

THE NEW WAVE

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RURAL WATER UPDATE

(Editor's Note) Missouri River water is one it's way to Medicine Lake! As the town converts to this new system there will be several changes and projects surrounding it's implementation. Hopefully this update will help you to answer questions you might have.

DPRW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the pipeline from Culbertson to Medicine Lake is on schedule and rapidly nearing completion. The main pipeline to Medicine Lake should be finished by the first week of August. The next phase will be to dig service lines to accommodate the towns of Froid and Medicine Lake, as well as residences along the pipeline. This final phase will probably take most of the month of August.

TOWN OF MEDICINE LAKE PREPARES FOR RURAL WATER.

As the pipeline nears completion, the Town of Medicine Lake has been busy preparing for it's arrival. We have begun repair and replacement of any curb stops that leak or are non-functional. Several large water meter customers will be downsized from 2" to 1" meters soon, and the town is preparing to make those conversions.

Recently we had the entire town "leak tested" by a firm from Lewistown. The latest technology was used to find any possible leaks in our distribution system. We are pleased to say that no leaks were found.

In August or early September we will have the water tower cleaned. At that time we will begin a week of MAJOR water line flushing. The town's water system holds many gallons of water within it's water tower and main lines. It will take some time to replace that water with the new rural water. We will be making changes in rates when the new water is in our system.

Again the new base rate is \$22.82 per month plus \$2.83 per 1000 gal. usage. If you have questions or would like us to compare the new rate to your present one, stop by the clerk's office.

DATE IS SET FOR NEW WATER TO BEGIN SERVING MEDICINE LAKE.

The date has been tentatively set for when Medicine Lake will begin using the rural water pipeline. Right now that date is Sept. 8th. If construction remains on schedule, this date should be fairly close. At that time, DPRW will begin mingling with our present water, and eventually replace it. It may take several weeks to completely replace the “old” water in town and residential lines.

When we do make the switch, I remind you that it will take some time for the old water to be worked out of your, and the town’s water system. Water heaters, softeners, water lines, toilets, heater systems, all have a considerable amount of water in them. Once the new water arrives, you will need to flush your own lines to remove it. Again, if you need information on this, see the clerk or mayor.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR RURAL PIPELINE IS AUGUST 24TH.

On August 24, 2004 a special ceremony will be held in Medicine Lake to mark the completion (almost) of the Dry Prairie Rural Water System. Several state dignitaries will be on hand to celebrate this event. Sen. Conrad Burns, Congressman Denny Rehberg, Lt. Gov. Karl Ohs, as well as local and regional mayors and board members will be on hand to mark this historic event. This will be a BIG DAY for the Town of Medicine Lake! I encourage everyone to make plans to attend. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place next to Mike and Debbie Hendrickson’s house and a lunch will be served at the fire hall following the program. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m..

CITY APPLIES FOR STREET NAME CHANGE.

The Town of Medicine Lake has applied to the county planning board to change the name of “Harvest Road” to “Charlesworth Avenue” in honor of Lucy Smith. A petition was presented to the Planning Board and the motion made to make that change. Residents on Harvest Road will be contacted as asked for their approval. This will be a lasting tribute to a wonderful supporter of the town and it’s people, Lucy Smith.

If you have further questions about the new water system, please feel free to see the clerk or the Mayor.

Until later,

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