garden Forums online from March 25 to April 15. The live forums will be held on Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CDT and are open to all gardeners.

Topics will include how to grow vegetables and fruits, divide perennial flowers, attract pollinators, control weeds, select fast-growing trees, improve garden soil and much more.

"This is a great opportunity for gardeners to learn about the latest research from NDSU," says Tom Kalb, NDSU Extension horticulturist. "They can watch live presentations and ask their questions to the experts."



Right: How to grow vegetables and fruits, divide perennial flowers, attract pollinators and control weeds will be some of the topics featured during this year's Spring Fever Garden Forums hosted by NDSU Extension. (Pixabay photo)

The forums are hosted at 24 county NDSU Extension offices across the state. Free seeds will be distributed at these sites. Gardeners have the option of participating online at home.

Over 800 gardeners are expected to attend the

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Area Easter Egg Hunts

For children ages 0-5 only there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, March 29, 10:15 a.m., at Sidney-Richland County Library, 121 3rd Ave. NW. The Children will hunt in small groups and be guaranteed eggs.

The Sidney Elks Lodge No. 1782 has rescheduled their Easter Egg Hunt to Friday, March 29 at 11 a.m. sharp at Veterans Memorial Park, 501 S. Central Ave.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Good Shepherd Home, 709 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND, on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m.-noon. The hunt will start at 10:15 a.m. for ages 0-9. There will be gift bags for all, meet the Easter bunny, face painting and games.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at

Tractor Supply Company, 2808 West Towne St., Glendive, MT.



Fairview Easter Egg Hunt Held March 22

Despite the snow, kids and parents enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt at Sharbono Park in Fairview on Friday, March 22. The annual event is sponsored by the Fairview Chamber of Commerce and this year included children through 5th grade. (Photo submitted)

Williston Community Library To Host 4th Annual Community Egg Hunt

WILLISTON – Mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Community Egg Hunt, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 27, inside the Williston Community Library.

The Community Egg Hunt will be divided into two-time slots, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 4 -6 p.m. This event is free and open to all ages.

Andrea Placher, Williston, Community Library director, expressed her excitement about hosting the fourth annual Community Egg Hunt and stated that the mission of any event they host is to promote literacy in the community, the library's

various resources, and of course, a love of reading.

"This event is special because it allows us to collaborate with many community organizations to raise awareness about the library and our missions," Placher said. "The library is thrilled to see friends and families coming together, interacting with each other, and having fun!"

Attendees will receive a bag to fill with eggs, which can be exchanged for a free book. In addition to the traditional egg hunt, there will be a chance to meet the Bunny and take photos. Community agencies will be scattered throughout the library with

goodies and handouts, and there will also be golden eggs every hour, which can be exchanged for local business gift cards!

For more information on this story, please contact Andrea Placher, Library Director, at 701.774.8805 or andreap@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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Date	Location	Time (CST)
Apr. 2	Home vs. Sidney	TBA
Apr. 4	Dickinson	TBA
Apr. 6	Bismarck St. Mary	TBA
Apr. 8	Home vs. Heart River	TBA
Apr. 9	Bismarck Legacy	TBA
Apr. 11	Williston	TBA
Apr. 12	Home vs. Bismarck	TBA
Apr. 16	Bismarck Century	TBA
Apr. 18	Bismarck	TBA
Apr. 19	Home vs. Hazen	TBA
Apr. 20	Home vs. Minot North	TBA
Apr. 23	Mandan	TBA
Apr. 26	Home vs. Bismarck St. Mary	TBA
Apr. 27	Sidney	TBA
May 3	Home vs. Williston	TBA
May 4	Jamestown	TBA
May 7	Home vs. Minot	TBA
May 9	Home vs. Ray	TBA
May 11	Home vs. Dickinson	TBA
May 23-24	Minot Tourney	TBA
May 30 - Jun. 1	Dickinson State	TBA

