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## Alliance of Oil Companies Donates \$10,000 to Froid Fire Department

By Ashley Harris

In small communities in Montana and North Dakota the funding for certain services just isn't cutting it. On February 22, 2013, the Froid Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a \$10,000 check from Energy Outreach Williston. The issue in Froid is definitely not the lack of volunteers, as they make up 10% of the community. As fire department chief Dave Clark stated, "It's a really good group of guys, they all respond to most of the calls." The real issue for the department is the lack of funding. Fire chief Clark continued, "The money will be used for equipment upgrades and better tools, including foam (used for specific fires) and thermal imaging."

Energy Outreach Williston is an organization of oil companies working together to support the communities. The companies involved in this organization include: Baker Hughes, Halliburton, Nabors, Oasis, Schlumberger, and Statoil.

Energy Outreach Williston spokeswoman, Kelley Renkin stated, "We feel like we are impacting the



Members of the Froid Fire Department accept a check from representatives of the oil companies associated with Energy Outreach Williston. Pictured (L to R) include: Dan Kjelshus, and Tater Mason, fire department members; Blake Murray, fire department co-secretary; Dave Clark, fire department chief; Kelley Renkin, Statoil; Logan Pape, Halliburton; Robert Hanson, Schlumberger; and Dolly Ramsey, Nabors.

small communities. This is something this community needs." The organization takes applications and then decides who would be best benefited with the funds. So

in addition to generating jobs, revenue, and essential energy, the oil and gas industry has proven to be a generous community partner.

## Joy Dental Design to Hold Open House at Watford City Location

By Ashley Harris

Joy Dental Design, located in Watford City, opened its new location on Feb. 4. Following a busy first month, they will be hosting an open house March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 4 pm for those interested in attending.

Joy Dental Design is operated by Michael Jelsing and his wife Priscilla, who is a general practitioner dentist. They have been practicing in Hazen, ND for a year and half, but as Jelsing stated, "Can't believe there's a town with that many people that doesn't have a full-time dentist." When they heard about the oil boom, Jelsing and his wife brought their practice to Watford City but they had to buy a house to turn into an office. After the new practice was opened, "The reception has been wonderful. We have had quite a few patients come through the doors," Jelsing stated.

Joy Dental Design offers a full-service general practice, including orthodontics

as Priscilla Jelsing practices orthodontics. The practice includes state of the art equipment including fully digital x-rays.

Joy Dental Design also accepts emergency patients after-hours and will make

room that day for them as well. The practice is open Monday through Friday 8 until 5 and is located at 324 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW in Watford City. Call 1-701-842-6197 for questions or to make an appointment.

## Female Reported Missing, Last Seen in Fairview

Nicole Waller, a 31 year old female, has been reported as missing. Waller, who is from the Kalispell, MT area, was in the area visiting a friend. She was last seen Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> in Fairview, MT and her vehicle was found abandoned near Poplar, MT. She is listed as being five feet tall, approximately 165 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes.

The case is on-going and is being investigated by Richland County Sheriff's Office, Flathead County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, and the Montana Department of Criminal Investigation. All the authorities are working diligently on the case to follow-up on all information and details that have been provided.

According to Chuck Curry, Flathead County Sheriff, "There is a good amount of man power."

If you have information about this individual, contact the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919.



Nicole Waller

## DRWA Enrollment Period Ending, Sign-Up NOW!

Submitted by Mandi Nay

DRWA is a rural water project being created to service an 11,000+ square mile project area in Eastern Montana. The project area includes the towns of Circle, Richey, Jordan and Fairview; the unincorporated towns of

Lambert, Savage, Bloomfield, Brockway, Brusett, Cohagen, Lindsay, Sand Springs and Vida; the water districts of Highland Park, Forrest Park, Spring Grove and Whispering Trees; and the rural users in the service area. Where not defined by county boundaries, the service area is bound on the North by the Missouri River, on the West by Fort Peck Lake and the Musselshell River, on the South by arbitrary East and West alignment and on the East by the Yellowstone River and the Montana-North Dakota border.

The majority of the users do not have access to a quality of water needed for a healthy existence. The treatment of water is costly and sometimes complicated depending on what is in the water. A regional rural water system like Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority will allow rural users to have access to a reliable, safe, high quality water supply.

Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA) has been working toward Federal Authorization. Unfortunately the process is extremely slow and cumbersome.

DRWA is a part of the first rural water projects to be included in the Rural Water Act of 2006 (enacted in 2010). The Bureau of Reclamation recently informed DRWA of their expectation for a final design to be drawn up prior to approving our project for construction. As a result, we need to have our final design completed to move forward with the process.

If you are interested in becoming a part of DRWA please contact us immediately. We need you to complete the necessary forms and submit your good-intention fee to be included in our final design. If water lines in our preliminary design do not have enough users those lines may be omitted from the final design.

Any users wishing to be a part of DRWA must have this completed before February 28, 2013. If we do not have enrollment forms and a good intention fee from you by then you will not be considered a part of the initial project construction.

Call us: 406-485-3792,  
Email us:  
[drwa@midrivers.com](mailto:drwa@midrivers.com),  
Website: [www.midrivers.com/~drwa](http://www.midrivers.com/~drwa)

## Town Hall Meeting Planned

Submitted by Wade VanEvery

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host a Town Hall meeting with our local legislators during the legislative transmittal break on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be at the Sidney Elk's Lodge and start at 9:00 a.m. Taking time to update the community will be Senator Matt Rosendale, SD 19, and Representative David Halvorson, HD 37.

Also invited to report on local issues is Sidney Mayor Bret Smelser, and the Richland County Commissioners. The public is encouraged to attend and learn what is happening in Montana government during the 2013 session.



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## Boys and Girls Class A Divisional Basketball Action

Morgan Thiel goes up for a basket at the Miles City game Saturday morning. (Photos by Kathy Johnson)

The Lady Eagles defeated Glendive 46-40 first round, were defeated by Hardin, 50-46, defeated Miles City 48-42 and were defeated by Laurel 40-48 to take 4th place. The Eagles were defeated by Miles City 52-57 and were defeated by Glendive. Above: Colin Moran of Sidney maneuvers around Lane Woosley of Miles City Thursday afternoon.

## You Are An Important Piece of The Puzzle

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Wide Conference will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:30 pm & 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am to 4:00 pm as a "Richland County Open House" platform. Dan Clark and Karen Ray will be this year's guest speakers and were chosen to work with all of us in Richland County to help celebrate our accomplishments and help guide the community in the direction you want to go to ensure quality of life.

The Community-wide conference started with a belief that the community could prepare effectively by addressing community issues and planning a bright, healthy, safe & happy future for Richland County.

Your input at this conference will help the County & City Planning Boards, County Departments and other Community Service Groups, Businesses, Industry and those vested in the community evaluate the work they are doing to improve the quality of life in Richland County.

The feedback and ideas you provide will be used to update the Richland County Growth Policy and Community Strategic Plan to reflect the needs and opportunities throughout Richland County.

We, your Richland County Commissioners, are personally inviting each of you as community members, community leaders and others who have a stake in our county to join us at this year's Community Conference. To register for this free event or attain further detailed information go to the Richland County Website at: [richland.org](http://richland.org) If you have any questions please direct them to Suzanne or Mary at the Richland County Health Department 433-2207.

