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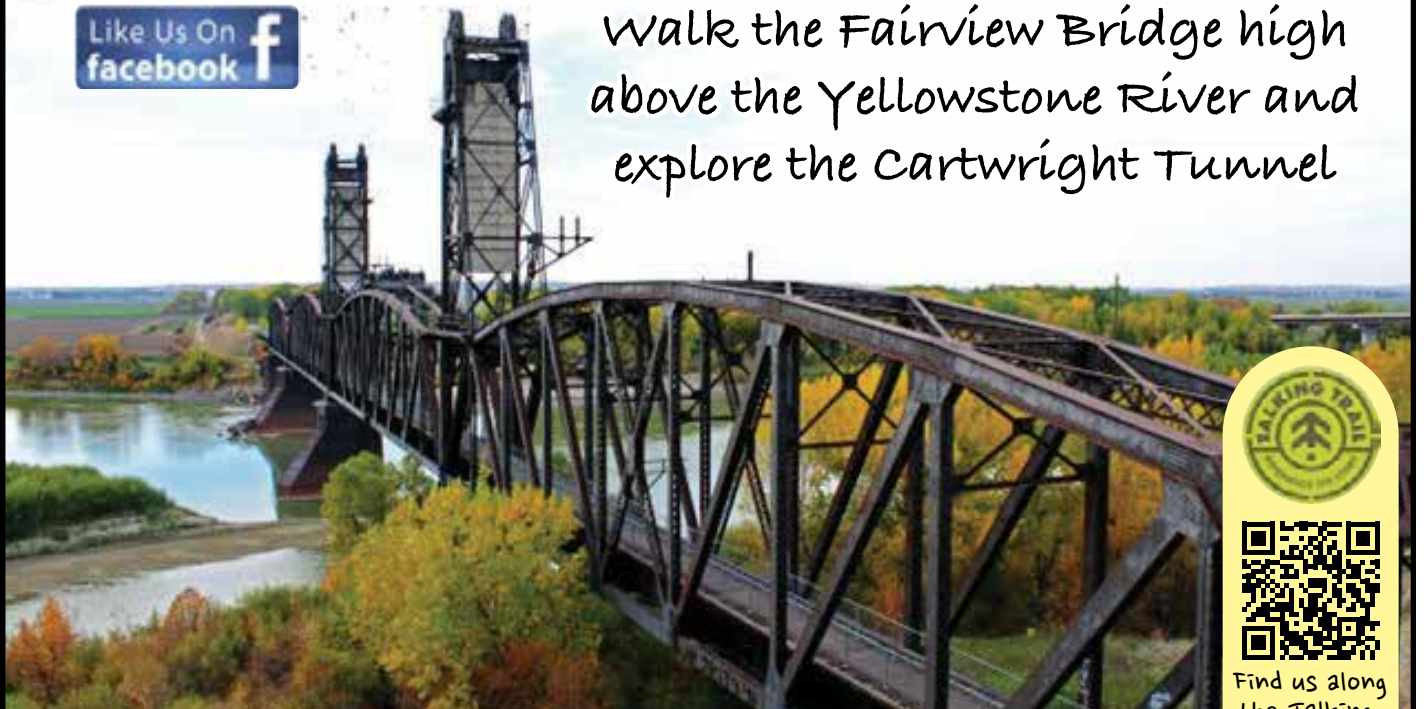
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# Welcome To Montana's Sunrise City!

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.

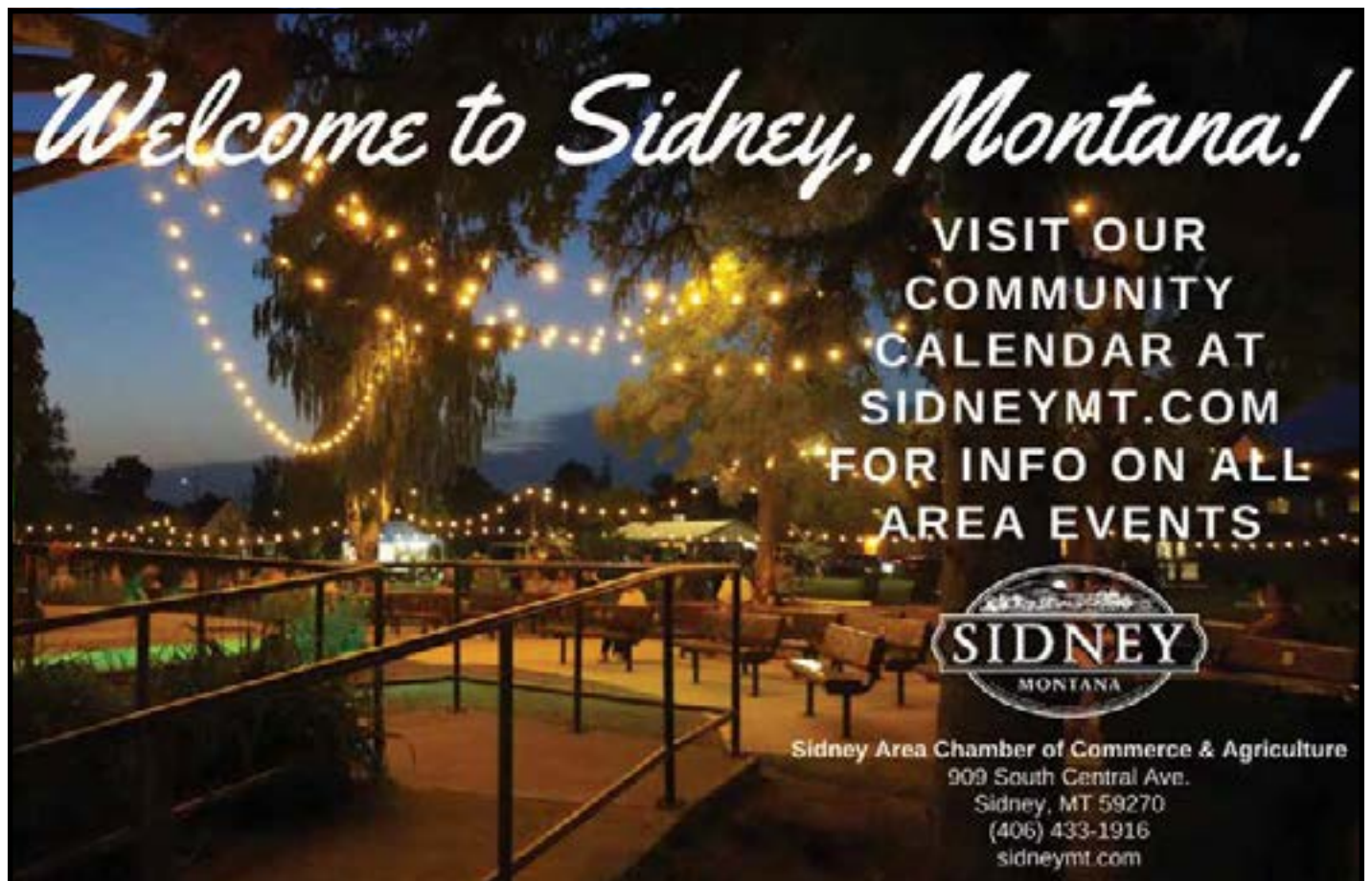
As far as adventure, few places in the United States offer the abundance of wildlife than can be seen in the MonDak area. Take advantage of our recreation opportunities including hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, and agate hunting while you're in town. Enjoy the two rivers in our area: the Yellowstone 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](mailto:director@sidneymt.com) or visit us at our website, [sidneymt.com](http://sidneymt.com).



