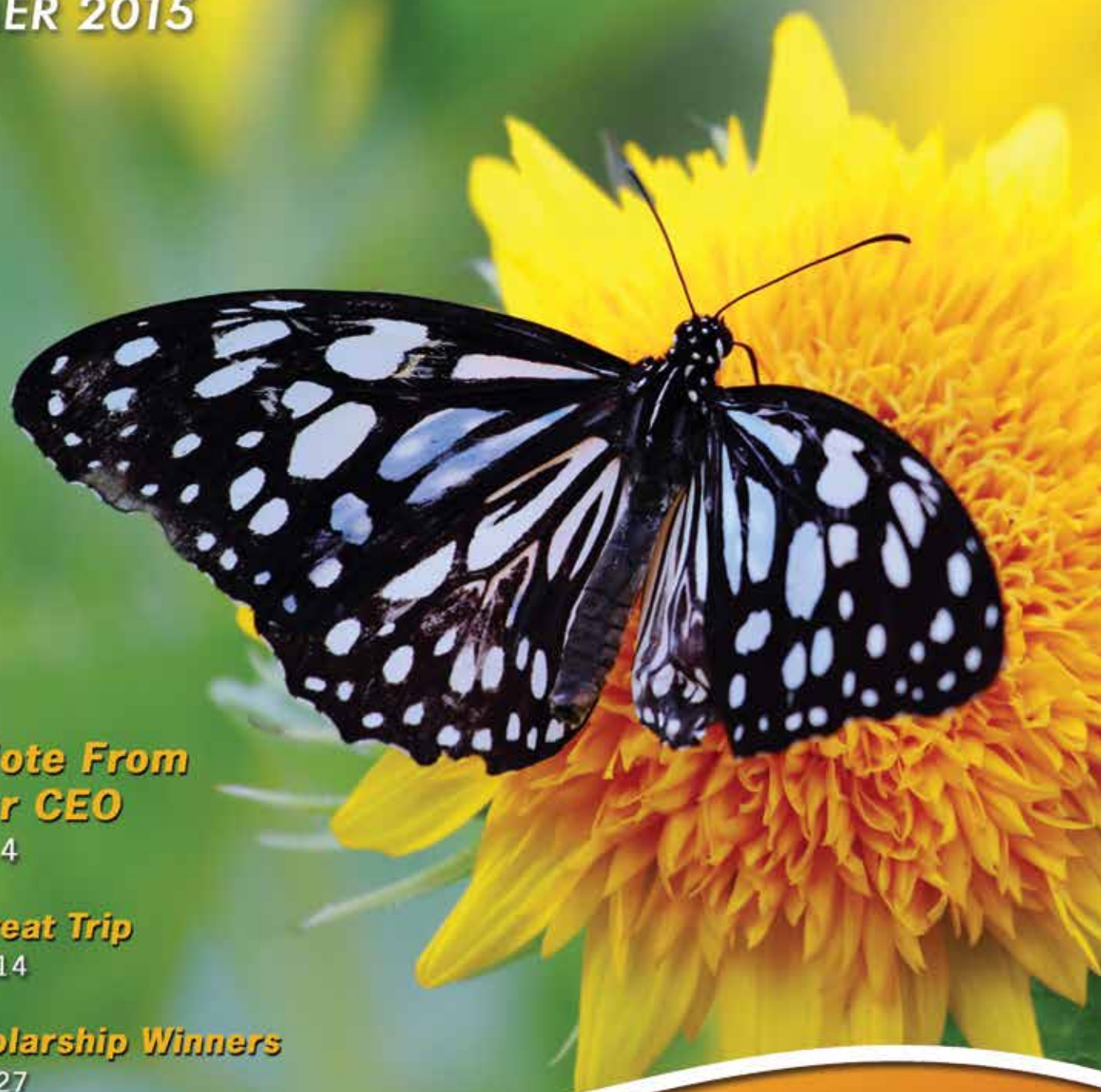


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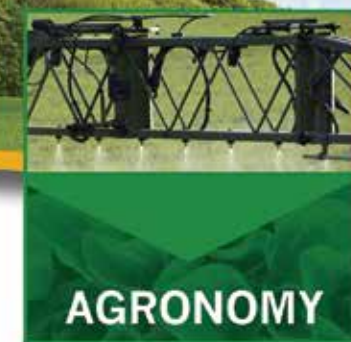
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A NOTE FROM YOUR CEO

April 24th was the date for this year's Annual Stockholder's Meeting for Horizon Resources. Over 200 members and guests enjoyed what many stated as the best roast beef dinner ever served at any meeting they had ever attended. Those compliments have been passed on to the staff at the host site, The Grand Williston Hotel and Convention Center.

Those in attendance were presented fiscal year end audit results that highlighted another successful year for Horizon Resources. Overall, company sales topped the \$500 million mark for the first time ever! Earnings before patronage amounted to \$14.7 million, combine that with patronage refunds that we received from other cooperatives of \$21 million, provides a net savings of \$34.7 million for fiscal year 2014. Overall, sales and earnings were very similar to the year previous, sales were up slightly due to inflation in commodity prices (petroleum) and down slightly in earnings as a result of lower patronage received from other cooperatives.

