



Montana's Sunrise City

Special points of interest:

- **June 4**
Special Olympics
- **June 4**
Music at the MonDak
- **June 4 - 5**
Eastern Montana
Bull Blowout
- **June 6**
10th Anniversary
Celebration at the Lodge
- **June 7**
B.A.H. MonDak
Heritage Center
- **June 8**
Election Day
- **June 10**
Ranger Talks at the
MonDak heritage Center
- **June 12**
Savage Catfish Derby
- **June 12**
Rock Richland 2010
- **June 13**
Montana 500 Run
- **June 15**
Cowboy Poetry at the
MonDak Heritage Center
- **June 16**
ABC Clinic
- **June 17 - 20**
Ft Union Rendezvous
- **June 19**
Town & Country Festival
- **June 20**
Father's Day
- **June 25 - 26**
API Golf Tournament
- **June 25 - 27**
Savage Centennial & All
School Reunion
- **June 30**
Conservation District
Irrigation Tour

Town & Country Festival

The Town & Country Festival Committee, chaired by Jamie Larson is in the final stages of kicking off a great slate of Summer Chamber events on June 19th.

The T & C Committee has worked diligently to produce a full day of activities which will appeal to a wide range of people. The organizers now wish to extend an invitation to the Chamber members to come and give a little time helping at this event. They need help with set up, over-seeing activities, clean up, and manning the beer booth at the street dance. A signup sheet is available at the Chamber, please call, e-mail, or stop in to give this event a couple hours of your time.

The parade is again starting in the Reynolds/Pamida parking lot and they encourage everyone to create a float. It would be great to see every organization in Sidney participating. Prizes will be



awarded for smallest and largest float, most creative, and best use of theme. We will also be encouraging the surrounding communities to get involved. A parade is one event people remember thru-out a given year.

Our Trade Promotion Committee is encouraging all businesses to participate in the Sidewalk sale which is advertised to commence at 9:00 a.m. It is a great way to create store activity while our crowd is building for the parade. Be sure and watch for the Trade Promotion float in the parade also.

A complete schedule is available on the Chamber web-site at www.sidneymt.com, or on posters being distributed.

Chamber Announces Featured Artist



July 10th will be the day of the 20th annual Sunrise Festival of the Arts in Veteran's Memorial Park in Sidney. Chosen as the featured artist this year is Montana Sandstone Artist Maureen Curtiss. Maureen resides on her family's ranch near Circle, MT and is widely known for her artistry on hand-picked sandstone rocks. For the Festival Maureen chose a deer scene entitled "Flagging".

Buttons are being made by Richland Opportunities and will be available in June. A button purchase registers the recipient for the drawing of this featured work, plus two round tickets on Great Lakes Airlines, and approximately 70 other prizes. Buttons are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 on the day of the Festival.

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Welcome our Newest Member!

Our new member for May is the Fellowship Baptist Church of Sidney located at 2181 W. Holly St. Leading this congregation is Mr. Jordan Hall. He can be contacted at 433-4004 or truelight321@gmail.com. Fellowship will have a block party set up on West Main during the Town & Country Festival!



Air Show Prints Available

This is a reminder that the Chamber has prints available of a picture painted for the Wings of Freedom II Air Show last September. The original was painted by renowned aviation artist Leon Basler and includes every act in the Air Show and their autographs. It was auctioned off at the banquet. The prints are a limited edition, signed, and numbered by Leon. They are available at the Chamber for \$75.00 apiece.



B.A.H.

Join your fellow chamber members and the Heritage Center in welcoming their new Executive Director, Benjamin Clark!

June 7th, 2010 4:30 - 6:00 pm
120 3rd Avenue SE

Register for Door Prizes
Refreshments will be served.

B.A.H. at The Lodge

Lodge Director Kathy Jensen, and staff member Terry Houchen, pictured at right, welcomed everyone to their BAH on May 13. It was a celebration of the Lodge's 10th anniversary and they did a great job. Tours were given of the facilities, gifts were provided to one and all, and a wonderful spread of refreshments were available. Another high-light was to see the walking bridge taking shape across Lone Tree Creek to provide access to Peterson Park.



Evaluations of the proposals for the "Sidney's Got It!" ad program are available at the Chamber office. A decision was tabled at the last Trade Promotion meeting for lack of representation of the participants. Committee Chairman Greg Miller invites everyone to the next Trade Promotion meeting which will be at the Lucky Buckle on June 9th beginning at 7:30 a.m.

New Small Business Tax Credit Available Use the Calculator

Your small business might be eligible for the new health care insurance tax credit for



fiscal year 2010 as a result of the federal health care reform bills passed by Congress in March. The legislation created a new tax credit for small businesses that have 1) fewer than 25 full-time employees or the equivalent (hours by part-timers count); 2) pay an average annual wage of less than \$50,000; and 3) cover at least 50% of the cost of each employee health insurance premium.

Visit chamberchoices.com and click on "Tax Credit Calculator" to determine if you may be eligible for a tax credit. The calculator will estimate if you can receive a tax credit. Ask about the new credit when you work with your tax preparer or CPA.

All Montana Chamber Choices customers meet one of the basic eligibility requirements, which is that the business pay for 50% of the cost of each employee health insurance premium. To learn more about health insurance for your small business (2-99 employees and sole proprietors) visit chamberchoices.com.

Thank You to Our Renewing Members In May

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.

*Sidney Moose Lodge #856
Martini Steel, Inc.*

ABC Clinic Reminder

The Assistance for Business Clinic will be on June 16 at the Sidney Elk's Lodge. Several presentations will be made by the MT Departments of Labor and Revenue. Registration will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. followed by opening remarks at 8:00. Call the Chamber at 433-1916 to register. Fees for the clinic are \$30.00 for Chamber members and \$40.00 for non-members. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

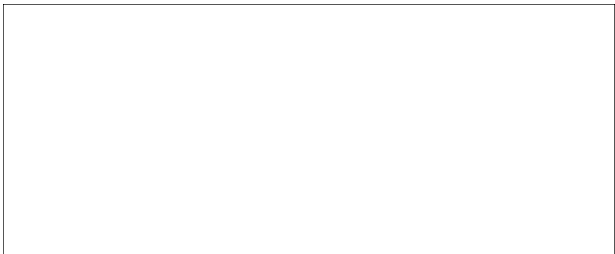
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Leadership Graduation

Sidney Leadership Graduation on May 5th included everything that a typical graduation would have including inspiration, recognition, and admiration. Dr. Jim Cargill of Dawson Community College provided the inspiration with his message of the role of DCC in Sidney. Each class participant was recognized with a certificate of Achievement. Lastly, everyone admired the class project which is handicap access to the stage area at Veterans Memorial

Park. Thirteen graduates and guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Women of the Moose.



Candidates Forum

A packed meeting room with estimates of 140 people in attendance listened to fifteen local candidates, and the Public Service Commission candidates on May 11th at the Moose Lodge. The Candidates Forum was co-sponsored with the Richland County Farm Bureau. Chamber President Marci Albin welcomed everyone and turned the program over to Farm Bureau President Greg Breuer. Individual comments and quests directed at specific offices' were fielded. Another forum will be held in the fall before the general election in November.

