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Watford City Chamber Annual Meeting

Teddy Roosevelt (Joe Wiegand) presents McKenzie County Economic Development Director Gene Veeder (left) with a get well Teddy bear at the Watford City Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Annual Meeting on Jan. 22. Abraham Lincoln (Randy Duncan) spoke and Mark Haggerty presented "Windfall or Missed Opportunity? How North Dakota Returns Oil Revenue Compared to Other States." (Photo by Kristi Kuylen)

61st National Hard Spring Wheat Show Feb. 4-6

The 61st Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show will be held Feb. 4-6, 2014 at the Grand Williston, Formerly the Airport International Inn, Williston, ND.

Monday, February 4th area 5th graders will be participating in a bread fair at 1 pm. Come and observe the student activities that afternoon.

A new feature of this years' event is NDSU's "The Best of the Best in Wheat, Barley, Corn and Soybean Production". This truly will be a great opportunity for area producers to learn more about traditional and emerging crops grown in this area.

Additionally, attendees will be exposed to time-saving ideas and technologies that will make them more productive. Some of the keynote speakers include:

John Nowatzki – NDSU Extension A~riculture Machine Specialist will discuss agriculture's use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) as management tools in production agriculture. Representatives of private industry will follow sharing ideas, trends and equipment offerings.

Elizabeth Hagen- A professional speaker, author and business coach will make two presentations. The first will give attendees tools to reclaim control of their personal and professional lives. The second session will focus on hope and renewal. The audience will learn what they need to appreciate who they are, enjoy life and start being more successful at home and work.

Michael Baron – President and owner of Great Plains Diversified Services Inc. will discuss the use of LLC's and LLP's to run and convey a farm operation. In a second presentation he will discuss the management of mineral properties. Michael has more than 30 years of experience in "Keeping the Family Farm in the Family".

On Wednesday, the special recognition luncheon coordinated by the Ag Committee of the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce will feature Steve Stark, a well known performer and illustrator. He will present an illustrated history of North Dakota Agriculture.

Sidney Police Department Hopes to Get K-9 Unit

By Jaimee Green

The Sidney Police Department is hoping they will soon be able to recruit a four-legged member to their staff of law enforcement officers. Since October, they have been working on securing funds to incorporate a canine unit within their department. This is part of an effort to continue meeting the growing demands of keeping the community safe while helping ensure the safety of their officers.

"I fully anticipate a canine unit would increase officer safety, which is a big concern for us. It would also help with drug enforcement and patrol operations," said Frank DiFonzo, Sidney Police Chief.

Once enough funds are secured, the next step will be to send an officer to train with potential dogs at a police canine academy.

The department estimates the cost for the complete implementation of a community K-9 Unit will be \$75,000. This would cover the cost of the dog, training, equipment and staff time. Due to the City's budget constraints this year, they are unable to manage start-up expenses without the support of the citizens, businesses and civic groups.

Since October, the Department has received nearly half of the seed money needed to secure a K-9 Unit from donations made by local businesses and private citizens.

In the last 36 months there has been a tremendous increase in the number of arrests, DUIs and calls for assistance with criminal offenses tipping the scale with a 112% increase for crimes such as robbery and assaults. The number of DUIs has increased by 376% while the number of calls for assistance received through dispatch has risen by 74%.

The dog would be trained and live with Alex Roselles, a patrol officer with the department for over two years. Roselles' family has a long tradition of working in law enforcement and with a K-9 Unit. His father spent nine years working in law enforcement with a dog in Deer Lodge, Montana.

The use of K-9 Units has become quite common in local law enforcement agencies. These loyal creatures have consistently been chosen to serve and protect communities because of their unmatched skills out in the field. Their wide range of abilities includes sight, agility, and strong sense of smell among other things that make them quite valuable allies.

Canine units can offer exceptional skills in the line of duty as well as economical advantages in the deterrence of crime.

"It has been exciting to see that we have the backing of the community. The response has just been tremendous. I will be excited to have a partner that will keep us safe on patrol and help us secure buildings," Roselles said.

He will spend six weeks in North Carolina at the Southern Police Canine Academy training while being paired up with a dog that best fits his handling style. German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois are the two breeds of dog typically used for a canine unit. The Department is most interested in obtaining a Belgian Malinois because they feel it will create a better fit for a new K-9 officer to work with.

While no name for the canine has been decided upon yet, Roselles has a few names that he is considering. There has also been some discussion about having local students submit their ideas for a name for the newest member of the Department.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales to Begin Saturday, Feb. 1

The Girls Scouts will sell cookies Feb. 1-17. They have six types of cookies this year: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Trefoils and Savannah Smiles. They will be available for \$4 a box. If you would like some Girl Scout Cookies and you do not get contacted by a Girl Scout, please call Deb at 406-480-9236 and she will take your order or have a Girl Scout get in contact with you.



The Department tentatively plans to have the K-9 Unit effectively on duty no later than June.

The working life span of the average dog is seven to 10 years.

When Roselles expressed his interest in getting a K-9 for the Department, DiFonzo was hesitant explaining during the oil boom in the 1980s the Department had two dogs. "I did not feel the Department received adequate return on their investment as one officer moved to another agency and the other lost his canine due to the animal passing away from an illness. The level of dedication it takes to be a canine unit can't be overstated. But, Roselles proved to me he had the commitment and plans for longevity we need in order to make this successful," DiFonzo said.

Once the unit is up and running, the City will absorb the costs for maintenance and care of the program.

"This is a community project and I think people in our community enjoy being a part of helping ensure these types of resources are available. I think more people are going to step up," DiFonzo said.

The Department has no plans of coordinating any fund-raising events in this effort and are instead relying on word-of-mouth within the community, which to date, has been very successful.

To make a donation, make your check payable to the Sidney Police Department K-9 Fund, and mail it to 300 12th Avenue N.W., Suite 5, Sidney MT, 59270 or bring your donation directly to Stockman Bank or City Hall.

