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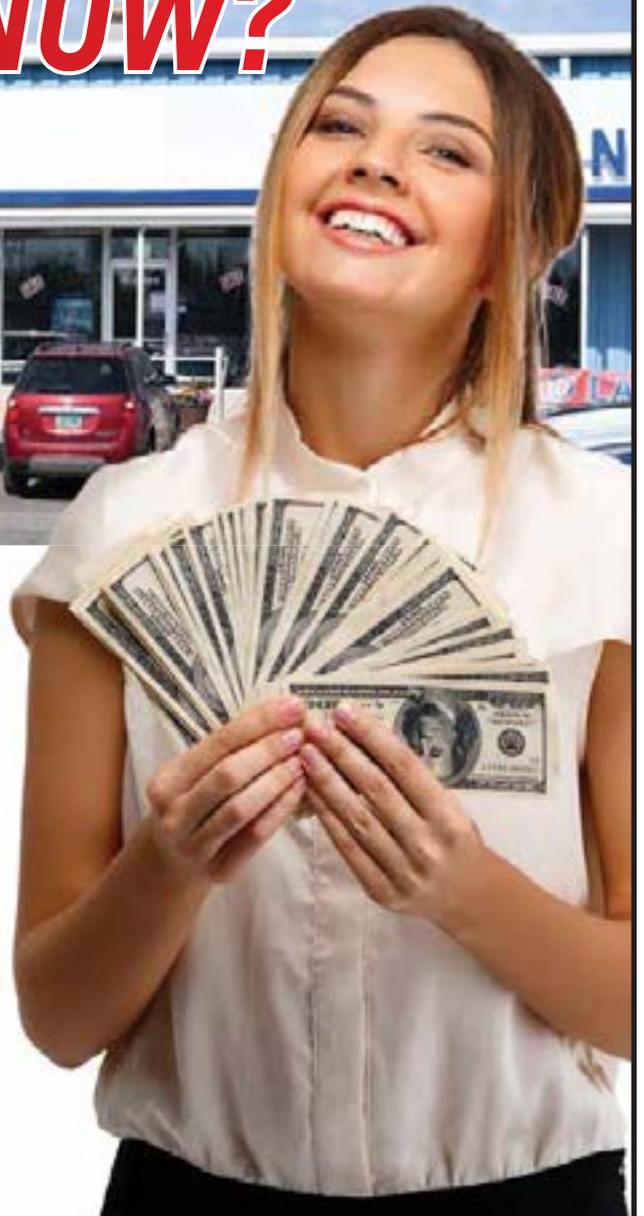
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Welcome To The MonDak!

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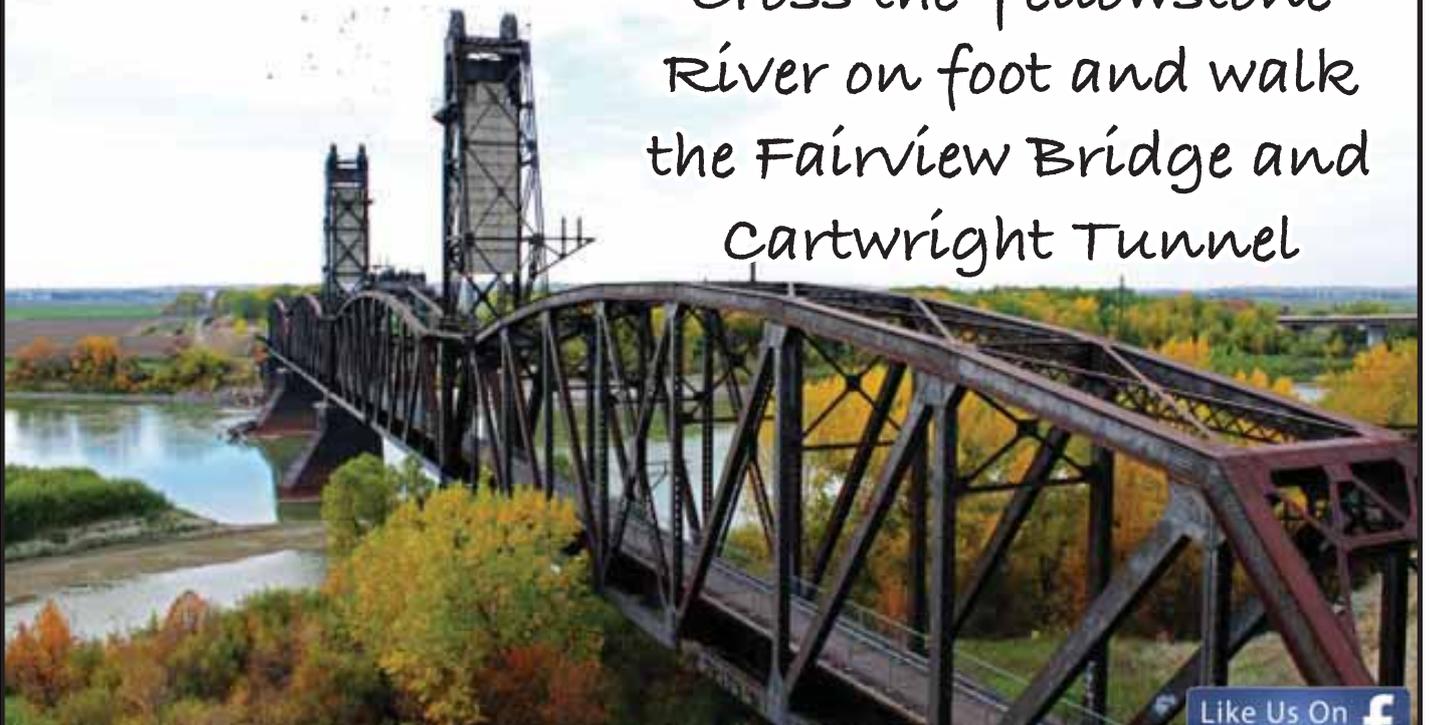


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Welcome To Montana's Sunrise City!

The Sidney community welcomes you warmly to our home and invites you to take in the small-town atmosphere and many treasures in our region. Despite the remote area, you can find your favorite chain restaurants as well as numerous loved local restaurants that have served as attractions for years. Our restaurants feature many specialties including steakhouses, pizza shops, Asian and Mexican cuisines, burger joints and more.

Sidney's retail industry is diverse and immense. Our downtown district offers three car dealers, boutiques, craft stores, thrift shops, hardware, and furniture stores. Throughout the town you can find entrepreneurs offering a variety of services and products. The Shops at Fox Run are another "hot spot" you won't want to miss in your shopping endeavors.

If you are looking for a location that is rich in history, adventure, and agriculture the Sidney area has much to offer.

The Fairview lift bridge and tunnel at Sundheim Park near Fairview, MT is a pride and joy of the Sidney area. Visitors to the bridge can stroll across the historic lift bridge and through a tunnel once used for transportation. Sundheim Park also offers fishing and frisbee golf.

As far as adventure, few places in the United States offer the abundance of wildlife than can be seen in the MonDak area. Take advantage of our recreation opportunities including hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, and agate seeking while you're in town. Enjoy the two rivers in our area: the Yellowstone River and the Missouri River. We are particularly

well known for our legendary fishing, especially fishing for the prehistoric Paddlefish.

The MonDak culture is deeply rooted in history including the Lewis and Clark Expedition and Native American trading posts. By making just a short drive across the North Dakota border, visitors can observe the preservation of Fort Union and Fort Buford. During the 1800's, 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, 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. Nearby Fort Buford is the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center that provides the history of the confluence, another site on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Again, welcome to Sidney. Hope you enjoy your stay! The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is located at 909 S. Central Ave. Office hours are 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday- Thursday and Fridays by appointment. Give us a call at 406-433-1916 for business information and details on events and activities around town. You can also reach us by email at director@sidneymt.com or visit us at our website, sidneymt.com.



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MonDak Heritage Center

Sidney, MT



MonDak "Main Street" exhibit in the basement of the MonDak Heritage Center.

The MonDak Heritage Center (MDHC) is eastern Montana's premier museum! With a mission to engage, educate, and inspire the 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 regional 7th–12th grade 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 Dore, ND 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. 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 for children of all ages; 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 Harvestfest 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.

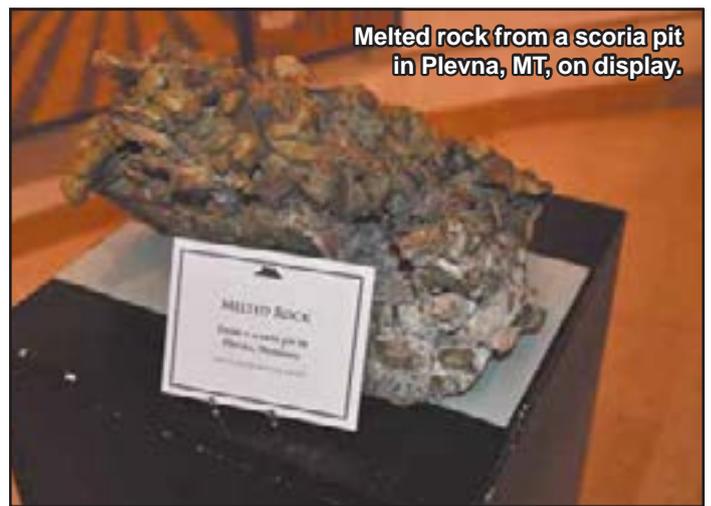
Admission is FREE. The MonDak Heritage Center is located at 120 3rd Ave SE, Sidney. The center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. For more information call 406-433-3500, visit us online at mondakheritagecenter.org or find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter](https://www.facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter))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



“Their Ride For Life” painted in 1969 by artist J. K. Ralston was commissioned by the Montana Bank of Sidney (formerly The Sidney National Bank) for display in their Sidney location. Wells Fargo later acquired the property and donated the painting to the MonDak Heritage Center in 2017.



Gypsum Crystals on display.



Melted rock from a scoria pit in Plevna, MT, on display.