Please save the date on your calendar, we look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

- Richland County Commissioners

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# Seed Source Impact On Seed Performance Focus Of Brownbagger

**Submitted by Beth Redlin**

Does where the seeds you buy are grown affect how well they will grow for you? That's a question Sidney Agricultural Research Service scientist Erin Espeland will answer during her BrownBagger presentation this Friday, Mar.1, from noon to 1 pm at the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPARL) in Sidney.

"In animals, we know that maternal nutrition affects how their progeny grow: in

other words, the maternal environment affects the characteristics of offspring." Espeland, a plant ecologist with NPARL studying reclamation issues in disturbed lands, said. "This is true in plants as well. In some species, plants grown under drought conditions produce seeds that do better in drought compared to seeds from plants grown in well-watered conditions."

Consequently, it may well matter where the seeds you bought for planting were

originally grown, she noted. "For example, you can buy seeds of the same Pryor slender wheatgrass grown in Washington state, in Saskatchewan, or here in Montana," Espeland said. "Does the production environment affect the performance of your seeds?"

Espeland will discuss her findings Friday in a presentation entitled "Production farm location affects subsequent seed performance in Sandberg's bluegrass," during which she will compare

results from Montana, Oregon, and Washington production gardens on the growth and competitive ability of Sandberg's bluegrass. Her talk is open to the public and will be held in the lab's Technology Transfer Room. We hope you will join us for this very interesting presentation.

NPARL's 2013

BrownBagger series is held in the lab's Tech Transfer Room on Fridays, from noon to 1 p.m. The lab is located at 1500 N. Central Avenue in Sidney, MT.

Remaining speakers in this year's series include:

Friday, March 15: Robert Srygley, NPARL Insect Ecologist, "U.S. Agriculture in

a Changing Climate"

Friday, March 29: Upendra Sainju, NPARL Soil Scientist; "Life-cycle assessment of dryland greenhouse gas emissions affected by cropping sequence and nitrogen fertilization"

For more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427.

## MDT Proposes a Resurfacing Project for MT Highway 23 Near Sidney-Richland Co.

**Submitted by Lori Ryan**

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to resurface about 2.8 miles of Highway 23, south of Sidney. The project begins at the intersection with Montana 16, southwest of Sidney, at reference marker 0 and extends east for 2.8 miles ending at the intersection with Secondary 261, southeast of Sidney (reference marker 2.8).

Proposed work includes applying a new overlay, and

finishing with a seal and cover (chip seal), upgraded pavement marking, advanced warning flashers at the intersection with MT 16, signage as necessary, guardrail work, railroad crossing upgrade, and bridge deck treatments.

The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in the summer of 2016, depending on completion of all project development activities and availability of funding.

No new Right-of-Way or utility relocations will be

needed.

For more information, please contact Glendive District Administrator Shane Mintz at (406)345-8212 or Project Design Engineer Steve Heidner at (406)345-8247. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406)444-7696 or 1-800-335-7592, or call the Montana Relay at 711. Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Glendive office at P.O. Box 890, Glendive, MT 59330-0890.

## MDT Proposes A Resurfacing Project For MT HWY 200 Near Lambert In Richland Co. Cn7949

**Submitted by Lori Ryan**

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to resurface about 10.7 miles of Highway 200, east of Lambert. The project begins approximately at the intersection with County Road 328, northwest of Lambert, at reference marker 49.25 and extends east for 10.7 miles ending near the intersection of County Road 120 (reference marker 59.91).

Proposed work includes applying a new overlay, and finishing with a seal & cover

(chip seal), upgraded pavement markings, advanced curve warning signs, signage as necessary, weigh-in-motion site and guardrail upgrades.

The project is tentatively scheduled for construction on completion of all project development activities and availability of funding.

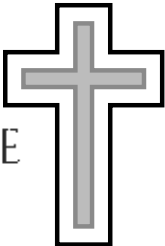
No new Right-of-Way or utility relocations will be needed.

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8247. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or 1-800-335-7592, or call the Montana Relay at 711. Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Glendive office at PO Box 890, Glendive MT 59330-0890, or online at [www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment\\_form.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml)

Please note that your comments are for project CN 7949000. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request.

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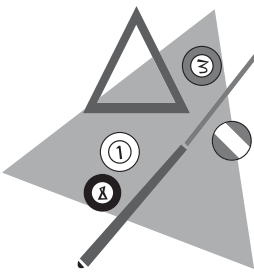
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## STATISTICS

### Lake Water Level Report

	Sakakawea	Fort Peck
Current Elevation.....	1827.6.....	2222.5
Last Week's Elev. ....	1827.8.....	2222.9
One Year Ago.....	1838.1.....	2234.23
Release For Day (C.F.S.).....	22,500.....	8,000

### Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 18 .....	40 .....	12 .....	0.08
Feb. 19 .....	22 .....	-13 .....	0
Feb. 20 .....	13 .....	1 .....	0
Feb. 21 .....	21 .....	12 .....	0
Feb. 22 .....	26 .....	14 .....	T
Feb. 23 .....	38 .....	22 .....	0
Feb. 24 .....	42 .....	25 .....	0

### Sidney Weather Data

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 18 .....	20 .....	2 .....	0.00
Feb. 19 .....	12 .....	-5 .....	0.00
Feb. 20 .....	24 .....	6 .....	0.00
Feb. 21 .....	29 .....	10 .....	0.00
Feb. 22 .....	44 .....	18 .....	0.00
Feb. 23 .....	45 .....	21 .....	0.00
Feb. 24 .....	39 .....	26 .....	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation.....			0.55

# OBITUARIES

## Evelyn Herness, 88, Culbertson, MT

Funeral services for Evelyn Herness, 88, of Culbertson, MT were at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson, MT with Pastor Al Beyer officiating. Interment was in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).  
Evelyn went to her heavenly home on February 17, 2013 from Trinity Hospital in Minot, ND.

# Williston Area Job Fair Deadline Feb. 28

Williston Area Chamber of Commerce, Job Service North Dakota and Williston Economic Development are sponsoring a Spring Job Fair Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 7 pm. The event, which is open to all employers and positions, will be held at the Airport International Inn. It will provide an opportunity for potential employees to interact with various businesses in the area.  
If you would like to have a booth or have questions concerning booths, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/jobfair2013> or call 701-774-5900.  
Deadline for registration is February 28, 2013. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come basis.

## Spring 2013 Hunter Safety Class #2 Schedule

Due to the overwhelming attendance (96 participants) at the spring 2013 Hunter Safety sign-up class, the instructors have decided to hold two classes so no individual has to wait for the fall class. The dates for the #2 class are as follows: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Richland County Extension Office Conference Room and March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. with testing and graduation at the Richland County Extension Office Conference Room. If any participant gets the opportunity please thank the Richland County Commissioners and Extension Staff for the use of the facilities. If you have any questions, call Greg Mohr at 406-433-2815 (Day) or 406-488-1166 (Evening), Ron Sorenson at 406-488-7664 (Evening) or Tom Lorenz 406-433-2536 (Evening).

