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Parade of Homes

Advance tickets for the Parade of Homes, a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, are \$15 at Creative Solutions, Sidney Herald or the Boys & Girls Club. Six homes will be featured in the tour on Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are limited. Contact Brenda Larson, 488-1461, Libby Berndt, 433-2403, or Jamie Larson, 489-0758, for more information or if interested in advertising in the Parade of Homes catalog to be given out during the tour.

FFA meeting

An FFA meeting for parents, alumni, friends and business owners is being held at 8 p.m. at the Central Elementary School gym. Purpose is a) parent meeting for FFA activities b) rekindle FFA alumni/friends organization c) advisory council introduction and d) preliminary meeting at 7 p.m. same building for school board discussion on FFA/CTE travel assistance. Sidney FFA/AgEd welcomes all interested individuals. For questions call: Diane Obergefell, 488-8224, Kristin Larson, 480-5139, or Gary Schaff, (cell) 489-0522.

Girl Scout registration

Fall registration for Girl Scouts is set for Tuesday at West Side Elementary School from 5:30-7 p.m.

Lunch with the Boss

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is offering a "Lunch with the Boss" event from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Sidney Armory. Hosts are Montana ESGR local volunteers Chuck and Pat Stalnaker, Wibaux, and members of the Montana Army National Guard. Topics will include how ESGR can help businesses with job listings and information. To RSVP, call Parker Stevenson at 406-791-0895.

Drilling rig count

Montana 22
year ago 8
N.D. 186
year ago 176

Source: Rocky Mountain Oil Journal sponsored by

Deaths

Keith Miller, 27
James Jude McGarvey, 70

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Dutch Mill turns Danish

Residents reflect on windmill's history

BY LOUISA BARBER
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Years ago in the 1940s, Janice Steffens' family ran the local car hop, short-order food pit stop. Hamburgers, malts, shakes. You know, early fast food. It was called The Dutch Mill, a small, square building without any frills; it sat where Millers' Corner is today. And out front was a small version of a Dutch mill. No one knows what sparked the idea for the name; it just seemed to fit. "It was named The Dutch Mill, I think, just as kind of a theme," Steffens recalls. Her mother, Meurice Doran, ran the business; she made blue and white uniforms for Steffans and coworkers to wear, decorated with a Dutch mill pattern. Steffans worked there as a teenager, delivering customers' their meals to the vehicles. They did so be-

cause there was no place to sit inside. That didn't come for a couple years when her parents sold The Dutch Mill to her grandparents Slim and Olive Coffrin in the early 1950s. They, in turn, added living quarters on one end of the buildings and a breakfast/coffee bar on the other end, as well as a drive-through window. It had become a full-on burger joint. And in the background, stood the Dutch mill. In 1959, after a Sidney resident showed interest in expanding the business, the Coffrins sold The Dutch Mill to Bill Wilkinson, who added a dining room and game room; he also expanded the living quarters as a rental unit. The restaurant, meanwhile, was a local hangout spot. "It became a gathering place for all the high school games. Whenever [school] let out, it seemed like every kid came out there."

Back then, The Dutch Mill was next to a motel and drive-in movie theater, which were good for business. Wilkinson kept it for

20 years before selling it to a friend from Glendive. And in the background, stood the Dutch mill. Fast forward to 2000. Sidney resident Greg Miller purchased the property that had become run down to make way for a convenience store/gas station. The Dutch Mill building still stood but was dilapidated after years of wear and tear. Miller tore it down, leaving only the apartment. And with the tear-down, was the original Dutch mill which had been in disrepair.

Miller, a decedent of Danish immigrants to eastern Montana (millers by trade), had the mill rebuilt, but rather than a Dutch version, he went with a Danish mill replica. It seemed to fit. After all, Miller...miller...a mill. "I just kind of wanted to keep that theme going," he said. That one stood for about 12 years until it was blown to smithereens earlier this summer. He says the mill was hit twice - once on a car chase and once by a driver traveling too fast - on the

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It took little more than a month to construct, but the new Danish mill replica in front of Millers' Corner adds a bit of owner Greg Miller's heritage to the site.