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Sunrise Festival Of The Arts

Sidney, MT



Thistle and Lace will be performing at this year's Sunrise Festival of the Arts. (Promotional photo)

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and presenting sponsor, Dasinger Oil Properties is pleased to announce the 30th Annual Sunrise Festival of the Arts. The 2021 festival is an opportunity to try the new! This includes a date change, moving the festival from the traditional second Saturday in July to June 12, 2021. The Sunrise Festival of the Arts will be located in downtown Sidney starting on the first block of East Main St. and consuming a total of three blocks. Artist, authors, crafters, direct sellers and other small businesses including a great variety of food trucks will fill the streets. Buttons can be purchased from Stockman Bank and the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce for \$4 until the day of the event. Buttons get you entered into a drawing for a slew of prizes including a pair of custom cornhole boards made by our hometown featured artist, Fink Furniture. A variety of the region's finest local talent creates the entertainment throughout the festival. The street vendor fair portion of the Sunrise Festival of the Arts concludes at 4 p.m.

The evening commences at 7 p.m. with a (21+) street dance on the first block of East Main. "Thistle and Lace," a husband and wife acoustic duo, will have the crowd enjoying good times to all your favorites from classic rock to today's hits. Food trucks and a beer garden will be on site for attendees. The Ranger Lounge and Casino will take over for an after party starting at 12 a.m.

June 12 will be a great day to explore Sidney as our area hosts many events including, the Sunrise Festival of the Arts, Catfish Tournament, the Richland County Sportsmen's Club Car Show, Damon McLaughlin Memorial Golf Tournament, Bakken Barrel Days and a Shriner's Parade. There is quite literally fun for everyone.



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We are celebrating 100 YEARS of Fair FUN this year (due to COVID-19 we canceled the celebration in 2020)! Please plan to join us at the 100th celebration of the Richland County Fair & Rodeo, Aug. 4-7. The fair promises excitement for all ages, along with fun-filled days and nights!

The fair started so many years ago as a small street fair and has now grown to entertain over 30,000 people year after year. The fair became official in September 1920 and has continued to be successful ever since.

The fair brings the community together to enjoy four fun filled days and nights. The community has always supported the fair and what it has to offer from the many exhibits and vendors to the main events like rodeos and concerts. The Fair also has some of the best food in the region.

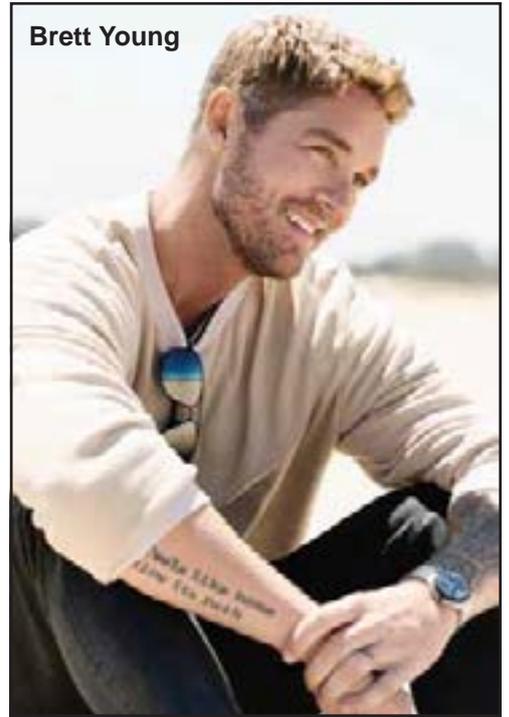
This year Brett Young with special guests, The Bellamy Brothers will be on the big stage Saturday, Aug. 7 starting at 7 p.m. Dueling pianos group, "Duelly Noted," will be performing a free show in the arena/grandstand on Wednesday, Aug. 4. The PRCA Rodeos will be held on Thursday, and Friday, Aug. 5-6 at 7 p.m. presented by Brookman Rodeo. Thursday will be Military Appreciation Night and Friday will be Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night.

Entertainment throughout the day includes the many, many commercial, agriculture, school, and 4-H exhibits, food booths and carnival by North Star Amusements. You won't want to miss all the daily entertainment including a balloon artist, percussive dancers/cloggers/tappers, musicians on the stage, a bubble tower, and a strolling act.

In honor of the Fair's Centennial Celebration there are merchandise items available to purchase...history book, limited edition rifle, umbrellas, just to name a few.

The Richland County Fair & Rodeo strives to make the fair "fun for all ages." See you Aug. 4-7 for a community celebration.

Brett Young

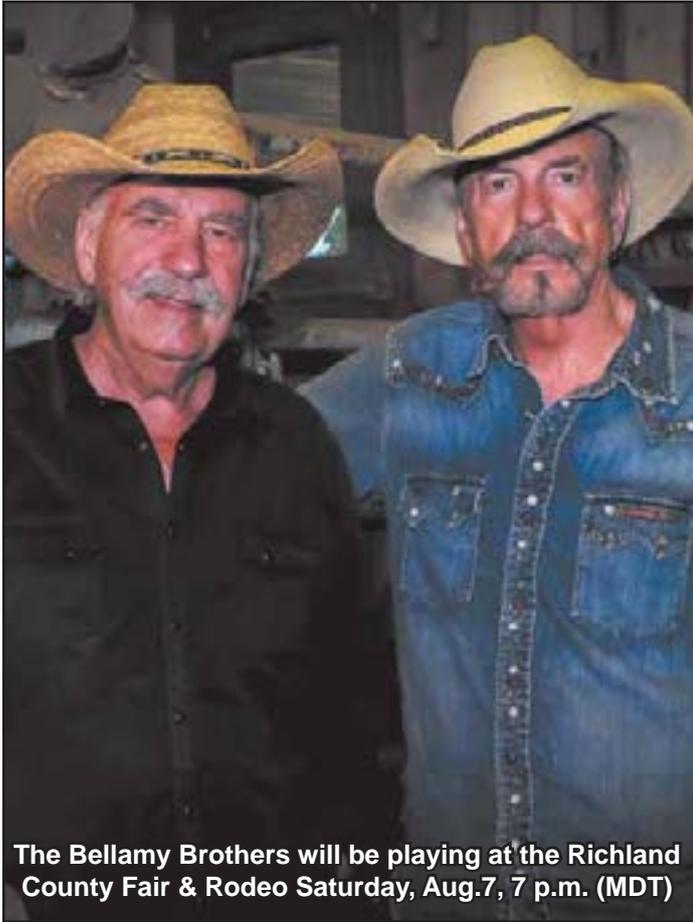


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One of the most popular events in the MonDak, the Lone Tree Gun Show, will take place Aug. 20-22, 2021 at Richland County Event Center, Sidney.

Hours for the show are 5-8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is only \$5 per day with children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult. All federal, state and local gun laws are obeyed.

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 sportsmen.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to many local non-profits. For more information about the Lone Tree Gun Show, contact Leann at 406-480-5594.



Long time vendors Midge & Sandy Seyfert, Glasgow, MT.(Photo submitted by Leann Pelvit)

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Sidney-Richland County Library

Sidney, MT

As we continue to navigate a world profoundly changed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sidney-Richland County Library strives to provide new and innovative ways to serve Richland County.

Everyone can participate in the 2021 Summer Reading Program, Tales & Tails. The program is one of the largest in eastern Montana and western North Dakota. Participants can track their reading online or through a dedicated app with READSquared. Each person will have a profile to keep track, earn digital badges and unlock games and missions. Points earned can be used to “purchase” raffle tickets to win weekly and grand prizes. In addition, programs will be held both in person and virtually for every age group. Enjoy story time, crafts, teen events and so much more.

The library continues to explore new services for patrons. Over the last year the Library has added:

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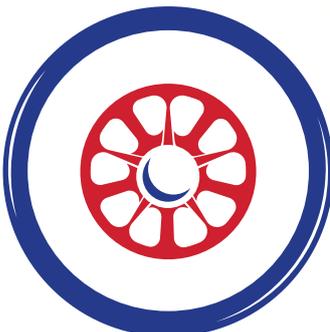
“Look for even more new resources and service announcements over the next year. As always, our goal is to remain your home town library that offers each of you world class opportunities, explains Kelly Reisig, library director.”

For more information call the library at 406-433-1917, check the website at www.richland.org/srcl, or follow its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sidneyrichland.

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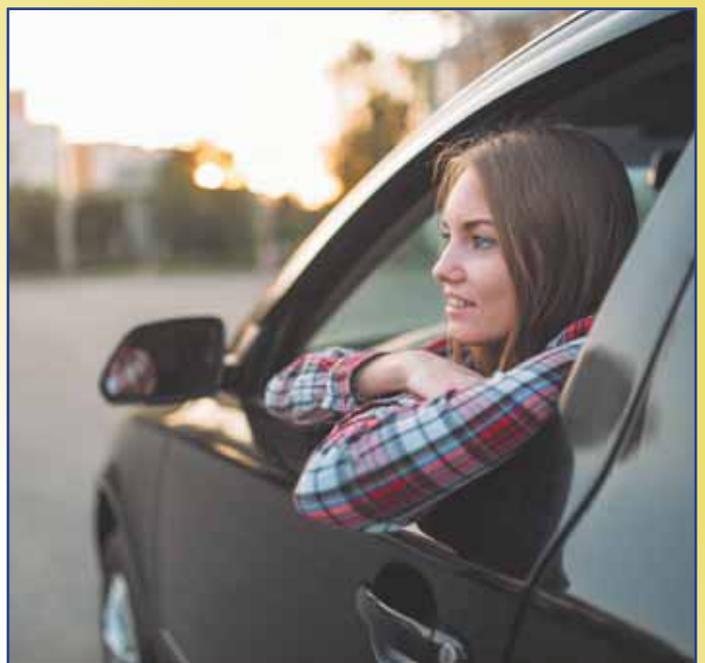
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Memberships are available at Sidney Country Club, however, the general public is more than welcome. Green fees are \$32 for 9 holes and \$55 for 18. Carts and clubs are available to rent. Carts rent by the seat at \$10 for 9 holes and \$14 for 18. 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. A kid's menu is also available, and Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 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.

