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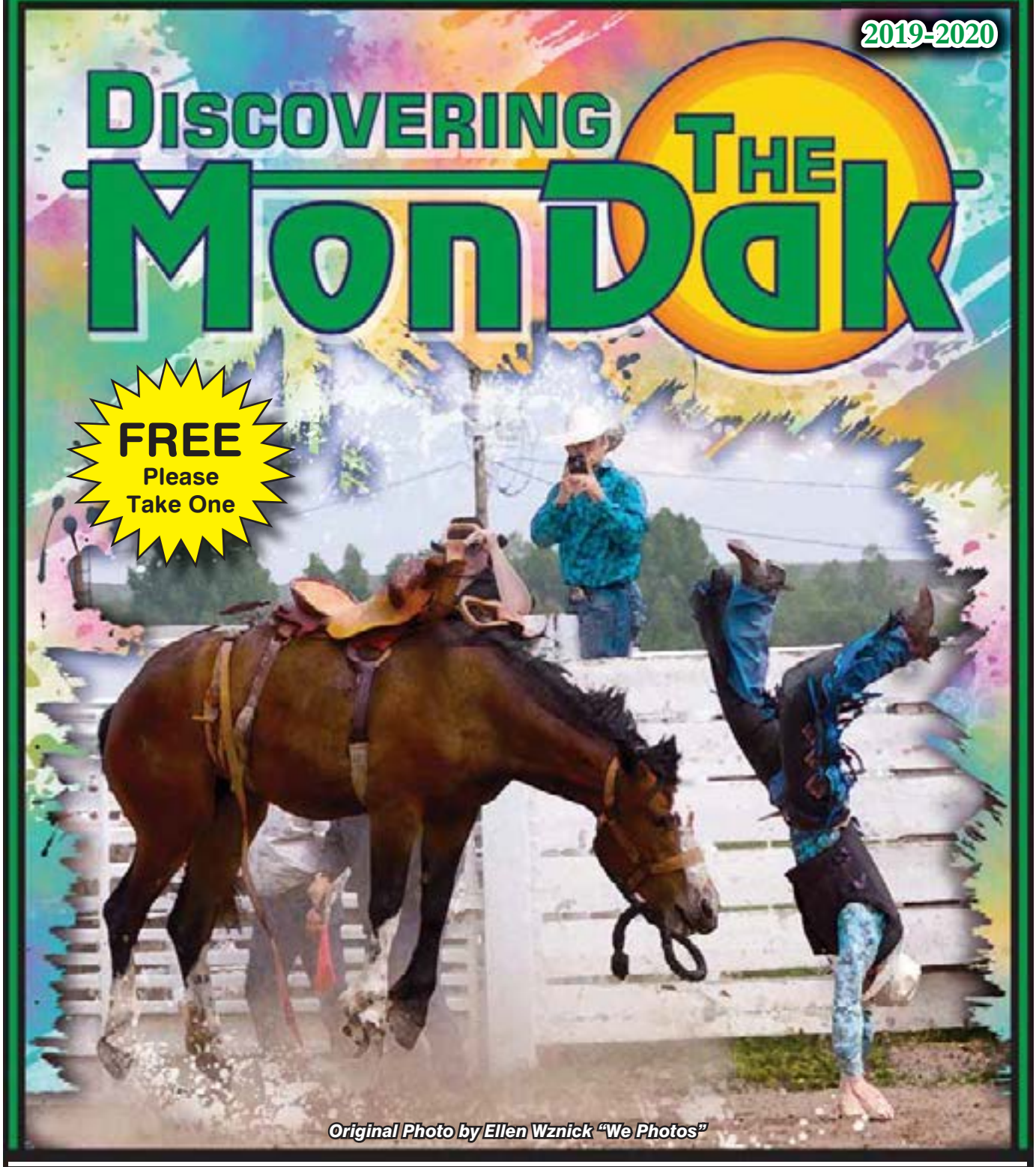

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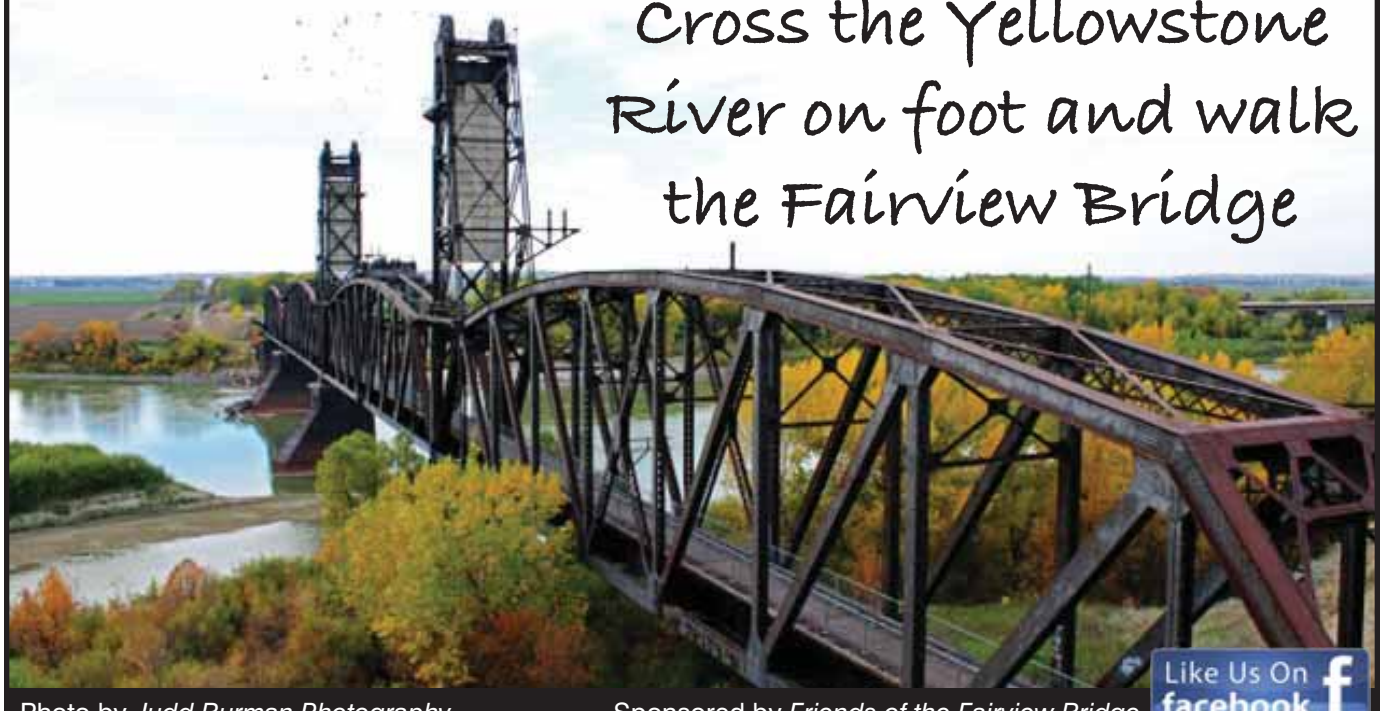

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If you are looking for a location that is rich in history, adventure and agriculture, Sidney, Montana and the MonDak area have plenty to offer visitors.

By making just a short drive across the North Dakota border, visitors can observe the treasures of Fort Union and Fort Buford. During the 1800s, Fort Union was the key fur trade post on the Upper Missouri River. There were more than 25,000 buffalo robes and $100,000 worth of items traded annually at Fort Union. During the middle of June each year, June 13-16, 2019, Fort Union's extremely popular Rendezvous takes place, which features a variety of period arts, crafts and music. Fort Buford, meanwhile, offers remnants of a frontier military post built in 1866. Fort Buford still features a stone powder magazine, the post cemetery site and large officers' quarters. Just a mile east of Fort Buford is the extremely informative Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center that provides the history of the confluence. Visitors can enjoy the same fantastic view at the rivers that the Lewis and Clark Expedition experienced in 1805-1806.

As far as adventure, few places in the United States offer the abundance of wildlife than can be seen in the MonDak area. The region is one of the few places in the entire world that can call paddlefish home. The ancient fish, a close relative of sturgeons, can be identified by the long paddle-like snout, long, tapered gill covers and the backbone bent up into the upper lobe of the tail fin.

The Sidney community welcomes you warmly to our home and invites you to relax and enjoy our many treasures in our city. Despite our remote area, you can find your favorite chain restaurants as well as numerous local restaurants, which have delighted the taste buds of our residents and visitors for years. Our restaurants are known for serving the best steaks and pizza in the region, but you can also find Chinese restaurants, Mexican restaurants and sushi in our area.

Sidney's downtown area features a great variety of shops whether you're looking for the latest in women's clothing, automobiles, furniture, jewelry or boutique items.

Again, welcome to Sidney. Hope you will enjoy your stay!

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, including the Sidney Visitors Information Center, is located at 909 S. Central Ave. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. To contact the Chamber, call 406-433-1916 or email info.chamber@sidneymt.com. You are also encouraged to check out www.sidneymt.com.

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MonDak Heritage Center

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J.K. Ralston's Buffalo Crossing the Missouri painted in 1931. This painting hung in the Richland County Courthouse from 1931 to 2006, when Richland County loaned it to MDHC for repair and restoration caused by water damage and age. Conservators completed restoration work in 2007.

The MonDak Heritage Center (MDHC) is Eastern Montana's premier museum! With a mission to engage, educate, and inspire our community by preserving and contributing to the area's arts, culture, and heritage, MDHC offers many unique activities, experiences, and resources for local residents and visitors of all ages.

The museum features multiple exhibit galleries showcasing regional and national traveling exhibitions and annual art shows. The annual shows include: the Youth Art Show in March highlighting works from local students; the Quilt and Needlework Show in September full of vibrant colors and amazing designs; and the Miniature Art Show in November-January drawing entries in tiny scale from the across the country.

MDHC also features the MonDak "Main Street" history exhibit. Go back in time, and experience Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota through stories, artifacts, and photographs highlighting local culture, work, and life in the area while strolling down "Main Street." Highlights include replicas of Sidney National Bank and the Dore, North Dakota Post Office, a homestead shack, train depot, doctor's office, saddle shop, and other displays.

The MonDak offers resources and opportunities for researchers and genealogists to discover new stories. The MDHC permanent collection consists of local and regional art, including early works of famed western artist J. K. Ralston. And the MDHC archives and Lillian Anderson Jensen Memorial Library house an extensive collection of manuscripts, photographs, newspapers, and other historical resources.

As the arts and cultural center of the region, MDHC offers musical experiences and the opportunity for hands-on engagement with arts and history. Notable programs include: youth art camps and after-school activities; art classes for children and adults ranging from wheel-throwing to glass fusion; living history talks and humanities programs; February's Celebrating Chocolate fundraiser and concert; special spring and summer events; the Oktoberfest celebration of music and beer; and MonDak Christmas in December.

Plus, the MDHC gift shop sells a variety of unique and interesting items from local artists, jewelers, and authors! It is THE place to find the perfect gift for friends, family, or yourself.

Admission is FREE. Located at 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney, Montana, the MonDak Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. For more information call (406) 433-3500, visit us online at mondakheritagecenter.org or find us on Facebook (facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter) or Instagram or Twitter @MonDakMuseum.

Left: The Donald G. Nutter exhibit is new in the MonDak Heritage Center basement. Nutter was a Richland County native who served as Montana Governor in the 1960s. He tragically passed away in a plane crash while in office in 1962. The exhibit features an interactive display with actual audio recordings by Nutter.

Below: The Sidney National Bank display is from one of the first and longest standing buildings in the town of Sidney. The bank was once in the same building as the current Cheerio Lounge on the corner of Central Ave. and Main St.

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Sunrise Festival Of The Arts

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In its 29th year, the Sunrise Festival of Arts provides an avenue for local and regional artists, craftspeople and authors to meet with area shoppers and supporters. The day also offers fun activities for children.

Food offerings traditionally include tasty cheeseburgers, super nachos, homemade pie, lemonade, ice cream and a variety of other treats.

Entertainment throughout the day usually includes a brass band, talented young dancers and quality singers from the area.

The Sunrise Festival of the Arts committee selects a featured artist each year. Sandra LaRoque of Alexander, N.D., was chosen this year because of her incredible talent.

LaRoque sells unique agate creations including lampshades and sun catchers with Montana Moss agates. She has been slabbing and polishing agates for about 10 years.

She was raised in Missoula, and moved back to her grandparents' farm in Alexander, N.D., during 1999. Rare Rock Angus Shop has a Facebook page. People interested in ordering a piece can connect with her on Facebook or 701-770-1264.

People are encouraged to purchase a Sunrise Festival button and redeem discounts offered by local merchants and also enter to win prizes including the grand prize of a piece of art by the featured artist.

Sandra LaRoque. (Photos submitted)

To learn more about this year's Sunrise Festival of the Arts, including vendor information, contact the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 406-433-1916, visit www.sidneymt.com or Facebook.com/Sidney-MTChamber.

