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Be sure to stop at the Central Montana Museum and Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce when you arrive in Lewistown to pick up maps of our walking trails, birding areas, wildlife viewing opportunities, camping, gold mines and ghost towns!

Our downtown area offers plenty of opportunity for shopping, dining, entertainment and activities. Art galleries, made-in-Montana products, locally sourced groceries and dining and designer clothing are just a few of the options while you stroll our streets.

But make sure you explore beyond the downtown district! Restaurants, recreation and beauty can be found in every direction. From the Big Spring Hatchery to the Nez Perce Historic Points at Kiwanis Park and Charlie Russell Chew-Choo Dining Train – stretch your visit to take advantage of all there is to offer.

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Lewistown is the County seat

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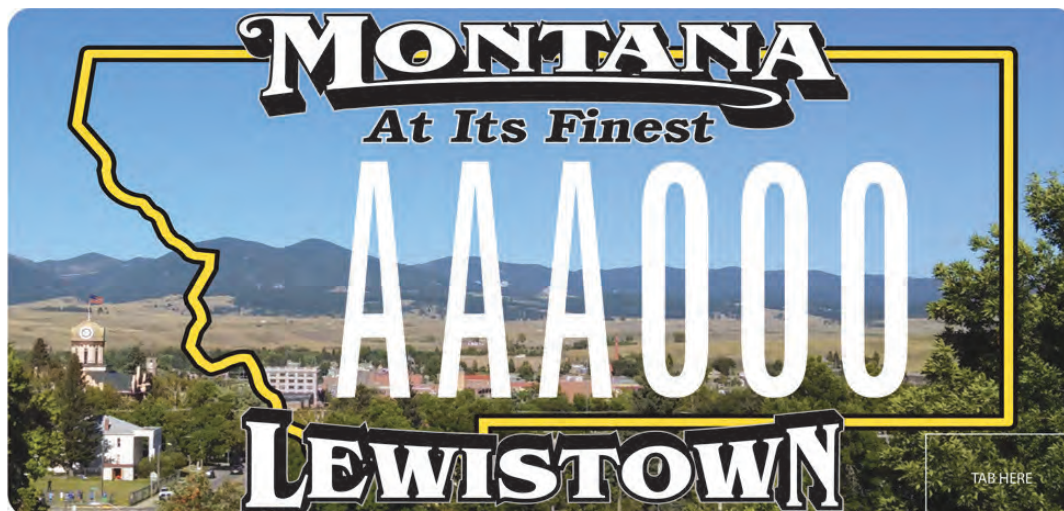
Approximately 1700 miles of County roads

Other incorporated communities- Denton, Roy, Winifred, Grass Range, & Moore



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A man wearing a light-colored cowboy hat, sunglasses, and a plaid shirt is riding a brown and white bucking bull. He is holding onto the bull's horns and body. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a rodeo arena.

SUMMER

Summertime is playtime in Central Montana, with much to offer away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. You don't need to look far to find a reason to get out in the sunshine.

Biking and hiking enthusiasts will find excellent trail systems in the Judith and Big Snowy Mountains just outside of town, or see the views in town from the 23 miles of Lewistown trails.

Canoeists can paddle the same route as legendary explorers Lewis and Clark along the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River just north of Lewistown, or venture out on one of many small lakes in the Lewistown area.

Fishermen can dip their lines in Big Spring Creek, one of Montana's premier trout streams, or try their luck on other area waters and reservoirs.

Like to golf? Grab the clubs and head out to the Judith Shadows or Pine Meadows courses for a day on the greens.

Tubing down Big Spring or Warm Spring creeks is a popular way to beat the heat. Or, for a really cool dip, hit the water slides at the Lewistown City Pool.

Post-swim, relax in the shade at Frank Day Park, stroll the Labyrinth garden and read about the history of Lewistown's railroads.

Summer is a great time to toss away your cares and learn to play again in the beauty that is Central Montana.

A close-up photograph of a dog, possibly a Weimaraner, with dark fur and white speckles. The dog is holding a pheasant in its mouth by the neck. The pheasant has vibrant, colorful feathers. The background is a field of tall, dry grass.

FALL

When the temperatures start to fall in Central Montana, hunting season starts heating up. Hunters in the area are limited only by the number of days in the season and hours in the day. Thanks to a wide variety of game in Central Montana, hunters of all types are drawn to the beauty and adventure that is afforded here.

The Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge is a hunter's paradise, including elk, mule and whitetail deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, waterfowl, sharp-tailed and sage grouse, partridge, turkey and pheasant. Thousands of people travel to the refuge every September to listen to the elk bugle during their autumn rituals. The Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area is an excellent spot for watching them a few miles east of the Fred Robinson Bridge on Hwy 191.

Several local mountain ranges provide the perfect haven for an abundance of wildlife. Not far from Lewistown are the North and South Moccasin ranges as well as the Judiths and Snowy Mountains. The Little Belt mountain range nearby is home to a protected elk wintering ground. While visiting any of these locations, one could happen upon mule or whitetail deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, bobcat, moose or a variety of birds.

WINTER

Wintertime opens the doors to a whole new set of outdoor activities. Skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, ice skating and sledding are just a few of the ways to enjoy winter months.

Several local reservoirs, such as East Fork Dam and Ackley Lake State Park, are known to be “hot spots” for ice fishermen.

The Little Belt mountain range is a haven for the avid snowmobiler, where one will find an extensive trail system groomed regularly by local clubs.

Showdown Ski Area in the Little Belt Mountains provides excellent downhill skiing, while the Big Snowies and Judiths offer trackless powder for back country enthusiasts willing to “earn their turns.” Cross-country skiers will have no trouble finding room to roam in any of the mountains or on trails around town.

Ice skaters can head to Frank Day Park where there is an outdoor rink, complete with a warming house and wood stove to thaw the toes.

Don't forget about those passionate about sledding. The numerous hills in Lewistown, as well as those surrounding us, make this area a sledders paradise!

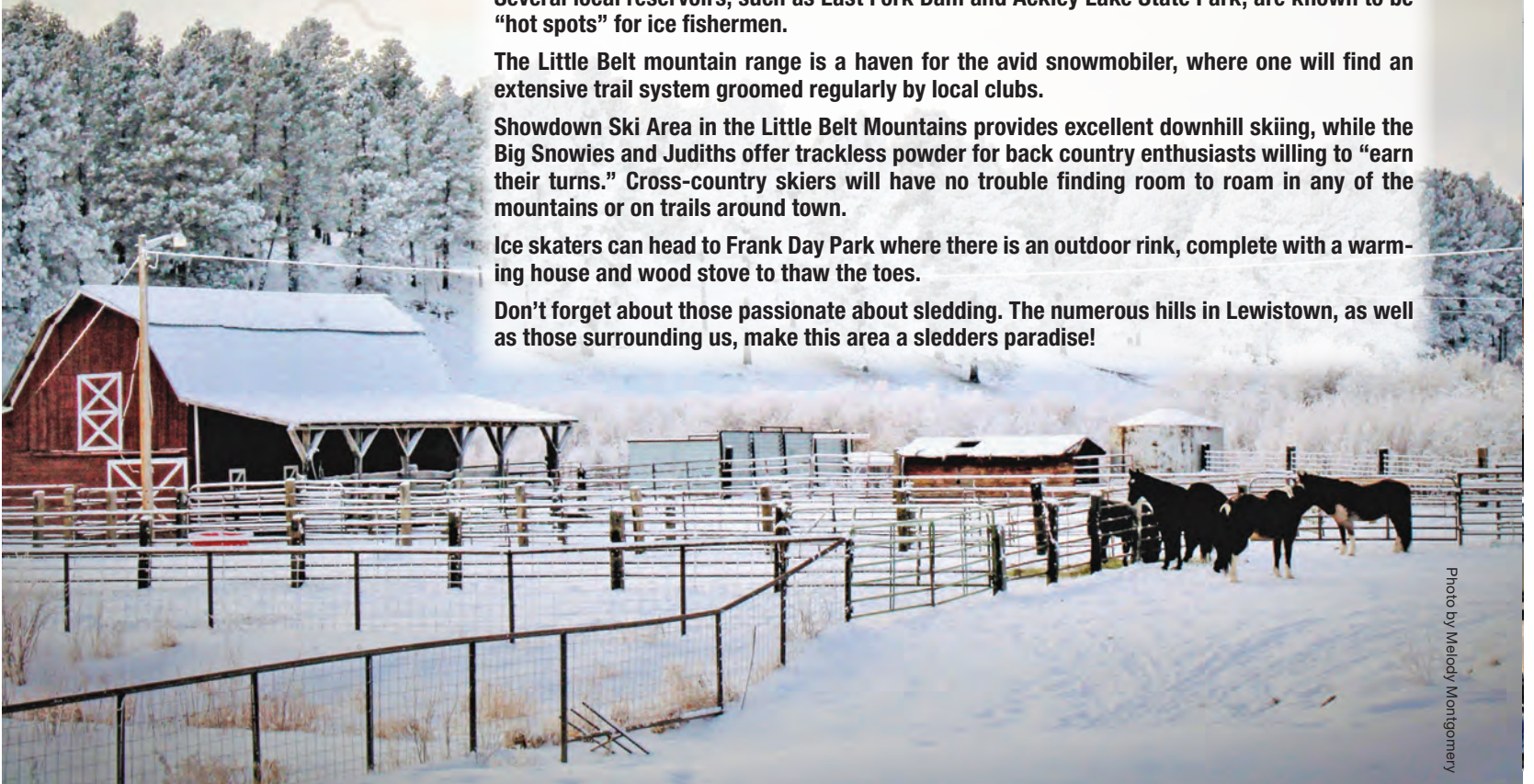


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SPRING

Spring is the time to watch Central Montana wake up from its long winter nap. Wildflowers bloom, paddlefish run in the Missouri, waterfowl migrate through the area by the thousands and the deer and elk head back up to their summer sanctuaries in the mountains.

One of the most fascinating springtime rituals is the annual mating dance performed by sharp-tail and sage grouse at “leks” spread throughout the area. Spring black bear and turkey hunting seasons are available to sportsmen.

Because of our agricultural landscape, one will start seeing various “young” spring up around the area. Spring is a time of birth. You will see lambs, calves and foals in abundance in this area, enjoying and playing under the strong rays of the spring-time sun.

Young wildlife also begins popping up. Fawns from deer and antelope are always favorites to spot. An abundance of young birds begin hatching out in the later spring.

With so many activities to choose from, it's easy to see why so many call Central Montana a year-round playground.



DOWNTOWN

Lewistown's downtown has been called the hub of Central Montana. Framed by historic brick and stone buildings, the downtown area includes a nice mix of retail stores, coffee shops, bars, banks, restaurants and many other types of businesses. For more than 120 years, downtown has been the gathering place for Central Montana, and that tradition continues to this day.