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## 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 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; Dore, ND Post Office, a homestead shack, train depot, doctor's office, saddle shop, Governor Nutter's office, and other displays.

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



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

As the arts and cultural center of the region, MDHC offers musical experiences, living history talks and humanities programs; March's Celebrating Chocolate fundraiser and concert; MonDak Summer Bash & Bake Off in June; MonDak Pub Night, celebration of music and beer, in the fall; 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](http://mondakheritagecenter.org) or find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter](https://facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter)) or Instagram or Twitter @MonDakMuseum.



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# Back Roads and Tractor Shows At 2024 Richland County Fair & Rodeo

Mark your calendars for the highlight of summer in Richland County! From July 31-Aug. 3 the Richland County Fair & Rodeo invites you to join in the festivities celebrating the theme of Back Roads & Tractor Shows. Get ready for four days packed with excitement, entertainment, and the best of rural Montana culture.

CowTown USA invites visitors of all ages to experience the charm of rural life with a petting zoo open all day. From cuddly farm animals to interactive exhibits, there's plenty to delight animal lovers and there's even pony rides! Plus, don't miss Rollo strolling around and Leapin' Louie's captivating performances, featuring three shows a day filled with laughter, thrills, and stunts that will leave audiences of all ages in awe.

Take a leisurely stroll through our new building and marvel at the county's best exhibits, showcasing the creativity, craftsmanship, and agricultural heritage of Richland County. From antique tractors to handcrafted quilts, each display offers a glimpse into the rich tapestry of rural life. Admire the skill and dedication of local artisans and farmers as you explore the diverse array of exhibits on offer.

Indulge in the finest fare the region has to offer as you explore a culinary paradise of flavors and aromas. From classic fair favorites like funnel cakes and corn dogs to gourmet treats and local specialties, there's something to tempt every palate. Sample your way through the food vendors scattered throughout the fairgrounds and discover why Richland County is renowned for its gastronomic delights.

The heart-pounding action of PRCA rodeos takes center stage with two exhilarating nights of competition. Cowboys and cowgirls will test their skills in thrilling events such as bull riding, barrel racing, and team roping, all while vying for top honors and prize money. Prepare to be on the edge of your seat as the arena comes alive with the spirit of the West. Don't forget to wear pink on Friday for "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night. Every pink shirt in the stands donates \$4 to the Foundation for Community Care.

On Aug. 3, the fairgrounds will resonate

with the sounds of country music as Rodney Atkins with special guest Jerrod Niemann take the stage for a live concert. From chart-topping hits to soulful ballads, these acclaimed artists promise an evening of unforgettable music and memories. Gather your friends and family, and get ready to sing along to your favorite tunes under the big Montana sky.



Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of the Richland County Fair & Rodeo, where the spirit of the countryside comes alive in a celebration of community, culture, and tradition. Join us for four days of fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories that will make this summer one to remember.

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

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

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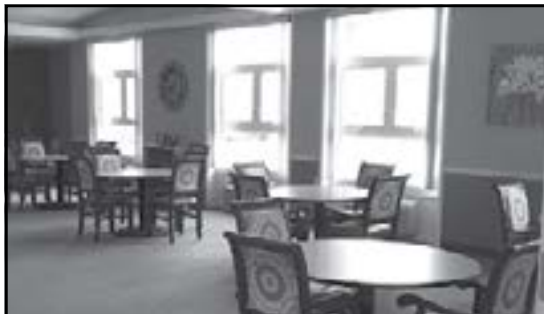
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that adapts to meet today's needs, fostering education and personal growth for all ages; explains Miranda Evenson, Head Librarian. Whether you're a local resident or a traveler passing through, SRCL invites you to explore its resources, participate in its programs, and experience the warmth of its community spirit.

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# Sidney Country Club

Sidney is home to the only 18-hole golf course in northeastern Montana and everyone is welcome to come and play! The course was started in 1929 as a 9-hole course, with volunteers providing the upkeep. The back nine was added in 2000, with a full maintenance team ensuring that the regulation course is in perfect condition. A golf professional is available to teach lessons, and a fully stocked pro shop provides everything you might need. Kids from 4-18 years old are encouraged to take part in the Jr. golf program, which runs every Wednesday morning May 29 - July 24.

Memberships are available at Sidney Country Club, however, the general public is more than welcome. Green fees are \$40 for 9 holes and \$65 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. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week during the golf season. A kid's menu is also available. Crunched for time? You can also call ahead for take-out.

A full bar, which opens at 9 a.m. daily, compliments the restaurant. Groups large and small can be accommodated with privacy; with offsite service also available. The Fringe is also open, with limited hours, during the off-season.

Sidney Country Club is located on 2250 West Holly St. Call the Pro Shop at 406-433-1894 or the Fringe at 406-433-7460. Check out their website, [sidneycountryclub.com](http://sidneycountryclub.com), for more information on the facilities or to scan the menu.



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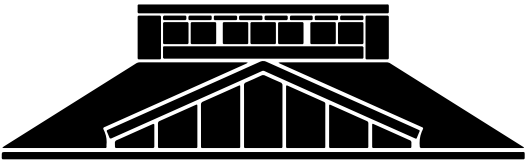

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Water Tower Park received new fencing with funds that Sidney Park Superintendent Stephanie Ridl received from a Richland County recreation grant. Quilling's Park has been equipped with new ADA compliant playground equipment, which includes an agility-based 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 that give parents and caregivers a place to sit near the playground.

Lalonde Park received new swings, a Tenspin, and play gym, donated by the Kringen family in memory of Randy Kringen. 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.

In the fall of 2018, Kling Park's playground equipment was removed and the installation of the new toddler park structures



**Svarre Municipal Pool**

as well as a regulation size basketball court commenced. These upgrades were completed in April 2019. The new playground 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). Johnson Park received much needed upgrades to the children's playground in 2022 and 2023. The installation of new swings, cube structure, ADA compliant ground cover and border system, and a new slide donated by Kraken Oil, have been well received. Also in Johnson Park, the introduction of the Elevate Adult Fitness Course in 2020 has provided a fun new twist to playground equipment.

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, 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).

