



Special points of interest:

- **July 4**
Jaycees Breakfast & Fireworks Display
- **July 4**
Lamberts Old Fashioned 4th & All Class Reunion
- **July 5**
Chamber Closed
- **July 10**
20th Annual Sunrise Festival of the Arts
- **July 10 - 11**
Gleason Haraldson Golf Tournament
- **July 11**
Shakespeare in the Park
- **July 12**
Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament
- **July 15**
Conservation District Rangeland Event
- **July 17**
Sidney Invitational Swim Meet
- **July 17**
Benefit Concert featuring Rhema Marvanne
- **July 17 - 18**
Fairview Old Timers Reunion
- **July 22**
Cancer Survivors Dinner
- **July 22**
Ranger Talks
- **July 23 - 24**
Relay for Life
- **July 25**
Garden Tour
- **July 28**
Ag Tour

Sunrise Festival Celebrates 20 Years

The Sunrise Festival of the Arts is marking it's 20th year in 2010. This years happening will be on July 10th at the usual spot, Veteran's Memorial Park. Faithfully leading this committee is Enid Huotari of Edward Jones Investments.

Food booth sign-ups filled quickly and the entries for craft booths has been quite steady. To commemorate the 20th anniversary, the committee invited all past featured artists to come and display at no cost.

The Child Safety ID program will be sponsored by the Women of the Moose and manned by the Sidney Police Department. It will run from 10 am to 12:00 pm, or as long as there is someone waiting in line. Kids corner will be available again this year.

Entertainment is organized for the whole day, and will include a variety of talent from around our community.

There is no admission fee to the festival; however the purchase of a button gets visitors in on the drawings for the sandstone picture by Maureen Curtiss of Circle, tickets from Great Lakes Airlines and several other door prizes. Buttons are now available in advance for \$4.00 or can be purchased at the festival for \$5.00

Our festival is featured in various publications for its uniqueness and variety. By combining it with the Children's Theatre Camp and Shakespeare in the Park, this area is given a broad look at enlightenment and culture; and we can all use a little culture in our life

Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament

Everything that is needed for a successful and profitable ranch and farm can be found right here in Sidney at agri-business chamber members. So the Ag Committee is inviting producers to come to town and golf with them as a way to show their appreciation for their business. It has also become an excellent networking opportunity between all the various industry segments.

This year's outing will be on July 12th at the Sidney Country Club. Cami Skinner and Heidi Moran have worked closely with Jay Frank to organize a fun time which will start with registration at 7:30 and golfing at 9:00 am.

All farmers & ranchers golf at no charge with team sponsors while other sponsors provide hole specials, prizes and carts. Food and beverages are also provided in abundance. It's said that golfing advice is supplied also, whether wanted or not.

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20th Annual Lone Tree Gun Show



It is time to mark August 21st & 22nd down on your calendar so no one misses the Lone Tree Gun Show. Entry forms were sent out months ago, and tables in the new event building at the fairgrounds are being reserved at a good pace. The floor plan will be completely new to everyone and the number of tables available has increased to approximately 100.

This year's raffle will be for a rifle, with the winner being able to select the caliber of their choosing. Tickets are \$10 each, but there are

only 300 available so hurry and get yours before they are gone. Tickets are available from Tim & Brenda Larson, Jim & Leann Pelvit or at the Chamber.

Harvest Fest Tractor Pull

New events are being planned to provide a full afternoon and evening at the Richland County Fairgrounds including a rib cook-off before the pulling contest. After the pull a dance is scheduled in the stage building next to the beer booth.

Still being incorporated as in past years is the pull itself, a Show and Shine car show, and the pedal pull for kids. The Pedal Pull is planned to have preliminaries in the afternoon, and finals during the pull.

The pulling sled will be provided again by the Douglas Firemen of Douglas ND.

Mark your calendar for this August 28 show that is produced by the Chamber Ag Committee.





The Lucky Buckle hosted the June 10 Trade Promotion meeting with good attendance to choose the "Sidney's Got It" ad program. The group voted to stay with the same station, KXMD for the new year, which goes from August 1 to July 31 of each year. This program provides affordable television advertising thru KXMD in Williston and KXGN in Glendive, plus the Chamber receives ad time for special events.

FREE Health Care Reform Webinar for Employers

Customers are the top priority of Montana Chamber Choices. This means that as we diligently navigate the new world of federal health care reform our main concerns are the needs and priorities of small employers with 2-99 employees and sole proprietors.



On July 22nd at noon, please join us for a free online webinar about the impacts of federal health care reform on businesses. Topics covered include:

- small business tax credits;
- health savings accounts;
- dependent coverage changes;
- early retiree reinsurance;
- grandfather status;
- lifetime and annual limit updates and more.

Please RSVP for the webinar by sending an email to kim@montanachamber.com

For more information about quality, affordable health insurance for your small business visit chamberchoices.com.

Chamber Gains Another New Member



Sidney native Randy Iversen has moved back to Sidney and established **M D Hose & Fitting** in the last month, and became a Chamber member in June. His is relocating from Bozeman where he had spent the last 4 years, and before that he was in Billings for 15 years. His business background has been in the automotive trade. His brother-in-law Gail Peterson helped him get established in the Sidney Red-E Mix building. Randy can build any type of hydraulic hose for agriculture, oilfield, or any mechanical application. He also works with industrial hose up to 4 inches. Randy's family consists of his wife Susan, and three little daughters.

