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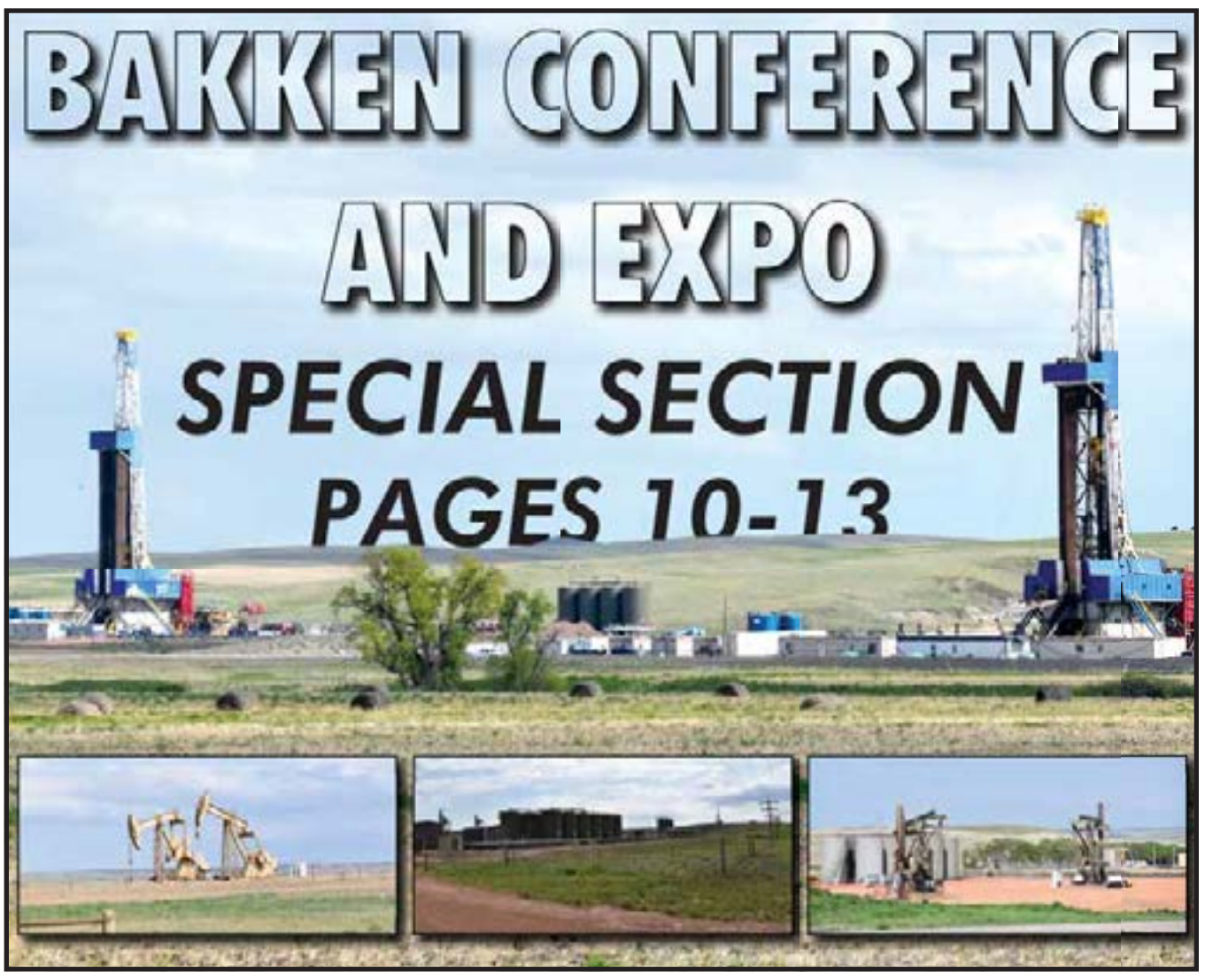

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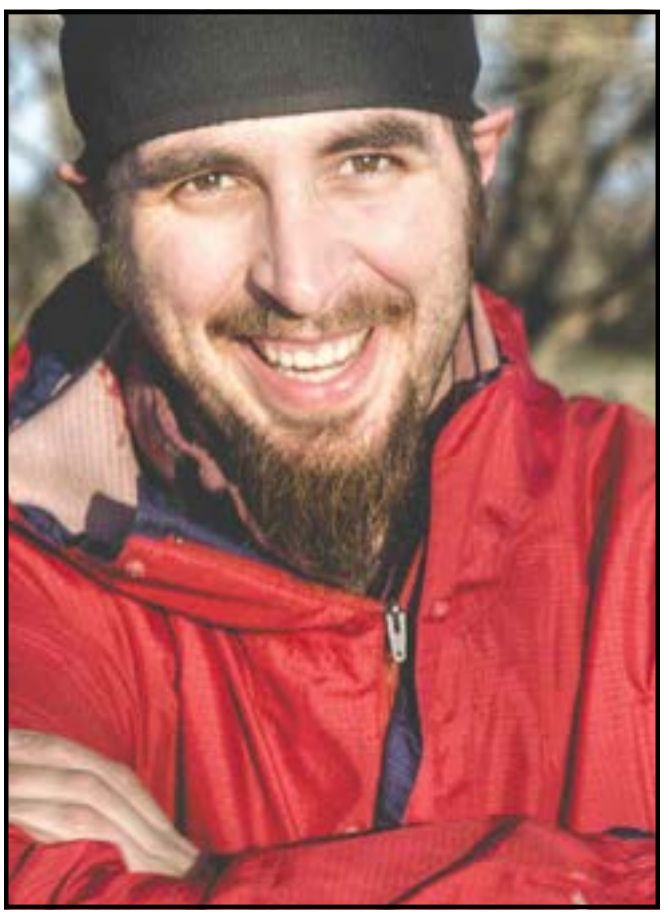
Sunrise Festival Of The Arts July 14



Sean R. Heavey

As the sun rises on the Sunrise City, tents stand tall, merchandise shines on tables, and friends stop to say hello. Sunrise Festival of the Arts celebrates 28 years in Veteran's Memorial Park, Sidney Montana, on July 14 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., presented by XTO Energy.

Sunrise Festival of the Arts connects local and regional artists, craftspeople, and authors along Writer's Row with shoppers and enthusiasts. The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Sunrise Festival Committee works tirelessly to plan and execute a full day of shopping, demonstrations, live entertainment, food options and kid's activities including the Kid's Korner and Child Safety IDs. Purchase a Sunrise Festival button and redeem discounts offered by local merchants and enter to win prizes, including the annual grand prize: a piece of art from the featured artist of the year.

Every year the Sunrise Festival of the Arts committee chooses a featured artist, recognized for their talent and unique style. This year the committee selected photographer Sean R. Heavey from Glasgow, Montana. Heavey earned the nickname "Weather Paparazzi" for his relentless storm chasing to capture the perfect image. Publications such as the New York Post, Boston Globe, Popular Science, USA Today, and National Geographic printed his impressive photographs. This year's chosen art piece, "The Mothership" showcases a massive supercell rolling across the plains at sunset, capturing the terrifying beauty of a Montana storm in striking clarity.

On Friday July 13 at 6 p.m., enjoy the Sunrise Festival's Free Kick off Concert featuring The Sound Exchange, a five member a capella group based in Minnesota's Twin Cities. The group kicks off Sunrise Festival as entertainment for the "Light the Park" cancer care fundraising event. The Foundation for Community Care will erect a VIP tent in Veterans Memorial Park for the performance. Admission to the VIP tent is $30 and proceeds benefit Sidney Health Center Cancer Care. Each VIP admission ticket includes food, drinks, and a lantern hung in the park in honor or memory of a loved one affected by cancer. Tickets for the VIP tent are available at the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce or the Foundation for Community Care. For additional information or to make a donation to the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care call 488-2273 or visit foundationforcommunitycare.org.

To learn more about this year's festival, including vendor information, contact the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 406-433-1916, visit their website at sidneymt.com, or refer to their Facebook page: Facebook.com/SidneyMTChamber.

Free Community BBQ, Networking, Offered at Bakken Conference July 16

A free community meal is offered to the public on Monday, July 16th, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 CST, at the Bakken Conference & Expo, held at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City.

The community meal is offered as an opportunity for members of the public to experience all things Bakken, at an event tailored to the industry. The exhibit floor will be open for those interested in learning about the Bakken and networking with the exhibitors, speakers and event organizers. Exhibitors range from oil drilling and exploration companies, to news media, to those serving the needs of the oil industry, such as vehicle dealers and hotel franchises. The full list of exhibitors can be viewed at http://thebakkenconference.com/ema/ExhibitorList.aspx.