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LOCAL ADVENTURES

CRYSTAL LAKE -- Mention the term "day trip" in Lewistown and chances are good the first thing that will come to mind is Crystal Lake. The area is the perfect day trip destination. The scenery is spectacular and there are plenty of hiking and biking trails nearby. Picnicking facilities are plentiful. Swim, fish, canoe or just relax. From Lewistown, take U.S. Hwy. 87/200 west toward Moore and look for the signs heading south. It's about 30 miles to the lake.



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BIG SPRINGS TROUT HATCHERY – Like Crystal Lake in the Big Snowy Mountains, the Big Springs Trout Hatchery is a popular favorite. For a quick picnic or place to relax, there is no better destination. It offers bird-watching, fish watching, a softball field, volleyball area and trails under the shade trees. The hatchery itself produces 3 million trout each year and includes a trout-feeding pond for the kids. (Bring some nickels.) Interpretive signs tell of the millions of gallons of water that bubble out of the ground each day at Big Springs.

CLIMB JUDITH PEAK – Want to climb the highest peak in the Judith Mountains and not even break a sweat? No problem. At 6,247 feet, Judith Peak is the highest mountain in the nearby Judith Range, with a well-maintained road all the way to the top. The views on the way up are great, but nothing compared to the summit: a vast, rolling sea of fields and prairie, from which small island mountain ranges seem to rise in every direction except east, where the rolling plains continue all the way to Minnesota.

The easiest route to the top is north out of Lewistown on Hwy. 191 until you reach the turn to Warm Spring Creek Canyon. From there, just stay on the main road and follow the signs until you get to the top. Judith Peak and most of the surrounding Judith Mountains are managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

CAST A LINE - Fishermen come from across the state each spring to try and hook a Paddlefish on the Upper Missouri River. Paddlefish can tip the scale at over 100 pounds..

TAKE IN A LOCAL CREEK – Lakes and ponds are great, but there's just something magical about a trout stream, and Central Montana is blessed with an abundance of them. From Beaver and Cottonwood creeks in the Snowies to Yogo Creek and the forks of the Judiths in the Little Belts, to Big Spring and Warm Spring, creeks are a great place for young and old alike. Look for the fishing access signs

CIRCLE THE SNOWIES – From the timbered slopes of the north side to the dry grassy meadows on the south, a trip around the Big Snowy Mountains can give you a whole new appreciation for these island ranges. Start on Upper Spring Creek Road, traveling southeast, then merge onto Red Hill Road near East Fork Reservoir. Follow Red Hill through the foothills and over the Big-Little Snowy Divide. At the T in the road, head west toward Judith Gap. The road parallels the south side of the range and offers access to Swimming Woman Canyon and Timber Creek, both of which are great spots to stop for a picnic. From Judith Gap, you can take the highway back to town.



A mountain biker rides past a meadow full of wildflowers on the Collar Peak Trail in the Judith Mountains.

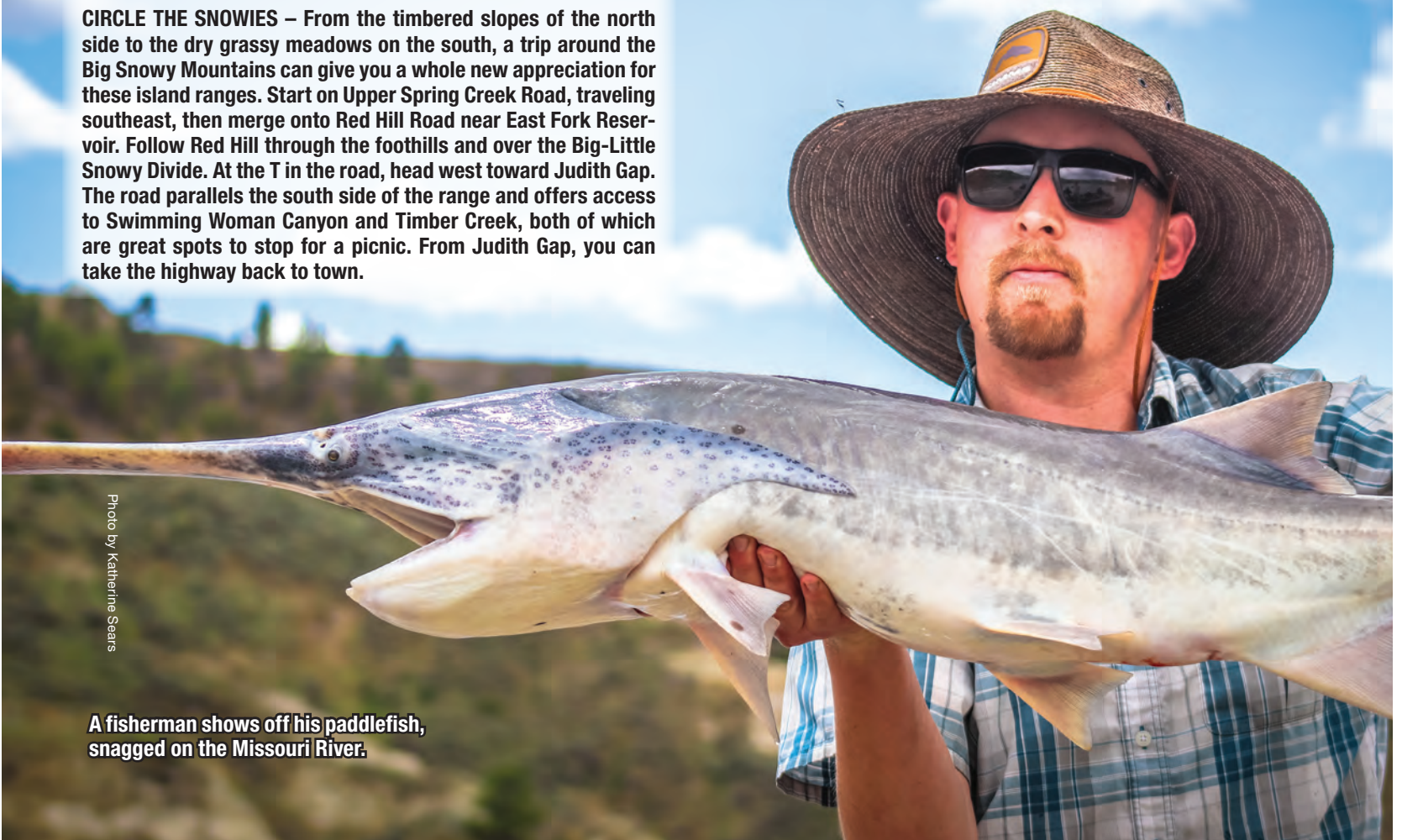


Photo by Katherine Sears

A fisherman shows off his paddlefish, snagged on the Missouri River.

Camping is a Central Montana tradition. Popular sites include Crystal Lake, Ackley Lake and the Missouri River.



Photo by Jacques Furtten

TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE JUDITHS – If you'd like to see plenty of wildlife and some gorgeous views, head east from Lewistown on Hwy. 87, turn left on the road to the ghost town of Gilt Edge. Black Butte Road follows the east side of the Judiths past the butte for which it was named, all the way to the town of Roy. The trip from Roy to Lewistown is on the highway, but it's one of the prettiest drives around.

EXPLORE THE LITTLE BELT MOUNTAINS – Trout, trails, great views and a forested setting are just a few of the offerings of the South Fork of the Judith River in the Little Belt Mountains near Utica. The South Fork is a user-friendly area where you can relax and enjoy the day at one of the many established camping sites or at the historic Judith Station, a restored ranger station. With the Middle and Lost Forks of the Judith, Yogo Creek and others nearby, there's plenty of room to explore, fish, picnic or sightsee.

CATCH THE WILDLIFE AT THE CHARLES M. RUSSELL REFUGE – Take Highway 191 north of out of Lewistown past the town of Roy and on to the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. Turn right just past Fred Robinson Bridge for the auto tour. The 25-mile dirt-road tour barely scratches the surface of the 1.1-million-acre refuge, but the scenery is breathtaking and wildlife viewing is superb, especially in the fall when elk congregate by the hundreds at the Slippery Ann Elk Viewing area. The tour route winds down along the river and then turns north and loops back up to 191. The road is best traveled in dry weather.

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NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Lewistown may be the hub of Central Montana, but there are spokes reaching out to some wonderful small towns in every direction. All have a rich history and most offer a cafe or watering hole where you can meet some of the locals and learn about their community.

Here are some of the bigger small towns in Central Montana along with a few of the things that make them worth visiting...

DENTON - Upland bird and deer hunters from across the country flock to Denton each fall to enjoy spectacular pheasant and grouse hunt-

ing. Rich farmland, brushy creek-bottoms and rolling foothills provide the perfect setting for a day in the field with a shotgun or rifle in hand. Denton is located 40 miles west of Lewistown on Hwy. 81.

GRASS RANGE - Heading east out of Lewistown over the Snowy-Judith Divide, you descend into some of the finest ranching country in the world. The name "Grass Range" says it all... this is cattle country, and the ranches surrounding the town are famous for the beef they produce. There is also a new rodeo grounds, which is busy on several weekends during the summer.

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JUDITH GAP – When people think of Judith Gap, one word often comes to mind: WIND! Judith Gap has plenty of it, and in recent years they have put it to good use with the development of one of the biggest wind farms in the state. Located in the gap between the Little Belts and Big Snowy Mountains, the town offers some spectacular views. To get there from Lewistown, go west on Hwy. 87 to Eddies Corner and then head south. <https://judithgap.net/index.html>

MOORE – Central Montana’s fertile agricultural lands can be seen in every direction around Moore, located 15 miles west of Lewistown. This is wheat country and it would be hard to find a place that grows it better. Moore also serves as the gateway community to Crystal Lake in the nearby Big Snowy Mountains.

HOBSON – One of the most popular tourist events in the state begins in Hobson each year in early September. Thousands of motorists visit the Bale Trail for the annual What the Hay event. Hobson is also the gateway to Ackley Lake recreation area and the nearby Little Belt Mountains. The rich grasslands around Hobson provide the nutrients for some of the finest Black Angus cattle in the world. Look for the distinctive red elevators about 23 miles west of Lewistown on Hwy. 87.

STANFORD - The famous white wolf and the CMR Stampede rodeo are just two of the “can’t miss” items you’ll find in Stanford each year. The White Wolf that terrorized the region in its early years is on display downtown. Stampede weekend is always one of the highlights of the summer. There is great camping in the nearby Little Belt Mountains and spectacular views of Square Butte. To get there, head west out of Lewistown for 45 miles on Hwy. 87.

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ROY – If you're looking for a fun-filled weekend in Central Montana, mark your calendar for Father's Day and head for Roy. The two-day rodeo has been going strong for more than 60 years. Roy is the jump-off point to the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and for sportsmen heading into the Missouri Breaks. To get there from Lewistown, head north on Hwy. 191 for 35 miles.

