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Dry cleaner coming to Dickinson

Permit approved for Paradise Dry Cleaning and Laundry

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Ever since Dickinson's lone dry-cleaning service, Excel Cleaners, closed two years ago, well-dressed residents have had to go to great lengths — often as far as Bismarck — to keep their shirts starched and their pants pressed.

But the city could have another facility before the end of the year, after the Dickinson Planning and Zoning Commission approved a special use permit Wednesday for the tentatively named Paradise Dry Cleaning and Laundry.

Community Development Director Ed Courton told commissioners he strongly supported the business's request for a permit.

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A rendering shows the planned Paradise Dry Cleaning and Laundry, to be located in the former Sears building on the 1800 block of Sixth Avenue West. Dickinson's only dry-cleaning facility could be open as early as November.



Laine Officer

Missing woman from Killdeer has been found in Mercer County.

Woman that was missing discovered Mercer Co.

By The Press Staff

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The Dunn County Sheriff's Office has found the Killdeer woman who had been missing since Saturday.

Laine Craine Officer, 31, was located Thursday afternoon, the office confirmed. She is alive and well.

Dunn County Deputy Sheriff Kyle Grove said Officer checked herself into the emergency room at Saka-kawea Medical Center in Hazen after she was found in Mercer County.

Laine's husband, Jeremy Officer,

MISSING/A4

Sanford to launch air service base in Dickinson

By April Baumgarten

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A day after Spirit Lifeline pulled out of Dickinson, another medical air service hopes to take its place.

Bismarck-based Sanford AirMed announced Thursday that it plans to establish a base in Dickinson by late fall, according to a press release. The oil boom city will be home to a Sanford King Air B200 fixed-wing aircraft, along with a team of flight paramedics, flight nurses pilots and mechanics.

"One year ago, Sanford delivered on its merger promise by expanding Sanford AirMed services to Bismarck," said Dr. Craig Lambrecht, president of Sanford Health Bismarck. "This is a continuation of Sanford's commitment to serve people in our region by expanding air transport services in Dickinson and western North Dakota. It's really a very positive move for the people of this region."

Med-Trans, the parent company of Spirit Lifeline, announced Wednesday

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Press Photo by Mike Hricik

Performer Quintana Biffert-Linseth of Halliday sings at the sixth annual Bakken Rocks CookFest in Dunn Center on Thursday.

North Dakota officials project Bakken production through 2100

By Mike Hricik

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DUNN CENTER — The boom is here to stay. The North Dakota Industrial Commission projects that oil development in the Bakken will last at least five generations — with production lasting through 2100 and beyond.

Lynn Helms, director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, spoke about the state's biggest industry at the sixth annual

Bakken Rocks CookFest here on Thursday afternoon.

"Your grandchildren's children will be sitting in these chairs," Helms said at the informational session.

The commission also predicts that oil development will stay level through 2025, hovering slightly above 1 million barrels of production every day, Helms said.

By 2100, Helms estimated that 100,000 barrels of oil would be produced per day.

If new technology allows more oil to be extracted from Bakken shale and more investment floods to the state, that trend might last even longer, he said.

For instance, six more oil-rich layers of rock exist below the Bakken shale, which is only now being tapped, Helms said. Tapping into these layers may drive development operations east from the state's current oil-producing counties.

BAKKEN/A5

Malaysian airline downed in Ukraine war zone

295 killed after plane was 'blown out of the sky'

By Anton Zverev

Reuters

HRABOVE, Ukraine — A Malaysian airliner was brought down in eastern Ukraine on Thursday, killing all 295 people aboard and sharply raising the stakes in a conflict between Kiev and pro-Moscow rebels that has set Rus-

sia and the West at daggers drawn.

As the United States said the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was "blown out of the sky," probably by a ground-launched missile, Ukraine and Russia traded accusations of blame, cranking up global pressure for a way out of a bloody local conflict that risks fueling a new Cold War.

Ukraine accused pro-Moscow militants, aided by Russian military intelligence offi-

cers, of firing a long-range, Soviet-era SA-11 ground-to-air missile. Leaders of the rebel Donetsk People's Republic denied any involvement and said a Ukrainian air force jet had brought down the intercontinental flight.

But separatists have said that they took control of such a missile system last month and had used it to shoot down a Ukrainian military transport plane that was destroyed on Monday.

The scale of the disaster,

which left scores of unsuspecting foreigners, adults and children, strewn lifeless across the muddy Ukrainian steppe, could prove a turning point for international pressure to resolve the crisis. It has killed hundreds in since protests toppled the Moscow-backed president in Kiev in February and Russia annexed the Crimea a month later.

The United Nations Security Council plans an emergency meeting on Ukraine on Friday, diplomats said. U.N. Secre-

tary-General Ban Ki-moon urged a full international investigation.

Reuters journalists saw burning and charred wreckage bearing the red and blue Malaysia insignia and dozens of bodies strewn in fields near the village of Hrabove, 25 miles from the Russian border near the rebel-held regional capital of Donetsk.

More than half of the dead, 154 people, were Dutch. Another 27 were Australian, 23 were Americans and 23 Malaysian.

The Ukrainian government, condemning an act of "terrorism," released recordings it said were of Russian intelligence officers discussing the shooting down of a civilian airliner by rebels who may have mistaken it for a Ukrainian military plane.