The pulled pork sandwich dinner is sponsored by SafeRac and KLJ Engineering.

Light the Park is Set to Kick Off the Sunrise Festival of the Arts

The Sound Exchange

Sidney Health Center and the Foundation for Community Care are partnering with the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture to kick off this year's Sunrise Festival of the Arts on Friday evening with the traditional concert and a tribute to area cancer patients through Light the Park.

The third annual Light the Park event is set to take place Friday, July 13 at Veterans Memorial Park in Sidney. There will be a free concert sponsored in part by XTO Energy starting at 6:00 PM featuring The Sound Exchange, a five member acapella group based in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. The entertaining group is known to bring dazzling harmonies, great stage presence and a wise-cracking audience interaction.

In addition, a VIP tent will be erected near the performance area with beverages and catered appetizers. Admission to the tent is $30, which includes two drink tickets, food, and a lantern to be hung in the park in honor or memory of a loved one affected by cancer. Tickets are currently on sale at the Foundation for Community Care, through the website at www.foundationforcommunitycare.org, or at the park the night of the concert.

Light the Park raises money to honor cancer survivors as well as loved ones who have been lost, and helps to ensure the continuance of quality cancer care services in Richland County. Lantern lights will be available in an assortment of tribute colors and strung through the trees at Veterans Park for the evening, illuminating the park with purpose and passion for those affected by cancer. The night will end with a dusk lighting ceremony recognizing the lantern honorees.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Sidney Health Center's Cancer Care through the Foundation for Community Care. Sidney Health Center Cancer Care provides the latest and most up-to-date medical equipment and programs to patients seeking cancer treatment. The services include chemotherapy, IV therapy, medical oncology and radiation oncology with a cancer care team comprised of oncologists, specialists, nurses, pharmacists and therapists who take the time to understand and guide area cancer patients through their care plan.

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MONDAYS:
12 p.m. — AA Monday Noon Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. – Grief Reovery Support group at First Lutheran Church in the music room, Watford City.
6 p.m. – Al-Anon Family Group Meeting,Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. – 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

THURSDAYS:
7:30 p.m. – Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.
8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

FRIDAYS:
12 p.m. – Monday Noon Group-Friday Noon Edition, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
8 p.m. – AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, 214 S. Lincoln, Ave., Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. – AA 24 group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

SUNDAYS:
7 p.m. — AA Welcome Home Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation	1853.1
Last Week's Elev.	1852.9
One Year Ago	1846.6
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	60,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 2	79	52	0.04
July 3	76	56	0.91
July 4	73	50	0.00
July 5	80	48	0.00
July 6	94	57	0.00
July 7	92	67	0.00
July 8	86	63	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation			9.64

OBITUARIES

Kari Ann Engstrom, 33
Watford City, ND

Funeral services are for Kari Ann Engstrom, 33, of Watford City, ND are at 2 p.m., (CDT) Wednesday, July 11 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home in Watford City, ND with Pastor Mark Honstein of First Lutheran Church of Watford City, ND.

Interment will be in Schafer Cemetery, Watford City, ND under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Watford City, ND.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Visitation will be from noon till service time at the funeral home in Watford City, ND.

Kari died on Wednesday, June 20 in the Emergency Room at McKenzie County Hospital, Watford City, ND.

Lonny Rogness, 57
Watford City, ND

Mass of the Christian Burial for Lonny Rogness, 57, of Watford City, ND was held at 11 a.m., CDT, Tuesday, July 10 at Epiphany Catholic Church in Watford City with Father Brain Gross as presider.

Wake services were held at 6 p.m., CST, Monday, July 9 at Epiphany Catholic Church, Watford City, ND.

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Watford City is caring for the family.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures mya be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, July 9 at the funeral home in Watford City.

Lonny died early Friday morning, July 6 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Oakley Olson, 86
Sidney, MT formerly of Bowman, ND

The Oakley Olson family had a gathering of family and friends at 10 a.m., MDT on Tuesday, July 10 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home in Sidney.

Funeral services for Oakley Olson, of Sidney, MT formerly of Bowman, ND, are at 2 p.m., MST, Wednesday, July 11 at Bowman Lutheran Church, Bowman, MT.

Interment will be in Bowman Cemetery, Bowman, ND under the care of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Oakley died on Friday, morning, July 6 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, Sidney, MT.

Foundation Friday Lemonade Stands

Every Friday in July the Foundation for Community Care will host Foundation Friday Lemonade Stands to help teach kids about philanthropy. Groups of kids from around the community will be selling lemonade between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on July 13, 20, and 27. Check out the Foundation for Community Care Facebook page for more information on location and times: https://www.facebook.com/ foundation4communitycare. Stop by and enjoy a refreshing glass of lemonade & help support our next generation of givers as they volunteer their time this summer!

Birth Announcement

Joshua Alexander Hedegaard was born on July 1, 2018, to parents Melissa and Brock Hedegaard in Madison, WI. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Karen Goorhouse, Holland, MI. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Nancy Hedegaard, Sidney.

MDT To Hold Open House Aimed At Teaching Public How To Drive New Roundabout

The Montana Department of Transportation will hold an educational open house focused on teaching drivers to safely navigate the new roundabout under construction south of Sidney.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18 from 4-7 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center located at 120 3rd Ave, SE, Sidney MT 59270.

Once complete, the Sidney Roundabout, located at the junction of MT-16, MT-200, and MT-23, will be the first multi-lane roundabout in the area.

Shane Mintz, Glendive District administrator says the Department's priority is making sure that members of the public feel comfortable driving the new roundabout.

"Most people are familiar with single-lane roundabouts, but the first time a driver encounters a roundabout with multiple lanes can be a little intimidating," he said. "We want to make sure that everyone feels confident and knows how to drive the roundabout before that first time."

"The number one thing to remember is to wait for a gap in both lanes of traffic before entering the roundabout, Mintz added. "Once in the roundabout, it's important for drivers to avoid switching lanes or stopping unnecessarily."

MDT staff will be on hand at the meeting to answer questions about the roundabout project and to explain how vehicles of all sizes can navigate the roundabout safely.

The Sidney Roundabout was designed as a large, multi-lane roundabout in order to provide a significant reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes, while accommodating large volumes of industrial and agricultural related traffic. The roundabout opened to single-lane traffic in June and is expected to fully open to multi-lane traffic at the end of July.

For more information, please contact Chris Puyear at 406-431-2499, chrisp@strategies360.com, or visit https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/sidneyroundabout/.

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., July 11
6- 8 p.m. - **Car Show** - Everyone is welcome to come and show off your cars and view the area's cars and trucks. Reynolds Market parking lot. Weather permitting. Every Wednesday night though the summer.

Thurs., July 12
6 p.m. - **Family Fun Nights** - Registration, 6 p.m., event, 7 p.m. This event also occurs July 26 & Aug. 9. Sidney Saddle Club Arena, Sidney, MT. For more information call Randi Hass, 406-480-0141 or Kyla Marie Traeger, 406-480-5045.

Fri., July 13
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - **Sidney Kiwanis Annual Pie Social** - Richland County Courthouse lawn, Sidney, MT.
11 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Rod Iron RSVP by July 11. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.
1 p.m. - **Foundation Friday Lemonade Stands** - This event will also occur July 20 and 27. For more information on location and times visit www.facebook.com/foundation4communitycare.
6 p.m. - **Light The Park Benefit Concert** - Featuring the Sound Machine. Free admission to the concert. VIP tent party tickets $30, includes wine, appetizers and a tribute lantern. Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, MT.

Sat., July 14
8 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Sunrise Festival Of The Arts** - Featuring local and regional artists, kids events, entertainment, concessions, demonstrations, prize drawings, writer's row and more. Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, MT.

Sun., July 15
4 p.m. - **Send Off For Cammy Heck To Miss America Outstanding Teen** - Sidney, Elks Lodge, Sidney, MT.

Mon., July 16
3 p.m. - **Richland County Planning & Zone Commission Meeting** - Richland County Nutter Building Conference Room, 123 W Main St., Sidney, 406-433-6886.

Mon., July 16 & Tues., July 17
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - **Get Certified In Mental Health First Aid** - $20 per person. Richland County Community Services Building, 1201 West Holly, Sidney, MT. Must attend both days and be at least 16 years old to become certified. To register call 406-433-2207 by July 13.

Mon., July 16-Fri., July 20
6-8:30 p.m. - **Time Lab Vacation Bible School** -Ages 4-12. Ebenezer Congregation Church, 118 4th Ave. NW, Sidney. Preregister by calling or texting 406-480-1791 or at the church.