Shops at Fox Run coming



SCHEMATIC REYNOLDS ELEVATION

Reynolds announces plans for new store in Sidney

Reynolds Market will begin construction on a new 46,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art supermarket in April 2013. The shopping center, The Shops at Fox Run, will be located just beyond the U.S. Post Office on the northwest corner of the intersection of Central Avenue (Highway 200) and Holly Street. The supermarket will have complete offerings of all departments and be one of the largest in eastern Montana with the capability of being expanded by another 15,000 square feet in the future. "We are extremely excited about this new opportunity to provide a beautiful, comfortable solution for our

customers and friends that we have served in the area since 1925, as well as all the new people in the region," John Reynolds, president of Reynolds Market, said. "We feel that we have been a good partner and ambassador for the community over the decades and to maintain that, we need to expand our store, our offerings and improve our design to accommodate the growth for today's consumer expectations and needs. This project will truly be something that our founders and past leaders as well as our current team members in our other locations will be very proud of." The new store will include fresh deli

and bakery departments, fresh floral, an expanded customer service area, expanded wine and a huge walk-in beer cave. The frozen foods section will also be double the size of the frozen section in the current store. Reynolds' reputable custom meats will also be vastly expanded along with special cuts and services to better serve their customers. An expanded farm-fresh produce department will also bring a greater variety and increase consumer choices. The new store will feature a sit-down area inside the store for customers to enjoy, along with an outside seating area, complete with

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Number of repeat DUIs seem to be up in Richland County

BY BILL VANDER WEELE
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Individuals being charged with their fourth or subsequent DUI appear to be becoming more common as of late in Richland County's Seventh Judicial District Court. One man was recently sentenced for the offense. Charges have been filed against three other individuals for the crime since Aug. 14. Once a person reaches the fourth DUI offense, Justice of the Peace Greg Mohr sends the matter over to District Court. "The ones that have them

seem to usually not be from here but from across the nation," Mohr said. He notes every DUI carries with it mandatory jail time. A person's first DUI is one day, the second is seven days, the third is 30 days and the fourth is 13 months. Those sentenced with their fourth sometimes complete a six-month long WATCH program and then get the balance of their sentence suspended. The judge feels DUIs are dealt with the proper sentences in Montana. He knows residents sometimes get frustrated when they read that, for example, a man in Billings has 10 DUIs,

and then gets in an accident, but Mohr says all the facts aren't there for readers. "They think the court never did anything with them, which isn't necessarily true," Mohr said. "There's too many that want to judge before they have all the facts."

He says getting DUIs can be very costly. He mentions problems with auto insurance, health insurance and background checks for jobs. As far as the amount of charges increasing in Richland County, Mohr notes that newcomers to the community are usually accustomed to more entertainment options than are

available in Sidney. "We live in the last best place," Mohr said, but the main entertainment options are a movie theater, bowling alley, golfing, hunting and fishing. Those options aren't enough for some people. "People have different likes and dislikes," Mohr said. The judge adds that humans are by nature social, and for some the best place to meet others is at the bars. Along with DUIs, Mohr said instances of bar fights are always up. The judge salutes area law enforcement for their efforts. "These officers out there, my hat is off to them," Mohr said.

New Extension 4-H agent hired for county

BY BILL VANDER WEELE
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The Richland County MSU Extension office will soon have a new face. Josie Evenson, Kalispell, was hired this week and will begin duties Wednesday. Evenson, who has an outstanding background in 4-H and FFA, will serve as the county's new 4-H agent. She replaces Julianne Snedigar who resigned from the position in April. "I'm actually really excited about it," Evenson said of working in Richland County as an Extension agent. "It's pretty awesome."

Evenson, a native of Kalispell, graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education with an emphasis in Extension in December 2011. Her 4-H background includes being a youth member for 10 years and then for four years in college. She interned in the state 4-H office for the last five years. "The best thing about 4-H is it builds life skills," Evenson said. She notes 4-H builds confidence and helps to make healthy and right decisions. As a 4-H member, Evenson excelled in shooting sports. She participated on national teams and at one time was ranked third in the country. She also did very well with photography and sheep projects.



Evenson

Evenson was involved in FFA throughout her high school and college years. "I'm still involved to this day." She served as a FFA state officer during her freshman year in Bozeman. She visited Sidney during the interview process and is moving during Labor Day weekend. "I really like the small town feel," Evenson said. She looks forward to starting the job. "I'm really excited about the opportunity and meeting new people."

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