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Flaring – Oil Companies Ask the State to Allow the GCP Program Time to Run Its Course



By Tie Shank

Over 100 people attended the public hearing held on April 22 at the Department of Mineral Resources office in Bismarck, ND, many of which gave testimonials voicing their position on the North Dakota Industrial Commissions (NDIC) flaring proposal that would cut back on the state's oil production as a means of controlling excessive natural gas flaring.

The commission held the meeting in hopes of hearing from operators about the economic impacts of production curtailments and in hopes of hearing from experts on air quality.

As of February of this year, North Dakota was burning off (or flaring); an all-time high record set in September 2011, of 36 percent of the gas because processing facilities and pipeline development can't keep pace with the drilling.

The North Dakota Petroleum Council's flaring task force said the industry has invested more than \$6 billion in infrastructure over the past six years to capture natural gas and is planning to spend at least \$1.7 billion more over the next two years.

Joel Noyes from Hess Corporation writes, "Hess is committed to reducing natural gas flaring throughout our own operations and has a comprehensive flare-reduction program in place in North Dakota that includes gas transportation systems, compression stations, NGL loading, and the recent expansion of the Tioga gas processing plant." He later adds, "We also caution the state and the NDIC that any curtailment measures implemented too quickly can have a negative impact on an operator's business plan – affecting budgets, capital expenditures, and investments outside of normal operations. Just as the state has asked operators to engage in thoughtful and responsible planning, we also ask the state to be thoughtful and responsible with the decisions it makes in this space."

Jeremy Conger, Director of Operations for WPX Energy Williston, LLC writes, "Although we have many constraints, WPX does support the use of the Gas Capture Plan for flaring reduction." Conger says, "WPX is confident that the GCP program can be successful in reducing flaring. The NDIC should allow for the GCP program to succeed and allow time for the program to run its course before implementing curtailment measures that could reduce development commitments."

Tom Wheeler with the Northwest Landowners Association applauds the oil industry for the plan they developed to reduce the flaring of natural gas. He states, "Landowners are willing to work to find solutions that will improve landowner relations with the oil industry and to encourage the timely development of pipelines that will help reduce flaring."

Tex "Red Tipped Arrow" Hall, Chairman of the TAT – MHA Nation writes, "The MHA Nation agrees flaring of gas in the Bakken, Bakken/Three Forks and Three Forks Pools must be reduced to conserve valuable gas resources and protect our communities and our environment. However, the State must be clear where its proposed rules do and do not apply. To prevent confusion and uncertainty among the oil and gas companies investing and developing energy resources on our lands, this hearing and the future actions of the Commission must recognize that the MHA Nation is a sovereign government which enforces its own regulations and policies that apply to oil and gas resources in these pools."

Dr. Lyle Best of Watford City sums it up in two words: "Slow Down!" He and his wife live about 200 yards downwind (SE) of two wells, which he's been told will someday be 8 or 10 wells. At times, the flares from these two wells are over 20 feet high. He says the sound coming from these wells is "constant and similar to a jetliner passing nearby and the light flickers through our bedroom window."

Dr. Best is annoyed that "these two flares have burned off over 60 million cubic feet of natural gas in the past six months and are continuously wasting enough energy to heat hundreds of homes, at the same time that many people in our country are sleeping on the street, and at least one North Dakotan died of hypothermia this winter when they were unable to pay for much more expensive propane. This doesn't even address the issue of carbon dioxide and other pollutants being poured into the atmosphere."

In an email to this author, Alison Ritter, Public Information Officer of the Department of Mineral Resources wrote, "There are no more hearings or meetings scheduled. An order, with a recommendation is expected to be brought to the North Dakota Industrial Commission in the next 30 or 60 days."

The Department of Mineral Resources Director Lynn Helms, says that once the order is put in to place, it will have the force of law.

What's Next for LYIP?

Rocking permit needed immediately.



Chris Fassaro, Project Manager,
US Army Corps of Engineers

Record crowds of supporters of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) attended the public meetings in Glendive and Sidney hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) last week. Both venues were changed from cafeterias to gymnasiums to accommodate the 500 plus people in Glendive and 400 plus in Sidney. In conversations after the meetings, LYIP manager James Brower was told they were the largest endangered species public meetings ever seen by USACE or BOR. He expressed his deepest gratitude to everyone who worked so hard to disseminate information, secure bus transportation, provide food, and especially for attending the meetings. He also stated Monday that the record crowds have already resulted in federal and state agency leaders calling with positive support of the project and the permit.

The meetings started with presentations by the Bureau and Corps explaining the proposed project at Intake, the process that led to their recommendations, and the biology of the pallid sturgeon.

The proposed project involves constructing a 6' concrete weir, with a gentle rock slope downstream and a steeper rock slope upstream, using existing rock. The concrete weir would stop the need for rocking which LYIP has reliably done for over 100 years to protect the wooden diversion and to ensure reliable irrigation water during low flows. A fish bypass is also proposed on Joe's Island to provide passage for the pallid sturgeon which is on the endangered species list.

As biologists explained it, the pallid sturgeon requires more river miles than it currently has to allow effective spawning and drifting of the larval so it can mature enough to survive when it reaches the silty waters at the head of Lake Sakakawea. The proposed fish bypass would provide calmer waters for the pallid sturgeon to go upstream past Intake and give the larval an additional 165 miles of open river to float back down.

At the Glendive meeting, it was revealed by a shocked James Brower that funding for the project was no longer available for fiscal 2014 as he had been told previously. At the Sidney public meeting, USACE further explained the funding process. According to project manager Chris Fassaro, the dollars which had been allocated were returned to the Corps when the com-



Gerry Benock, Project Manager,
Bureau of Reclamation

mittee realized that the deadlines for project development could not be met. By returning the funding to the Corps headquarters, they are very confident it will be returned to finance the Intake project. Otherwise, the money would have gone to the Treasury Department and been lost.

The needed funds are in the Presidential budget but will need to be appropriated by Congress. If project approval is given and if funding is approved, construction would start in 2015. Continued pressure on state and national politicians, as well as the Corps, US Fish & Wildlife, and the Bureau of Reclamation is needed to ensure the project and its funding.

The USACE outlined their time line for the project with the study completed in October 2014, contract award in March 2015 and project completion in December 2016.

After the formal presentation, countless individuals and entities expressed their support of the proposed concrete weir and fish bypass. Perhaps the shortest presentation came from state representative Scott Staffanson who echoed the sentiments of the vast majority when he said, "We're feeding PEOPLE for God's sake. Get it done!"

After the meeting, Bureau of Reclamation and USACE personnel were on hand to answer any individual questions.

