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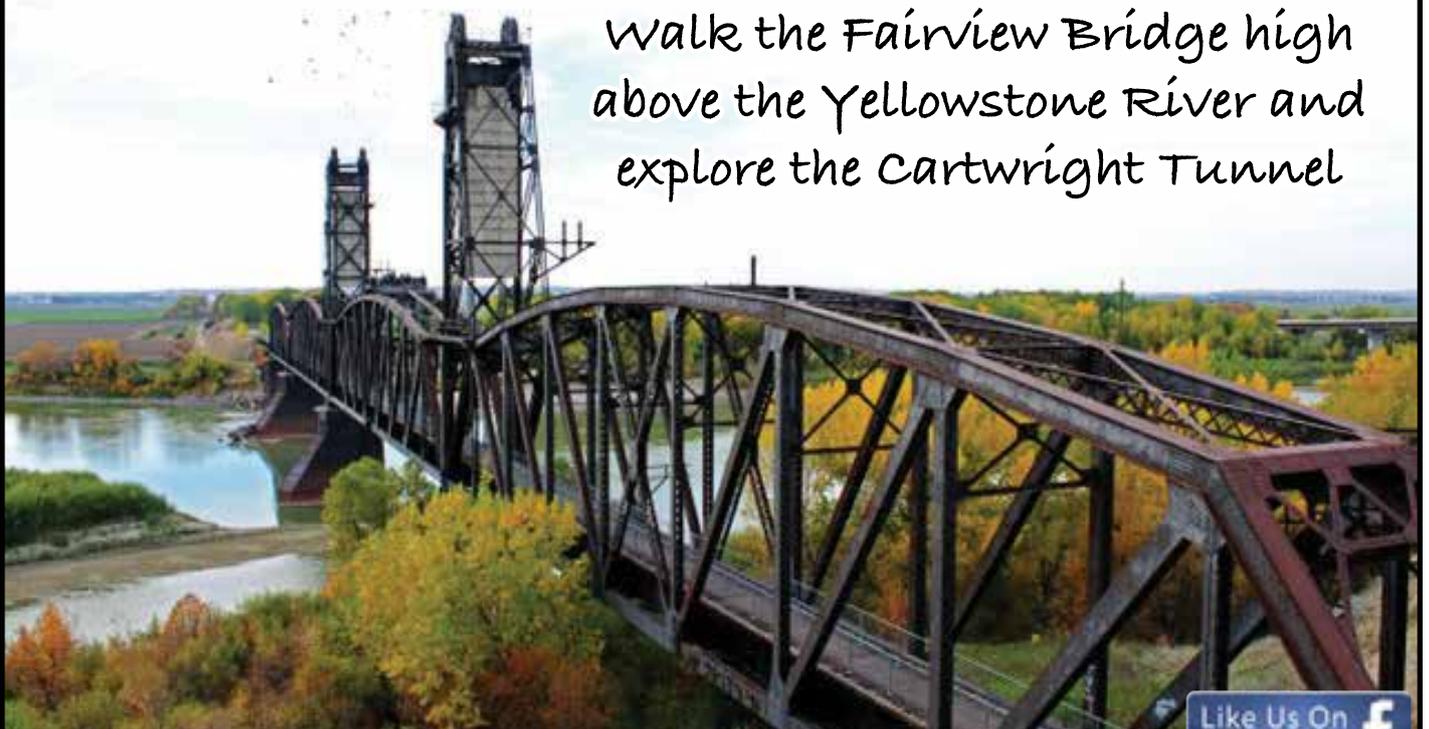


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The Sidney community welcomes you warmly to our home and invites you to take in the small-town atmosphere and many treasures in our region. Despite the remote area, you can find your favorite chain restaurants as well as numerous loved local restaurants 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 hunting 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 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, 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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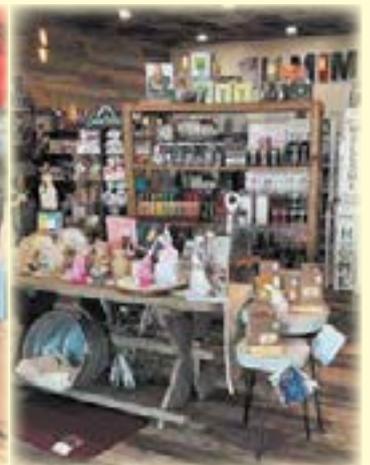
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MonDak Heritage Center

Sidney, MT

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, Governor Nutter's office, 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, 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) or Instagram or Twitter @MonDakMuseum.

The MonDak Heritage Center has a great gift shop that offers a large selection of art, jewelry, books, souvenirs and more from local artists and jewelers and regional authors.



The Donald G. Nutter exhibit is located 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.



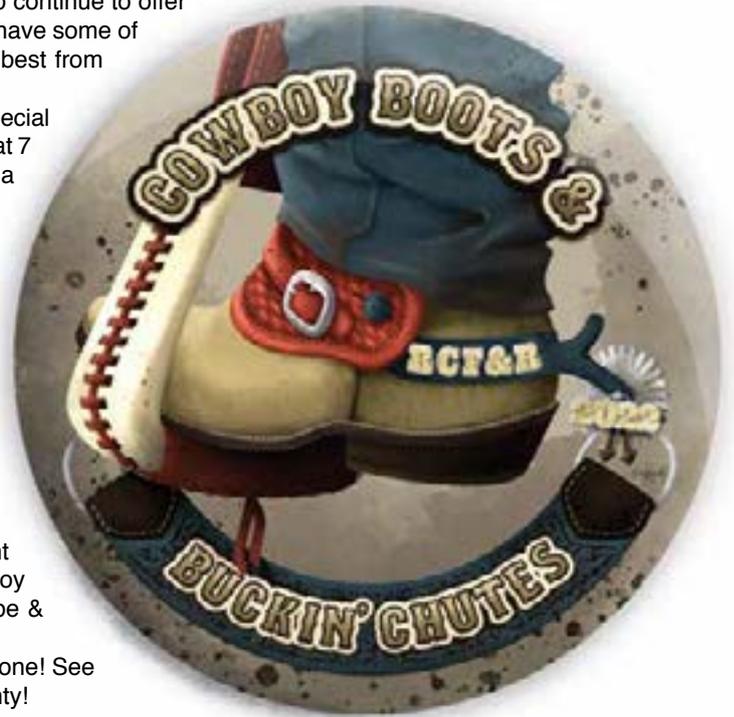
It's Cowboy Boots & Buckin' Chutes At The 2022 Richland County Fair & Rodeo!

Please plan to join us at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo, Aug. 3-6. Our wonderful community generously supports the Fair allowing us to continue to offer four days and nights of thrill packed activity! The Fair is proud to have some of the best food in the region and to showcase Richland County's best from exhibits to vendors!

We are excited to have country music star Chase Rice with Special Guest Casey Donahew on the big stage Saturday, Aug. 6 starting at 7 p.m. Huckleberry Road, a Western Rock group, will be performing a free show in the arena/grandstand on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Come and see all the Cowboy Boots & Buckin' Chutes action at the PRCA Rodeos on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4-5 at 7 p.m. presented by Brookman Rodeo. Thursday will be Heroes Night, honoring EMS, veterans, fire and police. Friday will be Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night again, so get out your pink gear and head to the Richland County Fair!

