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USDA Begins 49th Enrollment Period For The Conservation Reserve Program

Submitted by Tammy Lake

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded farmers and ranchers that the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began, Dec. 1, 2015, and ends on Feb. 26, 2016. December 2015 also marks the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

"Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country," said Vilsack. "Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat."

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive to farmers and ranchers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2016. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks, reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively and sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has created nearly 2.7 million acres of restored wetlands.

For more information on USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation programs, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Art of the Horse by Phyllis Waltman Part of Blue Buffalo Artists

Submitted by Trish Stevenson

Artist Phyllis Waltman was born on a small ranch on the rugged Western Slope near Delta, Colorado. Early on, she was both drawing and riding horses so it's no surprise that her artistic focus is the horse. Painting with precise yet sensitive detail, she captures the expressiveness of these magnificent creatures, portrayed in a unique, dry light that illuminates her scenes and surrounds her subjects. Her work has appeared in shows across the country including the Churchill Downs Museum (home of the Kentucky Derby) and has received numerous awards throughout the region. In addition, Waltman's art has been the subject of articles in Equine Images, The Artist's Magazine, Western Horseman, Equine Art News and Equine Vision and has graced the cover for several years of the Denver Polo Club Annual magazine as well as issues of Horses West and Horses in Art. Waltman's artwork has been chosen by Equine Affaire for use in promotional materials including program covers, t-shirts and posters related to events in California, Ohio and Massachusetts. Equine Affaire is billed as the nation's premiere national equine exposition with a show in Columbus, Ohio, drawing over 100,000 people.

Phyllis has also published a book that tells a story in her own photographs, of a newborn mustang colt who is fiercely and tenderly protected by his sire during a dangerous raid by bachelor mustangs. The book, "Sunny Boy and Little Sonny" is available on her website www.artforthehorselover.com.

Through a set of fortuitous circumstances a few years later, Phyllis and her husband were able to adopt Little Sonny and now provide him with a loving home in Cody, Wyoming. Phyllis has several paintings available at the Blue Buffalo Art Show now on exhibit at the MonDak Heritage Center. A reception will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 with a live performance by Bob Petermann, cowboy poet and singer, which starts at 1 p.m.



Pictured are (L-R) Laurence Hubbard, MT State Fund President with Reynold's Market representatives Josh Reynolds; John Reynolds, President; Ron Utgaard, Store Manager; Tammie Wicorek and Joe Torres.

Montana State Fund, the states worker's compensation insurance organization, presented Sidney businesses Reynold's Market and B&B Builders with dividend checks on Jan. 4. Reynold's received a check in the amount of \$27,331.54 and B&B received \$28,844.24. The checks were a result of a surplus of funds from the 2013 premiums and also due to the businesses' excellent workplace safety records. Many other businesses across the state will also receive dividend checks in the mail with a total of \$35M to be distributed.



Pictured are (L-R) Laurence Hubbard, MT State Fund with Roger Byer of B&B Builders and David Seitz of Seitz Insurance.

Sidney Football Players Selected for East-West Shrine Game



The four Sidney football captains were invited to play in the Montana East-West Shrine Game. Matt Dey #60 (to play center), Bridger Coffman #28 (alternative as Running Back), Trent Schilling #58 (to play outside linebacker), Hunter Severson #57 (alternate as inside linebacker). Also chosen from our area are Ben Hardy, Fairview, to play Tight End and Riley Hagler, Savage, (alternate as running back). The 70th annual East West Shrine Football Game will be held July 16, 2016 in Butte, MT. (Photo by Kathy Johnson)