For more information, contact (406) 433-6846.



Sidney Liquor Store at New Location at Shops At Fox Run
Sidney Liquor Store recently moved to its new location at Shops At Fox Run. They will resume their normal hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. They can be reached at 406-433-2862.



Sidney Eye Care Announces the Addition of Dr. Melissa Hjelden

Sidney Eye Care is excited to announce the addition of Dr. Melissa Hjelden to the practice. She practices in primary eye care, contact lenses and ocular disease. You can schedule an appointment with her at 406-482-2609. Appointments are also available with Dr. Kristin O’Brien and Dr. Gregory Cavanaugh. Sidney Eye Care is located at 112 2nd St SE in Sidney.

Dr. Kessler Recertified in Geriatrics

Submitted by Rita Steinbeisser

Sidney Health Center is pleased to announce that Dr. Jerome Kessler has recently passed his Geriatrics recertification exam. Geriatrics is a subspecialty of medicine that focuses on the health care of older people. While it has been known for many years that the care of older people is different from the care of young people, the formal discipline of Geriatrics did not come into being until the late 1970s. This is important because of “the aging of America” in recent decades. In 2009 approximately 1 in 8 people were over 65 years old. It is predicted that in 2030 about 1 of every 5 Americans will be over 65. The current life expectancy at birth in the U.S. is 79 years (76 for men and 81 for women). For those people who are already 65 years old, statistics say they will live another 19 years. For 85 year-old people, they are likely to live another 7 years.

The science of Geriatrics recognizes that there are some unavoidable changes in our body function as we age: Decreased kidney, heart and lung function does occur,



Dr. Jerome Kessler

which makes some problems (e.g., dehydration, heart attacks, and pneumonia) more serious. Older people have more diseases, and take more medications (as they should) to treat them; but this increases the risk that they will have drug side effects and drug interactions. It is never acceptable to say that elderly people die of “old age.” They die of specific disease processes. “Successful aging” does not mean the absence of disease – rather it means that older patients are taking care of the problems they have.

Dr. Kessler said that he is “happy to be working in a

facility that has the staff and resources to take care of a vast majority of medical problems.” While he does take care of a high percentage of complex patients, he also enjoys taking care of a variety of outpatient and inpatient primary care problems.

Dr. Kessler is certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Family Medicine. Since he received his M.D. in 1980, he has taken a total of 11 national board exams in order to maintain his certifications. He is also certified in ACLS and ATLS. To make an appointment with Dr. Kessler, call his clinic receptionist at 406-488-2550

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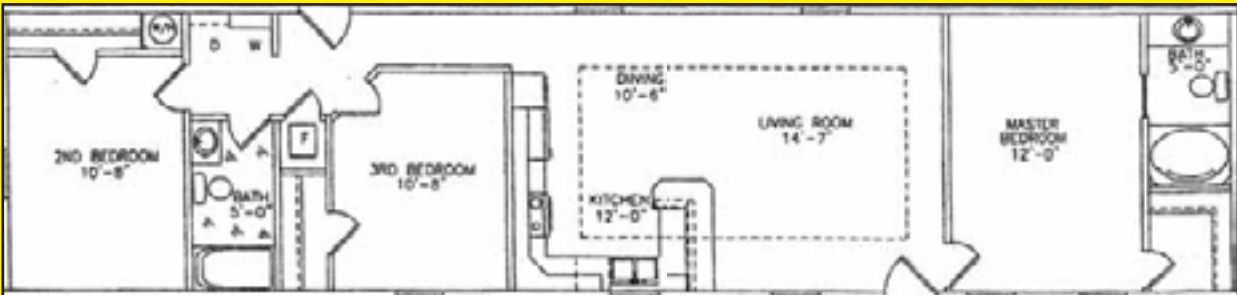
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Richland County & You: Change begins with you!

Submitted by Steering Committee Members

Are there things that you love about our community? Things that you would like to see changed? Join other Richland County residents March 13th from 5:30 - 8pm in the St. Matthew's Multi-purpose Room in Sidney for an evening of food, discussion and community change. The 6th Annual State of the Community Evening Conference is a public event designed to address the needs of people in the county and begin making the changes to make our county a better place. This event is put on by a committee of various county residents who have a passion for seeing positive growth for the county. All are welcome to bring their questions, concerns and ideas for change to be acknowledged and implemented. Attendees are also welcome to join in with one of the many groups that have been responsible for making some of the changes happen. Local community members will speak about what community means to them during the evening. Highlights of the local issues that have seen change and improvement will be discussed along with the needs that still need to be addressed. Dinner will be served free of charge. You are an important piece of the puzzle! If interested in participating in this event contact Greta or Julie at the Health Department 406-433-6895 or Heather at the Library 406-433-1917. Please join each other in making Richland County a better place and remember change starts with us! Register at www.richland.org

Talk to Address Developing Natural Grasshopper Controls For The “Real” World

Submitted by Beth Redlin

While natural insecticides made up of disease-causing soil microbes have been successfully tested against pest grasshoppers in the lab and greenhouse, their success has not always translated to the great outdoors. Why not? Sidney Agricultural Research Service scientist Stefan Jaronski will answer that question during his special BrownBagger presentation this Thursday, Jan. 30, at the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPARL) in Sidney.

The talk is open to the public and runs from noon to 1 p.m. The lab is located at 1500 N. Central Avenue in Sidney, MT.

Dr. Jaronski's presentation – “Searching for a grasshopper pathogen: It's the ecology, dummy!” – will explore the impacts of the ecological/outdoor settings of the target grasshoppers on the potential success of proposed pathogens. While scientists screen likely biocontrol agents for their “kill” effectiveness in lab and greenhouse tests, and industry scientists study how readily each strain can be mass produced, how safe it is for people and animals, and how long it can be “stored” on the shelf, all that research can be for nothing if the pathogen's performance is negatively affected by its new surroundings in the field.