## Private Pesticide Applicator Certification Sessions Offered

**By Ashley Harris**  
Private Applicator Certification Sessions are being offered for people needing to be certified or recertified as a private pesticide applicator. Those purchasing and/or applying "restricted use" pesticides for private use are required to have a private applicator's license. There is a \$25 charge to be certified for 3 years in both the general and fumigation categories. The upcoming sessions will be held as follows: March 6<sup>th</sup> Alexander City Hall beginning at 9:30 am CT, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Cartwright Hall beginning at 10 am CT, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Squaw Gap Hall beginning at 10 am CT, and March 20<sup>th</sup> at the McKenzie County Courthouse Meeting Room in Watford City beginning at 9:30 am CT.  
If not previously certified, it is not required to attend this meeting. If previously certified, attending meeting within 3 years of certifying will renew certification. No testing is required.  
For more information, please contact Calli Thorne at 701-444-3451.

## Winter Anglers Reminded to Clean Up Ice

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department reminds winter anglers to clean up the ice after fishing. This not only applies to trash, but fish as well.  
It is not only unsightly, but it is illegal to leave fish behind on the ice. According to the fishing proclamation, when a fish is caught anglers must either immediately release the fish back into the water unharmed, or reduce them to their daily possession.  
"It is common practice for some anglers to fillet fish on the ice," said Robert Timian, law enforcement chief. "Clean up after yourself. Don't leave the entrails and sides of filleted fish on the ice. Put the carcass in a trash bag and properly dispose of it when you get home."

# EVENTS

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## Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

**Thurs., Feb. 28**  
**12 p.m.**— The Sidney Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Elks Lodge.  
**12 p.m.**— Savage Senior Center will host a meal.  
**12:45 - 1:45 p.m.** — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be having a potluck lunch and cards. For more info. call 406-433-8077.  
**5 p.m.** — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.  
**6:30p.m.**— Sidney Moose Lodge Pinocle games.  
**7 p.m.** — Interfaith Community Outreach will host a Coffee Hour at the LDS Church, 1215 5th St SW.  
**8 p.m.** — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.

**Fri., Mar. 1**  
**9 a.m.** — Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host a Town Hall meeting at the Elk's Lodge. For more information call Wade Van Every at 406-433-1916.  
**11:30 a.m.** — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** — Bakken Water Babies meet for pool parties. Call or text 406-478-0964 for more information, space is limited.  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** — Sidney Knights of Columbus Council #3002 Fish Fry at the St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th St. S.E. The cost for adults is \$9.00.

**Sat., Mar. 2**  
**9 a.m. & 7p.m.** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.  
**10 a.m.** — Gamblers Anonymous at Millers' Corner.

**Sun., Mar. 3**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** — "Sidney Plane Folks" will host a remote control airplane enthusiasts aeronautic display at the Richland County Fair Events Center. Call Al at 406-480-9374 or Ron at 406-480-1214 with any questions.  
**1 p.m.** — Savage Senior Center will be hosting cards, coffee, and potluck at 1pm.  
**6:45 p.m.**— Early Bird Bingo at the Moose Lodge regular bingo at 7 p.m.  
**7 p.m.** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

**Mon., Mar. 4**  
**11:30 a.m.** — Sidney Senior Citizen Center will be hosting a meal. For more info call 406-433-8077.  
**Noon** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** — Bakken Water Babies meet for pool parties. Call or text 406-478-0964 for more information, space is limited.

**Tues. Mar. 5**  
**7 p.m.** — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.  
**9 a.m. - noon** — Senior Commodities distribution will be at the back door of the Nutter Building 123 W. Main, Sidney.

**Wed., Mar. 6**  
**9 a.m.** — TBID meeting at the Best Western Golden Prairie Inn. Bring your project ideas for potential funding.  
**11:30a.m. - 1p.m.** —The Sidney Women of the Moose will serve soup until gone.  
**6 p.m. - 8p.m.** — Interfaith Community Outreach will host a free meal and get acquainted at the Assembly of God Church, 414 E. Main St.  
**7 p.m.** – Beginners Square Dancing at Sidney High School, come as you are.  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** — Bakken Water Babies meet for pool parties. Call or text 406-478-0964 for more information, space is limited.

**Thurs., Mar. 7**  
**7 p.m.** — An Evening of Contemporary Piano with Jason Farnham, Sidney Middle School Auditorium.

## McKENZIE COUNTY

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

**Wed., Feb. 27**  
**8 p.m.**— Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.

**Thurs., Feb. 28**  
**8 p.m.**— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

## OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES

**Thurs., Feb. 28**  
**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.** — Registration deadline for the Williston Job Fair. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come basis. Contact 701-774-7900 or [infojswl@nd.gov](mailto:infojswl@nd.gov) with questions.

**View all monthly events on our calendar at [www.roundupweb.com](http://www.roundupweb.com).**



# Speakers Announced for March 5<sup>th</sup> Pipeline Reclamation Workshop

Submitted by Beth Redlin

Rangeland reclamation is no easy task, and the need for more information on how to do it effectively is growing as the number of pipelines criss-crossing the open prairies of eastern Montana and western North Dakota continues to increase.

To meet that need, a one-day workshop bringing together reclamation researchers, energy company representatives and ranchers and land managers to discuss the best methods for managing pipeline reclamation will be held Tuesday, March 5th in Sidney, MT.

The workshop begins with scientific presentations in the morning, with a chance for informal discussions with researchers over lunch, followed by insights from pipeline industry officials and ranchers and land managers in the afternoon. The day's activities conclude with a general question and answer session with all participants at 4 pm. In addition to the scheduled presentations, workshop attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in informal discussions with presenters throughout the day.

The all-day workshop runs from 8 am to 4:30 pm – with registration til 8:15 - and is being held at the new Montana State University Richland County (MT) Extension Office and research complex located at 1499 N. Central Avenue in Sidney.

ney. Lunch is included, so interested persons are asked to register by March 1st if possible. There is a \$10 registration fee. To register or for more information, contact: Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or beth.redlin@ars.usda.gov or visit <http://www.ars.usda.gov/npa/npa1>

Workshop speakers and topics include:  
Session I: Reclamation Science (8:30 am – Noon)  
Reclamation Planning - Peter Stahl, Director, Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center, Univ. of WY  
Soil Management and Erosion - Brenda Schladweiler, President, Reclamation Specialist with BKS Environmental Seed Mixes / Selecting Plant Materials - Susan Winslow, Agronomist/Range Management with the NRCS Plant Materials Center in Bridger, MT and  
Planting Methods - Calvin Strom, Asst. Director, Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center, Univ. of WY  
Weed and Grazing Management - Erin Espeland, Plant Ecologist, USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab, Sidney, MT  
Session II: Industry Insights and Experiences (1-2:00 pm)

Presentations by Dick Vande Bossche, Director of Operations, and Jake Pennington, Manager of Construction, both with ONEOK Rockies Midstream LLC, and William McCarthy with E3 Environmental LLC.

Session III: Rancher / Land Manager Insights and Experiences (2:15- 4:00 pm)

This is a panel discussion featuring: Wayne Berry, and Dick and Connie Iverson, area ranchers; Dennis Trudell, president of the NE MT Land and Mineral Owners Association; Mike Brand, Director of the Surface Management Division of the ND Dept. of Trust Lands, and Robert Baker, Wildlife Biologist with the Bureau of Land Management, Miles City, MT office.

