



Special points of interest:

- **July 4**
Jaycees Annual Breakfast & Fireworks Display
- **July 4**
Lambert's Old Fashioned 4th
- **July 11**
19th Annual Sunrise Festival of the Arts
- **July 11**
Walk to Wellness 1/2 Marathon
- **July 11 - 12**
Gleason Haralson Golf Tournament
- **July 12**
Stockgrowers 2nd Annual Cattle Crawl
- **July 13**
10th Annual Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament
- **July 16**
Eastern Montana Research Station Field Day
- **July 18 - 19**
Fairview Old Timers Reunion
- **July 19**
Boys & Girls Club Garden Tour
- **July 24 -25**
MonDak Relay for Life
- **July 25**
History Alive with Vic Smith - Ft Union



18th Annual Lone Tree Gun Show

It is time to mark August 22rd & 23th down on your calendar so no one misses the Lone Tree Gun Show. Tables for exhibitors have been sold-out for several weeks so a full commercial building can be expected for those attending. Most exhibitors request the same location they have had in the past.

A special attraction again this year is the Montana Fish & Game hunting simulator for everyone's enjoyment.

This year's raffle will be for a Weatherby Vanguard Sportster



with the winner being able to select from **12** different calibers. Tickets are \$10 each, but there are only 350 available so hurry and get yours before they are gone. Tickets are available from Tim & Brenda Larson, Jim & Leann Pelvit or at the chamber.

Admission is the same this year at \$2.00 per person per day.

This is an extensive production for the gun show committee and they invite all members to lend a hand to help everything go smoothly. Help is needed with set-up, concessions, ticket sales, raffle sales, and tear-down.

Tractor Pull Returns

Last year's Tractor Pull was a new venture for the Chamber and the Ag Committee and it was considered a success by those who helped make it happen.

This year's pull will again be part of the Harvest Fest activities in conjunction with the Lone Tree Gun Show. This year the committee will be expanding on a contest that had tractors and pickups from a four state region, and had 32 different pulls go off that night. It had great attendance with a crowd estimated at 900. This year's pull will begin at 6:00 P.M.

A kid's pedal pull will be held

with preliminary events happening in the afternoon and finals being held in the evening during breaks in the tractor pull. Kids of all ages competed last year.

The Show and Shine car exhibit is being planned also and will be held from noon to four p.m. Exhibitors from last year are telling us they will have more vehicles there this year.

And the evening will be capped off with a dance in the beer garden area.

This event is planned to give visitors a full day to enjoy in Sidney.

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Welcome to Our Newest Members!

The Chamber welcomes three new members into membership this month

Blaine Rogers took over the portable and septic service from Dale's Plumbing and is headquartered there at the present time. Becoming a Chamber member is one of the first items of business he took care of after renaming the business Doorbustin Portables & Septic Service, LLC. Blaine is easy to reach at (406)433-7586, or (406) 489-0915.



Everyone in the community is happy to see the Centre Theatre back in operation. It was purchased by Alvin Miller and is managed by Vena Mecklenburg. Their whole family has worked extensively to get the theater into shape.

The first show was on June 24, and coincided with the release of a Transformers movie. The Centre Theatre is located at 211 S. Central Ave. and they can be contacted at (406) 433-7469.



Joe Baumeister is establishing Shades



of Grey Tattooing in the Village Square Mall in Sidney. He recently moved here from Colorado where he had accumulated six years experience. Joe can be contacted at (406) 480-4636, and we are glad his mother Joan recommended that he join

Wings of Freedom II Air Show



A second air show in Sidney has been on hold for sometime now, as Bryan Prevost of Lambert has been working to get the Canadian Snow birds to do a feature performance here. Bryan got the call he wanted in June that the Snow Birds had an open date come up on September 26 & 27, so the Airport Commission began preparations for the Wings of Freedom II Air Show.

The Chamber has several roles with the 2009 Air Show including the handling of all the receipts that are taken in. There is an account from the last show that has been activated to handle this job. We also are helping with accommodations for the performers and their staff.

The Chamber will be hosting an evening reception on Saturday the 26th in a hangar at the Sidney/Richland Airport to allow sponsors and

interested persons the chance to meet all the visiting participants. Phil Petrik has graciously opened his big, new hangar for this occasion.

Concessions will be the responsibility of the Chamber also. The Chamber itself will handle concessions and we will be looking for other groups who would like to have food available. With a two day show, and a line-up of acts that will rival any air show, a lot of people are expected to be on hand.

For an event of this size, volunteers will be needed for several duties besides concessions and include ticket sellers and takers, parking lot attendants, crowd control, and hospitality. To become active with this event please give the Chamber a call and indicate where you would like to become involved.

Wings of Freedom II is going to rival any big city air show. More details will be coming as it gets closer.

Town & Country Festival



The Town & Country Festival was a great success according to the comments that have been received. The Chamber had a great deal of help from the Montana National Guard. Working with SPF Wade Creighton, the local recruiter, we had a paint ball tournament that was as big as any in the state. Twenty one teams competed thru-out the day. The Guard also provided inflatable tents for the ElectricLand feed on East Main Street over the noon hour. And to help with the parade they provided an H4 Humvee for LaVanchie to drive and guardsmen shot t-shirts into the crowd. They also

helped us finish the evening by providing security people at the barn dance. More coverage on the Town & Country Festival, Sunrise Festival of the Arts, and the Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament will be coming shortly in the August newsletter. We wish to thank the Montana National Guard for everything they did for the Town & Country Festival.



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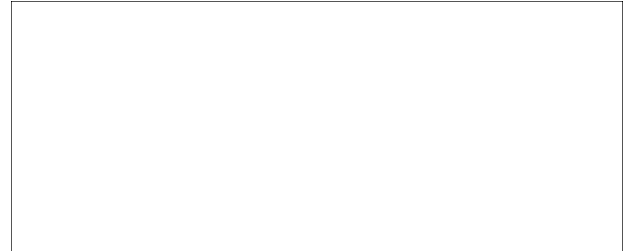
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2009 -2010 Leadership Applications Available

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 2009-2010 session and they have started their work with the committee to begin on September 16th with Tourism & Recreation.

Applications are now available for the 09 -10 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 at the

Chamber.

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

Applications are due July 31st to the Chamber office. Selected applicants will be notified by August 19th and the icebreaker session is September 2nd at the new shelter located in Veteran's Memorial Park.

Coupon Packet Opportunities Are Coming

Coupon packets are an easy way for the Chamber to draw visitors into Sidney's stores. Bid letters have been sent out for printing and organizing the packets, and a representative of the Trade Promotion Committee will be checking with members soon about including a coupon. Cost of being in the packet will be known at that time.

The Chamber encourages everyone to participate as 3,000 packets are made, which means that many people may be drawn to your business. The packets are distributed thru welcome to Sidney materials, relocation requests, trade show booths, and to walk-in traffic at the Chamber. We know visitors become more interested in Sidney when they receive them, and it is an effective way for us to provide a warm welcome.