



## Nemont BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### GIVING PEAS A CHANCE

East of Williston, business is brisk at United Pulse Trading (UPT). Although the company calls a large building just over the railroad tracks home, it is actually part of a much bigger picture. United Pulse Trading was started in April of 2007. Its parent company, Alliance Grain Traders, is a publically traded company on the Toronto Stock Exchange (symbol TSX:AGT).

Alliance is a worldwide leader in value-added processing, which refers to the process of taking raw products and preparing them for human consumption. The company has 12 plants in Canada, six in Turkey, and one in Australia. Their Williston location is the only plant they operate in the United States. Alliance and its subsidiaries supply red split lentils, red football lentils, whole lentils, peas, split peas, chickpeas, dry beans, canary seeds, bulgur and pasta. The Williston plant processes high quality split peas, whole peas, lentils and split lentils.

UPT pulls crops from a 200 mile radius around Williston. After the raw material is cleaned,

“Pulse” refers to crops harvested solely for their dry grain. Pulse crops produce one or more grains within a pod and are used for food and animal feed. Vegetables such as green beans are not included in the pulse category. Plants grown mainly for their oils such as peanuts are also excluded. Pulses are appreciated for their high protein content. They also restore nitrogen which more traditional crops strip out of the soil.

The word “pulse” is latin for “thick soup.” To this day, thick soups made of peas, lentils or beans are winter staples.



Two combines unload nearly 300 bushels of lentils apiece. Below, a bumper sticker produced by Williston Economic Development helps educate readers about Williston area agriculture.

**Give PEAS a chance!**

Williston  
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passed through a color sorter and made ready for human consumption, the crops are sent to both United States markets and exported worldwide. The majority is shipped out by the BNSF railroad with remainder shipped by truck to domestic customers.

Pulse production in the Williston region has grown tremendously the past 10 years. UPT processed over 75,000 metric tons of peas and lentils last year alone.

“Williston is the epicenter of pulse

crop production in the United States,” commented Eric Bartsch, UPT’s Bismarck-based General Manager. “A presence in Williston is the key to United Pulse Trading’s business strategy.”

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## SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

Nemont and several affiliated organizations offer scholarship opportunities. Read on to discover four scholarships you or your family members may be eligible for.

**Nemont** offers six \$1000 scholarships for students attending an accredited university, vo-tech or trade school. Nemont subscribers and their dependents may apply for a one-time scholarship. Applications will be evaluated on school and community involvement, appearance of application and grade point average. Applications are due April 1, 2009. Download yours today at [www.nemont.net](http://www.nemont.net)!

**The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS)** offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. In May of 2010, FRS will award thirty \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors across the United States. Awards are granted to students sponsored by a National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) member company such as Nemont. If your family is a Nemont customer and you are a high school senior, you are strongly encouraged to apply. Visit the Youth Outreach section on the right side of the FRS website ([www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org)) to get more information and download your application, or contact FRS at 703-351-2026 or [foundation@frs.org](mailto:foundation@frs.org).

Scholarships are also available to North Dakota students with a specific interest in Electronics and Telecommunications.

**Telephone Apprenticeship Telephone & Safety** (Telephone AT&S) administers the Prairie States Plan Managers Group Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. This scholarship will be awarded to a North Dakota high school graduate for a two-year Electronics or Telecommunications/Electronics program or course of study at a college in North Dakota or Wadena College in Minnesota. Applications will be reviewed for selection by AT&S staff and Board of Directors. Visit [www.telephone-ats.com](http://www.telephone-ats.com) for more information.

**The North Dakota Community Foundation** administers the Reuben T. Guenther Scholarship, given in memory of a North Dakota leader in career and technical education. One scholarship of \$400 will be awarded for the 2010-2011 school year.

Applicants must be graduating seniors from a North Dakota high school in 2010 and have completed one or more career and technical education courses. To receive the scholarship, the winner must enroll in a North Dakota public post-secondary institution as a full-time student in a career and technical education program of two years or less. Visit [www.nd.gov/cte/students/scholarships.html](http://www.nd.gov/cte/students/scholarships.html) for complete details.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Do you think a career in the cutting-edge telecommunications industry might be for you? Get a sneak peak at the opportunities available during the Electronics Telecommunications Academy at Bismarck State College June 6-11.

This program gives high school sophomores and juniors a chance to preview a variety of high-tech, well-paid occupations in the telecommunications field and get hands-on experience in classroom and worksite settings. Nemont is a sponsor of this program.