Entertainment throughout the day includes the many commercial, agriculture, school and 4-H exhibits, food booths and a fabulous carnival by North Star Amusements. You won't want to miss the Canine Stars dog show, an amazing magician, a rockin' country musician on the stage, the bubble tower, and stilt walkers! After the main shows each night we offer even more entertainment in our beer garden! Wednesday and Thursday nights you can enjoy music by Exit 53. Friday and Saturday nights feature Kyle Shobe & The Walk 'Em Boys.

The Richland County Fair & Rodeo has something for everyone! See you Aug. 3-6 for a fantastic display of the finest in Richland County!



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Sunrise Festival Of The Arts

Sidney, MT

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce and presenting sponsors, Kraken Resources and ONEOK are proud to host the Sunrise Festival in Sidney on June 18, 2022. The Sunrise Festival is located downtown on the 100 blocks of East Main Street, 2nd Ave. SE and 2nd Street SE. A vendor show including artists, crafters, small businesses and food trucks will fill the streets from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. A Kids Corner will also be offered with attractions including the Spider Jump, Miss Montana Volunteer and Miss Teen Montana Volunteer with face paintings and a dunk booth.

Our "Featured Artists" are Sidney's own Alton and Ruthann Hillesland with Hillesland Barn Quilts and More. The Hillesland's are recently famous for their wood barn quilts constructed by Alton and hand-painted by Ruthann. There is a beautiful collage of the Hillesland Barn Quilts up all year 'round in Alton and Ruthann's daughter-in-law's shop, Mimi's Kitchen Co.

The grand finale of the Sunrise Festival is a 21+ street dance featuring the Billings band, "Power". "Power" is comprised of guitarist Evan O'Kelly, bassist David Banuelos, and drummer Stefan Flores. Founded upon the path laid by Cream, Jimi Hendrix and Robert Cray, "Power's" set is filled with some of the catchiest and most recognizable blues and rock songs of the 20th century. Often known to tackle some of the most complex compositions from that period, "Power" aims to keep some of the most well-written blues music alive while putting its own spin on a wide variety of songs.

Sidney is the place to be on June 18 with the Sunrise Festival,

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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 sportsmen.

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Sidney-Richland County Library

Sidney, MT

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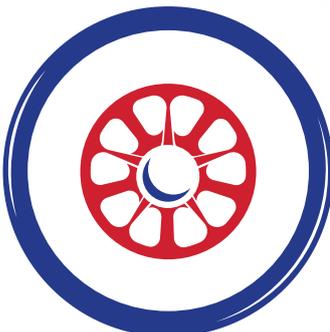
The downstairs is an entirely renovated area that added over 5,000 square feet to the library space. It includes a new children's area for story time and books, a new library-dedicated small program/class space, and a new office for the Learning Volunteers for Adults Program (LVA).

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"Libraries continue to evolve and meet the changing needs of our patrons. In fact, the only constant in our public library work is change. Libraries are just as vital as ever before", 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.

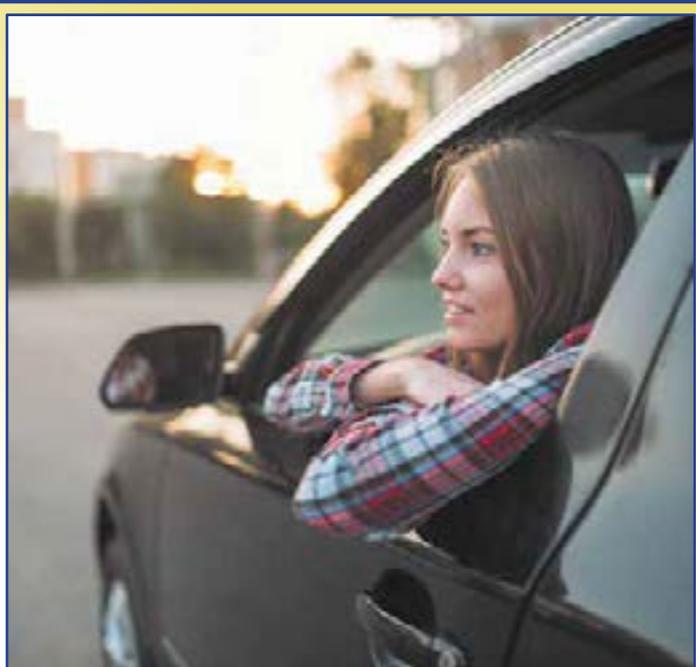
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Memberships are available at Sidney Country Club, however, the general public is more than welcome. Green fees are \$34 for 9 holes and \$58 for 18. Carts and clubs are available to rent. Carts rent by the seat at \$13 for 9 holes and \$18 for 18. 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 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.

Sidney Country Club is located on 2250 West Holly St. Call the Pro Shop at 406-433-1894 or the Fringe at 406-433-7460. Check

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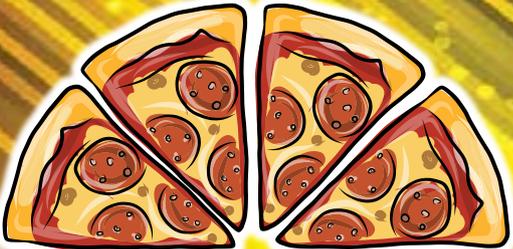
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Sidney's Parks And Recreation Offer Something For Everyone

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.

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.

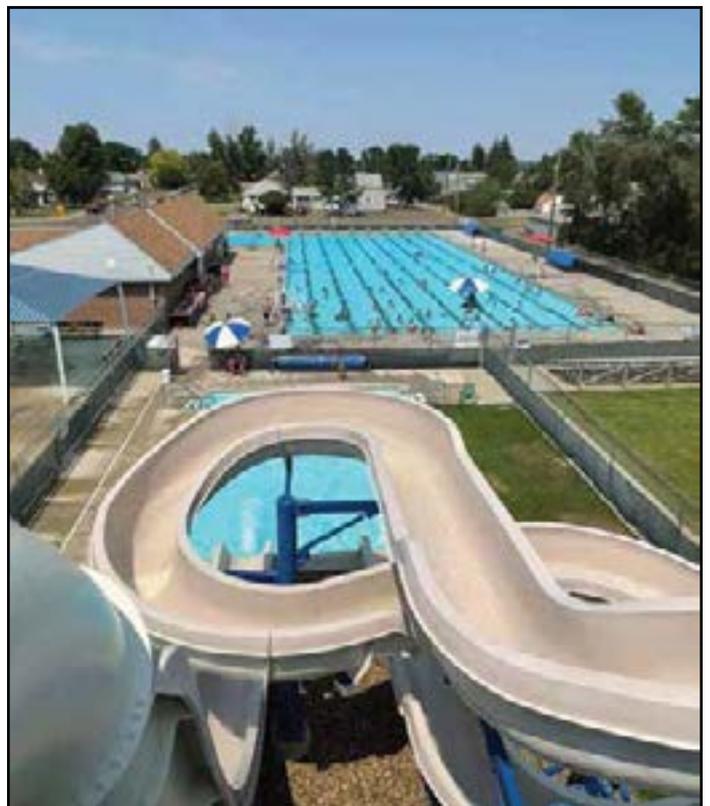
Continued efforts to improve the amenities in Veterans Memorial Park funded through Ridl's Take Part in Our Park project have raised enough money to cover the cost of an ADA compliant ramp up to the Anderson Pavilion amphitheater, as well as the installation of a concrete pad for the donated benches and new garbage can surrounds. Any additional donations will help facilitate the completion of the seating area as well as the addition of new sidewalks and concrete paths. 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



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.



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equipment focuses on 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 12-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. Additional funds from ONEOK and the City have allowed for 2 more pieces of the course to be installed in the spring of 2022. As additional funds are raised, the remaining pieces of equipment will be installed.