The day concludes with a general Question and Answer Session from 4-4:30 pm with all speakers. In addition attendees will also receive a later mailing of a best practices publication to be developed from the workshop.

This event is sponsored by the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory, the Richland County (MT) Extension Office, the Northern Great Plains Section of the Society for Range Management, and the Richland and Sheridan Co. (MT) Conservation Districts.

## The Northeastern Arts Network Proudly Presents

“An Evening of Contemporary Piano With Jason Farnham” on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The finale concert of the Big Sky Series takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Sidney Middle School Auditorium.

Submitted by Jill Hill

Jason Farnham of Los Angeles, CA is truly the “International Entertainer of Contemporary Piano Music”. Fans have affectionately dubbed him “Schroeder” from Peanuts because of his toy piano, his witty Victor Borge-style piano comedy antics and the clever way he interacts with the audience. The newest addition to his piano show has become his staple track: Fur Elise with a techno-rock beat: “Fur Crying Out Loud Elise, Let’s Dance!” and Wolfgang

A m a d e u s Mozart’s Rondo Alla Turca has now become “Rondo Alla Techno”. Fans of M a n n h e i m Steamroller and rich piano instrumentals will find much to love here. Jason Farnham is a first-class entertainer, and his show is sure



Jason Farnham

to leave the audience smiling. Kathy Parsons of MainlyPiano.com says, “Think Schroeder from Peanuts meets Victor Borge meets a guy who makes techno remixes out of classical tunes.”

Tickets for this concert can be purchased at the door. For more information contact Candy Markwald 406-488-4155 or Jill Hill at 406-489-4304.

The Big Sky Series is made possible in part by the Montana Performing Arts Consortium Presenter Development Program which is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Montana Arts Council, and legislative grant from Montana’s Cultural Trust and WESTAF.


## Watford City Chamber Networking Luncheon March 5

The next Watford City Chamber Networking Luncheon is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 am at the Fox Hills Golf Course. The luncheon is held for Chamber members to connect with other businesses, so bring your business cards to distribute. Each representative will have a chance to stand up and talk about their business. There will be lunch available at \$7.95 for soup and a sandwich. RSVP is requested by Monday, March 4 by emailing to [laurawcchamber@restel.com](mailto:laurawcchamber@restel.com) or calling 701-570-5084. A badge with your name and company will be ready when you arrive at the luncheon.


The Luncheon is held monthly on the first Tuesday. Last month was the first luncheon which was a huge success with approximately 50 community members in attendance.

Following last month’s luncheon, Bambi Shelley with First International Bank Investments stated, “The networking luncheon is the perfect way to get acquainted with other business people in an efficient way. Time well spent!”

You are invited to join the luncheon and get some new business connections in the Watford City area.



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**Natural Resource Impacts  
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The McKenzie County Soil Conservation District (MCSCD) will be hosting Local Input Meetings for the public in the following locations:

**Cartwright Community Center**  
February 27, 2013 • 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Squaw Gap Hall**  
February 27, 2013 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Grassy Butte Hall**  
February 28, 2013 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Keene Dome**  
March 7, 2013 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Power Fuels Apartments Clubroom,  
Watford City**  
March 6, 2013 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All times listed are in Central Standard Time

These meetings will allow the following:

- MCSCD & NRCS to share known Oil and Gas related natural resource issues.
- Input to be gained on other natural resource concerns the public may have.
- Determine actions the MCSCD & NRCS can take to assist the public in addressing and avoiding these impacts in the future.

Please plan to attend one of these meetings.  
If you have any questions, please contact the MCSCD & NRCS  
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# MDT Searching for Wetlands

## MDT is Seeking Drained or Partially Drained Wetlands for Proposed Wetland Mitigation Transportation Projects in Several Northeastern Counties in Montana

**Submitted by Lori Ryan**  
The Montana Department of Transportation is searching for wetlands that have been drained and/or partially drained that could be restored as mitigation for transportation projects. Former wetlands in the Watershed #12 – Lower Missouri River basin associated with the Big Muddy, Little Muddy, Redwater and Poplar River drainages in Northeastern Montana that could potentially be restored to wetlands are being sought by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). If you own drained or partially drained wetlands and would be willing to sell or provide a perpetual conservation easement, a representative would like to hear from you by March 8, 2013. The location of the sought-after drainage areas are:

Poplar River Drainage – Daniels, Roosevelt and Valley counties  
Big Muddy River Drainage – Richland, Roosevelt and Sheridan counties  
Little Muddy River Drainage – Richland County  
Redwater River Drainage – Dawson and McCone counties  
Through the Department's construction program, wetlands are sometimes impacted and Federal regulations require that unavoidable wetland impacts must be mitigated at a minimum ratio of one acre of impact to one acre of restored wetland. Once restored for mitigation credit, Federal regulations require that these wetlands be protected from

further degradation such as draining, filling and leveling through a perpetual Aquatic Resource Conservation easement with the Department.  
Wetlands affected by the Department's construction program receive special attention under federal law. In instances where impacts to wetlands are unavoidable, the law allows that the loss can be offset by restoring other wetlands within the same drainage. It is for this purpose that potential restoration sites are being sought.  
Landowners need to meet the following qualifications in order to participate in this program:  
The landowners must be willing to either sell the

land at fair market value (based on current land use) or provide MDT with a Perpetual Protective Agreement.  
Land Parcels must be capable of generating a minimum of ten acres of restored wetlands.  
Land that is or has been a part of a Federal or State Conservation program (EQUIP, WRP, etc.) is not eligible for this program.  
Owners of potential sites are encouraged to contact Lawrence Urban – Wetland Mitigation Specialist, Montana Department of Transportation P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620-1001, (406)444-6224. (This notice and request for information does not constitute an offer to purchase property).

## USDA Encourages Producers to Enroll in Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program by March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Submitted by Dan Janes**  
Aaron Krauter, State Executive Director of North Dakota's USDA Farm Service Agency reminds producers to purchase FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage for non-insurable crops. "Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Krauter.  
NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, turf grass and forage crops.  
"Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," continued Krauter. "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is passed." The application closing date for spring planted crops is March 15, 2013. In order to enroll, producers need to contact the local FSA Office where they farm.  
More information about NAP and where to find your local USDA Service Center can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).



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#### DEADLINES PURSUANT TO THE CODE:

- ❑ Deadline for filing a Notice of Intent is March 2, 2013. This must be **RECEIVED** in the Election Board post office box by 1:45 p.m. on March 2, 2013 to be timely filed.
- ❑ Deadline for requesting absentee ballots will be March 22, 2013. This is being done to give "...the voter sufficient time to permit the voter to execute and return it [the absentee ballot] on or before the date of the election." TISA Election Code, Chapter 2, Section C, Paragraph 4, amended by Resolution #TMBC2363-03-03 on 03/08/03.
- ❑ Deadline for candidates to submit a list of their watchers to the Election Board is March 22, 2013. This will ensure a fair and orderly election.