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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# Sidney Health Center



**Sidney Health Center is located at  
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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 three remodels to accommodate the demand for treating medical and radiation oncology patients including the addition of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

In 2022, Sidney Health Center broke ground on a \$4.8 million renovation to its emergency department with the expansion of a new ambulance garage. The entire project included four phases and was completed in late 2023. The ED renovation was designed to enhance the patient experience for those requiring emergent medical treatment with privacy, safety and quality of care at the forefront. Special features of the renovation include: three-stall ambulance garage with one stall dedicated to incoming ambulances as a patient drop-off point, seven private treatment bays including one trauma unit and two treatment rooms for respiratory-related illnesses, and a separate ED waiting area including a patient triage area to evaluate patients upon arrival.

Sidney Health Center also relocated the rehabilitation services including cardiac and pulmonary rehab into a newly remodeled space in July 2022. The new construction features a private outside entrance, large windows, and a spacious workout area for patients who have been referred to one of the rehabilitation programs including physical, occupational, speech, or cardiac and pulmonary services. The move not only accommodated the growth of the rehabilitation programs but made room for expansion in other areas in the future.

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 physicians and specialists offer family medicine, internal medicine, pediatric care, medical oncology, radiation oncology, interventional pain management, pathology, aesthetic medicine, emergency care, hospital inpatient care and surgical services including general, orthopedic, podiatric foot and ankle, 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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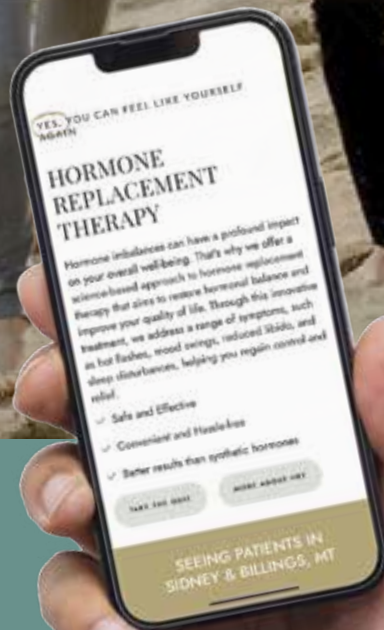
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# Richland County Sports Complex

## Sidney, MT



The Richland County Sports Complex sells advertising banners to help pay for building rental, equipment, daily operating costs, and camps. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

The Richland County Sports Complex has moved to a new building! They are now located in the old Cenex garage, next to Cooperative Western Choice. Up until August, they had been located at the fairgrounds. "The reason for the move was because this building has heat, has no dirt floor, and we had room to add a pickle-ball court," said Chairman Terry Roth. "This gives an opportunity for more people to use our complex."

"Stop in during our open hours, or call me at 406-489-3285 with any questions. We also have a Facebook page," said Roth.

The fee to use the complex is \$5 a day, or \$30 a month.

Pickle-ball leagues are being held including a morning coffee league. You can also reserve a court.

The Legion Baseball organization is also planning some camps for the future.

"All of the camps are free to the students. We do fund raisers to cover the cost," said Roth. "The programs are going well, and we are thankful to our sponsors for their help."

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# Old Timer's Festival

## Fairview, MT



Left: Fairview held their annual Fairview Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival July 14 & 15, 2023. Pictured (L-R) Brooks Johnson took his sister, Amaryliss, for a ride in the 2023 Fairview Old Timer's Festival Kiddie Parade in his John Deere tractor on July 15. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

Below: Dennis Dahl on his steady Palomino carried the American flag in the 2023 Fairview Old Timer's Festival Parade. (Photo by Jaymi Mozeak)

### 78th Annual Fairview Old Timers' Reunion and Summer Festival July 19-21

An entire weekend of fun awaits festival goers this summer with parades, entertainment, free food, and lots of visiting with classmates and friends beginning Friday, July 19, Fairview. All events take place in Sharbono Park unless stated otherwise.

Start the weekend off Friday evening with "Hamburgers in the Park", registration of old timers and some great entertainment.

Saturday starts with a free breakfast and registration beginning at 8 a.m. Take in the "Car Show" at the north end of the park and visit the many food and other vendors throughout the day.

The "Kiddie Parade" is always a delight, followed by the "Grand Parade" for everyone's enjoyment. Be sure to take in the program after the parade, featuring the raising of the flag, the national anthem and presentation of this year's button honoree. Then cool off at the "Ice Cream Social" in the Senior Citizen's Center.

Downtown Fairview is always alive with music and catching up with old friends, so plan to stay for the evenings as well.

Finish off a great weekend with the Sunday church service in the park.

Many more family-oriented events are being planned as well so be sure to check traditional and social media for all the details.



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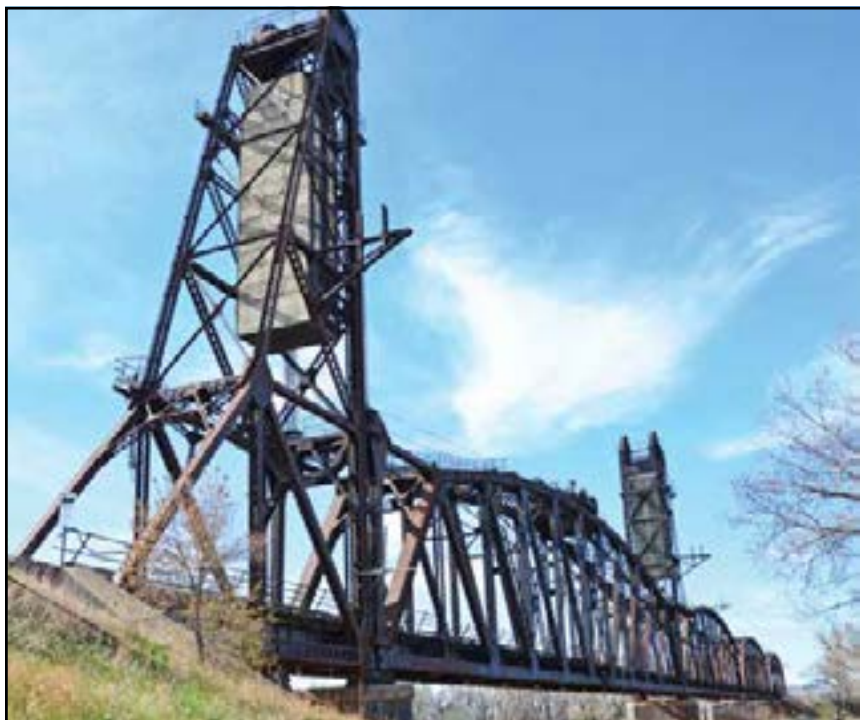
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Used until 1986, it was likely the only bridge left in the country that accommodated both rail and vehicular traffic. It is also one of the few vertical-lift bridges in the country. This bridge differs from the common drawbridge in that an entire section would lift to allow river boat traffic to pass underneath. The last time Snowden's nearly 300 ft. span was raised occurred in 1935 to allow passage of a freight boat carrying materials for Fort Peck Dam. Engineers designed the most unusual aspect of the bridge, the lift span, so counter weights and accompanying machinery could be moved to other sections of the bridge should the navigation channel shift.