In the meantime, LYIP is not allowed to rock the diversion dam as it has for over 100 years. Although it had never been necessary previously, LYIP was told it needed a permit. The permit was applied for last July but has still not been received. The flooding and ice jams this past March pushed the existing rock off the dam, leaving the wooden structure subject to damage. The rocking is essential to protect the structure and provide reliable irrigation water during the hot months of summer.

Cathy Juhas is processing the permit application for the Corps Regulatory division, which has the authority to issue the rocking permit. Contact her at 406-657-5910 or email her at Catherine.d.juhas@usace.army.mil. to make your concerns known about reliable irrigation water and the potential effects on the economy if that permit is not approved immediately, and for the period until the new diversion is completed. Traditionally, the rocking is done in July. LYIP needs about a month to mine the needed rock and place it on the dam. According to Mike Backes with MTFWP in Miles City, a MT DEQ permit is also needed.



Comet Convenience Store Opens in Alexander

Tim and Jodi McGowan opened the Comet Convenience Store in mid April. They have converted the Alexander Senior Center into a full convenience store offering milk, beverages, snacks, groceries, toiletries and a popcorn bar with many flavors. Jodi McGowan will still be operating her hair & tanning salon in the same location. The Comet Convenience Store is located at 504 Elk Street in Alexander, across the street from the fire hall. The store hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Saturday and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

Yellowstone Bank Acquires 1st Bank, Sidney

Yellowstone Bank has agreed to acquire a branch office of 1st Bank in Sidney, Montana.

Yellowstone Bank (Yellowstone) and 1st Bank (1st Bank) have announced the signing of a purchase and assumption agreement whereby Yellowstone will acquire the Sidney, MT branch of 1st Bank, subsidiary of 1st United Bancorporation, Inc.

As part of the transaction, Yellowstone will acquire one full-service retail branch, approximately \$110 million in deposits and approximately \$40 million in loans. Terms of the transaction will not be disclosed. The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals and certain closing conditions, and a September closing is anticipated.

1st Bank plans to relocate its bank charter to Broadus, MT which will continue independent operations managed by John Franklin. Brad Franklin will be joining Yellowstone Bank as President of the Sidney bank.

Jay Harris, President of Yellowstone Bank, said "John Franklin and his team have run a great operation. The styles of the banks are similar as both value long term relationships and have strong roots in agriculture and small business lending. We are very excited to welcome their staff to Yellowstone Bank and look forward to meeting their valued customers."

"The major stockholders and most directors are well past

the normal retirement age and decided it was time to "cash out", "said 1st Bank President and CEO John Franklin. Since 1st Bank Sidney is located in the Bakken Oil Field and a Yellowstone River irrigated valley, the Board of Directors received offers from large banks, but considered Yellowstone Bank to be the best fit for its valued staff and customers. The Board of Directors and John say, "Thank You Sidney community for the long term relationship. The ride has been great due to you." Banking in Broadus will remain status quo.

Yellowstone Bank was advised in the transaction by Sandler O'Neill & Partner, L.P. as financial advisor, and Crowley, Samson, Jones & Chisholm, PLLC as legal counsel.

The Sidney bank will be eighth location for Yellowstone Bank which was founded by B.M. Harris in 1907 and today, after five generations, is still operated by the Harris family. Bank management and staff are committed to maintaining Yellowstone Bank's exceptional level of customer service, stability and financial strength. The company website is www.yellowstonebank.com.

1st Bank was founded in 1975 as 1st United Bank of Sidney and offers a full range of deposit services and agriculture, commercial, residential and personal/consumer loans. The company website is www.our1stbank.com.



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AREA RECOVERY GROUPS

MONDAYS:
Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
1 - 3 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support Group in First Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking at Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

TUESDAYS:
7 p.m. — NA meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church 2181 W. Holly St. (across from the fairgrounds), Sidney.
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

WEDNESDAYS:
5:00 p.m. — Sober Life Young People’s NAAA 12- step recovery group, 25 yr. old & younger, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

THURSDAYS:
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.- 5 Stones faith based recovery meeting, Sidney Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW, Back door is open.
7 p.m. — Watford City area Celebrate Recovery, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.
8 p.m. — AA meetings, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
8 p.m. — NA meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 2181 W. Holly St. (across from the fairgrounds), Sidney.

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

STATISTICS

LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

	Sakakawea	Fort Peck
Current Elevation.....	1837.2	2225.7
Last Week’s Elev.....	1837.0	2225.3
One Year Ago.....	1828.2	2222.5
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	24,000	8,000

WATFORD CITY WEATHER DATA
Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 21.....	NA	NA	NA
April 22.....	NA	NA	NA
April 23.....	NA	NA	NA
April 24.....	NA	NA	NA
April 25.....	NA	NA	NA
April 26.....	NA	NA	NA
April 27.....	NA	NA	NA
YTD Rainfall.....			22.44

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 21.....	67	32	0.00
April 22.....	73	41	0.00
April 23.....	60	40	0.02
April 24.....	62	40	0.00
April 25.....	70	35	0.00
April 26.....	70	44	0.00
April 27.....	48	37	0.57
Average YTD Precipitation.....			1.40

OBITUARIES

William “Brad” Carnduff, 29, Sidney, MT

Funeral services for William “Brad” Carnduff, 29, of Sidney, MT were at 10 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Richland County Fair Event Center with Pastor Paul Turek of Faith Alliance Church in Sidney officiating. Interment took place Saturday, April 26, 2014, at 2 p.m., CDT, in Antler Community Cemetery, Antler, ND under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.
Brad died on Monday evening, April 21, 2014 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Alexander Preschool and Kindergarten Registration April 28 - May 2

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten for Alexander Public School will be held April 28 – May 2, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Alexander School
Preschool registration: Your child must be 4 by August 1. Please bring your child’s birth certificate and immunization records.
Kindergarten registration: Your child must be 5 by August 1 to register for kindergarten. Please bring your child’s birth certificate and immunization records. (These are only needed if your child does not have these already on file at the school.)

Williston Basin Stand Down

The Williston Basin Stand Down will be held May 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Williston New Armory, located at 10 Main Street, Williston.
The purpose of the stand down is to provide a one-stop shop for services for veterans that are at risk or are currently homeless. The original stand down for veterans was modeled after the stand down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical treatment, send and receive mail and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment.
If you have questions please call Grant Carns, Williams County Veterans Service Officer at 701 577 4550.