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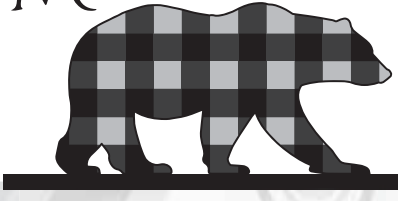

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The Richland County Fair and Rodeo officially began in September of 1920 as a humble street fair and has grown to one of the biggest yearly events in the MonDak region. Growing to a large fair and rodeo and Event Center, the Fair hosts more than 30,000 guests annually. This year the fair will be held from July 31st through August 3rd and is certain to be "fun for all ages".

This year Randy Houser & Sara Evans will be headlining at the fair on August 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale on Thursday, May 23. Two Way Crossing will be performing a free concert on Wednesday, July 31st at 7:30 p.m. The PRCA Rodeo will be held on Thursday, August 1st and Friday, August 2nd at 7:30 p.m. presented by Brookman Rodeo, LLC. Thursday will be Military Appreciation Night and Friday will be Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night.

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The popular show features 160 tables with guns, ammo, coins, knives and sharpeners, antiques and collectibles, fishing gear and more. Each year a raffle is held with prizes guaranteed to delight any sportsman.

Proceeds from the event are distributed to local non-profit entities. Past recipients include 4-H Shooting Sports, Boys and Girls Club of Richland County, Sidney Trap Club, Salvation Army, Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Hunter Safety, the DUI Task Force, the Richland County Christmas Coalition and rural fire departments.

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Weekly events at the library include story time and a bilingual story time. Book Buddies gives readers a chance to hone their skills with a volunteer who will listen or read to them. "1000 books before Kindergarten" and "Reading Super Heroes" are also invaluable programs. The more opportunities there are to encourage reading, the better the reading skills.

Special events such as movie matinees, teen events and adult craft clubs are offered throughout the year and Lego Club meets weekly throughout the school year. Outreach to area daycares and preschools provides resources and tools for those entities to enhance their reading programs.

"Universe of Stories" will be the theme of the popular summer reading program for kids and adults. A star lab and puppet show are just two of the fun activities being planned. Lots of weekly prizes are given out, as well as grand prizes at the end. Kids visiting the area are welcome to attend and prizes will be mailed to them, since you do not need to be present to win.

The Richland County Library is undergoing a massive remodeling project which will double the space, allowing for greater offerings in a welcoming, fun environment. Other than the potential for a day or two of closure, the facility will remain open during construction.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Adding to the activities is a live band and great food from area restaurants. Another highlight is the Tapping of the Firkin, where a wooden cask is hand-tapped with a wooden mallet.

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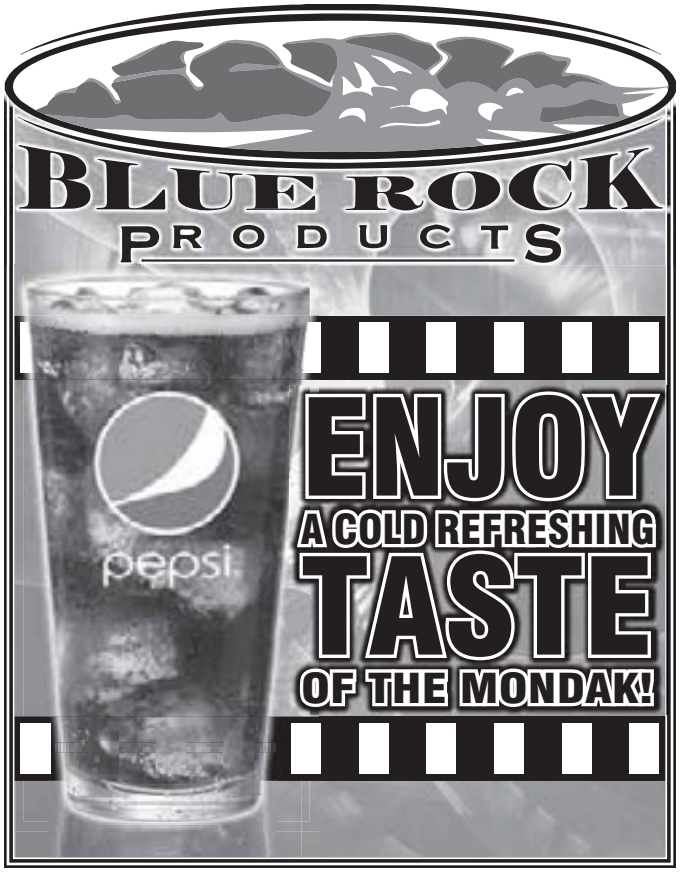
Memberships are available at Sidney Country Club. However, the general public is more than welcome. Green fees are $32 for 9 holes and $55 for 18. Carts and clubs are available to rent. Carts rent by the seat at $10 for 9 holes and $14 for 18. There is also a driving range, where you can just relax and hit a bucket of balls.

The club is open from 7 a.m. until dark through Labor Day, shorter hours during the fall, so there's ample opportunity for fun.

Whether you golf or not, the Sidney Country Club provides the perfect setting for lunch or dinner at The Fringe restaurant. The Fringe offers weekday lunches from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., unique pub style food Sunday – Thursday afternoons, and adds fine dining with steaks, seafood, and a variety of different dishes on the dinner menu Friday and Saturday, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. A kid's menu is also available. Crunched for time? You can also call ahead for take-out. A full bar, which opens at 9 a.m. daily, compliments the restaurant. Groups large and small can be accommodated with privacy, with offsite service also available. The Fringe is also open, with limited hours, during the off-season.

Sidney Country Club is located on 2250 West Holly ST, Sidney. Call the Pro Shop at 406-433-1894 or The Fringe at 406-433-7460. Check out our website, sidneycountryclub.com, for more information on the facilities or to scan the menu.



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Colton Radomski of Bismarck caught this 78 lb. paddlefish on May 5, 2018, at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence.

Paddlefishing is an interest that brings people to the area from all over the country as the waters here are ideal, providing the appropriate temperature, water flow, and clean gravel and cobble which make up the fish's habitat. The North American paddlefish, one of only two species in the world, are found in the Missouri, Mississippi, and Yellowstone drainage systems and are only present in twenty-two states.

Paddlefish have an average lifespan of about forty years, though some can live as long as sixty or more years. They are a smooth-skinned, cartilaginous fish, without teeth and have a long, flat snout or rostrum. This rostrum serves to help them find plankton to eat as well as being something of a rudder, assisting the fish through

the water as its head and rostrum make up about a third of its body weight. The age of a paddlefish can be determined by its jawbone which has annual rings.

Paddlefishing season starts May 1 in North Dakota and May 15 in Montana on the Missouri River below Fort Peck Dam and in the Yellowstone River below the mouth of the Bighorn River. Paddlefish tags may be purchased with a fishing license. Each year the Fish and Game Department sets a limit on the number of paddlefish that are snagged and once that limit is reached, the season is over, stabilizing the population. Anglers may only select one area to fish for paddlefish in Montana: Upper Missouri River (White Harvest Tag-1,000 tags available through the drawing), Yellowstone River and Missouri River downstream of Fort Peck Dam (Yellow Harvest Tag-1,000 fish quota), and the Fort Peck Dredge Cut archery-only season (Blue Harvest Tag).

Montana will have four harvest days on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and will have catch-and-release on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday. After the harvest quota has been met, individuals may continue to catch-and-release for 10 more days with June 30th being the latest date to fish.

North Dakota's 2019 paddlefish snagging season opens May 1 and is scheduled to continue through May 21. However, depending on the overall harvest, an early in-season closure may occur with a 24-hour notice issued by the state Game and Fish Department.

Montana fishermen can donate the roe and receive free cleaning through Yellowstone Caviar in Glendive. A station is located at Intake and a shuttle located at the Sidney Bridge will deliver fish to the cutting station and then return them. Proceeds from the caviar sales are used for grants that enhance eastern Montana and the fishery.

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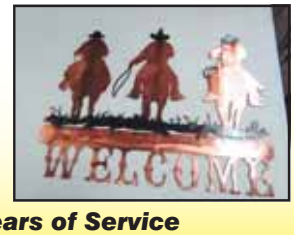

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Life under the Big Sky definitely lends itself to outdoor recreation, and the Sidney community provides a variety of outdoor recreation during the warmer months. The City of Sidney has spent considerable time and energy upgrading Water Tower, Quilling's, and Lalonde parks in recent years. Water Tower Park received new fencing, with funds Sidney Park Superintendent, Stephanie Ridl, received from a Richland County Recreation Grant. Additionally, Sidney Public Works provided new dugouts and the Girls Slow Pitch Softball League donated new bases.

Quilling's Park has been equipped with new ADA compliant playground equipment with funds Ridl received from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant which includes an agility based gym for ages two to twelve, new swings, two spring-ride surfers, and the popular climbing wall called the Matterhorn. ADA compliant ground cover was also put in which makes the playground more accessible to wheelchairs and strollers and benches give parents and caregivers a place to sit near the playground. While there were lots of changes to the local park, some equipment remains the same such as the stagecoach, and small play gym.

Lalonde Park received new swings, a Tenspin, and play gym, donated by the Kringen family in memory of Randy Kringen. Sidney Public Works department installed the equipment and funded the ADA compliant ground cover, border system and wheelchair

All of Suzie and Randy Kringen's grandkids paused from their playing for a quick pose at Lalonde Park in 2016.

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At the Veteran's Memorial Park's Anderson Pavilion amphitheater a concrete pad and donated benches have been installed as well as an ADA compliant ramp.

ramp. As a result of this partnership, Lalonde Park was the first of Sidney's parks to be 100% ADA compliant. In 2017, Girl Scout Troop #2338 and #2358 installed reclaimed bench seating to the playground as part of their Bronze Award project. The city has budgeted for the installation of a 175' split rail fence, which will separate the park from Holly Street.

Continued efforts to improve the amenities in Veterans Memorial Park funded through Ridl's Take Part in Our Park project have raised enough money to cover the cost of an ADA compliant ramp up to the Anderson Pavilion amphitheater, as well as the installation of a concrete pad for the donated benches. Any additional donations will help facilitate the completion of the seating area as well as new garbage can surrounds throughout the park. Thanks to an Eagle Scout project, the archway along Central Avenue was also constructed and the City plans to complete the archway this year.

Renovations at the South Meadow Softball Complex were completed just in time for Sidney to host the 2017 State Softball Tournament. Some of the projects included reconfiguring the layout of field #1 and #2, building new dugouts, installing new fencing as well as a flagpole.

In the fall of 2018, Kling Park playground equipment was removed and the installation of the new toddler park structures as well as a regulation size basketball court commenced. These upgrades were completed in April of 2019. Ridl received funding from the Montana Accessible Playground Grant, a donation from the Sunrise Child Care Association along with funds from the City to complete this much needed renovation. The new playground equipment focuses on children ages 2 to 5 and consists of a play gym, new swings including the Generation Swing, and free play climbing boulders (appropriate for two-five year olds). The playground area will host a new border system, ADA compliant ground cover and a wheelchair ramp.

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The final phase of the Sherry Arnold Fitness Trail was under way in the fall 2018 and construction will continue late into 2019 to continue the path to the corner of 9th Avenue SE and 14th Street SE. This trail lies over an irrigation lateral that runs through town connecting West Side Elementary and Sidney High School (a distance of 2.1 miles/3.38 kilometers), along with several Sidney attractions such as the downtown business district, the recently renovated tennis court facility, Hunter Dehner Memorial Skate Park, Svarre Municipal Pool, Moose Park baseball field, Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney's Arboretum, and Johnson Park. Additionally, in 2013, Richland County continued this vital trail onto county property that extends access to the County Fair Grounds and Sidney Country Club (a distance of 0.57 miles/0.92 kilometers).

Two area youngsters use the Sherry Arnold Fitness Trail.

Sidney's park system has much to offer, with over 50 acres of park area that include baseball facilities at Lyndale and Moose parks, softball at Water Tower and South Meadow Softball Complex, as well as other sports related amenities such as volleyball and basketball courts, recently renovated horseshoe pits, a four court tennis complex, skateboard park, soccer and outdoor ice skating when weather is permitting. Tennis courts are located on 2nd Ave SE across the street from Hunter Dehener Memorial Skate Park and next to the Arboretum.

Svarre Municipal Pool is another fixture of the community offering swimming lessons, open swim, adult swim, canoeing, lifeguard training, snorkeling, aqua aerobics when available, a splash deck, and waterslides. The pool is also equipped with an ADA compliant lift and approved steps; it is located on the corner of 7th Ave SW and 6th St SW in Sidney.

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Sidney Health Center

Sidney Health Center is a not-for-profit community based medical center that has been serving people in the MonDak region for more than 100 years. The passion for caring is shared by the doctors, nurses, and several hundred employees and volunteers. This commitment to service excellence is guided by Sidney Health Center's mission, "to help those we serve achieve their highest level of health and well-being."

Located in the heart of Richland County, the attractive Eastern Montana campus includes an acute care (25-bed) hospital, clinic area, cancer care center, certified sleep center, retail pharmacy and an extended care facility, offering a complete range of services from birth through end-of-life. These primary areas are complemented by several outpatient services including radiology, laboratory and rehab services to name a few.