Nemont is offering sponsorship opportunities to two interested students, which will include room and board at Bismarck State College, round trip reimbursement for mileage and a \$125 stipend, awarded upon completion of the program. In addition, three \$1000 Electronics/Telecommunications scholarships will be awarded to Academy students who wish to pursue a career in Electronics/Telecommunications, through Bismarck State College.

For more information and to download and application, go to <http://www.telephone-ats.com/academy>. Applications are due by April 9, 2010, to Academy Coordinator Tammy Heick in Bismarck, North Dakota. For more information regarding the Electronics Telecommunications Academy, contact your school counselor or Tammy Heick, Electronics Telecommunication Academy Coordinator, at 701-250-7911 or [theick@telephone-ats.com](mailto:theick@telephone-ats.com).

## HARD SPRING WHEAT SHOW JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The National Hard Spring Wheat Show takes place February 1-3 this year at the Airport International Inn. The 2010 event will be the 57th in the Wheat Show's history.

Events kick off with the 28th Annual Bread Fair. The popular event gives approximately 300 area fifth-graders a hands-on opportunity to make bread from scratch with donated products from area producers.

This year's featured speaker is Dr. Ron Hanson of the University of Nebraska with a message for the entire farm production crew, including labor. His presentation addresses how all members of the farm operation can strive for common goals and be most effective as a team. Don't miss the February 2 luncheon

for his humorous presentation "The Unspoken Words."

The 2010 Wheat Show also features many speakers addressing the modern farm operation's bottom-line. Topics include "Improving Soil Health" such as Natural Resource Conservation Service employee Jon Stika on February 2 and "Today's Diesel" by Cenex Harvest State's Kyle Wolf and Brent Anderson on February 3.

Stop by the Airport International Inn February 1-3 and enjoy good company, the annual photo contest, crop show, timely



*Fifth-graders at the 2009 Bread Fair mix dough. The annual event is held in conjunction with the National Hard Spring Wheat Show.*

*-photo courtesy of NDSU Extension Service/Williams County*

agricultural presentations and more at the 2010 National Hard Spring Wheat Show. Visit [www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension) and click on 57th Annual Hard Spring Wheat Show for more information.



*The Everyday Items Drive at Nemont was a great success. From left, Sara Bustad, Community Action Partnership; Sabrina Ramey, Nemont; and Deeann Long with Community Action Partnership get ready to pack up donations collected during the drive. Thanks to all who donated!*

## EVERYDAY ITEMS DRIVE IN REVIEW

Nemont and Community Action Partnership (CAP) paired up this holiday season to bring basic necessities to those in need.

During the week of December 14-18, Williston residents dropped off a wide range of personal care items such as shampoo, dish soap, deodorant, tooth paste and paper towels at the Nemont office at 421 Main. While there are a number of food drives every year, non-consumables are often left off the wish list, and cannot be purchased through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as the food stamp program). Over 400 items were donated during the weeklong "Everyday Items" drive.

"There are so many people struggling to make their rent and other obligations," commented Deeann Long, CAP. "These basic items are things we take for granted but are out of reach for many people we aim to help." CAP will distribute the donated items to families and individuals who need them.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area events are listed free of charge. Submit your events by the 15th of February so that they may appear in the March/April issue. Send to: P.O. Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600, Attention: Community Calendar or e-mail to [nemonttoday@nemont.coop](mailto:nemonttoday@nemont.coop).

### January 26-28

Mercy Auxiliary Wholesale Framed Art Sale, Mercy Hospital McAuley Room, Williston. 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Proceeds go towards purchasing hospital equipment.

### February 1-3

National Hard Spring Wheat Show and Bread Fair, Airport International Inn. Keynote speaker is Dr. Ron Hanson, who will present information on farm and ranch family communications including farm transition issues and multi-generations working together. For more information, go to <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension>.

### February 11-15

Entertainment Inc! presents "Dial M For Murder," Old Armory. The story of a former tennis pro who plots to kill his wife after learning of her infidelity, this murder mystery will keep you on the edge of your seat! 701-577-3179.

### February 14

2nd Sunday at the James, James Memorial Art Center. Barb Lind and Rhonda Bartlette perform at 3 p.m. \$5 covers entertainment & dessert served with coffee or tea at intermission. 701-774-3601.

### February 20

10th Annual UMM Ice Fishing Derby, Upper Missouri Ministries camp. Cash prizes and more will be given out. [www.campumm.org](http://www.campumm.org) or 701-859-4181.

### February 24

Nemont Night at Williston State College. Join us for college basketball, prizes shot out of the air cannon and lots of "Game Show" themed activities.

### March 14

2nd Sunday at the James, James Memorial Art Center. Alanna Morin performs at 3 p.m. \$5 covers entertainment & dessert served with coffee or tea at intermission. 701-774-3601.

