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## **Commission approves STAR Fund Grants for MonDak Sports, Pizza Hut Expansions**

The Williston City Commission has approved up to \$307,000 in STAR Fund grants for projects in the Williston area. The projects include new buildings for MonDak Sports and Pizza Hut.

MonDak Holdings, LLC will receive up to \$67,000 through the Flex PACE Buydown program to lower the interest on the project's loan. Owner Josh Kringen is purchasing a larger and more accessible site for MonDak Sports near Al's Mini Storage on North Dakota Highway 1804.

"It's great to see these individual businesses invest in the community," said Williston Economic Development Executive Director Shawn Wenko. "Expanded service options for marine and ATV use is going to be a welcome addition for the outdoor sports enthusiast."

Kringen says the new location will be more convenient for current and potential new customers.

"People will be able to easily swing in on their way out to the lake," said Kringen.

The new location will also allow MonDak to add more services such as affordable storage and more product lines including Ranger pontoons and Ranger aluminum boats.

"People will be able to store their motorcycle, ATV, side by side or jet ski on site," said Kringen. "When they want to go riding, they can give us a call and we will make sure it is ready to ride. Let us worry about the storage and maintenance."

Kringen says the new location will also better accommodate their growing service department.

"We are landlocked in our current location and need more space to store the boats and pontoons we are working on," said Kringen. "The new shop space will be five times larger than it is now with multiple bays for boats and pontoons."

MonDak currently sells Can-Am, Ranger, Sea-Doo, Ski-Doo and Yamaha products and they service all makes and models of boats, pontoons, ATV's, side by sides, personal watercraft, motorcycles, scooters and snowmobiles.

Meanwhile, the owner of Williston's Pizza Hut will receive up to \$72,000 to build a new site in Williston. Russ Klug and Ray Melendez of Ventana Design and Development held a groundbreaking ceremony for the project in August. Construction is underway at the new location near Applebee's in Williston.

"The new concept store for Pizza Hut is one of only 90 that are open nationwide. This sends a good message and aids in our recruitment efforts of other fast food options that Williston right now is where they need to invest," said Wenko.

Other projects receiving STAR Fund grants were the following: The Pitt/House of Gainz, \$12,000 Flex PACE grant for new fitness center for persons with disabilities; Lisa Engel, \$20,000 Flex Pace grant for purchasing the McMaster Building in Downtown Williston; Williston State College Small Business Development Center, \$45,000 Community Build/Growth Grant for annual operations; Williston Regional Economic Development, \$85,000 Community Build/Growth Grant for annual operations and Parkridge Townhomes, \$6,730.69 Flex PACE grant adjustment.