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Trent Loos Ag Days Entertainment Tickets on Sale Now

By Lois Kerr

The MonDak Ag Days Committee is pleased to announce that Trent Loos, an extremely entertaining man who always give his audience their money's worth, will serve as the Thursday night, Jan. 12 Ag Days after dinner speaker at their banquet to be held at the Richland County Fair Event Center. Tickets are now on sale at Stockman Bank and the Richland County Extension office for \$30 each.

Loos, a 6th generation rancher who cares about agriculture and passes this message along in an interesting manner, began speaking out on behalf of agriculture in 2000 and uses radio, publications, the Internet and public speaking engagements as tools to get the positive message and the truth out about agriculture and food production today. For his topic of discussion at the MonDak Ag Days, Loos will focus on food production issues and will speak following the Ag Days banquet. "There are so many misconceptions that exist about food production," he remarks. "I will lay out a clear path on how to overcome this."

He continues, "There is a disconnect between food production and consumers and this is how myths begin. People no longer know where their food comes from and what goes on in food production, so they can't separate fact from fiction."

Although agriculture represents such a tiny portion of the population, we in agriculture still can have a voice and get our message out to the public. Loos believes all of us can make a huge difference in our own individual ways when it comes to promoting agriculture. "We are a small percentage of the population but we can do something," he admonishes. "Each person one day at a time can tell the real story, and we can make a difference as individuals. Only a third of the population of the original 13 colonies was in favor of the revolution, but look what happened there."

Loos began his quest over a decade ago to set the record straight about agriculture. The catalyst for his decision to promote agriculture arrived in the form of an animal rights activist. Loos attended a talk given by this man, a talk riddled with untruths and inaccuracies, and



Trent Loos

he realized that people needed to counter these myths with the truth. "I used to complain like everyone else that the boy in the grocery store had no idea where his milk came from, but that's all I did, complain," Loos says. "I then went to a talk given by an animal rights person and

it dawned on me that this guy was telling lies and that people believed him. I took it upon myself to tell the truth about agriculture and to make a difference."

Loos initially began his quest to educate the public by walking into a radio station in South Dakota and tell-

ing the manager he was a 6th generation rancher and he wanted his own radio show to talk about agriculture. That simple step launched his agricultural advocacy and mushroomed into over one hundred radio stations airing his shows, Loos writing newspaper articles, using the Internet to get his message out, and

accepting speaking engagements. "I walked into the radio station at Spearfish, SD, and told Jim Thompson I wanted my own radio show. He initially laughed at me but he became my mentor and taught me the ropes," Loos comments. "I first aired on KMZU Radio in Carrolton, MO, in January 2001. I now

do five radio shows every day with over 100 stations across the nation carrying the shows. I write a column for the High Plains Journal and I travel to over 35 states each year to speak."

Loos also travels internationally as he has given talks in Canada and Australia. "This is a global phenomenon," he comments about the disconnect regarding agriculture. "I try to educate and motivate my audience on issues related to animal agriculture and food production."

Loos feels the biggest issue facing agriculture today is complacency, an issue we can and must address. "There is a disconnect and we have to do more than just complain about it," he says. "My uncle used to tell me to stay home, work hard, and things would take care of themselves. That just isn't true, that's not the way it is."

He concludes, "Food production is a means of national security. A country that can't feed itself is vulnerable, and I intend to see that this doesn't happen to us."

Loos will give a very interesting, intriguing talk. Plan to attend the Ag Days banquet and listen to Loos present his ideas for educating the public about agriculture today.

String Jumpers To Perform As Part Of Big Sky Concert Series Jan. 12

The Northeastern Arts Network proudly presents The String Jumpers on Friday, Jan. 12 as part of their Big Sky Concert Series. This concert will be held at the Sidney Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

String Jumpers are a collection of jazz and acoustic musicians from Bozeman, MT. The band came together with a common affinity for swing and early jazz, believing that the first half of the 20th century was one of the greatest eras of songwriting and genre-creation ever.

Their members include accomplished jazz veterans and hot young acoustic musicians, with their modus operandi to have fun and enjoy each others' company.

Veteran musicians include Craig Hall on upright bass and hollow body electric, Krista Barnett singing pure, authentic interpretations, and Adam Greenberg holding down percussion with great flair and precision. Younger musicians include Ian Fleming, a student at MSU, playing leads on his Beourgois guitar, and

James Schlender belying his age (he was 15 when he started this project) with violin solos that help define the band. Doug Schlender, James' father, fills it out with rhythm guitar on a super-fine Weber arch top.

Don't miss this exhilarating performance of classics from the swing and big band

eras along with new compositions performed with violin, guitar, mandolin, bass, drums and pure vocals.

Tickets prices at the door: adults \$15, senior \$13, and students \$10. For additional concert information contact Candy Markwald 406-488-4155, Jill Hill 406-488-3845, or Karen Boehler

406-433-4375.

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.



String Jumpers

2011 "Boots & Bling" Celebration Set For New Years Eve

Looking for great food, great entertainment and a great cause this New Year's Eve? Join the Benefit Fund of McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Inc., Watford City, for a special New Year's Eve celebration.

"Boots & Bling" will be held from 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at Outlaw's Ballroom, Main Street, Watford City.

Attendees will be treated to a 4-course dinner, followed

by dessert and a live auction. Entertainment will be provided by "Dueling Pianos, Minneapolis, MN."

Proceeds from the event will be used for improvements and expansion of McKenzie County Hospital emergency room services.

Tickets are limited and sell for \$100 each, plus a \$25 bottle of wine to enter into the Midnight Wine Raffle.

Contact Kristin Bolken at

701-842-4606 or go to Long X Visitors Center to reserve your seat and purchase a ticket.

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RED Revolving Loan Fund Award

Richland Economic Development is pleased to announce that the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) committee has awarded its seventh loan for the expansion of an existing business in Sidney. Tina Turner was approved for a loan to

make renovations to Planet Hair. Tina completed an application in partnership with her lead lender, Doug Hill, Stockman Bank, and presented this project to the RLF committee for review. The funding request

was to purchase new equipment, as well as remodeling costs for Planet Hair.

She explained that without the assistance of the RLF, it would have been very challenging to add additional equipment lines, remodel her salon, and add additional staff. She has a renewed vision about the services that her salon provides, and for her loyal clientele.