The majority of patronage that we receive on an annual basis is provided by CHS which is where we do the majority of our business. It was reported to our members that CHS's Board of Directors had decided to retain approximately 14 percent of their earnings for their last two fiscal years and classify it as non-qualified stock. This, in summary, means that at the discretion of CHS's board they may retire this stock at a later date, and then again

they may not. If it is paid out at a later date, say 10 years, currently your cooperative does not have the ability within the accounting system to allocate it and pay it out to you as an individual, where we believe it belongs. Concern over this was raised by myself and Chairman Dennis Stromme at the meeting, which had two CHS directors in attendance. Simply, the concern that the board and I have is that we do not believe the path that CHS has chosen is the way a cooperative should function, additionally we believe strongly that CHS needs to follow the traditional fundamental principles which they were formed under, and that is to remit annually and retire annually current and previous year's earnings, as in the past. The patronage that has been withheld over the past two years amounts to nearly \$8 million, obviously significant enough to be alarmed about. Horizon Resources, along with several other western North Dakota area cooperatives, has been involved in meeting with CHS board members to represent our state in trying to rectify and resolve these issues by finding a remedy that will be sufficient to everyone. In future articles I will keep you apprised of the efforts that are currently underway.

Horizon Resources directors Roger Bearce, James Folvag and Mark Ellis three-year terms had expired. All three were re-elected to serve an additional three years. I am pleased that they chose to run again and that the membership elected them to do so. They are joined by

the balance of our directors who do an outstanding job in guiding and directing the policies of this company. Additionally, we are so fortunate to have a tremendously talented and dedicated group of employees that have chosen to work for Horizon Resources.

In other business, the board announced this year's recipients of the eight \$1,000 scholarships awarded to area graduating seniors planning on entering college this fall. Scholarships were awarded to:

- Logan Jorgenson - Williston
- Shaydon Salvesson - Grenora
- Samantha Fellman - Culbertson
- Tanner Hagler - Savage
- Shania Rolla - Watford City
- MaKenna Hudson - Alexander
- Donald Fugate - Fairview
- Brenna Hill - Ray

Congratulations to all area seniors and to this year's recipients.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our customers for your business and support during the last year and welcome you to contact me anytime with ideas or concerns. ■



Jeff Wagner
President/CEO

“Those in attendance were presented fiscal year end audit results that highlighted another successful year for Horizon Resources.”

Patronage Time

Well, it's that time of the year again. If you are thinking springtime you are correct, however I was thinking more on the lines of patronage time. This year we handed out checks totaling more than \$11.7 million. Along with the cash, we also added \$20.3 million to our patron's stock accounts. Any way you look at it, that is a lot of money. What other business do you know of that shares their profits with their customers?

Ok, for any new customers that aren't sure how patronage works here is a cooperative review:

1. Customer establishes an account at the cooperative so they can become an identified customer or patron. Why is this important you ask? So the cooperative knows where to mail the check at the end of the year and also, since the customer is sharing in the profits, the IRS has to be notified.
2. Customer purchases products from or sells grain to the cooperative. Each purchase or grain sale is recorded.
3. At the end of the year, if the cooperative is successful, the profits are divided up amongst all of the patrons. This is why the cooperative tracks all of the sales and grain activity. Each patron is paid in proportion to how much they purchased from the cooperative and/or how much grain they sold to the cooperative. Are all of the profits paid to the patrons? No, some is put into unallocated reserve in accordance with the bylaws of Horizon Resources. The rest is paid to the patrons in cash and stock as determined by the board of directors. Currently, patronage is paid 35 percent in cash and 65 percent in stock.
4. The cash portion is the check that each patron receives either at or after the annual meeting.
5. The stock portion is each patron's investment in the cooperative. The stock can be retired according to the equity retirement policy that is approved by the board of directors of the cooperative. Currently, when the stockholder reaches the age of 70 they can begin to retire their stock.

That is a quick look at how a cooperative works. In looking at the history of Horizon Resources it is quite amazing to see how things have changed over the last few years. If I look at an example of an average farmer that started farming in 1977 and add up all of the stock that they received for the next 31 years, which would be until 2008, it would be approximately \$70,000. That same farmer's stock for the six years from 2009 to 2014 would be approximately \$105,000. This particular example farmer didn't start farming a lot more acres in the last six years. This just shows how much everything has changed in the past few years.