WATFORD CITY SOFTBALL

Date	Location	Time (CST)
Apr. 5	Bismarck Legacy	TBA
Apr. 6	Home vs. Sidney	TBA
Apr. 9	Dickinson	TBA
Apr. 15	Home vs. Minot North	TBA
Apr. 16	Turtle Mountain	TBA
Apr. 23	Home vs. Williston	TBA
Apr. 25	Sidney	TBA
Apr. 26	Home vs. Mandan	TBA
Apr. 30	Bismarck	TBA
May 3	Home vs. Jamestown	TBA
May 7	Bismarck Century	TBA
May 9	Hazen	TBA
May 14	Home vs. Minot	TBA
May 23-24	Jamestown Tourney	TBA
May 30- Jun. 1	Bismarck State	TBA

WATFORD CITY TRACK

Date	Location	Time (CST)
Mar 26	Williston (Boys)	TBA
Mar 28	Williston (Girls)	TBA
Apr 5	Dickinson	TBA
Apr 9	Home Meet	TBA
Apr 13	Bismarck	TBA
Apr 18	Bismarck (Girls)	TBA
Apr 19	Minot (Boys)	TBA
Apr 22	Minot (Girls)	TBA
Apr 26	Bismarck	TBA
Apr 27	Dickinson	TBA
Apr 30	Dickinson	TBA
May 3	Home Meet	TBA
May 10	Minot (Boys)	TBA
May 11	Mandan (Girls)	TBA
May 13	Mandan	TBA
May 17	Dickinson	TBA
May 23-25	Bismarck State	TBA

WATFORD CITY GOLF

Date	Location	Time (CST)
Apr. 12	Bismarck Invite	TBA
Apr. 19-20	Jamestown Invite	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Home Invite	TBA
Apr. 30	Bismarck Invite	TBA
May 3	Minot Invite	TBA
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May 7	Mandan Invite	TBA
May 10	Minot Invite	TBA
May 17	Dickinson Invite	TBA
May 21	Bismarck Invite	TBA
May 29	Jamestown	TBA
Jun 4-5	Grand Forks State	TBA

SAVAGE GOLF

Date	Location	Time (MST)
May 6	Sidney Divisionals	TBA
May 13-15	Hamilton State	TBA

SAVAGE TRACK

Date	Location	Time (MST)
Mar. 28	Glendive	12pm
Mar. 29	Sidney	10am
Apr. 13	Baker	10am
Apr. 18	Sidney	1pm
Apr. 25	Lambert	12:30pm
Apr. 26	Glendive	3pm
Apr. 30	Glasgow Top 10	3pm
May 2	Fairview	1pm
May 7	Lambert Districts	TBA
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May 23-25	Great Falls State	TBA

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McKenzie County Heritage Park Announces Spring Class

Continuing its efforts to teach old fashioned skills and create community, McKenzie County Heritage Park will host "Growing a Garden" Friday, April 5 6-8 p.m. CDT in its new meeting room.

According to employee Rebekah Engebretson, the classes started with "Wintering Well" and included skills

such as crocheting and sour dough bread making as a way to get together and learn the

hands-on skills that Grandma would have taught. She says the interest in those rapidly disappearing skills is high with the sour dough bread making class attended by 70 people, and no less than 30 in any of the others. "There's a community need," she said. "Gathering, talking, learning, the community loved it."

Engebretson said there

is lots of interest in the spring classes with people wanting to learn about canning, growing and using herbs or soap making to list just a few ideas. She thinks there will be more that come out of the initial gardening class. "We will pick the next class depending on what people want, but it will all be heritage art," she stated. "It's not just a class. It's getting together as a community. It's taking home what they've learned and doing it. These are skills that have been passed down, one to another." Classes are held the first Friday of each month. Classes are free but there is a donation jar. A light snack is also served. Pre-registration is not required but to help with logistics, organizers would appreciate a head count. Please visit their FB page or call them at 701-842-6434.



McKenzie County Heritage Park has been offering classes featuring old-fashioned skills such as sour dough bread making. Pictured are attendees at one of the winter classes. (Photo submitted)

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Sunrise City Cleanup May 10, Sidney

Sidney residents are proud of their community but a winter's accumulation of trash can diminish that pride and be unsightly to visitors.