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Sidney's Parks And Recreation Offer Something For Everyone

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 that 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 2-12, 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.



All of Suzie and Randy Kringen's grandkids paused from their playing for a quick pose at Lalonde Park in 2016, 12th Avenue NW & West Holly Street.

VISIT MONTANA'S SUNRISE CITY!

February

Celebrating Chocolate

March

MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show
Big Sky State Hockey Games

April

Boys & Girls Club Kentucky Derby Gala & Auction
Fairview Putt Putt
Track Meets
Softball Games
Gymnastics BINGO Night
Brodie Gorder Memorial

May

Rescued & Reclaimed
Sidney Lions Club 50th Anniversary
Paddlefishing Season
Jr. High State Rodeo Finals

May (Continued)

Area School Graduations
Sidewalk Sales
Track Meets
Miles City Bucking Horse Sale
Softball Games

June

Sunrise Festival of the Arts
Bronc Miller Memorial Team Roping
NAPA Customer Appreciation Event
Sidney Lions Club 4th Annual Trap Shoot
Classic Wheels Car & Motorcycle Show
9th Annual Rockin' Your Heart Weekend
Ft. Union Rendezvous
Great Western Trail Drive
Food Bank Collection
Swim Meet
Bakken Barrel Days
Sidney Young Professionals Summit
Draggin' Main Senior Celebration
Cattlemen's Ball
Damon McLaughlin Memorial Golf Tournament

June (Continued)

Savage Catfish Tournament

July

DigiMarCon America 2021
Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament
Ft. Buford 6th Infantry Encampment
Fairview Old Timer's Festival
Back to the Classics Draggin' Main
Cruising for a Cause - ABATE
Dragging Main
Sidewalk Sales
Kiwanis Pie Social
Lambert's 4th of July Celebration
Independence Day Celebration
Dragging Main & Car Show w/BBQ

August

Richland County Fair & Rodeo
Lone Tree Gun Show
Sidney Jaycees Demo Derby
Bakken Boom Run

August (Continued)

Cruising to #Stopsuicide BBQ

September

Eastern Montana OOTD Experience
Bakken Brewfest
Living History Weekend
Upland Game Bird Season

October

Trail of Treasts
Deer & Elk General Season
Ft. Buford Cemetery Walk

November

Christmas Stroll/Parade of Lights
Harvestfest
Parade of Trees
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December

St. Matthews Fall Bazaar
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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.

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 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 has 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 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



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children ages 2-5 and consists of a play gym, new swings including the Generation Swing, and free play climbing boulders (appropriate for 2-5 year olds). The playground area hosts a new border system, ADA compliant ground cover and a wheelchair ramp.

The final phase of the Sherry Arnold Fitness Trail has been completed. This trail lies over an irrigation lateral that runs through town connecting West Side Elementary School 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 Richland County Fairgrounds and Sidney Country Club (a distance of 0.57 miles/0.92 kilometers). The start of an adult fitness course is under way in Johnson Park. In the winter of 2020, half of the 11-piece obstacle course was installed with funds received from the Foundation for Community Care grant, Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Trust, as well as the City. As additional funds are raised, the remaining pieces of equipment will be installed.

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,



Two area youngsters use the Sherry Arnold Fitness Trail.

soccer and outdoor ice skating when weather is permitting. Tennis courts are located on 2nd Ave SE across the street from Hunter Dehner 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. The pool is located on the corner of 7th Ave SW and 6th St SW, Sidney.

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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 services to include radiation therapy with the addition 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 2019, Sidney Health Center completed a multi-phase remodel at the clinic to accommodate more medical provid-

ers and create a more efficient utilization of space to better serve patients. The remodel featured a consolidated primary care clinic as well as improvements to the specialty suites.

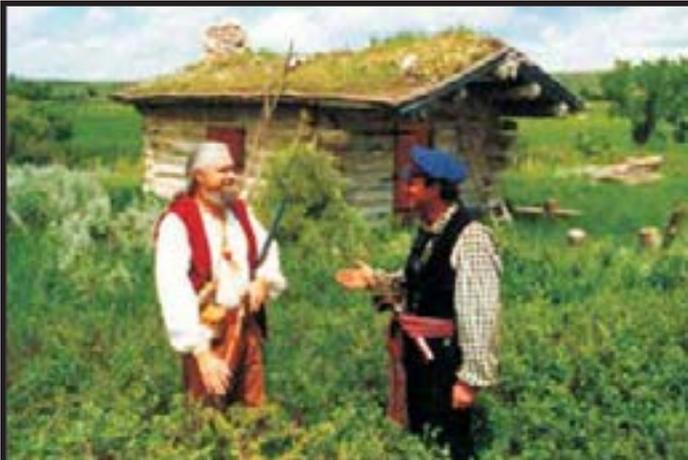
The clinic area is attached to the hospital for convenient access to the clinic pharmacy and outpatient services. Thirty-one physicians and specialists offer family medicine, internal medicine, pediatric care, medical oncology, radiation oncology, pathology, aesthetic medicine, emergency care, hospital inpatient care and surgical services including general, orthopedic, podiatric, obstetrics/gynecology and ear/nose/throat. In addition, 12 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, 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.

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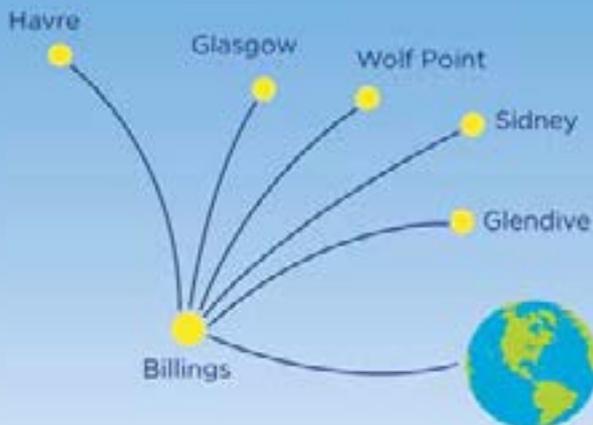
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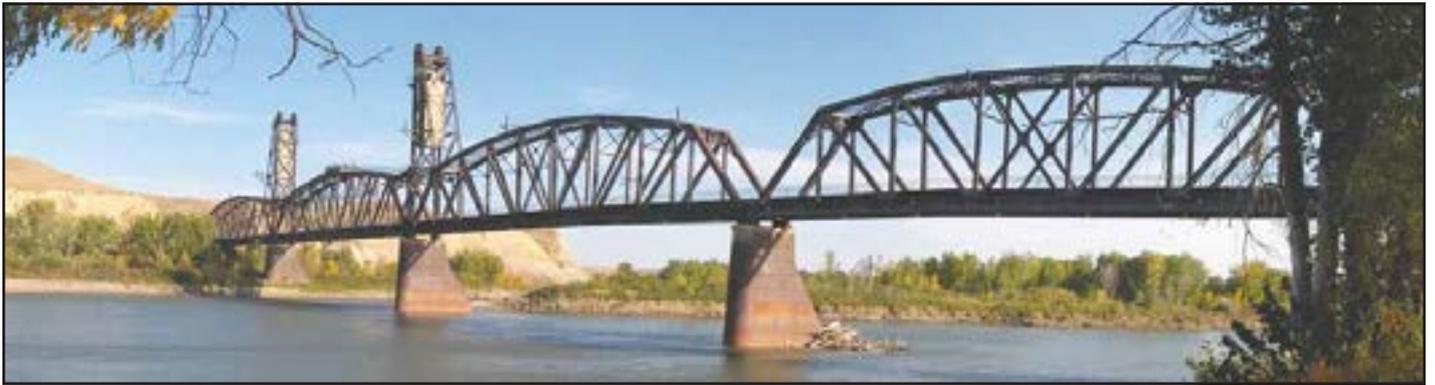


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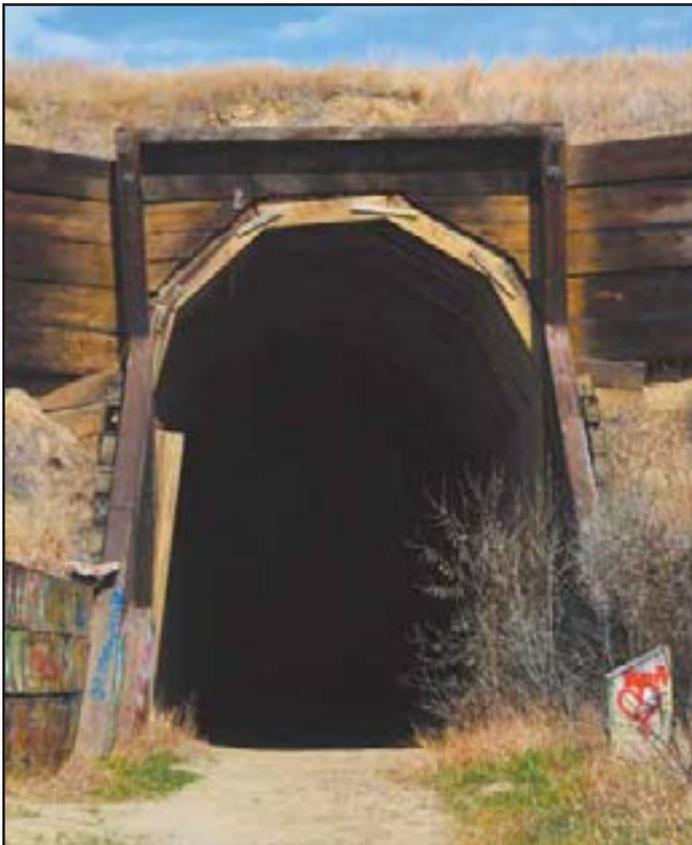
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The bridge adjoins the only tunnel in North Dakota. Construc-