WINIFRED – Be sure to make time to visit Winifred during your stay in Central Montana. This gateway town to the Missouri River Breaks is undergoing a renaissance of sorts in recent years, courtesy of a generous local benefactor and a lot of hard work from local residents. In the past decade, the town has added a new community center, museum, bowling alley, steak house, hotel and much more. To get there, head north out of Lewistown until you hit the intersection of 236 at Hilger. <http://www.winifredmontana.com/>

WINNETT – This is where the traffic spreads out and so does the landscape. If you're looking for big sky and big country, head for Winnett. The town serves as the western-most gateway to Fort Peck Lake and the last stop for countless big game hunters who visit Winnett each year on their way to hunt elk, deer and antelope in the world-famous Missouri River Breaks.



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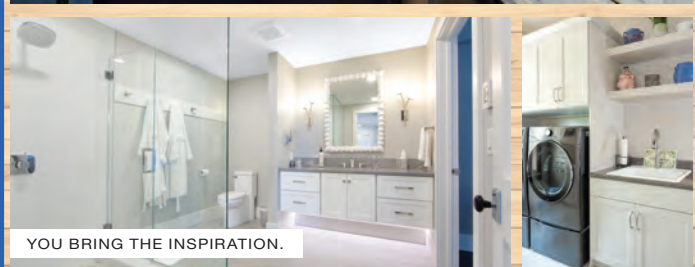
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The reservoir is a world-renowned walleye fishery. Anglers from across the country travel to Fort Peck each summer in hopes of landing a lunker-sized walleye. The reservoir is also home to smallmouth bass, northern pike, catfish, salmon, lake trout, crappie and many other types of fish.

The reservoir is surrounded by the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and access can be found at a handful of boat ramps, parks and recreation areas. The closest access to Lewistown is Crooked Creek Recreation Area on the far west end of the lake in Petroleum County.



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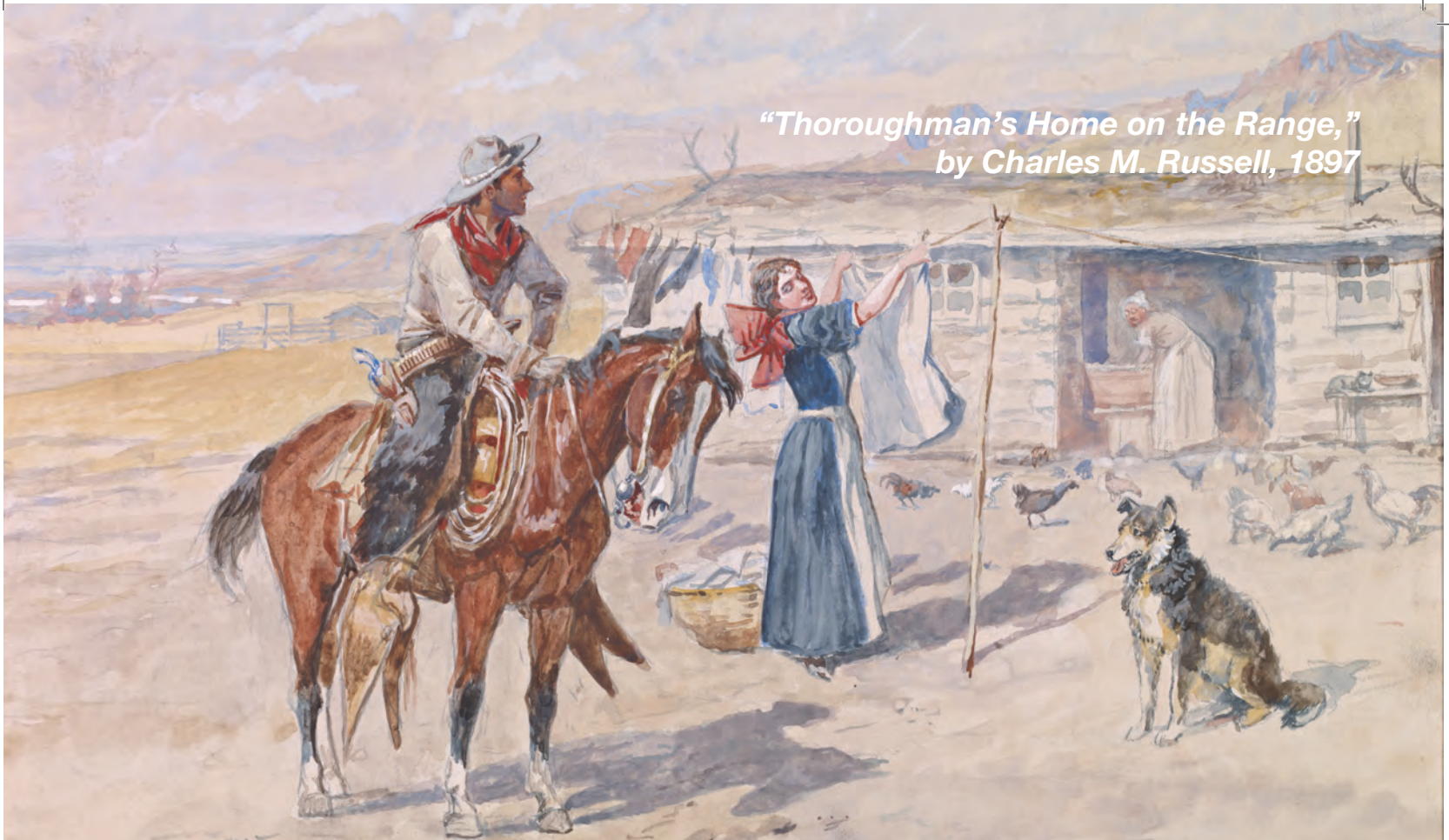
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*"Thoroughman's Home on the Range,"
by Charles M. Russell, 1897*



FOOTSTEPS OF C.M. RUSSELL

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As you travel through Central Montana, you are visiting an area that was near and dear to the heart of Montana's most famous artist.

Charles M. Russell created more than 2,000 paintings of cowboys, Indians and landscapes of the American West. Known as "The Cowboy Artist," Russell's works are prized by collectors all over the world.

One of his most popular paintings locally, "A Quiet Day in Utica" was done in 1907, and depicts Russell and other actual residents of Utica, a small town west of Lewistown. Utica still remains, but the Lehman General Store, for which the painting was commissioned, had already closed by the time the painting was finished.

According to sources, Russell worked as a cowboy for a number of outfits in Central Montana, including the O-H Ranch, and documented scenes such as the harsh winter of 1886-1887 in a number of his works. His postcard-sized watercolor of a gaunt steer being watched by wolves under a grey winter sky with the caption, "Waiting for a Chinook," became one of his best-known works.

Russell spent some time living with Indians in the late 1880s, and on his return he found the Judith Basin filling up with settlers. He worked in more open places for a few years, but eventually settled in Great Falls in 1892. He died there in 1926, but it was apparent in his many works that his time in Central Montana left a lasting impression on him.



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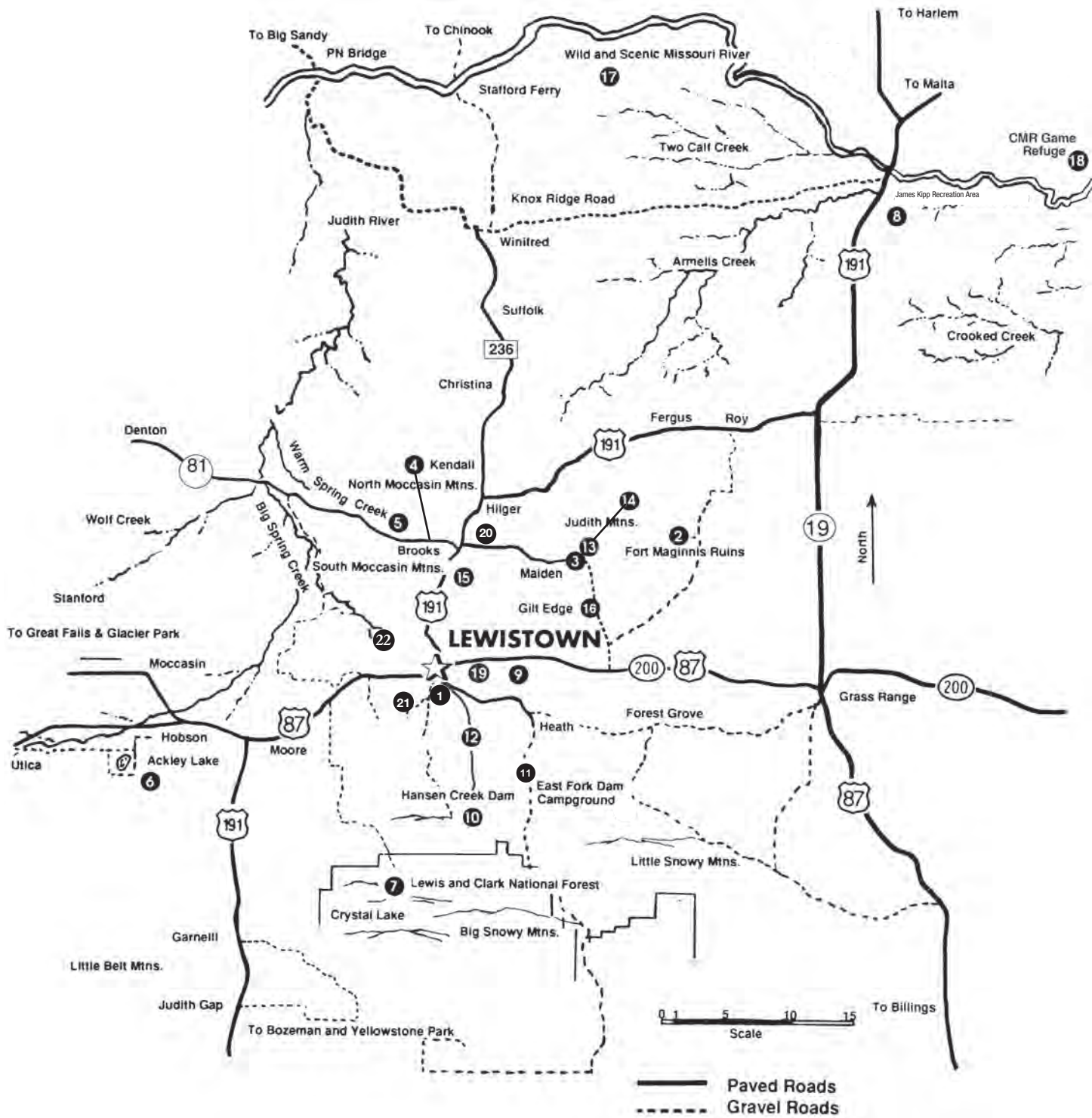
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2. Fort Maginnis Ruins
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5. Gigantic Warm Springs
6. Ackley Lake
7. Crystal Lake/
Big Snowy Mountains
8. James Kipp Recreation Area
9. Lewistown Bowhunter's
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11. East Fork Recreation
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12. Montana State Fish
Hatchery/Big Spring
13. Camp Maiden
14. Judith Peak
15. Carter's Pond
16. Gilt Edge Ghost Town
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20. Warm Spring Canyon Road
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22. Reed & Bowles Historic Site