The boat ramp has not yet been replaced after the ice jams a couple of years ago. However, vehicle access to the bridge has been restored.

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

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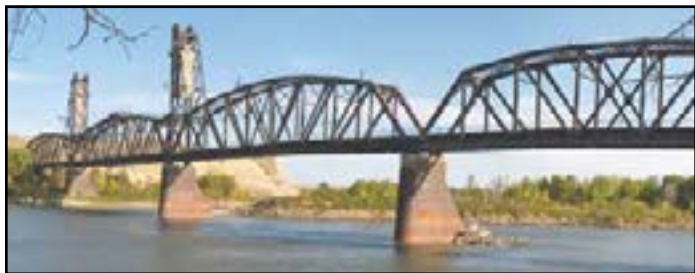
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# Fairview Bridge

*Located East of Fairview, MT*



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Located just four miles east of Fairview, MT, access the bridge through Sundheim Park, which features a boat ramp, picnic tables and toilets. A paved ramp to a parking area and the bridge provides easy accessibility for everyone.

As you walk high above the Yellowstone River, take in the beauty of the surrounding area, as well as the workings of this amazing lift bridge. The rails have been removed and a walking surface added, plus it is fenced for safety. Then explore the incredible craftsmanship of the Cartwright Tunnel. Make sure you take a flashlight, it gets really dark in there!

The bridge spans the Yellowstone River in North Dakota. It is a vertical lift structure built for rail and vehicular traffic as part of a plan by the Great Northern Railroad for its never-completed Montana Eastern Railway. The only time the lift spans were raised was in 1914 shortly after completion. The bridge, unused since 1986, stretches 1320 feet across the river and hangs about 100 feet above the water.

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



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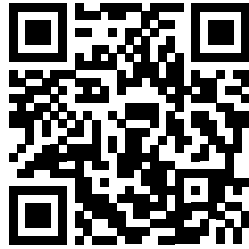
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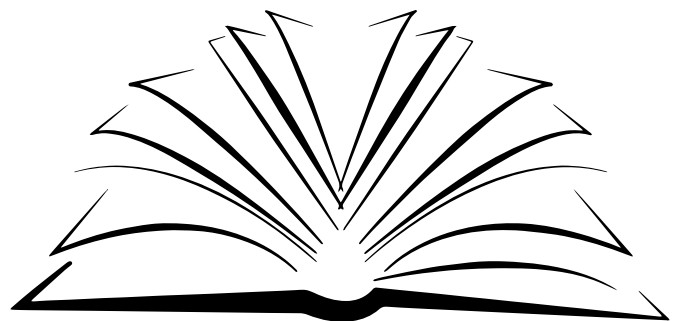


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# Makoshika State Park

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The name Makoshika (Ma-ko'-shi-ka) is a variant spelling of a



Lakota phrase meaning 'bad land' or 'bad earth'. Today, as Montana's largest state park, the badlands of Makoshika are set aside for visitors to see and enjoy. In addition to the pine and juniper studded badland formations, the park also houses many fossil remains.

Our visitor center (with a gift shop) at the park entrance, is open 7 days a week 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. May 1-Sept. 30. The park is open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Visitor Center winter hours are Oct. 1-April 30, Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The park is open year-round and the visitor center houses a Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil along with other fossil remains and badland interpretive displays. Find out more about Montana paleontology exhibits and activities at Montana Dinosaur Trail.

Included within the park are scenic drives, hiking trails, 28 camping sites, a group picnic area, and an outdoor amphitheater.

The park offers special events throughout the year, including Montana Shakespeare in the Park, Friday night campfire programs and youth programs in summer, and the famous Buzzard Day festival, the second Saturday in June, featuring 10k & 5k races, a fun run, jumping house, food, disc golf tournament, hikes and more!

Visitors are asked not to bring metal detectors, and no digging, collecting, or removal of fossils and artifacts is allowed.

For more information and to reserve campsites, call 406-377-6256.

# Richland Park

## Sidney, MT

Richland Park has been a long-standing fixture of Richland County, and has seen plenty of changes over the years. The park received new playground equipment including monkey bars, swings, a climbing rock and a 64' Zip Cruise. The Zip Cruise is the first in the county and is popular for all ages.

Not only did the Richland County Commissioners get involved but Pheasants Forever and Walleyes Unlimited became instrumental in the past years.

Richland Park is located at 35352 County Road 128, 2 miles east of MT Hwy. 200. In 2006, a boat ramp and an access road to the park were constructed, vaulted toilets were built and Walleyes Unlimited funded a perimeter fence. The area was cleared of over-grown and dead trees and approximately 200 trees were planted.

A Sidney Chamber Leadership Class donated the "Richland Park" rock at the entrance/exit of the park. The foundation of the cook-shack was reused to build the picnic shelter. A wood-fired BBQ and



smoker, campsites with electricity plus handicapped accessible picnic tables are free and open to the public. Firewood must be furnished for the BBQ and fire pits. Clean up is required for the use of campsites.

Informational kiosks were built, a disc golf course was installed, a mile-long nature trail plus fishing access and over-night camping is available with a 72-hour permit from the Sidney Law Enforcement Center.

Pets are allowed.

Whether looking for a place to host an outdoor event, get out on the water, out in nature or just get a little way out of town, take a day to go and play at Richland Park.



# Lambert Historical Society

## Lambert, MT

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

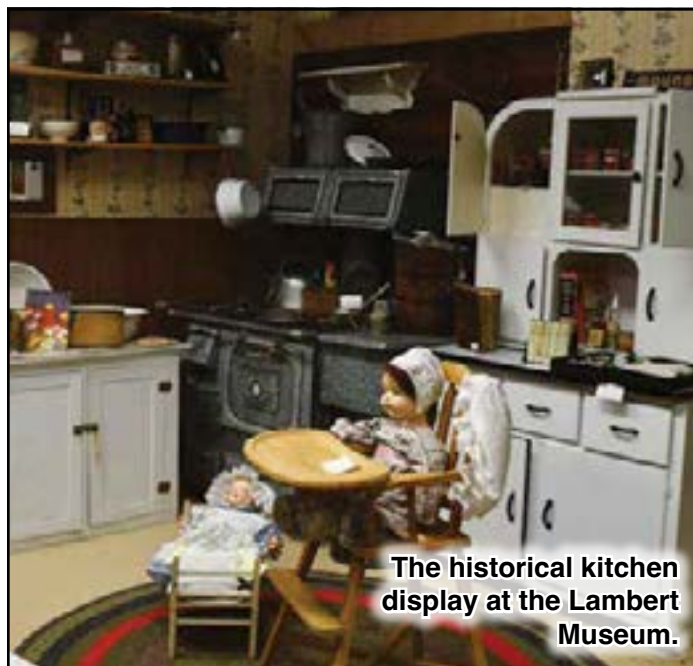
The Early Media exhibit includes items from Lambert's original printing office. Citizens are particularly proud of a piece of artwork created by local artist Pamela Cayer Drewry that depicts the Three Buttes, a nearby landmark. Visitors can also inspect a working antique weaving loom, used to create rugs.