The RLF committee is pleased to assist Tina in this business venture. The intent of the RLF is to offer an additional tool to support new business and business expansion projects. Doug Hill states, "The financial support that Tina received from the Revolving Loan Fund made this transaction possible. We are excited to help her to finance the building, and keep this business in our area."

Richland Economic Development encourages existing businesses and new business start up projects to consider the RLF as a resource. The RLF loan pool of \$1,000,000 is not free money, but an investment made by the Richland County Commissioners, to assist in the development of business in our economy. The application and review process is achievable, and done in conjunction with the area financial institutions in Richland County.

If you or someone you know is thinking of expanding or launching a new business in Richland County, contact any of the local financial institutions or Richland Economic Development today for an application.

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Leslie Messer (left) of RED presents Tina Turner of Planet Hair with funds provided by the RLF with Doug Hill of Stockman Bank (right).

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Plan to Spend the Night

Crashing on the couch is much better than crashing on the road.

Did you know? DUI's are a hassle, cause embarrassment, take away your driving privileges, are expensive, ruin careers and families, mean jail time and take loved ones lives. Plan Your Ride And Buckle Up When You Ride!



Wishing you a fun and safe New Year!

Empty Saddle Memorial Foundation Honoring Lost Horsemen With Scholarships & Donations

"Mend Them Teach Them" The Empty Saddle Memorial Foundation's motto defines its focus on our youth.

In the past three years, the ESMF has worked to honor the lost horsemen of the area by helping out with the education and the medical needs of area youth with donations made to the foundation in memory of its honorees. Honorees for 2010 were Neal Hermanson and Levi Wisness and Richard Bahm, A.J. Franzen and Bud Sperry were honored for 2011.

ESMF honorees spent an important part of their lives in the lives of their horses.

This time shaped who they were. Honest and confident, these honorees knew humility, self-discipline, respect, trust and the responsibility of leadership. It is hoped that these admired character qualities will inspire young people to follow in our honorees' footsteps.

Donated funds are used to award educational scholarships and provide medical assistance to youth in the area. To date, the foundation has given more than \$10,000 in scholarships and medical assistance. Donations can be awarded or given to recipients in the memory of the individual honorees, or all honorees.

The Empty Saddle Memorial Foundation is a 501 (C) (3) non profit corporation founded in April 2010.

For information about scholarship applications, youth medical assistance, membership or donations, contact Nick Lonski at 701-565-2044.

USDA Establishes Advisory Board For Native American Farmers & Ranchers

USDA is establishing a special advisory board to help USDA officials ensure Native Americans participate in and benefit from USDA programs. The board is being put in place as part of the Keepseagle settlement.

The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching will work closely with the Office of Tribal Relations, Farm Service Agency and other USDA agencies to improve the success of Native farmers and ranchers who access USDA's entire portfolio of programs to build and achieve profitability in their businesses.

Keepseagle vs. Vilsack was a lawsuit alleging that USDA discriminated against Native American farmers and ranchers in the way it operated the Farm Loan Program. The lawsuit was settled late last year, and the settlement has been approved by the court. The filing period for claims opened June 29, 2011, and continues until Dec. 27, 2011. Up to \$760 million will be made available in monetary relief, debt relief and tax relief to successful claimants. Claimant services representatives can be reached through calling 1-888-233-5506. Claimants must register for a claims package by calling the number or visiting <http://www.indianfarmclass.com>.

All nominations for advisory board membership should be sent by Jan. 20, 2012 to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, 20250, Attn: Council for Native American Farmers and Ranchers. Send comments to the Office of Tribal Relations, 500A Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20250.

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news are welcome until noon Fri., Dec. 30.

We will be closed Mon., Jan. 2.

Happy Holidays!



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OBITUARIES
**Harriet Dodge, 83,
Sidney, MT**

Memorial services for Harriet Dodge, 83, Sidney, MT, were at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Sidney, with Pastor David Huskamp officiating.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home, Sidney. Interment will be in Bowbells, ND, at a later date.

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

Harriet died on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

**C.A.R.E. Cancer
Auction Regional
Event Underway**

By Staci Miller

The Foundation for Community Care and Good Cents Store will be Braving Cancer with Hope and Antiques on Saturday, April 21 with a region wide antique auction. The auction will be held at Richland County Fair Event Center, Sidney, with all proceeds benefiting Phase II of Sidney Health Center's Cancer Care Center.

Sidney Health Center expanded its cancer care services to include radiation therapy in January 2011. The first of its kind in Montana, Sidney Health Center installed a TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation treatment system, which is one of the most advanced cancer treatment systems in the area. The Foundation for Community Care continues to raise funds for Phase II of the project, which is to relocate chemotherapy and provide a separate, private entrance to the center. This phase is dependent on support from the community and is projected to cost \$1.4 million.

The Foundation for Community Care is accepting antiques and collectibles for this philanthropic event. Gifts-in-kind, as in monetary forms of donations, can be a tax benefit if made prior to Dec. 31, 2011. Please contact the Foundation for Community Care at 406-488-2273 to support C.A.R.E (Cancer Auction Regional Event).

**Fellowship Baptist
Church To Conduct
“Recycle The Warmth”
Blanket & Coat Drive**

Fellowship Baptist Church, Sidney, is having a January “Recycle the Warmth” blanket and coat drive. Individuals can drop off extra or used blankets, sleeping bags or winter coats at their Sidney location at 2181 W Holly. The blankets and coats will be given to those in need throughout the winter.

STATISTICS
Lake Water Level Reports

	Fort Peck	Sakakawea
Current Elevation	2236.6	1839.4
Last Week's Elev.	2237.1	1840.9
One Year Ago	2235.5	1842.1
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	11,200	19,800

Watford City Weather Data

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 19	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 20	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 21	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 22	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 23	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 24	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 25	NA	NA	NA

Sidney Weather Data

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

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Dec. 24	NA	NA	NA
Dec. 25	NA	NA	NA
Average YTD Precipitation	NA	NA	NA
2011 YTD Precipitation	NA	NA	NA



**Tues. - Thurs., Dec. 27-29
Happy Feet 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
Jack & Jill @ 7:30 p.m.**

Adults: \$6
Students: \$5
Matinee \$4

**Fri. - Sun., Dec. 30-Jan. 1
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Richland County

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., Dec. 28
7 p.m. — Gambler's Anonymous, Millers' Corner back room.

Thurs., Dec. 29
5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW Entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., meeting 5:30-6 p.m.
6:30 p.m. — Pinochle, Moose Lodge
8 p.m. — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.