Tues., July 17
8 a.m. - **MSU/EARC/Richland Co. Extension 38th Annual Field Day** - MSU/EARC/ Richland Co. Extension Facility, one mile N of Sidney on the E side of Highway 200. 406-433-2208.
7 p.m. - **City/County Planning Board Meeting** - Richland County Nutter Building Conference Room, 123 W Main St., Sidney, 406-433-6886.

Wed., July 18
4-7 p.m. - **Open House Teaching Public How To Drive In New Roundabout** - MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave., SE, Sidney, MT. For more information call Chris Puyear, 406-431-2499, chrisp@strategies.360.com or visit www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/sidneyroundabout.

Fri., July 20
3 p.m. - **Fairivew, MT Old Timer's Reunion & Summer Festival** - This event continues 7 a.m., July 21.

MCKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Thurs., July 12
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Summer Art Workshop For Kids - Art Around The World:** Learn about the art of Africa, South America, Asia and Pacific Islands and recreate your own versions of the cultures art; **July 19, Art Rocks:** make creations out of rocks and paint; **July 26, The Possibilities of Paint:** use straws, string, black glue and more to see fun results. $25 per class. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. Register online, longxarts.com/summer-art-workshops.html.

Sat., July 14
5 p.m. - **Debbie Oakland Fundraiser** - Social hour, supper, silent auction, live auction, bake sale and gun raffle. Alexander Fire Hall, Alexander, ND. Anyone wishing to make a donation contact Carolyn Friesz, 208-360-5927 or Cheril Aamodt, 406-480-9797.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., July 11
5-8 p.m. **- Bark In The Park** - Free will donation BBQ & see the MonDak Animal Rescue adoptable pets. Laser tag for kids. Spring Lake Park, Williston, ND. For more information, 701-577-7387 or mondakanimalrescue@gmail.com.
3 p.m. - **WREC Dryland And Horticulture Field Day** - The public is invited to attend all activities. Registration starts at 3 p.m. with the tour starting at 4 p.m. 14120 Highway 2, 4.5 miles west of Williston, ND. For more information visit https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/willistonrec.

Thurs., July 12
8:30 a.m. - **Nesson Valley Irrigation Project Field Day** - Coffee is at 8:30 a.m., tour begins at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend all activities. 23 miles east of Williston, ND on Highway 1804. For more information visit https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/willistonrec.
5-9 p.m. - **Summer Nights On Main Featuring 32 Below** - Free concert, food vendors, children's activities, beer garden and fun for the whole family! This event continues every Thursday through August 23, downtown Williston, ND.

Sat., July 14
Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Rockin' Ribfest Rib teams will be preparing ribs all day for a public tasting at 4 p.m. Food, crafts, kids activities and entertainment. Williston State College Campus, Williston, ND.
9 a.m. - **25th Annual Garden Tour** - Refreshments, live flower demonstration, tour of gardens. Garden tour tickets $10; raffle tickets, $2. First Lutheran Church Fellowship Room, 916 Main Street, Williston. Proceeds will go toward hospital equipment.
5-12 p.m. - **Game Night At The James** - Free but donations welcome. James Memorial Art Center, 621 1st Avenue west, Williston, ND. For more information call 701-774-3601 or jmps@nemont.net.

Thurs., July 19
7 p.m. - **Fort Buford History Book Club** - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "The Halifax Explosion," by John U. Bacon. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri., July 20
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting** - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch and unfinished projects. This event continues on July 21. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Sat., July 21
10 a.m. - **6th Infantry Encampment** - Features historical demonstrations and more. Free and open to the public. This continues on July 22 when the encampment reenactors will visit with guests at the barracks throughout the day. Fort Buford State Historic Site.

DAWSON COUNTY

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Thurs., July 12
2-9 p.m. - **Celebrate Glendive Street Fair & Dance** - Summertime family fun. Sugar Plum Jewelry Co., 107 West Bell Street, Glendive, MT.

Fri., July 13
7 p.m. - **UFOs and Extraterrestrials In Montana With Joan Bird** - Free. Meet at the Visitor Center, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256.

Sat., July 14
10 a.m. - **Paleo Hike -** The hike will start at the paleontology lab and lead to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail. $10 per person. This event also occurs July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11 and 18. Meet at the Visitor Center, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256.

Thurs., July 19
9:30-11:30 a.m. - **Pollination Party Youth Program** - Students will learn the pollination process and how insects, plants and humans rely on it. Free. Meet at the Visitor Center, Makoshika Park, Glendive, MT. For more information call 406-377-6256.

4th of July Celebrations

Lambert 4th of July

Above: Wyatte Martin, Sy Carda and Charlie Beddow of Lambert compete in the sack races.

Right: 22 month old Silas Lannoye of Sidney digs for prizes in a sand box. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.

Above: Uncle Sam is Isaac Wolff and Lady Liberty is Darbie Moberg on the Wolf Pup Daycare and Tim's Fireworks float during the parade.

Left: Luca Ficara scoots around with the Watford City Preschool Co-op during the Arnegard 4th of July parade. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.

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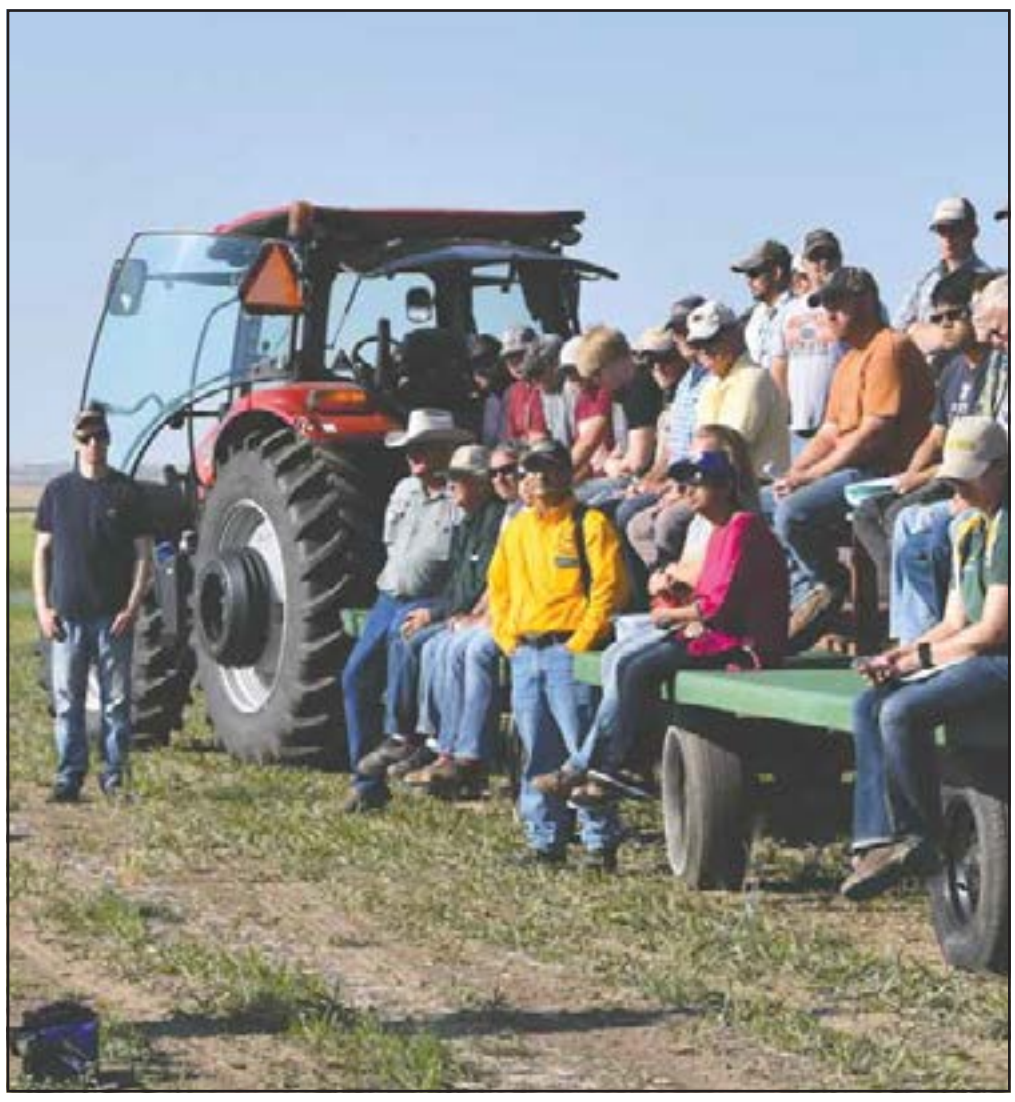
2018 MSU/EARC Field Day

Tuesday, July 17th



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CASE IH AGRICULTURE

By Anna Dragseth

Sidney has held annual Field Day Tours for many years to showcase their involvement and research with agriculture. The primary purpose of Field Days is to inform and make the public aware of what the research centers around the MonDak area are performing and accomplishing. It is now that time of year where research centers are planting seeds in the ground and getting ready to present new ideas and studies for the public to analyze.

The MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center Irrigated Farm Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th. It is located one mile North of Sidney. The event will start with coffee and rolls at 8:30 a.m. MDT (during registration) and the field tour will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be many featured speakers, and there will also be a lunch served after the tour of the research center. If you have any questions, call EARC at (406) 433-2208.

All producers, industry representatives, extension educators, research staff, and anyone interested in learning about agricultural research in the MonDak area are encouraged to attend. Come out and see the impact scientific research conducted at local research labs has on modern agriculture!

Durum Breeding And Low Cadmium Durum

By Anna Dragseth

At the EARC/MSU Extension Field Day, Dr. Mike Giroux will be speaking on durum and low cadmium durum around 1 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, July 17th. Dr. Giroux is a Professor of Wheat Genetics and Interim Department Head of the Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Giroux earned a Ph.D. in Plant Genetics from the University of Florida where he studied genes limiting cornstarch biosynthesis and agronomic yield. Giroux's current research focuses on developing durum wheat varieties adapted to Montana and on genes essential to wheat agronomic yield and product quality.

The topic Giroux will be speaking on is an important topic because durum is an essential crop to Montana farmers. The release of high yielding durum varieties with high product quality is of direct economic importance to producers.

MSU is carrying out a durum-breeding program by crossing among several different germplasm sources. The source materials include current locally adapted durum varieties, durum varieties containing value-added traits, and lines they have in development. The lines are selected for yield, major agronomic traits, seed color, disease resistance, protein strength, as well as pasta firmness and color stability. "The Bozeman based breeding efforts are relatively new, and lines from this program in the intrastate are just in their second year. Based on last year's data, several of the lines are yield competitive with current cultivars as well as carrying one or two additional traits. The added traits in some of the advanced selections are the low cadmium trait in which harvested seed is lower in cadmium content and a gene that confers increased pasta firmness," explained Giroux.

MSU researchers/agronomists are also researching ways to increase durum yield by modifying plant height and tilling capacity. One of their current projects involves testing semi-dwarf wheat that is taller and with greater yield capacity than current semi-dwarf durum wheat which is often too short for Montana dryland areas.

The primary goal for the durum-breeding program is to achieve high yielding, disease resistant, locally adapted durum varieties with good end product quality. "We are focused on integrating value-added traits such as increased pasta firmness and color stability in new varieties," said Giroux.

Upcoming USDA Farm Service Agency Deadlines for Farmers and Ranchers

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers, including livestock producers, are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The 2018 Acreage Reporting/Crop Certification Deadline is Mon., July 16, 2018 for Spring Seeded Alfalfa Seed, Forage Seeding, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Fruit (except cherries), Vegetables, Christmas Trees, and all Spring-Seeded Crops and any other crops not required to be reported by previously announced deadlines.

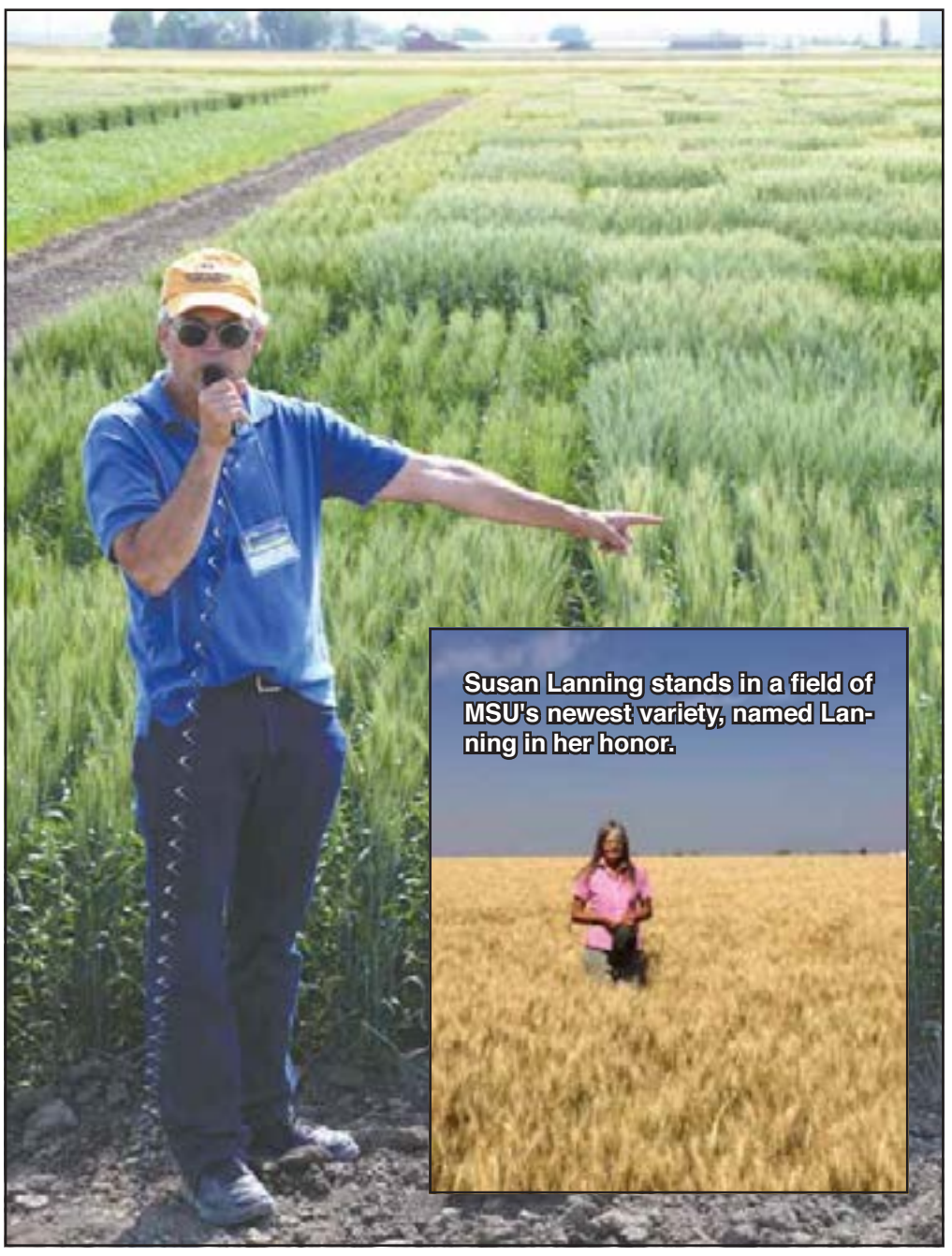
Producers with losses caused by flooding or other natural disasters, are reminded to timely report losses to the local FSA office.

Other upcoming FSA deadlines include:

- Now through August 1, 2018: 2018 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC) annual signup period
- Now through August 1, 2018: Open Nomination Period for the 2018 FSA County Committee Election
- Now through and Aug. 17, 2018: Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Signup Period and 1-year Extensions on contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2018
- Now through Oct. 1, 2018: 2019 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Application Closing Date for Annual Fall-Seeded Crops, Perennial Forage and Grazing, Mixed Forage Crops (including spring seeded annual types of missed forage), Rye, Speltz, Triticale, Wheat and Garlic
- May 15 to July 15: Montana Primary Nesting Season
- July 16: 2018 CRP Summer/Fall Grazing Period Begins (with prior written approval)
- July 16: 2018 CRP Managed Harvesting Period Begins (with prior written approval)

For more information, call or visit your local FSA office at 433-2103, ext. 2 in Sidney.

MSU Spring Wheat Breeding Program to be Discussed at Sidney Field Day



Dr. Luther Talbert

By Anna Dragseth

Dr. Luther Talbert, Montana State University (MSU) wheat breeder/researcher, will be discussing spring wheat breeding challenges and opportunities at the EARC/MSU Extension Field Day on Tuesday, July 17th. "I will talk about developing spring wheat varieties for Montana, especially as related to climate challenges we will continue to face," said Talbert.