Sidney Health Center continues to invest in renovating and updating the facility. Through the years renovations have included the addition of a new inpatient/outpatient surgery department, expanding the intensive care unit as well as transitioning inpatient rooms from semi-private to private.

Other significant improvements have included expanding the outpatient cancer care treatment to include radiation therapy with the installation of a TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation therapy treatment system, which is one of the most advanced cancer treatment systems in the area. Since then, the cancer care center has seen significant growth and went through two remodels to accommodate the demand for treating medical and radiation oncology patients.

In 2017, the Board of Directors approved a multi-phase remodel at the clinic to accommodate more medical providers and create a more efficient utilization of the space to better serve patients. The remodel is slated to be complete in summer 2019 featuring a consolidated primary care clinic as well as improvements to the specialty suites.

The clinic area is attached to the hospital providing convenient access to the clinic pharmacy and outpatient services. Twenty-five physicians and specialists offer family medicine, internal medicine, pediatric care, medical oncology, radiation oncology, pathology, aesthetic medicine, emergency care and surgical services including general, orthopedic, podiatric, obstetrics/gynecology and ear/nose/throat. In addition, eight mid-level providers, an audiologist and certified registered nurse anesthetists help round out the team. Several specialists visit on a regular basis to see patients in the following categories: cardiology, neurology, ophthalmology, and urology.

As mentioned, Sidney Health Center has a nursing home facility on campus. Extended Care is a not-for-profit long-term care health agency providing various levels of skilled nursing care for elderly and physically disabled residents. The facility offers skilled nursing, intermediate care, respite and short stays, rehabilitation, adult day service, and specialized dementia care. Extended Care's goal is to eliminate the three plagues of long term care institutions: loneliness, helplessness, and boredom. The staff looks upon each person as unique and constantly strives to meet the needs of the body, mind, and spirit.

For a complete listing of services, upcoming events, and job openings at Sidney Health Center, please visit our website at www.sidneyhealth.org.

Sidney Health Center is located at 216 14th Ave. SW in Sidney.

Rodeo in the MonDak

Rodeo is a popular event in the MonDak region with local cowboys joining world-class winners in the quest for the purse of the day.

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Montana State Junior High Rodeo Finals: Fri., May 31-Sun., June 2, Richland County Fairgrounds Arena, Sidney, MT

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Dawson County Fair PRCA Rodeo: Fri., June 14, Glendive, MT

Frontier Days Rodeo: Fri., June 7 & Sat., June 8, Roosevelt County Fairgrounds, Culbertson, MT

Bakken Barrel Daze: Sat., June 8, & Sun., June 9, Richland County Fairgrounds Arena, Sidney, MT

Williston PBR: Thurs., June 20, Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, Williston, ND

McKenzie County Fair & Rodeo: Sat., June 22, Watford City, ND

Wild Horse Stampede PRCA Rodeo: Thurs., July 11-Sat., July 13, Wolf Point, MT

Sheridan Saddle Club PRCA Rodeo: Thurs., July 25 and Fri., July 26, Plentywood, MT

Richland County Fair & PRCA Rodeo: Thurs., Aug. 1 & Fri., Aug. 2, Richland County Fairgrounds Arena, Sidney, MT

Medora Roughrider Rodeo: Sat., Aug.10, & Sun., Aug. 11, Ranch-O-Rama Arena East of Medora, ND

Eastern Montana Fair & PRCA Rodeo: Tues., Aug. 20 & Wed., Aug. 21, Miles City, MT

Richland County Youth Rodeo: Fri., Aug. 30-Sun., Sept, 1, Richland County Fairgrounds Arena, Sidney, MT

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42nd Annual Medora Car Show, Fri., June 21 & Sat., June 22, Medora, ND

30th Anniversary Cars In The Park Car Show, Fri., June 28 and Sat., June 29, Glendive, MT

Treasure State Mopar Car Show & Swap Meet, Fri., July 12 and Sat., July 13, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Riverside Park, Miles City, MT

Fairview Old Timers Reunion & Summer Festival Car Show, Sat., July 20, Fairview, MT

Best of the West Ribfest Classic Car & Truck Show: Fri., Aug. 9, 12-7 p.m., Watford City, ND

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Richey Historical Museum

Preserving The History Of A Small Town

With a desire to preserve the heritage of the community and local culture, families of the area established the Richey Historical Society in 1970. Focusing on homesteading families, the community's collection of items dating to the early twentieth century gradually expanded. The group's hope of creating a local museum was realized in 1973 when the Society had raised enough money to purchase the museum's first building and celebrated its grand opening on October 5, that same year.

The Richey Museum and Historical Society now consists of seven buildings that proudly display over 10,000 articles documenting local history and is located on main street.

The museum's vast expanse of items has all been donated by local families and businesses, including the five buildings added after the purchase of the main building. The outlying buildings include a Homestead Shack, Mercantile, the Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church, First National Bank of Richey/Post Office and the Richey Jail, with the most recent edition, an outhouse.

Unique to the Richey museum are items and artifacts that once belonged to the early homesteaders of the area and businesses of the small community. Visitors to the museum can expect to find items ranging from a homestead kitchen, clothing from years gone by, to a printing press from Richey's first newspaper, The Richey Pilot. The original Fire Bell (used 1916-1945) is on display in the front yard and a brand board located behind the main building has the brands of area farmers and ranchers. A 1930s Ford Model A Car (called the puddle jumper) steals the interest of many visitors. This high-wheeled car was used to deliver mail to rural areas during the winter months. It is housed in the back room of the main museum.

Visitors travel to the Richey Museum from across the United States. Many come to the museum to learn about their family history and to visit the area where their relatives lived. With all the items in the museum one is surely to find something that once belonged to a relative and be able to make family connections.

The small town museum is committed to preserving the history of the area. New to visitors this year will be the newly updated Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church and a Memorial bench outside the Main Museum building.

The Richey Museum and Historical Society will be open May 28-August 29, 2019. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., or through an appointment by contacting Wanda Zuroff, 406-773-5825.

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Lambert Historical Society

Lambert, MT

With hard work and dedication, the citizens from the Lambert area opened the Lambert Museum in 1977. The museum's historical exhibits depict the town's early beginnings. It also honors former Montana Governor Donald Nutter, a Lambert native born in 1915.

The museum showcases the Lambert area's heritage through various memorabilia. The saddler display includes a saddle from 1930 and a locally made harness dating back to 1917. Brands decorate the museum walls. The Early Media exhibit includes items from Lambert's original printing office. The museum also features Cheyenne Country, which displays authentic Native American-made items such as headdresses, necklaces and moccasins. Citizens are particularly proud of a piece of artwork created by local artist Pamela Cayer Drewry that depicts the Three Buttes, a nearby landmark. Visitors can also inspect a working antique weaving loom, used to create rugs.

The Historical Society also added the Burgess Garage, located across the street from the museum, to the displays. The garage features a Country Craft Store with a variety of items made by local artisans, a second-hand store and many other exhibits from the museum including a dinosaur bone display, old-fashioned buggies and sleighs along with antique machinery. The Burgess Garage is a Montana Historical Site.

Members of the Society are taking pictures and cataloging every item in the museum and putting this information into a database. In the near future, museum officials will have the capability to print these pictures and information for people on request.

The museum is located in Lambert, MT, off Highway 200 and is open Tues. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. and all day July 4th. Free will donations are accepted.

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This sign for the Richey Historical Museum showcases local branding symbols.

A loom on display at the Lambert Museum.

The Richland County Leader exhibit at the Lambert Museum

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Montana Agate Hunting

Eastern Montana can offer some beautiful and breathtaking scenery: from rolling plains to wooded river bottoms all under an endless sky so it isn't surprising that many of the recreational activities of the area happen outdoors. Agate hunting is a pastime unique to the area and agate hunters, or rock-hounds, come from all over the country to see what they can find.

Agates are a beautiful stone unlike any other, that are formed where past volcanic activity has occurred; the silica in the lava is what eventually forms the rocks and agates in this area come into the Yellowstone River from the Big Horn, Tongue, and Powder Rivers. The Montana Moss Agate is specific to the Eastern and Central parts of the state and experts surmise that is because they have naturally moved to lower land due to the land shifting over millions of years and the natural flow of the rivers. The Montana Agate is unusual in that they can display all the qualities of every other type of agate in the world; there are approximately 200 types of agates worldwide. They are classified according to the patterns or 'pictures' that are found on the inside of the rock after it's been cut; these pictures are formed due to the inclusion of different types of minerals.

There are two to three weeks in the spring that agate hunters can start their season off with, but as the weather warms, the June rise occurs as ice melts and the rivers rise with mountain water. Water levels begin to recede about mid-July, exposing sand bars and riverbanks, which are optimum picking grounds. While the best picking is earlier in the season, the most comfortable time for this hobby is later in the summer and into the fall, September and October if the weather holds. Tom Harmon explains that this part of the state has a lot of flaxville gravel, which is where you're going to find agates, along with about thirty other types of rocks and so one must begin to train their eye to spot what they are looking for.

Agates have a rough outer crust that can be light or dark and have often been broken so that you can see a glimpse of what's inside. In this case, the rock can be rinsed and held up to the light; if the light comes shining through you can be sure you've found what you're looking for. Agates can develop a white crust on their exposed side if they have been exposed to the sun for long periods of time in creek beds and in summer fallow fields.

With fifty years of experience, Harmon explains that getting started, as an agate hunter can be as involved as you'd like it to be. Simply starting off by walking the riverbank with your eyes peeled and a bag to carry your findings home is a great way to get started. Rock picks are handy and a good motorboat can get you to less populated areas that haven't been so picked over.

"Any place there is gravel there is a chance of finding agates," comments Harmon and adds that some good places to begin are Intake, Elk Island, Seven Sisters and access points which can be reached by boat from the MDU bridge. Permission from private landowners must be acquired prior to any agate hunting that isn't on public land.

Tumblers and saws can be purchased as individuals learn how to cut and polish the stones and agates make beautiful jewelry, wind chimes, chandeliers, and much more, many of them being quite interesting simply cut with a polished face, which is the inside of the agate. The price of agates is set by the pickers and diggers

who are experienced in the field.

"Whatever you are willing to part with it for and whatever someone else is willing to pay is what it's worth," laughed Harmon who has an extensive collection of his own.

Tom Harmon has published four books about agate history, hunting, and polishing and cutting: The River Runs North: A story of Montana Moss Agate; The How-To's of Cabbing and Carving: Montana Agates and Other Chalcedonys (co-written with his son Jim Harmon);The Many Faces of the Montana Agate, and "The World of Dentrites In Agate". All four books serve as extensive guides for those who are just getting started.

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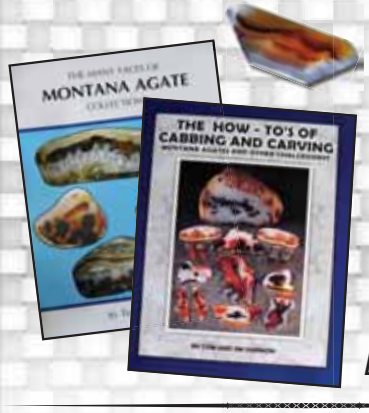

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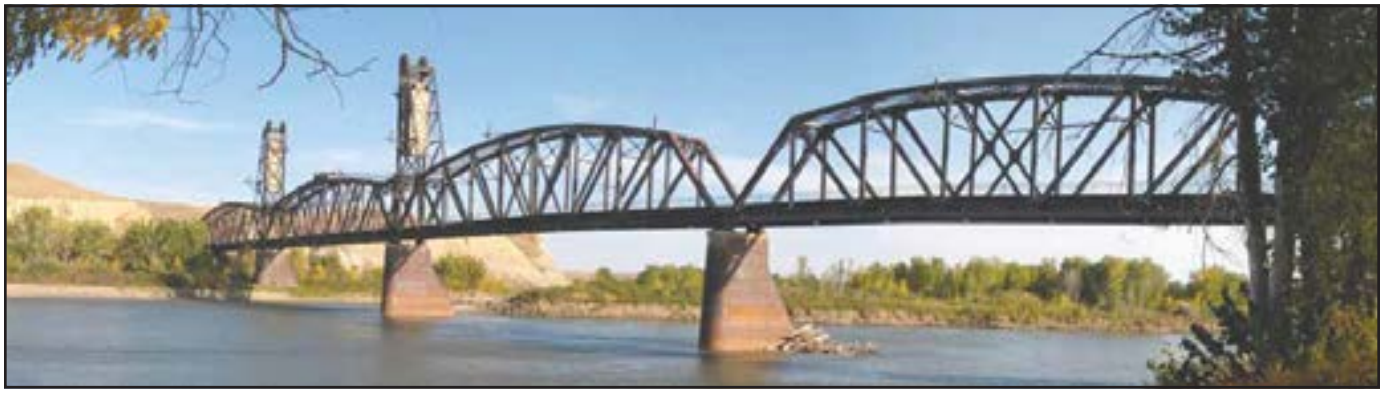

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The bridge adjoins the only tunnel in North Dakota. Construction crews built the 1,458-foot long Cartwright Tunnel in 1912 and 1913, doing the digging by hand. Horse and mule-drawn scrapers and blasting powder were used in building the approaches.