Sat., Dec. 31
9 a.m. & 7 p.m.— AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

Sun., Jan. 1
7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.

Mon., Jan. 2
12 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln.
6:45 p.m. — Bingo, St. Matthew's Parish Center multi purpose room.

Tues., Jan. 3
7 p.m. — AA meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church education bldg.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CST Zone.

Wed., Dec. 28
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.

Thurs., Dec. 29
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

Fri., Dec. 30
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.

Sat., Dec. 31
6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. — “Boots & Bling” Celebration, Outlaw's Ballroom.

Tues., Jan. 3
1-4 p.m. — Dining With Diabetes, Courthouse Meeting Room.

See all monthly events on our calendar at www.roundupweb.com.



Above: Current members and alumni of the Watford City Girls hockey teams.

Below: Current members and alumni of the Watford City Oilers hockey teams. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)



Rau Christmas

Rau Elementary students held their Christmas programs called "Christmas Makes Me Sing" for grades K-2 and "A Pirate Christmas" for grades 2-6 on Dec. 20. Above: Penquins (L-R) Jeanna Fugate, Marcquee-Jayne Berg and Mikayla Saalfeld waddle to a song. Go to this story and the pictures section on www.roundupweb.com for many more pictures.



West Side 1st Graders Present "Christmas Bear Cheer" Program

The 1st graders at West Side Elementary School, Sidney, recently had their Christmas program. Shown is Quinten Emly as the Gold Star. Go to this story on www.roundupweb.com for more pictures.

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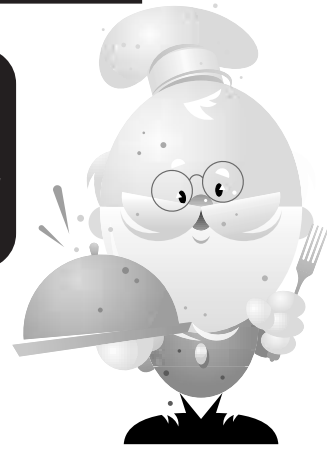
For The Love Of The Game

The McKenzie County Hockey Club and fans enjoyed a night of food, fun and hockey as they watched the annual Alumni Hockey game. This year the alumni came out on top with a score of 9-6. The girls also had an alumni game which was also won by the alumni. Chris Larsen attempts a shot on goal only to be saved by goalie Jamall Wold.

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The new owners will have the restaurant closed for some remodeling.

The bar will be open Monday - Friday starting Jan. 2.

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Richland Recreation Seeks Public Comment Through Survey

Recreation Coordinator, Justin Nuveman, is seeking public comment on the possibility of a Community/Recreation Center being built within the county.

In January of this year 2011 at the County Wide Community Conference, interest was shown in constructing a community/recreation center so there would be more recreation options for the entire family.

Many options were presented as to what should go into such a facility and they

were: indoor pool, auditorium, fitness space, gymnasiums and the Boys and Girls Club being at the top of the list.

Entire county participation is sought, in favor or not—all voices should be heard.

Surveys are available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GK77TXF>.

If you are unable to take an online survey, there are handwritten surveys available upon request.

If you have any questions please contact Justin Nuveman at 406-488-2262 or at Justin@richlandrecreation.com.

Westside Students Raise Over \$1,000 With Quilt Raffle

A quilt was made and donated by a West Side staff member to help raise money for the Westside Elementary School playground. For three months the students sold tickets for the quilt. The tickets were \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Over \$1,000 was raised for the quilt. Isaac Deming was the winner of the quilt.



Each time the kids sold a book of ten tickets they got a candy bar and got to put their name in a bucket for a drawing for one of two iPods. The winners, Hailey Selensky and Dani Larson, are shown with Westside School Principal Sue Anderson (middle).



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Central Avenue Construction Nears Completion

By Jaimee Green

Residents of Sidney who had altered their driving commute by taking residential streets to avoid the construction taking place along Central Avenue seem to have resumed use of the now completed and reconfigured three-lane street and life for motor vehicle drivers appears to be getting back to normal.

Last April, the renovations got underway after the city approved street changes at the recommendation of the Montana Department of Transportation that converted Central Avenue from a four-lane highway to a three-lane highway.

Street construction was completed by CMG Construction Inc., Billings.

"Our goal for this project was to make it safer for everyone trying to park on Central Avenue and we wanted to alleviate the congestion. After looking at the reconfiguration proposals from bigger places it really did show that historically having three lanes accomplishes this," said Sidney Mayor Bret Smelser.

Shoppers wanting to head downtown for their last minute Christmas shopping are still experiencing some inconvenience as the DOT works on repouring the curbside bulb outs that had a design flaw with the slope of the ADA ramps when they were first constructed which didn't meet the highway department's specifications. The bulb outs are used to

help ensure motorists see pedestrians before they enter the roadway. Milling of the asphalt is slated to take place this spring.

"Even with the increased traffic in Sidney, the number of vehicles driving on Central Avenue is still low enough to warrant having the three lanes. It creates safer access for both drivers and pedestrians," said Shane Mintz, Department of Transportation district administrator, Glendive.

He also said the DOT will return in the spring to determine if left turn signals are needed to better serve the flow of traffic. It was brought to his attention that some community members want to see a left turn signal placed at Holly Street. Mintz added that if left turn signals were implanted it wouldn't take long to accomplish because the signals already have the components necessary for implementation.

Central Avenue utilizes both actuated and timer lights that can be used to best suit the needs of motorists.

For businesses located at ground zero for where the construction took place, they are pleased to have the street functioning again but are frustrated by the congestion. "It was a mess when the roads were torn up but a lot of the construction workers came in and ate lunch so it was a boost for business. The one problem I am experiencing is that the traffic is backing up so badly that people can't get into my driveway. When you look outside there is a long line of cars,"

said Gary Lee, Baker Boy owner.

Stacie Mindt, a self-employed cosmetologist at the Magic Mirror doesn't think converting the three lanes has cured the congestion along Central Avenue but says business has not been affected because customers utilize their back door when entering the shop. "I have witnessed on several occasions times when the traffic is backed up all the way to the next signal. People for the most part have been generous enough not to block the streets but I don't like the congestion when you have to creep out into it and there is no room," she said.