Also in 2022 at Johnson Park, the children's playground was updated with a new cube structure, swing set and ADA compliant border system and ground cover.

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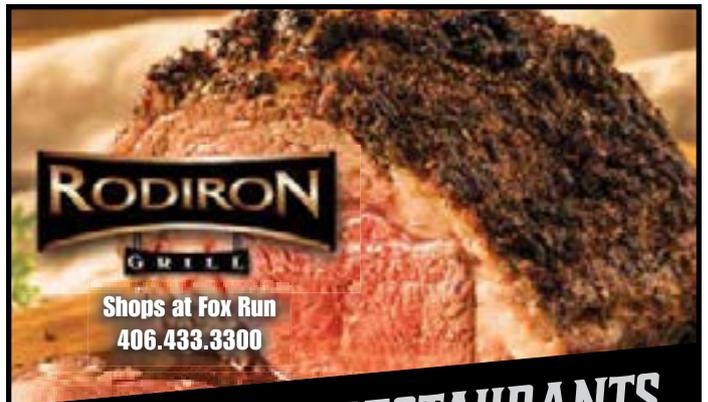
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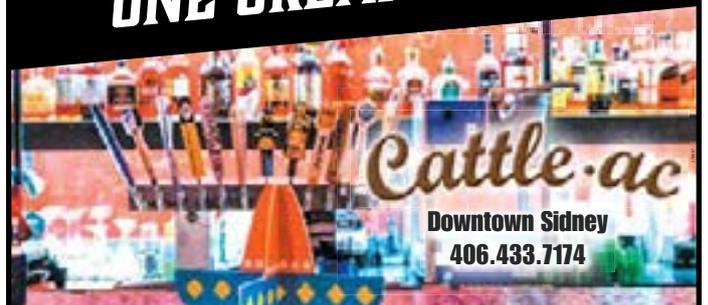
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Sidney Health Center is a not-for-profit community based medical center that has been serving people in the MonDak region for more than 100 years. The passion for caring is shared by the doctors, nurses, and several hundred employees and volunteers.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

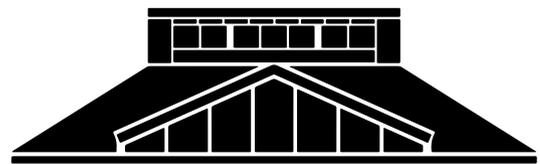
In 2019, Sidney Health Center completed a multi-phase remodel at the clinic to accommodate more medical providers and create a more efficient utilization of space to better serve patients. The remodel featured a consolidated primary care clinic as well as improvements to the specialty suites.

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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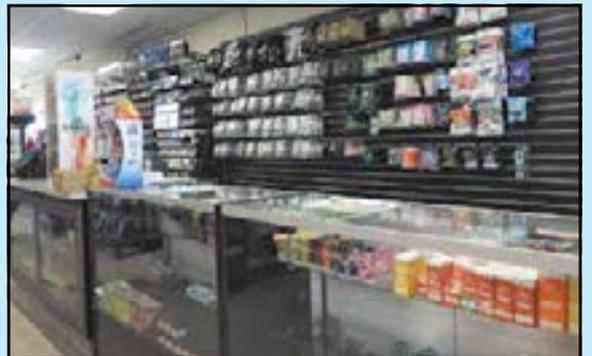
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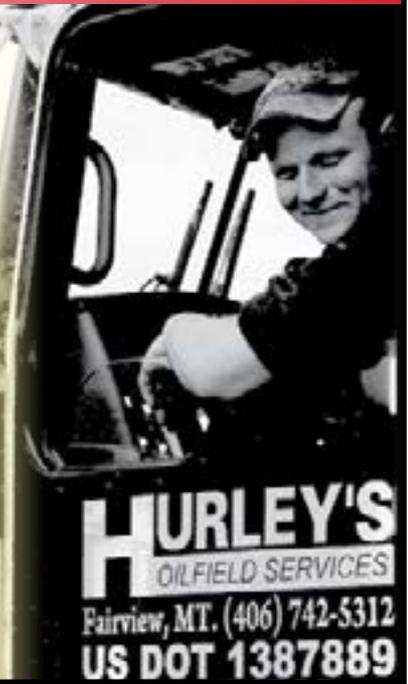
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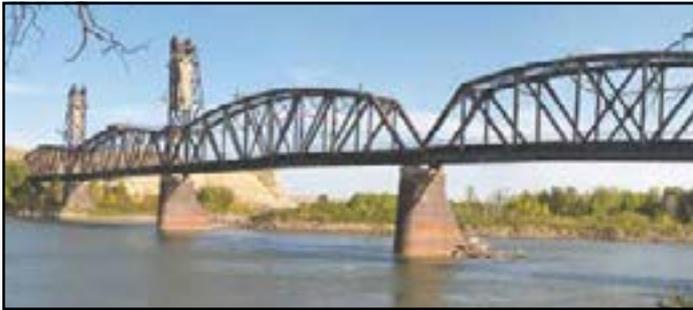
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Fairview Bridge

Located East of Fairview, MT



The Fairview Bridge, located 4 miles east of Fairview, MT, spans the Yellowstone River in North Dakota. Like the Snowden Bridge, it is also a vertical lift structure for rail and vehicular traffic. However the lift span cannot be moved. The only time the “lift” spans on the bridge were raised was in 1914 shortly after construction as part of a plan by the Great Northern Railroad for its never-completed Montana Eastern Railway. The bridge, unused since 1986, stretches 1,320 feet across the Yellowstone River and hangs about 100 feet above the water.

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.

The bridge is a wonderful walk down the path of history, with a walking surface and fencing making the bridge safe and enjoyable. A ramp and parking area provide accessibility to everyone.

For more information visit the Fairview Chamber’s Facebook page or their website at <http://www.midrivers.com/~fairview/bridges.html>.

Right: The entrance to the historic Cartwright Tunnel at the end of the Fairview Lift Bridge.

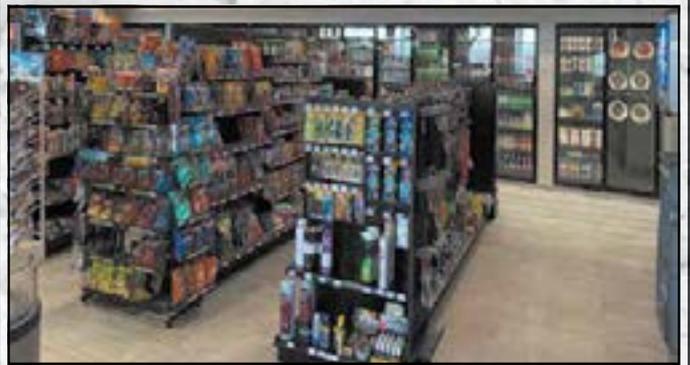


Left: Sundheim Park near Fairview Bridge has a Disc Golf Course, installed in 2001; there are nine Disc-Catchers, used as double tees to create an 18 ‘hole’ course. There is also a boat ramp, picnic tables, and fishing access.