Letter to the Editor

I attended the meeting regarding Intake Dam and the fish bypass last Thursday evening at the Sidney High School, and I left that meeting shaking my head in disgust. The pallid sturgeon mess is just one more project in a long series of events that seem designed to ensure the extinction of one more species in our country: the American farmer.
The American farmer is supposed to step aside for everything and anything: the farmer is to take a back seat for the pallid sturgeon, the American farmer is expected to step aside while Mt Fish and Game prepare to dump buffalo in our back yards, the American farmer is to cease and desist using any sort of farming method or seed or implement that offends the sensibilities of those who know nothing about agriculture, the American farmer is to sit back and allow city folks to have first access to water so these wannabees can jet ski up and down the river, the American farmer is expected to quit farming if it is found that some species or another on his land may be endangered for one reason or another, the American farmer is to quietly allow his grazing land to disappear in favor or whatever hair brained scheme some environmentalist group, government agency, or pseudo scientist has dreamed up.
In short, this overfed nation has no clue about agriculture and has no recognition of the fact that our American farmers provide them with the food on their tables. This nation of fatties has never lacked for food, and as a result, has no appreciation for what the farmer does for this country. This overfed nation is hell bent and determined to destroy the base (agriculture) that keeps this country strong and free.
I have no idea what to do about this. We as agricultural people have tried to get our story out, have tried to educate our urban neighbors about the production of food, but it seems like this information falls on deaf ears. Until we can curb some over-zealous environmentalist groups and rein in some bull headed government agencies that care more about buffalo and fish than they do about feeding our grandchildren, we face a world of hurt.
The pallid sturgeon WILL trump agriculture if we do not get this fish passage into place. Please bombard your congressional people to fund this project. Do not limit your remarks to Montana only. North Dakota. Idaho, Arizona, and Wyoming, to name a few, are still states that have irrigation. Write also to the appropriations committees of both the House and the Senate, and do not forget to tell Mt Fish and Game, US Fish and Game, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Army Corps of Engineers your views on the matter.
Thank you.
Lois Kerr Stephens

“Awake” Women’s Conference May 2-3

Glory of the Lord Family Ministries, is sponsoring an Awake Women’s Conference on Thursday with guest speakers Pastor Patricia Picone, Pastor Susan Rooney, and Worship Leader Teresa Crevier. The conference will be held May 1st from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Time). The conference is to be held in the Outlaw’s Conference Room, located on 120 Main Street, Watford City, ND.
There is no registration fee for this conference. But free will offerings will be received and a noon luncheon will be provided on Friday, all other meals will be on your own.
For more information contact Rita Hovet 701-842-2531 or Merna Bredwick 701-586-3422.

McKenzie Co. Area Food Pantry

Free food assistance for you and your family. All income eligible residents in McKenzie County welcome. Open dates and times are as follows: Thursdays from noon to 2 pm, Cashwise donates food giveaway to the Food Pantry, 1st Tuesday of each month from 5 pm to 7 pm and the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2 pm to 4 pm. The Food Pantry is located in the lower level of First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City. For more information or to set up an appointment to visit the pantry call 701-444-3451 or www.mcfoodpantry.com.
Pantry includes a wide variety of frozen meats, canned goods, personal care items. Donations can be sent to: McKenzie Co. Food Pantry, Box 2716, Watford City, ND 58854.

EVENTS

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.
Now - May 31
Exhibit: Parading Through Time: The Apsaalooke Nation, a special traveling exhibit about the Crow Tribe of Montana, MonDak Heritage Center.
Thurs., May 1
12 - 12:30 p.m. – 63rd Annual Observance of National Day of Prayer, Richland County Courthouse (steps). In case of inclement weather, the event will take place in the foyer of the Assembly of God Church, Sidney.
Fri., May 2
6:30 - 7:30 a.m.– Men’s Breakfast Fellowship, Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church.
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
6:30 pm – 5 stone drug and alcohol recovery meeting, Sidney Church of Nazarene, 606 9th ST. SW, back door is open.
6-9 p.m. – Cancer Coalition Bra Auction, Richland Co. Event Center. For more info call Richland Co. Health Center at 406-433-2207.
Sat. May 3
9 - 11 a.m. – Annual Rabies Clinic in Savage, Savage Fire Hall. You may also pick up your tick and flea supplies.
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. – Sidney High School, Dodgeball Tournament, Sidney High School gym.
5 - 7:30 p.m. – Walleye Dinner, Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St. SW, \$20 per plate.
Sun., May 4
1 p.m. — Savage Senior Center cards & potluck .
6:45 p.m. — Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo, Main Session 7:00 p.m.
Mon., May 5
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
6:30 p.m. — Sidney Moose Lodge Pinochle games.
Tues., May 6
9 - 10 a.m. – MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Assembly of God Church Contact Chris Dodds at 488-9467, or Brielle Larson at 480-0566, for more info.
7 p.m. – City /County Planning Board meeting, Richland Extension Office Conference Room, 1499 N. Central Ave.
May 6 - May 31
Exhibit: Annual Custer County Juried Art Show, MonDak Heritage Center.
Weds., May 7
12 - 1 p.m. – Parents Cafe, Sidney Middle School band room, bring your lunch, we’ll supply the coffee & tea. Please stop in school office and check in. For more info call Melissa Dean 433-4097.
Thurs., May 8
3:30 p.m. – Kids marathon, final mile run, games, treats & fun, registration 3:30 p.m., start time 4:00 p.m., Richland County Fair Grounds, Sidney, MT.
Fri., May 9,
3 - 7 p.m. – E-rase your E-waste, Richland County Shop, 2140 W. Holly (by fairgrounds).
6:30 p.m. – Battle of The Big Horn, MonDak Heritage Center, Free & open to the public.
Sat., May 10
8 a.m. - noon – E-rase your E-Waste, Fairview Fire Hall.
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.– E-rase your E-Waste, Richland Co. Shop, 2140 W. Holly, Sidney.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.
Weds., April 30
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – First Lutheran W-ELCA, spring luncheon, Civic Center, \$8 a plate.
Thurs., May 1
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. – McKenzie Co. Food Pantry, lower level of the First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City, Cash Wise food giveaway, for more info or to set up an appt. call 701-444-3451 or www.mcfoodpantry.com.
7 p.m. – Awake Women’s Conference, Outlaw’s Conference Room, 120 Main St., free will offering will be excepted, for more info call Colette Anderson 701-842-6322, Rita Hovet 701-842-2531 or Merna Bredwick 701-586-3422.
7 p.m.– Pinochle, Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW, for more info call 842-3760.
Fri., May 2
RUMMAGE “GIVE AWAY”, First Lutheran Church, 204 2nd St NW. Bring items to give away for set up from 8 am to noon. Get items from 12 to 7 pm. All summer clothes, shoes, & toys & all work clothes. No large items, please.
9 a.m., 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. – Awake Women’s Conference, Outlaw’s Conference Room, 120 Main St., free will offering will be excepted.
7 p.m. – Watford City area Celebrate Recovery, Assembly of God, 2117 S. Main. For help call Robert 417-296-2809 or Stephanie 417-296-2810.
Sat., May 3
9 a.m. – Awake Women’s Conference, Outlaw’s Conference Room, 120 Main St., free will offering excepted.
Mon., May 5
1 - 3 p.m. – Grief Recovery Support Group First Lutheran Church, Fellowship room, Watford City.
Tues., May 6
9 am – 9 - 11 a.m. – Watford City MOPS group meeing at the Cross Point Church (304 2nd Ave. NE) , daycare available for small fee, for more info contact Angie Hartel @ 701-842-4552.
5 - 7 p.m. – McKenzie Co. Food Pantry open, First Lutheran Church, 212 2nd Ave. NW, Watford City. For more info call 701-444-3451.
May 6, 7, 20 and 21, 2014
Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce presents, Deborah Dragseth, PH.d. Professional Development training, all classes held at Teddy’s Residential Suites, 113 9th Ave. SE, Watford City.
OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES
April 30 - May 2
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Preschool & kindergarten registration, Alexander School. Preschools must be 4 by Aug. 1 and Kindergarteners must be 5 by Aug. 1, bring child’s birth certificate & immunization records.
Thurs., May 1
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. – Williston Basin Veterans stand down, New Armory #10 Main St., Williston, ND. For more info or to volunteer please contact Grant Carns, Williams Co. Veterans 701-577-4550 or email at GrantC@co.williams.nd.us.
View all monthly events on our calendar at: www.roundupweb.com



