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Bakken Update - Kathleen Neset

The oil and gas industry is a very hard working and resilient enterprise that has weathered many changes over the decades from boomtimes and surges to busts and slumps. Once again, we are in a time of change and uncertainty. Today, that is marked by corporate changes in the way of mergers and acquisitions, tightening budgets due to a lowering oil price market, and the ongoing uncertainty in global markets and geopolitical events. Today’s Bakken oil activity has 35 active drilling rigs and crude oil WTI at \$60.21 per barrel. The number of frac crews is closely watched too and is currently at about 14 frac crews. The length of lateral wellbores is steadily moving from the traditional two mile laterals to three mile laterals. About 5% of the wellbores are now four mile laterals. With our current rig activity and frac crews staying at about 14 crews or slightly more, North Dakota will continue to produce about 1.1 to 1.2 million barrels of oil per day. There are challenges to this scenario and the corporate make up of companies and the impact on our workforce is a real concern. North Dakota has the most talented and reliable workforce. However, this workforce has been challenged by the mergers and acquisitions with the closest to home being the Chevron and Hess merger. As often happens, jobs are changed, positions realigned, and this results in some individuals losing their jobs. These are uncertain times in our industry – and this is an industry that is very accustomed to changing dynamics. Today we are seeing several corporate realignments and name changes. Another change can be seen in what was originally Brigham Oil and Gas many years ago, withstood several buyouts and names changes and which now proudly sports the Devon Energy flag. Mergers and acquisitions will likely continue in our Bakken and these are good to help promote and maintain a strong business. During the late 2008 to 2012 timeframe, the oil land gas industry had to realign ourselves and build in technological innovations in order to stay competitive and relevant on the global stage. A similar phenomenon is happening now from the business perspective. In order for companies to stay competitive, they must continually realign the structure to be successful and keep all of us working. This goes for smaller, local companies who must continue to adapt and do so by corporate changes on a local scale. Although change can be difficult, it generally leads to a stronger industry. But these changes impact everyday lives. These are times to stay professional and true to our work. We all must work together to assist one another through these changes and try to weather the consequences. Every worker in the field represents a family that is also in the job. It is not just the gal or the guy out working – but the family as well who contributes to the success of that worker. It’s important as we move through our fourth quarter of business and into the holiday season, that we watch out for one another and support all our fellow energy industry workers and their families. We must remember, we are the ones fueling this great nation.



Dakota Hope Clinic Director Nadia Smetana Retires After Years of Service. Mandy Crocker to Step in as New Director.

After more than nine years of leading Dakota Hope Clinic, Nadia Smetana, RN, BSN, has announced her retirement. Since her college days, Nadia dreamed of offering practical help to women facing unexpected pregnancies, a dream that became reality once her three children were grown. Under her leadership, Dakota Hope has grown to where an average of 5 new pregnant or parenting clients per week seek their help and an average of 50 clients visit each week to discuss pregnancy options with an RN, learn life and parenting skills, receive material help, or find peace and healing after situations such as abuse, a past abortion, or grief after a miscarriage. “God has truly blessed the work of Dakota Hope,” Nadia shared. “It has been an honor to be part of a ministry where the dignity of every human life is honored, and where moms and dads are given the information and support they need to make healthy, life-affirming choices for themselves and their baby. I am so grateful for all the support and encouragement from my family, especially my husband of 47 years, Paul (AKA Mr. Dakota Hope), co-workers, board members, volunteers and donors. Before becoming Director in 2016, Nadia served as Board President and was among those who helped bring the vision of a pregnancy help center in Minot to life in September 2013. With more than 50 years in nursing, she says this role has been a meaningful capstone to her career. After the transition, she plans to volunteer with Dakota Hope and enjoy more time with her family. We are pleased to announce that Mandy Crocker, BSN, RN, will be stepping into the role of Clinic Director. Mandy has been part of the Dakota Hope team for the past three years and brings more than 25 years of nursing experience, including leadership in case management, quality improvement, behavioral health, and rehabilitation. Since joining Dakota Hope, she has helped open the Tioga and Bottineau locations and provides ultrasound services across all three clinics. Mandy and her husband, Pastor Dana Crocker of Minot Home Church, have been married for 27 years and have five children, three of whom were adopted. “It’s an incredible honor to continue the work Nadia helped start,” Mandy shared. “Dakota Hope is more than a clinic; it’s a ministry that walks alongside people with love and truth.” Nadia expressed confidence in the transition, saying: “Dakota Hope will be in good hands with Mandy as the new Clinic Director. She and I will work together for a time to ensure a smooth transition. Because unexpected pregnancy continues to affect many families, the work of Dakota Hope is needed now more than ever. I hope everyone continues to pray for and support Dakota Hope and Mandy as she takes on this leadership role.” Ricky Aberle, President of the Dakota Hope Board of Directors joins in expressing deep gratitude and encouragement: “As a Board, we thank Nadia for her faithful service and leadership. We have great confidence that, with Mandy at the helm, many lives will continue to be saved and changed through the ministry of Dakota Hope.” Since 2013, Dakota Hope Clinic, a nonprofit organization governed by a local volunteer Board of Directors has served the Minot community and expanded its life-affirming support to rural areas across North Dakota. The pregnancy and parenting services are provided free of charge and they do not accept government money, so they rely on the generosity of donors to keep the doors open. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and partnership as we move forward in this new chapter of ministry.

