In an effort to clean up as much of the town as possible, the current Sidney Chamber of Commerce leadership class has organized a Sunrise City Cleanup for Friday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Participants are asked to meet at Veterans Park where they will receive supplies and a map of their specific area to clean. All volunteers will receive a drink token from The Rush, courtesy of this year's sponsor Proactive Tech Wiz.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories with a special trophy and recognition in the media. Categories are: Most volunteers – business or group, biggest trash pile, and most youth volunteers.

The group is also challenging businesses to spring clean their store fronts.

To register for this fun and rewarding event, visit the Sidney Chamber office, 909 S. Central Ave., or text the word 'volunteer' to 406-206-7988. For more details, please call the Chamber at 406-433-1916.

Spring Clean Williston Event Scheduled For April 27



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By Mitch Melberg
Williston – The City of Williston's annual spring Clean Williston event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Clean Williston will be held on Saturday, May 4. This change will be announced on City of Williston social media and www.cityofwilliston.com.

This annual event invites the public to volunteer to help beautify the city by signing up for a zone within Williston to clean.

"To make Clean Williston a success, it takes all of us living in the community to lend a hand and make a

difference," said Marc Mohr, City of Williston Streets and Refuse superintendent.

Each year, businesses, organizations and groups of residents have generously donated their time to the Clean Williston effort. Clean Williston is held biannually in the spring and fall and continues a more than 20-year tradition.

"The Spring Clean Williston event is one of two opportunities for citizens to show that you've got pride in the community," commented Williston Mayor Howard Klug. "But it's important to remember that Clean Williston is not just two days a year, it's an ongoing effort to show that we're proud of our city and we want to keep it looking its best. I encourage not just the people of Willis-

Williston, but the business owners as well."

Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's spring Clean Williston event can register online for one of 40 zones. Register online at <http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston>. Those unable to attend on April 27 are still encouraged to clean a zone during the week prior to the event. Contact Public Works to pick up safety materials and arrange garbage pickup.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. E., in the north lot on the day of the event. Individuals who do not register for a zone in advance are welcome and will be assigned to a zone! Volunteers will receive a free Clean Williston t-shirt

available) a light breakfast and ice cream afterwards courtesy of CHI St. Alexius and Suzie Qs Ice Cream Truck. Public Works will provide safety vests, gloves, and garbage bags.

Full garbage bags can be left on the side of the road in each zone for pickup or individuals can bring their bags to Public Works for disposal. Participants are also asked to return their safety vests, gloves, and any unused garbage bags either to Public Works, or to leave these items with their full garbage bags.

In addition to collected trash, the following will also be accepted at Public Works:

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Dakota Gardener: Signs of Spring

Birds returning and singing, trees starting to bud, the smell of the soil, bulbs emerging and crocus blooming are signs of spring in North Dakota.

By Emily How,
Horticulture agent
NDSU Extension
Ward County

My 98-year-old great aunt always says that spring is here when the mesquite trees start to bud and the bluebonnets bloom. That works fine in Texas where mesquite trees and bluebonnets are common, but here in North Dakota, there are other signs that point to spring.

To help this native Texan understand what the signs of spring are in North Dakota, I did an office poll. Birds returning and singing, trees starting to bud, the smell of the soil, bulbs emerging and crocus blooming were the common answers.

As it turns out, the crocus that we see on the North Dakota prairie is a different flower than the traditional crocus. Both are early spring-blooming flowers, have a bulb-like structure and grow in North Dakota.

One of the main differences between these two flowers is the root structure. The prairie crocus, or pasqueflower, is a member of the buttercup family and spreads by rhizomes, whereas the crocus is a member of the iris family and grows from corms.

Rhizome plants, such as the prairie crocus and asparagus, spread by having the main stem run underground and then sending up

sprouts for each new plant. These rhizomes allow the plant to store nutrients under the soil and overwinter. Rhizome plants can cluster together and then be separated by cutting the rhizome into different sections and replanting.

Corms, such as the crocus and gladiolus, are a type of compressed stem. Similar to rhizomes, corms store food to overwinter. Unlike rhizomes, corms have a bud on top of the food storage tissue. Corms also differ from rhizomes in how they reproduce. Rhizomes spread laterally and can have multiple shoots on one rhizome. Corms also form laterally, with the new corm forming on top of the old corm. Tiny cormels will form around the old corms. These cormels can be separated and used to start new plants.