“That's the rest of the story,” Dr. Jaronski notes, adding,

ecological factors that can have significant impacts on a microbial agent's success in the field include temperature, humidity, sunshine (UV), even the type of plant, behavior of the insect and the timing and placement of the agent.

Dr. Jaronski will discuss ways to include environmental tolerances in the evaluation process of developing microbial agents. His unique insights are based on both his experience in industry and as an insect pathologist with NPARL. Dr. Jaronski has been developing insect attacking fungi as biological control agents of grasshoppers and other insect pests since he joined the Sidney ARS lab in 2000. Before that, he spent 17 years in the ag biotech industry commercializing bacteria and fungi to control insects. Because of his extensive background, Dr. Jaronski is frequently called on to speak at national and international gatherings, seminars and trainings on developing microbial controls for insect pests.

Please join us for this very interesting presentation. For more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427.

NPARL's 2014 BrownBagger series is held in the lab's Tech Transfer Room, typically on Fridays, from noon to 1 p.m., although Dr. Jaronski's talk was moved up to Thursday, Jan. 30, because of another conflict. Additional speakers in this series will be announced prior to their presentations.

What Will a DUI Cost You?: Part 2

Submitted by Richland County DUI Task Force

“I am only traveling a short distance, I use the back roads, I'll be extra careful...it will be fine” Alcohol effects judgment...so your brain is not reliable...you can't depend on it to make good decisions. Did you know your driving skills begin to deteriorate at a BAC of .05 and by the time you reach a BAC of .08 you perceive you are functioning better than you actually are?

A DUI is not just a financial loss but loss of your freedom. Jail time and restricted driving is just the start. Scheduled court times, mandatory substance abuse classes & community service also take your freedom away. You can also lose your privilege to travel to foreign countries...You will be denied entrance into Canada.

A DUI will continue to follow you... Employers and landlords can see a DUI on background checks. Directors of volunteer work can see a DUI on background checks for volunteer work. Credit scores will show your DUI resulting in higher interest rates. Plus the dreaded question “Have you ever been convicted of a crime?” you will have to mark the box.

Living with the humiliation of the handcuffs, shame you feel when you face family and friends, guilt of lives that are effected (over 400 individuals in Montana are effected each year) and finally the regret that you feel because you got behind the wheel after you had that drink thinking it “wasn't a big deal”.

Plan ahead...If you: Plan to Drink...Plan to Ride! If you

don't have a sober driver to get you home Sidney Shuttle and Richland County Transportation will get you home safely... Sidney Shuttle has great rates for those who use the service to get to the bar and home again. Bonus, you don't have to look for a parking spot or get into a cold car when you are ready to go home...just place the call. Don't have the number? Ask your bartender. They want you to get home safe too. Asking for a safe ride is a lot easier than hassling your family and friends for a ride when you lose your license. Our community cares. We don't want impaired drivers on our roadways.

Our community cares. We make RADD calls: “Report a Drunk Driver.” Law Enforcement & Richland County Task Force encourages the community to help prevent DUI crashes and injuries & deaths related to them. DIAL 911 ~ Report the vehicle description, license plate number, location, direction of travel and any other information the dispatcher may request in order to dispatch law enforcement. You don't need to give your name to report a drunk driver.

Reducing crashes, injuries and deaths related to DUIs will take effort from our entire community. For more information go to: Plan2live.mt.gov. If you want to help make a difference in your community, consider becoming a member of the Injury Prevention Team/DUI Task Force. Call Mary, Injury Prevention Specialist/DUI Task Force Coordinator at the Richland County Health Department 433-2207.

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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 the Library Sanford Room, Watford City.
6 - 8 p.m. — Grief Recovery Support Group in First Lutheran Church basement, Watford City.
6 p.m. — Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
7 p.m. — AA meeting, Fairview Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave, Fairview.
7 p.m. — Fairview Alive and Kicking.
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. — NA meeting, Millers’ Corner, 2201 W. Holly St., Sidney.
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

FRIDAYS:
8 p.m. — AA meetings, Tinity Lutheran Church Ed. Bldg, Sidney.

SATURDAYS:
10 a.m. — Gamblers Anonymous at Millers’ Corner, Sidney.
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:
6:30 p.m. — “BUTT OUT” Support group, 309 S. Central Ave., Fairview
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.....1832.42222.7
Last Week’s Elev.1832.52222.8
One Year Ago1828.52250.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.)18,0007,000

WATFORD CITY WEATHER DATA
Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 19.....	41	33.....	0.00
Jan. 20.....	35	5.....	0.00
Jan. 21.....	25	21.....	0.00
Jan. 22.....	24	-3	0.00
Jan. 23.....	11	-5	0.00
Jan. 24.....	34	33.....	0.00
Jan. 25.....	4225.....	T
YTD Rainfall			22.01

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 20.....	35.....	4.....	0.00
Jan. 21.....	31.....	9.....	0.00
Jan. 22.....	25.....	-3.....	0.00
Jan. 23.....	36.....	-4.....	0.00
Jan. 24.....	46.....	32.....	0.00
Jan. 25.....	52.....	33.....	0.00
Jan. 26.....	40.....	-3.....	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation			0.07

OBITUARIES

Blenda Hoff, 90, Glendive, MT

Funeral service for Blenda Hoff, 90, of Glendive, MT was at 11 am, Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at First Lutheran Church in Circle, MT with Pastor Stan Hobbing officiating. Cremation had taken place under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney, MT. Interment took place in Riverview Cemetery in Circle, MT. Remembrances, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Blenda died on Thursday, January 23, 2014 in Glendive, MT.

