



Special points of interest:

- **March 3 - 5**
Eastern C Boys
Divisional Basketball
Tournament
- **March 12**
Walleyes Unlimited
Banquet
- **March 13**
Daylight Savings Time
- **March 14 - 18**
National Ag Week
- **March 15**
Economic Outlook
Seminar
- **March 15**
Community Health Fair
- **March 16**
Leadership Issue Day #6
- **March 17**
St Patrick's Day
- **March 19 & 20**
Sunrise City Youth
Basketball Tournament
- **March 19**
Boys & Girls Club
Sports Memorabilia
Auction
- **March 20**
Concert at the
Confluence
- **March 24**
Performing Arts Council
presents Robbie K & the
Kumalo Band
- **March 26**
Sidney Prom

2C Combined Tournament a Success!



The District 2 C combined basketball tournament was a new challenge for the high schools involved, Sidney High School, and the Chamber. A great deal of planning was done by the Sports & Recreation committee to accomplish all the aspects that the Chamber is involved in.

The Chamber Leadership and Staff say "Thank You" to everyone who took time to be a part of this undertaking. The count shows that 42 local businesses and 6 individuals provided help with tickets, doors, etc. Five different organizations or groups put on the hospitality room plus another gang of individuals that helped also. The shuttle service for bus drivers was made possible by Jodi Berry and Richland County Transit, and St. Matthew's Church parking lot. Fred Lake organized the Memorabilia Room for Friday and Saturday and had a great visitation volume.

As the Eastern C BBB Tournament approaches we look forward to another three days of promoting our members. Schools coming from out of the area include Lustre Christian, Nashua, Scobey/Peerless, and Dodson. Area schools are Culbertson, Savage, Froid/Medicine Lake and Fairview.



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Legislative Forum



Transmittal is the mid-point of the Legislative Session and our local law makers get to have a brief break to come home. The Chamber teamed up with the Richland County Farm Bureau to host a forum on February 25 at the Sidney Country Club. Senator Steinbeisser and Representative McNutt both attended and started by giving a report on their respective assembly. The program was then opened up to questions from the approximately three dozen people in attendance. The Chamber is please with the broad range of voters that were there to hear about their particular interests. Our Legislators did an impressive job of describing how the session is going, and the work they are involved with during the session.

Rau Designs Celebrates Their Brand New Facility

The community has watched the whole process of the Rau's tearing down and rebuilding their new building, and on February 22nd they opened it up for a Business After Hours. Justin and Tressa were great hosts with a fondue bar and several other festive items to enjoy along with a variety of beverages. They gave tours of the whole facility and had their printers going for everyone to watch. Having the large area for truck signage will be a welcome improvement to their work and the quality of the product they will be able to provide. It is also appreciated that they provided business favors for members to have. The Chamber thanks them for an interesting evening, and wishes them the best with their new facility.



Thank You to our Renewing Members!

The following members have reinvested in the Sidney Chamber in February. 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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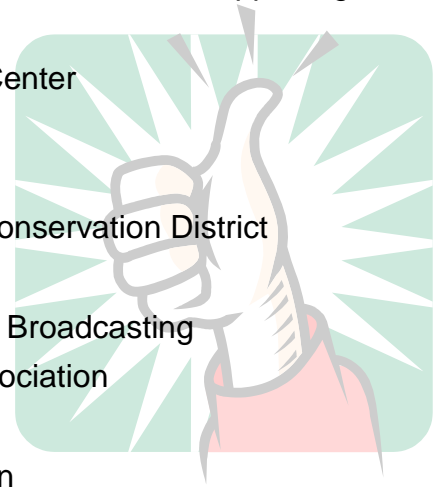
Sidney Sugars, Inc

Triple C Association

VS Inc

Yellowstone Agate & Silver

Yellowstone Livestock



Welcome to Chamber Membership!



As soon as the Betania Ristorante Italiano was ready to open for business the owners Russ & Linda Wells became Chamber members. Located in the Yellowstone Marketplace, it is an Italian Restaurant in the west end of the building. The entire area is decorated as a street scene right from the old country. It seats 100 people on two levels. They have a lunch menu from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Chef Tim Barney prepares all his dishes from scratch. The Chamber has seen the amount of work that has gone into developing this business and utilizing the former Yellowstone Mercantile. They can be contacted at 433-7799.

Economic Outlook Seminar:

***"Paying for the Recession
Rebalancing Montana's Economy"***

March 15th

USDA/ARS

8:00 a.m.

Thoughts on the Centennial...

The celebration of the Sidney Centennial with the City is coming up quickly. Below are some areas where members can be a part of the celebration or volunteer to help.

- A. Get in shape for the Fun Run.
- B. Enter a float in the parade.
- C. Bring your pet to the pet parade.
- D. Prepare to entertain on Main Street.
- E. Have a booth in the street vendor area.
- F. Provide games or entertainment for the kids.
- G. Set up for the sidewalk sale.
- H. Buy a raffle ticket for a set of spurs, quilt or a rifle & pistol set.
- I. Help with an event.
- J. Sponsor an event.
- K. Let the Chamber know about all class or family reunions which may be planned for this time.
- L. Polish up your dancing shoes!
- M. Provide trailer or motor home parking.
- N. Attend and have a good time all three days!

We will have other activities coming up as it gets closer to the event. The Chamber is working closely with the City to have an eventful three days for our members, citizens, and visitors.



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NFL BOOK WINNERS:

The Chamber has paid out the winners of their annual NFL playoff game cards.

Receiving \$50 each for the quarter finals were Gary Breitling, Tim Averett, Ron Herman, Ken Reitz, Becky Bensen, Shawn & Tanya Rost, Burt Bensen and Leah Larson.

The semi-final winners receiving \$75 each were Craig Averett, Lance Averett, Ron Stenerson and Thom Barnhart. The Super Bowl winners collected \$150 and went to Stacy Johnson (pictured) and Kevin Luinstra

These books are sold by the members of the Sports & Recreation committee with the help of Super Pumper,. Sponsoring the pages are Blue Rock Products, South 40/Winners Pub, Stockman Bank, Super Pumper, Wells Fargo, MDU, and the Ranger Lounge.



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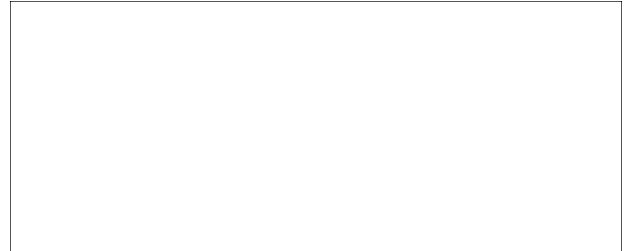
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