Relay for Life Black Tie Affair

Stephanie Kortes (left) and Arien Waller (middle) with auctioneer Dan Goss (right) at the Relay for Life's Black Tie Affair held Sat., Jan. 2, at the Sidney Elks Lodge. Sponsors for the first annual event included B & S Storage, Party Central & Main Street Popcorn, the Montana Auction Company, the Elk Lodge BPOE 1782, Foxcreek Oilfield Services, Healthworks, High Caliber Sports, Stadium Sports, Hedahls, American Welding and Gas, Sidney Carb and Electric, Harold's Vacuum, Farm and Home, Life (As I See It) Photography, Nathan McMillen (DJ Services), Clear Skies Aviation, Kountry Catering, and Wild Prairie Floral Designs. Just two days into 2016 and over \$4,000 has been raised for Richland County Relay for Life. (Photo by Meagan Dotson)

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One Year Ago	1840.5
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SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 28	22	3	0.00
Dec. 29	12	6	0.03
Dec. 30	16	10	0.00
Dec. 31	24	8	0.00
Jan. 01	34	16	0.00
Jan. 02	33	4	0.00
Jan. 03	28	3	0.00
Total YTD Precipitation		13.13	

OBITUARIES

Carol E. Amundson, 89, Sidney, MT

Memorial services for Carol E. Amundson, 89, of Sidney are at 11 a.m., Thurs., Jan. 7, 2016, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Sidney with Pastor David Huskamp officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Carol died on Friday evening, Jan. 1, 2016, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood, MT.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Dynamics, Sidney Health Center and the Richland County Health Department are partnering to offer a Youth Mental Health First Aid training that is targeted for anyone who regularly interacts with children ages 11 and up. The eight-hour training will be held over two days on Jan. 6 and 7, 2016 starting at 4 p.m. at the Community Services Building, located at 1201 W Holly Street in Sidney.

The certification is designed to teach people who interact with children how to recognize signs and symptoms of a mental health disorder and where and when to get help. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Crisis situations that will be covered in the course include suicidal behaviors, panic attacks, and non-suicidal self-injury. This is a great training for anyone who works in the school system or works with kids through the faith community, after-school programs or extra-curricular activities.

For more information about the training, please contact Richard Evans, Sidney Health Center Chaplain at (406) 488-2596 or Kristin Thompson, Youth Dynamics Community Education Coordinator at (406) 869-1328 or ktomp@youth-dynamics.org.

Edward Jones Celebrates Anniversary in Sidney

Submitted by Nancy Carpenter

Enid Huotari, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Sidney, and Nancy Carpenter, the branch office administrator, are proud to announce the office's 15th anniversary. Huotari has been serving the investment needs of this town since 2000, and she knows the firm is providing a valuable service here. "After learning how Edward Jones financial advisors were required to meet members of a community before even being able to open an office, I knew this was the right firm for me," Huotari said. "Personal service for individual investors is a key to the success and longevity of Edward Jones. That's our basic principle."

The fact that Enid works in the same community in which she lives is unique among financial services firms, most of which do their business by phone. By establishing branch offices with one financial advisor and one branch office administrator in the communities where clients live, however, Edward Jones enables its financial advisors to establish one-on-one business relationships with its individual investors. "I've enjoyed doing business the old-fashioned way - in person," Huotari said. "And I look forward to many more years of serving the investment needs of my friends, neighbors and business associates."

Enid's office is located at 203 North Central Avenue in Sidney.

Tveit/O'Brien Wedding Announcement

Shauna Renae Tveit (formerly of Fairview, MT) and Sean Joseph O'Brien of Mapleton, ND together with their parents, Nolan & Leslie Tveit of Fairview, MT and Richard & Brenda O'Brien of Valley City, ND, invite you to share in the celebration of their marriage on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 2:30 in the afternoon at Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo, ND. A reception, dinner and dance with take place at 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND.