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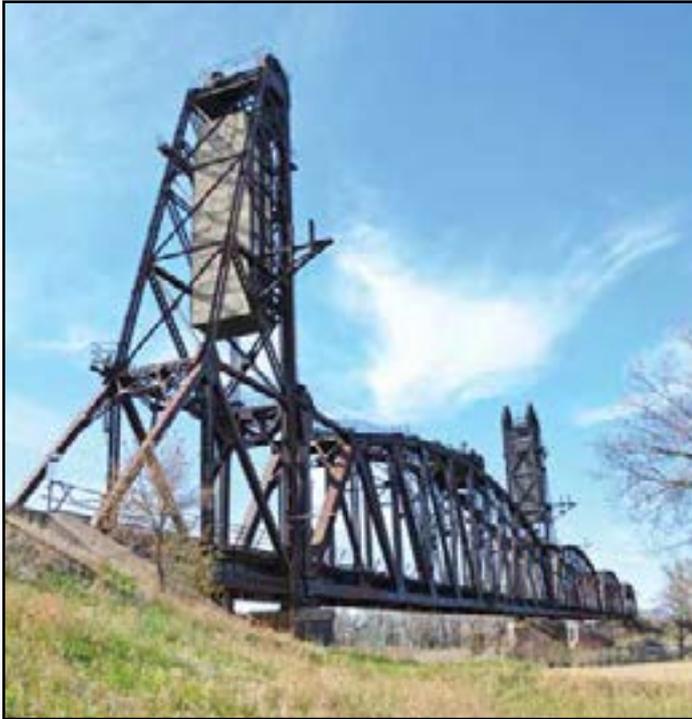


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Snowden has a sister bridge that spans the Yellowstone River near Fairview.

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Old Timer's Festival

Fairview, MT



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Free breakfast, parades, entertainment, an all class reunion and much more await this year’s festival goers. Events take place in Sharbono Park unless otherwise specified.

Each year, an individual or landmark is chosen to be on the Festival Button, which will be on sale prior to the Festival. This year’s honoree is Larry Bieber, a life long avid supporter of Fairview.

Start the weekend off Thursday with the Bordertown 3 on 3 Hoopfest for high school students through adults. The event continues on Friday morning for 3rd through 8th graders. To register, contact Trish Buxbaum at 406-489-0390 or Mel Hurley at 406-480-0184.

Family movie night will begin Thursday at dusk in the park, weather permitting.

Friday features hamburgers in the park and registration of old timers beginning at 5 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and relax, or dance on the grass to live music by The Relics from 6-9 p.m.

A junior high school swim party from 8-10 p.m. will finish off the park activities. Cost for the swim party is \$5 per person.

Start your Saturday with free breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage links, juice and coffee from 9 a.m. until gone. This replaces the noon lunch. Registration of old timers takes place from 9-11 a.m.

Take in the annual car show at the north end of the park and check out the food and other vendors.

Line-up for the Kiddie Parade starting at 9:30 a.m. in the MonDak Clinic parking lot with the parade taking place at 10 a.m. The Car Parade starts at 11 a.m. and floats can start lining up on State Street for the main parade which begins at noon, with the theme of Keep On Truckin’.

The Fairview pool will open 30 minutes after the parade ends and stay open until 8 p.m.

Free inflatables, sponsored by the Fairview Community Foundation, will keep the kids entertained all afternoon.

Head to the gazebo at 1 p.m. for the flag raising ceremony and the national anthem. The afternoon program will feature local talent and recognition of Bieber as this year’s button honoree. Lots more fun will follow – check local media for more information closer to the event.

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!

Vendors are welcome in the park beginning Thursday evening. For more information, contact Connie Pedersen at 406-480-9594.

A non-denominational church service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the park will complete the official activities.

Hamburgers in the Park will take place June 2 and 23 and July 16 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$8 per plate and all are welcome.



Fairview celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Fairview Festival and Old Timers Reunion on July 17, 2021. Pictured is (L-R) Chloe Bushnell, 9, Cartwright, and Kaylee Johnson, 8, Fairview getting ready for the start of the Kiddie Parade pulling their “Let’s Party” wagon.

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On Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., the Fairview Bridge will light up with an awesome fireworks display, kicking off the holiday season. Accompanying plans are also in the works. Check out the Fairview Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for details closer to the event.

Richey Historical Museum

Preserving The History Of A Small Town

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 20th century expanded quickly. 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 (Holzworth Building). With a lot of volunteer help the building was ready for a grand opening on Oct. 5 the same year.

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

The museum's vast expanse of items has all been donated by local families and businesses, including the six buildings that have been added after the purchase of the main building. The outlying buildings include a Homestead Shack, General Store, the Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church, First National Bank of Richey/Post Office, the Richey Jail and 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. In the basement of the main building you will find an array of household items, clothing over hundred years old, a refurbished Wishing Well, a Sheep Hut with chore girl Aggie ready to feed the baby lambs. The Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church offers a new section dedicated to the local VFW club.

Many visitors have traveled to the Richey Museum from across the United States to learn more about their family history and to visit the area where their relatives may have grown up. With all the items in the museum you will surely find something that will make a connection to your family.

Richey is a small town committed to preserving the history of the area. A visit to our museum is Truly A Visit Down Memory Lane.

The Richey Museum and Historical Society will open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. beginning May 31 and closing Sept. 1. There is no charge to visit our museum. We 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

Lambert, MT

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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 open to the public on Tuesdays or by calling for an appointment. 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.



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Above: Wishing Well Display at the Richey Museum.



Left: The historical kitchen display at the Lambert Museum.

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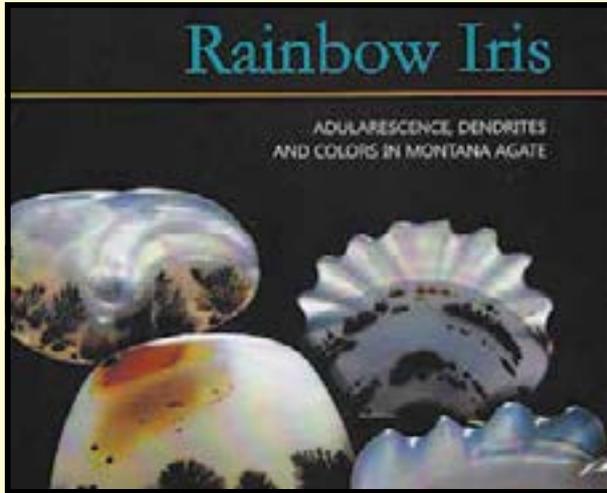
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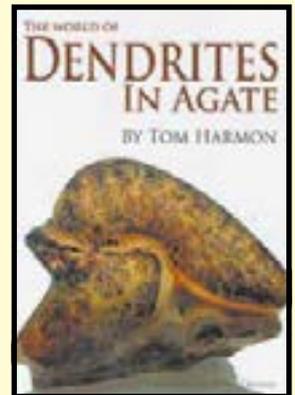
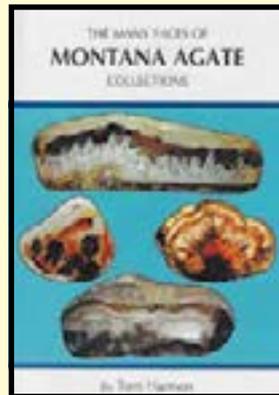
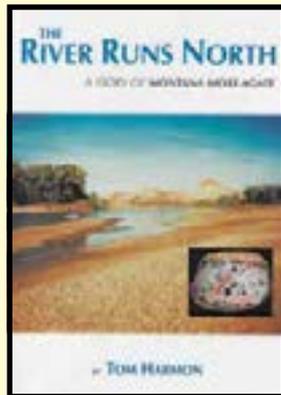
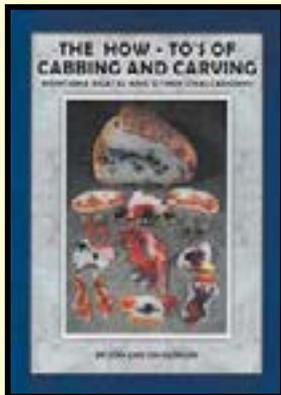
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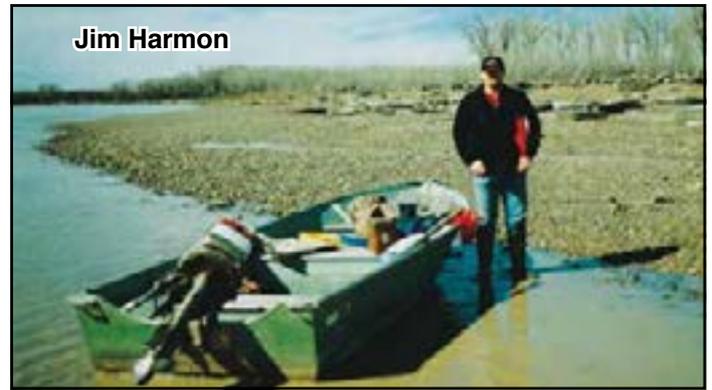
Montana Moss Agate