The original reconfiguration project stems from discussions that date back over a decade ago when a request was made to implement a stop light at 7th Street and Central Avenue and also when several children were injured by motor vehicle accidents several years before that. The city contacted the DOT in Glendive and requested a feasibility study be conducted to determine if a stop light would be beneficial. Following the study, the state determined there was an above average amount of vehicle accidents occurring on Central Avenue and a recommendation was made to reconfigure the street and have three lanes for motor vehicle traffic rather than four. "To some it may seem like traffic would become more congested with less lanes but with all of the proposals and studies we reviewed, statistically in the larger cities the change works," Smelser said.

Sidney City Council member, Cal Oraw opposed the change when it went to a vote before the council but stated he hadn't heard any complaints from the community since the implementation of the three lanes. "The challenge with Central Avenue is that there is traffic coming into it from our two state highways, U.S. Highway 16 and U.S. Highway 200 and streets get very congested. You get three semi trucks in a row and they take up an entire block but I think everyone needs to have a little patience as things are wrapping up," Oraw said.

Oraw said the congestion is enticing motorists to use alternate routes and is pushing more traffic onto Lincoln Avenue and 2nd Street SW and 2nd Street SE.

In June 2011, Glenn Mavity, a Sidney resident, filed a petition against the city and the Montana Department of Transportation requesting the Seventh Judicial Court to issue a temporary injunction to halt the now completed construction. His request alleged Gerald Navratil, Sidney's city attorney, refused to recognize petitions opposing the reconfiguration of four lanes to three when he ignored over 1,000 signatures on the petition.

The city was represented by Savage Law Firm but the requests made by Mavity were rejected by the courts citing his efforts came too late. During a city council meeting, Mayor Bret Smelser also noted that Mavity did not attend any of the three public meetings held to discuss the impact of the configuration change.

The DOT will return this summer to complete the chip sealing portion of the Central Avenue project and have also scheduled a pavement preservation project for the truck route.



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B&B Builders Named In Top Ten

By Lois Kerr

The Roundup has selected B&B Builders as one of this year's Top Ten recipients. B&B Builders has shown that they care deeply about Sidney, as not only did they initiate and spearhead the drive to obtain new playground equipment for West Side Elementary, but this year they also purchased the J.C. Penney building, the old Sidney Electric building, and the old Green Leaf building, all located in one block on Main Street. B&B made this purchase to help keep downtown Sidney healthy and strong.

"With the involvement we have in Sidney and area, and as good as the oil field has been for people and businesses in the area, we thought these buildings would work well for area needs," says Roger Byer, B&B Builders. "Sidney can't stand to lose stores, so we are trying to keep stores in the downtown area so Sidney remains as vibrant as possible. It's maybe not a smart move financially, but it wasn't smart to be here in the '80s when the last boom ended."

He adds, "This is our home and we have to protect our home."

With the purchase of the three buildings, B&B first turned its attention to the J.C. Penney store and completed some needed renovations in the basement area. "The basement had water problems, so we cleaned that up and made the basement sales area larger," Byer comments. "We also put in new floors, ceilings and lighting."

The J.C. Penney store has two years remaining on its current lease, and Byer says this will provide everyone with enough time to determine store needs and to plan for future renovations at the site. "We will have ample time to negotiate with Penney's regarding other upgrades and to determine what the community wants," Byer remarks. "Penney's already has conducted research nationally as to what a community like ours needs. With Sidney expected to continue to grow, this gives us a great opportunity to develop the building, and we have lots of ideas for expansion if that's what Penney's wants. We have a positive outlook as to what the store management will decide to do."

He adds, "Now is the time to make this facility a better place for the community. Penney's is central to downtown, and we want to enhance what we've already got."

The old Green Leaf building, also purchased by B&B Builders, now houses J'z Fashion Threadz, which opened in mid November. "It looks really nice in there," Byer comments. "They've done a nice job."

The future also looks very optimistic for the reopening of the old Sidney Electric store. "We're excited because a local



The JC Penney store, one of the three buildings purchased by B&B Builders, has a newly refinished and expanded basement area.



JC Penney's employee Carmen Latka stands in the newly refinished store basement.

entrepreneur would like to reopen a GE appliance store in that location, along with an outdoor sports supply outlet," Byer remarks. "Renovations on that building will be done as needed to enhance the store."

B&B also plans to clean up the fronts of the old Sidney Electric store and J'z Fashion Threadz. "We'd like to restore these store fronts to their original brick," Byer says. "These

renovations won't be completed overnight, but our goal is to have nice buildings for the community, rather than watching them deteriorate. Everything depends on time, money and weather, as all of these are factors in eastern Montana."

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Sidney Health Center Installs Montana's First TomoTherapy Unit

Sidney Health Center expanded its cancer care services to include radiation therapy in January 2011. The first of its kind in Montana, Sidney Health Center installed a TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation treatment system, which is one of the most advanced cancer treatment systems in the area. In fact, the next closest unit is located in Rapid City, SD.

"The new radiation therapy service has been well-received by the community and the most exciting thing is the ability to treat cancer patients close to home. It alleviates the additional stress of having to travel long distances to receive top-notch care," stated Rick Haraldson, Sidney Health Center CEO.

Unlike traditional radiation therapy equipment, the TomoTherapy system combines CT scan imaging with treatment delivery, ensuring the most accurate radiation treatment with the fewest side effects. Every time a patient comes for treatment, he/she gets a CT image. The built in CT scanner allows the radiation oncologist, Dr. Lyle Harrison, the ability to evaluate the tumor daily and adapt the treatment to account for tumor shrinkage and to minimize common side effects including dry mouth, taste



Staff pictured: Front (l to r): Jaime Watterson, Radiation Tech; Rhonda Conlin, RN; and Angie Metzenberg, RN. Back (l to r): Maxine Stoner; Dr. Lyle Harrison, Radiation Oncologist; Leah Johnson, Radiation Tech; and Judy Carda, RN.


alterations, esophagitis, weight loss, tissue fibrosis, bladder/bowel irritation, skin

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of TomoTherapy is that it can treat multiple tumors at once as well as complex tumor

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The first cancer patients received radiation therapy treatment in the newly constructed cancer center in Sidney the first week in January. To date, 60 patients have been referred for radiation treatment.

Reflecting on the year, Dr. Harrison stated, "It has been a very exciting and rewarding year. TomoTherapy is an amazing piece of equipment that has allowed us to treat some very complicated oncology cases that otherwise would have required a referral to a larger institution."