Two new exhibits are the Veterans Exhibit that features military uniforms from World War I to present day, there are also numerous artifacts from Fort Union in the exhibit. The other new exhibit is the millinery shop that features hats of all eras, beautiful ball gowns, homemade baby clothes from the early homesteaders and a store bought Traveling Suit worn by one of the single women who came out to homestead.

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 Bur-



**Above: The class room exhibit at the Lambert Museum.**



**The historical kitchen display at the Lambert Museum.**

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gess 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.



# Richey Historical Museum

## Preserving The History Of A Small Town

Richey got its roots when the rail-road came to town in 1916 and named the town after Postmaster Clyde Richey who homesteaded here in the late 1800s. The Richey Historical Society was established in 1970 and by 1973 the hope of a local museum was realized when enough money

had been raised to purchase the Holzworth Building on Main Street. This was the museum's first building. With a lot of volunteer help from the community, the museum was ready for the grand opening on Oct. 5, the very same year.

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 dating back to the 20th century.

The Richey Museum and Historical Society now consists of seven buildings that proudly display over thousands of articles documenting local history. With the vast expanse of items in each building, you won't want to be in a rush when visiting. You may want to plan a little extra time to enjoy your journey down memory lane. Everything has 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, Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church, First National Bank of Richey/Post Office, Richey jail and an outhouse.

Visitors can expect to find walls of local community photos as well as sport photos. 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. We have a 1930s Ford Model A car (called the puddle jumper) that 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 100 years old, a refurbished wishing well, a sheep hut with a chore girl, Aggie, ready to feed the baby lambs. The Lisk Creek School/Catholic Church building has been divided into three sections. The church section offers memorabilia from our local churches, a second section is dedicated to the area schools and the third section; a small library of old school books and an area dedicated to the local VFW Club.

Visitors have traveled from across the country to learn more about their family history and to visit the area where their relatives may have grown up. With all the items the museum has to offer, 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.

The Richey Museum and Historical Society is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. beginning May 28 and closing Aug. 29. There are no admission fees to visit our museum, but donations are greatly appreciated. Our Centennial Book, "The Long Road Home" is available at a cost of \$50 per book plus postage if mailed.

For more information, please contact: Agnes Sullivan at 406-773-5829 or Curator Wanda Zuroff at 406-773-5825.

Our museum brings back many memories to those who visit and they are amazed of what we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

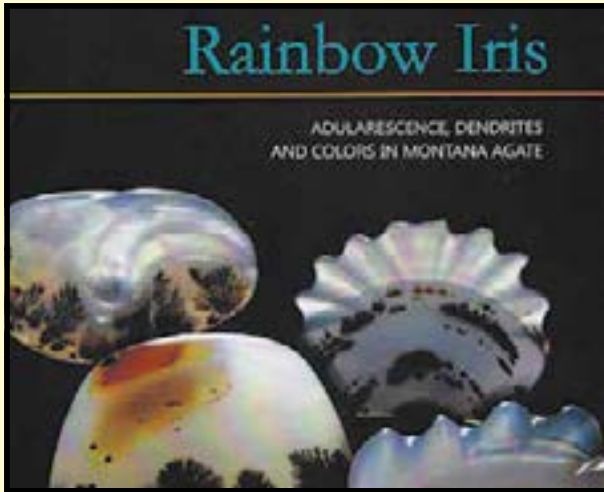


**"The Puddle Jumper" was used by William H. Miller to deliver mail in the 1940s.**

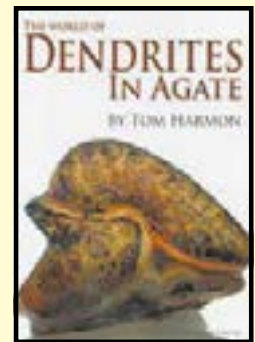
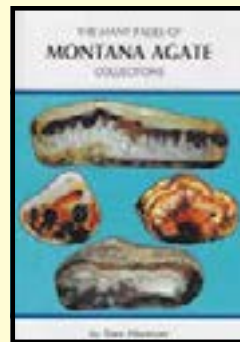
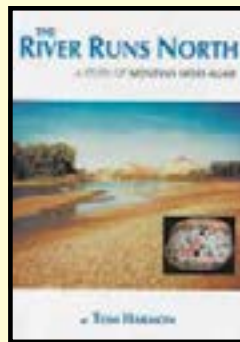
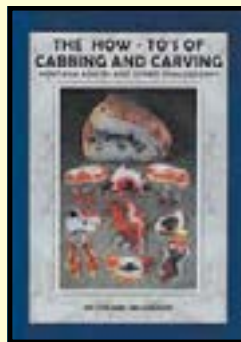


**The Richey Historical Museum is full of historical items collected throughout the years.**

# MONTANA AGATE BOOKS



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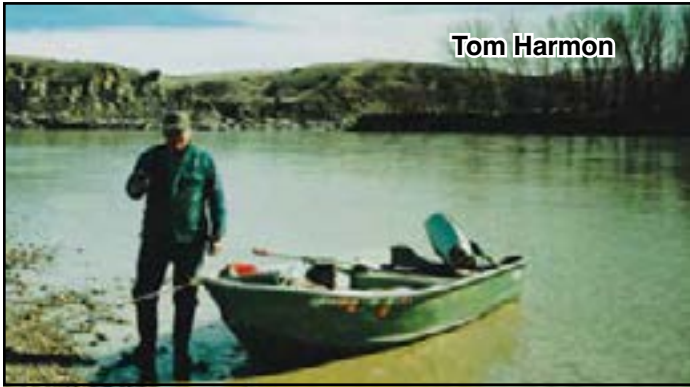
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# Montana Moss Agate



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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.

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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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# The Culbertson Museum



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

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 opens May 13. The hours are Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. noon-4 p.m. 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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Above: The school display at the Culbertson Museum.



Right: The military uniform display.


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# Buffalo Trails Museum

*Epping, ND*



**Above:** The historic homestead shack at the Buffalo Trails Museum Complex. **Left:** Native American stone tools and weapons display.

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 Saturday, July 13 starting at 9 a.m. and Sunday, July 14 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Watch for updates on the Buffalo Trails Museum Facebook page.

## 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 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.

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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# 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 collection of historical information, and artifacts from Tioga, ND, and surrounding area. It includes an Oil Capital of North Dakota display that keeps growing with a scale model oil derrick and an actual oil well pumper. It also has a Viking ship built by the the Tioga Sons of Norway. There is a library with archives of Tioga and surrounding area.

The Norseman Museum is made up of 16 sections. Some of those include: farming, home-steading, railroads, churches, schools, hospital, military, oil & gas, fraternal organizations, airport, and first responders. We are expanding our Norseman Museum to 109 Welo St N. This expansion will be 80'x100' giving us space to show our expanding inventory in a Tioga main street setting, including vehicles and machinery. Our new expansion building is on display at the Norseman Museum as a 1/48 scale model. We are planning a major fund raiser in 2024. If you would like to help in this endeavor, send contributions to Veronica McGinnity, PO Box 273, Tioga Historical Society, Tioga, ND 58852.