#### NEW CHANGES:

- ❑ Absentee ballots will be counted on the day of election.
- ❑ All ballots for Chairperson-at-large will be the SAME color.
- ❑ All ballots for District Representatives will be the SAME color, different from Chairperson.
- ❑ All Referendum ballots will be the SAME color, different from Chairperson and Representative.
- ❑ The counting of the ballots will be held in the TISA Boardroom after all polls close. The Election Board, Administrative Counsel and Candidate watchers will be present. The public will be invited for the certification of the Election after the counting.
- ❑ The current Election Code, along with changes proposed by the Election Board will be presented to the TISA Board of Directors AFTER this election. Any proposed changes will be published for 30-day public comment.
- ❑ Contact Cheryl Donovan @ 774.0461 or 770.0045 or Corrine Johnson @ 572.8862 for Notice of Intent Form



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GIRLS 12U

Back (L-R) Hadley Garsjo, Jordan Baxter, Lexi Berube, Breanna Frank, Ally McLaughlin, Ashlynn Kessel, Jordan Tyler. Front (L-R) Cortney Hecker, Scout Hofer, Kayla Edgerton, Jaylen Baxter, Jenna Baxter, Brooke Franklin. Coaches Damon McLaughlin, Brad Franklin, Clint Hecker.



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Jr. Gold: Back (L-R) Nathan Anderson, Austin Lange, Jeremiah Rhines, Jake Lunderby, John Haraldson, Colten Hecker, Kyle Mueller, Mitch Olson. Middle (L-R) Zach Beagle, Skylar Petrik, Dylan Johnson, Dillon Lunderby, James Haraldson, Taylor Searer, Cayden Hecker. Front Goalie Trent Schilling. Not pictured is Bobby and Conner Frank.



GIRLS 19U

Back (L-R) Ashley Bjork, Jade Brunsvold, Maci Holst, Abby Balcer. 4th row (L-R) Danielle Steinley, Chelsey Metcalf, Malorie Cvcancara, Erin Harris, Mary Voll, Aubrey Kessel. 2nd row (L-R) Bryana Christensen, Eliska Cvrkalova, Shawnee Tyler, Jordan Baxter, Jordan Tyler. Front Goalies Nicole Monsen & Micala Morehouse. Coaches Damon McLaughlin & Dustin McLaughlin.



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Back (L-R) Ethan Petrik, Carter Hughes, Kade Houtari, Connor Fink, Chase Morehouse, Bill Steinley. Middle (L-R) Kaleb Jimison, Kyler Garsjo, Parker Tofte, Riley Peterson, Ashton Swenson. Goalie: Chase Metcalf. Coaches: Larry Herman, Don Garsjo.



SQUIRTS

Front (L-R) Shay Erickson, Grady Larson, Wes VanHook, Landon Schumacker, Casey Rehbein, Montana Buckley-Zevenbergen. Middle row (L-R) Shandyn Gurney, Jaxson Franklin, Nicolas Trevino, William VanHook, Tate Wieferich, Logan Boyer, Braden Kindopp. Back (L-R) Coaches Dennis Moore, Brandon Moore, Justin Boyer.



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### Cattlemen Have A Ball

The MonDak Stockgrowers Association and the Foundation for Community Care held a Cattlemen’s Ball on Feb. 23 at the Richland Co. Fair Event Center. The event preliminarily grossed over \$33,000 to be donated to the Foundation for Community Care and the American Heart Association. Above Staci Miller from the Foundation for Community Care speaks to attendees. Go to roundupweb.com for more photos.

## Sidney Wrestling Club Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who made this raffle fund raiser a huge success! The winners of the raffle are as follows:  
Jodi Berry grand prize, Honolulu Getaway 6 nights/ 5 days, airfare from Billings, Motel (Sunworld Travel)  
Manuel Marquina 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 60 inch LED LCD 1080p Flat Screen Sharp TV (PATH Supply)  
Gary Conn 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, Trip for two to Las Vegas, 3-night weekend, airfare from Billings, Motel (Sunworld Travel)  
Jon Hippe 4<sup>th</sup> prize, We-

ber Premium Gas Grill (Johnson Hardware)  
Connie Zimmerman 5<sup>th</sup> prize, ¼ Beef Cut and Wrapped (Gorder Ranch & Craig’s Meats)  
Tana Hovde 6<sup>th</sup> prize, \$100 Cenex Gift Card  
Kari Jones 7<sup>th</sup> prize, \$100 Cenex Gift Card  
Thank you to the club members and sponsors for making our tournament last weekend a successful event. Sponsors include the Lone Tree Inn, the Best Western Golden Prairie Inn, Richland

Motor Inn, Super Pumper, Footers, Dairy Queen and Blue Rock. Thank you to the Winner’s Pub for hosting a coaches gathering Friday night.  
A very big thank you to the wrestling parents and families, and the high school wrestling team who all helped to make our tournament a success. Your contributions were invaluable and much appreciated! The wrestlers thank you!  
Sincerely,  
The Sidney Wrestling Club

## The Sidney AAU Invitational Wrestling Tournament Results

<b>Tot</b> 30.4-33.8# - Eli Lonski 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 38.1-39.5# - Cayden Hambro 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 40.3-41.0# - Jordan Schriver 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Shayden Williams 4 <sup>th</sup> , 41.9-43.3# - Talena Hambro 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Dominick Klein 4 <sup>th</sup> , 41.4-42.5# - Carter Grimmer 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 43.6-44.5# - Jaiden Gustafson 1 <sup>st</sup> , Ty Schepens 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 44.5-46.0# - Gavin Skoy 1 <sup>st</sup> , 45.9-46.9# - Brody Keysor 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 46.7-47.9# - Brandon Becker 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 48.6-49.9# - Christian Rasmussen 4 <sup>th</sup> , 50.4-52.2# - Wacey Hovde 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 52.2-53.9# - Treyce Bower 5 <sup>th</sup>	47.0-48.5# - Amen Powell 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 50.6-52.2# - Davon Berry 4 <sup>th</sup> , 51.5-53.2# - Quinlan Grantham 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 53.3-55.0# - Zander Dean 1 <sup>st</sup> , 53.5-54.2# - Jayden Suko 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Aaron See 4 <sup>th</sup> , 56.0-56.4# - Joey Kozicz 4 <sup>th</sup> , 56.4-57.4# - Elijah Kersey 1 <sup>st</sup> , Xavier Williams 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 57.1-57.6# - Kevin Hutzenbiler 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 58.0-59.0# - Kendall Young 4 <sup>th</sup> , 58.8-59.7# - Tyler Brost 4 <sup>th</sup> , 59.4-62.7# - Zeke Grimmer 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 66.2-67.4# - Dillon Skoy 1 <sup>st</sup> , 71.5-73.6# - Chase Waters 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 68.3-69.8# - Tucker Nevins 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 70.0-72.3# - Nathan Romo 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 72.4-77.5# - Grady Nelson 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Bantam</b> 42.6-43.9# - Reese Graves 1 <sup>st</sup> , Carter Wicorek 4 <sup>th</sup> , 44.2-45.6# - Tyler Loan 1 <sup>st</sup> , Bryan Allen 4 <sup>th</sup> , 45.6-46.0# - Tanner Tiesen 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tanner Becker 4 <sup>th</sup> , 46.5-47.2# - Beau Rindahl 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	<b>Midget</b> 52.5-54.0# - Owen Lonski 1 <sup>st</sup> , 59.1-60.2# - Brodie Gorder 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 60.5-61.9# - Kaiden LeFors 1 <sup>st</sup> , Shane Waltner 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 62.4-65.1# - Aden Graves 1 <sup>st</sup> , 65.7-67.2# Ashton Berger 4 <sup>th</sup> , 67.3-67.7# - Grady Larson	<b>Novice</b> 57.1-63.3# - Kade Graves 1 <sup>st</sup> , Kolby Hutzenbiler 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 64.6-65.6# - Jed Escobedo 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 65.7-69.2# - Kade Rindahl 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Devon Becker 4 <sup>th</sup> , 72.9-75.3# - Everett Jensen 1 <sup>st</sup> , Matthew Hansen 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 76.8-78.4# - Jaret Aisenbrey 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 87.7-89.6# - Jett Jones 1 <sup>st</sup> , 90.7-99.2# - Riley Waters 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 90.5-95.4# - Russ Young 4 <sup>th</sup> , 99.3-101.9# - Brodey Skogan 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 102.5-109.2# - Cash Cundiff 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 127.3-159.9# - Keelan Geiser 2 <sup>nd</sup>
		<b>Schoolboy</b> 108.2-114.9# - Waylo VanBuren 1 <sup>st</sup> , Avery Gurney 4 <sup>th</sup> , Kelton LeFors 5 <sup>th</sup> , 115.0-128.0# - Ryan Wyman 1 <sup>st</sup>
		<b>Cadet</b> 109.0-116.0# - Trace Jones 1 <sup>st</sup> , 124.5-131.0# - Ethan Graves 1 <sup>st</sup> , 130.0-137.0# - Tyler Hayden 1 <sup>st</sup> , 146.0-149.0# - Cody Johnson 1 <sup>st</sup> , 153.0-157.0# - Brayden Rooks 1 <sup>st</sup> , 165.0-171.0# - Garret Darby 2 <sup>nd</sup>
		<b>Elite</b> 186.0# - Dace Fisher 1 <sup>st</sup>