Many, many years ago T-Rex was king and Eastern Montana was mostly a shallow inland ocean, almost a swamp with huge forests lining its shores and islands of volcanoes spewing forth lava to entomb parts of the forest in lava and ash. The bowels of the Yellowstone bulged, roared and flowed mountains of lava that decimated thousands of acres of mighty redwoods and sequoias for hundreds of miles around. This decimation continued for hundreds of years with layer upon layer of forests growing up and then being driven down under the ponderous weight of all the mega-tons of lava and ash. The hot lava devoured most of the wood in its rush to cover the trees, but some of the shape ingredients of the limbs remained trapped in the cooling lava.

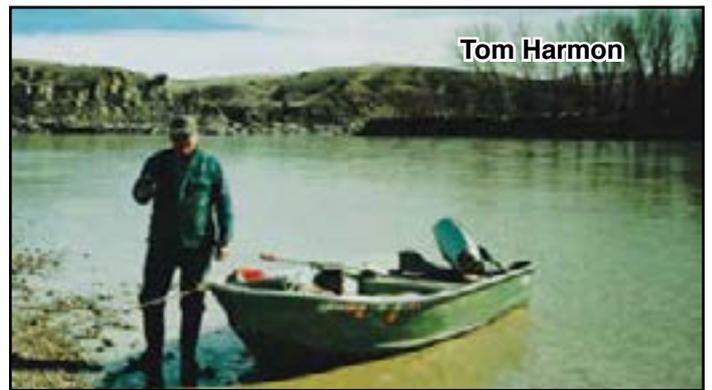
When the time of volcanoes and lava was subdued and the rains came, mineral laden silica water flowed into the cavities and pockets left by the dying trees and bubbling lava. As flow after flow slowly filled the pockets with chalcedony, Montana Agate was born.

Scenic Montana Moss Agate - splashed with color bands of red, amber, brown and sprinkled with dendrites of black and red is one of the two Montana state gemstones and is one of the finest agate in the world. Found in some abundance in the alluvial gravels of the Yellowstone River, it is the agate form of quartz called chalcedony and has a hardness of seven.

The first man to find beauty in the Montana Agate nodules that are strewn about in the alluvial gravels of the Yellowstone River, was likely a Native American, hundreds if not thousands of years ago. He marveled at the colors and transparency of the agate and as he cleaved off slivers in an attempt to make scrapers and arrowheads, revealed scenes and pictures that were hidden in the rock. Like that Native American, modern man marvels at the beauty found in this agate and works to unlock its hidden secrets.



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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 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).



Devon Hurley caught the biggest paddlefish of 2021 near the Sidney Bridge fishing access. The fish weighed in at 117 lbs. (Photo submitted)

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.

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The museum has been open for over 30 years and continues "preserving the past for the future." From its beginning, 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, a homestead and summer kitchen, a schoolhouse, barber and beauty shop, a saloon, a church, and doctor's office and a pharmacy.

Outside, visitors can see inside a blacksmith's shop, stagecoach, and early days farm equipment and fire trucks. In addition, they have a 1896 Sterling wood threshing machine, one of two in North America. Young and old, alike, can learn something about Montana history. The museum is located on Highway 2 E of Culbertson and is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. from Mid-May through Mid-September. There is no admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, call 406-787-6320 or contact us on our Facebook page.

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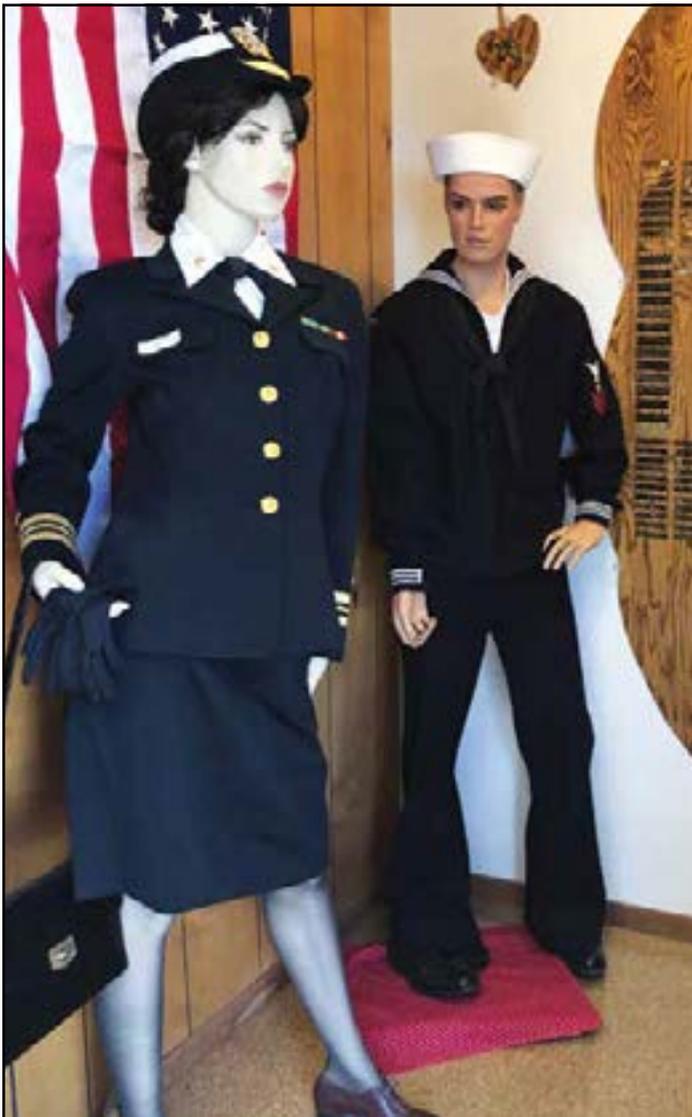
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Above: The school display at the Culbertson Museum. Left: The new military uniform display.

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Pioneer's Pride Museum Bainville, MT



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

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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Williston Area

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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 NW 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.

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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. The visitor center is open 7 days a week from May 1 - Sept. 30 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. And Wednesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. from October 1 - April 30. The park is open from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. all year round. Payment for any park fees can be made with cash, Mastercard, personal check, travelers checks, and Visa.



Sign marker along the Ponderosa Trail at Makoshika State Park.



Montana residents are allowed free daily entrance through their vehicle registration fee payment; camping fees still apply. For more information visit <http://state-parks.mt.gov/makoshika/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Makoshika/>.