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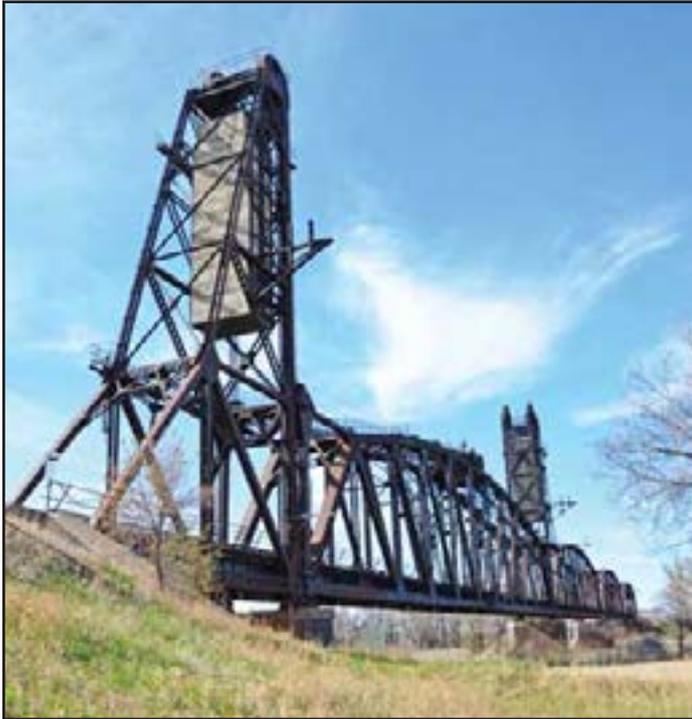
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After enjoying family movie night in the park Thursday night, start the weekend off Friday evening with registration of Old Timers and Hamburgers in the Park starting at 5 p.m. and entertainment by The Relics starting at 6 p.m. Junior High aged kids can enjoy a swim party from 8-10 p.m. for only \$5. Festival organizers are expecting a great turnout with people who wish to come to the park and have a good time, and then head downtown to patronize local businesses.

Old Timers registration starts at 9 a.m., Saturday. The day's highlights include the annual car show, which takes place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the park, a kiddie parade at 11 a.m. as well as a grand parade at 1 p.m. with the theme of "Lets Have a Party!" Take advantage of the free, delicious home cooked roast beef lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. The flag raising, a variety musical program featuring local talent and recognition of this year's button honoree will follow

the parade. The tug-o-war will test the abilities of all those who participate and is so much fun to watch! Patronize the vendors who will be selling food and merchandise all day.

The Fairview Community Foundation will have bouncy houses, laser tag and more fun activities for the kids. A generous grant from Interstate Engineering, Sidney, will help defray the cost, making it affordable for everyone.

Cool off at the ice cream social and take a tour of the newly remodeled Fairview School from 3-5 p.m. The 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. There may be a few surprises in store!

The Fairview Community Foundation will also host their annual Sugar Valley Hoopfest that weekend.

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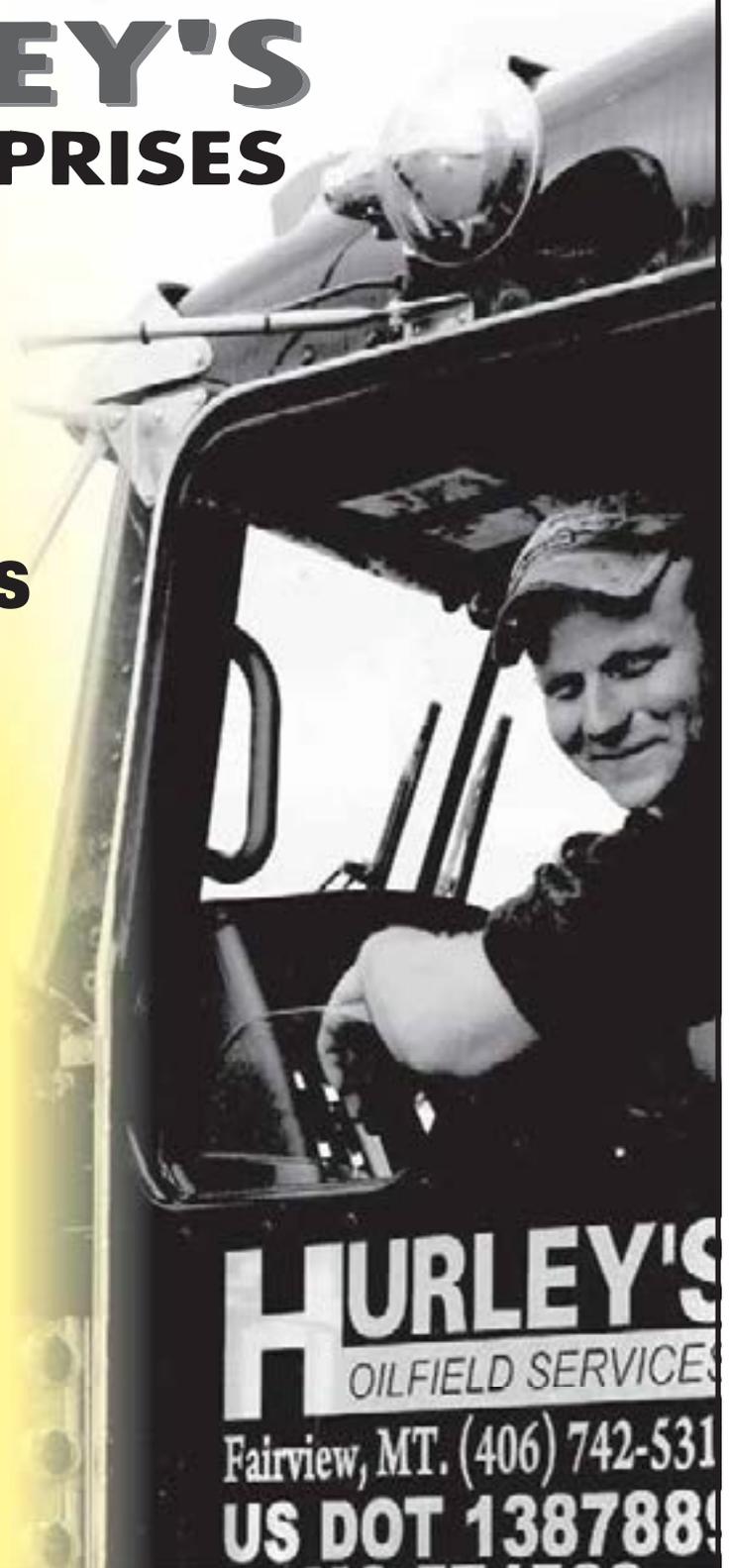
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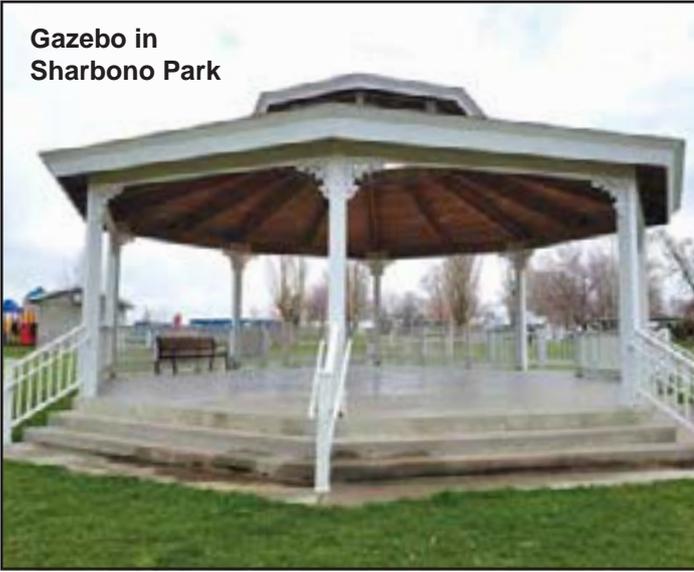
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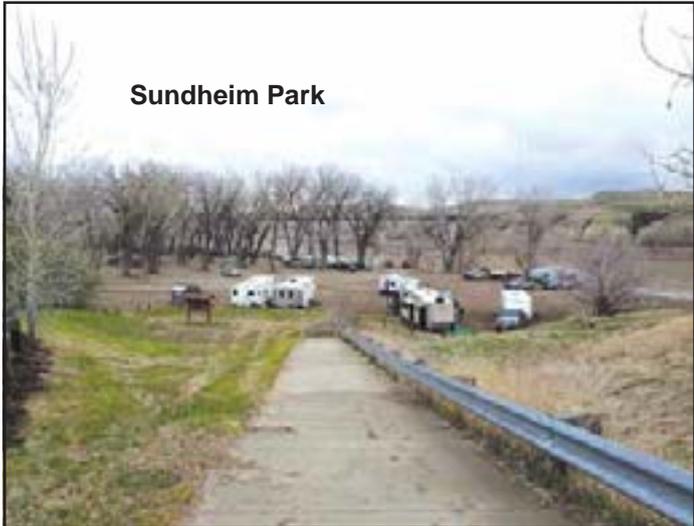

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The Richey Museum and Historical Society now consists of seven buildings that proudly display over 10,000 articles documenting local history and is located on Main Street.

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 addition of 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. The basement of the main building has been reorganized with a new fresh look. The Wishing Well has been refurbished and the Sheep Hut has a new look with chore girl Aggie ready to feed the baby lambs. The Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church has a new section dedicated to the local VFW club.

The Richey Museum and Historical Society will open this season but we will require masks. If you do not have one, one will be provided. The museum will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. beginning June 1 and closing Sept. 2. We still have a few copies left of our Centennial Book, "The Long Road Home". Cost per book is \$50 plus postage.

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Lambert Historical Society

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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 including a complete kitchen, a barbershop, a post office, a country school display, an old country church, a complete safflower display from Alfred Rehbein, and a blacksmith shop that features antique saddles and a locally made harness dating back to 1917. Local brands decorate the museum walls.