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Fun For All At The 73rd Annual Fairview Old Timers Reunion And Summer Festival July 19-21, 2019

For over 70 years, the third Saturday in July has been set aside by current and former residents of Fairview to celebrate Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival. Each year, an old timer, person or place, is honored on the Festival button and during the weekend's festivities.

Events are being finalized with lots of fun activities for all ages being planned for this year's festival. Enjoy Hamburgers in the Park and entertainment by Allison Cayko Shriver Friday evening plus kids' open swim Friday and Saturday nights. Start your Saturday with the 5K fun run which starts at the park and enjoy the Firemen's breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the firehall. The annual car show, which takes place all day Saturday in the park, highlights the best in the region.

Saturday's highlights include a kiddie parade at 11:30 a.m. as well as a grand parade at 1 p.m. with the theme of "Hometown Heroes." Enjoy a free homemade roast beef lunch beginning at noon in Sharbono Park followed by a musical program featuring local talent. A tug-o-war will test the abilities of all those who participate. The Fairview Community Foundation will have bouncy houses, laser tag and more fun activities for the kids. Drawings for prizes for kids, including four bicycles, and adults will take place at 5:30 p.m.

From 3:30 – 5 p.m., the Fairview Ministerial Association will be hosting an ice cream social in conjunction with tours of the newly remodeled Fairview School. The always popular duck races will start at 4 p.m. Downtown is always alive with music and lots of visiting as classmates and friends catch up, so plan to stay for the evenings as well.

The Fairview Community Foundation will also host their 3rd annual Sugar Valley Hoopfest and 1st annual Volleyball Tournament that weekend.

A non-denominational church service in Sharbono Park Sunday morning will wrap up the official festivities.

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Fairview Old Timers Reunion & Summer Festival - 3rd Weekend in July

Fairview Community Foundation Calendar of Events:

July 19-20
- Sharbono Park: 3rd Annual Sugar Valley Hoopfest
- 1st Annual Volleyball Tournament
- Saturday: Jump N Fun & Mini Golf

September 8
- Grandparents Day & Family Appreciation Breakfast

October 31
- Sharbono Park: Trick or Treat

November 30
- Double Barrel Saloon: Festival of Trees & Wreaths

December 31
- New Years Eve Dance & Social for all high school age kids

Gazebo in Sharbono Park

Sundheim Park

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Fairview Lighting of the Bridge

Sundheim Park is a wonderland of huge lighted ornaments beginning at 4 pm. A visit from Santa is a highlight, horse and wagon rides provide entertainment for young and old and music warms up the night.

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The Culbertson Museum

Have you wondered what it was like to step back in time to the days of the old west, when the land was untamed and brave pioneers carved out a piece of land, where frontier doctors practiced medicine, schoolteachers taught lessons to multiple-aged children in a one room schoolhouse, and cowboys sat around an evening campfire swapping stories? You can experience these things at the Culbertson Museum, where you can learn what life was like from the 1890s to the 1940s through a series of displays and artifacts that will make you feel as though you are right back there with the frontier legends.

In 2016, the museum celebrated its 25th anniversary, as it continues, "preserving the past for the future". From the start of the museum, volunteers have dedicated their time in setting up rooms that display the feel of old Montana throughout the years. Inside the museum, displays depict an early days parlor and homestead and summer kitchen, a schoolhouse, barber and beauty shop, a saloon, doctor's office and a pharmacy. Outside visitors can see inside a blacksmith's shop, stagecoach and early day farm equipment and fire trucks. We also have a Vintage 1911 wood threshing machine. It's a perfect trip for young people who are interested in learning a part of Montana history or for history enthusiasts in general. Open May through September from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the museum is located on Highway 2 E. Although there are no admission fees, donations are greatly appreciated. For more information call 406-787-6320.

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Mother's Day Weekend 2020

Friday, May 8: 5-9pm & Sat, May 9: 10am – 4pm

At Culbertson High School (423 1st Ave W)

Roosevelt County Events

Frontier Days
June 7-8, 2019

For over four decades, Frontier Days has served up a heaping pile of western hospitality, featuring a weekend of rodeo, entertainment and a parade.

This year, the events take place June 7-8. Each spring finds Culbertson playing host to the Saddle Club's Frontier Days. With the help of the Chamber of Commerce, two full days of western hospitality and fun include rodeos in the Saddle Club's unique tiered rodeo grounds, a parade on Saturday, a barn dance, and concessions on the grounds. Contact Luke Anderson for rodeo information 406-787-5860.

Roosevelt County Fair
Aug. 7-10, 2019
Ranch Rodeo, Aug. 10, 2019

The Roosevelt County Fair features entries from the county youth: 4-H, Scouts and area schools. Adults are also encouraged to enter their food, crafts, plants and flowers. Highlights of the fair include a 4-H and FFA livestock auction, fashion revue, Farmhand Olympics, petting zoo, various vendors, and a fun run. The Chamber of Commerce and area businesses sponsor breakfast and a free noon meal on Friday and Saturday.

Culbertson Saddle Club Wagon Train
Aug. 31 - Sept. 1, 2019

For over a quarter of a century the Culbertson Saddle Club has sponsored the Labor Day Trail Ride and Wagon Train. For the real feel of the "Old West" folks bring their covered wagons or bring saddle horses to ride through Montana foothills imagining the working cowboy's way of life 100 years ago. The cost of the weekend includes great food, entertainment, and hay for the horses. The wagon train brings people from Montana, North & South Dakota, Idaho, California, West Virginia, Texas, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Alberta, Canada. Last year there were about 12-14 wagons and around 100 people, with some years up to 30 wagons.

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Northwinds Art Festival

Culbertson, MT

Second Annual Northwinds Art Festival, May 8 & 9, 2020, Culbertson

On Friday, May 8 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. be sure to attend the Second Annual Northwinds Art Festival at the Culbertson High School in Culbertson, MT. Once again this art festival will have many creative mediums of art including acrylics, carvings, jewelry, oils, pottery and watercolors.

So be sure to mark your calendars for the second Annual Northwinds Art Festival in Culbertson Mother's Day weekend, 2020 and enjoy art created by so many amazing artists. Not only enjoy the art, but you might also find the perfect gift for that someone special in your life or perhaps that piece of art you wish to take home with you to enjoy for years to come. All the artists are professionals and they will be showcasing their work with a range of prices available to everyone, because, everyone should own a piece of original art.

If you are interested in joining our show, please contact Leith DeWeese, P.O. Box 145, Saint Marie, MT or call 406-524-3102.

Above: Bison study by Matt Doyle. Right: A beautiful piece of jewelry created by Larry and LeAnn Ochsner that will be at the Northwinds Art Festival in Culbertson Mother's Day weekend. (Submitted photos)

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5:30pm ..... **Open Class Indoor Judging**

Wednesday, August 7

Noon - 8pm ..... **Set Up Commercial Booths**
3:00pm ..... **Youth Horse Show**
3:45pm ..... **Flag Ceremony at CSC**
by Centennial Clover 4-H & Culbertson Saddle Club
6:00pm ..... **O-Mok-See Children's Horse Events**
by Culbertson Saddle Club
"Create It On The Spot" Contest
8:00pm ..... **Fair Closes**
All education, club & info booths must be in place

Thursday, August 8

8:00am ..... **Flag Salute**
by Tubleweed 4-H, Froid FFA & Up-N-Atom 4-H
8:30am ..... **4-H Conference Judging, FFA, Scouts**
Livestock Animals Arrive & Weigh In
3:00pm ..... **ATV Safety Training**
by MT Farmer's Union
5:30pm ....**Free Corn Feed/FFA Alumni Scholarship BBQ ($13)**
Open Class Livestock Show

Friday, August 9

7:55am ..... **Flag Salute**
by Culbertson FFA & Missouri River Rats 4-H
8:30am ..... **Market Livestock Judging**
9:00am ..... **ATV Safety Training**
by MT Farmer's Union
1:00pm ..... **Small Animal Judging & Showmanship**
5:00pm ..... **Free Meal**
Sponsored by Culbertson Chamber
6:00pm ..... **4-H/FFA Livestock & Small Animal Auction**
8:00pm ..... **Evening Entertainment by Marshall Catch**

Saturday, August 10

8:00am ..... **Flag Salute**
by Bainville FFA & Frontier 4-H
8:30am ..... **Market Livestock Judging**
11:30am ..... **Famous Dave's BBQ ($10)**
1:30pm ..... **Kids Money in the Straw**
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5:30pm ..... **Rand Rodeo Calcutta**
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Pioneer's Pride Museum

Bainville, MT

Permanent wave machine from the 1920-30s from Marguerites Beauty Salon.

The Pioneer Pride Museum located in Bainville, MT has an open area that allows for easy viewing of each of the displays. The museum features rooms furnished in pioneer days style. Two of the featured attractions include the old jail from Mondak and a 1929 fire truck. The museum celebrates local history through annuals and various displays.

Pioneer Pride Museum is open from Memorial Day-Labor Day; Tuesday-Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted. For more information call Rochelle at 406-769-3091.

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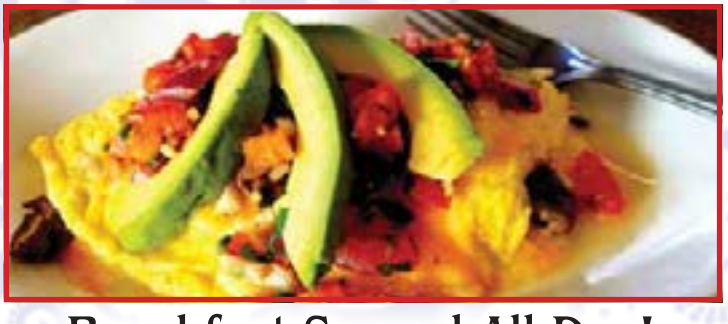

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North Dakota Fishing Access

Williston Area

American Legion Park (Raums): 4 mi W of Williston on Hwy 2, 6 mi S on Hwy 85, then 4 mi E.

Lewis And Clark State Park: 16 mi E of Williston on Hwy 1804, then 3 mi S.

Whitetail Bay (Lund's Landing): 22 mi E of Williston on Hwy 1804.

Confluence Area: 1.5 mi S of Buford on Hwy 1804.

Lewis And Clark Bridge: 4 mi W of Williston on Hwy 2, 3 mi S on Hwy 85, on S side of Missouri River, and E side of Hwy 85.

Blacktail Dam: 5 mi N, 5 mi W, 1 mi N of the junction of Hwy 2 & 85.

Cottonwood Lake: 1 mi E, .5 mi N of Alamo.

East Spring Lake Pond: N side of Williston.

Little Muddy River: E edge of Williston.

Tioga Dam: N side of Tioga.

Trenton Lake: S side of Trenton.

West Spring Lake Pond: N edge of Williston.

Watford City Area

Tobacco Garden Creek Bay: 2 mi E of Watford City on Hwy 23, then 25 mi N and E on Hwy 1806.

Arnegard Dam: .5 mi W, 3 mi N, 1.5 mi SW of Arnegard.

Leland Dam: 11 mi S, 8 mi W, 8 mi S, 2 mi SW, 1.5 mi E, 1 mi N of Alexander.

Sather Dam: 11 mi S, 8 mi W of Alexander.

Kent Pelton Memorial Nature Park: SE side of Watford City.

Montana Fishing Access

Missouri River

Culbertson Bridge Access: 3 mi SE of Culbertson off Hwy 16. Day use only, boat ramp, toilet.

Lewis and Clark Fishing Access Site: 6 mi SE of Wolf Point off Hwy 13. Day use only, boat ramp, fishing, wildlife viewing, interpretive signs, historic bridge, toilet.

Snowden Bridge Access: 12 mi N of Fairview and about 1 mi W of the Missouri River bridge crossing. Fishing, camping, boat ramp, toilet.

Yellowstone River

Seven Sisters: 11 mi S of Sidney off Hwy 16 near Crane. Fishing, campsite, agate hunting.

Sidney Bridge: 1.5 mi S of Sidney on Hwy 16 , then 1.5 mi E on Hwy 23. Boating, fishing, toilet.

Richland Park: 5 mi N of Sidney on Hwy 16 then 2 mi E. Fishing, boating, swimming, hiking, biking, wildlife viewing. Camping with a pass or permit. BBQ grill, fire ring, picnic tables, restrooms, playground.

Sundheim Park: Located on ND 200 4 mi E of Fairview. Camping, fishing, boating, historic bridge.

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Northeast Montana, Region 6

June 1-2 - Rock Creek Walleye Tournament, Fort Peck Reservoir (Rock Creek)

June 8-9 - Fresno Walleye Challenge, Fresno Reservoir

June 8-9 - Pikemasters Tournament, Fort Peck Reservoir (Rock Creek)

June 22-23 - Hell Creek Ladies Fishing Tournament, Fort Peck Reservoir (Hell Creek)

July 11 - Annual MT Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament, Fort Peck Reservoir

July 20 - Annual Women's Walleye Tournament, Fort Peck Reservoir (Fort Peck Marina)

July 27-28 - Hell Creek Walleye Tournament, Fort Peck Reservoir

Aug 3 - Fishin' For the Cure, Fort Peck Reservoir (Rock Creek)

Aug 10-11 - NBAA Qualifier,

The 10th Annual Monster Cat Roundup was held at Sidney Bridge on July 21, 2018. Taking first place with a weight of 33.28 lbs. are Kacee McPherson (left) and Nicole Peterson of Savage. McPherson and Peterson were the first all female team to win a tournament in Montana Cats history.