Harrison also noted his passion as a radiation oncologist is to get patients through treatment with as few side effects as possible and TomoTherapy allows for that. "It has been an awesome journey and my heartfelt thanks goes out to my staff, Sidney Health Center,

and the community, for giving me this amazing opportunity to provide this level of oncology care in the MonDak," commented Harrison. The Foundation for Community Care continues to raise funds for Phase II of the project, which is to re-

locate chemotherapy and provide a separate, private entrance to the center. This phase is dependent on support from the community and is projected to cost \$1.4 million. Sidney Health Center has been offering outpatient

oncology care since 1989 and currently serves 42 patients including 27 active oncology patients. This essential service provides prescribed chemotherapy and IV therapy treatments as well as education and support to patients and their families.



Dr. Harrison, radiation oncologist, is pictured with the TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation treatment system. To date, 60 patients have been referred for radiation treatment at Sidney Health Center.



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Richland Opportunities, Inc. (ROI), Sidney, had a lot of developments and expansion in 2011. ROI is a non-profit organization that has provided support services to people with developmental disabilities in Richland County since 1979. Recycling is one of the main roles ROI has taken on in the community that continues to expand. Aiding ROI in their efforts is the area Recycling Advisory Committee. The Recycling Advisory Committee consists of area citizens working to ensure that the community has an opportunity to recycle materials that are currently not able to be recycled in our area.

There are several ways ROI aids the community in its recycling efforts. They collect aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines at drop-off locations. Five drop-off locations are in Sidney with additional drop-off locations near convenience stores in Fairview and Savage. The ROI Workshop, 1100 Silurian Lane, Sidney, is the main recycling facility which accepts corrugated cardboard boxes and #1 PET plastic bottles in addition to cans, newspapers and magazines. For detailed information on what can be recycled and a list of all drop-off locations go to the recycling section of the ROI website at www.roisidney.com.

For the past few years, ROI has assisted in recycling

electronic waste during the Erase Your E-Waste events. This year, ROI, along with the Recycling Advisory Committee, expanded its recycling efforts to accommodate recycling of office paper and plastic bottles, #1-6, during the Trashy Tuesday events.

The Trashy Tuesday events have taken place at Richland County Public Works, 2140 W. Holly St. by the fairgrounds. The materials to be collected during Trashy Tuesday include plastic bottles (#1-6 with lids removed) and office paper. The plastic bottles must have a number "1-6" inside the chasing arrows symbol on them, they must have a threaded neck that is smaller than the bottle and must be clean with the caps removed. All paper products are acceptable with the exception of manila envelopes, bright neon paper, catalogs and telephone books. Trashy Tuesdays are scheduled the 3rd Tuesday of every 3rd month. The next event will take place Jan. 17, 2012 from 3-7 p.m. Other future Trashy Tuesday events will be listed in The Roundup's online events calendar at www.roundupweb.com.

Over the past few years the growing number of citizens in our area has placed additional strain on ROI's equipment and facilities. This prompted them to expand their facility and begin to raise money for a new collection truck. "Our old truck



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Pictured Above & Right: At the ROI Workshop location at 1100 Silurian Lane, Sidney, there are 24 hour drop offs for newspapers, magazines, carboard and cans.

was in the shop for over a month this year," stated ROI executive director Cindy Eleson.

ROI launched a capital campaign this year to raise the needed funds. "Our capital campaign has raised the

necessary \$86,000 to purchase the truck," said Eleson. The truck has been purchased and will be delivered in early 2012. "It has been a community effort and we are grateful to the many businesses and individuals who

have contributed on behalf of ROI," stated Eleson.

For more information on ROI and how you can contribute to their efforts contact Cindy Eleson at 406-488-3341 or email her at roi@midrivers.com.



ROI workers Sheeila Walby (right) and Dave Crouch (above) stack newspapers into bundles to be recycled.



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Local Church Building Projects



Bible Baptist Church – Gale Pust cutting trees to clear way for church construction project

By Jerome Kessler
Bible Baptist Church

When you walk into Sidney's Bible Baptist Church, you can't help but notice that it is a hub of activity. The church runs the Liberty Christian School, and the school's 25 students were all busy when I visited their facility. The church and school are in the process of adding a 1400 square foot addition to their building. The new construction will house a classroom, a nursery, bathrooms, office space, and a wheelchair lift.

Bible Baptist Church came into being in 1974 when five families (the Pusts, Binders, McCarthys, Wiebes and Klompels) got together and decided they wanted to have a soul-winning, Bible-believing, independent, family-centered Baptist church. Their present building, which is located at 5th Street and South Central Avenue, once housed Lutheran and Nazarene congregations. The building was moved to its present location in 1912. Over the years they have made a number of improvements and renovations to the building. A few years ago they saw the need to make additional improvements, and they are quite pleased with the work that Horizon Restoration (and other contractors) have done with this construction project.

Mike Backhaus has been at the Bible Baptist Church since 1981. He is the pastor and co-principal. The head teacher (and co-principal) is Mike Roiger. Liberty Christian School is a kindergarten through 12th grade school, and its students have won many awards. More important than that,



Bible Baptist Church – Outside view of church addition

however, is the fact that the church and school continue to grow in spiritual and other ways.

Saint Bernard's Catholic Church

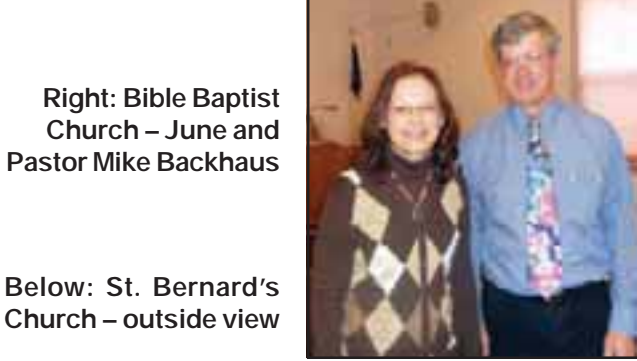
If you drive 55 miles north and west of Sidney, you will see a lot of sparsely populated farm and ranch land. Nestled among the hills of the Charley Creek Community, however, you will come across a country church, St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and you will notice that it is completing a large construction project. This church has about 50 members. Despite their remote location, their membership has increased by about 25% in recent years. This church is affiliated with St. Matthew's Parish, from Sidney, and Father Jim O'Neil says mass there on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Sisters Rita Rauschendorfer and Regina Murray have recently co-founded the nearby Emmaus House, which is dedicated to the Gospel and Catholic teachings, and they provide pastoral assistance at St. Bernard's. Lay ministry services are held when a priest is not available.