Sidney Wrestler, Grady Nelson, as he tries to flip over his opponent during the Sidney Invitational Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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# MDT Proposes A Chip Seal Project For Montana Highway 16 Near Culbertson-Roosevelt County

Submitted by Lori Ryan

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to chip seal about 7.3 miles of Highway 16, north of Culbertson. The project begins at the intersection with U.S. 2, at reference marker 88.62 and extends north for 7.3 miles ending near the intersection of County Road 2051-5 (reference marker 81.35).

Proposed work includes a seal & cover (chip seal), repairing severe dips in the roadway, improving truck turning radii at the intersection with U.S. 2, upgrading pavement marking, and signing as necessary. Construction is tentatively planned for 2014 depending on completion of design and availability of funds. New right-of-way and relocation of utilities may be required at the intersection with U.S. 2. MDT staff will contact all affected landowners prior to doing survey work on their land. Staff will again contact landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits. For more information, please contact Glendive District Administrator Shane Mintz at (406) 345-8212 or Project Design Engineer Kevin Gilbert at (406) 444-6230. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or 1-800-335-7592, or call the Montana Relay at 711. Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Glendive office at PO Box 890, Glendive MT 59330-0890, or online at [www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment\\_form.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml)

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## VFW Post 4099 and Ladies Auxiliary Awards

The VFW Post 4099 and Ladies Auxiliary to Post 4099 invited the public to a Pot Luck supper and Community Service Awards Ceremony Monday, February 18. They recognized and donated to various members and organizations of the community.

The Patriot's Pen winners for seventh grade were Lexie Selting \$20, Sean Conlin \$15, Jae Kloker \$10 and Adam Eitson \$10. Eighth grade winners were Tanner Reynolds \$20, Emily Mocko \$15 and Briann Amundson \$10.



The Voice of Democracy winners are Miriam Backhaus, receiving \$200 for first place and Hallie Finnicum (not pictured), receiving \$100 for second place; awarded by the VFW Post 4099. Pictured are (L-R) Miriam Backhaus, Les Poland of the VFW Post 4099 and Margaret Bradley of the Ladies Auxiliary to Post 4099.



The Montana Hope Project received a \$100 award from VFW Post 4099; it was accepted by (L-R) Rhonda Collins and Staci Miller; presented by Margaret Bradley.



The Sidney Jaycees received a \$100 award from VFW Post 4099; it was accepted by (L-R) David Christiansen and presented by Margaret Bradley.



Citations for Girl Scout Troops 2462, 2208 and 2414 were accepted by (L-R) Sarah and Joan Turek, with Margaret Bradley presenting. The recognition represented their assistance with the Buddy Poppy Campaign.



Citations to the Sidney High School Leo Club were accepted by (L-R) Jeremy Rhines, Rietta Iversen and Rylee Peterson. The club received recognition for serving during the Veteran's Day Dinner; the citations were presented by Margaret Bradley.



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The Sidney FFA Varsity Mechanics team of (L-R) Ethan Chamberlain, Duran Vigesaa, Jimmy Topp and Travis Obergfell (far right) receive a first place plaque from the Career Development event host Culbertson FFA President Ty Handy. Nine various skills/ aptitude areas were tested of 33 students from nine schools. This Sidney FFA team continued tradition by winning this mechanical event for the ninth year in a row. Sidney FFA members also placed individually with Topp placing first, Chamberlain placing second, Obergfell placing sixth, and Duran placing 20th. This strong finish by the Mechanics team propelled the Sidney chapter into a 3rd place sweepstakes tie with Culbertson, following behind the Hinsdale and Plentywood chapters. Sidney FFA will now prepare for the District Leadership Event in Medicine Lake on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the FFA State Convention and Career Development Events which will be in Billings April 3-6.



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## Area Hockey Action

Right: Trevor Cannavo  
celebrates after scoring  
in the mite game  
against Sidney on  
Sunday afternoon.

Below: Watford City  
Goalie Quayde Shores  
turns away a shot by  
Austin Lange in Friday  
night's game. The Oilers  
defeated the Rangers 8-0.  
Next action for both  
teams will be at the State  
Tournament in Sidney  
Feb 29, March 1 & 2.  
(Photos by Kathy Taylor)



*In Memory of our Baby  
Clay William Harris:*



To everyone who has supported us following the death of our  
baby Clay, there are no words to express how sincerely we  
appreciate everything. Your numerous acts of kindness and  
sympathy are a great comfort to us at this difficult time.  
We know he is watching over all of you, and us.  
Special thanks to Pastor David Huskamp for the lovely messages,  
Youth Pastor Carl Wendorff for the peaceful music, and  
Sidney Health Center and Fulkerson Funeral Home for the  
wonderful care they took with our Baby Clay.  
May our guardian angel watch over every one of you.  
-Clay's Parents, Steve & Ashley Harris



Goalie Kyle Carlson makes a kick save in Sunday's  
game against the Richland Rangers. The Oilers  
defeated the Rangers 5-3.