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Sept 21-22 - NBAA Qualifier, Fort Peck Reservoir (Hell Creek)

Southeast Montana, Region 7

May 18 - Glendive Catfish Tourney, Yellowstone River-Cabin Creek to Intake Dam

June 8 - Savage Volunteer Fire Department Catfish Tournament, Yellowstone River (Cottonwood Creek to Sidney Bridge)

July 20 - Monster Catfish Roundup, Yellowstone River (Elk Island FAS to ND State Line)

July 20-21 - K.A.T.S. State Championship, Yellowstone River (Cartersville Dam to Hysham)

Oct 19 - Yellowstone River Rats Jig N Crank Fest, Yellowstone River (Obergefell's Island to North Dakota Line)

North Dakota

May 18 - Spring Walleye Classic, Lake Sakakawea - Lewis And Clark State Park

June 1 - Tobacco Gardens Tourny, Lake Sakakawea - Tobacco Garden Creek Bay

June 07 - Jun 08 - Van Hook Classic, Lake Sakakawea - Van Hook

June 15 - Fishin For the Cure, Lake Sakakawea - Beulah Bay

June 22 - ND Fishing Challenge, Lake Sakakawea - Parshall Bay

July 13 - McKenzie Bay Tourny, Lake Sakakawea - McKenzie Bay

July 26-27 - Dakota Walleye Classic, Lake Sakakawea - Beulah Bay

Aug. 10 - Women On Water, Lake Sakakawea - White Earth Bay

Aug. 17 - Tom Nehring Memorial, Lake Sakakawea - Van Hook

Aug. 24 - Blast & Cast, Lake Sakakawea - White Earth Bay

Sept. 7 - Last Call Walleye, Lake Sakakawea - Beulah Bay

Sept. 14 - Tobacco Garden's Fall Fishing Classic, Lake Sakakawea - Tobacco Garden Creek Bay

Sept. 21 - Eldon Heller Classic, Lake Sakakawea - White Earth Bay

Sept. 28 - Casino Finals, Lake Sakakawea - Four Bears

Oct. 5-6 - Lewis & Clark Big Showdown, Lake Sakakawea - Lewis And Clark State Park

Oct. 19 - Outlaw Walleye Tournament, Upper Missouri River - Lewis And Clark Bridge

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Arnegard 4th of July

In the morning of July 4th there will be a 5k run and then a parade, but the parade route still needs to be determined. All are welcome to join in the parade or set up along the route to view. Around noon there will be a beef BBQ lunch sponsored by the Moen Family. The lunch is a good-will donation and will include beef BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, pickles, ice cream, and beverages. Once again we are hoping to have a tractor pull and we will be having fireworks either on the 3rd or the 4th.

Keep checking the Booster Club Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Arnegardboosterclub for updated plans and more information.

"Uncle Sam" (Colton Daly of Watford City) hands out popsicles during the Arnegard 4th of July parade.

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Frontier Gateway Museum

Glendive, MT

The Frontier Gateway Museum is located east of Glendive, on the Belle Prairie Frontage Road, just off I-94, exit 215, about 1 mile from the center of town. The museum is historical and chronological in content. Displays range from prehistoric times to the 21st Century. Major displays cover the following topics: fossils, buffalo, Indians, homesteaders, cattlemen, settlers, the railroad and the Civil War.

The museum complex of seven buildings is located on an acre of land. Besides the main building, there are a blacksmith shop, two country stores, a buggy shed, a fire hall, a log cabin, a restored country school and a large display of farm machinery, all from this area. Newer exhibits include a Christmas room, a photography shop, a millinery shop and a western room. Several special displays include a set of replica medieval armor, a group of carved figures from native Scoria rock, and a lovely display of turn-of-the-century gowns.

A street named "Merrill West" is located in the basement of the museum's main building, and the store names are those which were in existence in Glendive from 1881 to mid-1900s. Murals on the exterior walls depict actual historic events of Glendive and the immediate surrounding area: Indian encampment, the buffalo which roamed the prairies, the wagon train of early settlers, Camp Canby – which was a military post – and the first site of the city itself.

Outside the museum sits a restored 1915 windmill, a 1918 155mm cannon in the park west of the main building and a NP caboose, as well as a Lewis & Clark display. Visitors are welcome to spend as much or as little time as they wish. Pleasant and helpful attendants will make the experience a memorable one.

The Frontier Gateway Museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day, 9-5 daily. Admittance is free. The museum is a stop on the Montana Dinosaur Trail.

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Makoshika State Park

Glendive, MT

Makoshika State Park outside of Glendive is a sprawling, beautiful park in which there is both camping and hiking to be enjoyed. The park is also a hot spot of entertainment, especially in the summertime. Visitors can picnic, go bike riding or hiking, or watch for wildlife. There's also photography, archery and disc golf (Frisbee golf), Friday night campfire program, Thursday morning youth program and special events on various days. Amenities include a visitor center, flush and vault toilets, grills and fire rings, interpretative displays, a group picnic area and an outdoor amphitheater. Visitors are allowed to camp for 14 days within a 30-day period for a fee. The park is open year round.

The park visitor center is open year round as well with the following hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week; Labor Day to Memorial Day: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Payment for any park fees can be made with cash, master card, personal check, travelers checks, and visa. Montana residents are allowed free daily entrance through their vehicle registration fee payment; camping fees still apply.

Makoshika State Park Special Events 2019

Paleo Experience: Saturdays, June 1-Aug. 17, 9 a.m.- noon, Visitor Center, $10/person

30th Annual Buzzard Day: Sat., June 8, all day, Kiwanis Pavilion

Movie Under the Stars "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (2018) PG-13, Sat., June 8, 9 p.m. Hiatt Amphitheater

Montana Wilderness Association Hike: Sat., June 15, 10 a.m., Artist Vista Trailhead

Saving Our Stars: Documenting the Montana Night Sky, Wed., June 19, 7 p.m., Visitor Center

Astronomy Program: Under the Makoshika Night Sky, Sat., June 22, 9 p.m., Hiatt Amphitheater

Montana Shakespeare In the Parks "Henry IV, Part 1": Sat., June 29, 7 p.m., Hiatt Amphitheater

Star Lab (Portable Planetarium) Sat., July 20, 1-9 p.m., Visitor Center

Bull Boat Workshop: Sat., July 27, 9 a.m.-noon, Kiwanis Pavilion, $50/person (limit 10 people)

Astrophotography Workshop with Nathan Satran: Fri., Aug. 2, 9 p.m., Hiatt Amphitheater

Movie Under the Stars "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" (2009) PG, Sat., Aug. 17, 8:30 p.m., Hiatt Amphitheater

Full Moon Hike: Sat., Sept. 14, 9 p.m., Meet at the Kiwanis Pavilion.

Bell Street Bridge State Historic Site

Glendive, MT

The Historic Bell Street Bridge is a pedestrian and bicycle trail over the Yellowstone River, bridging the past and the future in Glendive. Take a walk across the bridge that has served the founders of Dawson County and know the beauty of the Yellowstone as they saw it from the Bell Street Bridge river crossing.

Travelers are invited to walk the 1,300 foot-long steel truss structure and enjoy the wildlife that can be seen along the banks of the Yellowstone River.

The days of motor traffic ended on Bell Street Bridge in 1992. However, its vital role as a pedestrian crossing continues to serve the citizens of Dawson County and visitors as they travel between the business and residential community of West Glendive and the City of Glendive on opposite sides of the Yellowstone River.

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Watford City, ND

Located near Watford City on Lake Sakakawea, Tobacco Gardens Resort offers many services year round.

The resort offers their guests home cooked meals at the restaurant, while also providing picnic areas, c-store and a playground.

The resort offers 150 plus camping sites with electricity, 2 cabin rentals, modern bathrooms and shower, wireless internet, RV dumpsite and hookups with fresh water available.

For the fishing enthusiast, they also have a bait and tackle shop, a fish cleaning station and boat ramps.

Gas is available for purchase from the land and from the water.

Being open year round, they accommodate hunters, snowmobilers and other winter sports enthusiasts.

Also, the Lewis & Clark Building may be rented for family picnics or large gatherings.

"We want Tobacco Gardens to be like going to a neighbor's house to visit with friends. Quiet, warm and cozy," stated owner Peggy.

The resort holds many events throughout the year. Their annual Kite Festival will take place June 7-9, the 4th of July festivities will include a fireworks show on July 3 & parade on July 4 and the annual Fall Fishing Classic tournament will be held September 14. Tobacco Gardens also holds a cardboard boat race, minnow races, music once a month, movie night every other week (weather permitting) and Saturday night prime rib or barbeque.

Tobacco Gardens Resort is located 25 miles northeast of Watford City on Hwy 1806W. For further information or to make reservations call 701-842-4199.

Tobacco Gardens Resort and Marina will hold its annual Kite Festival June 7-9 featuring enormous kites for people to enjoy and smaller ones available for kids and families to fly. They also have parachute races and candy drops for kids of all ages.

Maah Daah Hey Trail

Discover the Beauty of the Rugged Badlands

The 97 miles of the Maah Daah Hey trail spans from the north end of the US Forest Service CCC Campground, 20 miles south of Watford City, to Sully Creek State Park, south of Medora. The trail, named for the Mandan Indian phrase, which means "an area that has or will be around for a long time", takes its visitors through the picturesque rolling prairies, jagged badlands, and winding rivers, and offers potential sightings of golden eagles, elk, and wild horses, among an array of other wildlife.

The Trails are open year round but the summer season is when most of the rugged outdoor adventurers plan their visits. The Trails hosts a number of exciting events during the season.

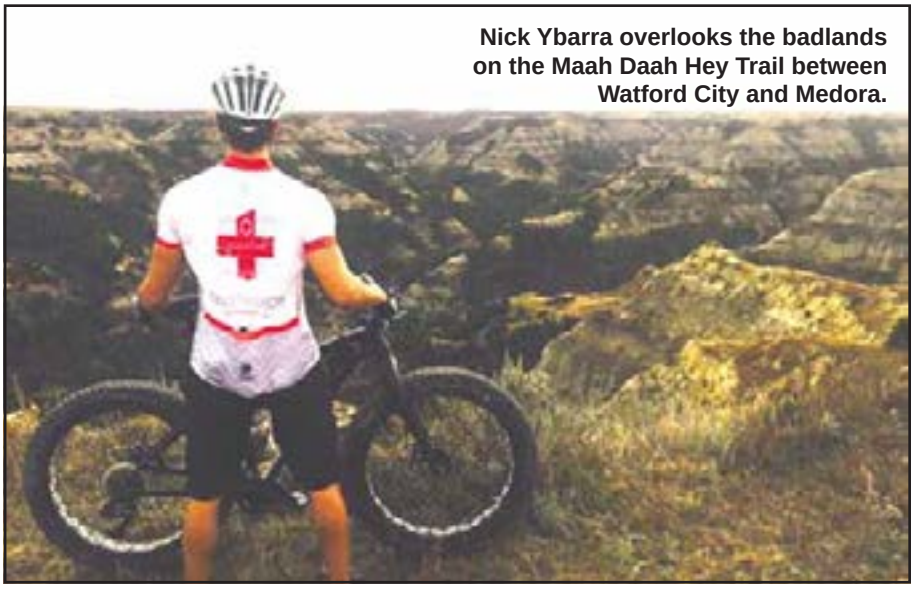
The Badlands Gravel Battle, is a bike race across the scoria-laden gravel roads throughout the Maah Daah Hey Trails. It begins at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, May 26, 8 a.m. and participants may opt for the Little Loop, at 39 miles, the Short Loop, at 77 miles, or the Full Loop, a full 120 miles of single-track biking through the rugged back country. All participants must register by May 25 and a small fee is required.

For a full-body experience, try the annual Bull Moose Mud Run which starts June 8, 1 p.m. with a pistol shot at the Medora Family Fun Center at the entrance to the Medora Campground. The race is a three-mile loop with three categories of participants; a shorter run just for fun, a longer run for more competition, and an endurance category. There is also a Kid's Fun Run following the awards ceremony, where children of all ages are allowed to complete obstacles with parental supervision. Registration is open online through June 7 and a small fee is required.

For the most extreme adventurer, try the Maah Daah Hey 100, a competitive bike race challenge that spans the full length of the Maah Daah Hey single-track trail. A shot-gun start is at 6 a.m. sharp on August 3 at the CCC Campground. Shorter races, ranging from 13 miles to 75 miles are also available, and participants may choose to complete the race as a relay team. Registration is open online until August 3, and fee submission is required.

If running is your forte rather than biking, try the Maah Daah Hey Trail Run on July 27. The race begins at the CCC Campground and ends at the Family Fun Center in Medora. Various distances are available, ranging from a 5K to half and full marathon lengths, all the way to the full 106 miles. Registration and fees are required to be submitted by July 26.