### March 19-20

Craft Country Spring Arts and Crafts, Airport International Inn. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. There will be over 140 tables of crafts from a five state area. 701-774-9091.

## JOIN US FOR NEMONT NIGHT

Nemont will once again be sponsoring a night at The Well at Williston State College. Join us on February 24 for an exciting lineup of Women's and Men's basketball against Dawson Community College during a "Game Show Night" themed evening.

Nemont will be shooting prizes out of the air cannon during the Men's game and WSC Student Life plans to involve the audience with several game show activities. Don't miss the fun!

## AVAILABLE ONLINE

The newest directory listings are now available online. Instead of waiting for the new telephone book to come out, this reference information can be accessed at the Nemont website. Visit [www.nemont.net](http://www.nemont.net) and click the "Online Directory" link on the front page in the lower right hand corner.



## WORKING ON WIRELESS

Nemont had a busy year expanding and maintaining our cellular network. In June, Nemont worked with Northwest Communications Cooperative (NCC) based in Ray, North Dakota, to activate North Dakota sites. These included two in the Crosby area and towers in Noonan, Wildrose, Alamo, and at 13 Mile Corner near Williston.

Nemont's Saco site and the site at Downstream Campground near Fort Peck Lake received upgrades to improve existing coverage in July and August. Antennas were reconfigured on the tower near Outlook to improve existing coverage in October.

In south central Montana, three new cell sites were turned up in the middle of October. These new towers cover areas in and around Ft. Smith, St. Xavier, and Willow Creek.

In January, Nemont activated a tower near Whitetail, a community about seven miles south of the Canadian border in northeast Montana.

If you are interested in finding out how you can get a competitive nationwide plan with the best local coverage available, contact Nemont at 1-800-636-6680.



*Workers assemble a cell tower near Peerless in this 2007 file photo. Cell site construction often continues into the winter months.*

## CELL PHONE CLASSES OFFERED

Nemont offers free hands-on classes for senior citizens on how to use a Nemont cell phone. Any size group is eligible to participate.

"It can even be two or three people," commented Nemont employee Gregg Hunter, who helps with the classes. "It does not have to be a large group."

Basic cell phone use is taught and classes are customized to attendees. Many individuals have specific tasks they would like explained. Some of the most popular requests include entering contact information to the address book, setting up a voice mail message and retrieving voice mails, basic texting and sending picture messages. "We help with whatever the class feels they need assistance with," confirmed Gregg.



*Nemont employee Gregg Hunter, left, assists two ladies during a cell phone class at the Nashua Senior Citizens Center last fall.*

Would you like to find out more about a cell phone class? Contact Nemont at 1-800-636-6680.

## GIVING PEAS A CHANCE

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Peas and lentils are a high-value cash crop. In addition, farmers have found rotating pulse products such as peas and lentils with their other crops restores the nitrogen content in the soil. United Pulse Trading in Williston is a convenient, regional location for area producers to market their pulse crops.

Nemont plays a small part in UPT's success. The Internet connection is used to exchange information with the Bismarck office and corporate headquarters in Regina, Saskatchewan.

"Nemont is critical to our company," confirmed Eric. "They provide us with high quality communication tools that allow our company to be successful on a day-to-day basis."

Looking toward the future, UPT continues to think big. The company is currently adding on a 36,000 square foot warehouse to their current facility in order to ramp up production.

"The city and state have been extremely helpful in our expansion projects," commented Williston Operations Manager Brion Norby. "We are looking forward to a great year."

# Nemont Today

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## WIN A \$25 CREDIT!

Fill out this official entry form and drop it by one of our offices or mail it by February 15, 2009, to PO Box 600, Scobey, MT 59263-0600. Attn: Drawing. Faxed, duplicated, e-mailed or photocopied entries will not be accepted. Winners will be contacted by phone and listed in the March/April issue.

### \$25 CREDIT OFFICIAL ENTRY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Nov/Dec \$25.00 Winners

Edwin Engebretson  
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Troy Twete  
Williston

Bob Brown  
Fishtail

Marc Shaules  
Ballantine

Morlowe Onstad  
Westby

B. Meyer Baau  
Plentywood

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES



**Carolyn Rees**  
Customer Service Specialist  
Glasgow



**Mary Werner**  
Customer Service Specialist  
Poplar

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8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Glasgow, MT  
702 2 Ave S, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Poplar, MT  
212 2nd Ave W, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Scobey, MT  
61 Hwy 13 S, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

Williston, ND  
421 Main, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CST Mon-Fri

Wolf Point, MT  
220 Benton St, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

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