Neither the prairie crocus nor the crocus are true bulbs, but rather bulb-like plants. True bulbs are divided into two categories, scaly and tunicate. Tunicate bulbs have a "tunic" or papery outer layer. A few plants in this category include tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. Scaly bulbs do not have a paper outer layer and include plants such as the Asiatic lily. True bulbs can be propagated similarly to corms; the true bulb will form bulbils that can be removed to start a



Birds returning and singing, trees starting to bud, the smell of the soil, bulbs emerging and crocus blooming are common signs of spring in North Dakota. (Pixabay photo)

new plant.

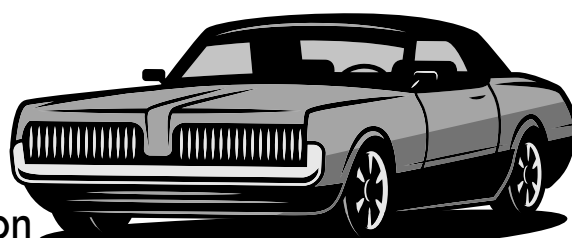
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**By Andrew Kuester
Handy Andy's Nursery**
I stopped for a second, one Friday afternoon, as I was preparing for one of our many Saturday workshop opportunities. The sun was coming through our big glass door and I remarked to myself, "that sun is starting to get some strength behind it again."

Every year around this time, people begin to get excited about Spring. Spring is indeed an exciting time of year. Things "begin anew" during spring time and it's always fun to watch the landscape come to life again. And those of us who are passionate about growing things finally get to spend time outdoors again,

doing just that. As we start to prepare for spring, many people are taking on a new interest in vegetable gardening. The concepts of being "self sufficient" and "growing your own food" have always been popular gardening topics. But we who are in the industry are seeing a great resurgence of interest from those who have not

done it for a while or have perhaps never done it. There are many questions people have for us when they visit us regarding the topic of vegetable gardening. Often the least experienced ask, "What should I grow?" To which my most frequent reply is "What do you enjoy eating?" If you don't enjoy consuming something there is little reason for you to devote the time to growing it. From that fresh tomato to the crunch of that fresh cucumber to the scent of fresh herbs, you should always grow what you enjoy! When beginning, there are many

ways to start your veggie garden. From seed, indoors, is one method. Some people who are really excited cannot wait to get a jump start on the process. And for those who are pickier regarding what varieties they wish to grow it is often easier to acquire the seed for that plant than it is to acquire the started plant itself. Seeds are not subject to frost or cold the way a started plant is, and so the ways one can acquire them through the internet or locally is often much wider. If seed starting isn't your thing, or caring for

plants is not something you find easy, perhaps picking up the started plants from us in the spring is the better route for you. We're happy to help here as well! Let us know what you're looking for and we'll be happy to recommend varieties that may meet your needs. No matter your gardening desires. Be it vegetables, trees, shrubs, or otherwise, we are always here to help you be successful. Whether indoors with houseplants or aquatics. Or outdoors with your landscape, we wish you "good luck, and happy growing!"

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**Submitted by
Alyssa Mathieu,
Communications
Specialist**
Helena - The Governor's Office of Community Service, Reach Higher Montana, and Montana Campus Compact are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship. This year's scholarship is being offered in two awards, \$1,000 for 50 hours of service and \$1,500 for 100 hours of service. The scholarships will be offered to 100 Montana seniors attending Montana Campus Compact member

institutions next fall. "We are honored to partner with Reach Higher Montana and Montana Campus Compact to provide scholarships to high school seniors" said Sarah Sadowski, Governor's Office of Community Service director. "Their commitment to service is a positive indication these young adults will continually grow to be civically engaged college students, and valuable members of our communities." The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship was created to promote volunteerism among high school students. Funds are available through

support from Montana Campus Compact, a network of Montana campuses committed to community service; Reach Higher Montana, a nonprofit dedicated to helping students pursue and fund post-secondary education; and the Governor's Office of Community Service, a state agency tasked with expanding and promoting community volunteerism in Montana. The Governor's Office of Community Service administers the scholarship funds. The Youth Serve Montana scholarship application and FAQs can be found online at serve.mt.gov.



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