High Caliber Sports Ribbon Cutting

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at High Caliber Sports on Thursday, April 24. Pictured are, back row (L-R) Sunrise ambassador Lola Herbert, James Trudell, Steve Harris, Joe Wandler, co-owner Clint Hecker, Justin Fisketjon. Marilee Anderson, Chamber executive LaVanchie Starkey and Sunrise ambassadors Enid Huotari and Stasia Creek. Front row (L-R) Mandy Heinle and co-owner Sherry Hecker. High Caliber Sports relocated from downtown Sidney into their expansive new home at the Shops At Fox Run in early April.

Stockman Bank Plans For Continued Growth In Mondak Area

Submitted by Emily Houska

Stockman Bank recently committed to building a new full-service bank at 301 West Holly Street at the northwest corner of Holly and Third Avenue NW in Sidney.

Stockman purchased this slightly over three acre parcel from Don and Roger Byer in October 2013. Ground breaking on a new three-story building is set for mid-2015. The anticipated completion date is in 2016. Plans are still in the developmental stages for the new state-of-the-art banking facility that follows the design of other Stockman Bank buildings across Montana. It will be equipped with a 24 hour ATM, night drop, and a spacious multi-lane drive-up that will be large enough to pull a trailer through to better serve our area farmers, ranchers, and trades people. The main entry will be all glass with high ceilings allowing for the second floor atrium to overlook the lobby. More importantly, this new location will provide



adequate parking for customers, employees and guests.

"Stockman has been committed to the MonDak area for decades and we're excited to further our commitment by building a larger facility to continue serving the financial needs of our growing community," comments Garth Kallevig, President of Stockman Bank Sidney. "With the extensive growth in agriculture, medical, professional, retail and energy production in our area, we feel this expansion is another example of our continual commitment to Richland County and the surrounding areas."

In addition to the new banking facility, Stockman plans to keep their existing

drive-up location at 120 2nd Street SW to conveniently serve their customers in central downtown Sidney. At this time, Stockman Bank will stay in their main bank on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue until the new facility is open. Stockman will then assess their needs and options at that time, and decide what to do with their existing main bank building.

Stockman Bank is Montana's largest privately held family owned bank. Stockman is committed to the MonDak area and looks forward to continuing the community banking principles they were founded upon over 60 years ago.

Mother's Day Buffet
9am - 2pm, Sunday, May 11
Serving Waffles, Sausage, Eggs, Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
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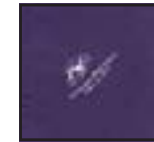
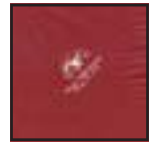
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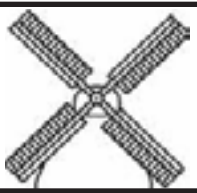
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Meetings Set to Discuss
Fish & Wildlife Funding
Recommendations

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will host a series of nine public meetings in May to review and discuss recent recommendations from an advisory council tasked with adjusting Montana's hunting and fishing licenses and fees.

The Fish & Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council spent the past eight months examining FWP's current license system and funding cycle for fish and wildlife management. That work resulted in recent recommendations to FWP Director Jeff Hagener that would provide an additional \$6.25 million a year to stave off deep budget cuts to fish and wildlife management programs.

The recommendations are aimed at a simplified licensing system; standardized license discounts for youth, seniors, and disabled hunters; a revamped base price structure and other adjustments to provide a fair and stable source of revenue for the state's fish and wildlife conservation efforts.

The public meetings are set for May 1-28 and will each begin at 7 p.m. The evenings will focus on explaining the LFAC recommendations and getting feedback to help direct FWP's funding proposal for the 2015 Legislature. Here are the meeting dates and locations:

- May 1 – Missoula - DoubleTree Hotel; 100 Madison St.
- May 5 - Butte - Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives; 17 W. Quartz St.
- May 6 - Glasgow - Cottonwood Inn; 45 1st Ave. NE
- May 13 – Bozeman - FWP Region 3 HQ; 1400 S. 19th Ave.
- May 15 - Great Falls - FWP Region 4 HQ; 4600 Giant Springs Road
- May 19 - Kalispell - FWP Region 1 HQ; 490 N. Meridian Road
- May 20 - Helena - Montana Wild Center; 2668 Broadwater Ave.
- May 27 - Miles City - FWP Region 7 HQ; 352 I-94 Business Loop
- May 28 - Billings - FWP Region 5 HQ; 2300 Lake Elmo Dr.

The council's recommendations come at a critical time as FWP nears the end of a 10- year cycle since the last increase in resident hunting and fishing license fees. Montana's last general resident hunting and fishing license fee increase approved by the Montana Legislature came in 2005 and in 2003 for nonresidents. FWP fish and wildlife management programs are primarily funded via the sale of fishing and hunting licenses.

The call for the funding and license review came from both the 2013 Montana Legislature and Governor Steve Bullock. The Legislature passed House Bill 609, which requires the Montana Legislature's Environmental Quality Council to conduct a study of hunting and fishing license statutes and fees, while Gov. Bullock requested that FWP begin a public effort to create FWP's budget for consideration by the 2015 Legislature.