The Early Media exhibit includes items from Lambert's original printing office. 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. 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 Hwy 200 and is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For those interested in a tour of the museum call Juanita, 406-973-1197 or Bill, 406-774-3776 to set up a time. Free will donations are accepted.



Above: A loom on display at the Lambert Museum.



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



Above: Wishing Well Display.

Left: Chore Girl "Aggie" on display at the Richey Historical Museum.



This high-wheeled car was used to deliver mail to rural areas around Richey during the winter months.

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Free Form Carving With Montana Agate

Tom Harmon, Harmon's Agate Shop owner, Savage, has spent 50 years hunting agates on the Yellowstone River. He has hosted agate hunters and rock hounds from all over the country.

He and his son, Jim, have been agate hunters and jewelers for many years. Since Jim has relocated to Billings, they still meet and float the river.

In the last 7 years, Tom has focused on carving the agates, taking the basic flaws out to a pleasing shape. "What you find is a pleasant surprise after taking the nasty flaw or flaws out," he says. "What's in a stone will lead you in a direction to save it or bring out the brilliance."

For 20 years he used diamond tools, which were pretty standardized. But when you use your imagination, if you don't have the right tools to create

the carving you have to make a tool, which he does.

Agates are formed where past volcanic activity has occurred; the silica in the lava is what eventually form the rocks and agates in this area and they come into the Yellowstone River from the Big Horn, Tongue and Powder rivers.

The Montana Moss Agate is a pastime unique to the area and is specific to the eastern and central parts off the state and that is because they have naturally moved to lower land due to the shifting over millions of years and the natural flow of the rivers.

Ideal for hunting agates comes in the spring with the June rise and as the water levels recede in mid-July exposing sand bars river banks. Harmon explains that this part of the state has a lot of exposed flaxville gravel, which is where you will find the agates.

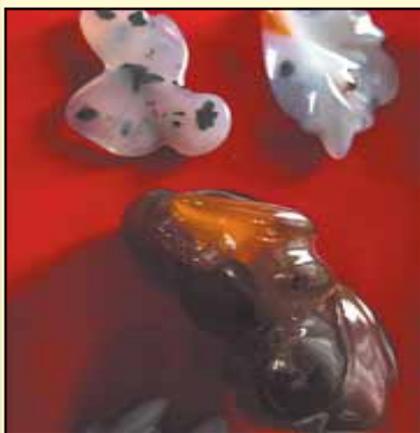
What he is focusing now is the "rainbow iris" which is very illusive.

Harmon has published 4 books about agate history, hunting and polishing and cutting: *The River Runs North*; *How-Tos of CABBING and CARVING*; *The Many Faces of the Montana Agate* and *The World of Dendrites In Agate*

He can be reached at 406-798-3624, 406-776-2373 or on the web at harmon@harmon.net.

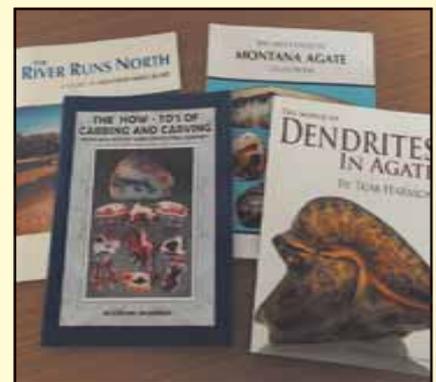


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With his art talent, Tom Harmon has gone beyond the normal in free-form carving the brilliance out of the agate

Featured is "Captain Clark's Journey Down the Yellowstone" portrayed in living color by local artist Linda Conradsen



Harmon has 4 books about agate history, hunting, polishing & cutting. All 4 books serve as an extensive guide for those just getting started

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Paddlefishing

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 22 states.

Paddlefish have an average lifespan of about 40 years, though some can live as long as 60 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



Colton Radomski of Bismarck caught this 78 lb. paddlefish at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence.

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 30 being the latest date to fish.

North Dakota's paddlefish snagging season opened 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, Glendive. You can take your fish to the Intake station to have them cleaned. Proceeds from the caviar sales are used for grants that enhance eastern Montana and the fishery.

North Star Caviar, Williston, will provide the same service of free fish cleaning in exchange for roe for North Dakota fishermen. A fish cleaning station is located at the Confluence.

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The Culbertson Museum



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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 days farm equipment and



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Historical photos of Culbertson area residents.

fire trucks. In addition there is a 1896 Sterling 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. The museum should now be open for regular hours through Sept., Mon.-Sun. 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 or watch for updates on the facebook page.



A vintage wedding dress on display in the chapel exhibit.

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Pioneer's Pride Museum Bainville, MT



This antique trunk was made in Norway in 1715. It made the voyage to the Peterson homestead in 1906.

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



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Fishing Access

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.

Diamond Willow: 1.5 mi S of Sidney on Hwy 16, 2.5 mi E on Hwy 23, 7 mi NE on county road, 1 mi N on county road. Day use only, primitive site, hand launch, fishing, boating, wildlife viewing.

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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 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Admittance is free. The museum is a stop on the Montana Dinosaur Trail.



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By Pamela Harr

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Pamela also created the life-sized bugler "TAPS" and flag covered casket at the Eastern Plains Veterans Memorial, Ft. Peck, MT.



"Waiting For The School Bus"

By Pamela Harr

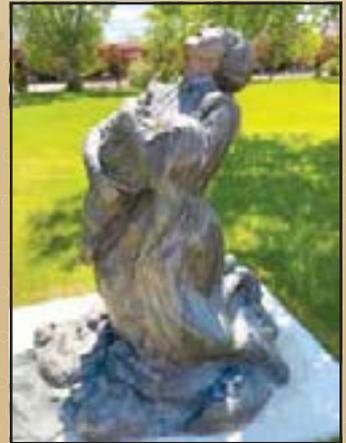
In front of Dawson Co. High School, Merrill Ave., the inscription reads: "There are no bad days when you come home to a dog." Known locally as "The Dogs," this statue sits outside the school's business office and draws regular attention from visitors passing through.



"The Heart of a Lion"

By Harvey Rattey 1938-2015

Inducted into MT Cowboy Hall of Fame, this life-size sitting lion was made possible by Glendive's Lions Club and donors as a tribute to community volunteers. The lion sits in front of the EPEC events center and was dedicated July 11, 2019.



"The Price"

By Pamela Harr

This poignant bronze sculpture depicts the anguish of Narcissa Whitman, missionary and first white woman to cross the Rockies on the Oregon Trail, while she holds her child, Alice, who drowned in the river near their Walla Walla, Washington, mission in 1839.



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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, 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 and its visitor center are open year round with the following hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 7 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, Mastercard, personal check, travelers checks, and Visa.

Montana residents are allowed free

daily entrance through their vehicle registration fee payment; camping fees still apply. For more information visit <http://stateparks.mt.gov/makoshika/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Makoshika/>.



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.



Pierre Wibaux Museum

Wibaux, MT

The town and county of Wibaux are both named for Pierre Wibaux, who as a young man of 25, gave up opportunities in his family's textile business in France to seek his fortune in the American northwest. The Pierre Wibaux Museum is housed in Pierre's office building which he and Henry Boice built in 1892. Several antiques which belonged to Pierre and his wife Mary Ellen (Cooper) Wibaux are housed in the museum along with items from early day settlers in this area.

Pierre was the world's largest cattle rancher in the late 1800s. A story of Pierre and his life is available and told during the tour of the Museum Complex.

A Montana Centennial Train Car which went to the World's Fair in New York in 1964, an antique barber shop and a livery stable make up the Museum Complex. Enjoy the historic walking tour of the Wibaux Business District, Old St. Peter's Catholic Church built in 1895 and the Pierre Wibaux Statue.

Step into the Wibaux Park surrounding the complex and discover a carefully crafted oasis. Pierre brought his French gardener with him to tend to his gardens of cottonwoods and flowers. Stately



cottonwood trees wave in the breeze, softly scented lilacs bloom in the spring, pink Poppies, bright holly hocks and yellow snap dragons flash color in the summertime while bright golds and reds await you in the autumn. The garden includes a grotto crafted of native rocks like agate, petrified wood and lava. In the grotto, surrounded by flowers of red, yellow, blue and purple stands a fountain of a graceful Grecian-like woman collecting water, her infants sitting astride her hip and at her feet. We invite you to listen to the trickling fountain, walk along the banks of the Beaver Creek, or enjoy a picnic lunch on our grounds.

The museum is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m and Sunday, 1-5 p.m, Memorial Day though Labor Day and is located at 112 East Organ Avenue.

Free admittance, donations welcome!

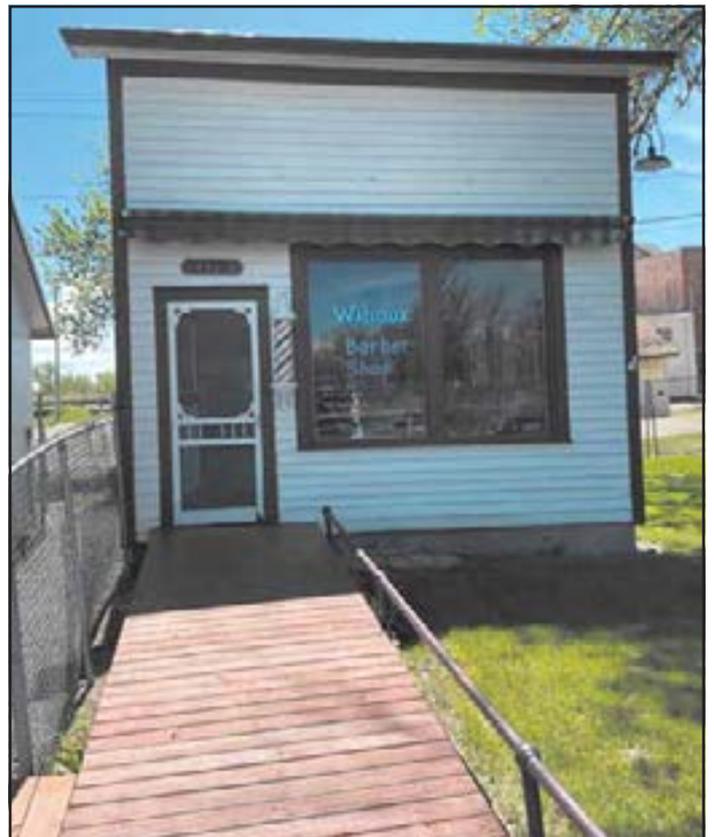
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Tobacco Gardens Resort

Watford City, ND



Tobacco Gardens Resort and Marina held its annual Kite Festival June 4-6 and June 11-13 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.