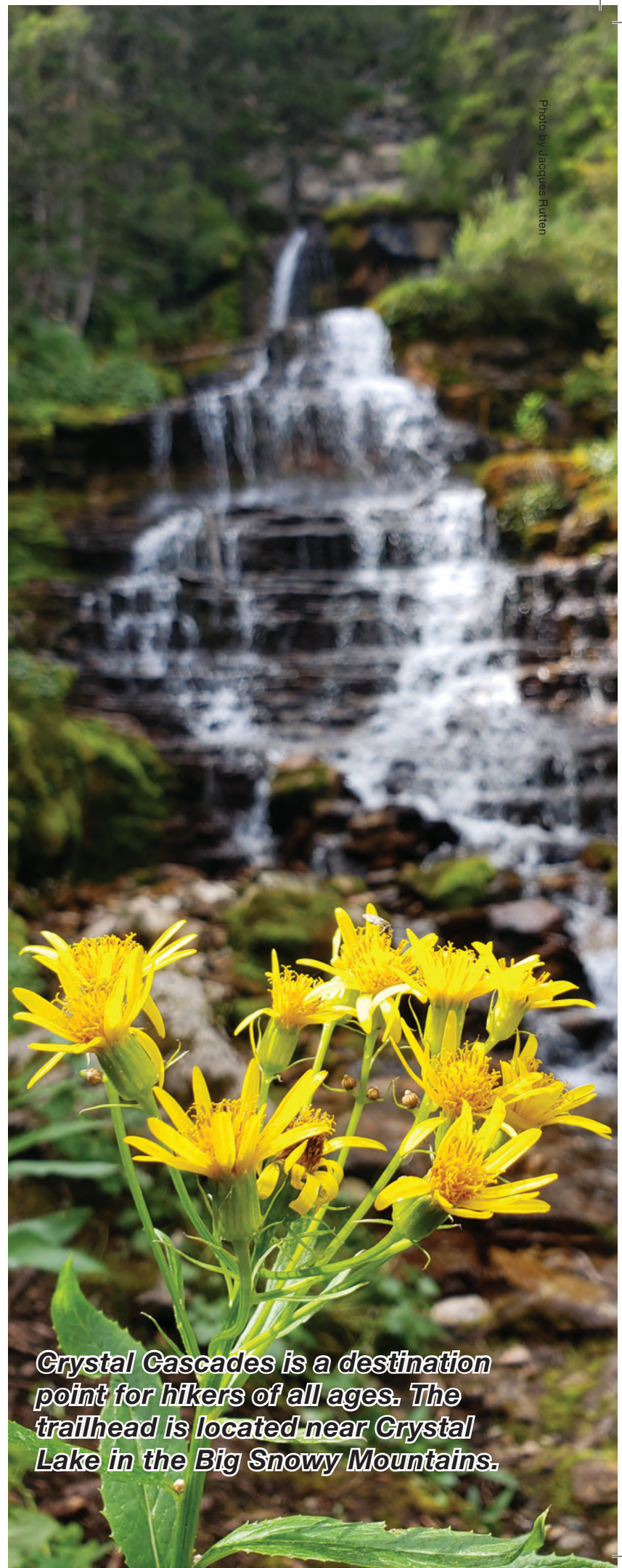


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Crystal Cascades is a destination point for hikers of all ages. The trailhead is located near Crystal Lake in the Big Snowy Mountains.

DINING

**In Lewistown unless otherwise noted*

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- **406 Cafe**, 109 W., Main St.
- **Bar 100**, 2 High St., 406-473-9906, *Judith Gap*
- **Big Sky Grocery**, 64682 US Hwy. 87, 406-374-2539, *Moore*
- **Blue Nugget Bar**, 9393 S. Frk. Rd., 406-423-5472, *Sapphire Village*
- **Brooks Market**, 104 2nd Ave. S., 406-535-6600
- **Central Feed Grilling Co.**, 220 E. Main St., 406-535-2337
- **The Coffee Cup**, 322 W. Main St., 406-535-2690
- **Dash Inn**, 207 NE Main St., 406-535-3892
- **Doc's Casino Sports Bar Grill**, 1660 W. Main St., 406-535-6700
- **Dauna's Deli**, 94 Central Ave., 406-366-5433, *Stanford*
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- **Eddies Corner**, 65000 US Hwy. 87, 406-374-2471, *Moore*
- **El Rancho Alegre**, 416 W. Main St., 406-535-5404
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- **Judith Mountain Lodge**, 6300 Limekiln Rd., 406-538-7063
- **Lewistown Coffee Company**, 501 E. Main St., 406-535-8115
- **Little MT Chuckwagon**, 44045 US Hwy. 87 S., 406-428-2913, *Grass Range*
- **Longbranch Bar & Denton Motel**, 419 Broadway, 406-567-2626, *Denton*
- **McDonald's**, 907 W. Main St., 406-535-8178
- **Mint Bar & Grill**, 113 4th Ave. S., 406-535-9925
- **Office Bar & Café**, 109 Fergus Ave., 406-374-2500, *Moore*
- **Oxen Yoke Inn**, 11532 Hwy. 541, 406-423-5560, *Utica*
- **Parr Creek Bakery & Cafe**, 122 W. Main, 406-535-2867
- **Pizza Hut**, 1640 W. Main St., 406-538-5472
- **R-(bar) Casino**, 7 Coyote Creek Café, 36619 Hwy. 87, 406-566-2300, *Stanford*
- **Rising Trout Coffee**, 217 W. Main St., 406-535-4999
- **Roy Grocery**, 184 Main St., 406-464-2431, *Roy*
- **Shade Tree Café**, 512 Broadway, 406-567-3035, *Denton*
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- **six 18 coffeehouse**, 618 W. Main St., Suite #102, 406-538-5262
- **Stetson's at the Yogo Inn**, 211 E. Main St., 406-535-8721
- **Subway**, 1506 W. Main St., 406-538-4737
- **Taco Time**, 511 E. Main St., 406-535-3435
- **Tall Boys Tavern**, 122 Central Ave., 406-423-5444, *Hobson*
- **Waterhole Saloon**, 87 Central, 406-566-2743, *Stanford*
- **Winifred Grocery**, 201 Main, 406-462-5444, *Winifred*
- **Winifred Tavern & Café**, 110 Main, 406-462-5426, *Winifred*
- **Winnett Bar & Grill**, 108 E. Main St., 406-429-2220, *Winnett*
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TRAIL SYSTEM

Lewistown has an exceptional trail system offering great opportunities to explore, whether on foot or bicycle, with an extension west of town for equestrian use. Over 20 miles of trails are available to the public.

Start at the trailhead by the Yogo Inn, where the trail system crosses Main Street, and walk or ride to the south. You'll parallel the Spring Creek flood control channel and then come around behind Frank Day Park. Continue south, cross Ash Street and

enter the Brewery Flats recreation area, a beautiful natural spot where the trail follows the banks of Big Spring Creek. Wildlife is abundant here and there is a bird-viewing platform on one of the small trail loops in that section.

Heading back toward town, bear left as you approach Frank Day Park and continue to the northwest to explore the trails that circle the Frog Ponds. Past the Frog Ponds, access the trail along Airport Road to see the bison family that lives behind the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge Headquarters building.

Or, from the Yogo Inn, head north to the Fergus County Fairgrounds where there are frequent activities of interest.

Another option is to walk or ride the equestrian trail at the west edge of town, an 8-mile trip. You'll cross Cottonwood Creek and pass through Glengarry and Beaver Creek, before reaching the turnaround at McMillan Road.

Trails are one of Lewistown's great assets. Enjoy!



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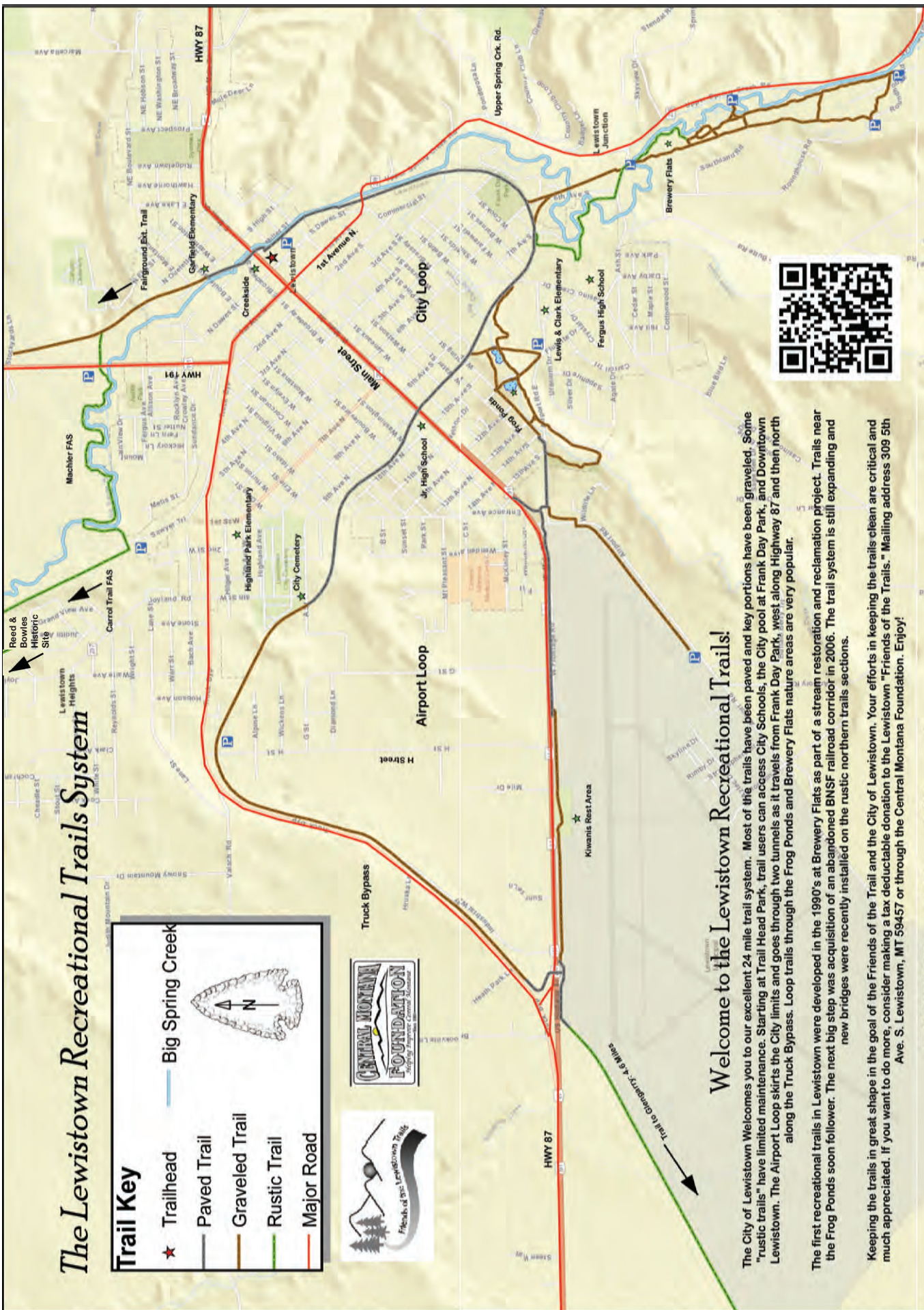
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The City of Lewistown Welcomes you to our excellent 24 mile trail system. Most of the trails have been paved and key portions have been graveled. Some "rustic trails" have limited maintenance. Starting at Trail Head Park, trail users can access City Schools, the City pool at Frank Day Park, and Downtown Lewistown. The Airport Loop skirts the City limits and goes through two tunnels as it travels from Frank Day Park, west along Highway 87 and then north along the Truck Bypass. Loop trails through the Frog Ponds and Brewery Flats nature areas are very popular.