Wallace “Wally” Braun, 76, Savage,MT

Funeral services for Wallace “Wally” Braun, 76, of Savage, MT are at 10 am, Thursday, January 30, 2014 at First Lutheran Church in Savage, MT with Pastor Nell Lindorf officiating. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery in Savage, MT. Remembrances, condolences and picture may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Wally died on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at his home in Savage, MT.

Thomas “Tom” Sather, 69, Sidney, MT

Funeral service for Thomas “Tom” Sather, 69, of Sidney, MT is at 2 pm, Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at the Ebenezer Congregational Church with Pastor David Meehan officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home. Remembrances, condolences and picture may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com. Tom died on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at his home.

Grant Dollars Available For Property Redevelopnment *Applications Due By Jan. 31*

Submitted by Sarah Mudder

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is soliciting applications for \$409,190 in funding through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The intent of the program is to revitalize neighborhoods by redeveloping abandoned or vacant properties,” said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director. We are anxious to put the money to work in eligible North Dakota communities.” Applications will be accepted for activities involving the redevelopment of foreclosed, abandoned, or vacant properties into permanent housing. Preference will be given to applications involving rental housing. The funds are only available for use in targeted census tracts in the following communities of Alexander, Belfield, Bowman, Dickinson, Fargo, Glenburn, Grand Forks, Mohall, Ray, Rolla, Rolette, Sherwood, South Heart, Tioga and Williston. An eligible property must be located within a census tract that has a needs score of seven or greater or weighted average score exceeding seven as determined as a percentage of funding. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s mapping tool can be used to determine the needs score of any given location. It can be found online at www.huduser.org/NSP/NSP3.html. Applications must be received in the NDHFA office by the close of business on January 31, 2014. More information is available on the agency’s website, www.ndhfa.org, or by contacting Jolene Kline or Jennifer Henderson at info@ndhfa.org, (701) 328-8080 or (800) 292-8621. NSP was originally created under Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and the State of North Dakota received \$19.6 million for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and properties. All of those funds have been obligated. Additional funding was authorized under Section 1497 of the Dodd-Frank Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 and is referred to as NSP3. NDHFA was initially awarded \$5 million, but through the use of program income, NDHFA has awarded a total of \$5,363,235 in assistance to four projects located in Bowman, Belfield and two projects in Tioga. The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor Jack Dalrymple, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, oversees NDHFA.

EVENTS

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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Thurs., Jan. 30
3:30 - 4:30 pm – Crafternoon, Sidney Library, learn to make rubber band bracelets with cool new patterns and fun colors, cost is free, for more info call 406-422-1917
5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m. Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 31
9 am - 12 pm – Senior Commodites, Nutter Building, back door, 123 W. Main. Message phone number 433-4353.
11:30 a.m. — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.
6:30 - 7:30 a.m.– Men’s Breakfast Fellowship, Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church.
Sun., Feb. 2
6:30 pm – “BUTT OUT!” support group meeting, Zion Lutheran Church, 309 S. Central Ave., Fairview, for more info call 742-5523.
1 p.m. — Savage Senior Center cards & potluck .
3:30 pm– Sidney Assembly of God Super Party, 4 large HDTVs, including a giant 80” screen, free food, and activity for those who might not be so interested in the game. Doors open at 3:30, 414 E. Main St., next door to White Drug. For more info, call 433-2550.
6 - 7:30 p.m. – Open skating, Ranger Arena, 801 7th Ave. SW.
6:45 p.m. — Sidney Moose Lodge Bingo, early bird 6:45 p.m. & regular session 7 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 3
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.
6:30 pm – Fairview Chamber Recognition Dinner, St. Catherine’s Catholic Church Multi-Pupose Room, 317 N. 7th St., \$30 per person. RSVP by Jan. 29, Call 480-1328.
7 - 9 pm – Lone Tree Archers Winter Indoor Shooting, Event Center at Richland Co. Fairgrounds, Annual club membership required individual membership \$30, Family \$40 (this includes access to our outdoor range also) Weekly indoor shooting \$5 per week age 13 & up or \$20 for all six weeks. Children 12 & under shoot free w/ family membership. For more info call Tom 489-1946 or Nancy 488-5128 email: lonetreearchersclubgmail.com
Tues., Feb. 4
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.
Wed., Feb. 5
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., Feb. 6
7 pm – “Six Appeal” concert at MonDak Heritage Center. Tickets available at the door.

McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., Jan. 29
1 p.m. – Bingo, Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW, for more info call 842-3760.
Thurs., Jan. 30
7 p.m.– Pinochle, Watford City Senior Center, 205 5th St. NW, for more info call 842-3760.
Mon., Feb. 3
1 - 3 p.m. – Grief Recovery Support Group in the Library Sanford Room, Watford City.
6 - 8 p.m. – Grief Recovery Support Group in First Lutheran Church basement, Watford City.
Tues., Feb. 4
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.
11:30 a.m. – Watford City Chamber luncheon, Fox Hills Golf Course.
Wed., Feb. 5
9:30 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. – Motor Vehicle Dept. will at the Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, 112 2nd Ave. NE.

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ND Spring Turkey Season Set, Online Apps Available

The state Game and Fish Department is offering 5,880 wild turkey licenses for the spring hunting season, a decrease of 50 from last year. The decrease is a result of poor production and chick recruitment.

Two of the 22 hunting units have slightly more spring licenses than in 2013, while 16 remain the same. Unit 21 (most of Hettinger and Adams counties) is again closed in 2014 due to lack of turkeys in the unit.

Successful spring turkey applicants must purchase a 2014-15 hunting license, as last year's 2013-14 licenses expire March 31. In addition to the spring turkey license, hunters must have a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate, and a general game and habitat license. Also, hunters ages 16 and older must possess a small game license, or combination license.

Hunters may notice an increase in license fees required to hunt spring turkey, which were established and set by the 2013 state legislature. The spring turkey license increased from \$8 to \$15, and the general game and habitat license increased from \$13 to \$20. In addition, the small game license – required for hunters ages 16 and older – increased from \$6 to \$10. The combination license, which includes general game and habitat, small game, furbearer and fishing, increased from \$32 to \$50.