A large banner for Glendive Montana. The top part features a graphic with the text "SHOP HIKE PADDLE STAY" in a stylized font, with a kayak icon in the center. Below the graphic, a photograph shows several people kayaking on a wide river. The bottom part of the banner has the text "DISCOVER GLENDIVE MONTANA" and "808 N. MERRILL AVE. | 406.377.5601 | WWW.GLENDIVECHAMBER.COM".

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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,

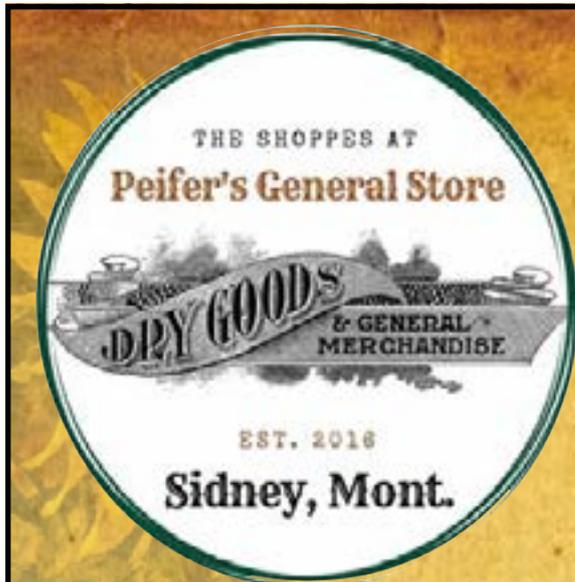
a restored country school and a large display of farm machinery, all from this area. Newer exhibits include a Christmas room, a photography shop, a millinery shop and a western room. Several special displays include a set of replica medieval armor, a group of carved figures from native scoria rock, and 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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Pierre Wibaux Museum

Wibaux, MT

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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.

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Tobacco Gardens Resort

Watford City, ND



Tobacco Gardens held their 2021 kite festival June 4-6. Kurt Giebler, Quartzite, AZ, instructs kids in making & shooting compressed air rockets. There was also a candy cannon and other fun activities. Kites of all shapes and sizes are available to purchase. The kite 2022 festival will be June 2-5 and June 9-12.

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 & shower, RV dumpsite and fresh water available.

For the fishing enthusiast, they also have a bait and tackle shop, a fish cleaning station and boat ramps. This year there is extreme low water boat ramp available.

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 campgrounds.

The resort holds many events throughout the year. Their annual Kite Festival will take place June 2-5 and June 9-12, 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. 10. Tobacco Gardens also holds a cardboard boat race, minnow races, music throughout the summer call to see what is on the schedule, movie night every other week (weather permitting) and Saturday night prime rib or barbeque.

On Saturday, July 23 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tobacco Gardens will be hosting the C.A.S.T. for Kids free fishing event for children with special needs. Participants must pre-register at <https://castforkids.org/event/tobaccogardens> and should be 6-18 years old. For more information on this event contact Daniel Stahl, 254-392-1532, dstahl1989@gmail.com or visit www.castforkids.org.

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 and Education Center 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 and updated 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 re-

This antique 1913 clothes wringer is on display.



The museum gift shop has locally made products for sale.

corded family histories and veterans' stories. There is also a library of family and organization scrap books and history books to view. The museum periodically features traveling exhibits and local exhibitors including quilting shows, art shows and photography shows. The Pioneer Museum has recently partnered with the Long X Art Foundation and furthered the particular idea of an education center. The art foundation has located class space (and has based an art teacher, Jess Newman) within our facility. There will be art classes and lots of fun planned and located at the Pioneer Museum now and in the future. Watch our Facebook event page for classes and activities at the center!!

The Pioneer Gift Shop is filled with jams, bread and soup mixes, yummy candies, locally crafted items, candles, soaps, 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!

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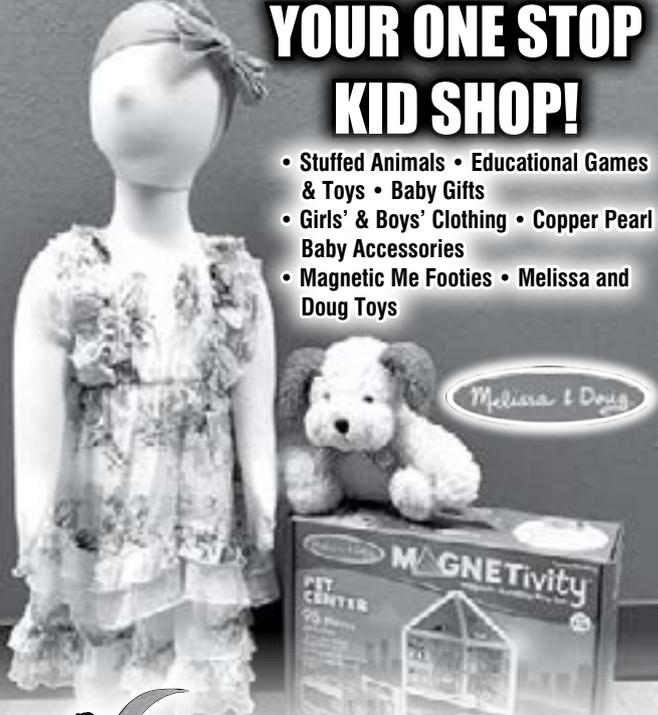
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The symbol for the trail is the turtle. Adopted from the Lakota Sioux Indians, the turtle symbolizes patience, loyalty, determination, steadfastness, long-life and fortitude. The turtle shell symbolizes protection and its effigy is emblazoned on the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

Registration fees for 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.



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Morgan Bricca working on the mural inside the new building at the Heritage Park in Watford City.

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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 is nearing completion of being 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.

Our newest addition, nearing its completion, is our beautiful new museum which will house both the Heritage Park and North Dakota Oil Museum.

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A small visitor center is located at the park entrance for visitors to the North Unit. You can speak with a ranger, receive assistance trip planning needs, obtain a backcountry permit, purchase a souvenir or watch the park film, "Refuge of the American Spirit". Restrooms are available at this location.

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. You can check at the visitor center for a current list.

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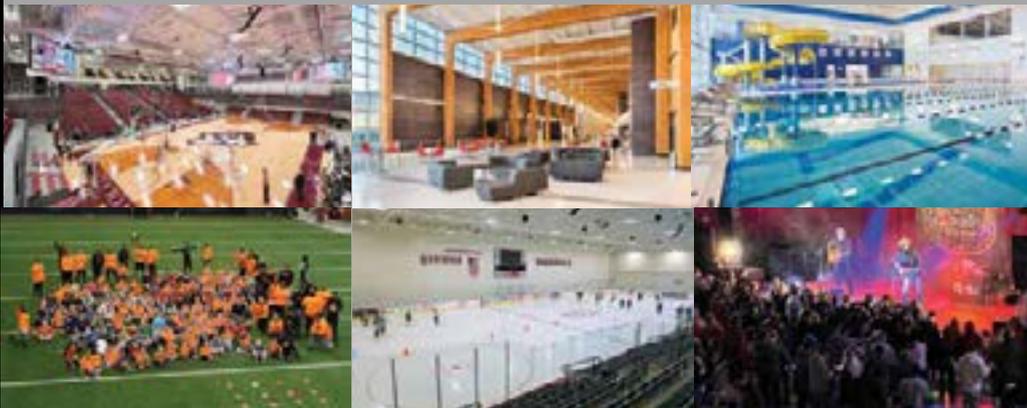
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- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Golf 101 - 10:00am-11:30am
- 6th - PGA Junior League Meet the Coaches Dinner
- 14th, 21st, 28th - PGA Jr League Matches - 9:00am-12:00pm
- 25th - Brice Bruno Memorial - 9:00am Shotgun

JULY

- 10th - Everybody's Scramble - 5:00pm Shotgun
- 11th & 18th - Golf 101 - 10:00am-11:30am
- 16th - Homefest - 10:00am Shotgun
- 19th - DJGA Event open to Juniors 18 and under
- 19th & 26th - PGA Jr League Matches
Oilfield Golf Scramble
- 29th - Golf practice round after 4:00pm
- 30th - 9:00am Shotgun
- 31st - 8:00am Shotgun

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Lewis And Clark Trail Museum

Alexander, ND

What is happening at the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum in 2022?