The MSU spring wheat-breeding program has developed several varieties that are widely grown in Montana such as Vida, Duclair, and Lanning. "Lanning has had high yield potential under hot dry summer conditions, and has stronger gluten than the popular variety, Vida," said Talbert. Vida is a high yielding hard red spring wheat that was released in 2005 by MSU. It shows high yield potential and good milling and baking quality. Vida is one of the top-selling spring wheat varieties in Montana. Vida shows moderate resistance to leaf & stripe rust. Duclair is derived from a cross of Choteau//Reeder/Scholar varieties. Duclair is a solid stem semidwarf hard red spring wheat with white awns and glumes. "Vida has been the most widely grown variety in the state for the past several years, and Duclair is the most widely grown solid-stemmed variety. Solid stems are used for wheat stem sawfly resistance," explained Talbert.

The primary goal for the program is to provide new varieties with high yield, resistance to prevalent pests (such as the wheat stem sawfly), and high-end use quality.

Dr. Talbert noted that this is an important topic because new varieties with resistance to common insects and pests that have adapted to our climate will help ensure sustainability of wheat production in Montana.

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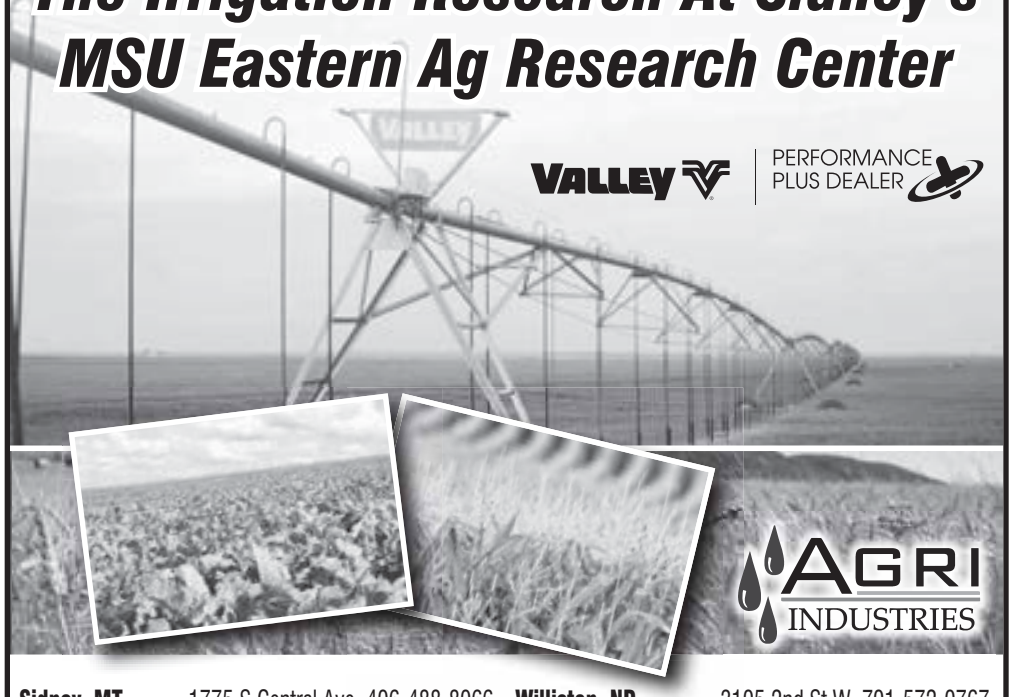

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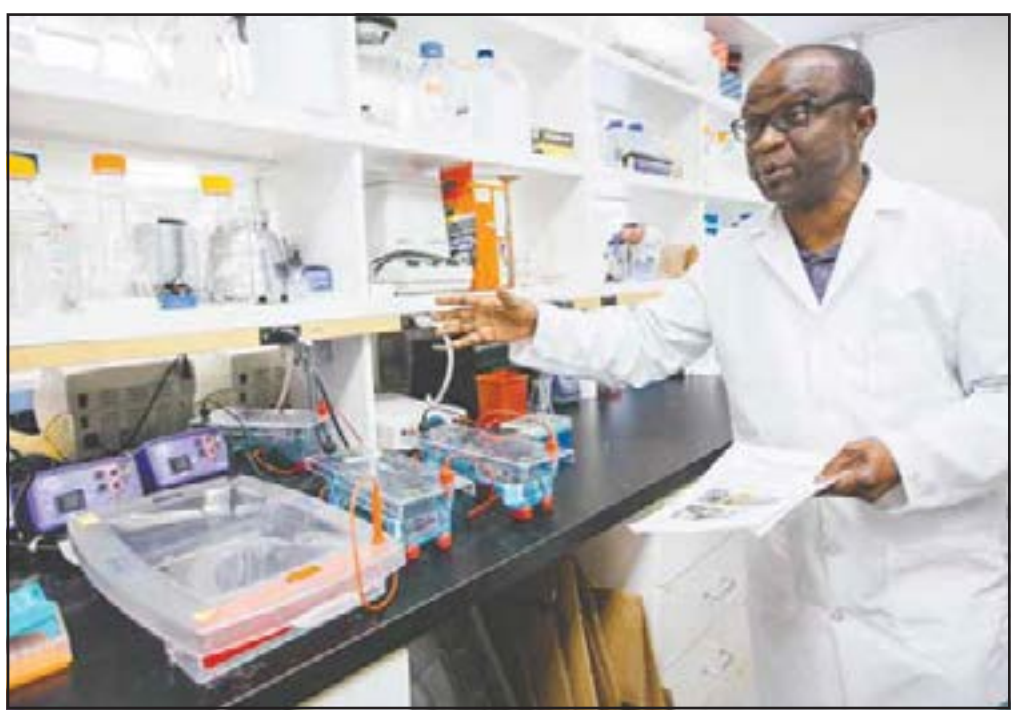

Bright Agindotan demonstrates diagnostic equipment at the Regional Pulse Crop Diagnostic Laboratory on Friday, June 15, 2018, at Montana State University in Bozeman. (MSU Photo by Adrian Sanchez-Gonzalez)

By Marshall Swearingen, MSU News Service

Like a farmer scanning the horizon for coming changes in weather, in 2014 Mary Burrows looked to the future of Montana agriculture, and what she saw prompted her to start the Regional Pulse Crop Diagnostic Laboratory at Montana State University.

It was a prescient decision. That year, farmers planted about 702,000 acres of pulses — dried leguminous crops that include peas, chickpeas and lentils. Just three years later, they planted more than double that acreage.

Burrows, a professor in MSU's Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology, anticipated the change, "but the exponential growth has been pretty surprising," she said.

More and more farmers, Burrows said, are seeing the benefits of planting pulses, which require little soil moisture, provide a cover crop that prevents weeds and fix essential nitrogen into the soil. In lieu of a traditional crop rotation that requires fallowing fields of wheat, a longtime staple of Montana agriculture, many farmers are instead getting extra income by pairing wheat with pulse crops.

But the benefits have come with new costs. "Pulse crops are really susceptible to a lot of diseases," Burrows said. Luckily, "many diseases can be prevented using integrated pest management, including using clean seed."

In 2014, no lab in the U.S. specialized in diagnosing pulse crop diseases. MSU's Schutter Diagnostic Lab, which identifies a variety of plant problems, was struggling to apply its expertise to the uptick in pulses.

"We established the pulse lab because we had a number of diseases and nobody in the region with the capability to quickly identify them," Burrows said.

In starting the lab, MSU had wide support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, industry groups including the U.S. Dry Pea and Lentil Council and the Northern Pulse Growers Association, the Montana Department of Agriculture and others, Burrows said.

Pulse pathogens include a variety of bacteria, fungi, viruses and nematodes, which are tiny, worm-like parasites. Often, pathogens don't immediately reveal themselves but become a problem in future generations of plants.

"Some seeds look healthy, but have disease," said Bright Agindotan, assistant research professor in the plant sciences and plant pathology department and manager of the pulse crop lab.

Over the past four years, with a few relatively small grants and funding from the Farm Bill, the facility has expanded its capabilities with advanced equipment that can, for example, quickly determine a pulse sample's genetic makeup.

"We look at what you can't see with your own eyes," said Muhammad Mahathar, a senior majoring in microbiology who works part-time in the lab.

If diseases go unchecked, they can reduce yields, undercut a grower's ability to sell seed and cut off avenues for export. According to the Montana Department of Agriculture, the state's export of pulse crops grew from $8 million in 2010 to more than $160 million in 2016. Many countries require certification that pulse products are free of nematodes and other pathogens, Agindotan said.

