



**Special points of interest:**

- May 1  
Best Kept Secret  
Triangle Nite Club
- May 1-2  
Library History  
Conference
- May 2  
Lavender & Lace  
Luncheon  
Sidney Country Club
- May 2  
Masonic Lodge  
Garage Sale
- May 3  
Lion's Scholarship  
Breakfast VFW
- May 7  
Bud & Ann Groskinsky  
Open House  
MonDak Heritage Center
- May 8  
Jalan Crossland Band  
MonDak Heritage Center
- May 11  
Montana SuperHost  
Training Moose Lodge
- May 11  
Lion's Elementary  
Track Meet
- May 12  
2C District Track Meet
- May 14 -15  
Sidney High School  
Spring Exhibit
- May 16  
Moose Lodge  
Skate Park Fundraiser
- May 16  
Ft Buford Flagraisin'  
& Footstompin'
- May 21  
Eastern C Track Meet
- May 25  
Memorial Day
- May 27  
Montana Chamber  
Banquet in Miles City

## Leadership Graduation

The Leadership Class Graduation had one of its best attendances in eleven years as diplomas were awarded to 13 community leaders. Sixty Two class members, sponsors, committee members, and guests enjoyed a lunch by Jim's Catering and then the key-note address by John Olson of Blue Rock. A presentation by Josh Johnson and Randy Bauer informed everyone on the progress of the class project, which is to put an engraved rock sign at the entrance to Richland Park. This sign is sponsored by Richland

County and Walleyes Unlimited.

Elected as the class representative to the Task Force committee was Marlo Holzworth. Amanda Siegfried, committee chairperson was the M. C. of the meeting on April 29th, at the Sidney Elks Lodge.



Back row left to right: Greg Anderson, Randy Bauer, Don Garsjo, Travis Brown, Wade VanEvery and Josh Johnson. Front row: Cara Nelson, Marlo Holzworth, Lorilee Norby, Margo Zadow, Cheryl VanEvery and Cami Skinner

## SIDNEY'S GOT IT MEETING



The Trade Promotion Committee reviewed their bid invitation letter for the "Sidney's Got It!" television ad program and set May 13th as the date to hear new presentations for the coming year.

The contract for the advertising program runs for July to July on a yearly basis. We invite anyone interested to attend the station presentations which begin with KXMD Ch. 11 at 8:00 a. m. and KUMV Ch. 8 at 8:30 a. m.

Discussions on the proposals

will be held following the presentations. The vote to select next years campaign will be held on June 10 during the regular Trade Promotion Committee meeting.

We welcome anyone interested in advertising with the program to attend. We also encourage those who participated this year to attend and share your thoughts and experiences with this year's program.

The Trade Promotion Committee is chaired this year by Dana Moos of Party Central.

# Sidney Chamber 2008 Board of Directors

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## Great Plans for the Town & Country Festival

Planning for the second Town & Country Festival is going well and a full day is being lined-up. There are several items members need to take note of, with the first being the parade.

The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday June 27th from Cenex/Pamida/Reynolds parking lot on South Central Avenue. Last year over one thousand people attended the parade. Several categories are being created to reward participants. Everyone is encouraged to enter a float of some kind. A kid's pet parade will fall in also at 4th street and finish the rest of the route. This is being organized by the Sidney Jaycees. Along with the parade the Trade Promotion Committee is also heading up a scavenger hunt on this day and encouraging merchants to participate in the Sidewalk sale which will open at 9:00 a.m.

Downtown will be busy with activity through mid afternoon. West and East Main Street will be closed off by the City to allow entertainment, games, a free customer appreciation feed by ElectricLand, and an Ice Cream Social by the MonDak Heritage Center. West Main will be full of games for children of all ages. The entertain-

ment will be schedule between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on a stage set up for everyone to see.



An inside view of the paintball arena

New this year is a paint ball tournament which will be hosted by the Montana National Guard. It will be held at Peterson Park which is between Reynolds and Lone Tree Creek. Ten teams of 4 players will have a 100'x40'x50' enclosure to compete in. Registrations open May 15th at the Chamber for this event.

The events then move to the fairgrounds which start with the Neal Hermanson Memorial Ranch Rodeo at 2:00 p.m. Along with this will

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be a working cow horse competition and a stock dog exhibition.

The evening concludes with a barn dance with music provided by Midnight Ride. Concessions and beer garden will be open for all events at the fairgrounds.

This day is intended to provide fun and entertainment for the whole community and include all age groups. Please consider giving the committees involved in this your participation in some way.

### Help Needed for Track Meets

The Chamber will be needing help on May 12th and 21st with Class C track meets. There is people needed to sell tickets and help with concessions. These events are one of the ways the Sports & Recreation Committee fund basketball tournament, and the meets themselves bring a good crowd of people to Sidney from through out Eastern Montana.

## Chamber Membership Continues to Grow

Two businesses became members of the Chamber during April. Cathy Hintz took over as the agent for Farmers Union Insurance in January 2008. Hintz Insurance is located at 2405 W. Holly Street and can work with all kind of insurance needs along with specific agriculture needs. Cathy was raised on a ranch in McCone County and has experience in all areas of Eastern Montana agriculture. She can be contacted at (406)488-8326.



Planet Hair and Tina Turner are located at 109 E. Main St. Working with her is Carla Watson, a hair stylist also, and nail technician Erin Hagel. They provide a broad range of services including haircuts for the whole family, hair care products, coloring, complete nail work, and accessories. Planet Hair's phone number is (406)433-4508.

## Agri-Industries BAH

Agri-Industries started off Business After Hours in 2009 with a great time on February 5. Sidney manager Lee Candee welcomed everyone and introduced Mike Ames, owner and several interesting speakers. The whole staff was on hand to visit about what they do, and all the inventory that was available to view.

A great assortment of food and beverages also welcomed everyone who attended. Door prizes were abundant also for lucky registrants. As you can see it was a great day to be out as Lee and Gary Dardis hung the welcome sign.



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# Mustang Run BAH



The jukebox was rocking at the Mustang Run Gallery during their Business After Hours on April 23.

Guests had the opportunity to view a room full of framed art and antiques. Owner Cheryl Olson also invited a couple local artisans in to provide a variety of different collections of leather work and jewelry. Also featured was Brian Rasmussen of 2U Log Furniture and the porch swing he made for the Sunrise Festival Committee. A great spread of finger food was available, as was a variety of beverages. Door prizes were given out and business cards were collected.

Find enclosed a information form to sign up for the Montana Superhost training on May 11. Everyone is encouraged to send associates for education on customer service. A correction from the last newsletter is this is being provided free of charge to everyone. It will be held at the Sidney Moose Lodge at 2:00 p.m. and last three hours. The Chamber considers this program a major aid in providing your people with the skills to increase customer fulfillment.

*Thank You to Our  
Renewing Members In April*

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!

Cheerio Lounge

Stepping Stones Massage

M3 Meats

The Agate Stop