First-time spring turkey hunters ages 15 or younger are eligible to receive one

spring license valid for the regular hunting season in a specific unit. To be eligible, the youth hunter must be 15 or younger on opening day of spring turkey season, and have never received a spring turkey license in North Dakota.

Spring turkey applicants can apply online or print out an application at the Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov. Applications can also be submitted by calling (800) 406-6409.

Application forms will also be available by Feb. 1 at most license vendors, county auditors and Game and Fish offices. The deadline for applying is Feb. 12. Online or phone applications must be logged before midnight that day.

Spring turkey licenses are available only to North Dakota residents. The spring turkey season opens April 12 and continues through May 18.

Midwinter Waterfowl Survey

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's annual midwinter waterfowl survey in early January indicated 71,500 birds were in the state.

Mike Szymanski, migratory game bird biologist, said an estimated 40,700 Canada geese were observed on the Missouri River, and another 12,000 were scattered on Nelson Lake. Lake Sakakawea, declared iced-over on Dec. 14, had no geese on the lake itself. Szymanski said after summarizing the

numbers, a total of 52,700 Canada geese and 18,700 mallards were tallied statewide.

"Conditions leading up to this year's survey were colder than normal, resulting in fewer birds in the state compared to the past couple winters," Szymanski said. "Most waterfowl were pushed from North Dakota just prior to Thanksgiving, with the exception of those using the Missouri River System."

According to Szymanski, early December cold temperatures and strong winds pushed most Missouri River birds from the state. Conditions remained the same through most of January, essentially causing all waters in the state to freeze by the time of the survey, with the exception of a few places with fast moving, or warm water.

Overall, Szymanski said although the counts are lower than those observed during the past couple years, numbers of birds remaining in the state are surprisingly large given the harsh weather conditions experienced thus far.

"Snow cover was probably borderline for allowing birds to feed without too much trouble," he added. "If more snow had fallen in December, this year's count would have been even lower."



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Tesoro Corporation Supports Western North Dakota

Submitted by Sarah Mudder
Tesoro Corporation contributed \$500,000 in December to the North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund (HIF). The contribution will support the development of affordable housing in Western North Dakota.

“We are pleased to contribute to this valuable local program, which provides quality, affordable housing to

the surrounding community. Tesoro is a proud partner of this community and appreciates the opportunity to support its vitality, well-being and educational resources,” said Todd Dixon, vice president and Tesoro Mandan refinery manager.

Capitalized by contributions from North Dakota taxpayers, HIF provides developers of rental housing with low-cost financing if units are set-aside for essential service workers and low- to moderate-income households. The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) administers the program.

“By contributing to the Housing Incentive Fund, Tesoro helps advance North Dakota’s efforts to provide affordable housing for all its

residents,” said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director. Tesoro designated the contribution for use in Bismarck/ Mandan, Dickinson, Watford City and Williston.

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Gov. Jack Dalrymple as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees the

state’s development efforts and recommended that the state legislature reauthorize HIF during the 2013 session. NDHFA received a \$15.4 million general fund appropriation and was authorized to further capitalize HIF by issuing \$20 million in state tax credits. The agency was able to successfully raise the funds needed in only eight months.

The HIF program will leverage more than \$150 million in construction financing, supporting the development of 934 housing units. To learn more about HIF and the projects selected by the agency, contact Kline or Bill Hourigan at (800) 292-8621 or info@ndhfa.org. Information is also available online at ndhousingincentivefund.org.

Sign Up for Winter BOW

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program has openings available for a three-day workshop Feb. 21-23 at Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau.

Ice fishing, darkhouse spearfishing, geocaching, snowshoe making, fur handling, winter birding, snowshoeing and tracking, fly tying, cross-country skiing, winter survival and winter camping are classes available at Lake Metigoshe. Cost of the workshop is \$135.

Women interested in the workshop are encouraged to register online at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. Those interested should sign up immediately, as each class is limited to 12 participants. Preregistration with payment is required.

More information is available by contacting Nancy Boldt at (701) 328-6312, or email ndgf@nd.gov.

Will the Drought in California Impact the Rest of Us?

By Tie Shank

Due to the projected financial strain the lack of rain will most likely bring to farmers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced 11 western and central states as primary natural disaster areas: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

Extremely dry conditions are causing significant problems from increased fire risks, to dry farmlands and low reservoirs.

Meteorologists say this is the driest year on record for California. California is the biggest economy in the U.S. and the 8th largest economy in the world. They have an approximate \$2 trillion a year economy.

Business weather expert Paul Walsh was recently quoted saying, “What happens in California has a ripple effect across both our economy in the US and potentially across the global economy. The biggest issue for CA is

water. It’s really the lifeblood of that economy. When we’re looking at conditions like we’re seeing right now, it can become very significant in terms of agriculture, but also in terms of the overall economy of CA and of the U.S.”

Walsh goes on to say, “The effects and the impacts of the drought take a long period of time to sort of work themselves out. I don’t think we’re going to see an immediate impact but I do think we probably will see impact from a pricing perspective.”

Climate projections are made by probabilities and those probabilities are leading towards conditions in CA becoming increasingly warm and increasingly dry. This concerns Californians to the point where they’ve begun to take steps to become a more resilient state. These steps led the California Natural Resources Agency, the California EPA and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to draft a Water Action Plan. This plan focuses on the reliability of


their water supply, the needed ecosystem restoration to bring their water back into balance, and the resilience of their infrastructure.

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California is also a major grower of tomatoes, bell peppers, strawberries, carrots, oranges and many other fruits and vegetables. As a matter of fact, no other state comes close to matching California’s output. If the drought continues to impact California, what effect will it have on U.S. economy and the prices we’ll be paying in the grocery stores?