Location and contact information for M D Hose & Fitting is 205 10th Ave. SE, PO Box 788, phone: (406)433-1590, fax: (406)433-1589, and email: mdhose@midrivers.com.



MILLION DOLLAR SHOT TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Stop in at the Chamber and purchase your ticket to win a chance at the \$1,000,000.00 shot sponsored by Seitz Insurance!

Town & Country Festival Enjoys Another Successful Year

A busy town was created by the Town & Country Festival on June 19. People were drawn downtown for a number of different reasons. The parade is always anticipated and this year had an increase in entries with 46. Prizes were awarded in several categories, with the Best Use of Theme being received by the USDA antique truck and Judges Choice picked up by Reynolds Market. Rounding out the winners included Mitchells Oilfield Service with the largest, and Grant Brunsvold pulling the smallest float. Prizes are sponsored by the Chamber. Also anticipated is the free feed which was sponsored by Reynolds Market to celebrate their 85th anniversary. Plate count showed 825 people were served. Great entertainment was provided on East Main as in past years, and it is

felt that side walk sale participation had increased. The paint ball tournament at Peterson park was again provided by the Montana National Guard, and the Guard also sponsored the ice cream social after the dinner downtown.

A big hit on West Main was the petting zoo, which seemed to always be full of children. West Main also had activities for young people including the Block Party that was brought by new Chamber member Fellowship Church.

Plans are already in full force for next year, as Town & Country works with the city to celebrate Sidney's 100 anniversary. This will all happen on June 24-26, with T & C on the 25th. Chair person Jamie Larson and the entire committee thank everyone for their gracious help this year.

Coupon Packet Promotion Begins

The Trade Promotion Committee chaired by Greg Miller has had a busy summer with the work on the "Sidney's Got It" ad program, promoting sidewalk sales during the Town & Country Festival, and now they have started the process of assembling new coupon packets. Currently bid letters are out to all Chamber member publishers to select a printer. Once that bid is determined the committee will have their sales team contact members and put together printing orders. Coupon packets are valid from October 1 of each year to September 30th.



Last year thirty five coupons were in each envelope. They are distributed thru-out the year at basketball tournaments, trade shows, visitor packets, track meets, rodeos, and hotels to name a few. They are quite handy for visitors here at the Chamber. A total of three thousand are printed and used each year. Feel free to give the Chamber a call to insure you have a coupon in the next packet.

B.A.H. at the MonDak Heritage Center

The Chamber had the honor of welcoming the new Executive Director of the MonDak Heritage Center to Sidney on June 7. Benjamin Clark took on the reins of the Center on June 1. He is married to Sidney native Lana Baisch and they moved here from Oklahoma. A great spread was provided by the Heritage Center, and had a great afternoon getting to know our newest member of the community.



Chamber to Host County Fair Beer Garden

The Richland County Fair and Rodeo has again contracted with the Chamber to operate the beer booth during the fair which is Wed. August 4 thru Saturday August 7 this year.

This is a considerable financial opportunity for the Chamber, and one we will have every four years.

Volunteering to be the Chamber Manager this year is Doug Obergfell. He will oversee the Chambers responsibilities during this time.

Man power is a great need for this endeavor. We need to have 14 people for each time period. Most shifts will be for three hours.

On Wednesday the 4th the booth will open at 4:00 p.m. and be open until 2:00 a.m. The

other three days will start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 2:00 a.m. the next day. Please call the Chamber and help with this great money maker. As with all Chamber work, you will get in on some fantastic networking and socializing time.

The Board is working with the Richland County Law Enforcement Center to provide Alcohol Server Training to our volunteers. Two separate sessions will be held on July 27th at the new event center. Available times are 1 to 4 in the afternoon, and 6 to 9 in the evening. All volunteers helping the Chamber are encouraged to attend.

Sidney Chamber Wins Bid for T.A.C. Meeting

The Montana Tourism Advisory Council (TAC) is the board which oversee tourism funding that is generated thru the Montana Bed Tax. This board meets three times a year around the state and has been wanting to have their group out to Eastern Montana. With the building of the new Event Center at the Richland County Fairgrounds Sidney now has the facilities to host this meeting in one location.

A bid was presented by the Chamber for the fall meeting on October 4-6 and was chosen by the selection committee.

Several business are already involved in this meeting, with major help coming from Jamie Larson and the Richland County Fair, Rachel Sullivan at the Richland Motor Inn, and Millers Corner Catering. Also involved at this time is Richland Economic Development, Richland Opportunities, Inc., Richland County Transportation Service, and the MonDak Heritage Center.

Later on other Chamber members will be contacted to help with activities which will help showcase Sidney to our Western Montana friends.

Leadership Applications Available

The Leadership Task Force has concluded a very successful year and is gearing up to do it again. Last years class members have been assigned issue days for the 2010-2011 session and they have started their work with the committee to begin on September 17th with Agriculture.

Applications are now available for the 10-11 course. The committee has identified several businesses and individuals which they are extending applications to, however, anyone interested is encouraged to apply. Brochures with complete information are also available to the Chamber.

This year the Chamber is pleased to announce that college credits will again be available for participants. Dawson Community College has reviewed how extensive the course work is and will award business/communication credits to each class member meeting all requirements established by the task force.

Applications are due August 1st to the Chamber office. Selected applicants will be notified by August 13th and the icebreaker session and small business issue day is in September .

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Richland County Fair
Event Center
Wednesday July 14th
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm

Come tour the new facility
and enjoy networking and
refreshments!

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