If significant levels of specific nematodes or other quarantined pathogens are widely discovered in Montana, Burrows said, a country like India could decide to decline the state's imports entirely. "(The lab) is a really valuable resource for protecting the industry from trade barriers," she said.

This year, Agindotan received a sampling of chickpeas that had a high concentration, about 17 percent, of Ascochyta blight, a fungus that can decimate the crop. Much of it showed resistance to a commonly used fungicide, and he quickly contacted the grower to advise an effective alternative. The incident demonstrated the importance of catching a disease early and working with the farmer to develop a strategy, he said.

"Just like when you go to the doctor, the first step is to diagnose the disease," he said. "Then you can treat it."

Last year, the lab received more than 1,900 samples, mostly from around Montana. Agindotan and others also travel the state to proactively find diseases that are just beginning to get a foothold. In 2016, for the first time in the state, they found Aphanomyces, a root rot whose spores can persist in soil for as long as 20 years. Lab personnel are now educating farmers about prevention of the disease, and are researching the best way to manage it in Montana.

According to Burrows, it's unclear whether the tide of pulse crops will continue to rise in Montana. Currently, the low price of wheat is helping to bolster pulses. Because farmers have seen the benefits of the crops and gained experience growing them, the levels may never drop back to 2014 levels, she said.

Today, MSU's diagnostic lab, which serves Montana as well as six surrounding states, remains the only one in the U.S. that specializes in pulse crops.

"It has proven its value," Burrows said.

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Sidney Swimmers Hold Meet at Home

Sidney Tiger Sharks Sidney Swim Meet Results July 14-15

We had one top girl in the 8 and under age group Madycen Sanders. It was a fun hot meet but the swimmers swam well shaving a lot of time this weekend.

Boys 100 Free Relay 8 & Under: A Relay, 3rd place; B Relay, 6th place.

Girls 100 Free Relay 8 & Under: A Relay, 1st place; B Relay, 5th place

Boys 100 Free Relay 9-10: A Relay, 3rd place.

Girls 100 Free Relay 9-10: A Relay, 1st place; B Relay, 7th place; C Relay, 5th place; D Relay, 11th place.

Boys 200 Free Relay 11-12: A Relay, 1st place; B Relay, 3rd place.

Girls 200 Free Relay 11-12: A Relay, 4th place.

Girls 200 Free Relay 13-14: A Relay, 2nd place.

Girls 200 Free Relay 15 & Over: A Relay, 1st place.

Boys 100 IM 8 & Under: Lucas Hill, 2nd place.

Girls 100 IM 8 & Under: Madycen Sanders, 1st place; Micah Haralson, 2nd place.

Girls 100 IM 9-10: Avé Norby, 5th place; Zoey Garsjo, 7th place; Amara Iversen, 8th place; Maddie Schieber, 9th place; Lexie Albright, 10th place.

Boys 200 IM 11-12: Ethan Erickson, 3rd place; Hunter Sanders, 4th place.

Girls 200 IM 11-12: Ella Norby, 4th place; Marett Schieber, 5th place.

Girls 200 IM 15 & Over: Gwyneth Arthur, 2nd place.

Boys 25 Free 8 & Under: Beckett Norby, 8th place; Evan Erickson, 9th place; Jade Steffan, 10th place.

Girls 25 Free 8 & Under: Skylar Rodgers, 1st place; Payton Bauer, 9th place.

Boys 50 Free 9-10: Parker Wunder, 3rd place; Harper Karalus, 10th place.

Girls 50 Free 9-10: Ryleigh Kleinke, 1st place; Morgan Kindopp, 3rd place; Brooklyn Wunder, 10th place; Gracie Hentges, 11th place.

Boys 50 Free 11-12: Corben Holler, 2nd place; Nathan Hill, 4th place; Paul Gonsalez, 8th place; Kagan Eury, 9th place.

Girls 50 Free 11-12: Lily Herbst, 8th place.

Girls 50 Free 13-14: Elizabeth Langwald, 6th place; Railyn Herbst, 10th place; Joleah Sverdrup, 11th place.

Boys 50 Free 15 & Over: Trev Stewart, 4th place.

Girls 50 Free 15 & Over: Hollye Blekestad, 3rd place; Shanyn Reidle, 8th place; Shaylyne Roth, 11th place.

Boys 25 Breast 8 & Under: Lucas Hill, 2nd place.

Girls 25 Breast 8 & Under: Micah Haralson, 1st place; Skylar Rodgers, 4th place.

Boys 50 Breast 9-10: Harper Karalus, 6th place.

Girls 50 Breast 9-10: Morgan Kindopp, 2nd place; Ryleigh Kleinke, 3rd place; RayElla Radke, 6th place; Amara Iversen, 7th place; Gracie Hentges, 11th place; Maddie Schieber, 12th place.

Boys 50 Breast 11-12: Hunter Sanders, 1st place; Nathan Hill, 3rd place; Paul Gonsalez, 5th place.

Girls 100 Breast 13-14: Avery Iversen, 5th place; Naomi Schrader, 6th place.

Girls 100 Breast 15 & Over: Hadley Garsjo, 4th place; Hollye Blekestad, 7th place.

Boys 50 Free 8 & Under: Lucas Hill, 1st place; Beckett Norby, 8th place; Jaxcen Sanders, 9th place; Jade Steffan, 10th place; Evan Erickson, 11th place.

Girls 50 Free 8 & Under: Madycen Sanders, 1st place; Skylar Rodgers, 4th place; Payton Bauer, 9th place.

Boys 100 Free 9-10: Parker Wunder, 3rd place; William Beardsley, 10th place.

Girls 100 Free 9-10: Ryleigh Kleinke, 3rd place; Morgan Kindopp, 4th place; Zoey Garsjo, 8th place.

Boys 100 Free 11-12: Ethan Erickson, 3rd place; Mason Kindopp, 5th place; Caleb Kleinke, 6th place; Paul Gonsalez, 9th place; Kagan Eury, 10th place.

Girls 100 Free 11-12: Lily Herbst, 8th place.

Girls 100 Free 13-14: Naomi Schrader, 9th place; Joleah Sverdrup, 10th place; Kylie Burnison, 12th place.

Girls 100 Free 15 & Over: Hollye Blekestad, 2nd place; Shanyn Reidle, 7th place; Shaylyne Roth, 9th place.

Boys 25 Back 8 & Under: Jade Steffan, 2nd place; Beckett Norby, 3rd place; Jaxcen Sanders, 7th place; Dresden Wesley, 9th place; Evan Erickson, 11th place.

Girls 25 Back 8 & Under: Payton Bauer, 5th place; Aspyn Sorteberg, 10th place.

Boys 50 Back 9-10: Parker Wunder, 2nd place; Harper Karalus, 4th place; Jason Sorteberg, 7th place; William Beardsley, 9th place.

Girls 50 Back 9-10: Avé Norby, 1st place; Gracie Hentges, 5th place; Mariyah Bauer, 9th place; Maddie Schieber, 10th place; RayElla Radke, 11th place.

Boys 50 Back 11-12: Corben Holler, 3rd place; Nathan Hill, 7th place; Kagan Eury, 9th place.

Girls 50 Back 11-12: Ella Norby, 2nd place; Marett Schieber, 3rd place; Lily Herbst, 4th place.

Girls 100 Back 13-14: Avery Iversen, 5th place; Annabelle Beardsley, 6th place.

Boys 25 Fly 8 & Under: Jaxcen Sanders, 3rd place.

Girls 25 Fly 8 & Under: Madycen Sanders, 1st place; Micah Haralson, 2nd place.

Girls 50 Fly 9-10: Avé Norby, 2nd place; Zoey Garsjo, 5th place; Lexie Albright, 6th place; Amara Iversen, 7th place.

Boys 50 Fly 11-12: Mason Kindopp, 4th place; Hunter Sanders, 5th place.

Girls 50 Fly 11-12: Marett Schieber, 2nd place.

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Girls 100 Fly 15 & Over: Hadley Garsjo, 3rd place; Shaylyne Roth, 6th place.

Above: The Sidney team with their trophy.

Left: 8 and under high point winner Madycen Sanders.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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(L-R) Jeter Johnsrud, Hallie Johnsrud and Kane Sorenson wave to the crowd on the Anova float during the McKenzie County Fair Parade July 5 in Watford City. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.

Carson Dixon (1st) and Bryce Butler (2nd) battle it out during the demolition derby July 6.

Above left: McKenzie County Deputy Noah McCullough helps young fairgoers get ready to throw balls at the Dunk a Deputy at the McKenzie Co. Fair on July 6.