The council's recommendations will be available Monday, April 28 via FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov; click "Licensing and Funding Advisory Council".





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Richland County is Accepting ECP Applications for Flood Damage

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Application Deadline is May 30, 2014

Submitted by Tammy Lake
Richland County has been approved to implement the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) due to floods. Producers need to file an ECP application with the FSA before starting work on land damaged by flood water. Emergency Conservation Program is a cost share program which assists producers with damage caused by excessive rain and the floods that have occurred. Signup for the program begins on May 1, 2014 and ends May 30, 2014.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75% of the eligible cost of restoration measures. The

Richland County Committee has been approved for the following conservation practices to correct damage due to the flood:

EC1 - Removing Debris from Farmland: Practice is used for removing debris from farmland. A typical example of this is taking debris off cropland and fences.

EC2- Grading, Shaping, Releveling, or Similar Measures: Practice is used for grading, shaping and leveling land that has been damaged by the flood and is returned to agricultural use. Example - Land has erosion caused by flood and leveling of the land is needed to restore it.

EC3- Restoring Perma-

nent Fences: Practice corrects damage to fences caused by the flood. Example - Fences in water gaps which have been washed out due to the high water.

Cost-share is calculated up to 75% of the actual costs, after they are adjusted based on the age of the fence.

Age of fence: Allowable actual cost factor

- 0-5 years old 100% of computed cost-share
- 6-10 years old 75% of computed cost-share
- 11-30 years old 60% of computed cost-share
- Over 30 years old 0% of computed cost-share

EC4- Restoring Conservation Structures and Other

Installations: Practice restores conservation structures and installations damaged by the flood. Example - Restoration of ditches and other permanently installed systems destroyed by the flood.

Eligibility for cost share assistance is based on a

minimum of \$1,000 of eligible damage. All requests for cost share are subject to the availability of funds. Producers are encouraged to provide the FSA office with the following data at the time of application: Location of the damage and extent of the damage, such as

length of fence, time needed to remove debris, damage to land or conservation structures with estimates of costs to repair. Please call the office at (406) 433-2103 to schedule an appointment.

Hoeven: New Post Office Improvements to Benefit ND

Senator John Hoeven today announced that the United States Postal Service (USPS) will this week bring Mobile Point of Sale (mPOS) devices to six locations in North Dakota. This development follows Hoeven's ongoing work with USPS, including advocating for the installation of mPOS, to improve service across North Dakota.

"I have been working hard to see that USPS increases and improves service across North Dakota, especially in the rapidly growing western portion of the state, and I am encouraged by USPS' decision to add new, smart technology to several locations in our state," said Hoeven. "The mPOS devices will improve customer service, which is our top priority, and I remain committed to continuing working with the Postal Service to ensure that North Dakotans

service."

The mPOS devices that will be installed in North Dakota will allow customer service representatives to process many simple transactions while away from the counter, thus improving customer service. The devices allow USPS to conduct many transactions like emailing receipts more quickly and efficiently.

This week the new technology will be added to the following North Dakota locations:

- Bismarck (220 E Rosser Ave Rm 112)
- Dickinson (15 1st St E)
- Fargo (657 2nd Ave N)
- Minot (117 5th Ave SW)
- Watford City (212 2nd St NE)
- Williston (120 E Broadway)

Hoeven has hosted Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe to visit Williston to hear from local business

local postal employees about challenges to mail delivery in the region. As a result of his visit, the Postmaster General committed to finding a location in the northern part of Williston to open a new facility. The senator has also arranged a follow-up visit to the state with Drew Aliperto, United States Postal Service (USPS) vice president of area operations for the western area.

As a result of these visits, the Postmaster General and regional vice president committed to addressing the difficulty local post offices were having in efforts to recruit new workers. Last month, Hoeven announced that the U.S. Postal Service has signed a lease to open a full-service retail postal facility in Williston at the newly constructed Badlands Town Center. The facility is expected to open this spring. Additionally, officials notified Hoeven in February that the USPS has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Rural Letter Carriers Association to grant pay increases and bonuses to recruit and retain rural carriers in the Bakken region, including Minot, Dickinson, Williston, Watford City and most of the communities in western North Dakota, effective May 17, 2014.

The senator supported the 21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012, comprehensive reform legislation that sought to develop a thoughtful plan to restore the U.S. Postal Service to solvency while preserving delivery service standards.

- See more at: <http://www.postal-reporter.com/blog/senators-say-usps-mpos-devices-will-improve-customer-service-in-6-north-dakota-locations/#more-7599>

EPA's Proposed Clean Water Act Rule – Myths and Facts

Submitted by Sandy Courtage
Today Montana Farmers Union (MUF) posted to its web site an answer to the numerous myths and facts that have been circulating regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rule regarding provisions of the Clean Water Act.

The two-page document, prepared by National Farmers Union (NFU), provides an overview of the proposed rule and offers much needed clarification in response to some of the worries that have been reported.

In a statement on March 25, 2014, Chandler Goule, NFU's senior vice president of programs stated: "NFU has long advocated for increased certainty surrounding Clean Water Act requirements for family farmers and ranchers in the wake of complicating Supreme Court decisions. Today's draft rule clarifies Clean Water Act jurisdiction, maintains existing agricultural exemptions and adds new exemptions, and encourages enrollment in U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs." (emphasis added)



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Fulgham Serves as Sidney FFA Chapter Advisor

By Jaimee Green

Sidney High School's Future Farmers of America Chapter is now being run with a new advisor. Ted Fulgham of Libby, accepted the position in January and has been busy ramping up the program and implementing some new ideas.

"My short term goal is to get the students really active in the community and my long term goal is to have a balanced and successful chapter that is strong in all aspects of the program," Fulgham said. Some of the categories the students participate in include speaking, horticulture, mechanics, and livestock judging. "While the Chapter is exceptionally strong in some areas, there are others that need some work," he said.

He would like to see the students participate in community service projects such as helping put together commodity boxes for the food bank, assisting with Purina Days in collaboration with Tractor Supply and working with other local businesses for the good of the community. Further out, he would also like to locate an area where the students can keep their livestock. Currently, each child keeps their animal at home.

Fulgham received his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education from MSU-Bozeman and has worked as a teacher for 12 years in Hardin and Lodge Grass. He came to the area in January of 2012 to work as a gauger in oil patch for the Highland Crude Oil Company. "When the advisor position became available I knew I was ready to go back into the field I was passionate about. It's rewarding to work with the students and make a change for the future," he added.

His wife, Evonne (Brown), is originally from Sidney and teaches first grade at Westside School. Together they have four children; Trey, 20, Rafe, 8, Thor, 6, and Cooper, 4.