It is good to look back at the year that we just finished and reflect, but the real challenge is going to be the year we are currently in. I'm sure next year when we look back we won't see a year as good as 2014 but we will meet the challenges head on like we always do. I would like to wish you a safe and prosperous 2015. ■



Jim Radtke
CFO

Ready for Spraying

Here it comes and there it goes. People who run custom sprayers for a living really only know one speed, and it is wide open. I am not talking about how fast they are running their equipment, but I am talking about the nature of the business and how fast things actually happen. This goes right with the entire farming operation and how it has evolved. When things are ready to spray they are ready today, and inevitably it seems like everything is ready to spray at the same time. We spend the entire winter waiting for spring spraying to start, and once it has started we can't wait for it to be over because we will not really catch up until we are frozen again late next fall. I will give you a brief timeline of the life of a custom sprayer.

Early spring, time to make sure everything is ready to go. No matter how much water you think you drained out of everything and how much antifreeze you put in your sprayer or BatchBoy systems, there seems to be that one fitting that ends up with a cup of water in it. The water freezes solid in the wintertime and breaks that one fitting that you will have to wait three days for. This is always the one fitting that none of the local hardware stores have in stock and the dealers that we order through all have it on back order. It does not matter if it is a common part that everyone stocks, it will be out of stock once you have frozen that piece over winter. Even worse, if you are waiting on a new sprayer that you just bought last fall for spring delivery. It will not show up until after you have put your old one back together again to spray the pre-plant chemical that needs to be sprayed before your customer seeds that field. Don't worry because once you get that new sprayer, we will be spraying Prowl through it right away so we can turn everything yellow within the first 50 hours on the new sprayer. That is just the way it works in our world.

Pre-plant burn down season is gravy work for our custom applicators because they don't have to worry about mixing a lot of different products. They can cover many acres in a day. That is until the wind blows. Yes, the wind is pretty common in western North Dakota especially in the spring as we are trying to spray ahead of people seeding. Wind is a funny thing. It likes to sleep in early in the morning and then likes to hang around till late in the day. That means that our applicators get some days where they get to be in the field spraying early in the morning then take a break for about six or eight hours in the middle of the day when most people put in normal hours. Then they get to go back in the evening and spray until midnight or later. We do use drift control agents that help, and I hate to say it but some people think they do way more than what they are capable of. Sometimes we refer to them as courage in a can, but they do have their fit in our business. We have some really good drift agents that reduce or eliminate any fines that are created with higher pressures and are really worth the money when used properly. If you are spraying in 30 mile per hour winds, these products probably won't help with the fine you will get if caught by the state's agricultural department.

Once we start spraying crops, we start spraying many different products on many different crops. This means sterilizing spray equipment over and over again. I will say that we try to be as efficient as we can with our entire spraying operation. We try to eliminate or minimize tank cleaning by lining up same crops and keeping our spray rigs on separate crops until we get caught up with them. We do end up making our sprayer operators rinse out a time or two during the season because no matter how we try to line up everyone for each crop at the same time, plans change. Sterilizing a sprayer is another extremely important part of the job for a custom applicator. This is

one of the many of the things that an applicator does in their job that creates huge liability for our company. If they don't sterilize the sprayer properly they can kill crop just as easy as spraying the wrong product on the wrong crop. Bottom line is they must be professional and they must know what they are doing in every step of the operation.

“When things are ready to spray they are ready today, and inevitably it seems like everything is ready to spray at the same time.”

Being a custom applicator also means that you don't get a lot of time off until winter. We normally have about a week between spraying herbicides on crops and spraying a harvest aid on crops that will be harvested within about a week. Our sprayer operators are normally a one-man operation and we try to be as efficient as possible to keep expenses down. However, spraying a harvest aid becomes a two-man operation because you will constantly have someone hauling water when spraying 20 gallons of water per acre. A good day of spraying this time of year will be anything over 500 acres. It takes 10,000 gallons of water just to get to 500 acres, so they spend a lot of their time loading the sprayer when spraying a harvest aid. After harvest, we keep spraying. We spray right up until the ground freezes. Then we throw in the towel and winterize our equipment. Our spray season is way more than the two weeks that it was when I first started in this business.

If you want a job that will give you a lot of time off in the winter this might be your calling. You will have all kinds of time to spend on trips to Jamaica or whatever island paradise you desire. Just make sure you get it out of your system by about the middle of April because we are going to stick you in a sprayer for the next seven months. Our sprayer operators don't usually get too cold in the winter, but they deserve their time off because they sacrifice a lot of their time when people are taking summer vacations. It is more than driving up and down fields, and I feel we have some of the best people in the industry running our equipment. Our equipment is top of the line, but if you don't have good people to run it you could just as well not be in the spraying business. Now when you see one of our spray rigs headed down the highway at eight pm, chances are their day might not even be half over yet. Have a safe spraying season and enjoy the summer while you can. ■



John Salvevold
Agronomy Division Manager

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UPDATES & NEW ADDITIONS

As I stated in the last issue, I can't wait for harvest this coming year to give us, hopefully, some better quality grain to work with. Vomitoxin is still a big issue that we are all dealing with and will be for quite some time. Cross your fingers that Mother Nature gives us moisture when we need it.