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 Hellandsaas.

Recent improvements that have been made are the addition of two tornado shelters and a walking path connecting both camp grounds.

The resort holds many events throughout the year. Their annual Kite Festival will take place June 4-6 and June 11-13, the 4th of July festivities will include a fireworks show on July 3 and parade on July 4 and the annual Fall Fishing Classic tournament will be held Sept. 11. 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.



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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 Visitor Center, located on the corner of Hwy. 85 South and West (100 2nd Ave SW), Watford City.

The museum is staffed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, year round.

The museum, located on the upper and lower levels 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.

The lower level of the museum is a study of the economic development of McKenzie County based on three specific areas; the oil industry, farming and ranching. It features a newly remodeled, updated and extensive education center on the oil development past and current using exhibits, artifacts and exquisite photography. Learn about the oil stratigraphy/core and oil samples, terminology of current oil exploration and production, per scale drilling rigs and information about industry job development. The oil room displays photos and film footage of the first oil well in McKenzie County (the second producing oil well in North Dakota), the fracking process used in the area, as well as footage about the building of a gas plant in western North Dakota. You may examine county historic ranching and farming from the 1800s to current farm and ranch production and learn how North Dakota has earned the top producing spot in the United States in many crop and food products. This area also has a special section where the children may ride "Dakota", a pony of the prairies, color a picture to take home or learn about the Very Hungry McKenzie County Caterpillar!

Another feature of the museum is an area where you may 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, pottery, many books, as well as t-shirts and sweatshirts. Additionally for purchase are matted photos and photo cards of the local area, landscape and parks, plus numerous items for children including books, toys and t-shirts. 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!

Admission is free, which 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@restel.com; find us on Facebook for all updating information-Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County.



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



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



The Pioneer Museum basement features oilfield and agricultural history of the area. Pictured above is a scale model of an oil drilling rig.

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The symbol for the trail is the turtle. Adopted from the Lakota Sioux Indians, the turtle symbolizes patience, loyalty, determination, steadfastness, long-life and fortitude. The turtle shell symbolizes protection and its effigy is emblazoned on the posts that mark the trail.

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

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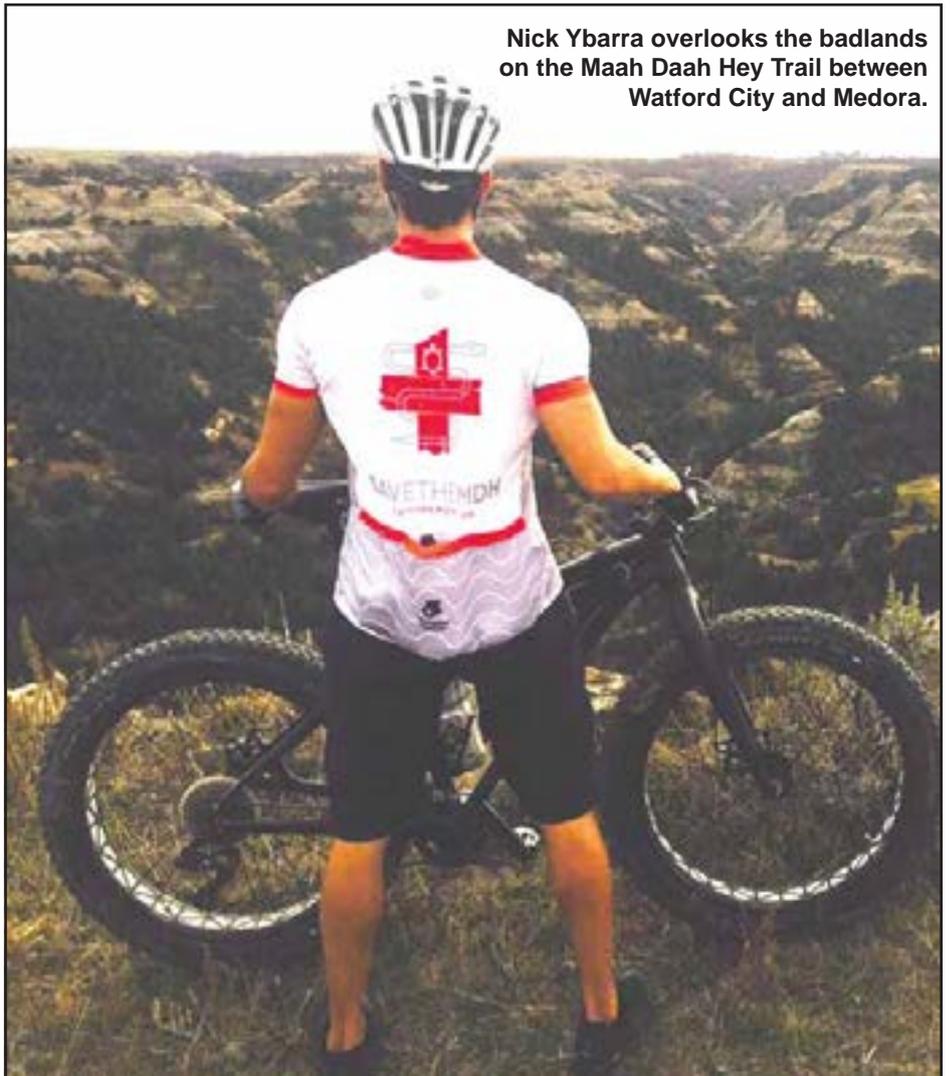
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Watford City, ND

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

The park is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

The park demonstrates life on the prairie through our 1880s trapper's cabin, a homestead shack, a blacksmith shop, a 1-room schoolhouse and a typical prairie church. We also have on display, 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 of Watford City, has been relocated to the park and it 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.

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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.

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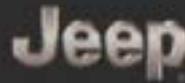
this home. Interpretive programs are offered most days throughout the summer and into the early fall. Please check at the visitor center for a current list.

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Lewis And Clark Trail Museum

Alexander, ND

By Mary Pat Martell Jones

For 50 years the Alexander School gymnasium was an integral part of the lives of the people of Alexander. Hopes and dreams were played out in this space. Ceremonies to mark the passage of time and the march into the future took place here. The fabric of the community was woven in this huge expanse. In the 1960s the children left the school and for a while it stood empty and alone. Then the building itself became part of the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum, which is dedicated to preserving, recognizing, and honoring those who pioneered in western North Dakota.

In 2019, for a myriad of reasons the old gym had to come down. Once a beacon along Highway 85 as you went through town, there was now a sad empty place. However, always resilient, and innovative like our forebears, the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum embarked on its mission to revitalize the area with new life, reflecting both the heritage and the future of McKenzie County.

Before the gymnasium was even slated to come down, the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum was consulting with the NDSU (North Dakota State University) Extension Center and the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) for ideas on refurbishing the area. Last year NDSU planted demonstration crops so visitors could see a variety of crops grown in the region and watch them develop throughout the growing season. This year the NDSU Extension planted regional crops. There is broadleaf crops of safflower, lentils, chickpea, field pea, flax, and soybean, along with small grains of durum, oats, barley, and spring wheat. These are dryland crops,



grown as the farmers have always done since homesteading days. Each crop has its own beauty, history, and economic advantage for the area. As the summer and crops develop, it is an amazing sight that compliments many of the displays and history the museum has preserved. Each time you visit you will see something different.

New to 2021 is the establishment of the Pollinator Habitat Project. This will be an ongoing venture. On May 11, in conjunction with NRCS, there was a McKenzie County Community Pollinator event. The McKenzie County Chapter of Pheasants Forever that

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is spearheading this project made this event possible. The Outdoor Heritage Fund, which provides monies to fund projects that enhance conservation practices in the state, has awarded a grant for the project's funding. Pheasants Forever is a non-profit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Their mission is to conserve pheasants, quail, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public access, education, and conservation advocacy.

On May 11, Alexander Public School third and fourth grade students had a hands-on opportunity to learn about pollinators and their importance. They will learn about the need for wildlife habitat and get a chance to form a connection with the land they are helping with hand seeding of the pollinator plot. The children will rotate through different stations that will teach them something about pollinators, habitat, plants, and wildlife through games, crafts, and hands-on activities. Volunteers are leading these stations from the McKenzie Co. Chapter of Pheasants Forever, North Dakota Pheasants Forever staff, McKenzie Co. Soil Conservation District employees, North Dakota Game and Fish, and the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum. The main part of the event is when the students will be hand broadcasting a diverse seed mix of pollinator habitat designed to attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Emily Spolyar of Pheasants Forever said the goal is that "the students will leave knowing more about the benefits of pollinators and feeling fulfilled and more connected to their local environment".

Pollinators, animals including, but not limited to bees and butterflies, are vitally important. Eighty-five percent of plants that flower depend on a pollinator to reproduce. The Monarch and bee population in the US has declined dramatically. In the past few decades, it is estimated there is a 90% loss of the Monarch population. This is one reason why initiatives such as the Pollinator Habitat Project at the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum, is worth celebrating and supporting.

When Lewis and Clark with their Corps of Discovery came through McKenzie County, they could not have known what their endeavors would be the start of. The bounty of the area known to Native Americans and trappers would be explored and mapped for future generations. Pioneers who embodied the American spirit would forge new lives here. The Lewis and Clark Trail Museum celebrates this great legacy and is proud to be part of these projects, which celebrate the past and contribute to the ongoing vitality of the community and land. We are grateful to the organizations that made this renewal possible: Pheasants Forever Rick Pokrzywinski, president, North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund, McKenzie County Soil Conservation District, USDA, Cameron Wahlstrom and NDSU, and the Alexander Public School students.