All registration fees for these events go to the Save the Maah Daah Hey non-profit organization to upkeep the trails. For more information about these events or to register, visit www.experienceland.org. For additional visitor information about the Maah Daah Hey Trails, visit www.mdhta.com.



Nick Ybarra overlooks the badlands on the Maah Daah Hey Trail between Watford City and Medora.

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"How the West Has Fun" at the 61st Annual McKenzie County Fair

McKenzie County's 61st annual fair begins Thursday, June 20th with a free beef barbeque following a parade down Main Street beginning at 4 p.m. The annual Olaf Leiseth Jr. Memorial Draft Horse Competition will take place in the rodeo arena on Thursday evening. For the youngsters there will be Curly's Fun Zone, strolling magicians and comedians Double Vision and the Turkey Federation Shooting Booth.

Carnival rides and games provided by North Star Amusements open on Friday, June 21st and continue through Saturday. Friday evening brings the McKenzie County Fair Demolition Derby beginning at 6 p.m., offering both "Chain N' Bang" and midsize vehicle demolition heats. Payouts will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Chain N' Bang category and first through fourth in the midsize category. For entry information and rules, contact Carolyn Levang at 701-770-6938.

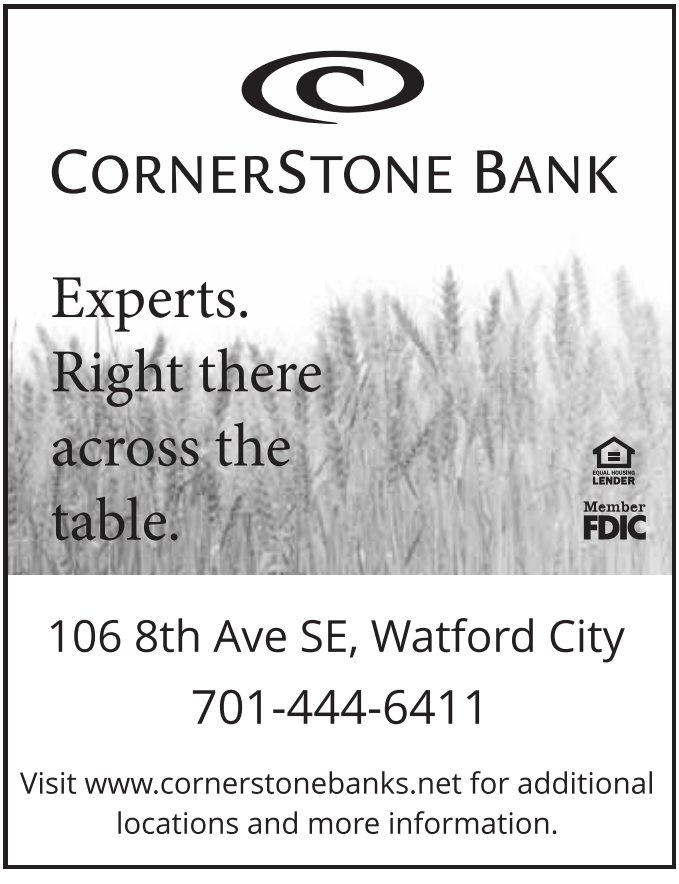
Saturday, June 22nd brings the Lil Buckaroo Rodeo at 2 p.m., Merrill Piepkorn and the Radio Stars playing at 4:30 p.m. and the ever popular North Dakota Rodeo Association annual rodeo at the rodeo arena. Witness bucking broncs, professional barrel racing, bull-riding and many more exciting events beginning at 6 p.m.

Stick around for Sunday's 29th Annual Youth Rodeo at the Indoor Arena. Young cowboys and cowgirls from ages 8 to 15 will participate in barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying, a flag race and steer riding, dressed in full western attire.

Merrill Piepkorn and the Radio Stars will play at 4:30 p.m. on June 22.

Have fun in the west at the 2019 McKenzie County Fair in Watford City June 20th - 23rd. General admission to the fair is free this year. Tickets for the Demolition Derby and the NDRA Rodeo are available at the fair office, and cost $15 for adults and $10 for children ages 6-13 for each event. Children 6 and under are free at each event.

For questions about the fair, contact Carolyn Levang at 701-770-6938. For questions about the youth Rodeo, contact Kadie Sorenson at 701-570-6407.



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McKenzie Co. Heritage Park

Watford City, ND

Visitors can get a glimpse into life in McKenzie County during the late 1880s and early 1900s by visiting the McKenzie County Heritage Park, along Hwy 85 west of Watford City, ND.

The park is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday from Friday, May 25 through Labor Day weekend. It is also open to groups by appointment.

The park demonstrates life on the prairie through an 1880s trapper's cabin, a homestead shack, a blacksmith shop, an early day one-room school and a typical prairie church. Newer to the park is the Ralph Koeser barn, an antique sawmill and the original Abstract & Title building from Shafer, which was built in the early 1900s. The old train depot which has been relocated to the park will eventually be fully restored to its original condition.

Also on the property is the law office of North Dakota's early governor, Gov. George F. Shafer. Shafer practiced law in the building about 1913 when it was located in Shafer, ND, which was the county seat at the time. Shafer was governor of North Dakota from 1928-1932.

The "Stone House" is a recently added addition to the park. The house, donated by the David Jones family, is completely restored to its original condition.

The park also features a display of mammoth fossils discovered 2 ½ miles northwest of Watford City, antique machinery and the 50 Years in the Saddle memorial that honors cowboys and their way of life.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Yearly and lifetime memberships are also available for $25 and $100 respectively.

The McKenzie County Heritage Park is also accepting volunteers to help maintain the park. For more details, please call 701-444-5804 or 701-609-9894.

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Watford City Events

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Missoula Children's Theater: July 8-July 13, www.LongXArts.com. Musical Theater Production and Performance of ROBINSON CRUSOE Grades 1-8 A week long residency starring 50-60 local children in a full-scale musical!

Cliffhangers Rendezvous: July 11-July 14, www.WatfordCityEvents.com. Cliffhangers 4x4 Club is pleased to announce our 29th Annual Roughrider Rendezvous! Come join us July 11- 14 in Watford City for a weekend of great wheelin' and friends!

Homefest: July 12-July 13, www.WatfordCityChamber.com, A Watford City Tradition. Street Fair, dances, Art in the Park, a Fun Run, Golf Scramble, reunions and more. (Note the date change to July.)

Art in the Park: July 13, www.LongXArts.com. Celebrating music and art of the area. Art and Craft Vendors. Free Art Activities. Food and Games. Fun for the whole family. Part of Homefest Festivities.

Watford Market: July 25-August 24, www.facebook.com/watfordmarket. Every Thursday at the McKenzie County Heritage Park join Vendors with Homemade & Homegrown items, burgers, live music and demonstrations.

Maah Daah Hey Trail Run: July 27, www.MDHTR.com. Enjoy running 3.1, 6.2, 13.1, 26.2 56, 86 or 106 miles on the world famous Maah Daah Hey Trail.

Maah Daah Hey 100 MTB Race: August 3, www.MDH100.com. Ride your mountain bike on 100, 75, 50, 25 or 13 miles of the world famous Maah Daah Hey Trail.

Best of the West Ribfest: Aug. 9; www.watfordcityribfest.com. Western North Dakota's biggest party on the street! Come for the ribs, stay for the music.

Maah Daah Hey Buck 50: Sept. 21-Sept. 26, www.MDH150.com. Ride or run the entire 150 miles of the MDH in 1, 2, 3 or 6 days of continuous single-track trail bliss.

McKenzie County Heritage Days: Sept. 21, www.WatfordCityEvents.com. Take a 'Walk back in Time' to a place where the history of the North Dakota prairie comes alive. Fun filled day of demonstrations, activities and food for the whole family.

NDRA Rodeo Finals: Sept. 27-Sept. 28; www.NDrodeo.com. North Dakota State Rodeo Finals includes Bareback Riding, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie Down Roping and Breakaway.

POPOVICH Comedy Pet Theater: Oct. 8, www.LongXArts.com. Watford City Area Concert Association: America's Got Talent Finalist, 5th Generation Circus Performer, Vegas Entertainer of the Year award recipient.

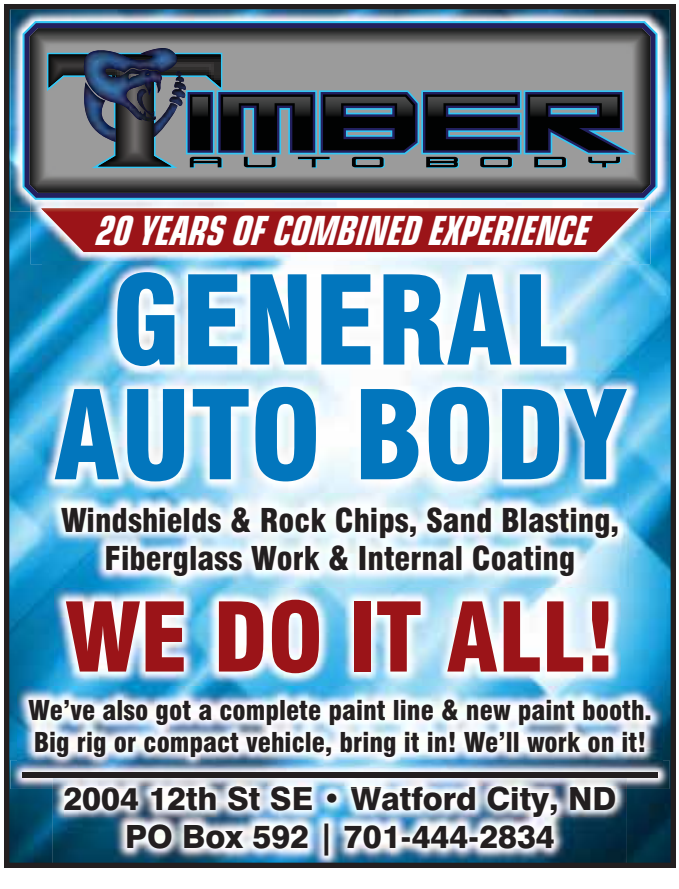
Trail of Treats: Oct. 31, www.WatfordCityChamber.com. Down Watford City's Main Street gives kids a chance to get lots of great goodies and also provides parents peace of mind knowing their kids are in a safe environment.

Turkey Bingo: Nov. 12, www.WatfordCityChamber.com, Turkey Bingo is Watford City's social event of the year. Come win your turkey for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

Comedy Café with Taylor Mason: Nov. 15, www.LongXArts.com. Watford City Area Concert Association: Comedian, ventriloquist, actor and worldwide performer.

Watford City Parade of Lights: Nov. 29, www.WatfordCityChamber.com, Kick off the Christmas season with Watford City's Parade of Lights.

For a complete list of all events and activities check out www.WatfordCityEvents.com.



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Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorializes the 26th president for his enduring contributions to the conservation of our natural resources. There are 3 units of the park. The North Unit, which is located 15 miles south of Watford City, ND on US 85, is open all year long.

Visitors have a unique opportunity for wildlife viewing. In the park you will find open prairie, hardwood draws, bison, deer as well as other wildlife. The park also offers stunning views of the Little Missouri River as it runs through the park and a look into history which includes Theodore Roosevelt's life while living in North Dakota.

A visitor center offers exhibits and a film on the natural history of the park and about the park itself.

Juniper Campground is open all year and is available for tents and RVs. There are no hook-ups but a dump station is available during the summer months. Camping fees are charged all year.

Miles of hiking trails bisect the park, which offer a closer look at the rugged badlands and the wildlife that call this home. Interpretive programs are offered most days throughout the summer and into the early fall. Please check at the visitor center for a current list.

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Homefest Art in the Park

Watford City, ND

Watford City's annual Homefest offers a jam-packed weekend of events in downtown Watford City that will appeal to all ages. Homefest, a "welcome home" for returning natives and a "welcome" to new residents, will kick off on Friday, July 12th and continue Saturday, July 13th. The event is filled with food and music on Main Street and features vendors and family friendly activities.

Come celebrate music and art of the area at Homefest's Art in the Park. Face painting, entertainment and free art activities for the kids under the HESS Art Tent on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Children's Park and the beautiful new Centennial Park on Main Street across from the Long X Visitors Center and Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County in Watford City. A special showing of area artist Miles Bendixson's work will be on display at the Long X Visitor's Center along with dime Sundaes.

The Long X Arts Foundation and the Watford City Chamber would like to invite artists to showcase and/or sell their work. Vendors are welcome as well

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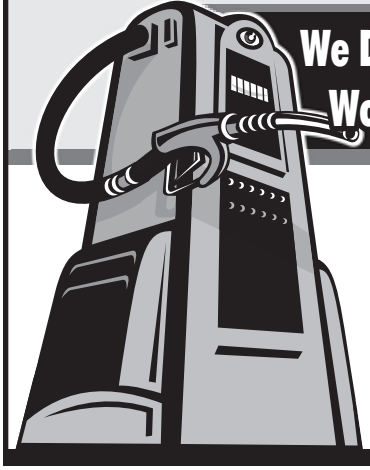

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Pioneer Museum Of McKenzie County

Watford City, ND

The Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County is a central focus of the Long X Trading Post, located on the corner of Hwy 85 South and West in Watford City. The museum is staffed from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Mon – Sat, year round. It is additionally open Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The museum, located on the upper and lower level of the center, has many exhibits that interpret life of the 19th and 20th century pioneers. It also displays a great history time line of McKenzie County.