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## A Little Bit Country ND Corn Acres On Fast Track

By Warren Froelich, NDSU Extension Agent

A few weeks ago I wrote about corn being one of the most profitable crops for northwest North Dakota according to the recently released 2013 crop budget of North Dakota State University. Then Rick Bieber of Trail City, South Dakota spoke during the Wheat Show explaining how corn and the crops worked so well in his no-till cropping system. He gave corn a lot of credit for his farm's profitability. Also, about this time, I received research reports of Williston and Minot and found two-year dryland yields to average 70 and 113 bushels per acre respectively. Last year, the dryland grain yields at Williston ranged from 75 to 100 bushels per acre.

Corn grain production is growing very fast in North Dakota. Last year the area planted to corn was 3.6 million acres, of which 3.39 million acres were harvested. This is the largest area ever planted to corn and up by more than 1.3 million acres from last year. The average yield for the state in 2012 was 120 bushels per acre, up from the yield of 105 bushels per acre recording in 2011.

The 2012 growing season started out dry, which allowed for early planting, with more than 50 percent of the average planted by May 6. Conditions tended to be dry after planting, so some emergence issues were noted in some regions of the state. Growing degree day accumulations were above normal so the crop finished early, with nearly all the corn being harvested before the end of October. As we know very well, conditions were very dry during July and August, causing drought stress, which resulted in yields below the trend. However, yields were better than expected because the drought was not as damaging in North Dakota as in other regions of the United States. It is likely some of the corn was planted on ground too wet for any crop the previous year.

Results of all the 2012 yield trials conducted by NDSU research is available in publication A-793-12 "North Dakota Corn Hybrid Trail Results" available as a link on our website [www.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension](http://www.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension).

The driving force behind the sudden surge of corn acres in North Dakota is profit and the ability to grow corn. Re-

search continues to develop corn varieties which have the ability to mature during our short growing season and low rainfall conditions. The NDSU budget used an 80 bushel yield and \$6 per bushel to calculate gross revenue. Both yield and price can change. For instance, last week cash corn was trading at 6.50 to 7.00 across North Dakota. Exactly two years ago the market was paying North Dakota farmers near 6.00.

Early projections by people "in-the-know" indicate U.S. farmers will dedicate a record number of acres to corn in 2013 – 99.3 million. Although the U.S. drought has eased in much of the major U.S. corn producing areas, there still is a bit of uneasiness about the success of the 2013 crop.

There are a number of factors which are or can play into this year's corn market. The high prices of recent times have driven farmers of other countries to learn how to grow corn. While they may not have the lowest costs of production, their crop is the lowest priced in the world market. Thus, U.S. exports of corn have dwindled to the lowest level since the 1971-72 crop year. USDA recently lowered its projection for corn exports by 50 million bushels to 900 million.

USDA has raised 2012-13 world corn productions to approximately 940 million tons, with increases in Brazil, Mexico, India and Ukraine while it reduced Argentina's expected production by 1.1 million tons to 29.7 million due to persistent dryness that is threatening yield prospects, particularly for late planted.

Jerry Gulke, President of the Gulke Group, recently suggested a 2013 corn market as low as \$3.40 per bushel if the national corn yield average reaches 160 bushels per acre and a high of \$7.30 if the national corn yield averages 125 bushels per acre. These numbers certainly indicate there is risk in raising corn. A price drop of \$2 from the \$6 used by NDSU would wipe out the significant return to labor and management listed in the NDSU budget. However, because corn has multiple uses and is used by people around the world, it seems like the corn market should have more high-side stability than many other crops grown in the area.

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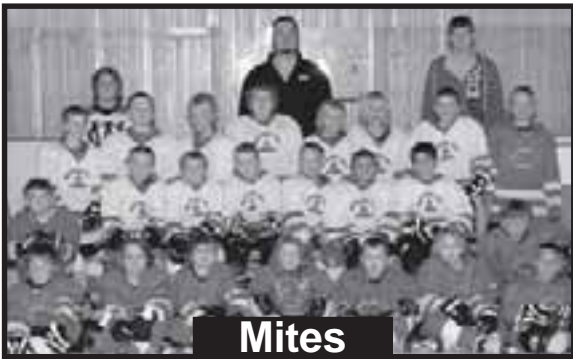
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Mites

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Front (L-R) Zeke Meuchel, Gerwulf Felts, Lauren Melland, Jayden Namany, Konner Winter, Weston Brooks, Rhyleigh Ralph, Isaiah Castaneda. Back (L-R) Kash Berdahl, Blake Kummer, Kollin Klang, Kayden Samuelson, Lorelle-Mai Noguera, Addison Quitt, Calvin Garmann, Eli Brake, Calvin Haugen, Coaches, Keith Norbeck, Lenny Houle, Jeff Kummer. Not pictured Wyatt Walls, Dakota Erickson, Luke Walls.



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Goalie, Rylee Kirkland, Cooper Berquist, Sheridan Johnson, Jackson Dodds, Austin Johnson, Fox Dodds, Tyler Cannavo, Jared Reeves. Back (L-R) Coach Wyatt Voll, Keegan Kazmar, Brett Skarda, Jackson Voll, Darien Dunn, Coach Corey Samuelson. Not pictured Nate Houle.

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# Target Logistics Watford City Ribbon Cutting



Ribbon Cutting: Target Logistics held a ribbon cutting Feb. 21 at their new Watford City location. Pictured, center, (L-R) are Target Logistics Vice President Travis Kelly, McKenzie County Commissioners Chair Ronald A. Anderson and Watford City Chamber of Commerce President Kristen Bolken. (Photo by Roger Riveland)



Community Presentations: Kay O'Conner (left) representing the McKenzie County Food Pantry and Steve Sanford (right) representing the McKenzie County Rural Fire Protection District each received a \$1000 donation from Target Logistics Vice President Travis Kelly (middle). (Photo by Roger Riveland)

# MFU Members Travel to National Farmers Union Convention

Submitted by Sandy Courtnage

Montana Farmers Union (MFU) President Alan Merrill and 15 MFU members will travel to the National Farmers Union convention in being held March 2-5, 2013, Springfield, MA.

The group includes seven delegates who will help shape the direction of the organization's national public policy. Delegates include Brett Dailey, Jordan, MFU board representative; Erik Somerfeld, Power, MFU board representative; Terry Anvik, Fairview; Doug Crabtree, Helena; Will Downs, Molt; and Sarah Eisenzimer, Lincoln, youth delegate.

Other MFU members joining President Merrill at the convention include: Mary Jane Anvik, Fairview; Henry and Vanette Nagamori, Loma; Eric and Audra Bergman, Fort Shaw, FUE Young Couple representatives. Attending from the MFU Education Department are Delisa Clampitt, MFU Education Director; and three 2012 Torchbearers: Blake Eisenzimer, Lincoln; Todd Murphy, Helena; and Violet Green, Fort Benton. Briana Green, Great Falls, also will attend as a member of the National Youth Advisory Council.

"We are looking forward to helping shape the policy discussion at the national organizational level," said Merrill. "There are topics to appeal to all members including a presentation by USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan as well as workshops on our shared challenges, international agriculture, conservation compliance, farm safety, scaling up to meet local demand, and 10 things any woman in ag needs to know."