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| A Little Chuckle | | Did you know? | | |
| What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede? Drumsticks for everyone! | | November’s full moon is traditionally called a beaver moon. | | |
| Save the Dates! | | | | |
| <div><div>• Nov 21: WEVSC Turkey Bingo, Community Center</div><div>• Dec 4: Magical Medora Christmas, Community Center</div><div>• Dec 6: Magical Mainstreet Christmas, Main Street Tioga</div><div>• Dec 12: EDC/TMC: A Night for Tioga. Community Center</div></div> | | | | |
| <div><div>GameDay Media: What started as a dream has become a reality - Randy Pederson</div><div>What started as a dream has become a reality for Randy and David Pederson. GameDay Media was built on a simple but powerful vision shared by the father-son duo — to promote local athletes and keep communities connected to their favorite teams. What started as a local broadcasting effort has grown into a trusted source for high school sports coverage across Northwest North Dakota. Since the fall of 2023 when the first live stream was produced, GameDay Media has produced 300+ livestreams, and now total 575,000 views. And now they have expanded into the Watford City market with even more coverage.</div><div><div></div><div>GameDay Media brings the excitement of football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, and even wrestling to fans near and far. Whether it’s a packed gym or a chilly Friday night under the lights, their broadcasts capture the spirit, energy, and pride of small-town sports. Thanks to the generous support of local businesses and individual sponsors, GameDay Media can cover on-air talent, production, and travel expenses — ensuring that families, alumni, and fans never miss a moment. Through dedication, community support, and a shared love of the game, GameDay Media continues to unite northwest North Dakota through the power of local sports.</div></div></div> | | | | |
| <div><div>The Clothes Closet offers winter gear for children and so much more - Veronica McGinnity</div><div>With winter fast approaching the Clothes Closet is the place to go. If you are new to our area and not use to our winters, the Clothes Closet offers FREE winter gear to all children through the age of 18. They also have adult gear at a very low cost. Hours are now every Tuesday from 1-6. (Previously Mondays) They not only have winter gear they have clothes from newborn-adult. Absolutely everyone in the community is welcome to come shop and donate. All donations are welcome. There is also an upstairs where people can purchase household items. Such as pans, appliances, and dishes. Pretty much anything and everything you can think of. Sometimes there are even larger items such as couches, recliners, tables etc. Perfect for someone starting out. The 6 people who work at The Clothes Closet are a group of dedicated volunteers. They do not get paid for all the hours they work. They not only work on Tuesdays but they come in other times during the week to sort and organize all the wonderful items our community donates. All proceeds go to buying new winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens every year to make sure no child in the community goes without. So if you love a good rummage sale come check out the Clothes Closet here in Tioga. Located in the old Zion church basement on Main street across from the grade school. They look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays!</div></div> | | | | |
| Small Business Spotlight - O. Theone Boutique | | | | |
| <div><div>It’s our favorite time of year at O. Theone! - Haley Alberts</div><div>O. Theone Boutique opened its big store doors in 2020 after starting out for a couple years in one of the EDC’s little shops on Main Street. We offer women’s clothing and accessories, unique gift ideas, and Pirates gear which you can drop in and pick up on game day! The holiday season is the best time to stop into O. Theone! Our 5th annual “Shop the Halls at O. Theone” event will be held on November 23rd from 3:00-6:00! Be the first to shop our unique holiday decor, gifts, and our LARGE selection of Christmas tees & sweatshirts! Get in the holiday spirit with us and enjoy the festive Christmas vibes, holiday gift inspiration, and plenty of chances to find something special. We even have several one day only exclusive specials and deals! This is our favorite day of the year so come spend an afternoon of shopping & mingling with us! The following week we’ll be celebrating Small Business Saturday with new specials and our hot cocoa bar that’s always a hit, so make sure to write a note on your calendar to head downtown and support your small businesses! From game days to holidays to everyday comfy wear; O. Theone Boutique has something for every occasion. We’re proud to be in business in Tioga and are so incredibly thankful to all our customers for making our big dreams come true in our hometown!</div><div><div><div>Open Wednesday - Saturday 10 1st Street NW, Tioga ND 58852 Or Shop 24/7 at shopotheone.com</div><div></div><div>Follow O. Theone on Facebook for more details on events, hours, and all the new things that come to O. Theone</div></div></div></div> | | | | |
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