Above right: Eli Lapell takes 1st place in the Sr. Breakaway with a time of 4.14 during the youth rodeo at the McKenzie Co. Fairgrounds on July 8. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.

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

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number (27-221-6660-001) and the applicant's name (Dawbie, LLC); (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

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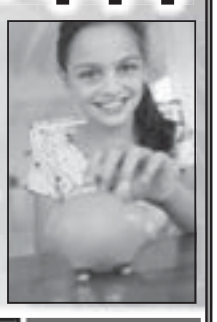
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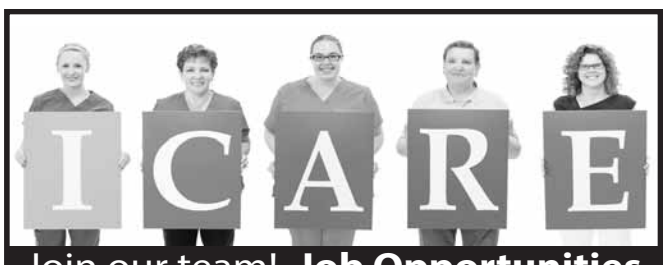

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Bakken Conference And Expo Coming to Watford City July 16-18

By Jordan Hall

The Bakken Conference and Expo will be held Monday, July 16-Wednesday, July 18 at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City. The event will focus on oil and gas production in the Williston Basin and the various investment strategies and innovations that will be useful in the industry in coming months and years.

The conference and expo will feature industry regulators, company CEOs, completion engineers and other petroleum professionals that will lend their expertise and ideas to those with interests in the oilfield. Focused upon telling powerful stories, providing intel, and giving opportunities for oil professionals to network together, the event will host over 80 petroleum companies offering exhibitions, reveal new products and helpful inventions, and showcase the type of services offered.

The event will be hosted by North American Shale Magazine, which is the first petroleum-related Bakken-specific publication, which presents regular journalistic updates and stories on shale production on the continent.

In particular, North American Shale Magazine believes the conference will be helpful to operators, investors, drilling companies, fund managers, completions service providers, hydraulic fracturing technology providers, directional drilling companies, rail providers, consultants, engineers and infrastructure investors and lenders.

Opening remarks will be by North American Shale Magazine editor, Luke Geiver, and then keynote speakers will take to the podium for a range of topics. For example, Jeff Kumer, the CEO of McKenzie Minerals Management, will speak on the transition of the single pad methodology in the Bakken to more modern strategies in a talk entitled, "The Evolution of the Bakken." Aron Deen, the Director of Business Management for Ulterra, will explain how his company expanded even in a downturn economy. Kelly Armstrong, the Republican candidate in North Dakota for the U.S. House of Representatives, will be offering his vision for increased growth and production in the Williston Basin. Many other individuals are also slated to speak.

Registration for the event is free for operating producers, active drilling companies, and completion companies. For others, registration is $745 for the full conference, which includes food and refreshments. Government employees may receive a one hundred dollar discount and students are $300. If you desire to have an exhibit at the event, the registration fee is $495. Single day registrations are also available for a reduced rate.

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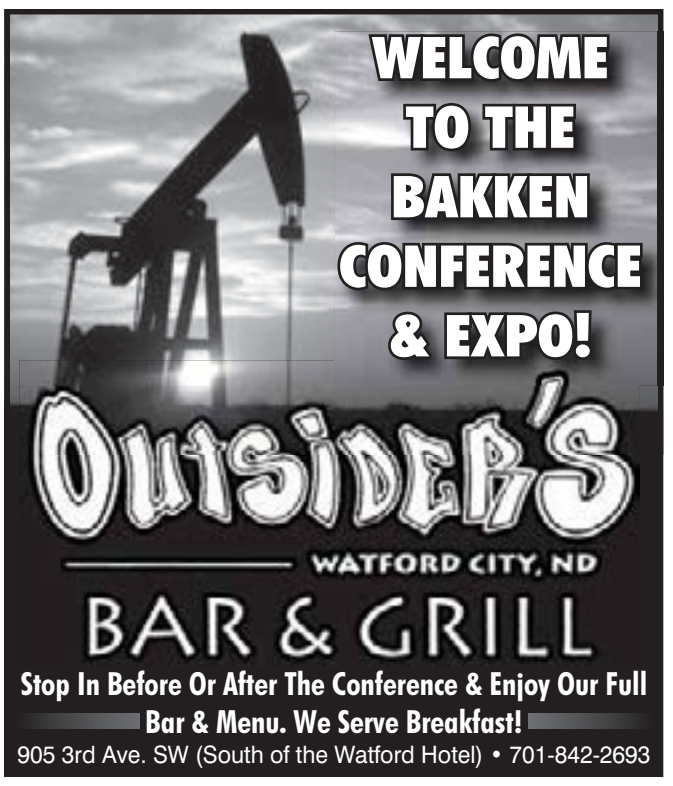

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Oasis Petroleum Vice President of Operations to Keynote at 2018 Bakken Conference & Expo

Produced by BBI International and North American Shale magazine, The Bakken Conference will provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of the current state of the Bakken shale play.

BBI International announced the keynote speaker for the 4th annual Bakken Conference & Expo, one of North Dakota's premier shale oil events, taking place July 16-18 in Watford City, North Dakota. This year's agenda headlines Oasis Petroleum, Vice President of Operations as the keynote speaker who will highlight current and future operations in the Bakken shale play.

"The addition of Oasis Petroleum's Vice President of Operations, Jason Swaren, to the 2018 agenda line-up highlights the impressive range and type of content assembled for this year's event," says Luke Geiver, program director for the Bakken Conference & Expo. "From major operator perspective to the latest updates in field-level technology, we've created an event that is accessible and valuable to multiple Bakken stakeholders."

The 2018 panel presentations will provide in-depth analysis and timely presentations from 40-plus speakers focused on the following:

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- Oilfield Employment Trends
- Field Power
- Type curves and Production Optimization
- Future Technology Applicability

The Conference will be taking place in Watford City, the epicenter of North Dakota's energy boom, and will give attendees the opportunity to network with industry leaders, explore the latest industry technologies and join the conversation on improving oil recovery and transport arising out of the Bakken shale play.

"For the first time ever, Watford City is hosting a major Bakken-themed event. The show's location will give those in the field—or interested in the field—insight and information from the heart of the play."

Jason Swaren

There will also be a free community BBQ taking place Monday, July 16th from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Members of the community will have an opportunity to see first-hand some of the technologies that are shaping the Bakken Shale Play, in their backyard. All are welcome.

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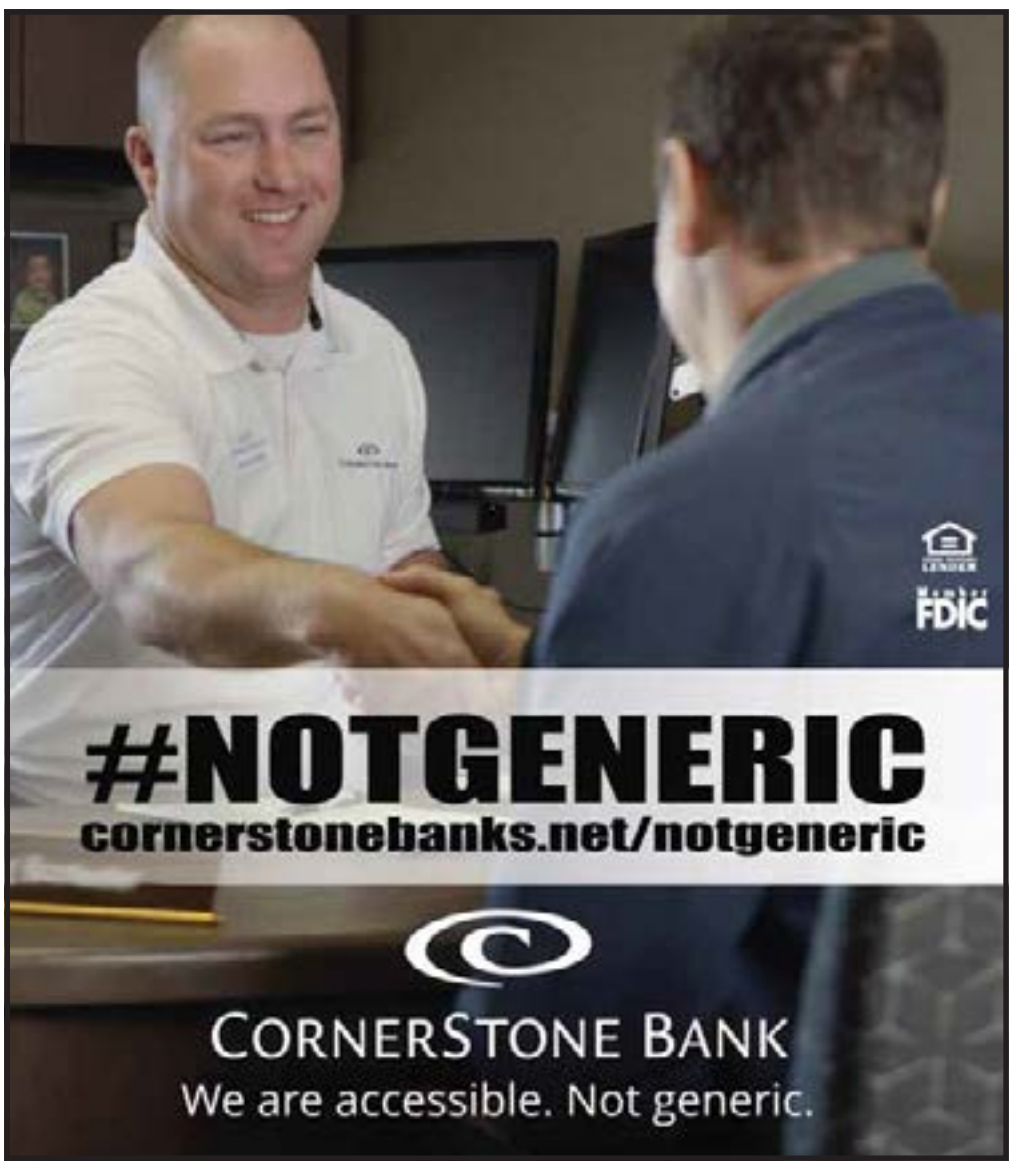