Included in the displays are a homestead shack, a beauty parlor, schoolhouse, the Bannon Exhibit (the last lynching in North Dakota), Native American display, vintage clothing, pioneer quilting and sewing, religious artifacts, vintage bottles and crocks, early day store and business memorabilia, and antique furniture.

A turn of the century kitchen display from the homesteading days (photo submitted).

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The lower levels of the museum feature exhibits on historic ranching and farming, as well as the oil exhibit room. The oil room displays photos and film footage of the first oil well in McKenzie County (the second producing oil well in North Dakota). There is a per scale drilling rig and work over rig display relevant to today's standard of oil drilling/core samples, and a video film on the oil fracking procedure.

Another feature of the museum is the media center. The area is set aside to listen to CDs and DVDs of recorded family histories and veterans' stories. There is also a library of family and organization scrap books and history books to view.

The Pioneer Museum periodically features traveling exhibits and local exhibitors including quilting shows, art shows and photography shows.

The Pioneer Gift Shop is filled with jams, bread and soup mixes, yummy candies and Bison products, locally crafted items, books, as well as t-shirts and sweatshirts. Additionally for purchase are matted photos and photo cards of the local area, landscape and parks. A favorite activity for visitors at the gift shop is to indulge at the ice cream counter with a scoop of pure old fashioned delight!

The museum's Tater Tots class is held every other Friday. The class features sensory activity to help develop motor skills for preschool children. They also host over 500 kids a year for field trips, art classes and community Hygge events. A Hygge is a Danish ritual of enjoying life's simple pleasures.

Admission is free – admits you to life as it was in Watford City and McKenzie County. For more information contact the museum at 701-444-2990 or email at museum@ruggedwest.com.

Many Pride of North Dakota products are available for sale in the Long X Visitor's Center gift shop (photo submitted).

The Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County in Watford City invites children in to explore and learn all about McKenzie County and the stories of how we got here. Pictured is one of their Tater Tots classes for youngsters. (photo submitted).

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Lewis and Clark opened up the west to the European explorers followed by the homesteaders who began coming to western North Dakota in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Lewis and Clark Trail Museum, housed in the former school house which was built in 1914 in Alexander, ND offers a unique way to view the past, including the adventures of Lewis and Clark. The western North Dakota community members began transforming the school into a museum in 1969, using each classroom to feature a different aspect of our history. This marks our 50th year open and we are celebrating all season, so check out our Facebook page for upcoming events at https://www.facebook.com/LewisandClarkTrailMuseum.

Included in the displays are a Country Store, a Hall of Fame with memorabilia of remarkable past residents, Governor Link's room and an historic School Room with books and materials. In the Novak / Lebak building, you will find a display of old tractors, machinery, wagons and cars. On the grounds of the museum you will find a log cabin from the Madison Ranch south of town, the old Boy Scout Cabin houses photos and maps of the area, and the Highland Lutheran Church building, which was moved in from 18 miles south of Alexander. The Museum's hollyhock gardens have been a part of the school for decades and the massive petrified stumps lining the parking area are a favorite of visitors of all ages.

The general store display at the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum.

In 2018 the Museum completed an extensive addition to the Novak - Lebak building. The additional space permitted the museum to display over 100 items, which had been in storage for many years. Some items complement existing displays, such as fire apparatus, wagons, carriages and our largest threshing machine. Other unique items help to round out the variety of businesses represented at the museum, including a soda fountain, extensive saddlery items from the harness maker's shop, and fascinating tools and equipment from the blacksmith shop. Over a dozen horse-drawn items show the importance of horses to homesteaders' agricultural practices as well as horse drawn transportation through the seasons. Four additional antique automobiles provide insight into the importance of the introduction of mechanized transportation to North Dakota's largest county.

Clay Jenkinson will be guest speaker at the 50 year celebration on June 29.

While at the Museum, treat yourself to a specialty drink inside the Charbonneau School building at James Gang Java.

The museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m. and is located at 102 Indiana Ave. East in Alexander, ND. Admission is free will donation.

For more information call 701-828-3595 or email lewisandclarknd@gmail.com.

Come join us for our 50-year celebration on June 29 with guest speaker, Clay Jenkinson. Clay is a humanities scholar, author and social commentator who has devoted most of his professional career to public humanities programs and is considered one of the most entertaining public speakers in the United States. His performances are always humorous, educational, thought provoking and enlightening, while maintaining a steady focus on ideas. He is the nation's leading interpreter of Thomas Jefferson and also portrays Theodore Roosevelt, Meriwether Lewis, John Wesley Powell, J. and Robert Oppenheimer. For more information about Clay Jenkinson visit www.clayjenkinson.com.

Lewis and Clark Trail Museum – "Honoring our elders and preserving our past"

Old Post Office Museum

Grassy Butte, ND

The Old Post Office Museum located in Grassy Butte, ND, was built in 1912 when construction materials were scarce. The structure, made of logs and sod, housed the Grassy Butte Post Office from 1914 to 1964. It now serves as a museum housing antiques and relics from the 1800s and early 1900s.

There is no charge for admission. The museum is open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on weekends through the month of June and every day from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. from July through Labor Day.

The Old Post Office Museum is located just off Hwy 85, south of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit.

Mercer County Museum

Beulah, ND

What better place to take a walk through history than a visit to the Mercer County Historical Museum. A tour through this facility takes a visitor through the early settlement days when the Norwegian, Swedish, Irish and Germans from Russia settled into the area beginning in the 1870s.

In this 15,000 square foot facility, history buffs, genealogy enthusiasts and families looking for a relaxing afternoon of fun and entertainment, can find just what they need.

Founded in 1977, the museum contains three large rooms that take the viewer on a walk through history as they tour an old fashioned front parlor, an early day dental office, a one-room schoolhouse and an old time mercantile.

Family roots come alive in the numerous displays of early rodeo days, wedding apparel and military memorabilia beginning with World War I. Other displays include Native American artifacts and arrowheads, toys, area sports memorabilia, antique cars, tractors, wagons, other homestead items and much more.

The museum is a trip through history everyone is sure to enjoy!

Admission is free. (Free will donations accepted). Annual memberships can be purchased at any time.

The museum is open for tours, Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays from 1- 4 pm, Memorial Day through Labor Day, or by appointment at any time throughout the year by calling the toll free number (800) 441-2649 or 701-873-5070. Large or small groups are always welcome.

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Built near the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers between 1828 and 1867, Fort Union Trading Post was the center of the trading economy for the Northern Plains. During this time Fort Union traders co-existed civilly with Assiniboine, Crow, Cree, Ojibwa, Blackfeet and Hidatsa Indians. Indians traded furs and hides for iron tools, guns, blankets and other manufactured goods. The site is operated by the National Parks Service, which partially reconstructed the post to its current appearance. This historic site invites visitors to investigate life as it was in the mid-19th century.

Fort Union is situated 25 miles southwest of Williston, ND via Highway 1804 and 24 miles northeast of Sidney, MT via Highway 58.

Fort Union is open year-round. The hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day are 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. CDT, while the hours for the rest of the year are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. CDT.

The site also offers special events free to the public as follows:

June 13-16 is the Fort Union Rendezvous, which is a 19th Century fur trade fair. This includes a variety of period arts, crafts and music.

August 3-4 is the Indian Arts Showcase, which provides demonstrations of traditional Northern Plains Indian accouterments, crafts and music.

August 31-September 2 is Living History Weekend, where re-enactors portray American Fur Company employees and American Indians of Fort Union Trading Post.

There is a Blacksmith Workshop in September, where participants can learn the basic techniques of blacksmithing. Watch for information from Fort Union on dates for this event.

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A fur trader educates visitors at the Rendezvous.

Indian Arts Showcase And Wacipi

Fort Union Trading Post

By Jaymi Loobey

August 3rd and 4th, at Fort Union Trading Post in North Dakota, Northern Plains Oyate will again be commemorating American Indian history and culture during the Northern Plains Oyate Indian Arts Festival and Wacipi.

For two years Northern Plains Oyate have been showcasing the history and culture of the North American Indians through traditional crafts, music, and lectures by tribal historians and elders. I asked Skipp Miller, one of the coordinators of the event and she told me a Wacipi is a dance, a powwow. According to www.britannica.com, a powwow is a celebration of American Indian culture in which people from diverse indigenous nations gather for the purpose of dancing, singing, and honoring the traditions of their ancestors. During the event, dancers and singers from all over Montana, North Dakota, and even some from Canada come to participate. The Wacipi is a traditional event, not a competition event. The Xo' shga riders will, again, be able to join the festivities. According to the Xo' shga Facebook page, the Xo' shga riders are a group that gets together to acknowledge the Xosh-gah band of Hidatsa under the leadership of Chief Crow Flies High and Bob Tail Bull that led a group of Hidatsa away from Fort Berthold in 1869 to live free and maintain their tribal life-ways. They did a historic memorial ride from Ft. Buford to Ft. Berthold in North Dakota and a documentary called Xo' shga was done about the ride and what it was for. Skipp Miller told me, "I saw them when they rode into Fort Union. One horse was dancing around and it was so exciting." This year they will be riding in from Ft Buford then giving a presentation between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be crafts for sale.

The WACIPI theme is on the crisis affecting Canada and the United States, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic. It is an issue currently affecting Indigenous people in Canada and the United States, including the First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and all Native American communities. They are also far more likely than other women to go missing. What is most unusual about violence against Native Americans is that Native women are more likely to be sexually assaulted, stalked and preyed-upon by non-Natives. There will be two representatives sharing their information about this issue that has happened to some of the local Native women.

Both days the events start off with a grand entry at 12 p.m. CST. There will be dancing by several different groups, specials of the Northern Plains Oyate Princesses, and the presentation by the Xo' shga riders. At 5 p.m. both days will be a buffalo feed with the buffalo meat provided by Turtle Mound Buffalo Ranch from the Fort Peck tribes in Poplar, Montana. The closing ceremonies are at 10 p.m.

According to an event ad on www.crazycrow.com, Fort Union Trading Post was constructed on the plains in 1828, near where the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers joined by John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. This fort went on to become its most famous fur trade post. Although called a fort, the post was neither a government nor a military installation, but a privately owned commercial establishment founded to engage in business with the Northern Plains Nations. Built at the request of the Assiniboine nation, Fort Union Trading Post, then called Fort Union, quickly emerged as the Upper Missouri's most profitable fur trade post. This trading business continued until 1867, giving rise to a diverse, peaceful, and productive social and cultural environment that helped make Fort Union western America's longest-lasting fur trade post.

Fort Union Trading Post is located at 15550 Hwy 1804 in MonDak, North Dakota. The event is free to the public and attendees are asked to refrain from filming, taking pictures of, or recording anyone without their permission out of respect for their beliefs.

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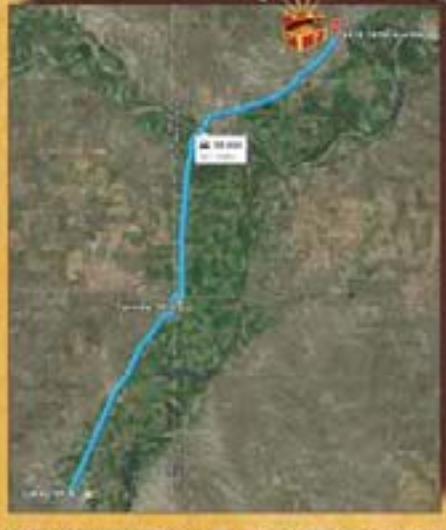


Fort Buford

Located on Highways 1804 & 58, near Williston, ND

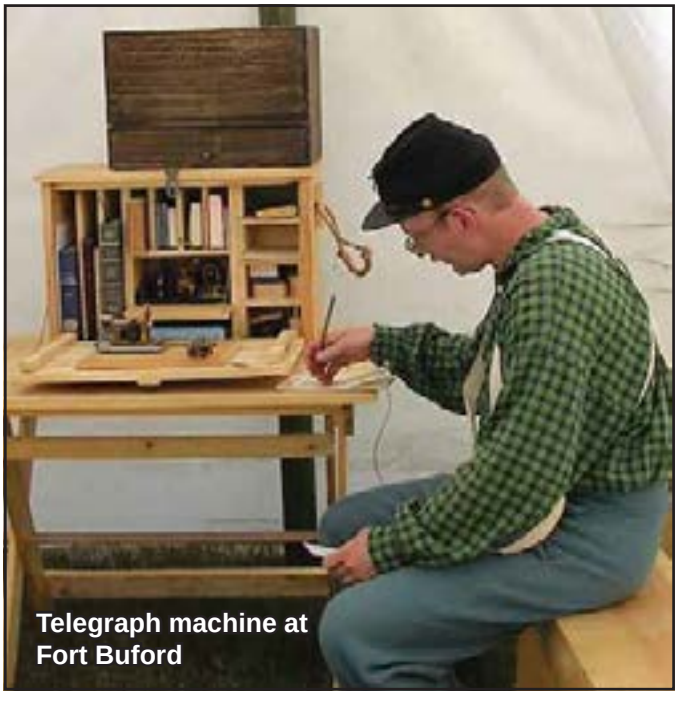
Fort Buford was a United States Army Post at the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers in Dakota Territory. The fort was established June 12, 1866 by Capt. William Rankin 13th infantry along with 89 enlisted men. The post was built using adobe bricks and cottonwood enclosed by a 360x360 wooden stockade

Ft. Buford was named after Major General John Buford who fought in the civil war. During its 29 years as a sentinel, Fort Buford successfully served the river and overland routes for safe passage for immigrants traveling to the gold fields. Fort Buford also served as a primary supply depot for units that were conducting military field operations against Native Americans in the region.