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# BLM Montana/Dakotas Oil & Gas Lease Sale Nets Nearly \$11.5 Million

## State to share nearly half of sale revenues

As part of President Obama's all-of-the-above strategy to continue to expand safe and responsible domestic energy production, a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) oil and gas lease auction today netted \$11,433,090 in revenues from the sale of 25 Federal leases, totaling 2,831.38 acres, in North Dakota. The quarterly sale took place at the BLM's Montana State Office in Billings.

The highest single-parcel bid was \$1,596,000 submitted by Slawson Exploration Company, Inc. of Wichita, Kan., for an 80-acre parcel located in Mountrail county. This same bid also garnered the highest per-acre bid at \$19,500 per acre.

BLM oil and gas leases are awarded for a period of 10 years and for as long thereafter as there is production in paying quantities. The revenue from the sale of Federal leases, as well as the 12.5 percent royalties collected from the production of

those leases, is shared between the Federal Government and the states. The state of North Dakota will receive 48 percent of the sales revenue resulting from today's auction and royalties paid on oil and gas production from those leases, and fifty-two percent of the revenue generated goes to the Federal Government. North Dakota will receive nearly \$5.5 million from today's sale. Total royalties collected in North Dakota in fiscal year 2012 for oil, gas, coal, and natural gas liquids was \$138,890,069 Federal and \$257,400,980 Indian minerals.[1] Since the Bakken Play began in 2009, the total payout in royalties on Indian minerals is \$801,253,522.[2]

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and the 1987 Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act authorize leasing of Federal oil and gas resources. The 1987 law requires each BLM state office to conduct oil and gas lease sales on at least a quar-

terly basis. BLM lease sales are competitive and conducted by oral bidding.

Today's auction was the second of 33 oil and gas lease sales the BLM is scheduled to hold in 2013 and builds on the 31 onshore oil and gas lease sales held last year, which generated \$233 million for American taxpayers. The 2012 sales offered more than 1.4 million acres of public land in 1,707 parcels and reflected a continued increase in the average price paid per acre. The price drillers are willing to pay for onshore parcels has more than tripled in the past three years, compared to the last 25 years. Since 1988, the average price paid per acre was \$55, while over the past three years, the average was \$210.

Under President Obama's leadership, domestic oil and gas production has grown each year he has been in office, with domestic oil production in 2011 higher than any time in nearly a de-

cade and natural gas production at its highest level ever. Foreign oil imports now account for less than 50 percent of the oil consumed in America – the lowest level since 1995. Revenues from domestic oil and gas production on public lands and federal offshore areas, totaling more than \$15 billion this year, are shared among federal, state and tribal governments and represent one of the largest nontax sources of U.S. government funds.

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The next BLM Federal oil and gas lease sale is scheduled for May 7, 2013, at the BLM's Montana State Office, located at 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana. Additional information regarding competitive sale lists, detailed results of sales, and the leasing process is available by writing the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings, Mont. 59101, by calling (406) 896-5004, or at [www.blm.gov/mt](http://www.blm.gov/mt).

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This

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## Lunch Menus

### Sidney Schools

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Taco salad, granola, mandarin oranges.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Chicken noodle soup, PB&J sandwiches, carrot sticks, fresh fruit.

**Mon., Mar. 4:** Pork riblet, cheesy potatoes, peas & carrots, peaches.

**Tues., Mar. 5:** Oven baked chicken, potatoes & gravy, stuffing, pears.

**Wed., Mar. 6:** Hamburger, sweet potato fries, yogurt, strawberry cup.

### Richey Schools

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Beef stroganoff w/ noodles, broccoli, fruit & bread.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Pizza, salad bar.

### E. Fairview School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Chicken burger, roasted potatoes, steamed broccoli, oranges.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Uncrustable, chips, salsa, carrots, pears.

**Mon., Mar. 4:** Chicken pot pie, rice, lettuce salad, grapes.

**Tues., Mar. 5:** Hamburgers, cream of potato soup, carrots, apples.

**Wed., Mar. 6:** Chicken nuggets, baked beans, lettuce salad, pineapple/banana, orange salad.

### Fairview School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Beef tips & gravy, rice, corn, peaches.

### Savage School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Pancakes, eggs, and sausage.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Pizza pockets, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit.

**Mon., Mar. 4:** Tacos, refried beans, lettuce, applesauce.

**Tues., Mar. 5:** Turkey hot dish, carrots, pineapple, dessert.

**Wed., Mar. 6:** Polish dogs/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, beans.

### Lambert School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Super nachos, fresh veggies, muffins.

### Culbertson School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Twice baked potato, cheese, sour cream, fruit cocktail.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Fish sticks, tater tots, hush puppies, mandarin oranges.

**Mon., Mar. 4:** Chicken breast, baby red potatoes, carrots and peaches.

**Tues., Mar. 5:** Italian dunkers, tossed salad, mandarin oranges.

**Wed., Mar. 6:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, pears.

### Bainville School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Shredded chicken taco, taco bar, peaches.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Grilled cheese and tomato soup, fruit.

**Mon., Mar. 4:** Beef strips, potatoes, broccoli, pears.

**Tues., Mar. 5:** Enchilada casserole, spanish rice, peaches, peas and carrots.

**Wed., Mar. 6:** Slush burgers, beans, chips, strawberries.

### Rau School

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Fish nuggets, fries, fruit, muffins.

**Fri., Mar. 1:** Soup, bread, fruit, cake.

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# Local Schools Participate in County MATHCOUNTS Competition

**Submitted by Carol Kieson**  
Junior High students from East Fairview, Alexander, Johnson Corners Christian Academy and Watford City competed in MATHCOUNTS, the annual nationwide math program for junior high school students on February 12<sup>th</sup>, according to Carol Kieson, McKenzie County Superintendent of Schools, local program coordinator.

The MATHCOUNTS program aims to help improve student interest and ability in mathematic. They have targeted junior high students, who are at a crucial stage in sustaining and developing math skills and interest.

Students compete individually and as a team in written matches. Subjects include probability, statistics, linear algebra and polynomials. MATHCOUNTS is designed to improve math skills among U.S. students and prepare students for future career opportunities and success.

At the close of the competition the students were treated to a pizza lunch provided by Hot Stuff/Cenex of Watford City.

County scores are forwarded to Region 4. The top two teams and the top eight individuals for the region advance to the state competition held March 5 in Bismarck.

Winners of the county

competition were:  
First Place Team - Watford City: members; Cooper Knutson, Sean Larsen, Zachary Luallen, Elijah Williams  
Second Place Team - JCCA: members; Rachel

Meyer, Olivia Niemitalo, Devin Schmitz, John Timmons  
Top Three Individuals: 1<sup>st</sup> Devin Schmitz, JCCA; 2<sup>nd</sup> Zachary Luallen, Watford City; 3<sup>rd</sup> Elijah Williams, Watford City



Above (L-R) 1st place team: Cooper Knutson, Sean Larsen, Elijah Williams and Zachary Luallen.



Left (L-R) Top 3 individuals: 1st place - Devin Schmitz, JCCA; 2nd place - Zachary Luallen, Watford City; 3rd place - Elijah Williams, Watford City.

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