Shauna Tveit & Sean O'Brien

Shauna is employed at Apex Physical Therapy and Wellness Center as the Office Manager in Fargo, ND. Sean is the Estimating Manager at TrueNorth Steel, also in Fargo, ND.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
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Wed., Jan. 6
4 p.m. - Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Youth Dynamics, Sidney Health Center and the Richland County Health Department are partnering to offer a Youth Mental Health First Aid training that is targeted for anyone who regularly interacts with children ages 11 and up. The eight-hour training will be held over two days on January 6 and 7, at the Community Services Building, located at 1201 W Holly Street in Sidney. For more information about the training, please contact Richard Evans, Sidney Health Center Chaplain at (406) 488-2596 or Kristin Thompson, Youth Dynamics Community Education Coordinator at (406) 869-1328 or ktomp@youthdynamics.org.
7 p.m. - Ceramic bowl painting class at the MonDak Heritage Center. Cost to attend is \$25.

Thur., Jan. 7
4 p.m. - Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

Fri., Jan. 8
10:30 a.m. - Storytime. 0-5 yrs. Richland County Library.

Sun., Jan. 10
12 - 3:30 p.m. - First Lutheran Church of Savage will hold it's annual Lutefish and Meatball dinner. Prices are \$15 for adult and \$3 for children under 12. For more information call Denni at 406-480-9807.

Tue., Jan. 12
Noon - The VFW Auxillary #4099 will meet the 2nd Tues. of each month at noon at the VFW hall. Members can bring a sack lunch to the meeting.
3:30 p.m. - Lego Club. Richland County Library.
4:30 p.m. - Lego League. Richland County Library.

Fri., Jan. 15
10:30 a.m. - Storytime. 0-5 yrs. Richland County Library.

Wed., Jan. 20
5 - 10 p.m. - Community Pint Night- Meadowlark Public House. \$1 for every pint sold will go to support a community organization.

Mon., Jan. 18
6 p.m. - Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture formally invites you to our Annual Banquet. Elks Lodge. Dinne & program begin at 6:30 p.m.

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

Thur., Jan. 7
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Ft. Buford History Book Club. Join other histo buffs in an interesting discussion of this month's selected boc Free refreshments. Missouri Yellowstone Confluence. 1539 39 Ln NW, Williston, ND, 58801. 701-572-9034.

Fri., Jan. 8
8 p.m. - Poetry Out Loud. Live open mix at the Lantern Coffee Co. 4401 16th Ave. W. Williston, ND.

Sat., Jan. 9
12 - 3 p.m. - Williston Bridal Expo 2016. Meet with premier wedding vendors all in one place. Sample their work and ente to win fabulous prizes. Follow on facebook for an updated list of vendors and door prizes. Grand Williston Hotel. www.facebook.com/willistonbridalexpo.

Mon., Jan. 11
9:30 a.m. - Baby Time at Williston Community Library. Baby Time is a 30 minute program geared for infants from birth to 2 mo. We read board books, sing songs, act out finger plays an enage in social play.

Tues., Jan. 12
3:45 p.m. - S.T.E.A.M. This is a 45-60 min. hands on program for children, pre-teens and young adults to teach them about science, technology, engineering, art and math. Please regist by call 701-774-8805. Williston Community Library. 1302 Davidson Dr.

Thur., Jan. 14
7 - 10 p.m. - The Super Sketcher. Adam Pate regularly draws more people per hour than any other caricature artist in the world. On average being 60 - 75 per hour. Hosted by Student Life. Located at The Well at Williston State College.

Fri., Jan. 15
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Confluence Quilters. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Center.

Sat., Jan. 16
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Confluence Quilters. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Center.

Sun., Jan. 17
3 p.m. - Jore's House of Musik Concert. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Mon., Jan. 18
9:30 a.m. - Baby Time at Williston Community Library. Baby Time is a 30 minute program geared for infants from birth to 2 mo. We read board books, sing songs, act out finger plays an enage in social play.

MCKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., Jan. 6
5 p.m. - Watford City Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Event. New Year, New Highway. Stop by all participating businesses between 5 - 7:45 p.m. Get your card stamped and then meet us at Mainstay Hotel at 8 p.m. for a chance to win \$1000. Participating businesses are, Meyer's Dept. Store, Door 204, ICON Architectures, S&S Motors, Blue Lube, Fox Hills Golf Course and Mainstay Hotel.