In the early 1900s Gertrude A. Schmitz, a mother from Wisconsin, was concerned that her sons, who homesteaded in the area, would not have a church to attend. She and her descendants have made substantial donations to the original building and continuing improvement of St. Bernard's parish. Construction on St. Bernard's began in 1921, and it was officially dedicated in 1925. This "little church on the prairie" thrives today because the entire community supports its spiritual and material needs.

A few years ago St. Bernard's saw the need to provide



Bible Baptist Church – Pastor Backhaus inside church addition



Right: Bible Baptist Church – June and Pastor Mike Backhaus

Below: St. Bernard's Church – outside view



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Pella Church – outside construction activity

wheelchair access for some of their elderly parishioners. They had other needs as well. They decided to put up a large addition next to the main church building. This 2500 square foot addition will house a meeting hall, a kitchen, bathrooms, and a wheelchair ramp. Ellerkamp Building Construction (from Culbertson) is the general contractor, and it is anticipated that the addition will be ready for use by February of 2012.

Pella Lutheran Church

Pella Lutheran Church is in the midst of a huge construction project. They are nearing completion of a 15,000 square foot addition that has a large gathering place (the "Fellowship Hall") as well as six new classrooms, several offices, handicap accessible bathrooms, an elevator, a nursery, a kitchen, a church library, a music room, and a new front entrance to the church complex. Kringen Construction Com-



Pella Church – Pastor Karres inside construction view

pany is the general contractor. Pastor George Karres graciously took me for a tour of the facility, and he is hopeful that this structure will meet the church's present and future needs.

The original Pella Church was built in the early 1900s. Danish-speaking settlers in the area (Peter Anderson, Hans J. Larsen, and others) wanted to have a place to worship in their native language. Believing that "God is our refuge and strength" (Psalm 46:1), the settlers chose the name "PELLA" (meaning "a place of refuge") for their church. Construction of the first building began in 1909, where the Sidney Cemetery is currently located, but it was moved (in 1912) to the corner of South Central Avenue and 5th Street. That building was eventually sold, and now houses the Bible Baptist



Pella Church – Pastor Karres in front of new church entrance

Church.

Pella built its current church in 1947 on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and West Main Street. The church was built in typical Danish style – narrow building and a big bell tower. The basement of the church has been used as a kitchen and gathering place, but this space is no longer large enough to accommodate the church's needs. Pella's comprehensive building plan goes well beyond simply replacing its kitchen and dining area, however. The mission statement of Pella's building fund summarizes the goals of this project: "With Christ We Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Serve." And it certainly looks like this addition, like the other projects listed above, will be able to meet the needs of their respective churches.



St. Bernard's Church – inside view



St. Bernard's Church – construction area



St. Bernard's Church – gathering outside new addition



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Aquifer study

By Lois Kerr
The Roundup has selected the Richland County Conservation District as one of this year's Top Ten recipients because of the years of service the district has given to landowners within Richland County. The district has served landowners for the past seven decades, and the dedicated people who serve on the board and who administer the programs can take credit for the success of the district as it matured and changed through the years. These people care deeply about conservation, natural resources, and the welfare of the land, and have made it a goal to preserve and conserve natural resources, particularly soil and water.

The Richland County Conservation District involves itself in a host of activities to help landowners improve their land. The district administers the 310 law, a permitting process that allows people to make changes to a perennial stream bed. The district works with landowners to conserve water quality; assists with riparian management through projects, workshops and the distribution of educational material; conducts conservation education classes, youth camps and range days; the district holds water reservations on the Yellowstone River; and loans out conservation equipment to assist in the planting of trees, laying fabric for those newly planted trees, spraying weeds, seeding grass, and chipping wood. Last year, with funding from the Richland County Commissioners, the district

initiated a new cost sharing program to help implement small conservation projects within the county that did not receive funding through traditional cost share programs. Duane Ullman, District Board chairman, comments that of all the work the district performs, he is most proud of this cost share program. "We initiated this program last year and we had good response," Ullman says. "The commissioners were impressed with the use of funds, so they committed additional funding to continue this program this year. People can begin applying in January. This program is for people that fall between the cracks. They don't get funding through traditional means as they may be small projects, but they are still important. Some of the projects people have completed under this program are water wells, pipelines, fences, grass seeding, erosion control, wind breaks, and other projects

that enhance conservation in Richland County." Ullman also says that the purchase of a dredge in partnership with Roosevelt County has been a huge accomplishment. "We are proud that we went into partnership with Roosevelt County to purchase a dredge for the Missouri River," Ullman says. "The dredge works well and we are very happy with the results, as the dredge is environmentally friendly and does a good job." This concern for conservation has its origins in the 30s when the west suffered under a catastrophic depression along with severe drought that produced what we know today as the dust bowl. Congress passed legislation declaring soil and water conservation a national priority. Understanding that only active, voluntary support from landowners would ensure the success of conservation work on private land, President Roosevelt in

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1937 wrote to all the state governors recommending legislation that would allow local landowners to form soil and water conservation districts.

Today, Montana has 58 conservation districts, each one governed by a board of five elected members, along with two appointed members who represent urban areas. The districts receive their funding from a minimum of 1.5 mills levied on real property within the boundaries of each district. In most cases, available funding does not meet the goals of districts, so they rely heavily on grants and other sources of revenue.

The Richland County Conservation District works hard to secure grants and other funding to continue their valuable work. Ullman believes the county residents reap huge dividends from the conservation districts, but he also believes that most residents do not really understand what the district accomplishes every year. "We really are helping landowners and the whole county," Ullman says. "When we can conserve resources, we are helping everyone in the whole county. However, most people are not informed as to what all we do. We are here to help landowners, we are not here to police them. We work with landowners to improve conservation practices and to help them do things the right way. People are always welcome to stop in and visit with us."

Ullman also credits Julie Goss, Conservation District administrator, with doing an outstanding job. "Julie is our mainstay," Ullman says. "She does an excellent job and is very capable. She is a real gem, and does a whale of a job."

The Richland County Conservation District helps local landowners match their needs with available resources to initiate improved conservation practices. The Roundup salutes them and the great people who work with it and for it.



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West Side Elementary School Playground Equipment Project Makes Top Ten

By Lois Kerr

The Roundup has selected the West Side playground equipment project as one of the top ten significant events in the community for 2011. The school, partnered with the community and the Sidney Community Education Foundation, all worked together to make this project a reality.