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 any time.



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## TIOGA NORSEMAN MUSEUM

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# Tobacco Gardens Resort

## Watford City, ND

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

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

The resort offers camping sites with electricity, 2 cabin rentals, modern bathrooms and 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.

Gas is available for purchase.

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, a walking path connecting both campgrounds a basketball court and volleyball court.

The resort holds many events throughout the year. The 4th of July festivities will include parade starting a to 10 a.m. on July 4 followed by music by Balderdash from 8 p.m. to midnight. Fireworks will begin at sundown on July 5. The Kite Festival will be held Aug. 2-4 with Prairie WiND Kites and the annual Fall Fishing Classic tournament will be held Sept. 21. 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 barbecue.

Tobacco Gardens Resort is located 25 miles northeast of Watford City on Hwy. 1806W. For further information call 701-842-4199. To make camping reservations visit [www.tobaccogardens.com](http://www.tobaccogardens.com). Check the Facebook page for weekend activities.



Karla Stoll and her grandson, Cameron, caught the biggest fish he had ever caught at the west side of Tobacco Gardens. (Photo submitted by Karla Stoll)










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## Watford City, ND



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For more information or to book



an event, please contact Heather Priest or Rebekah Engebretson, 701-842-6434, Mcheritagepk@gmail.com. For more information visit Facebook.com/mckenziecoheritagepark.

The McKenzie County Heritage Park & North Dakota Oil Museum is open year-round Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and they are located at 904 2nd Ave SW, Watford City, ND.





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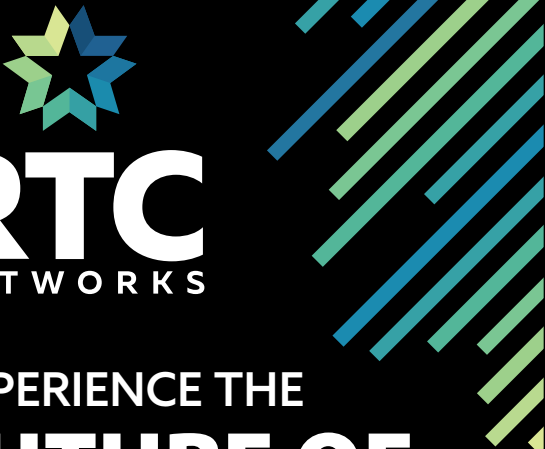
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# Kent Pelton Nature Park

## Watford City, ND

The Kent Pelton Nature Park, Watford City, is one of the many attractions that bring people to visit the area. It is a lovely little park with well-kept lawns, cool waters, and clear, and level walking paths.

There is much to do in this newer park. There is a fishing pond that is kept stocked with trout and catfish.

The first Saturday in June is the Children's Fishing Derby. It is very popular. Preregistration is required to guarantee a spot because there are only 90 kids allowed in each of the two different sessions.

The Long X Posse Foundation's Dogs on the Deck events are scheduled for May 23- June 27 every Thursday, 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Live music begins at 5:30 p.m.

From the end of July to the end of September the local Farmer's Market is held on Thursdays.

There is no overnight parking at Kent Pelton Nature Park, however, a nearby Tourist Park has camping, two playgrounds, coin-operated showers, an amphitheater, and RV hookups.

Kent Pelton can be rented in part or whole

for events. There are picnic shelters, two of which have electricity, and a 300-person pavilion also with electricity.

There is an arboretum with over 30 different varieties of trees. There is also a fishing dock, charcoal grills, a restroom, a kitchen, a grass trail along Cherry Creek, and the Watford City Park District Honor Pole. The Honor Pole designee award recognizes individuals or groups who uphold the values, traditions, and successes of the Watford City Park District Community. Honorees and their accomplishments inspire and encourage Watford City Park District patrons to do the same.

Kent Pelton served Watford City for many years. He was a teacher, Park Board member, City Council member, and mayor. He started the expansion of the park before he died in 2015. The Kent Pelton Nature Park was named in his honor.

Kent Pelton Nature Park is a slice of beauty and history that showcases what North Dakota has to offer.

For more information visit [www.watfordcityparks.com](http://www.watfordcityparks.com).



The annual Kids Fishing Derby was held at Kent Pelton Nature Park in Watford City on June 3, 2023. Above is Zayden Tobert, 7, Watford City.

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## Watford City

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Start the weekend at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening with the Olaf Leiseth Memorial Draft Horse Show. This free event showcases the hard-working draft horses and their drivers as they navigate an obstacle course, do log sledding, compete in a swamper race and cultivate corn.

Thursday night is Extreme Sports night with Knights and Bikes featuring BMX riders performing aerobatics while jumping up to 75 feet in the air, and Knights of Mayhem performing North Dakota jousting, where riders use sticks to knock each other off their horses. "You won't see this anywhere else," fair board member Christopher Kubal stated. The events run consecutively beginning at 6 p.m.

Then enjoy the music of Chancey Williams in the outdoor arena in front of the grandstand.

Drivers from three different states will converge on the fairgrounds to test their skills in the Demolition Derby, which starts at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Ag Expo will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to drive a car in the derby. NDRA Rodeo will be the highlight Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. and fireworks will light up the sky at dusk. Professional Rodeo Clown Houston Stuart will be entertaining the crowd all three nights.

4-H and FFA livestock events will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, with the Livestock Sale scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday. Their static exhibits will also be on display throughout the fair.



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# Maah Daah Hey Trail

## Discover the Beauty of the Rugged Badlands

The Maah Daah Hey Trail System showcases some of the country's most unique and breathtaking terrain. Majestic plateaus, jagged peaks and valleys, large expanses of rolling prairie, and rivers intertwine to offer the adventurous outdoors enthusiast a taste of pure, unadulterated wilderness.

The Maah Daah Hey Trail System is comprised of nine trail units of varying size and difficulty. From north to south, they are the Wolf, 8.8 miles; Long X, 5.8 miles; Summit, 3.8 miles; Overlook, 0.3 miles; Maah Daah Hey, 144 miles; Bennett, 3.2 miles; Cottonwood, 6.9 miles; Ice Cave, 1.5 miles; and Buffalo Gap, 18.9 miles.

The trail system features nearly every type of terrain found in western North Dakota. This varies from grassy flats and ridges to very rough steep clay badlands buttes with everything in between, including river bottoms and wooded draws to rolling prairie.

There are 11 developed campgrounds on the Maah Daah Hey Trail System: CCC, Bennett, Buffalo Gap, Burning Coal Vein, Coal Creek, Cottonwood, Elkhorn, Magpie, Sully Creek, Summit, and Wannagan. Three of these campgrounds have a limited number of reservable sites. They are Buffalo Gap, Cottonwood and Sully Creek.