Community members will have an opportunity to attend an open-house event on May 8-9 in the high school commons area. There, FFA students will showcase some of their projects which will include agriculture, metal works, woodworking and skills. Attendees will be able to visit some of the classrooms where the work takes place as well.

In late March, students participated in the state's FFA convention, Great Falls. There, Emily Schaff, a senior, received her state degree. Also, Rian Cobb, a sophomore, was elected to the nominating committee to assist with selecting state officers.

Last January the Chapter celebrated its 75th year and received recognition during the MonDak Ag Days and Trade Show banquet.

The mantra of the Chapter is "Learning to do. Doing to learn. Earning to live. Living to serve," promoting hard work and dedication to community.



Ted Fulgham
(Photo via Facebook)

In the last 20 years the local organization has been involved with many activities. They have been avid fundraisers and have participated in the MonDak Ag Days and Ag in the Classroom with local students. They have organized an annual Marion Kay Spice fundraiser and hosted the Donkey Basketball Tournaments.

The organization provides area youth with scholarships and takes part in community service activities. They also host career development events and attend local, state and national conventions.

The local Chapter also partners with Richland Opportunities Incorporated and their recycling program by assisting with the recycling of pop cans, newspapers and other goods through drop-boxes they have built and placed in the community.

Throughout the years, many students have achieved awards and accolades through the program. One of the highest honors to receive is the American FFA Degree. To date, six Sidney Chapter participants have received this award including; Albert H. Groskinsky in 1953, Chester Hill in 1988, James Hill in 1989, Ethan Schaff in 2010, and Ben Johnson and Megan Greenwood in 2011.

Students involved in FFA have to be enrolled in at least one agriculture class during one semester, each year.

Nationally, the organization was established in 1928. In 1988, people began referring to it by its acronym.

Richland County Ambulance Offers Life-Saving Technology

Submitted by Staci Miller

Cardiac arrest patients in Richland County have an even a better chance of surviving, thanks to a battery-powered device that performs CPR at the push of a button.

The device is called LUCAS2 (Lund University Cardiac Assist System). Richland County ambulance is the first in the region to offer this life-saving technology and it was made possible by the generosity of community members attending the 2014 Cattle-men's Ball. Each February, the Foundation for Community Care and MonDak Stockgrower's Association host an evening event of dinner, auction and dancing. The proceeds from this event benefit the continuance of quality healthcare for Richland County and the surrounding area.

LUCAS2 overcomes one of the main difficulties EMS professionals face when trying to revive patients whose hearts have stopped beating; performing CPR correctly and consistently for extended periods of time. At 100 compressions per minute, LUCAS2 offers consistency when rescuers carry patients up or down stairs, on hiking trails or into the ambulance.

Bonny Stevens, Richland County Ambulance director, knows how difficult it is to perform CPR, especially while trying to keep secure and balanced in the back of an ambulance. "The safety of our EMTs is our priority. We can not help the injured if we are injured ourselves. The LUCAS2 helps to ensure we stay safe during the long ambulance rides from rural areas

to Sidney Health Center while providing the best care for our patients."

Bonny also explained having the LUCAS2 is like adding additional EMTs to a call. LUCAS2 provides effective CPR while freeing up rescuers to perform care like supplying oxygen, running a defibrillator and other life-saving procedures.

It is the future goal to have a LUCAS2 in every ambulance. Currently, the device will be shared with Fairview, Lambert & Savage ambulance services. For more information on how to support Richland County Ambulance and local health care, contact the Foundation for Community Care, 406-488-2273 or go to their website at www.foundationforcommunitycare.org.

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Get The Facts

Submitted by Missy Smies for the Richland County Partnership for Promise Coalition

88,000 deaths this year in the United States will be attributable to excessive alcohol use. In 2006, there were more than 1.2 million emergency room visits and 2.7 million physician office visits due to excessive drinking. That costs 223.5 billion dollars! Alcohol use is the 3rd leading lifestyle-related cause of death for our nation. (CDC)

A standard drink is any drink that contains 0.6 ounces of pure alcohol. This is found in one 12-ounce beer (5% alcohol content), 8-ounce malt liquor drink (7% alcohol content), 5-ounces of wine (12% alcohol content), or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits or liquor (40% alcohol content). Excessive drinking, as defined by the CDC, includes heavy drinking, binge drinking and drinking while pregnant or underage. Heavy drinking is defined as 8 or more drinks per week for women and 15 or more drinks per week for men. Binge drinking is the most common form of excessive alcohol use and is defined when women have 4 or more drinks in one single occasion and men have 5 or more drinks in a single occasion.

It is important for us all to know the health implications of drinking alcohol and its effects. Injuries can happen with excessive alcohol use, which include drowning, falls, burns, unintentional shootings as well as vehicular, motorcycle, and

ATV crashes. Alcohol poisoning also occurs when high blood alcohol levels suppress the nervous system causing loss of consciousness, low blood pressure and temperature, coma, respiratory depression and death. When alcohol is abused long-term, there are neurological problems, psychiatric and social problems, cancer and liver disease that can occur. All of the above cause major costs and time for the medical industry, community and families.

The CDC shows that 35% of violent offenders are reportedly intoxicated. 2 out of 3 incidents of intimate partner violence involve alcohol and it is also the leading factor in child maltreatment and neglect cases. In fact, alcohol is the most prominent substance abused by parents in these situations. People take more risks sexually when under the influence causing pregnancy or disease and those that use alcohol regularly throughout pregnancy are at higher risk to give birth to children with severe health and developmental problems.

April is Alcohol Awareness month, and being aware of what you are drinking and the consequences that can occur when one is using alcohol or abusing is critical in making good choices. Excessive alcohol use can cause major health issues, injury and violence which in turn cost all of us as a community and nation. Take the time to know, to be aware and to make a good decision.



Sidney Key Club held its installation of officers during Kiwanis last Thursday. Attending the installation were, front from left, Montana District Lt. Gov. Baylee Huschka, Montana District secretary Freddie Leigh Geiger, outgoing club president Jared Troudt, outgoing club vice president Tresha Sanders and outgoing club treasurer Marianne Gartner; back, outgoing ASB rep Tori Hill, Montana District Gov. Rachelle Weyerbacher, sergeant at arms Abby Brodhead, treasurer Jöhren Carpenter, co-presidents Kasey Gordor and Danny Johnson, reporter Madison Thiessen, secretary Devon Watkins and outgoing secretary Emily Schaff. Taylor Thiessen, incoming vice president, is not pictured.

MFU: U.S. Must Remain Vigilant About Food & Mouth Disease

Submitted by Sandy Courtnege

The Montana Farmers Union (MFU) submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on its proposed rule that would allow the importation of beef from several states in Brazil with a recent history of foot and mouth disease (FMD).