Russian President Vladimir Putin pinned the blame on Kiev for renewing its offensive against the rebels two weeks ago after a ceasefire failed to hold. The Kremlin

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"This is one use in this community that we desperately need," Courton said.

Paradise is the latest venture from The Fisher Group, which already manages several business, including restaurants, liquor stores and a truck stop.

"We've talked about it for the last two years," said Dave Bren, a partner with Fisher Group. "We hear everybody talking, 'We could use this, we could use that.' We're really pushing to make this happen."

The partners closed on the former Sears building on July 7 — the department store has a new home in the T-Rex Plaza — and plan to start renovations to the building as soon as they receive a demolition permit, which Fisher Group President Mike Fisher said he expects will come within the next couple of weeks.

The 6,000 square-foot building will feature drop-off laundry service to "target mancamps," Bren said, an alterations fitting room and a canopy-covered drive-thru window. The business will also offer a delivery service within a 50-mile radius.

But what could most set the business apart will be its use of non-hazardous chemicals, in line with the trend of eco-friendly dry-cleaners across the country.

"That was a goal from the beginning," Fisher said. "It's planet-friendly."

The green service will be slightly more expensive than traditional dry-cleaning, but Fisher said "the benefits definitely outweigh a little bit more of a cost."

Fisher and his partners worked with a dry-cleaning consultant who specializes in building eco-friendly facilities around the country, said GT Architecture associated Jared Twogood.

"That's a huge benefit," he said. "Without a doubt they want to go that route."

Twogood has been working on the project for about three months and said the exterior design is "pretty well squared away." He is currently working with engineers to finalize drawings for approval from the city.

"It's definitely a very tight schedule," he said. "And the owner would like to get it moving as quickly as possible, and get it up and running."

Bren noted that the team is on an "aggressive schedule," with an anticipated opening in November or December.

He said that a nationwide blind job ad went out earlier this year. He hopes to have general manager candidates ready by the end of July. Hiring for equipment operators and other positions will be made closer to opening.

After two years with no dry-cleaning service within a 100-mile radius, Fisher said he expects the Dickinson will be receptive to newcomer Paradise.

"It's been long overdue in Dickinson," he said, "and we hope the community backs it up."



Photo by Kevin Cederstrom/special to Forum News Service

Protesters of the visit by a leader of the National Socialist Movement march in Leith, where members of the NSM held a town hall meeting on Sept. 22.

Leith mayor: Celebration isn't about Cobb

White supremacist says he may not stay in his new home for too long

By Mike Nowatzki
Forum News Service

BISMARCK — When organizers approached the Leith City Council last spring about a 105th anniversary celebration for the small town beleaguered by white supremacist Craig Cobb, council members wanted one assurance.

"Nobody wanted it to be about Cobb," organizer Peggy Arndt recalled. "You know, back of your mind, it is. He's never going away. But we never wanted it to be about him."

So, when former Leith residents and others descend Saturday and Sunday on the Grant County hamlet, Mayor Ryan Schock said there will be no formal acknowledgement of Cobb, his failed plan to turn the town into an all-white enclave or the terrorizing incident last November that landed him in jail and ultimately on four years of supervised probation.

"We're not even going to try to bring the thing up," Schock said.

Cobb was sentenced in April after pleading guilty to one felony terrorizing charge and five misdemeanor menacing charges in connection

with four incidents in Leith, including an armed patrol of property he had purchased with hopes of attracting like-minded people to help take over the town's government.

The 62-year-old Cobb recently moved to Sherwood, a city of about 240 people near the Canadian border, about a 220-mile drive north of Leith.

"I still have all my same beliefs, but I'd like to be left alone," Cobb said in a phone interview Thursday.

Cobb is prohibited from leaving North Dakota without permission from his probation officer, and the state of Missouri has denied his request to serve out his probation there.

The terms of his probation also require him to seek and maintain employment or get schooling to help him find a job. He said he hasn't tried to find a job yet, adding, "I'm pretty sure that they won't hire me."

"My job right now is literally real estate investment, because I can flip this house and move somewhere else," he said, adding he also may just enroll in school online.

Schock said 200 to 500 people are expected to attend the two-day celebration in Leith, a town of about 20 people. He said he is hoping for a turnout of 300 people, which would rival the crowd that descended on Leith last September to protest National Socialist Movement Commander Jeff Schoep's visit there in support of Cobb.

Arndt, who lives in Flasher but grew up on a

farm south of Leith and considers it her hometown, said she and her sister, Judy Roth, started talking last summer — before Cobb's intentions became public — about having a family reunion or celebration in Leith. Even though the town marked its centennial just five years ago, many of its older former residents are passing away, "so we thought if we're going to do something, we have to do it pretty soon or they'll all be gone," she said.

The Cobb ordeal provided additional motivation. "At the time, we thought the town needs something happy for a change," she said.

The celebration kicks off with a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday and will also feature a street fair, ethnic foods, a craft show, Native American dancers and live music to cap off each day's events. A display in the community center will highlight the town's history.

Schock said the nine buildings in Leith that were dilapidated or condemned by health officials have been demolished in recent months, including the former creamery building that Cobb deeded to Schoep. Swastikas and racist themes that had been painted on trees and buildings around Cobb's former residence were either painted over or ripped down, Schock said.

"We've got the town nice and cleaned up now, and things are kind of back to normal. I think it's a good way to put an end to it all," he said of the celebration.

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