The project began in 2009 with B&B Builders seeing a need, and then taking action to initiate a fundraising campaign to secure needed funds for the purchase of playground equipment for West Side Elementary School. “Over a year ago, B&B Builders put up the initial donation of \$10,000 and issued a challenge to the community to raise over \$200,000 for new playground equipment for West Side Elementary,” says Dan Farr, Sidney Schools superintendent, “B&B Builders did the grant writing and also approached the Sidney Community Education Foundation, who took over the fundraising activities for this project.”

Many individuals and organizations participated in this huge fundraising effort, which included donations, the sales of candy, and the making of a school cookbook. Farr appreciates each and every one of these individuals and organizations that helped make this project a success. However, he does single out a few outstanding people who went the extra mile for this project and galvanized the community into action. “Multiple people helped with this project, but I need to give some credit where credit is due,” Farr says. “B&B Builders, of course, got the ball rolling, and then Kim Hermanson at West Side really supercharged the staff and the students. The students at West Side really went all out. They turned into little sales people who were relentless in their chocolate sales.”

Fundraising efforts earned enough money to purchase the first portion of the playground equipment at the end of school year 2011. This fall, the school ordered the second

West Side students enjoying the new equipment.



portion of the equipment.

A quilt raffle just completed reduces the cost to \$8,112.12 in order to pay off the equipment. The quilt was made and donated by a West Side staff member to help raise money for the playground. For three months the Westside students sold tickets for the quilt. The tickets were \$2 or three for \$5. Over a \$1000 was raised for the quilt. Jen Difonzo picked the winning ticket. Isaac Deming was the winner of the quilt. Each time the kids sold a book of ten tickets they got a candy bar and got to put their name in a bucket for a drawing for one of the two iPods. Candace Everett and Katrina Meldahl picked the winners of the iPods. The winners were Hailey Selensky and Dani Larson.

The new equipment includes a variety of activities for children to enjoy. “We have everything from slides to climb-

ing structures,” Farr says. “There are 69 different activities for students. This is a phenomenal piece of equipment, and it provides a real puzzle for kids’ imaginations.”

Farr truly appreciates this community effort and what the new activity center does for the school and what it says about the community. “This equipment really enhances the school, and it is reflective of our community,” he concludes. “When this community sees something that will benefit us, everyone is willing to pitch in and help. This is the cornerstone of our community, and this will get us through. If we can keep this foundation, we will weather whatever comes our way.”

B&B Builders will write the last check for this effort. “We wrote the first check to start this project going, and we will write the last one to complete it,” says Roger Byer, B&B Builders.

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Oil Boom In 2011

By Jodi McPherson

The oil industry activity in the MonDak region increased in 2011 more than anyone ever imagined. The recent activity being called a boom had everyone skeptical, but the refinement of horizontal drilling combined with hydraulic fracturing, called fracking, has made this boom possible.

During the current boom the workers have come ahead of the infrastructure and the region is scrambling to accommodate but sometimes with hesitancy. Many remember the region's last boom 30 years ago. When crude prices dropped, oil companies fled, sticking the locals with the taxes for all the improvements and many empty buildings.

Oil companies have been able to drill for previously inaccessible reserves trapped inside shale formations with the new technology called hydraulic fracturing. Though controversial, experts estimate the fracking method will provide access to an astounding two billion barrels of oil in the Bakken field.

According to North Dakota Dept. of Natural Resources, the Bakken Formation is estimating now about 18,000 square miles of western North Dakota, another 6,000 square miles in Montana, Saskatchewan and Manitoba that is mature oil-source rock. In the last 1½ years, there was not a single dry hole that was drilled.

Currently, North Dakota is at 200 rigs, producing almost 500,000 barrels a day at this time and each one can drill a well a month at an average cost of \$7 million per well with about 2,000 wells coming in the near future.

2011 started shaping up to be a strong year for Montana. Montana Board of Oil and Gas was flooded with drilling permit applications. According to officials, oil and gas permits were predicted to be more than 300 permits this year with a substantial increase in leasing activity in Richland and Roosevelt counties.

Montana has nine rigs, with more coming. With fewer counts in Montana, Montana's Bakken is producing roughly \$1.2 billion worth of oil per year.

Oil companies are investing billions to build oil loading rail facilities near Bainville, MT, Trenton and Dore, N D, with a natural gas loading plant near Trenton. These types of facilities help with the transport of oil products. such as crude oil and natural gas.

Construction is now being done to complete three natural gas processing facilities and gathering pipelines in western North Dakota. In July, Oneok Partners, a Tulsa, Okla. based company, announced plans to build a multi-million dollar natural gas liquids pipeline through the region.

The increased activity in the Bakken has created challenges for everyone. Housing shortages, lack of local labor workforce, increased traffic and destruction of roadways are among the first to be listed. Even homelessness is an issue as there are no official homeless shelters.

While North Dakota seems onboard to help counties with communities in the hub of the oil boom, Montana's oil and gas revenue is allocated differently. The state gets half,

schools 20% and the county 19%. Seemly unfair, the city, which has to pay for almost all the growth, receives just one-tenth of 1%.

Communities are profiting economically but face shortages of manpower, workers, and housing. They are approaching the challenges hoping for a more orderly sustainable growth.



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MSU/EARC Extension Facility



A backhoe clears trees and brush to make way for the new building.

By Lois Kerr

The Roundup has included the new EARC and Extension facility as part of this year's Top Ten. The new facility will be an asset to the community. This summer, the Montana State University's Eastern Ag Research Center (EARC) staff and the Richland County Extension Services personnel moved to the new 12,000 foot facility at 1499 N. Central Ave., Sidney. The Extension portion of the building has three offices and a meeting room, and the MSU-EARC portion contains five offices, two large labs, two smaller labs, two greenhouses, a head house and several maintenance rooms to house heating equipment and internet hookup cables and equipment. It all started with the 2007 Montana legislature,

who appropriated \$1.68 million for construction on a new facility, as the old EARC buildings were beyond repair. In 2009, the EARC also received approval to combine the EARC with the Richland County Extension service, a move designed to enhance the facility and improve research for the MonDak region. The facility centralizes research-based information for the region by combining the services of the research center and the Richland County Extension service. Fisher Construction, Billings, did a tremendous job on this structure. Weather hampered the construction crews from Day 1, but in spite of a rainy, windy summer and a cold, snowy winter, they finished the work on time. It took approximately ten months for Fisher Construction to build

the new facility. The building looks great and should meet every expectation. The new facility enhances research, extension services and outreach efforts. "This is a modern research facility that will move us into the 21st century," says Dr. Jerry Bergman, EARC director. "The conference room will allow us to have a video conferencing network for speakers from anywhere in the world, and it will enable us to hold Ag producer meetings. The integration of research and extension in one building will allow direct communications with staff members from both EARC and Extension. The extension staff can get research information from us and we will get information from them." The new Research and

