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Williston to celebrate National Economic Development Week May 7-12

The city of Williston will celebrate National Economic Development Week May 7-12! The campaign will feature events, activities and seminars to raise awareness and interest in business and community development in Williston. The following is a list of events happening that week:

Center for Development Open House

Monday, May 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 113 4th Street East

Visit Williston's headquarters for regional business and community development at 113 4th Street East. The Center for Development office building opened in late 2015. Take a tour, enjoy light refreshments and grab some giveaways. The building is Williston's one stop shop for all activity relating to growth including building permits, code compliance, business planning and incentive programs. The Center for Development houses the following departments: Planning & Zoning, Building Safety, Economic Development, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Small Business Development Center and Tri-County Regional Economic Development.

Future Sloulin Field Redevelopment Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 6-8 p.m., Grand Williston Hotel & Convention Center

Free & Open to the Public

Gov. Doug Burgum is scheduled to headline the program surrounding the first phase of the future development of Sloulin Field. Learn how components of the Main Street Initiative will be incorporated into the redevelopment. Reclamation at the site will begin in late 2019, after the new Williston Basin International Airport is completed. Approximately 850 acres will be transformed into a mixed-use neighborhood that includes a convention center, outdoor amphitheater, residential, restaurant, retail, commercial and recreational offerings. Participants can walk the streets development with a virtual reality tour! Other presenters include Williston Mayor Howard Klug, Cardon Global and Design Workshop.

2018 Retail Summit

Wednesday, May 9, TBD at Grand Williston Convention & Visitors Center

Free & Open to Public

The Retail Summit is designed to create awareness and interest in the retail opportunities in Williston. Learn about the state's Main Street Initiative, current retail trends, lending programs, real estate strategies and much more! The free seminar will begin at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and pastries followed by Williston Mayor Howard Klug's welcome at 8 a.m.

News & Views with KFGO Radio's Joel Heitkamp

Wednesday, May 9, 9-11 a.m., Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center

WED will sponsor the two-hour News & Views with KFGO Radio Personality Joel Heitkamp to share Williston's exceptional story of overcoming adversity, growth. The show will feature Williston Mayor Howard Klug, city commissioners, staff and others.

2018 State of the City Address

Wednesday, May 9, 9-11 a.m., Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center

Free & Open to Public

Williston Mayor Howard Klug will present his second annual State of the City Address at noon at the Grand Williston Hotel. A free lunch will be provided to the first 250 people. Learn how Williston's economy has evolved from a Boom to Build Business Model and much more!

2018 Williston Economic Development and Small Business Development Center Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, May 9, 5-9 p.m., Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center
Reserved Seating, Registration Required**

Williston Economic Development and the Small Business Development Center will announce the 2018 award winners. Radio personality Joel Heitkamp will emcee the event. The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and the program. The Creative Treatment videos will be featured in the program.

Elks Youth Day

Tuesday, May 8 & Thursday, May 10

Seniors from Williston High School will learn how the City of Williston, Williams County, Williston Public School District #1 and Williston Parks and Recreation District are run during Elks Youth Day. The long-running event gives students a chance to learn about the key elected and appointed positions within the community. The students will tour the new Williston Basin International Airport site, City Hall, the city landfill, water treatment plant and new Water Resource Recovery Facility. The seniors will also participate in the Williston City Commission meeting May 10 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Business After Hours at Ryan Motors

Thursday, May 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Free & Open to Public

Ryan Motors will sponsor the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce's May 10 Business After Hours. Take a tour of the dealership, enjoy light refreshments and network at this after work event.

2018 Band Day Festival

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Free & Open to the Public

Williston's premiere event of the spring and summer will feature the Band Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. followed by live entertainment, activities for kids, crafts and food vendors at Harmon Park. Celebrate Williston.