Grain markets haven't been the friendliest lately. A lot of that is due to rail cars being very easily accessible. Just a year ago we were complaining about not being able to get cars because they were two months out at the earliest. Now we have basically been able to get them whenever we want, with the exception of single car orders. Being they are on time and easy to get, it's easier for grain elevators all over to get them and keep grain moving to markets.

Our SmartLic® tubs are still running about a month out on orders. Menno told me he has trucks booked for us here in town to try and keep product in stock.

“Before we start harvest season this year, we will be adding a new team member to the elevator.”

Another concerning factor with feed is the very good possibility of a federal law making all respiratory medicated feeds unattainable without a prescription from a vet. Dick Sorenson, our payback feeds representative and I will be going to visit with all of our area vets in the next few months to get on the same page with this. The biggest issue will be with the Head Start S-70 medicated weaning pellet. If you get one bag or a full semi load, a prescription is needed. We will keep you informed the more we find out.

Before we start harvest season this year, we will be adding a new team member to the elevator. On another note, my wife and I are expecting our first child at the beginning of July. We are anxiously awaiting his arrival! Feel free to stop in and visit with us at the elevator, the coffee is always on. ■



Chris Quamme
Grain Division Manager

A GREAT TRIP

Australia & New Zealand - Full of Wonders



Horizon Resources board members Bruce Brogger and Roger Bearce decided at a board meeting that they had a common interest. "We were talking and decided that we would like to see Australia," relates Roger, "and so we decided now would be a perfect time to go." Why Australia? "Because I think everyone wants to go to Australia," according to Bruce Brogger, "And we have been interested for some time. I have looked at the ads in farm magazines about tours to that area" adds Kathy Brogger. So for 17 days Bruce and his wife Kathy, and Roger and his wife Jodi, toured Australia and New Zealand. "We really lucked out with our tour company, Rupiper Tours out of Yankton, South Dakota" said Roger, "there were 18 of us on the tour from around the Midwest." The tour group assembled in Los Angeles for the trip to Brisbane, Australia; a stopping off point to change planes for the trip to Cairns (pronounced Cans), Australia.

"On the trip over we lost an entire day," laughs Bruce, "not sure where it went, but it took some getting used to once we got there."

The first day we were there, Australia and the Great Barrier Reef were hit by high winds and a storm surge from Cyclone Pam. Even though the group said that it was a disappointment, they were treated to a tour of the Daintree Coastal Rain Forest. The Daintree is the largest continuous area of tropical rainforest on the Australian continent. Along the coastline, north of the Daintree River, the tropical rainforest grows right down to the edge of the sea. Next on the tour was a horse-breeding farm owned by Sheikh Muhammed of Dubai, although the owner has never set foot on the farm. The Sheikh is said to spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year on his thoroughbred breeding program. "A horse belonging to the Queen of England had been flown to Australia to be bred on this farm," according to Kathy.

Then it was off to Ayers Rock, one of the most impressive landmarks in Australia. Ayers Rock is a huge chunk of sandstone and a 'true' monolith. It resides in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, and is close to the geographic center of Australia. "We were treated to a

candlelight dinner under the stars," remembers Roger, "we watched the sun set on Ayers rock. The next morning we were up at 5:00 AM to watch the sunrise." Moviegoers will remember a scene of Ayers Rock in the movie Crocodile Dundee. "It is a religious site for the Aborigines,"

A tour of the Sydney harbor would give the tour group a chance to see the world famous Sydney Opera House. "This building is unique in that the architects were given the plans and were not exactly sure how to build it," said Bruce. "They designed it from the roof down. When you get closer you can see that the roof is constructed of many different size and shapes of tiles. Everyone on the tour agreed that you can not go to Australia without seeing the Sydney Opera House."

Another highlight was the Sydney Tower Buffet Restaurant with a rotating restaurant offering scenic view of the Sydney area.

You would expect a group of farmers to take interest in the agriculture of the region. "We toured a 16,000 acre farm," said Bruce. Roger added in that fields were up to

three miles long, and raised a lot of cotton and maize. Soon there would be a change of scenery as the tour headed for New Zealand. The topography of New Zealand is quite a bit different than Australia, "there were beautiful fjords and green forests" shared Kathy. Jodi was treated to a rare sighting of a wild Cassowary bird while in New Zealand, "the Aborigines believe that humans hatched from the eggs of the Cassowary," according to Bruce. The Cassowary was once an endangered species, but with careful conservation methods and breeding, the numbers are increasing, even though there is only about 25 percent of their original habitat left.

Everywhere they went, the tour group was treated to great food and hospitality. "The hotels were nice," relates Bruce, "in the rural areas they were not as fancy, but still nice." Breakfast would always be a buffet of bacon, eggs, I Bacon (Canadian style bacon), yogurt and small fruit filled pastries. Dinners would feature kangaroo, crocodile, octopus, squid, mussels and other seafood. With the favorable exchange rate of about \$1.25 (Australian

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A Great Trip...continued.

currency is much like the US dollar), shopping was part of the tour when time allowed. "The gals would take a few minutes to shop, and the guys would head for the machinery lot," laughs Bruce. The machinery was much the same as what would be found in the U.S., "there was a lot of green and a lot of red," referring to John Deere and Case IH.