Mon., Jan. 11
6:30 - 8 p.m. - Community Oil & Gas Market Analysis Presentation. Join us at Boulder Ridge Community Building in welcoming Oil & Gas Market Analyst, Alexandre Andlauer. Alexandre will be telling us about the oil & gas supply outside the US and the demand implication. Learn about the supply curve and how the big oil companies are moving.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Thur., Jan. 14
7 p.m. - Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will hold a meeting to gather comments on proposed hunting season and rules for the next two years. Dawson Community College, Ullman Center, Rm 102.

County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff

With the start of a new year, there are many “New Year Resolutions” that some of us may create for ourselves and our families. But what about for our livestock? Carl Dahlen, NDSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist wrote an article a few years back which will always be an important issue. “The 5 W’s of Managing Feed Delivery” talks about the “Who,” “What,” “Where,” “When,” “Why,” and “How” of feeding situations. <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/cattledocs/ranch-hand-newsletter/the-5-w2019s-of-managing-feed-delivery>. Looking at your feeding practices for cattle management may alter how they calve and help them stay alive during the cold winter months. First we will start with the “Who,” this is used to describe the animals being fed. During the colder months, many ranchers will have their cattle closer to home. Breaking down what is being fed, such as, cows, bulls, steers and heifers is important because they all require different nutrient levels and feed allotment. Refining the above classes in more detail is possible as well, potential cow groups include pregnant cows, open cows, young cows, thin cows, cows with excess condition, cows that are going to calve early and cows that are going to calve late. Splitting the cows, heifers, bulls and steers into more refined groups may not be realistic on your ranching operations, but knowing what you have in each pen can help you adjust the feed that is needed.

Next we will talk about the “what”, as in what feed resources and feedstuffs are available in your area and on your operation. Not all cattle producers test the quality of all their feeds, but it is an important factor in the “what” question. The quality of your feed may change over time depending on the storage method and the time that it has been stored. That should be taken into consideration as the storage time may alter the intake characteristics of that feed. Improper storing can cause feed that ends up molding because of moisture and excessively dry or old feed. Monitoring your feed stock is important, we always want to produce the best quality animal off of our operations, testing your hay or feedstuffs quality could help your operation meet their goals.

The “where” may be the most variable of the topics in this article. Dahlen states that this might be pretty straightforward; “the cattle area fed in that pasture with all the inverted tires in it”. However, daily environmental changes can alter the nutrient needs of your cattle. The thermoneutral zone (TNZ) is a range of temperatures that cattle do not use energy to stay warm or to keep cool. Temperatures below, as well as above, this range require energy expenditures and may need to compensate for temperatures way below the TNZ range. Cattle can deal with the cold weather of North Dakota on their own, but when you add in the wind, cold and moisture, it can be devastating on our herds. Blocking the wind, and/or moisture by using bedding or a covered area can help keep cattle dry.

Next I will mention the “why”, every group of cattle has a reason for being on an operation and the “why” component of a feed program defines that reason. One example of “why” we feed cattle is because they are hungry. Another example is if you have a group of cows that you want to gain weight within a set time period so they will be in a good body condition when it comes time to calve. Another reason may be that better quality feed was delivered to all cows on the operation because calving season is approaching and cows have greater nutrient needs.

The last of the five W’s is “when:” cattle thrive on

consistency and defining a consistent time to deliver feed can be very beneficial. In addition, as we increase our expectations of cattle performance, we magnify the effects of consistency. Feedlot cattle on high-grain diets can benefit from or be harmed by consistency and lack thereof to a greater extent than stock cows with free access to hay. Humans may view feeding cattle in the morning or in the evening, as a breakfast and dinner situation, but cattle may experience this quite differently. About four to six hours after feeding, the greatest amount of heat is produced naturally as cattle digest their feed. In the coldest of the winter months, feeding cattle in the late afternoon may help keep them warm throughout the night as that is when they naturally produce more heat. In addition, feeding cattle at night can have advantages of moving a great proportion of cows to calve during the daylight hours.