It is hoped the public will enjoy stopping by throughout the spring and summer to enjoy the demonstration crops and beautiful flowers of the pollinator habitat, as well as the museum.

The Lewis and Clark Trail Museum in Alexander opens for the summer 2021 season Memorial Day weekend.



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Fort 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 Hunkpapa harassment keeping them near prisoners. The Hunkpapas, 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 surrendered his rifle at Fort Buford. Sitting Bull made the best choice possible for his people who were starving. During the ceremony in Brotherton's Quarters, Sitting Bull handed his rifle over to his son Crow Foot, who handed it to Major Brotherton, the commanding officer. 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 sol-

diers policed the Canadian/United States boundary; guarded railway construction crews and provided escorts for steamers and wagon trains.

Three original buildings, the field officer's quarters, the powder magazine and the officer of the day buildings have been restored to their original condition. The Barracks was built in 2004. In 2014 the masonic site (east of the Field Officer's Quarters) 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.

Every year in July the 6th Infantry Reenactment Group holds an encampment at Fort Buford. Come on out and visit with the soldiers and see how they live. Every October a cemetery walk is held to share the stories of those spirits that remain at the fort. Volunteers dress up portraying the person who had died at the fort and tells their story.

Fort Buford is located near Williston, ND on Highways 1804 and 58. The fort remains open from May 29-Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-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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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 Confluence Center offers classes and events for the public to enjoy.

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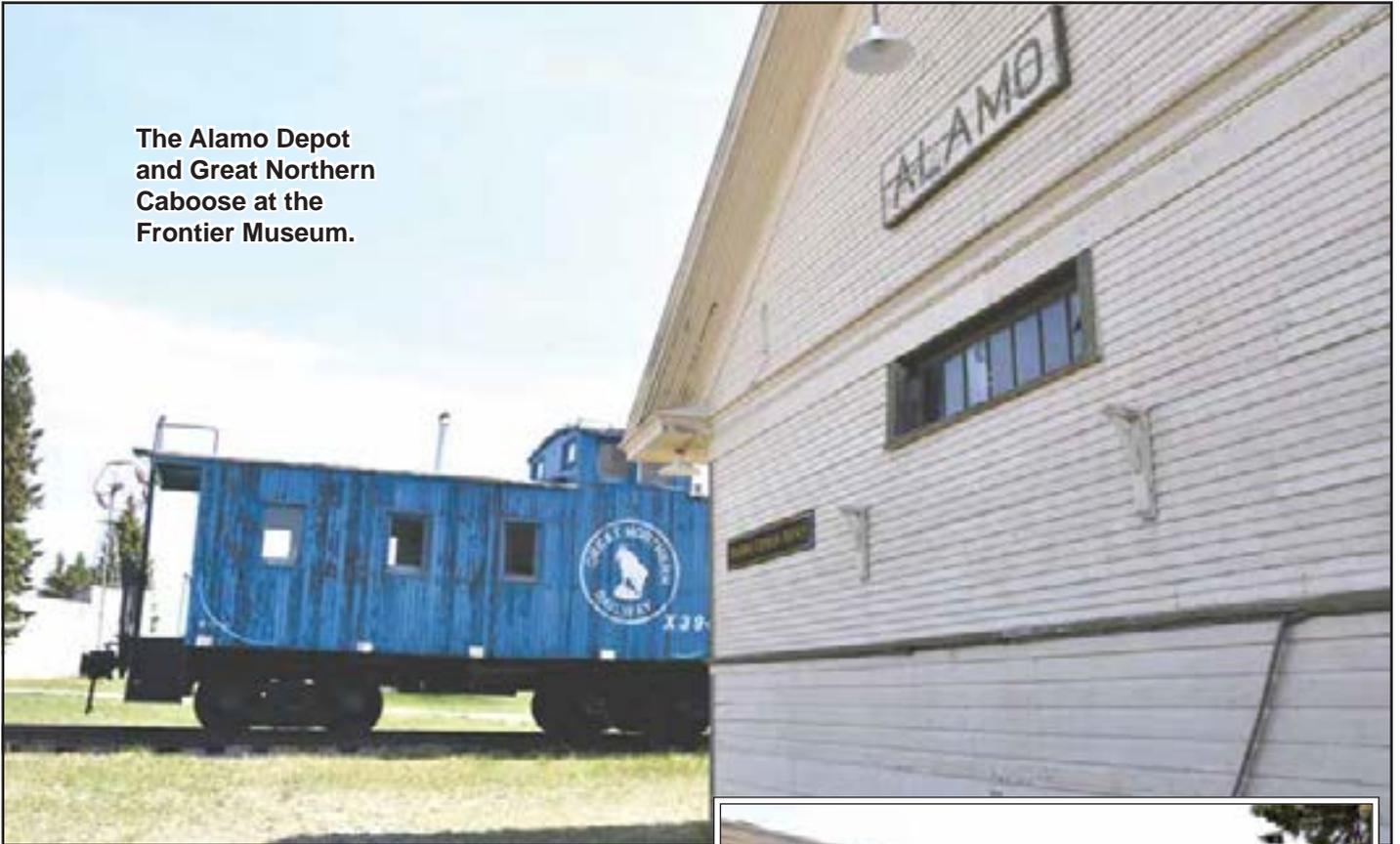
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Frontier Museum

Williston, ND

The Alamo Depot and Great Northern Caboose at the Frontier Museum.



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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.

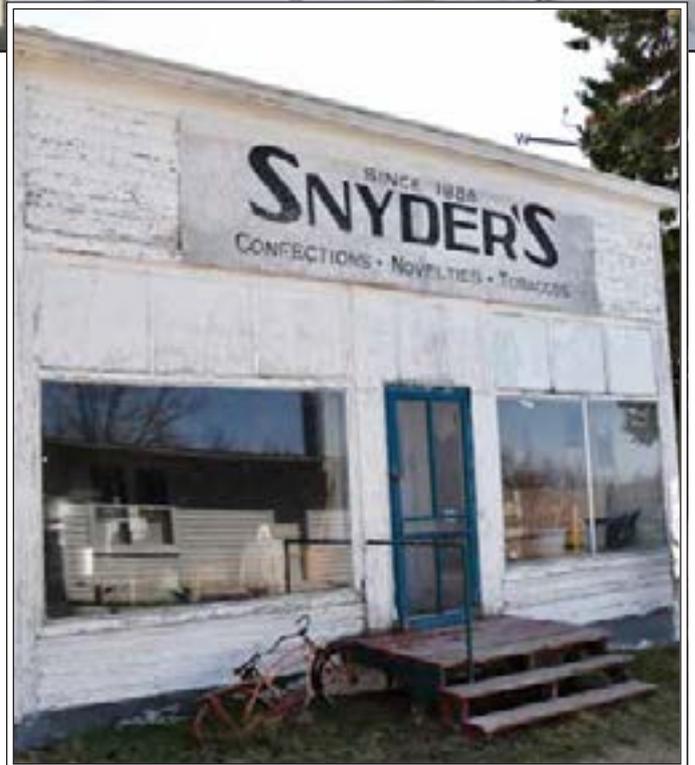
The museum is also home to all sorts of transportation exhibits including sleds, sleighs, bicycles, memorabilia and pictures from the area. The Williston Tourist Information Center is housed in the Alamo Depot.

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".

There will be a new World War II exhibit for people to view this year, commemorating the end of the war.

Something else new this year at the museum will be bounce houses, waterslides and mini golf weather permitting. Wristbands can be purchased for \$10 each to partake in all of these fun activities

The Frontier Museum is located at 6330 1st Ave. W., Williston. It is open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday and Monday by appointment. Call 701-580-2415 to make an appointment or for more information.



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James Memorial Art Center

Williston, ND

James Memorial Art Center Turns 110 Years Old

By Anna Dragseth

The James Memorial Art Center celebrates 110 years of operation this year. The building was Williston's first-ever library, opening on Feb. 27, 1911, as the James Memorial Library, the building has undergone many changes since then.

According to the James Memorial website, the idea for a local library started in 1909 when 80 women gathered in Williston to organize the Women's Civic League. The group of women petitioned for funds to build the library. Arthur Curtiss James, son of D. Willis James (whom Williston was named after) agreed to fund the project as a memorial to his father, D. Willis James.

The building was used as the city's library until 1983 when the Williston Community Library replaced it. It remained unused until the early 1990s when Williston was discussing demolishing the building. Then a group of community members sought an opportunity to save the building, forming the James Memorial Preservation Society, and turned it into a place to showcase art.

In 1993 it officially became a center for visual arts - The James Memorial Preservation Society, assumed full financial

responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the building and for exhibitions and activities it hosted.

In 1996, the building became part of the North Dakota Art Gallery Association. It now hosts traveling exhibits from artists across North Dakota and continues to serve the community members of Williston by sharing art and culture.

Visitors are encouraged to check out the James Memorial Art Center at 621 1st Ave. W., Williston. For more information on the James Memorial Art Center, visit its website at www.thejamesmemorial.org.



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Williston Basin Speedway

By Anna Dragseth

This year marks the 50th year that the Williston Basin Speedway has been in operation. The 1/4-mile dirt track located at 519 53rd St E, Williston runs IMCA sanctioned classes of Hobby Stocks, Northern Sport Mod, Stock Car, A Mods, and Jr. Slingshot Class

The Speedway's first race was held June 19, 1971. Since then, it has gone through some name changes with boards and promoter Terry Gaudreau. It started out as MonDak Racing Association, it was TNT Speedway under the direction of Terry Gaudreau in the '90s and is currently named the Williston Basin Speedway.

The Speedway relies heavily on volunteers to successfully operate the track. They have a nine-member board, four officers, and five general board members. They have a solid group of volunteers that help from checking drivers into helping with track prep.