In New Zealand the tour group would see a 24-hour dairy complete with rotating milking area. "The cows all know when their turn comes, and I don't think they are too anxious to get off," according to Roger. Most of the milk from New Zealand is exported to China as dried milk powder.

Another interesting site in New Zealand was the rows of trees, similar to shelterbelts, which were pruned back into thin rows. "Many of the trees have been destroyed so they can use pivot irrigation" Bruce said, "but they have found that the shelterbelts were also valuable wind breaks, and now wind is getting to be a problem."

Once the conversation turned to the beautiful fjords of New Zealand, everyone was able to add in descriptive words like beautiful and clear water from the glaciers.

Would you go back? "Well, I don't like the words 'bucket list,' but I would definitely like to return." Roger says with a smile.

And for the four friends from Williston, it was easy to talk about Australia and New Zealand, as it is a trip they won't soon forget. ■



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Spices, Accessories & Secrets

*Making The Most
of Your Traeger*
By Rod Wilson



To me the best reward of grilling for family and friends is to have them comment on how great the meal is, and question me about recipes and, "How did you do it?" Well just owning a Traeger will garner you many comments, as nothing can quite equal the taste of meat done on a Traeger. One of the first secrets I learned was to start the smoking process with frozen, or partially frozen, meat. Steaks, pork chops, chicken breasts and even prepared hamburger patties will absorb the smoke flavor and give you a great tasting meat entrée. A little imagination goes a long way to improving the taste. For example, try using apple flavored Traeger pellets with pork chops. Another personal favorite is using Alder pellets with salmon. Season with Traeger Salmon Shake and serve with a cream cheese and dill sauce. Horizon Resources has a great selection of Traeger seasonings to choose from to add just the right zip to your barbecue recipes.

• 3-2-1 For Lip Smacking Ribs

Sometime during the summer most back yard grillers will use their Traeger to prepare barbecue ribs. It's hard not to get a great rack of ribs off your Traeger grill, even if you do not consider yourself a rib expert. For those looking for a simple recipe try the three-two-one method of barbecuing ribs—three hours of smoke, two hours wrapped tightly in foil, and one hour sauced and cooked on your Traeger. This recipe has become very popular among competition barbecuers and home cooks alike, especially those who prefer their ribs "fall-off-the-bone" tender. Adjust the cooking time if you like your ribs with more chew.

• Great Combinations

Here's a great tasting summer burger recipe that has become a personal favorite, it's called the Hawaiian burger; it combines ground beef, pineapple and bacon. Start by smoking strips of bacon and one-third pound hamburger patties. After about 20 minutes on smoke setting, turn up your Traeger to 375 degrees and cook the burgers and bacon until they are done to your preference. Season the burgers with Traeger Beef Shake for a little extra zip. Then add rings of pineapple to the Traeger, cooking until you have grill marks. Combine the hamburger with the pineapple and bacon and season with a slice of provolone cheese and your meal is set. Extra pineapple can be cooked and combined with a soft marshmallow for a great dessert.

• The Right Temperature

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SUMMER GETAWAY

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND ALONG THE WESTERN SHORES OF LAKE SAKAKAWEA



For years, visitors have come to the western shores of Lake Sakakawea to follow in the footsteps of history's past explorers. With an abundance of open spaces and breathtaking vistas, travelers from across the state and country make the annual summertime journey to this pristine region of North Dakota.

While the area is known predominantly for some of the best fishing in the United States, the western part of Lake Sakakawea is also home to one of North Dakota's many state parks.

Arranged along 490 acres, in the craggy buttes of the North Dakota Badlands, lies Lewis and Clark State Park, located just 19 miles east of Williston on Highway 1804, on an upper bay along the northern shore of far western Lake Sakakawea.

Established in 1973 by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, the park is both a geographical and historical tribute to the most celebrated team ever

to traverse the North American wilderness, Corps of Discovery explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The Lewis and Clark expedition journeyed through the area, making camp there in mid-April 1805. This state park provides a towering backdrop to one of the state's best recreation areas. Activities throughout the year range from fishing, boating, swimming, camping and picnicking, to hiking, snowshoeing, botanical and wildlife observation and more.

However, the real draw for locals and visitors making their way across the state is the lake itself. "The majority of people who visit Lewis and Clark State Park do so to get out on the water and access the lake," states Mark

Zimmerman, director of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

For those with a love of boating, you'll not find better sailing, motoring or water-skiing anywhere in the state. Slip rentals are available through the park marina. For anglers, the western part of Lake Sakakawea boasts an abundance of fishing options. "Traditionally this part of the lake sees both walleye and northern pike," says Zimmerman. "Early in the season will be good fishing, however this year, with lake levels looking lower, the west end of the lake will warm up quicker than the east end, causing many of the fish to make their way to the cooler waters eventually." Zimmerman also states that while the majority of visitors can be found out on the water, you can also find individuals dropping a line in from shore.