Several new and continued projects are happening at the museum. For the third year, the NDSU Extension office from Williston will be planting regional crops. There are 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 the museum last summer was the establishment of the Pollinator Habitat Project. This will be an ongoing venture. Last summer in conjunction with NRCS, there was a McKenzie County Community Pollinator event. The McKenzie County Chapter of Pheasants Forever that 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.

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.

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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 2022 season on Memorial Day.



Antique wagons and buggies on display in the outer building of the museum.



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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 Hwy. 1804 and 24 miles northeast of Sidney, MT via Hwy. 58. Fort Union is open year-round; 2021 hours are 9 a.m. -5 p.m. CDT.

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A fur trader educates visitors at the Ft. Union Rendezvous.

Pioneer Trails Museum

Hanks, ND



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

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. Capt. William Rankin, 13th infantry, along with 89 enlisted soldiers, established the fort June 12, 1866. The post was built using adobe bricks and cottonwood enclosed by a 360x360 wooden stockade

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, mail routes, pay wagons and protection of telegraph, railroad, and tribal allies. Fort Buford also served as a primary supply depot for units conducting military field operations against Native Americans in the region.

During the first years, the soldiers endured frequent Hunkpapa skirmishes, keeping them near prisoners. The Hunkpapas, led by Sitting Bull, successfully attacked soldiers on work details, hunting



Period actors set up their demonstration during the encampment at Ft. Buford. (Photo submitted)

parties and civilian groups.

In 1881, Sitting Bull, who had retreated into Canada, after the battle of the Little Big Horn, turned over 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 soldiers policed the Canadian/United States boundary; guarded railway construction crews and provided escorts for steamers and wagon trains.

Restored to their original condition, three original buildings remain on site: Field Officer's Quarters, Powder Magazine, and Office of the Guard. The reproduction Barracks was completed in 2004. In 2014 the Masonic site (west 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 soldiers and civilians who had died at the fort and tell their story.

Fort Buford is located near Williston, ND on Highways 1804 and 58. The fort remains open from May 28-Sept. 5, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and free for children under 5. Admission includes Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Bus and school group rates are available. For more information, contact 701-572-9034.



6th Infantry Reenactment Group marches during the Flag Raising Ceremony. (Photo submitted)

Confluence Interpretive Center

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The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center opened in 2003, telling the story of the confluence of two mighty rivers. The location of the building provides similar views that Lewis and Clark would have enjoyed as they passed through in 1804-1806.

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. View an old 1914 Cadillac, an old steamboat lantern, and artifacts of arrowheads, Mastodon teeth, Civilian Conservation Corp and much more. The roaming gallery is changed out every 2-3 years. This year it features "The Life of Sitting Bull."

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 reserve a room for use, contact the Confluence Center at 701-572-9034.

The Confluence Center offers classes and events for the public to enjoy.

Confluence History and Nature Lecture Series (1st Sunday of month) meets at 2 p.m. CT at the Confluence Center

Historical Sewing, Textiles and Projects (3rd Saturday each month 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. CT), meet at the Confluence Center, any level of sewing and skills are welcome to join and learn

History Book Club (3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. CT) meets at the Confluence Center to discuss the book of the month.

Historical Games (3rd Sunday of month) meets at 2 p.m. CT in



The Sitting Bull exhibit at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

the Barracks.

Check out the Fort Buford State Historic Site/Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center Facebook for events and other activities held throughout the year. For more information call 701-572-9034.

MYCIC is located 25 miles from Williston, ND on Highways 1804 and 58. The center remains open from May 28 -Sept. 5, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. CT daily during the summer months.

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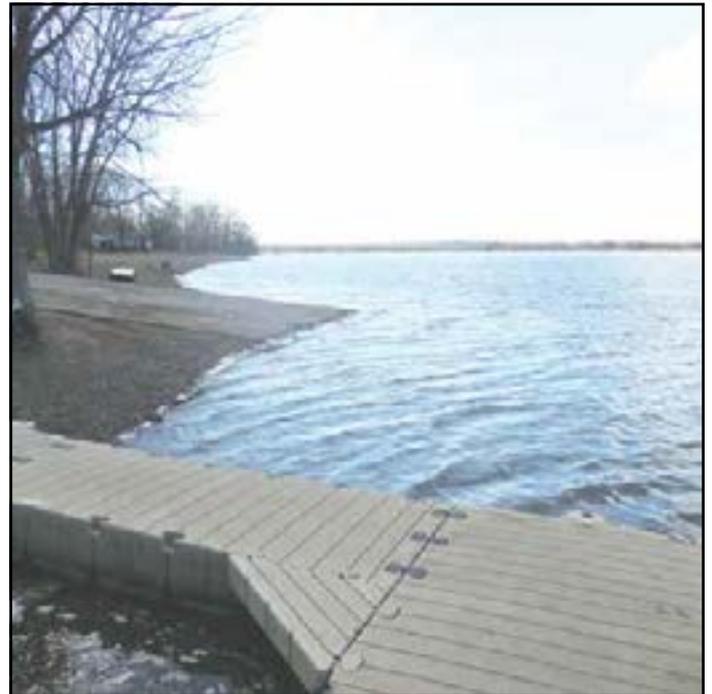
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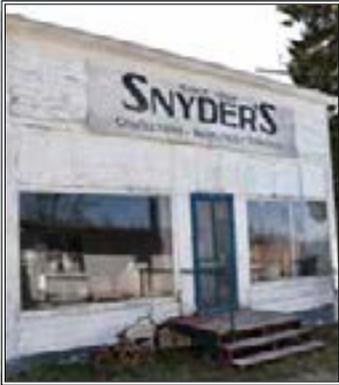