The trail features eight strategically placed water caches:

Bear Creek, Beicegel Creek Road, Long X, Magpie Road, Plumely Draw, Roosevelt, Third Creek, and Tom's Wash.

There are 16 trailheads connecting access roads to the trail system: CCC, Bear Creek, Bennett, Bully Pulpit, Buffalo Gap, Burning Coal Vein, Coal Creek, Elkhorn Ranch, Ice Cave, Magpie, Peaceful Valley Ranch, Plumely Draw, Sully Creek, Third Creek, Tom's Wash, and Wannagan. Please observe the No-Parking, No-Loitering, and No-Unloading signs along the East River Road south of Medora. Parking along the road in this area can be dangerous.



**Bennett Trail. (Facebook photo)**

Trail registers indicate foot use (hiking, backpacking & running) accounts for about 70% of the use, mountain bike use at 24% with the remaining 6% as horseback.

This area of North Dakota provides prime habitat for a variety of mammals and birds. Mule and whitetail deer, antelope, prairie dogs, and coyotes are often sighted, while an occasional golden eagle, red tail hawk, or prairie falcon may be spotted soaring above. Bighorn sheep and elk have been reintroduced into the area and can be spotted by keen observers especially near CCC campground on the north end of the trail. In addition, bison and feral horses roam the range in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The Maah Daah Hey Trail crosses the Little Missouri River in two places, Elkhorn Crossing and Sully Crossing. Water height varies with weather conditions. Knutson Creek, a slow meandering creek most of the year is crossed by both the Maah Daah Hey Trail and the Buffalo Gap Trail. The bottom of this creek is very muddy so subsurface puncheons have been constructed that will support the weight of trail users. Posts on each side of the banks mark the path of the crossing.

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.



**CCC Campground is on the north end of the trail.**

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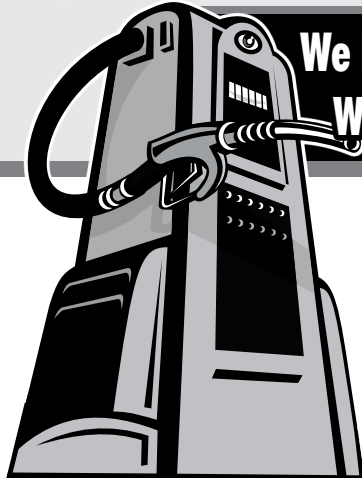
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# Confluence Interpretive Center

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The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center opened in 2003, telling the story of the confluence of the two mighty rivers. The location of the Confluence Center provides similar views Lewis and Clark enjoyed as they passed through in April 1805 and August 1806.

The permanent exhibit gallery features, "Trails, Tracks, Rivers & Roads", exploring the geographical and geological past of the area and later, the impact made by people arriving by all means of travel. View an old 1904 Cadillac, an old steamboat lantern, and artifacts of arrowheads, Mastodon teeth, Civilian Conservation Corp and much more. The exhibits in the temporary gallery are updated every 3-5 years. It currently 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 provides programs for the public to enjoy. Check out the Fort Buford State Historic Site/Missouri-Yellow-



The Sitting Bull exhibit will be on display at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center until 2025.

stone Confluence Interpretive Center Facebook for events and 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 is open daily from May 28-Sep. 2, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. CT. From Labor Day-Memorial Day, the Confluence Center is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CT., Wednesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. CT on Sunday. The Center is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Bus and school group rates are available. Summer admission includes tours of the Field Officer's Quarters and Barracks at the Fort Buford State Historic Site. For more information call 701-572-9034.

# Pioneer's Pride Museum

Bainville, MT

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 Rocky Romo at 406-709-7776 or Judy Romo, 406-769-2075.



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

# Lewis And Clark Trail Museum

## Alexander, ND

Winter is the time to work! We have had many projects taking place at the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum over the winter.

Several new and continued projects are happening now. We have recently completed renovations to several of our rooms and displays. As always, the maintenance of a building over 110 years old is continual. Join us this summer to explore the many changes happening at the museum.

We have a great display featuring information about the "End of the Rope" movie that was filmed in McKenzie County and tells the story about Charles Bannan and the grisly murders of a family of six from Schafer, ND. Come and check out the display!

A continued project from three summers ago was the establishment of the Pollinator Habitat Project. This is an ongoing venture. It started with a joint project between the NRCS, and the McKenzie County Chapters of Pheasants Forever. The Outdoor Heritage Fund, which provided monies to fund projects that enhance conservation practices in the state, has awarded a grant for this 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 bees and butterflies, are vitally important. Eight-five percent of plants that flower depend on a pollinator to reproduce. The Monarch and bee population in the U.S. 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.

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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; and the Alexander Public School students. And, as always your contributions are what make the renovations and upkeep possible on this amazing facility. Thank you for your support!

Stop by and see us this summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, closed on Wednesdays.



The Arthur Link room at the Lewis and Clark Trail Museum. An Alexander native, Link was North Dakota governor from 1973 to 1980.

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

A small visitor center is located at the park entrance for visitors to the North Unit. You can speak with a ranger, receive assistance with 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.

The vehicle entrance fee is \$30 for one private, non-commercial vehicle and its occupants for seven days; a motorcycle entrance fee is \$25 for one motorcycle and its riders for seven days; and a non-motorized individual entrance fee is \$15 per-person. This fee grants access for individuals on foot, bicycle, or horseback to all units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park for seven days. An annual pass is \$55.



The River Bend Overlook at Theodore Roosevelt Park North Unit.

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. The summer rate for the campground is \$14 May- Sept.; and the winter rate is \$7 Oct.-April. Group site passes are \$30, by reservation only.

Miles of hiking trails bisects 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.

For more information on Theodore Roosevelt National Park visit <https://www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/north-unit.htm> or call 701-623-4466.

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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 23 miles SW of Williston, ND via Hwy. 1804; and 24 miles NE of Sidney, MT via Hwy. 58. Fort Union is open year-round; 2024 hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. CDT.

Summer Events:

- 3rd weekend in June: Fort Union Rendezvous, June 13-16
- 1st weekend in August: Indian Arts Festival
- Labor Day weekend: Living History Weekend

For more information, please call 701-572-9083 or go to [www.nps.gov/fous](http://www.nps.gov/fous).



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

A large advertisement for the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. The top left features the text "FORT UNION TRADING POST National Historic Site Experience" in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below this is the logo for the "STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH DAKOTA". The center features a circular callout with the text "23 miles SW of Williston". The right side shows a large, two-story white building with a red roof and a wooden wagon in front. The bottom right features the text "The Stories FORT BUFORD State Historic Site" in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts, with the National Park Service logo. The background of the advertisement is a collage of images, including a man in a purple cap interacting with children in a store.

# 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 of 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 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 the home of the commanding officer, Major Brotherton, Sitting Bull handed his rifle over to his son, Crow Foot, who handed it to Major Brotherton. This simple act spared the proud Hunkpapa from having to say he surrendered his weapon to the blue coats.