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North Dakota Deer Management Meetings Scheduled

The State Game and Fish Department has scheduled eight public meetings in February to discuss deer management in North Dakota.

Department officials will present an overview of the current deer population and prospects for the future, and look for input on possible options for changes in the way deer licenses are allocated.

“We’re all aware that the state’s whitetail and mule deer populations have declined considerably in recent years,” said Game and Fish Department wildlife chief Randy Kreil. “In 2013 we had approximately 40,000 hunters who applied for a deer

gun license and didn’t get one. We’re looking at some ideas that might help get more hunters in the field if deer populations remain similar to what they are now.”

In the long term, Kreil said Game and Fish’s strategy is to build deer numbers to a point that would provide a reasonable chance for anyone who wants to hunt to be able to get some kind of license. “Right now we have a high public interest in deer hunting in North Dakota,” he said. “We’re hoping to come up with some solutions to help us maintain that.”

Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m. local time.

- Feb. 17 – Devils Lake, Lake Region Community College Auditorium
- Feb. 17 – Casselton, City Fire Hall
- Feb. 18 – Dickinson, Ramada Grand Dakota Lodge
- Feb. 18 – Anamoose, Community Center
- Feb. 24 – Tioga, Farm Festival Building
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SHS Speech & Drama Places at Divisionals; Heads to State This Weekend

Submitted by Christy Pierce

The Sidney High School Speech and Drama Team headed to Laurel for Divisionals this past weekend. Led by their coaches Gail Staffanson and Christy Pierce, the Speech Team finished 3rd and The Drama Team Placed 1st.

Speech Results: Extemp: Danny Johnson placed 2nd, Zach Sommerfield placed 6th.

Impromptu: Kasey Gorder placed 7th, Micheal Stevens placed 8th. OO: Micheal Waddell placed 4th, Tori Hill placed 3rd

Expos: Morgan Barnett placed 4th, Kasey Gorder placed 3rd

MPA: Tori Hill placed 1st, SOI: Laura Elmore placed 7th
HOI: Christian Angelsey placed 3rd.

Drama Results: Hum Solo: Kaitlyn Tibbits placed 5th
Hum. Duo: Lexie Brunsvold & Tess Ler placed 3rd, Emily Schaff & Tessa Hill placed 4th, Taylor Thiessen & Luke Beenken placed 9th

Ser. Solo: John Elmore placed 2nd, Rachel Ledgerwood placed 6th, Classical Duo: Mark LaPan & Ariana Gaskin placed 2nd, Camden Berka & Sarah Turek placed 1st. The team heads to Hamilton to compete in State this upcoming weekend.

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What's the Connection Between Clean Energy and Climate Change?

Submitted by Rich Myers

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Hear from leading experts and practitioners about the steps to successful clean energy projects that can help you cut costs and diversify revenue for your business or facility operations—be it on the farm, in the forest or in the city. Learn how you can improve efficiencies and produce clean energy, feedstocks, and co-products for yourself and for market. The renewable energy opportunities addressed include biofuels, woody biomass, microhydro, geothermal, solar, wind, and combined heat and power.

The conference is set for February 4-6 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena, Montana.

The Harvesting Clean Energy Conference is held each year in a different city in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, or Montana. The February conference will be the 13th in the series. Its organizer, NCAT, is headquartered in Butte, Montana.

Go online here for more information about the conference or to register: <http://harvestcleanenergy.org>

The website also has information on becoming a conference sponsor, a schedule of events, and information on previous conferences.

Here are just a few of the offerings you'll find at the conference:

Changes in Climate and Landscape in the Northern Rockies

What does the future hold for the Northern Rockies landscape? This panel will describe regional climate trends, projections and impacts that we might expect in our forest landscapes due to changing climate.

Risk and Rural Resiliency: Economic and Social Impacts from Wind Energy Projects

Learn more about the social and economic impacts to rural communities brought by wind projects, both large and small. Speakers will discuss how local governments work with developers to maximize benefits and minimize challenges to development of large projects in addition to looking at the impact of small and medium-scale projects.

There also will be case studies about solar, hydro, and wind power, and biofuels production, among other topics.

The 2014 Harvesting Clean Energy Conference will be organized around five subject "tracks:"

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The first 50 rural businesses and landowners who are involved in agriculture, forestry, and the clean-energy industry to register will get a \$50 discount on the registration rate, bringing the cost down to only \$145.

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7th grade: Kyler Brown, Haley Olson, Abbie Smith, Brylee Brost, Chase Brown.

6th grade: Peyton Sodt, Kodi Bireley, Daejha Gibson, Chance Senner.

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Montana Red Cross Issues Top Five Flu Prevention Steps; Influenza Widespread in 35 States

Submitted by Anna Fernandez-Gevaert
Flu season is here and more and more people across the country are getting sick. The American Red Cross urges people to get vaccinated now and offers tips to help prevent the spread of the flu.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report for the week of December 29 to January 4 showed 35 states are seeing widespread flu activity, up from 25 a week earlier. These states include Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Most other regions


are also reporting a number of residents sick with influenza. **STEPS TO PREVENT FLU** The most important step you can take is to get a flu vaccine. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older. Other steps you can take to help prevent the spread of the flu virus include:
Stay home if sick.
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when

coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue away after use. If that's not possible, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. People with the flu can spread it to others about six feet away through coughs and sneezes.
Wash your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand-rub.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
"If someone has the flu they should avoid contact with others as much as possible," said Rod Kopp, Executive Director of Montana Red Cross. "Everyone should also disinfect surfaces that are commonly used such as door knobs, switches, phones, computers and remote controls."