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Bakken Conference & Expo to Feature Local Economic Development Updates

By Stephanie Ler

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Local officials Shawn Wenko, Executive Director of Williston Economic Development, and Daniel Stenberg, Economic Development Coordinator for McKenzie County, are on the panel of four speakers in the one and a half hour session.

Wenko's presentation includes an update on the current economic status of Williston, including how the city has weathered the slow-down, and the effect of the more recent increase in activity. "We'll talk about the birth rate rising, the increase in school enrollment, sales tax collection, and the infrastructure we've put in the ground to address the growth," Wenko explained.

The latter part of the presentation will discuss "the biggest change," according to Wenko-the construction of the new Williston Basin International Airport, and the decommissioning of Sloulin Field International Airport. The decommissioning of Sloulin Field will leave a property of about 850 acres- or roughly the size of New York City's Central Park- for the city to redevelop. "We've worked with a developer and have a lot of ideas. We're working closely with the Department of Transportation to look at highway access and road access to the property, and how it affects the current transportation grid," Wenko said. Though the actual development of the property cannot commence until the City has satisfied the requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration, many options for the vast property have been discussed, all with the end goal of improving the quality of life for Williston residents.

McKenzie County Economic Development Coordinator Daniel Stenberg speaking at the 2017 Bakken Conference in Bismarck.

In his presentation, "How Watford City and McKenzie County can meet the needs of the oil industry," Daniel Stenberg cites that Watford City and McKenzie County are in the "sweet spot" of oil development. "We have over 5000 wells within a 30-mile radius of Watford City. That makes a difference to a lot of companies who want to be where the wells are. We've seen a 270% population growth in Watford City, and 100% growth in McKenzie County since the oil boom started," Stenberg said.

Watford City and McKenzie County have made infrastructure improvements to keep up with this rapid growth, including working with the schools and oil industry professionals. "Workforce is our biggest need," Stenberg explained. "Our unemployment rate is 2%, so we can't meet the need for employers who have positions to fill without folks just switching jobs and leaving a different opening. We need to work on improving training opportunities as well as attracting more people to come to our community." Stenberg stresses that working with the school systems to provide training to students is integral to preparing students for the workforce, whether that be in the petroleum industry or anywhere else.

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Shawn Wenko, Executive Director of Williston Economic Development, will discuss the construction of the new Williston Basin International Airport, and the decommissioning of Sloulin Field International Airport. Pictured above is the terminal at Sloulin Field International Airport.

Additional speakers in this session include Mike Elliott and Muriel Lippert. Elliot is the founder and managing principal for Energy Real Estate Solutions, or ERES. The company is a full-service commercial real estate firm, specializing in helping both energy companies and investors in the acquisition and management of properties in rural markets. The company maintains properties around the Bakken, and has an office in Williston. Elliott will be presenting "Riding the upswing: Minimizing risk and spotting opportunities in Bakken shale play real estate." Lippert is the Building Manager for the Renaissance Company, a real estate company focused on community revitalization. Lippert will speak on "Oil resurgence and downtown revitalization."

Though the Bakken Conference & Expo is specific to the oil industry, the conference offers a free BBQ reception on Monday night, from 5:00 to 6:30 CST, which is open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with exhibitors, speakers and event organizers. A free dinner will be provided.

The Bakken Conference & Expo will be held July 16-18 at the Rough Rider Center in Watford City. Attendees can register for a single day or the whole conference, with free admission provided to employees of production and drilling companies. For additional information, visit www.thebakkenconference.com.

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Tug-of-War, Street Dance, and Much More During Fairview's Old Timer's Reunion & Summer Festival

Committee members have a full weekend of fun planned for everyone during Fairview's 72nd annual Old Timer's Reunion and Summer Festival July 20 – 22.

Start the weekend off with a free musical slide show, "Looking Back at Old Timers" at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Included are photos of each button from 1956 to 2017 plus photographs of parades and events. Enjoy Hamburgers in the Park during Registration of Old Timers from 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 21 starts with the first annual 5K run/walk at 7 a.m. Call Bert Olson at 406-480-6162 to register. From 7 to 10 a.m., enjoy a free will pancake and sausage breakfast at the fire hall, and take a tour while you're there. Registration of Old Timers takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with the classic car show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the north end of the park. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. check out the "Fairview Historical Display" by the MonDak Heritage Center in the north side dining room of the Hotel Albert.

Line-up for the Kiddie Parade is at 11 a.m. at MonDak Clinic with the parade starting at 11:30. The free lunch, with your button, starts at 11:30 a.m.

Grand Parade participants start lining up at noon on Interstate Avenue, with the parade beginning at 1 p.m. The program in the park, and beef auction takes place at 2:15 p.m. Inflatables for kids will be set up by the Fairview Community Foundation from 2 to 6 p.m.

From 3 to 5 p.m., help Zion Lutheran Church celebrate its 100th Anniversary with an Open House and Ice Cream Social at the church.

New this year is the Tug-of War competition. Registration is $25 and teams can preregister by calling Lyle Carlson at 406-480-5815. Explore America will hold their annual Duck Race at the canal at 4 p.m.

A Free Concert will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the park. Don't forget to sign up for free cash; drawings will be held at 6 p.m.

The 2nd annual town photo Ellery Ave, will take place at the Waterhole #3 at 8 p.m. with Judd Burman Photography.

Dance the night away to the sounds of Valley Cash on Ellery Avenue from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Entrance to Fort Buford is free on Saturday with your Old Timer's button, courtesy of the Fairview Chamber of Commerce.

Wrap up the weekend with church in the park at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Williston's Cooks On Main Receives National Award

Cooks on Main owner Angela Skogen. (Photography provided by Erin Vournas Photography)

Cooks on Main, located in Downtown Williston, has recently been named a 2018 distinguished "All Star" retailer by Gourmet Insider Magazine. Cooks on Main owner Angela Skogen was notified in April of the award and is currently featured in the July/August issue along with 2 other distinguished winners. Gourmet Insider is the leading trade magazine in the houseware industry. Executive Managing Editor Emily Cappiello said, "These retailers are not just stimulating change and growth in our industry in the present, but all of them are also helping to push the independent gourmet segment into the future."

Cooks on Main was nominated by another industry leader. Through the selection process, Gourmet Insider selected the business for this award based on Skogen's continued investment into the future of the store with a recent remodel, innovative ideas, partnership within the industry, and her successful business model for Cooks on Main.

Cappiello came to Williston in May to interview Skogen for the magazine.

Skogen opened Cooks on Main in 2010 upon returning to Williston after working for Target in the corporate office in Minneapolis. Her dream was to open a store in her hometown that has become the culinary cornerstone for the everyday chef.

"We are so honored to be selected for this distinguished award within the housewares industry. I feel so lucky to be working with the best team and staff in the country and I am blessed here in my hometown of Williston - which continues to be so supportive, "said Skogen.

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