



Special points of interest:

- April 4
Boy's & Girl's Club
Dinner & Auction
- April 4
Moose Lodge
Easter Egg Hunt
- April 4
Elks Lodge
Easter Egg Hunt
- April 4
Confluence Easter
Egg Hunt
- April 4
BPA Spring Carnival
- April 9
FFA Donkey Basketball
- April 9
Charity Chili Challenge
- April 15
Leadership Issue Day #7
- April 18
Relay for Life High Tea
- April 18
March of Dimes
Walk-a-thon
- April 19
Concert at the
Confluence
- April 21
Wellness for Life
- April 23
Mustang Run
Business After Hours
- April 24
Spring Fling
MonDak Heritage Center
- April 24
Special Olympics
- April 25
Cutting Edge
Dance Competition
- April 29
Leadership Graduation
Luncheon

SuperHost Training Coming!

The Sidney Chamber was offered a Montana Superhost seminar and we gladly accepted. Superhost is a widely respected program designed to create an awareness and understanding of Montana's travel industry and to enhance the level of customer service provided by the industry.

The program strives to encourage the state's visitors to stay longer, to tell friends about the positive experiences they found here, and the great people they met.

The training comes to us from the travel industry, however it is the same ideas that should be used at all times. It is a positive

message for both employees and employers. Several types of presentations and methods are used to create an interesting session.

Sidney's seminar will be held on May 11 at the Moose Lodge. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude by 5:00 p.m. The Chamber will provide beverages and refreshments. There is a charge of \$10 per chamber member attendee and \$15 for non-Chamber guests. The seminar is limited to thirty participants, so please call or e-mail us at the Chamber to secure your reservation.

Leadership Graduation

Amanda Siegfried, chairperson and the entire Leadership Task Force is busy putting the final touches on the eleventh Sidney Leadership Class Graduation. Thirteen men and women have used the last eight months learning about the Sidney community.

Highlighting the day will be the guest speaker John Olson, CEO and President of Blue Rock Products.



The committee appreciates that John will share a portion of his wealth of information and

experiences with the group.

Everyone is invited to this occasion which is on April 29 at the Sidney Elks Lodge. Starting off the ceremonies will be the luncheon at noon with the program to follow. Class participants and their sponsors are hosted by the Chamber. Invitations are being sent to all speakers from the past year. Tickets are available at the Chamber for \$10.00 each.

Something new to the Leadership Class this year is receiving college credits from Dawson Community College for completing all the requirements. Sidney's program is considered a business/communications class worth six credits.

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Chamber Welcomes 2 New Members



Farmers Insurance Group is a March new member to the Chamber. This business is owned by Chad Burns, a life-long Sidney native. Chad has owned this business for four years and specializes in helping his customers with auto, life, homeowners, commercial, and recreational insurance. He is located at 811 S. Central Avenue and can be reached at (406) 433-1377. Chamber involvement is not new to Chad as he has been a team sponsor for the Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament.

A current member has become a "Second Business" member with the opening of the WILD OUTDOORSMAN in the Village Square Mall. Russell and Susan Smith have owned the FLARE and established their new sporting

goods store right across the hall. They have available everything related to hunting and fishing, and are anxious to receive their Federal Firearms License. The Chamber participated in their Grand Opening on March 17th with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Sunrise Ambassadors. This new member can be contacted at (406)433-4868.



MonDak Heritage Center Business after Hours



It has been twenty five years since the MonDak Heritage Center building was built and the staff organized a Business After Hours on March 26th to celebrate this milestone. It was very festive with a mouth watering assortment of food and drinks to enjoy while listening to live music that was provided by John and Mary Mercer. The featured exhibit was the "Heavens Above" Photographs of the Universe which continues through May 9th. Eagle 93.1 did live remote broadcasts that featured the museum staff. New decks of playing cards were given out as door prizes, and business card were collected.

Sidney to Host Track Meets

Since basketball tournaments are over, it must be high school track season, even if the weather hasn't felt like it. The Sports and Recreation committee have been awarded two Class C track meets to sell tickets at, and have concession stands. The fun begins with the District 2C meet on Tuesday May 12th. The 2C will have us warmed up for the Eastern C Divisional track meet on May 21st.

These track meets have been great revenue sources for the Chamber. They have also been a nice way to make relationships with school officials. The Chamber will have sign-up sheets out shortly and would appreciate all help we can get.



Sidney Visitors Guide

The Sidney/Richland County and surrounding area visitors guide is a vital promotional tool for this area, and making a good impression to potential visitors is important.

The Sidney Herald has been providing this guide to the Sidney Chamber, motels, businesses, gas stations and surrounding tourist areas for many years. The guide is a #1 product in full color throughout.

The Visitors Guide is the only comprehensive source of information about the area and is used by the Chamber in visitors packets for conventions, tournaments, special events or for those moving to the area.

The visitors guide appears on the Sidney Herald Web site all year long. Web browsers can "Zoom In" on every article and every ad for better viewing. So you get two advertising opportunities in one. Deadline to reserve space is May 1. If any chamber member has suggestions, or ideas for articles please contact the Sidney Chamber or the Herald.



F.Y.I

We just wanted to give our retailers a "heads up" for the upcoming Town & Country Festival on June 27th. There will be sidewalk sales beginning at 9 am as well as a scavenger hunt from 10 am to 3 pm.

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*Business After Hours
Mustang Run
Gallery*

Come help Cheryl
Rock the Jukebox,
enjoy some refreshments
and register for door prizes!



April 23rd 4:30-6:00 pm
113 East Main Street



Remember to bring your business cards!



*Happy
Easter*

*Thank You to Our
Renewing Members In March*

Thank you for continuing to support the Sidney area. We look forward to putting your dollars to work supporting the business and agricultural community throughout the year!

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