DO I HAVE THE FLU? The common signs of influenza are high fever, severe body aches, headache, being extremely tired, sore throat, cough, runny or stuffy nose, and vomiting and/or diarrhea (more common in children). If you think they have the flu, contact your health-care provider.
You should seek medical care immediately if you or a loved one develop any of the following symptoms:
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Children - not waking up, being so irritable that the child does not want to be held or is not interacting. Fever with a rash. No tears when crying or significantly fewer wet diapers than normal.
More information about influenza and how to help stop the spread of the flu virus is available on www.redcross.org.
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Sidney Gymnasts Compete in Bismark

Sidney Gymnastics Level 3 competition team traveled to Bismarck and competed at the Julie Ziegler Meet on January 25. The team placed 3rd with a score of 109.2 which also set a new record for their hometown gym.
Individual scores are as follows:
Liliana Johnson: Vault 8.9, Bars 8.05, Beam 8.0, Floor 8.9, AA 33.85
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Brielle Gorder: Vault 9.1, Bars 7.4, Beam 8.85, Floor 8.6, AA 33.95
Hallie Andrews: Vault 8.3, Bars 8.9, Beam 8.8, Floor 8.75, AA 34.75
Cheyenne Christian: Vault 8.6, Bars 8.2, Beam 8.65, Floor 8.3, AA 33.75
Bailee Vitt: Vault 9.0, Bars 9.1, Beam 9.1, Floor 9.1, AA 36.3
Hailey Hasvold: Vault 9.2, Bars 8.0, Beam 8.9, Floor 8.45, AA 34.55
Codi Hasvold: Vault 8.3, Bars 8.65, Beam 9.1, Floor 8.9, AA 34.95
Shea Roberts: Vault 8.1, Bars 8.25, Beam 8.85, Floor 9.0, AA 32.75
Becca Deming: Vault 9.1, Bars 8.25, Beam 8.8, Floor 8.35, AA 34.5
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Montana Board of Oil and Gas Sued for Shutting Out Public

Submitted by Deb Muth
The Northern Plains Resource Council and Carbon County Resource Council (CCRC) are challenging in court a decision by the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (BOGC) to prevent the public from testifying on a proposed oil well permit for the Belfry area last month. A lawsuit was filed this

morning with the Montana 13th District Court in Yellowstone County. (Cause No. DV-14-0027 Dept. 3)
At the December BOGC meeting in Billings, CCRC (an affiliate of Northern Plains) was taken off the agenda and not allowed to speak about the pending oil permit, despite having been granted the hearing and being

on the agenda for weeks. This abrupt reversal came in an 11th-hour BOGC stunt claiming CCRC had not yet provided an official "service list," although the group hand-delivered, mailed, and faxed its protest to all parties weeks in advance.
December 12 was the day of the hearing on the well of concern, Hunt Creek

1-H by Energy Corporation of America (ECA) east of Belfry, however once the CCRC protest was removed, there was no hearing for the well at all. Irrigators and other members of the public were not allowed to speak about a permit that was under consideration by the BOGC.

"Public participation is not only a vital right to Northern Plains and CCRC members — it is also a cornerstone of our Montana Constitution and the democratic processes that are at the heart of a free and open society," said Deb Muth of Red Lodge, who is Chair of Carbon County Resource Council.
"It's a shame that, if we want the right to speak about this proposed oil well permit in the Belfry area, we are forced to sue the BOGC. When people have to go to

court just to have the right to speak, the system is very broken."
While enforcing this technicality against the resource council, the BOGC looked the other way on an error made by the drilling company, whose start date on its application was off by a year.

"If the BOGC is going to be perfectionist," said Muth, "then it needs to require the same standard of the industry that it does of ordinary citizens. BOGC should render this permit invalid until it allows the public to testify."

Without hearing any public comment specific to the permit, the BOGC rubber-stamped the permit with no additional conditions or landowner protections. Citizens from the area were particularly concerned about

the well's potential to pollute irrigation water.
"They're putting a reserve pit in a drainage and when we get flash floods, water flows right through there. But the company wouldn't know that, nor would the board, since no one will listen to our cautions," said Bonnie Martinell, organic farmer and producer just a few miles from the well.

"You would think they would want local input, since we know this area best, but instead the public was silenced. The BOGC appears to operate hand-in-hand with the oil and gas industry, although its job is to oversee that industry on behalf of the people of Montana," said Martinell.

Charles Sangmeister Chair of the Stillwater Protective Association observed that, "This oil well is the beginning of what ECA says could be a large development in Carbon and Stillwater counties. We have many members whose lives and property will be directly affected by both this well and the others along the Beartooth Front and Bighorn Basin. That's why we couldn't stand for the BOGC to simply keep the public from testifying on this permit."

Assembly of God Super Party Feb. 2

Submitted by Patrick Lannoye

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Sidney JV at Glendive, 6 pm

Friday, Jan. 31

Baker at Sidney Varsity, 7 pm
Baker at Sidney JV, 6 pm
Watford City at Bishop Ryan High School, 7 pm

Hockey

Thursday, Jan. 30

Sidney Girls U19 at Williston, 6 pm

Friday, Jan. 31

Minot at Watford City Jr. Gold, 7 pm
Williston at Sidney Girls 12U, 5:30 pm
Sidney PeeWee at Minot Tourney, TBA
Sidney Jr. Gold at Fargo, 7:15 pm

Sat & Sun, Feb. 1 & 2

Watford City Jr. Gold at Grand Forks, TBA
Sidney PeeWee at Minot Tourney, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 1

Watford City Squirts at Dickinson Jamboree, 7:45 pm
Glasgow at Watford City Girls 12U, 11 am
Glasgow at Watford City Girls 19U, 1 pm
Watford City Bantam at Williston, 7:45 pm
Sidney Girls U19 at Bottineau, 4:30 pm
Sidney Girls 12U at Bottineau, 2:45 pm
Sidney Squirts at Dickinson Jamboree, TBA
Sidney Jr. Gold at Mayport, 12:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 2

Watford City Girls 12U at Williston, 11 am

Williston at Watford City Girls 19U, 12 pm

Sidney Girls U19 at Bismarck, 10 am
Sidney Girls 12U at Minot, 10:30 am
Sidney Jr. Gold at Minot Wolves, 11:30 am