This article has now talked about the 5 W’s. Now to talk about the how. This will help producers get the ration as printed on the feed bag to what is being fed to their cattle. Certainly, adding specific weights of each ingredient to a feed mixer in the same order and mixing it for the same amount of time will result in a consistent diet. Precision feeding is not limited to those with a total-mixed-ration mixers equipped with scale heads and load cells. By weighing a 1-gallon bucket of feed and determining the amount of space in a loader bucket, producers can determine how much weight a load would be.

The NDSU Extension staff, Desire’e, Mindy, Linda and myself would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe New Years!

DSU Fall 2015 Dean’s List

Submitted by Marie Moe

At the end of each regular semester, Dickinson State University recognizes those students named to the Dean’s List. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time and must earn at 3.5 GPA or higher.

• Abbey Ries of Sidney, MT

• Whitney Leuenberger of Sidney, MT

Located in Dickinson, North Dakota, Dickinson State University (DSU) is a member of the North Dakota State

University System. DSU is a regional four-year institution and offers more than 50 undergraduate programs in education, fine arts, communication, agriculture, nursing, natural science and business.

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Lunch Menus

Sidney School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Hot ham & cheese, oven wedges, cheesy broccoli, mixed fruit.

Fri., Jan. 8: Chili, cinnamon rolls, carrot sticks, pears.

Mon., Jan. 11: BBQ pork riblet, oven wedges, pineapple tidbit.

Tues., Jan 12: Super nachos, seasoned tots, pears.

Wed., Jan. 13: Chicken alfredo over pasta, steamed broccoli, orange wedges.

Rau School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Beef stroganoff, corn, oranges, roll.

Fri., Jan. 8: Tomato soup, bread stick, fresh fruit.

Mon., Jan. 11: Chicken alfredo, green beans, peaches, bread.

Tues., Jan. 12: Taco Boat, rice, salad, mandarin oranges.

Wed., Jan. 13: Cheeseburger, fries, veggie sticks, fruit.

Froid School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce mix, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Fri., Jan. 8: Ham & cheese casserole, buns, corn, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Mon., Jan. 11: Goulash, fresh rolls, salad bar, watermelon, milk.

Tues., Jan. 12: Italian dunker w/meat sauce, mixed lettuce with veggies, apple slices, salad bar, milk.

Wed., Jan. 13: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, salad bar, cake, milk.

Bainville School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Pot roast, brown rice, mixed veggies, applesauce.

Fri., Jan. 8: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, no bake cookies.

Mon., Jan. 11: Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, mexican corn, fruit.

Tues., Jan. 12: Ham/cheese pita w/lettuce & tomato, apple-sauce.

Wed., Jan. 13: Teriyaki chicken, egg roll, pineapple.

Culbertson School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Cheesy hash brown casserole, green beans, fruit, milk.

Fri., Jan. 8: Chicken noodle soup, turkey sandwich, pickle spear, fruit, milk.

Mon., Jan. 11: Chicken sandwiches, potato wedges, fruit, milk.

Tues., Jan. 12: Beef and broccoli, sticky rice, fruit, milk.

Wed., Jan. 13: Chicken parmesan, salad, peas, fruit, milk.

Richey School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, grapes, milk.

Fri., Jan. 8: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gavy, broccoli, pears, milk.

Mon., Jan. 11: Hot dogs, baked beans, applesauce, peas, milk.

Tues., Jan. 12: Turkey noodle soup, breadstick, peaches, milk.

Wed., Jan. 13: Burritos, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk.

Lambert School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Roast beef & swiss, chips, pudding, milk.

Fri., Jan. 8: Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk.

Mon., Jan. 11: Egg rolls, stir fry veggies, rice, pineapple, fortune cookies, milk.

Tues., Jan. 12: Finger steaks, gems, corn, apple-sauce, milk.

Wed., Jan. 13: Chili, cheese crackers, buns, milk.

Fairview School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Soup & sandwich, mixed fruit, cookie, milk.