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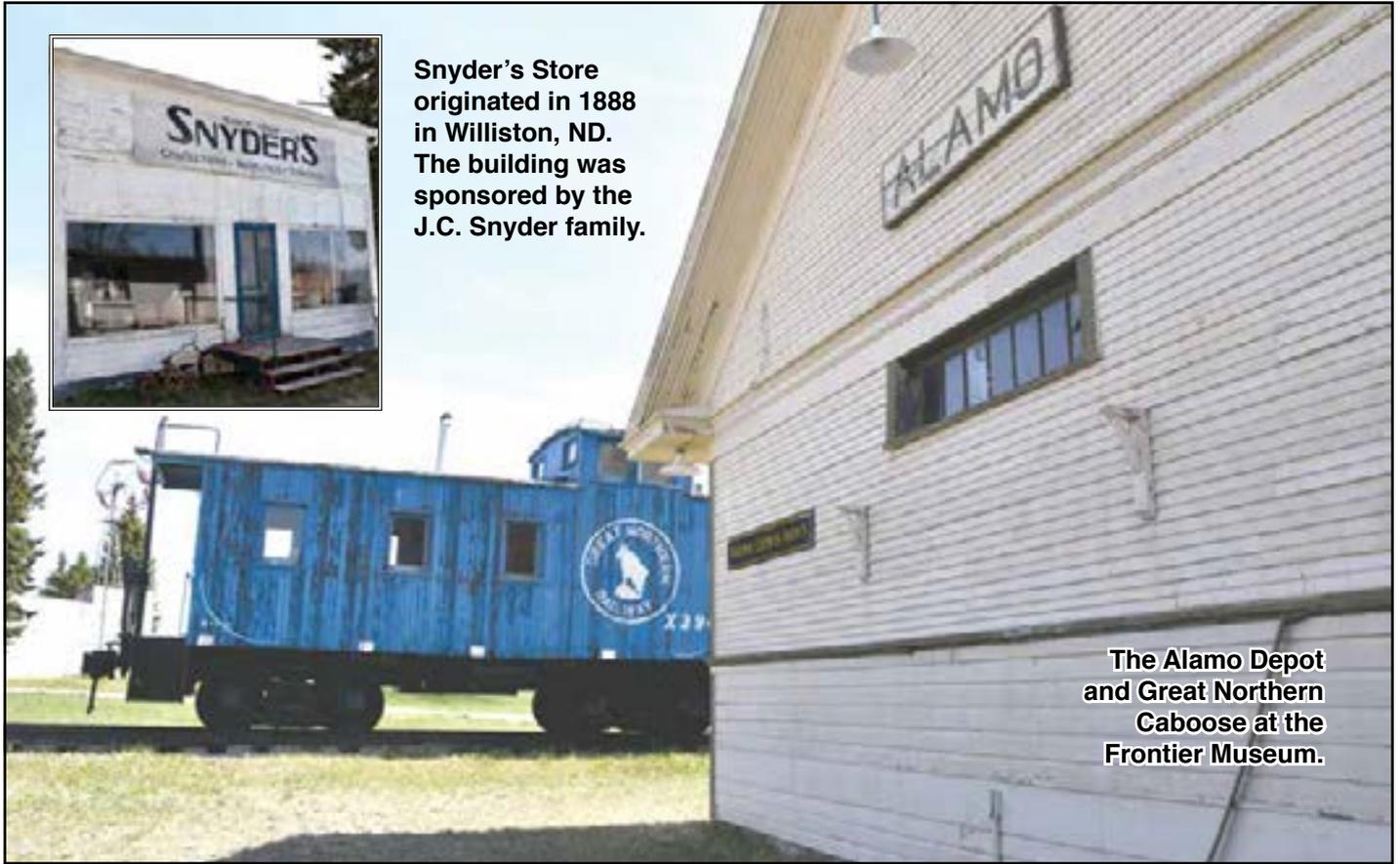
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Frontier Museum

Williston, ND



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



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

Experience life in the past at the Frontier Museum complex located northwest of Spring Lake Park, Williston, ND.

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. Hefferman'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.

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

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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.

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. A group of community members sought an opportunity to save the building, forming the James Memorial Preservation Society in 1993. The non-profit organization assumed full financial responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the building and for exhibitions and activities it hosted.

In addition to hosting traveling exhibits from artists across the region, the James also showcases several local and area artists in its two galleries. Several special events and art classes for youth and adults are also held throughout the year.

Exhibits are always free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to check out the James Memorial Art Center at 621 1st Ave. W., Williston. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday 1-5 p.m. September-April, the gallery is also open Sundays from 1-5 p.m. For more information on the James Memorial Art Center, visit its website at www.thejamesmemorial.org.



Paul and Dakota Noot’s “The Beast Within” (Facebook photo)

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Williston Basin Speedway

This year marks the 51st 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. 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.

For the 2022 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 10.

The 33rd Annual Dakota Classic Modified Tour is July 11. The tour will start in Jamestown on Saturday, July 9, at Jamestown Speedway. The series then heads north to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds and Nodak Speedway in Minot on Sunday, July 10. Drivers and fans next head west on US Highway 2 for Williston and Williston Basin Speedway on Monday, July 11. Southwest Speedway in Dickinson is next on Tuesday, July 12. The Tour wraps up in

Mandan at Dacotah Speedway for a doubleheader on Wednesday and Thursday, July 13 and 14.

Championship Night is Aug. 27, 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.

For more information on the Williston Basin Speedway, check out their Facebook page.



Tate Johnson, Homestead, MT, speeds down the track in a 2021 event (photo by Tyler Hagen Photography).

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Old Armory

Williston, ND

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.

Thank you to the many donations that made our new Old Armory new floor possible. The completion of the beautiful new floor in the upper area was the concept of B. Michael Quale and Creative



Carpets, Williston. We have had many rentals since the floor was installed and everyone is amazed at its artist beauty.

The Historic Old Armory has housed Entertainment Inc! for over 40 years with wonderful entertainment for the surrounding communities. The community theatre will be celebrating its 40th year in April and May, with the production of "CHICAGO" and a dinner dance for those who have supported Entertainment Inc! over their many years. Thank you to B. Michael Quale, Jack Deville and Sandi Blikre and the many players for their wonderful vision for the Old Armory. We now house the performing arts for the area.

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Norseman Museum

Tioga, ND

The former 1st Lutheran Church building in Tioga was used as the Norseman Museum, and was located where the present Tioga Police Department is now. The present location was opened in September 2020 at 108 N. Welo St.

The museum is a curator and historian of Tioga, ND. It has several artifacts and an oil capital of North Dakota display that keeps growing, with a true-to-scale derrick and pumper. It also has a Sons of Norway (SON) Viking ship, built by SON members. They is a library with all the archives of Tioga and surrounding areas.

The Norseman Museum is set up in seven main sections: Churches, Farming and Ranching, Schools, Military, Native Americans, Oil and Gas, and the Railroad. There are smaller displays with rotating exhibits

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2-5 p.m., or by appointment call 701-641-3419 or 701-641-3182.

They are also open during Freedom Fest, and Farm Festival, and other events that are posted on Tioga Historical Society Facebook. Field trips are welcome at anytime.



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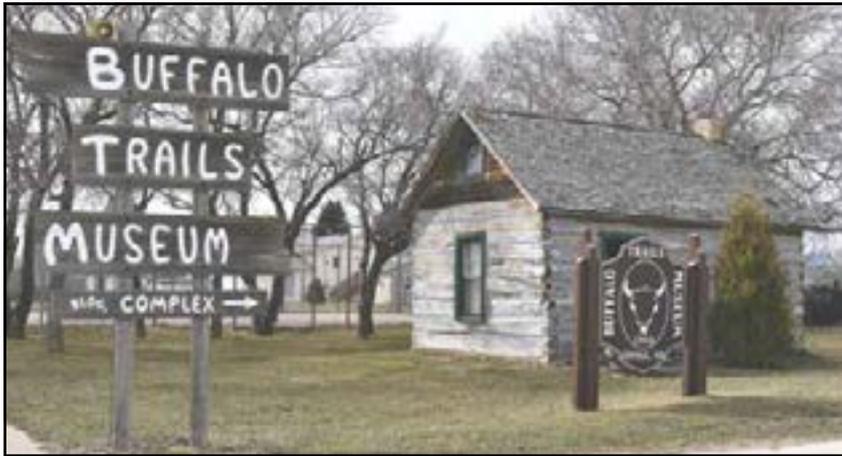
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Buffalo Trails Museum

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 9 and 10 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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