The first recreational trails in Lewistown were developed in the 1990's at Brewery Flats as part of a stream restoration and reclamation project. Trails near the Frog Ponds soon followed. The next big step was acquisition of an abandoned BNSF railroad corridor in 2006. The trail system is still expanding and new bridges were recently installed on the rustic northern trails sections.

Keeping the trails in great shape in the goal of the Friends of the Trail and the City of Lewistown. Your efforts in keeping the trails clean are critical and much appreciated. If you want to do more, consider making a tax deductible donation to the Lewistown "Friends of the Trails." Mailing address 309 5th Ave. S. Lewistown, MT 59457 or through the Central Montana Foundation. Enjoy!



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YOGO SAPPHIRES

Central Montana is known for many things... Charlie Russell, world-class hunting... but one thing that has drawn people from all across the world for more than 100 years is the spectacular blue jewel known as the Yogo sapphire.

When they were first discovered in the late 1800s, an appraiser at Tiffany's in New York proclaimed the Yogo sapphire to be "the finest precious gemstones ever found in the United States."

That opinion is still held by many today. Yogo sapphires can only be found in Yogo Gulch, which is part of the Little Belt Mountains,

near the historic town of Utica. The term "Yogo sapphire" is the preferred wording for gems found in the Yogo Gulch, whereas "Montana sapphire" generally refers to gems found in other Montana locations. Yogos are typically cornflower blue, with highly uniform clarity and they maintain their brilliance under artificial light.

To learn more about the amazing Yogo sapphire, visit one of Lewistown's stores that carry this unique gem.



MONTANA'S CENTER

It's often said that Lewistown combines the best of eastern and western Montana. The reason for that may be that the town lies at the geographical center of Montana.

There has been plenty of speculation over the years about where exactly the center is located. For many years it was believed to be under a kitchen sink in a local residence. In recent years, some have claimed the center can be found at one of the local Hutterite colonies. The most prominent claim to the exact center is the Centermark near the pool at the Yogo Inn.

You can get a photo at the Centermark, and read about its history in a display located in the Yogo Inn lobby.




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HISTORIC LEWISTOWN

Volunteers search for artifacts at the historic Reed and Bowles Trading Post near Lewistown.



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Do you yearn for quieter times? Want to go back in history? Walking tours are an enchanting way to explore the town's past. Pick up a brochure for the self-guided tour at the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, 408 NE Main Street.

The walking tours cover six historic districts, including the Silk Stocking, Courthouse Square, Central Business and Judith Place districts near downtown. A fifth district includes the sandstone buildings scattered throughout the community, and the sixth district is comprised of 18 historic structures at the Lewistown Municipal Airport, once a WWII bomber training base.

The Silk Stocking District illustrates the success of Central Montana's pioneer entrepreneurs and includes seven large residences occupied by prominent citizens between 1905 and 1919.

The Courthouse Square and Central Business District tours will take you past the Fergus County Courthouse, Fergus County Attorney's Office, and Carnegie Library (the Lewistown Public Library) The sandstone for these buildings was quarried south of town, cut, blasted and laid using simple hand tools.

The Judith Place District on the eastern side of Lewistown near Symmes Park shows off homes built from 1912 to the 1920s for middle-class families.

Lewistown Municipal Airport was a B-17 bomber crew training base during World War II. The base operated briefly as the Lewistown Satellite Airfield in 1942 and 1943. Visitors can walk or drive to the 18 structures on the National Register of Historic Places. The site is believed to be the largest intact World War II bomber-training base in America.

In addition to these districts, there are other historic sites. Information and tour maps can be obtained from the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce.

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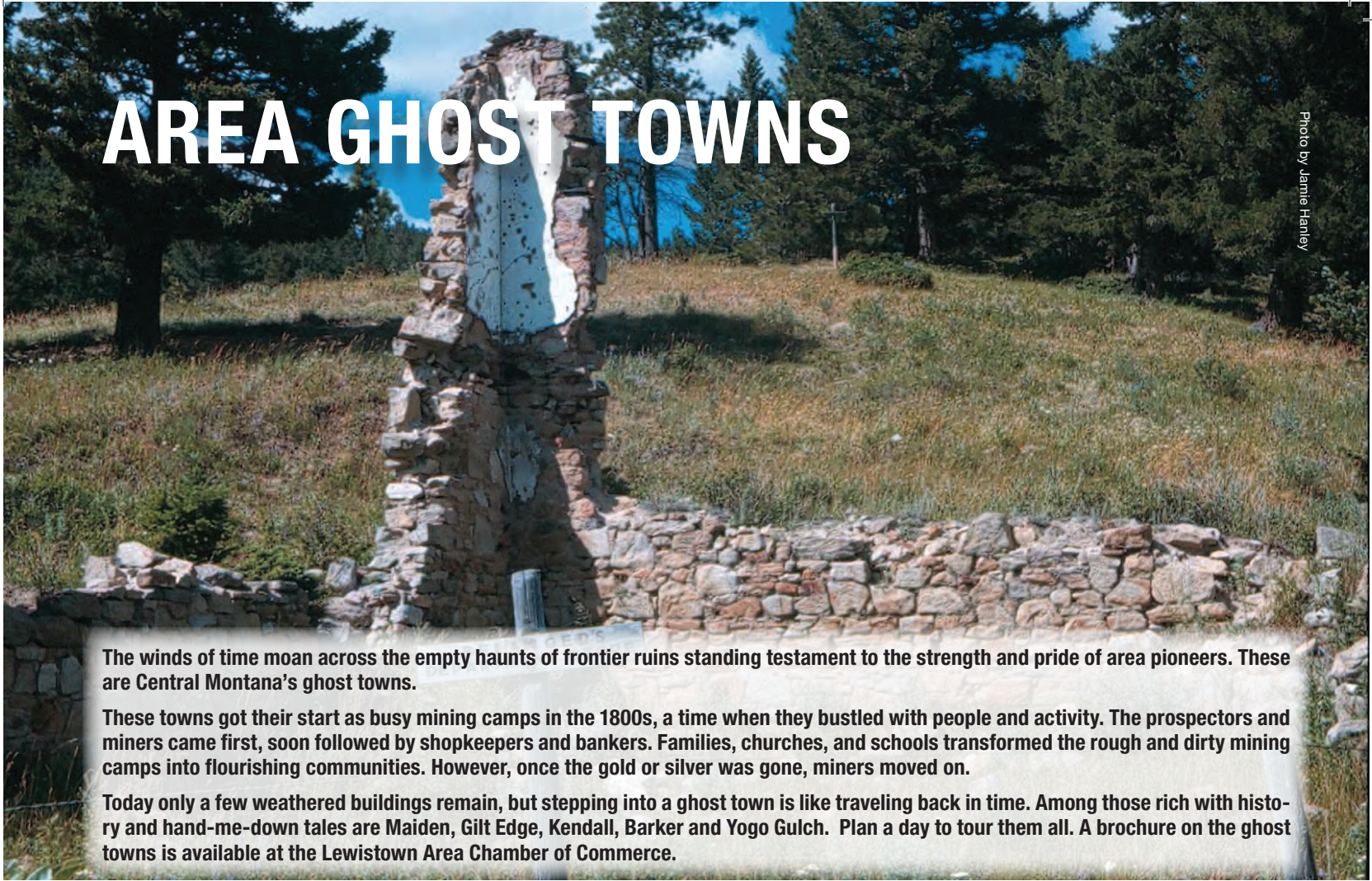
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These towns got their start as busy mining camps in the 1800s, a time when they bustled with people and activity. The prospectors and miners came first, soon followed by shopkeepers and bankers. Families, churches, and schools transformed the rough and dirty mining camps into flourishing communities. However, once the gold or silver was gone, miners moved on.

Today only a few weathered buildings remain, but stepping into a ghost town is like traveling back in time. Among those rich with history and hand-me-down tales are Maiden, Gilt Edge, Kendall, Barker and Yogo Gulch. Plan a day to tour them all. A brochure on the ghost towns is available at the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce.

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MUSEUM

Explore the past at the Central Montana Museum! The area's history is chronologically portrayed beginning in the 1870s when this region was largely unsettled and buffalo roamed the open prairies. The museum features many photos and displays depicting the changes that resulted when enterprising folks from all walks of life journeyed to the Judith Basin to try their luck at gold mining in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains, or to file on homestead claims.

Replicas of "Valentina" (a Torosaurus dinosaur skull found in the Valentine area) and a red river cart used by the Metis (early settlers in this area), a Norden bombsite and a wagon owned by James Fergus (founder of Fergus County) are popular items of interest. You will see dioramas, collections (dolls, wedding dresses, hats, firearms, swords, forts, fossils, Native American artifacts, wildlife mounts, printing and office machines, musical instruments, washing machines, irons, quilts, carpentry tools, cameras, medical equipment, and others), military uniforms and gear, an old-fashioned city street and much more. Exhibits also include forts and trading posts, early settlers and communities,

industry and commerce, organizations and transportation as well as a kitchen, dining room, parlor, nursery, dairy, theatre and school. Artists Charlie Russell, Clarence Cuts The Rope and Alex LaFountain are also highlighted. Interpretive displays feature some of the area's most notorious characters, including:

- > Rattlesnake Jake Owens (outlaw)
- > Charles M. Russell (cowboy/famous artist)
- > Granville Stuart (cattleman/Vigilante leader)
- > Bertie Brown (moonshine entrepreneur/rancher)
- > Ed McGivern (fastest pistol shot world title holder/sign maker/firearms instructor)
- > Charlie Cooley (businessman/civic leader)
- > Jimmy Kaaro (circus performer/trick roper/animal trainer/lawman)
- > Jane Burnett Smith (bronc rider/stunt rider/author)
- > Reed & Bowles Historic Site (Trading Post)

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VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK

Lewistown and Central Montana are home to many who have served in the armed forces over the years.