Fri., Jan. 8: No school.

Mon., Jan. 11: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, fresh fruit, corn, milk.

Tues., Jan. 12: Meatball subs, chips, peas, apple-sauce, bun, milk.

Wed., Jan. 13: Turkey over egg noodles, carrots, fresh fruit, bread, milk.

Savage School

Thurs., Jan. 7: Chicken fajitas.

Fri., Jan. 8: Chili

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Williston Economic Development's 2015 Top 10 List

Submitted by Williston Economic Development

This is the time of year when we often pause and reflect on the past twelve months. Williston Economic Development (WED) had a busy year that included moving into new office space at the City of Williston Center for Development, welcoming several new restaurants and retail businesses to Williston such as Menards, Sportsman's Warehouse, Riddle's Jewelry and Little Muddy Gifts and helping new manufacturing, agriculture and oil and gas firms expand or establish new headquarters in Williston. The following is a list of some of the highlights from 2015.

WED launched the Enhanced Bakken Supply Chain Initiative during the Manufacturing and Logistics Conference in March in Williston. The EBSCI was started to mitigate some of the challenges the oil and gas, manufacturing and other industries

face in the Bakken.

The Williston City Commission selected Cardon Development Group to lead the Sloulin Field International Airport Redevelopment project. Construction on the 800-acre community development project will begin after the airport is moved to its new location.

WED hosted the annual Williston Economic Summit and Trade Show. More than 100 people participated in the event which featured a trade show and sessions with experts from a variety of fields including real estate, workforce, tourism and technology.

The City of Williston helped celebrate the opening of Menards during a special "board breaking ceremony" in September. The Wisconsin-based home improvement chain officially opened its doors on September 9 in the Sand Creek Town Centre Retail Development.

The Economic Development Association of North

Dakota honored WED with its Project of the Year award in the Large Community Division. WED was recognized for its collaboration with WSC and TrainND Northwest to help fund a new building for classroom and training space. Wenko was named secretary of the EDND board as well.

More than 100 people attended the 18th annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Annual Conference in Williston. WED assisted the Williston Convention and Visitor Bureau in hosting business and civic leaders from across the US, Mexico and Canada. The conference highlighted the relationships between safe and effective transportation and economic growth.

The STAR Fund assisted Leonardite Products, LLC, known for selling an additive to water based oil drilling fluids, to diversify into the agriculture market. The company's expansion allowed them to further manufacture and sell a liquid fertilizer additive

to fertilizer manufacturers all over the world.

WED played a key role in helping TrainND Northwest achieve the necessary funding for its new classroom and training center. The Williston City Commission approved a STAR Fund grant to help build the \$7.5 million Petroleum Centre.

WED initiated a partnership with Buxton, an advanced consumer analytics firm, to enhance Williston's retail and restaurant recruitment efforts. In November, Buxton identified Williston's top 20 retail and restaurant prospects which included TJ Maxx, Rue 21, Gordmans, Family Dollar, Sonic, Burger King, Wendy's and Fridays.

The STAR Fund helped Red River Supply pursue plans to add the Stony Creek Rail Yard to its site in southeast Williston. The 180-acre industrial park provides new jobs and business opportunities in Williston.

Stony Creek Rail Yard Receives First 100-Unit Train

Submitted by Barbara Peterson

BNSF delivered the first 100 Railcar Unit Train of Sand to the Red River Stony Creek Rail Yard in Williston in December. The delivery marks a turning point for Red River's operations and allows them to better utilize the five-plus miles of track they have constructed. Red River officials say the development gives their customers a competitive advantage and thereby generates more jobs in Williston. "This is a Game Changer for Red River," said Curtis Shuck, Vice President of Business Development. "It is a good example of how we are continually reviewing and modifying our business model to respond to the needs of our customers in a rapidly changing Oil and Gas market."



Red River Supply welcomes the first 100 unit train to the Stony Creek Rail Yard. Submitted Photo

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