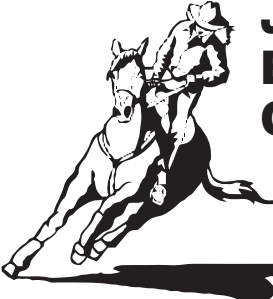
MFU opposed the proposal to resume importation of fresh beef from the 14 Brazilian states because of concerns regarding a history of unresolved FMD, which could pose a threat to U.S. livestock herds and consequently to family farmers and ranchers across Montana.

MFU President Alan Merrill stated in the testimony that MFU policy specifically calls for foreign meats or other food stuffs entering the United States be subject to the same standards which apply to United States meats and other food stuffs.

"It is also important to note that the U.S. has not had a confirmed case of FMD since 1929," said Merrill. MFU supports the disease prevention system that has been in place for livestock for decades, and strongly believes that it must not be put at risk: to do so is both unnecessary and could jeopardize Montana's and our country's beef markets.

Editor's Note

In the story entitled "EARC Moves Forward With 1st Annual Community Garden Project" on page 7 in the Spring Edition special section published on 4/23/14 did not mention that the project will be funded by Richland County and not EARC.



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State Workgroup Urges Montanans to Help Reduce Underage Drinking - Numerous Resources are Available

Submitted by Jon Ebelt

The Interagency Coordinating Council on State Prevention Programs (ICC) Work Group is urging local communities and organizations to take advantage of numerous free resources available to help reduce underage drinking in Montana. The ICC has joined with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in highlighting the critical public health issue of underage drinking in America.

According to Vicki Turner of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Prevention Resource Center, several of the ICC participating agencies have on-going efforts to help reduce or limit youth access to alcohol. One of the resources is the youth led media campaign called 'Above the Influence'. Between now and early June, several Montana communities are developing locally driven messages and strategies to change social norms or attitudes relating to the use of alcohol. Specific efforts are underway in Kalispell, Great Falls, Billings, Malta, Butte, and Frenchtown.

Another resource is the 'Talk, They Hear You' campaign that encourages parents to have conversations with their children about the

dangers of alcohol as early as nine years old. "Parents need to decide what's right for them, but research shows that some children start to experiment with alcohol beginning at age 9," Turner said. "It is never too early for parents to talk to their kids about alcohol."

Town hall meetings used to curb underage drinking are also being scheduled now across Montana and can be found at www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/townhallmeetings. Thousands of communities across the U.S. will hold events to educate people about the dangers of underage drinking and to involve people in proven prevention strategies, Turner said. A community meeting will be held in Mineral County on April 28 and a community luncheon will be held in Ravalli County on May 19.

Other resources include responsible alcohol sales and service training for anyone who sells or serves alcohol. This training includes ways to identify and prevent sales and service to underage persons by covering ways to identify fake or altered identification, how to refuse a sale or service and how to handle difficult situations. For more information about server training, visit www.revenue.mt.gov/home/liquor.aspx, then click on the liquor education tile.

All these resources can be found at www.parentpower.mt.gov

"Parents have the power to prevent their kids from drinking alcohol," Turner said. "The good news is there's plenty of resources available to help arm parents with the tools they need help their kids."

The ICC is charged with developing, through interagency planning and cooperation, comprehensive and coordinated prevention programs that will strengthen the healthy well-being, and safety of children, families, individuals, and communities – particularly families that are deemed to be at risk.

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Sat. May 3
Watford City Varsity at Bismarck
Bowl NS
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Tues. May 6
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Watford City at Williston (Makeup), 4:30 pm

Tues. May 6
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Mon. May 5
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Sidney Chamber Leadership Graduation
The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held its 16th annual graduation last Wednesday, April 23. Graduating this year are back row, L to R, Jan Getchell, Joy Barsotti, Robert Arrowsmith, Janet Cohenour, Billie Taylor, Jordan Mayer and Tyler Radke. Front row, L to R, are Luella Schow, Ludmilla Keller, Kelly Reisig, Natalie Conlin and Melissa Dean.

Heitkamp Announces Postal Service Improvements Across ND

Postmaster General's Commitments to Senator Take Effect in State

U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp today announced that, as a result of her recent meeting with United States Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe, the United States Postal Service (USPS) will be introducing Mobile Point of Sale (mPOS) devices in six locations across North Dakota this week.

At her recent meeting with Donahoe, Heitkamp received commitments from USPS to improve mail delivery and standards in North Dakota. These included the implementation of mPOS devices, which allow USPS employees to process many simple transactions away from the counter, making it more convenient and efficient for customers to complete transactions.

"It's no secret that mail

delivery and service standards need to be improved in North Dakota and this is a positive step forward," said Heitkamp. "Anything we can do to make the Postal Service work better for North Dakotans is a welcome development. The commitments I received from Postmaster General Donahoe are critical for folks across the state and I will keep pressing USPS to continue to follow through so that all the hard-working North Dakotans I hear from every day have the mail delivery and service standards they deserve."

Heitkamp previously called on North Dakotans to share their stories as part of her Fix My Mail grassroots effort if they encountered extensive delivery times or had to deal with other problems with

their postal service. Heitkamp will continue to present the stories to the USPS Postmaster General and the GAO. More than 100 North Dakotans have submitted stories to Heitkamp. Click here to submit stories.

In February, Heitkamp helped advance comprehensive postal reform out of the Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee after the panel adopted key changes she made to the legislation that will improve mail service in rural communities throughout North Dakota.

- See more at: <http://www.postal-reporter.com/blog/senators-say-usps-mpos-devices-will-improve-customer-service-in-6-north-dakota-locations/#more-7599>

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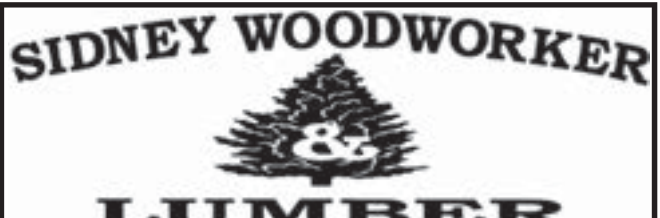
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Due to strong growth, Territorial Landworks has opened a branch office in Sidney. The company's corporate office is located in Missoula and now has branch offices in Billings, Baker and Sidney. Territorial Landworks, Inc. is an established firm that provides a multitude of services with an emphasis in civil engineering, surveying and land use consulting for public and private clients throughout Montana, Idaho, Washington, Wyoming and North Dakota. Based in Missoula, TLI felt the brunt of the economic slump as many others in industry did during the 2008 recession.