Those men and women are honored at the Veterans Memorial Walk, which is located at Symmes Park on the east end of Main Street in Lewistown.

Area veterans and other volunteers recently poured a new concrete walkway, and added benches, interpretive signs and trees along the walk. Attractions include a Vietnam memorial, artillery piece, missile and a miniature Statue of Liberty.

It is a wonderful place to pay tribute to the veterans who have had such a big impact on Central Montana and the nation.



ART CENTER

The Lewistown Art Center was established 45 years ago to promote art, art education and art appreciation. Visitors to the area enjoy seeing work by local and regional artists, featured in the Margie Wilkins Gallery and in the Gift Shop.

The Margie Wilkins Gallery offers monthly exhibits of work by some of the most skilled and talented artists in Montana. Admission is always free. Meet the artists at receptions held in connection with new shows in the gallery.

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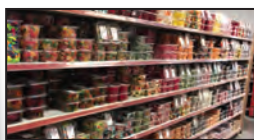


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BIG SPRINGS SKATEPARK: Located in Symmes Park, directly behind the Chamber office and Central Montana Museum.

CREEKSIDE MARKETPLACE AND PAVILION: 300 East Main St. Year-round restrooms, outdoor pavilion, play area, near Big Spring Creek. (Still under construction in spring 2020).

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FRANK DAY CITY PARK: End of Fifth Ave. S. Picnic tables, barbecues, playground equipment, labyrinth garden, baseball diamond, basketball court, winter ice skating rink and warming house. Also the location of the Lewistown City Pool.

FROG PONDS: West Spring Street. Walking trails, fishing ponds, educational kiosks, wildlife viewing.

HAWTHORNE PARK: 204 W. Evelyn. Playground equipment, baseball diamond, and basketball courts.

JAYCEES PARK: Corner of Park Ave. and Cottonwood Street. Baseball diamond, basketball courts, children's play area.

JUDITH PARK: One-quarter mile north on US Hwy. 191. Undeveloped area.

KIWANIS PARK: 1103 Seventh Ave. N., playground equipment, picnicking.

ROBINSON PARK: Off the Airport Road, unmaintained, with some picnic tables. Opportunities for bird watching and nature observation.

SCHOOL PARK: Fourth Avenue South and Cook Street. Adjacent to Frank Day City Park. Baseball diamond and basketball court.

SYMMES PARK: East Main Street between Ridgelawn and Prospect streets. Tennis court, playground equipment, picnic tables, baseball and horseshoes. Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce and museum are also located at the edge of the park.

VETERAN'S PARK: At the Mill Ditch next to the Yogo Inn. Picnic table, flower bed.

VETERAN'S WALK: Located in Symmes Park, next to the Chamber office.

LEWISTOWN CITY POOL: The Lewistown City Pool is the place to beat the heat during the Central Montana summer. The 50-meter pool features diving boards, waterslides and splash deck. The pool is open to the public and offers swimming and diving lessons, a swim team and a variety of special events throughout the summer. The pool may also be rented for private use. It is located in Frank Day Park at 1401 Sixth Ave. South. For more information, call (406) 535-3045.



LABYRINTH GARDEN

Experience the tranquility and grace of the Lewistown Community Labyrinth Garden located in Frank Day Park.

The Labyrinth Garden was created in 1996. It arose from the dream of having a relaxing place to lift the spirits of visitors and build community, a place for reflection and tranquility. The seven-circuit labyrinth is based on an ancient symbol of unity. Its soothing meditation path winds a circular route lined with beautiful flowers and poignant celebration stones recognizing supporters and loved ones. It is a sacred place, and with its lovely flowers and calm joyous setting, a place for weddings and gatherings, as well as reflection. Children love the Labyrinth Garden!



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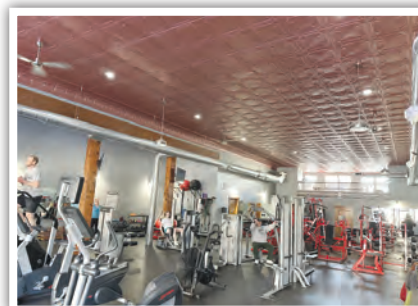
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Another trail on the north side of the Big Snowies can be found at Cottonwood Creek, which is just a short drive from town. Call the local Forest Service office at 566-2293 for more information.

The Judith Mountains also have some great places to hike. One of the best local trails can be found at Limekiln Canyon, where the BLM has been working to improve the hiking opportunities for several years. The trailhead is less than 15 minutes from downtown and the scenery in the area is outstanding.

Call the local BLM office at 538-1900 for more information about trails in the Judith Mountains.



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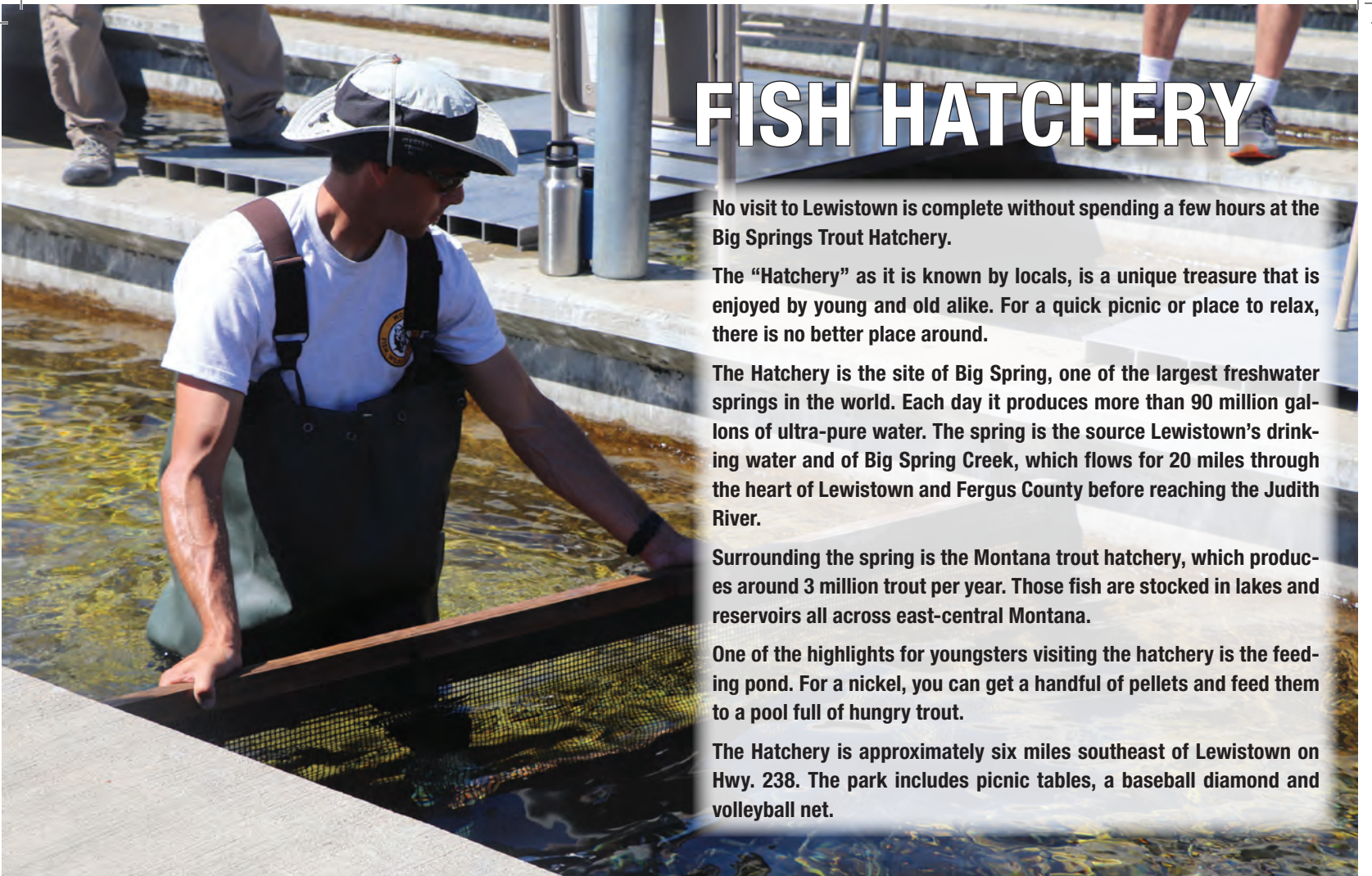
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FISH HATCHERY

No visit to Lewistown is complete without spending a few hours at the Big Springs Trout Hatchery.

The "Hatchery" as it is known by locals, is a unique treasure that is enjoyed by young and old alike. For a quick picnic or place to relax, there is no better place around.

The Hatchery is the site of Big Spring, one of the largest freshwater springs in the world. Each day it produces more than 90 million gallons of ultra-pure water. The spring is the source Lewistown's drinking water and of Big Spring Creek, which flows for 20 miles through the heart of Lewistown and Fergus County before reaching the Judith River.

Surrounding the spring is the Montana trout hatchery, which produces around 3 million trout per year. Those fish are stocked in lakes and reservoirs all across east-central Montana.

One of the highlights for youngsters visiting the hatchery is the feeding pond. For a nickel, you can get a handful of pellets and feed them to a pool full of hungry trout.

The Hatchery is approximately six miles southeast of Lewistown on Hwy. 238. The park includes picnic tables, a baseball diamond and volleyball net.