In the five years that Zimmerman has held the position of Parks and Recreation Director water levels on Lake Sakakawea have been rising, with last July's lake level

right around 1,846 feet [surface elevation above seawater]. However, The Corps of Engineers is predicting a lower lake level at 1,840 feet for this summer. Zimmerman reports, as of this writing, Marina operations for use of the boat slips as well as use of the boat ramp are at normal operations at this time. He does warn that an elevation

of 1,830 feet would create some problems with use of boat slips by the larger boats. Depending on how water levels end up this season, Zimmerman says they are hoping visitors will still be able to use the main boat ramp at the Marina.

Another popular draw for visitors to Lewis and Clark State Park is the camping. "We recently added the

Did you know...there are two somewhat rare species of ichthys inhabiting the lake: the Pallid Sturgeon, which currently enjoys Federal protection as an endangered species, and its cousin, the prehistoric looking American Paddlefish. The only other (known) sub-species of Paddlefish is native to the Yangtze River in China and is currently believed to be nearly extinct. The animal is known to live upwards of 60 years (average recorded age of captured fish is 27). Mature females can weigh as much as 50 lbs. while the smaller male of the species usually weighs in at less than 40 lbs. American Paddlefish are plentiful in Lake Sakakawea, however somewhat difficult to catch. Since they selectively feed on zooplankton, aquatic insects and small fish, large bait won't attract them. Fishing enthusiasts wanting to land a Paddlefish must engage in snagging. There is a harvest cap of 1,000 Paddlefish per year in North Dakota, to prevent the population from declining.¹

¹Paddlefish Questions and Answers. (2012, January 31). Retrieved April 27, 2015, from <http://gf.nd.gov/fishing/other-fishing-information/paddlefish-snagging-season/paddlefish-questions-and-answers> Paddlefish Questions and Answers. (2012, January 31). Retrieved April 27, 2015, from <http://gf.nd.gov/fishing/other-fishing-information/paddlefish-snagging-season/paddlefish-questions-and-answers>

28-site "Plover" campground that is now available as of this camping season," states Zimmerman. "These are full-service sites, which include water, sewer, and electrical connections at each campsite."

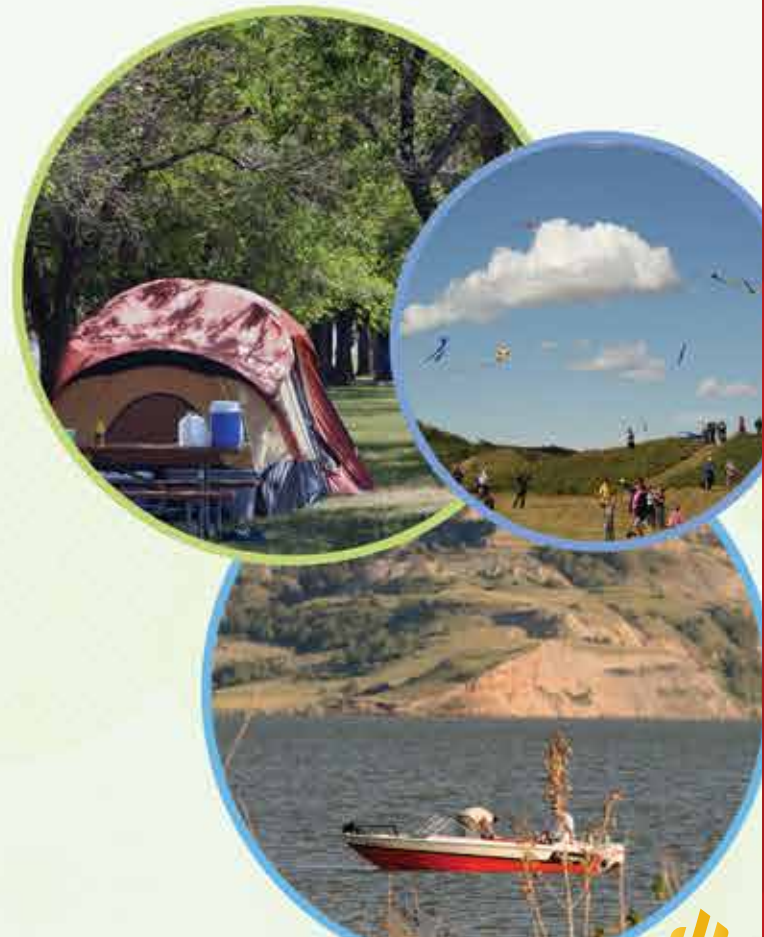
Another feature of the park Zimmerman says campers find appealing are the two camper cabins available for rent. "Individuals prefer these cabins to a camper or tent," he says. The cabins come equipped with lights, heat, air conditioning and bunk beds and can accommodate up to five campers. An outdoor grill and picnic table also come furnished. Reservations are available starting the weekend before Memorial Day through the end of September. "Lewis and Clark State Park is unique in that we have sites visitors can reserve while also keeping some sites you cannot that are simply first come, first served," explains Zimmerman. "This is perfect for those who like to plan ahead, or individuals and families making last minute plans."