"We are all volunteers with full-time jobs, families, and we have six of the nine members that either race or are affiliated with a car on race day so that often makes our race days extremely challenging to pull off," said Deb Breivik, Williston Basin Speedway treasurer, and advertising/media/marketing volunteer.

She said that they are always looking for new faces to get involved.

The goal of the Williston Basin Speedway Board of Directors is to continue to provide dirt track racing to Williston and the local communities.

The Speedway dropped their admission prices last year for the grandstands in order to continue putting people in the stands as a family.



Front cover photo: Featured on the cover of this year's edition of Discovering the MonDak is Williston stock car driver Joe Flory, #20. Flory is a top driver at the speedway winning four times during the 2020 season at Williston Basin Speedway.

year is July 3, with their main sponsors TNT Fireworks and Ink Spot Printing. "We put on one of the best fireworks shows in the area, provided by Terry Gaudreau and TNT Fireworks," said Breivik.

The 32nd Annual Dakota Classic Modified Tour is July 13. The Tour starts in Jamestown, ND on Saturday, July 10, and from there it heads north to Minot and the ND State Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 11. On Monday, July 12, Estevan is on the schedule; Minot will take their night if the border remains closed. Williston is next on Tuesday, July 13, and Dickinson will race on Wednesday, July 14. The six consecutive day series will then wrap up in Mandan on Thursday, July 15 for Championship Night.

Championship Night is Aug. 28, Rabe Cote Memorial and sponsored by the Speedway's longest-running sponsor: Coca-Cola Bottling, Williston. The Fall Roundup event is set for Sept. 17 and 18.

"Please come out and support our local dirt track so we can continue to keep the sport alive. We continue to make improvements weekly to the track and the grounds," added Breivik.

For more information on the Williston Basin Speedway, check out their Facebook page and for information on how to volunteer contact Deb Breivik at 701-713-5248.

For the 2021 season, the Speedway is hosting 14 races. They are planning for a few big nights this summer. They will have the Tougher Than Dirt Tour on June 11.

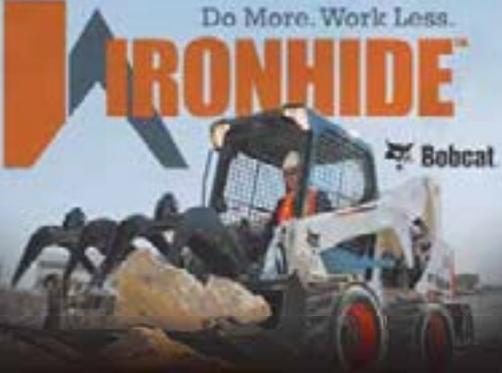
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Old Armory

Williston, ND

By Anna Dragseth

The Old Armory in Williston has served the area for many years. Throughout history it has acted as the National Guard Armory, the community's auditorium and recreation center, a place for hosting traveling theater groups, political rallies, high school commencements, dances, and much more.

More recently the building has served as the community's center for performing arts, weddings, funerals, concerts and dances.

"This building has served as a cultural center for community members for many years," said Alan Billehus, President of both The Old Armory Board and Veterans and Friends of the Old Armory.

Thanks to generous donors, volunteers, and grants, the building has been able to continue serving the community of Williston. The Old Armory Board, Veterans and Friends of the Old Armory, members of the local theater group Entertainment, Inc! and a list of volunteers have contributed to the longevity of the old building by helping raise funds for renovation projects.

Over the years, the building has gone through many renovations. Work has been completed on most of the major projects including window replacements, insulation, a new roof, and elevator repairs.

Currently, the board is in process of getting the flooring replaced. The current flooring was put inside the auditorium several decades ago. It has a lot of wear and tear and needs to be upgraded so that it is safe for the public. The new flooring will have a 1950s



look to it. "We really want to try and keep the charm of that original look," said Billehus.

"Right now, some of the tiles are worn and chipped badly enough that it can be an uneven surface. We are in the process of fundraising and are hoping to get the floor replaced later this summer," said Allen Dumagala, The Old Armory Board treasurer and secretary.

The board is seeking donations for the floor renovation project. "It will cost a considerable amount of money to do this project," added Billehus. For information on how to make a donation, contact the Old Armory office at 701-577-0278.

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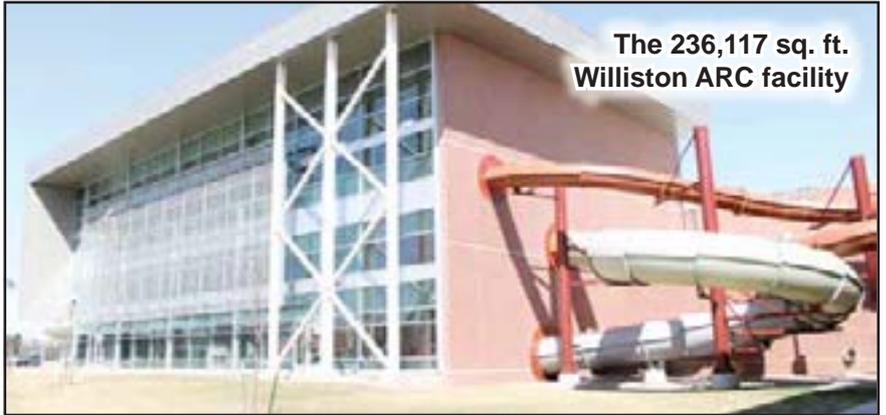
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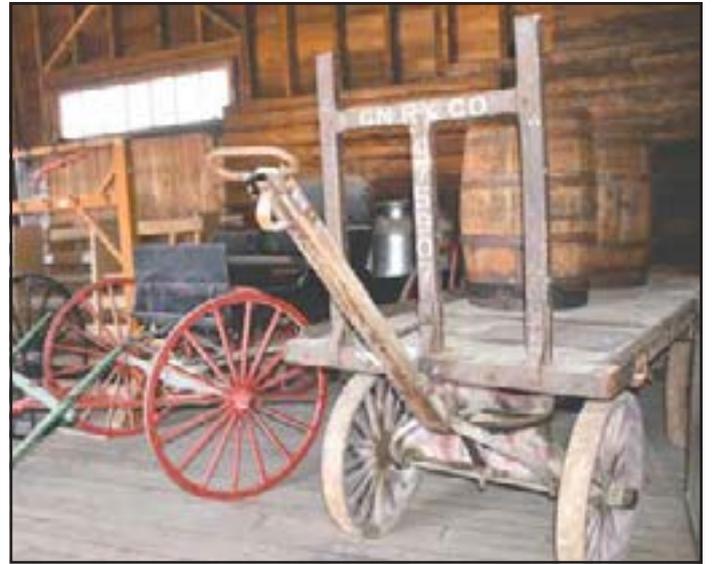
Pioneer Trails Museum

Hanks, ND

The Pioneer Trails Museum, 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 1-12 in attendance, people can look down into what used to be a gymnasium. The old gymnasium now resides 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.

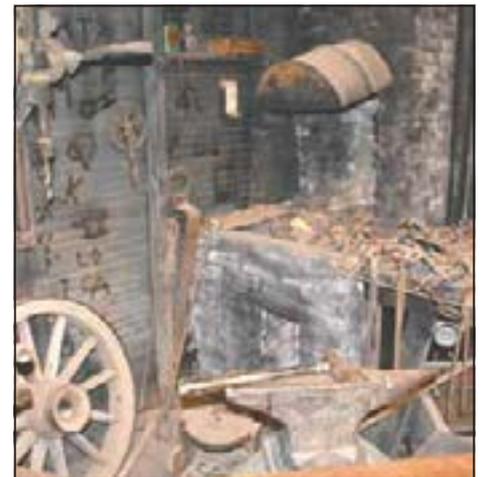
The museum is open every Sunday from 1-5 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. There is no admission charge, however, individuals may purchase a year membership for \$2 per person or \$5 for a family.



Horse drawn buggies and carts are on display in the old Zahl train depot building.

Buffalo Trails Museum

Epping, ND



A historic blacksmith shop scene in one of the buildings that make up the Buffalo Trails Museum.

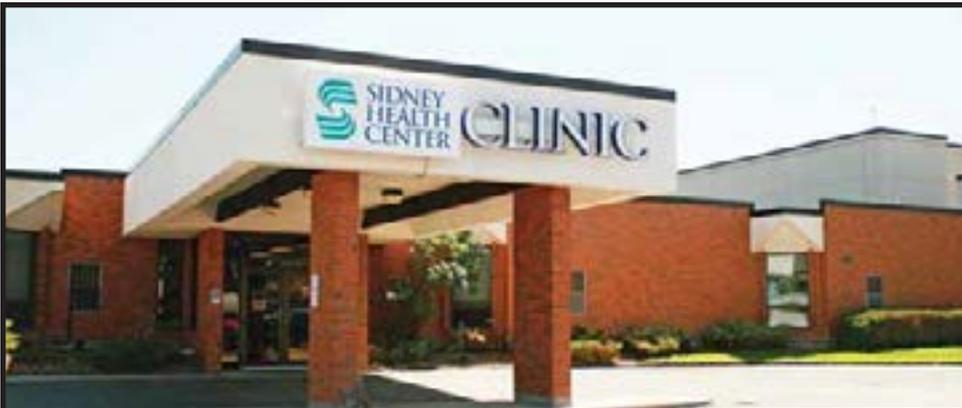
You won't want to be in a rush when you visit the Buffalo Trails Museum located in Epping, ND. This seven-building complex features area history starting in prehistoric times and continuing through the homestead era. The museum highlights exhibits made by the first curator and founder, Elmer Halvorson. These fascinating displays include painting, dioramas, and life-sized human figures posed in scenes from the past. Some of the favorite exhibits include a reconstruct-

ed Assiniboine village, a pioneer home scene, fossils and a diorama called an Indian Tree Burial.

The museum will be open this summer.

Epping is also host to Buffalo Trails Days, which will be held July 11 and plans are to have the museum open during this event.

Watch for updates on the Buffalo Trails Museum Facebook page.



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