Speech & Drama

Fri & Sat, Jan. 31 & Feb 1

Culbertson at State in Glasgow
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Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 30

New Town at Watford City Boys, 7:30 pm
Sidney Boys at Wolf Point, 5:30/8 pm
Wolf Point at Sidney Girls, 4:5:30/7 pm

Friday, Jan. 31

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Brockton at Culbertson Girls, 6 pm
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Fairview at Med Lake Girls, 6 pm
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Saturday, Feb. 1

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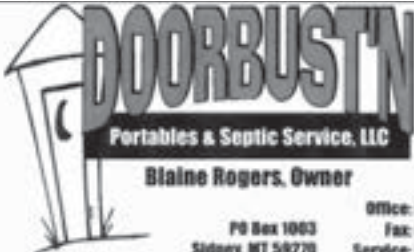
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Lunch Menus

Sidney School
Thurs., Jan.30 : Toasted cheese, tomato soup, mandarin oranges.
Fri., Jan. 31: Chili, cinnamon rolls, pineapple tidbits.
Mon., Feb. 3: Chicken patty on bun, cheesy potatoes, corn, pears.
Tues., Feb. 4: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans.
Weds.,Feb.5: Cheeeseburg-er, french fries, mandarin oranges, cookie.

Fairview School
Thurs., Jan. 30: Super bowl lunch.
Fri., Jan. 31: NO SCHOOL

East Fairview
Thurs., Jan., 30: Turkey bites, mashed potatoes, garden salad, peaches.
Fri., Jan. 31: Spaghetti, garden salad, corn, pears, bread sticks.

Richey School
Thurs., Jan. 30: Red enchila-das, refried beans, salad, fruit, cookie bars.
Fri., Jan. 31: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, fresh fruit.

Savage School
Thurs., Jan. 30:Croiss-sants, veggie salad, fruit salad.
Fri., Jan.31: Hot dogs, mac & cheese, celery/cucumber sticks, apple/oranges.
Mon., Feb. 3: Macaroni hot dish, peas/baby carrots, peaches.
Tues., Feb. 4: Chicken ala king, corn/peas, pineapple, dessert.
Weds., Feb. 5: Spaghetti weiner casserole, beans, fresh vegetables, pears.

Rau School
Thurs., Jan.30 : Tatertot hotdish, corn, fruit.
Fri., Jan. 31: Fish nuggets, fries, fruit salad, muffin.

Froid School
Thurs., Jan. 30: White chili, maple bars, orange slices.
Fri., Jan. 31: Taco in a bag, taco bar, peaches.

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Thurs., Jan.30 : Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, pine-apple.
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American Farm Bureau Policy Set for Coming Year

Voting delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation's 95th Annual Meeting approved resolutions that will provide the organization with authority from its grassroots members to push Congress toward the goal line on unfinished issues like the farm bill and ag labor.

“Securing victories on those issues is critical to our competitiveness as individual farmers and ranchers, and to our

nation's success as a food producer," said AFBF President Bob Stallman, who was re-elected to his eighth two-year term as the organization's president. "Farm Bureau made progress on our priorities this past year, more so than most other organizations, and this year, our delegates have provided us direction to work with Congress to complete this agenda."

Montana Farm Bureau President Bob Hanson noted that the delegates reaffirmed their support of Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), which MFBF members also supported again in their policy this past November.

"Of course they reiterated that labeling needs to be compliant with World Trade Organization rules," said Hanson. "In other livestock stock news, the delegates voted to support efforts to lengthen the term of grazing permits from 10 years to 20 years."

Hanson said that delegates were eager to reaffirm that a farm bill needs to be passed immediately, not in the future. "The farm bill is the guideline that determines what planting decisions farmers—

and their bankers—make for the coming year. The longer it's delayed, the more difficulties are created by the uncertainty."

Stallman agreed, and was positive in his comments. "Congress is still haggling over dairy policy, but for the most part, they are very close to completing a five-year farm bill. It has been a long process, but substantial reforms have been made. Crop insurance has been strengthened so that farmers can play a role in determining the level of their safety net, and how much they are willing to invest for that coverage."

Delegates approved new policy supporting the protection of proprietary data collected from farmers and maintaining that such data should remain their property. Delegates also voted to support efforts to educate farmers regarding the benefits and risks of collaborative data collection systems. They also approved policy stating that farmers should be compensated if companies market their propriety information, and that farmers should have the right to sell their proprietary data to another producer, such as in the case of a land sale. Delegates voted to oppose farmers' data being held in a clearinghouse or database by any entity subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

On the farm labor front, delegates reaffirmed their strong support for meaningful ag labor reforms that ensure farmers and ranchers have access to workers when they are needed. Delegates also voted to support flexibility that would allow the employment of workers by more than one farmer.

On other issues, delegates adopted new policy that supports the use of unmanned aircraft systems for commercial agricultural, forestry and other natural resource purposes. They also supported the requirement for drone users to gain the consent of the landowners, if operating below navigable airspace. However, delegates opposed federal agencies' use of drones for regulatory enforcement, litigation or natural resource inventory surveys.

Delegates also reaffirmed their support for the renewable fuels standard and approved a policy supporting renewable fuels tax incentives for the production of biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol and installation of blender pumps.

At the AFBF Annual Meeting, 357 voting delegates, representing every crop and livestock sector in the United States, deliberated on policies affecting farmers' and ranchers' productivity and profitability. The policies approved at the annual meeting will guide the nation's largest general farm organization throughout 2014.



Photo: (left to right): Montana Farm Bureau Vice President Bruce Wright and MFBF President Bob Hanson listen attentively during the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Delegates Session in San Antonio. The Delegates Session is when representatives from state Farm Bureaus discuss and vote on policy for the coming year.

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