The park also features a number of trails where visitors, both young and old can enjoy exploring the same prairies the park's namesakes did those many years ago. With an abundance of native wildlife, there's no telling what you may spot during your hike. Lewis and Clark State Park is home to deer, fox, turkeys, pheasant and geese and a number of songbirds, including the Bluebird. "With our access to the water here at the park, people will also bring their kayaks or canoes," says Zimmerman. Plus in addition to the great existing playground on-site at Lewis and Clark State Park, Halliburton recently provided funding for a new playground, which Zimmerman says they are hoping to install this summer.

For those looking to venture out a bit further, Lewis and Clark State Park is near a host of other North Dakota attractions, including: Theodore Roosevelt National Park (North Unit) Ft. Buford State Historical Site, Ft. Union Trading Post National Historical Site, Buffalo Trails Museum, Writing Rock State Historic Site and more.

So whether you are looking to plan an extended vacation or simply in need of a quick getaway to the great outdoors, Lewis and Clark State Park offers a special backdrop for your next summer adventure.

Visit <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/parks/lcsp/lcsp.html> for more on campsite reservations and additional information about Lewis and Clark State Park. ■





Just to let you all know about some of the stuff coming up in retail in the next few months, we will have a Traeger demo day on June 12th. If you want to check out some of the things you can do on a Traeger, stop in and see. As the day goes on we might even have some samples for you to try. The demo will start in the morning and will go into the afternoon. If you have any questions about the Traeger grills and want to see how they work, this would be a great time to stop in and see what we have been talking about for the last few years. We will be putting some specials on the grills and have all the sauces and rubs for you to buy. This will be at the Williston store location. I hope to see you stop in and see some of what the Traeger can do.

“Also, for summer, don’t forget about the fertilizer that we sell.”

Coming up for Father’s Day is the Father Mows Best promotion. You will have a chance to win a Honda lawn mower. There will be a sign up box at all of the Horizon Resources locations, so stop in and get signed up to win this new mower from Honda.

As for the mowers this year, we will have the Honda and Snapper brand mowers. With the Honda push mowers

you can get an extended warranty. For the spring sale, they will add an additional year to the warranty. As for the riding law mowers, it will be the Snapper brand mowers that will include the rear engine rider, the lawn tractor and the zero turn mower. We also have the Honda mini tiller and the Honda weed eaters; these are four stroke engines so you do not have to mix your oil and gas. If you are in the market for a new lawn mower, whether it’s a push mower, a riding mower, a mini tiller or a weed eater, we should have something to fit your needs this summer. Also, for summer, don’t forget about the fertilizer that we sell. This fertilizer is mixed by our agronomy plant and is formulated to our area. It’s a great fertilizer at a good price. We also have some new solar lights this year to make your yard look great with some neat decorations.

Some new products brought in this spring are the Wizards brand car supplies. The spray on wax, polish and interior products for your car or truck are great. They will make your vehicle look excellent, while also protecting its finish. These products have been around for years and are now available to us. ■



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Menno Troyer
Williston Grain Elevator
Grain Handler

Menno Troyer has been working at Horizon Resources as a grain handler for almost a year. The bulk of his work, especially during harvest season, involves unloading grain trucks and loading railcars with grain. Although, he also staffs the feed counter and takes care of various other tasks. Menno works hard with a goal of one day owning land and living a simpler, more self-sufficient lifestyle. This dream has brought him around the world, far away from his humble upbringing.

Menno grew up on a small farm that was part of an Amish community near Springfield, Missouri. "Yes, horse and buggy and all," said Menno with a laugh. He lived in the community until he was 20 years old, attending school in a one-room schoolhouse once a week until he reached eighth grade. "Growing up Amish gave me a respect for nature as I spent so much of my childhood observing nature," said Menno, "I've always had a deep interest and affinity for nature as a result." He also discussed how his experience in the community shaped his attitude toward the importance of freedom, influencing his political opinions and overall worldview. At 20 years old, Menno wrote a note to his family, packed a small bag, and left in the middle of the night with only four dollars in his pocket. He headed to a town 20 miles away, where a group of other ex-Amish helped him get on his feet.

After leaving the Amish, he obtained a GED and moved around, working in Florida, Ohio and New Hampshire before coming to North Dakota. Through the years, he found time to escape abroad, providing him with the opportunity to experience new cultures and scout land to potentially purchase. Menno has traveled numerous times to South America and spent five weeks traveling around Southeast Asia. In all of his trips, he has narrowed his sights on the Calchaquí Valley region in Argentina. "The Calchaquí Valley is surrounded by gorgeous mountains," Menno explained, "Driving there from Salta is one of the most beautiful drives I have ever experienced." He also particularly enjoys the South American culture. "I can speak a little Spanish too, so that helps," he remarked.