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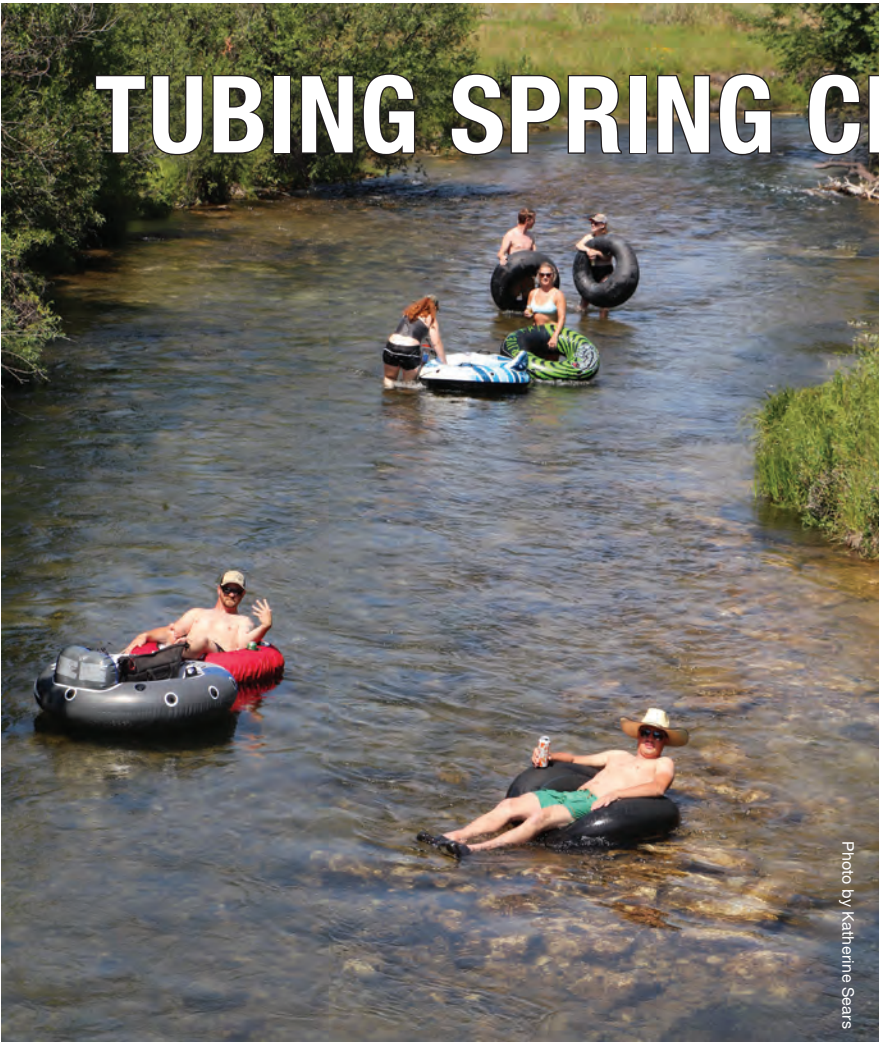


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A great way to beat the heat! Big Spring Creek is Lewistown's pride and joy. And one of the best ways to enjoy this great resource is by kicking back in a tube and enjoying a relaxing float down the creek.

The most popular stretch for tubing is right above town, in the Brewery Flats area. Access is easy and the scenery is superb. Other tubers start further upstream in the direction of the hatchery and then take out at Brewery Flats or near the high school.

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For flat-water fishermen, Ackley Lake, Petrolia Lake, Carter's Ponds and East Fork Reservoir are just a few of the many great places to enjoy a day on the water.

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BEAVER CREEK: A local creek just west of Lewistown known for its trout fishing. Permission required.

BIG SPRING CREEK: This blue ribbon trout stream flows north from the Big Springs, through the center of Lewistown and empties into the Judith River, then into the Missouri River. Fishing is available year round.

CASINO CREEK RESERVOIR: 1.5 miles south of Lewistown on Casino Creek Road.

COTTONWOOD CREEK: One of the smaller local creeks just west of Lewistown known for its trout fishing.

CRYSTAL LAKE: Stocked annually. Scenic mountain area around a 40-acre lake. Excellent camping area. Located 35 miles southwest of Lewistown.

EAST FORK DAM: Located about 11 miles southeast of Lewistown near Heath. Take Route 238 out of Lewistown. Perch and northern pike fishing. Ice fishing during the winter months.

FORT PECK RESERVOIR: Excellent fishing for walleye and northern. The nearest developed access point is Crooked Creek in Petroleum County.

FRED ROBINSON BRIDGE/MISSOURI RIVER: 65 miles north of Lewistown on Highway 191 going to Malta. Excellent fishing on the Missouri River for walleye, sauger, northern pike, channel catfish, sturgeon and paddlefish.

FROG PONDS: Located in the middle of Lewistown at the intersection of Airport Road and Fluorite Drive, the Frog Ponds are stocked throughout the spring and early summer with rainbow trout.

HANSEN CREEK DAM: Located about eight miles south of Lewistown, one mile beyond the Big Springs Trout Hatchery. Ice fishing during the winter months. Good rainbow trout fishing.

JUDITH RIVER: Northwest of Lewistown, the Judith River is home to both rainbow and brown trout as well as some catfish.

LITTLE BELT MOUNTAINS: Located 43 miles west of Lewistown above Utica. Travel west to Hobson, then to Utica and travel several miles of gravel to the south fork of the Judith River. Choose your spot on the river and fish for fresh water trout.

PETROLIA RESERVOIR: Located southeast of Winnett in Petroleum County, this reservoir offers walleye, pike and perch fishing.

UPPER AND LOWER CARTER'S POND: Located north of Lewistown. Follow U.S. 191 about 6.5 miles and watch for signs. Ice fishing in winter months.

WARM SPRING CREEK: Located north of Lewistown near Brooks, this spot is the haven for rainbow and brown trout and some small mouth bass.

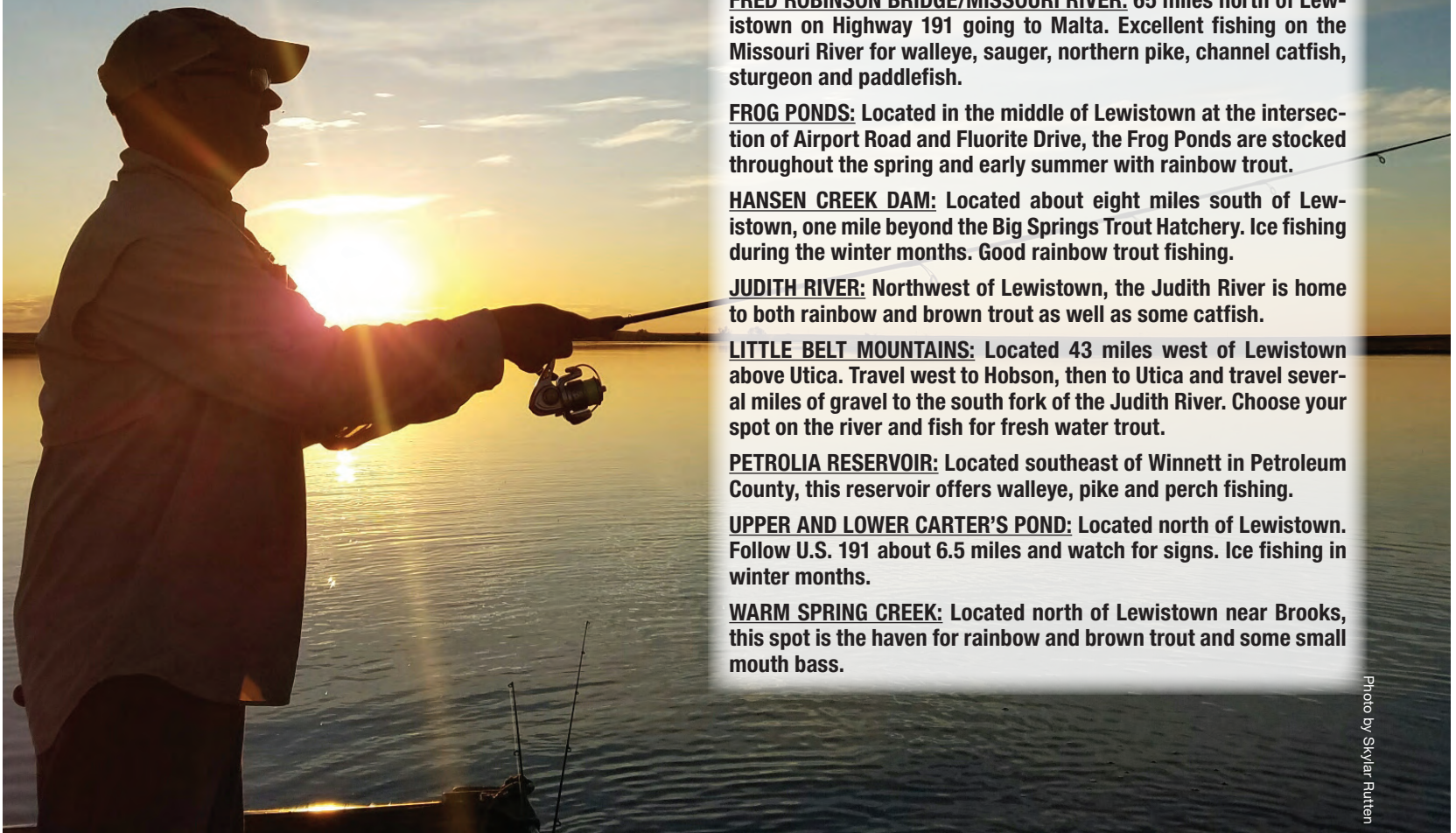


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The Missouri river travels 2,341 miles from its source at Three Forks, Mont., to where it meets the mighty Mississippi. But you will find no more unspoiled or spectacular section than the 149-mile stretch directly north of Lewistown. Officially known as the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, it features everything from towering white cliffs to majestic bighorn sheep.

So what can you do on the Monument? You can hunt, hike, bird-watch, camp -- thousands of people float the river each year, sleeping at Lewis and Clark campsites under the Central Montana stars, and awakening to a symphony of birds in the riverside cottonwood forests.

As you visit, remember the Missouri Breaks Monument balances conservation with respect for the working landscape. Ranchers and farmers have made a living out here for 100+ years. Their private property is not part of the Monument. For more information call the Lewistown BLM office at 406-538-1900.



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Visitors get to watch majestic bull elk gather their harems of cows and compete with other bulls for the opportunity to breed. Their bugles can be heard all across the river valley.

There are an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 elk on the CMR Refuge, which stretches more than 100 miles from east to west. For most of the year, the elk are spread across the refuge, but each fall many of them gather at the viewing area, which is closed to hunting.

The rut extends from about the first week of September through the second week of October. Visitors may see 250 to 350 elk at the peak of the rut. The last few hours before sunset is the best time to see them.

To get there, drive from Lewistown, head north on Highway 191 through Roy. Stay on Highway 191 and continue north to the Fred Robinson Bridge. Past the bridge, take the first right and head east at the Wildlife Viewing sign. Travel along the gravel road for about five miles.

For more information, call the Refuge headquarters in Lewistown at (406) 538-8706.

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CAMPING

For many, the summer season is the camping season. Camping may be a time of reunion with friends and family or simply a chance to leave everything behind and head off to a favorite spot, off the beaten path. It could be a chance to appreciate the simpler things in life, like a golden brown marshmallow cooked on a willow branch over a crackling fire or the mournful howl of a coyote through the thin walls of a nylon tent. Whatever the reason, there are a variety of places to camp in Central Montana. The rules vary at each campground, so be sure to check the regulations at the site of your choice before making camp.