"We're good engineers. We have a good reputation as a company, but everyone was slow," Zane Johnson, engineer with TLI, said. He shared the company's story at this year's annual meeting of the Montana Petroleum Association. "We went from 35 employees in our hey day, down to 18 employees, to as large as the company's ever been today with over 45 employees," Johnson said. "It's all thanks to the Bakken." Territorial Landworks, Inc. has created more jobs throughout Montana with an increase of staffing by 240 percent over the last 14 months.

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Lunch Menus

Sidney School
Thurs., May 1: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.
Fri., May 2: BBQ pork ribslets, cheesy potatoes, fresh fruit.
Mon., May 5: Chicken patty, sweet potato puffs, pineapple tidbits.
Tues., May 6: Soft shell taco, fruit fluff.
Weds., May 7: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes corn, mandarin oranges, krispie treat.

Fairview School
Thurs., May 1: Chicken nuggets, potato, corn, fruit.
Fri., May 2: NO SCHOOL.
Mon., May 5: Taco salad, potato, raw vegetables, fruit.
Tues., May 6: Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, cream corn, fruit.
Weds., May 7: Indian taco, rice, carrots, fruit.

East Fairview
Thurs., May 1:
Fri., May 2: NO SCHOOL
Mon., May 5: NO SCHOOL
Tues., May 6: Pizza, salad, applesauce.
Weds., May 7: Turkey bites, mashed potatoes, peaches.

Richey School
Thurs., May 1: Meatloaf, baked potato, corn, fruit, salad bar.
Fri., May 2: Chicken enchilada casserole, mixed veggies, fruit, salad bar.
Mon., May 5: Burritos, nachos, fruit, salad bar.
Tues., May 6: Spaghetti, green beans, cheesy bread, fruit, salad bar.
Weds., May 7: Hot dogs, french fries, cookie bars, salad bar.

Savage School
Thurs., May 1: Barber poles, soup, fruit cocktail.
Fri., May 2: Italian pasta bake, lettuce salad, french bread, carrots, celery, pears.
Mon., May 5: Chicken strips, cheesy potatoes, cucumber sticks, applesauce.
Tues., May 6: Tatertot casserole, green beans, tomatoe slices, pears, dessert.
Weds., May 7: Hot ham & cheese, fries, broccoli/cauliflower, grapes.

Lambert School
Thurs., May 1: Chicken ala king, salad, apricots.
Fri., May 2: Cheeseburger casserole, green beans, applesauce.
Mon., May 5: BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, peaches.
Tues., May 6: Chicken enchilada, fresh veggies, fruit.
Weds., May 7: Soup and sandwiches, fruit.

Culbertson School
Thurs., May 1: Assorted burrito pockets, potato chips, apples.
Fri., May 2: Chef salad with turkey & an egg, breadstick, pineapple chunks.
Mon., May 5: Chicken strips, stuffing, corn, peaches.
Tues., May 6: Chili cheese fries, salad, mandarin oranges.
Weds., May 7: Biscuits & gravy, hash brown triangles, egg round patties, strawberries.

Froid School
Thurs., May 1: Chicken noodle soup or cheeseburger soup, assorted sandwiches, fruit.
Fri., May 2: Chicken strips, french fries, salad bar, fruit.
Mon., May 5: Chicken cordon bleu, corn, pudding, salad bar.
Tues., May 6: Pizza- pepperoni, hawaiian or cheese, salad, bar.
Weds., May 7: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, oreo cheese-cake.

Cutting Edge Competes in Billings

Members of the Cutting Edge Dance Studio attended the "I Love Dance" competition in Billings on April 26th and 27th.

The studio won the overall Production category with their production number called L.O.V.E.

Pictured are the Production number studio members with their studio director Jennifer Nielson.

Other overall results:

Age division 6-8 – (Born to be Wild) 3rd overall

Ayva Moreno, Elli Burns, Ave Norby, Rylee Mickelsen, Alyssa Carranza, Hailey Getchell, Carly Bauxbaum, Kinley Weiland, Gracie Hentges, Paityne Everett, Eli Thor-

ersen.

9-11 year old division - Brielle Gorder (solo - "Cruisin For A Bruisin") -2nd overall

12-14 year old division - Lilli Seitz, Kylee Byer, Carlee Strasheim (trio- "Put Your Graffiti On Me") - 2nd overall

15 - 17 year old division - Madison Thiessen, Cammy Heck, Carlee Strasheim, Kylee Byer, Lilli Seitz, Riley



Thiessen, Brielle Gorder (Student Choreography group- "A Little Party") - 2nd overall

Madison Thiessen - (solo- "Harder To Breathe") - 3rd overall

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Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do and Judo Competes in Billings

Pictured back row (L-R) Shawn Daleske, Casey Christensen, Master Mike Bergh; Front row (L-R) Corey Christensen, Hailey Christensen, Samuel Stephenson, Travis Green and Trevor Green.

Seven members of the Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do and Judo school traveled to Billings on Saturday, April 26 to participate in the 48th Annual NWTAE Karlo Fujiwara Memorial Tae Kwon Do and Judo Tournament. This event was held at the MSU-Billings Alterowitz Gym and hosted by the Martial Arts Academy of Billings.

Competitors from Sidney and their results are as follows. In Judo randori; Shawn Daleske: in the 14 to 17 year old boys division placed 4th.

Casey Christensen in the same division placed 3rd. In Tae Kwan Do forms, board breaking and sparring divisions.

Corey Christensen, in the 6 and 7 year old blue belt division, placed 2nd in forms, 2nd in board breaking and 3rd in sparring.

Trevor Green, in the 8 and 9 year old blue belt division placed 3rd in forms and 1st in sparring.

Travis Green in the 10 to 12 year old blue belt division placed 1st in forms and 2nd in sparring.

Samuel Stephenson, in the 10 to 12 year old purple belt division placed 1st in forms and 1st in sparring.

Hailey Christensen in the 10 to 12 year old black belt division placed 3rd in forms, 2nd in board breaking and 2nd in sparring.

WIFE “Art of Farming” Winners Announced

Montana WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) announced the winners of their twenty-eight “The Art of Farming”, calendar art contest. WIFE received 445 student entries and we thank the students and their teachers for sending some excellent art that made judging them a challenge. Cash prizes and certificates have been awarded to first, second and third place winners, and certificates for the honorable mention places, in kindergarten through eighth grades. Only 25 drawings can be used on the 2015 calendar that will be ready for distribution in October. This contest is held in conjunction with National Ag Week and students draw about their interests in farm life. Local winners are first grader, Leah Knudsen, Culbertson took 3rd place. Sixth grader, Amariah Hier, Lambert, 1st place for April.

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