In 1891-1895, the 10th Cavalry and 25th Infantry of the "Buffalo Soldiers," were stationed at Fort Buford. These soldiers policed the Canadian and United States boundary; guarded railway construction crews and provided escorts for pay wagons, steamboats, 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. The Masonic site (west of the Field Officer's Quarters) was dedicated in 2014 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 Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association, a local living history organization, 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. The 2024 date for the Encampment is Saturday, May 8. The Ghost Walk is Saturday evening, October 19.

Please follow the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center/Fort Buford Facebook page for updates and additional events.



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

Fort Buford [SHS] is located west of Williston, ND on Highways 1804 and 58. Fort Buford SHS is open daily, from May 26-September 2, 10 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. CT. Bus and school group rates are available. For more information, contact 701-572-9034.

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

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# Lewis & Clark State Park

## Lake Sakakawea, ND

### Lewis and Clark State Park Celebrating 50 Years

Encompassing 525 acres on the north shore of the upper reaches of Lake Sakakawea, Lewis and Clark State Park is an outdoor haven for recreation, education and family fun.

Just 18 miles east of Williston, ND, the park offers fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming area, day use beach and modern boating facilities. Enhance your experience by renting a kayak, canoe, stand-up paddle board, fat tire bicycle or snow shoes.

The park is celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer and, with the help of Williams County, the City of Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau and local businesses, has planned an entire year of unique and memorable events for the public to enjoy.

Plan to take in the following: May 18, Williston Rural Spring Walleye Classic; May 25, Golden Glow Hike; June 8, 50th Anniversary Celebration; June 14-16, Monster



Mash; July 12-14, Classy Christmas; Aug. 2-4, Family Fun Weekend; Sept. 14, Fresh Air, Fresh Minds Hike; Sept. 21, Flannel Fest; Oct. 4-5, Big 10 Fishing Tournament; Oct. 19, Family Camping 101; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Hunter Hustle; Dec. 28, Holiday Spectacular.

To learn more about this beautiful park or for more event details, visit [parkrec.nd.gov](http://parkrec.nd.gov) or social media.



# Cut Bluff Overlook

## Williston, ND

Conveniently located on Highway 1804 just to the east of Williston, ND, Cut Bluff Overlook marks the spot where Lewis and Clark once stood during their epic journey to the Pacific Ocean and back.

Visitors can soak up the scenery and the history of the site where there is a memorial to Lewis and Clark, a kiosk explaining the significance of the site, a covered shelter and picnic area, camping sites, a vault toilet and a walking trail.

The Louisiana Purchase of 1803, which included the western half of the Mississippi basin from the river to the Rocky Mountains, sparked president Thomas Jefferson to send the following missive to Meriwether Lewis: "The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri River, and such principle stream of it, as, by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado or any other river may offer the most direct and practicable water communication across this continent for the purpose of commerce." Lewis brought in William Clark and the pair, with their support staff, made the arduous journey, leaving Ft. Mandan in the spring of 1805 and returning to St. Louis, MO, in September 1806.

With its easy access and peaceful surroundings, Cut Bluff Overlook is well worth a visit.



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# Spring Lake Park

## Williston, ND

### Spring Lake Park, The Jewel Of Williston ND

Spring Lake Park, Williston, originated as a Works Program Administration (WPA) project during the Great Depression with the goal of providing recreational opportunities for the community. Fulfilling its promise, the park is now a haven for recreationists. It boasts a serene lake for swimming and fishing, plus paddleboards can be rented for extra fun. Multiple parks and shelters make it a great place for a picnic, or test your skills at the 18-hole disc golf course or volleyball courts. Bird watchers will enjoy the diverse bird population while dog owners take advantage of the dog park. A biking and hiking path which joins up with the main Williston multi-use path, provides a great place for a stroll or some healthy exercise. Explore restored buildings from the 1800s at Pioneer Village, are also part of the attractions at Spring Lake Park.



The Annual Holiday Lights Drive takes place from Thanks-

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# James Memorial Art Center

*Williston, ND*



The Student Art Show on display at the James Memorial Art Center.

## “Preserving History, Promoting Art, Enhances Community”

The James Memorial Art Center operates in Williston’s original library building that opened on Feb. 27, 1911.

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 (who 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 and opening the building up as a visual arts center 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. Building spaces are also available to rent for special events, parties, and meetings.

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.-3 p.m. and Friday 12-5 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](http://www.thejamesmemorial.org) or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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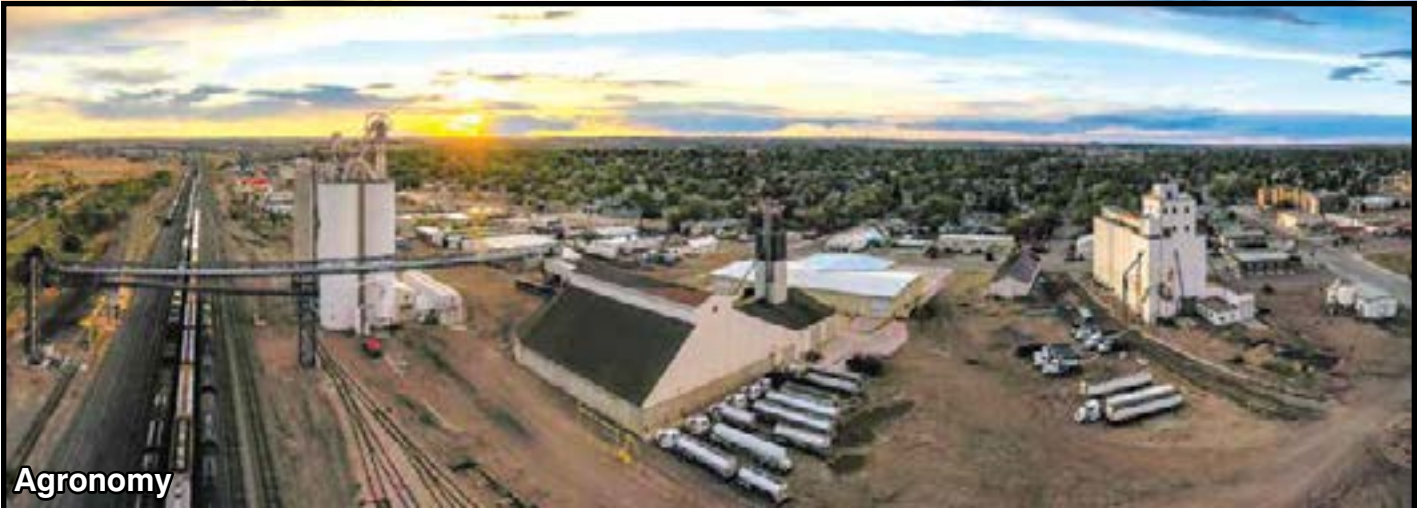
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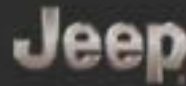
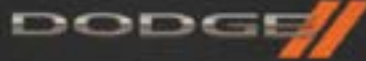
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