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MonDak Area Sees Housing Shortage In 2011

By Jodi McPherson
The current oil boom has brought many changes for the MonDak area in the past year. With the plethora of jobs available in the oil industry, our small communities have seen people from all over the U.S. coming to find work.
Oil companies boasting a multitude of job openings and national news coverage of our boomtowns has brought more people arriving in the area every week. The unemployment rate in the

U.S. has people who have been out of work for a long time heading for western North Dakota and eastern Montana with hopes of finding a job in the oil patch.
In just days after a national media spotlight on job openings in the Bakken, there were what almost seemed to be caravans of recreational vehicles (RVs) pulling through towns like Sidney and Fairview on the major highways on to western North Dakota. Many were unprepared and uninformed

of the challenges they would find in the promised land of opportunity.
From as far east as Minot, ND, and west to Miles City, MT, housing has become increasingly hard to find. Housing rentals are now nearly impossible to find and can run up to \$3,000 for a three-bedroom apartment in Williston. Houses for sale have nearly double in price.
People flocking to the area have no other option at times than to live in cars and campers due to the rapid

population growth associated with the oil boom that has created a housing and motel room crunch.
Motel rooms in the region are booked solid, sometimes for years. Rents have quadrupled, and building permits have increased six-fold. Many people are so pressed for a place to stay that they commute two or more hours each day from outlying towns.
Area officials have been working hard to help meet the region's housing and in-

frastructure needs. Growing pains of housing development, water, sewer, roads, lack of local retail, school and medical workforce due to housing shortage have city officials looking to find solutions to the issues brought about by the oil boom.
Area Planning and Zoning offices have seen a great increase for permits for the development of housing, subdivisions, RV parks and motels but completion of these projects are slow.


more than 100 lots.
Permits for RV Parks are on the rise in Richland County. RV Parks have sprung up across the county and the MonDak area as well as RVs parked on private property, building and rig sites.
Alternate housing has become necessary for oil workers. Man camps have popped up all over the Bakken, temporary housing compounds to support the overwhelmingly male work force flooding the region. They are typically made of low-slung, modular dormitory-style buildings. Many of these camps house up to 3,700 residents with lodging, a restaurant, lounging and laundry facilities.
The man camps are typically built by companies like Target Logistics, the largest operator of man camps. They erect the camps and rent directly to the drilling, hydraulic fracturing and trucking companies that employ most workers.
The need for housing will surely continue into 2012. The labor industries in area communities are hoping for housing to bring new employees to those not affiliated with the oil industry. Hospitals, restaurants and retail stores along with police, fire and emergency services need housing solutions in order to serve the communities.



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Thursday, Jan. 5
Sidney vs Glendive at Glendive, Girls at 7:30 p.m.
Watford City vs Killdeer at Killdeer, Boys at 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6
Bainville vs Richey/Lambert at Bainville, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Fairview vs Froid/Lake at Med Lake, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Savage vs Circle at Circle, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Brockton vs Westby/Grenora at Westby, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Sidney vs Plentywood, Girls at Sidney at 7:30 p.m., Boys at Plentywood at 7:30 p.m.
Watford City vs Beach at Beach, Boys at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7
Bainville vs Westby/Grenora at Bainville, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Culbertson vs Circle at Circle, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Fairview vs Savage at Fairview, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
R&L vs Frazer at Richey, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Brockton vs Lustre at Brockton, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Sidney vs Glendive at Sidney, Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Watford City vs Beulah at Watford City, Girls at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10
Bainville vs Trenton at Trenton, Girls at 6 p.m., Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Watford City vs Tioga at Tioga, Girls at 5:45 p.m., Boys at 7:15 p.m.

Speech & Drama

Saturday, Jan. 7
Sidney at Glendive

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Sidney vs Williston at Sidney

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Friday & Saturday, Jan. 6 & 7
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Sidney vs Miles City at Sidney
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Hockey

Friday, Dec. 30
Sidney Pee wee (Non-League) vs Crosby at Sidney, 5 p.m.
Sidney Jr Gold vs Crosby at Sidney, 7 p.m.
Watford City Bantam vs Sidney at Watford City, 7 p.m.
Watford City Girls at Miles City, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31
Sidney Girls U19 vs Watford City at Watford City, 11 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 6
Sidney Bantam at Watford City, 6 p.m.

Friday - Sunday, Jan. 6-8
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Saturday, Jan. 7
Sidney Mites/Termites Cross Ice Games, 8-10 a.m.
Sidney Jr Gold vs Fargo Flames at Sidney, 7 p.m.
Watford City Pee wee vs Minot Gold at Watford City, 3 p.m.
Watford City Bantam vs Minot Gold at Watford City, 1 p.m.
Watford City Girls vs Glasgow at Glasgow, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8
Sidney Bantam at Hazen, 12:45 p.m.
Watford City Pee wee vs Minot Maroon at Watford City, 2 p.m.
Watford City Bantam vs Minot Gold at Watford City, 1 p.m.
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Missouri River Zone Open For Canada Geese Through Dec. 30

North Dakota waterfowl hunters are reminded that Canada goose hunting in the Missouri River Zone is open through Dec. 30, while the remainder of the state closed Dec. 22.

Mike Szymanski, State Game and Fish Department waterfowl biologist, said the Missouri River Zone was created in 2008 to provide additional late season hunting opportunities on migrant Canada geese. "Even in years with mild weather conditions through December, a vast majority of the Canada geese that are in the state remain in the Missouri River Zone," Szymanski said.

North Dakota is allowed 107 days for Canada goose hunting as provided by federal framework guidelines, and Szymanski said all those days are accounted for. "Since we take the maximum, the early season in the Missouri River Zone is closed eight days earlier in September than the rest of the state," he added. "That is why we are able to add those days on to the end of the season."

Hunting during the early season in August and September is targeted toward Canada geese that cause depredation problems during early summer, Szymanski said, while in late December it's about providing opportunities for hunters.



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