After all his travels and varied life experiences, Menno said he has been, "favorably impressed" with North Dakota. "I heard a lot of horror stories about Williston... but it actually is a really neat little town full of a lot of nice people," he said. Menno gave similar praise to Horizon Resources saying, "Horizon Resources is one of the best companies I have ever worked for." Adding, "they treat their employees well, and my coworkers are excellent to work with." ■



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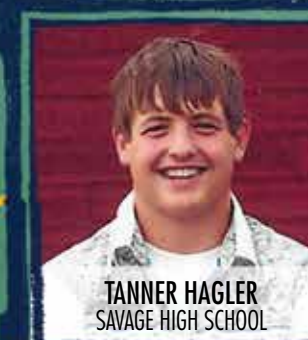
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INGREDIENTS

- Chicken Wings
- Traeger Sweet Rub
- Traeger Cajun Shake

PREPARATION

Cover wings in Traeger Sweet Rub and Traeger Cajun Shake.

Start your Traeger on smoke with the lid up for 5 minutes to start, then set to 350° or medium depending on controller, let pre-heat. Cook for 1/2 hr. ■

*Quick Ribs
(less than 3 hours)*

INGREDIENTS

- 1-3 racks baby back ribs
- 1 jar of Texas Spicy BBQ sauce
- 1 jar of Apricot sauce
- 1 jar Pork and Poultry shake

PREPARATION

Lightly sprinkle Traeger shake on the ribs...top, bottom and sides. Refrigerate overnight. Start your Traeger on smoke with lid open for 5 minutes to get started. Turn grill on high for 10 minutes, then place ribs uncovered on the grill. Cook ribs on high for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to medium for 2 hours. At 2 hours, look at the ribs and check that the meat has pulled back from the end of the bones ¼- to ½ inch and the rib color looks awesome! Mix up about ½ cup each of the Texas Spicy and Apricot BBQ sauces into a bowl. Apply liberally to the top of the ribs. Cook 15 minutes more. Place ribs in foil and place back on grill for 15 minutes, remove from grill and enjoy! ■

*Traeger Sweet
Cajun Wings*



*Roasted
Asparagus*

INGREDIENTS

- Asparagus
- Olive Oil
- Traeger Salmon Shake

PREPARATION

Coat asparagus with olive oil and salmon shake, stirring to cover all pieces. Start your Traeger on smoke with lid open for 5 minutes to get started, then turn to 350°. Place asparagus on the grill for 25 -30 minutes. Remove from grill and enjoy! ■



Recipes and photos courtesy of:
www.traegergrills.com/recipes

*Grilled Balsamic
& Blue Steak*

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ lbs. Top Round Steak
- 3 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 6 Tbsp. Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Traeger Prime Rib Rub
- 1 tsp. fresh Thyme, chopped
- 1 tsp. fresh Rosemary, chopped
- 3 cloves Garlic, minced
- 2 Red Onions, sliced ½" thick
- 2 Tomatoes, sliced ½" thick
- ¼ cup Butter, softened
- ¼ cup Blue Cheese Crumbles
- 1 clove Garlic, finely minced

PREPARATION

Add the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, Prime Rib Rub, thyme, rosemary and 3 cloves of garlic to a large bowl, whisking to combine. Place the steak in a large, plastic zipper bag. Pour the mixture over the steak, seal the bag, and marinate in the refrigerator for a minimum of 4 hours, or overnight. Remove the steak from the refrigerator 45 minutes before grilling to bring it to room temperature.

Combine the butter, blue cheese and 1 clove of garlic in a small bowl. Mix well. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

When ready to cook, start your Traeger on smoke with the lid open until the fire is established (4-5 minutes), set the temperature to High (450°F) and preheat, lid closed (10-15 minutes).

Place the steak towards the front of the grill grate for 6 minutes on each side to give it a sear, for medium rare (Place in the middle of the grill grate for a few more minutes if you prefer your steak medium or well). Remove from heat and rest for 10-15 minutes.

Brush the onion and tomato slices with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, place towards the front of the grill until they develop slight grill marks, then move them to the middle for 4 more minutes.

Slice the steak against the grain, with the grilled onions and tomatoes, a sprinkling of additional rosemary, and a dollop of blue cheese butter. Enjoy! ■



Corn on the Cob



INGREDIENTS

- 6 to 8 Ears of Corn
- Olive Oil
- Traeger Veggie Shake
- Traeger Blackened Saskatchewan Shake

PREPARATION

Lightly coat corn with mixture of olive oil, Traeger Veggie Shake and Traeger Blackened Saskatchewan. Wrap all of the corn together in foil with 1/2 cup of water. Start your Traeger on smoke with lid open for 5 minutes to get started, then turn to high. Place corn on grill for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from grill, unwrap and enjoy! ■

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