During the first years the soldiers endured constant Lakota Sioux harassment keeping them near prisoners. The Sioux, led by Sitting Bull, successfully attacked soldiers on work details, hunting parties and civilian groups.

In 1881, Sitting Bull who had retreated into Canada after the battle of the Little Big Horn, came into Fort Buford. During the ceremony in Brothertons Quarters, Sitting Bull handed his rifle over to his son Crow Foot, who handed it to Brotherton. This simple act spared the proud Hunkpapa from having to say he surrendered his weapon to the blue coats.

In 1891-1895, the 10th Cavalry and 25th Infantry of the "Buffalo Soldiers," were stationed at Fort Buford. These soldiers policed the inter-nation boundary, guarded railway construction



Telegraph machine at Fort Buford

crews and provided escorts for steamers and wagon trains.

Three original buildings, the field officer's quarters, the guardhouse and the powder magazine buildings have been restored. In 2014 the mason site was dedicated by the Yellowstone Historic Lodge #88 and the Eureka Lodge #135. The Buffalo soldier horse statue created by artist Jim Dolan, was dedicated at the site in 2016.

In July the 6th Infantry Reenactment Group holds an encampment at Fort Buford. Every October a cemetery walk is held to share the stories of those spirits that remain at the fort.

Fort Buford is located near Williston, ND on Highways 1804 and 58. The fort remains open from May 26 through September 3 from 9 a.m. CT until 6 p.m. daily CT. Admission is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children, and free for children under 5. Bus and school group rates are available. For more information, contact 701-572-9034.

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The permanent exhibit, "Trails, Tracks, Rivers & Roads", explores the geographic and geologic past of the area and the impact made by people arriving by all means of travel. The roaming gallery is changed out every 2-3 years. This year it features electricity, how it affected the farmers and how the co-ops were formed.

Along with the exhibits, the Confluence Center includes a meeting room, rotunda and an open plaza facing the Confluence. The meeting room is available for use during and after operating hours. Equipment is available at no extra charge. The rotunda and open plaza are available to groups after operating hours only. To rent or book a room for use, contact the Confluence Center at 701-572-9034.

The MYCIC offers classes and events for the public to enjoy. The Confluence Quilters (third Friday and Saturday each month), and the Confluence Scrapbooking (1st Saturday each month) meet at the interpretive center and welcome any level of quilter or scrapbooker to learn and join. The History book club (3rd Thursday) meets at the center to discuss the book of the month, and concerts (3rd Sunday) provide great entertainment and are held throughout the year.

Check out the Fort Buford State Historic Site, North Dakota or Fort Buford/MYCIC State Historic Site on Facebook for events and other activities that are held throughout the year. For more information call 701-572-9034.

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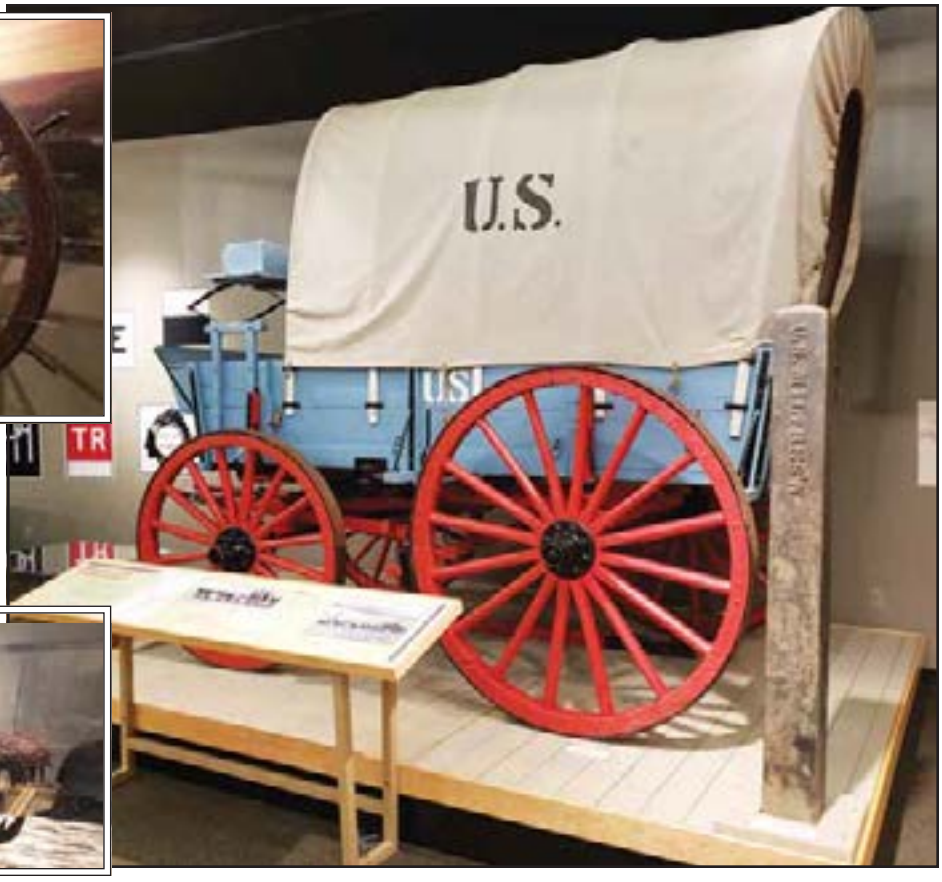

Pictured are just three of the historical displays at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

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Here you can fish or sit on the bank of the lake and picnic, or build a fire pit in one of the many shelters that dot the area. You can play basketball at the outdoor court, or if you have children, watch them play on the jungle gym. Other activities include volleyball, miniature golf, horseshoes, and a pavilion well-suited for company picnics or birthday parties.

During the camping season which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, amenities include RV sites with electricity, sewers, showers, tenting and outdoor restrooms.

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Williston, ND

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The museum consists of a 1910 rural church complete with furnishings and available for rental for weddings; two modern buildings filled with artifacts; a 1908 two-story house complete with antique furniture and treasures and an 1888 grocery store; a restored Alamo, ND train depot; and a fully equipped country school. Heferdun's Hack, the depot's first taxi, met every train arriving in Williston, picked up those from the train who needed a ride, and delivered them to their area destination.

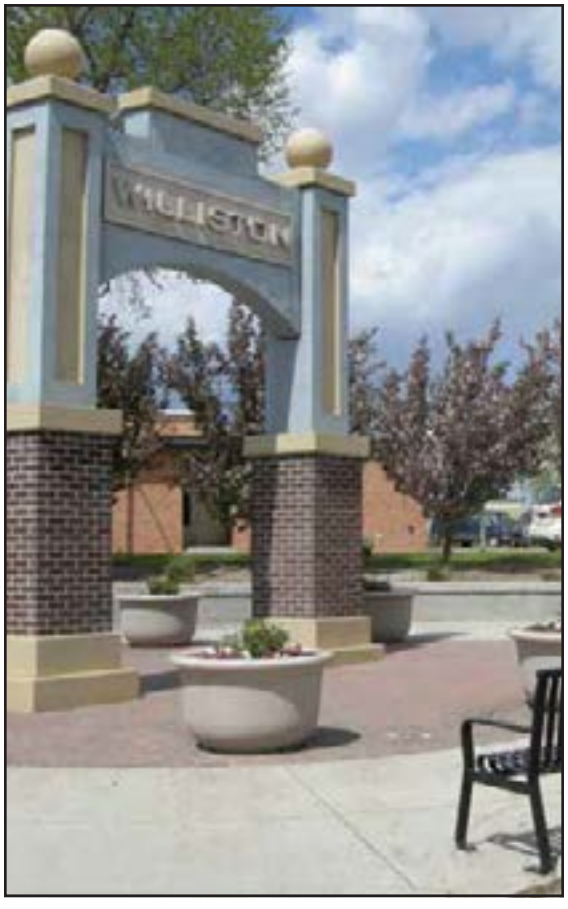
The museum is also home to all sorts of transportation exhibits including sleds, sleighs, bicycles, memorabilia and pictures from the area. The Williston Tourist Information Center is housed in the Alamo Depot.

Displays, geared mainly towards the decades of the 20s through the 50s, feature themes such as trunks and quilts made during those decades. The museum also offers individuals the opportunity to "touch history".

The Frontier Museum is located at 6330 First Ave. West in Williston. It is open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Snyder's Store originated in 1888 in Williston, ND. The building was sponsored by the J.C. Snyder Family.

2019 Williston Events Schedule



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August 28 .....Lunch Pad
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Williston State College "Out of the Darkness" Walk
October 31..... Trail of Treats
November 15 .....Rendevous Run at Fort Union
November 29 .....25th Annual Holiday Lights Parade
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Williston, ND

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Beginning its life as a home for the National Guard, Company E, it was designed by famed architect Robert Stacy-Judd of Minot. For the period of its military life it was used during World War II and the Korean War, retiring from service in 1957. In 1959, it became the Rec Center retiring from that duty in 1983 when the Raymond Family Community Center came to be. The building has been used for concerts, theater productions, weddings and other receptions and even funerals. Currently used by Entertainment Inc. and other productions, there is a state of the art sound system, installed in 2006. A 7-member board of directors, put in place by the Williston City Commission, governs the building.

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James Memorial Art Center

Williston, ND

The former Williston city library, built in 1911, now serves the community as the James Memorial Art Center. The gallery displays monthly art exhibitions by local, regional and national artists.

Many events are held at the James. JMAC Art Fest - an outdoor festical featuring artists, vendors and entertainment - is held in the fall. Annual events include “Warm-up After Light-up” - kicking off the Christmas season with holiday decor, treats and entertainment - following the parade the day after Thanksgiving, and “Soups-on” - a luncheon featuring homemade soups and desserts.

The Center offers art classes for youth and adults in a wide selection of media throughout the year. The James also offers open studio nights every Wednesday from 5:30-8 p.m. The studio is open to any adult who enjoys arts and crafts as a hobby or profession.

Gallery and office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday 1-5 p.m. The gallery is open Sundays, September - April, 1-5 p.m., and closed Sundays May-August.

The James Memorial Art Center is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The Center is located at 621 1 Ave. W, Williston. It is handicap accessible and can be rented for private and public meetings, receptions, reunions or parties.

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Pioneer Trails Museum

Hanks, ND

The Pioneer Trails Museum in Hanks, ND is located in the former school building. A one-room country school was also moved onto the grounds, along with the depot from Zahl and a cook car from the threshing days. Visitors can also see antique machinery and vehicles, displayed in a nearby Quonset.

In the old school house, which at one point had students from grades 1 through 12 in attendance, people can look down into what used to be a gym. The old gym now contains a homestead shack moved in from a few miles north. Visitors will also see an old general store from the early 1900s. A special exhibit showcases a loom from Denmark used for weaving rugs.

The museum is open every Sunday from 1-5 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. There is no admission charge. However, individuals may purchase a year membership $2 per person or $5 for a family.

An original homestead shack on display at the Pioneer Trails Museum in Hanks, ND.

Buffalo Trails Museum

Epping, ND

You won't want to be in a rush when you visit the Buffalo Trails Museum located in Epping, ND. This seven-building complex features area history starting in prehistoric times and continuing through the homestead era. The museum highlights exhibits made by the first curator and founder, Elmer Halvorson. These fascinating displaying include paintings, dioramas, and life-sized human figures posed in scenes from the past. Some of the favorite exhibits include a reconstructed Assiniboine village, a pioneer home scene, fossils and a diorama called an Indian Tree Burial.

Epping is also host to Buffalo Trails Days on July 13-14. There will be a dance on Friday at the Eagles Nest and on Saturday the Epping Fire Department will host Balderdash band and light off fireworks that evening. This event will also include a parade, auctions, vendors, car show and a ton more fun things for your family. The museum opens on June 2 and closes for the season on August 31. Hours of operation are Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Admission is $5 per adult and $3 per child. For more information visit their website at www.epping.govoffice.com or call 701-859-4361. Pictures and updates can also be found on the Buffalo Trails Museum Facebook page.

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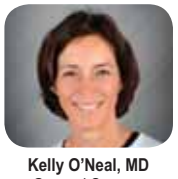

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