ACKLEY LAKE: Picnic, camper trailer access, boat launching facilities, swimming. Located about 25 miles southwest of Lewistown, near Hobson.

CROOKED CREEK CAMPGROUND & MARINA: Boat ramp with a dock, camping sites with a picnic shelter, swimming beach, and potable water is accessible to fill tanks.

CRYSTAL LAKE: U.S. Forest Service campgrounds. Picnicking and camping sites, non-motorized boats only. Located 35 miles southwest of Lewistown. Fee charged.

EAST FORK DAM: Picnicking, camping, and boat launch. Located about 11 miles southeast of Lewistown.

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JUDITH LANDING: Boat launching, swimming, camping access. Located 26 miles northwest of Winifred on Route 236.

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KIWANIS CAMPGROUND: Located one mile west of Lewistown on Highway 87. No hookups.

LITTLE BELT MOUNTAINS: Various camping spots, many with picnic tables and outhouse facilities. Located 43 miles west of Lewistown past Utica.

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HUNTING

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Whitetail deer can be found in the creek and river bottoms, as well as foothills, while mule deer browse in the mountains and plains of Central Montana. Antelope are also popular with hunters and can often be found on the wide-open prairies. Elk are plentiful in the Snowy, Little Belt and Judith Mountains, while bighorn sheep are found in the Missouri Breaks.

Bear hunting is also available. Big bruins can be found in the Little Belt Mountains south of Utica and Stanford and in the Big Snowy Mountains.

Waterfowl hunters, too, are in luck as the Pacific and Central Flyway patterns cover portions of Central Montana. Upland game birds, such as pheasants, grouse, partridges and turkeys abound in area grain fields; sage grouse can be found in the drier areas, and mountain grouse are plentiful in certain areas. Spring turkey season brings many hunters to Central Montana in search of gobblers.

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BIRDING

Because of its varied topography and habitats, Central Montana, and especially the Lewistown area, is a great place to do a little bird watching. With habitats that vary from prairie to mountain, from forest to grassland, a large number of species can be seen in just one day. Don't forget your binoculars when out and about -- even downtown Lewistown yields avian surprises.

For those new to the area, make sure to look for nesting sandhill cranes near grain fields and pastures. Their distinctive cry can be heard across Central Montana in the spring and summer months. If you are lucky enough to see a pair of sandhills conducting a mating dance, you will never forget it.

Eagles and hawks are common over the prairies and rolling open hillsides. You'll see golden eagles year round, and bald eagles from late fall to spring. Owls are common too, with everything from barn and great-horned owls to the occasional arctic visitor, the snowy owl.

Ponds and lakes abound in Central Montana, and waterfowl are common, including Canada geese, eared grebes, mallards, wood ducks, and teal.

Prairie birds include Montana's ubiquitous state bird, the meadowlark. On forest trails, look for a wide variety of warblers as well as mountain chickadee, Clark's nutcracker and Cassin's finch.

The Lewistown trail system, which boasts over 20 miles of trails, is an easy and excellent place to start your birding vacation.

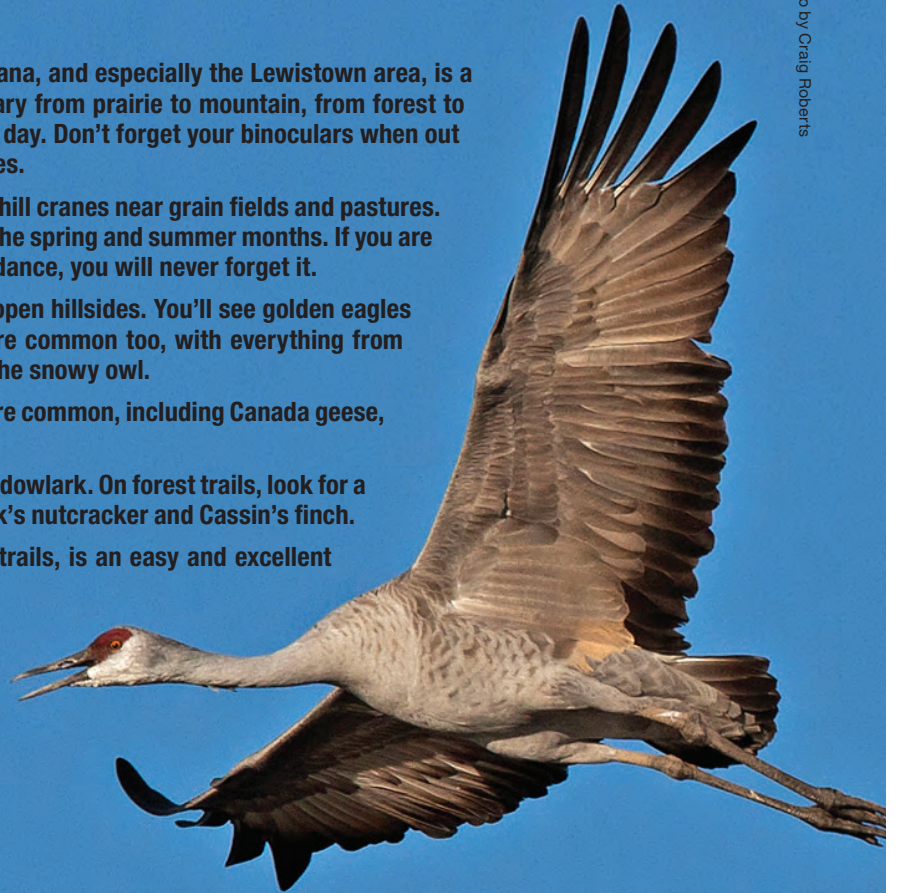


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BIG SPRING SKATEPARK

One of the most exciting additions to Lewistown in recent years has been Big Spring Skatepark.

The park opened in 2017 and has quickly become a popular destination for skaters and riders of all ages. It is located in Symmes Park behind the Central Montana Historical Museum.

The skatepark was made possible by Make It Happen Montana, a local non-profit that spearheaded the fund-raising efforts.



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PIONEER POWER DAYS

BACK TO THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

Power the old-fashioned way is the focus of the annual Pioneer Power Days to be held in June across from the Lewistown Airport.

Burgers, Polish sausages and perhaps even some homemade bread top off a day of tractor rides, demonstrations, blacksmithing and more. A barrel train is provided for the kiddies. All the good things of days gone by are enjoyed by visitors.

Highlights include a "slow race," a tractor parade with many early models, a full blacksmith's shop, an early 1900s shingle mill, a saw mill, an old time hay baler and a rock crusher, all operating in close proximity, reminiscent of an early 1900's life.

It is all about sharing history, say the event co-coordinators, members of the Central Montana Flywheelers and Antique Association, branch No. 51 of the National Early Gas Engine and Tractor Association.

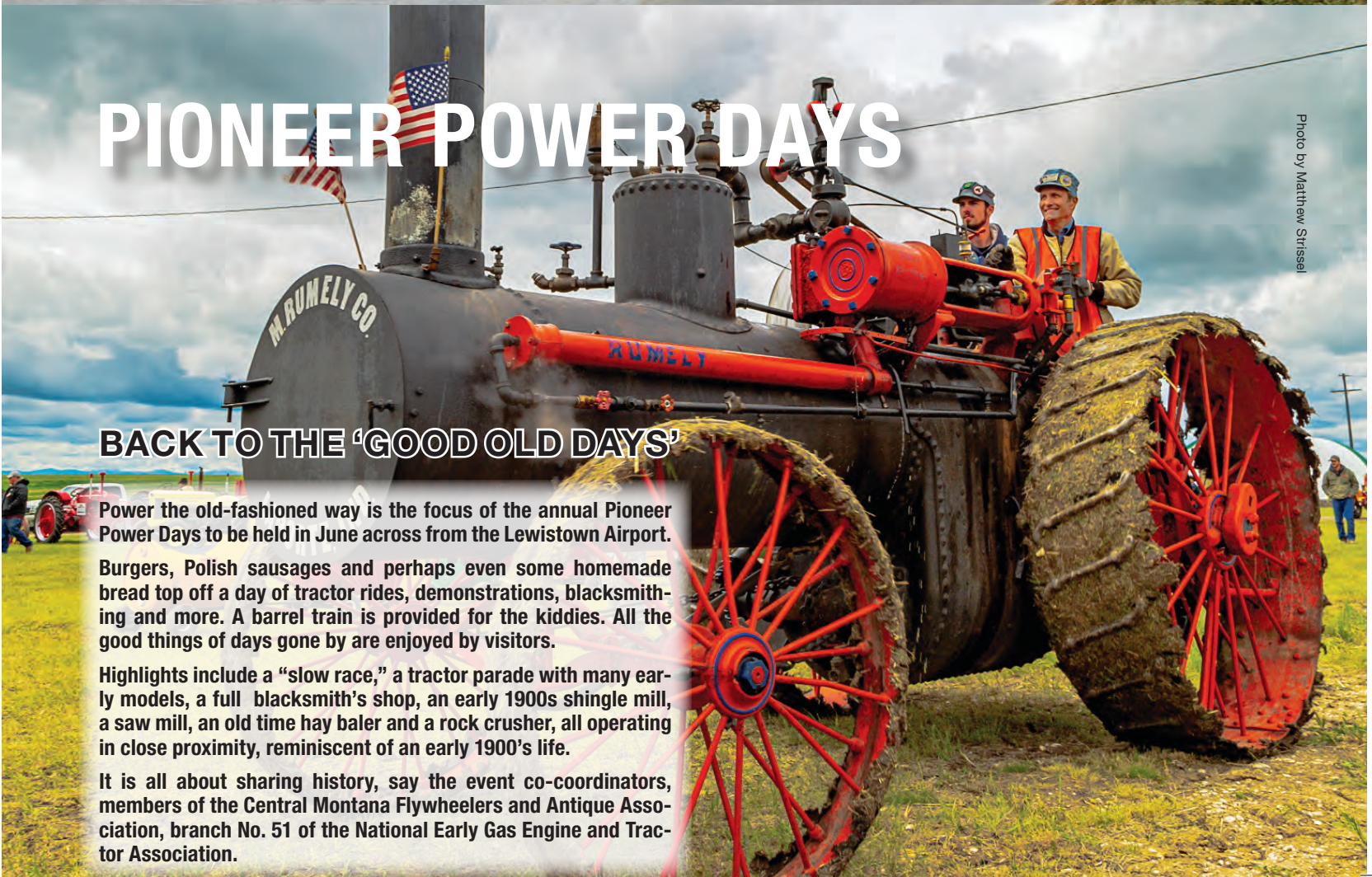
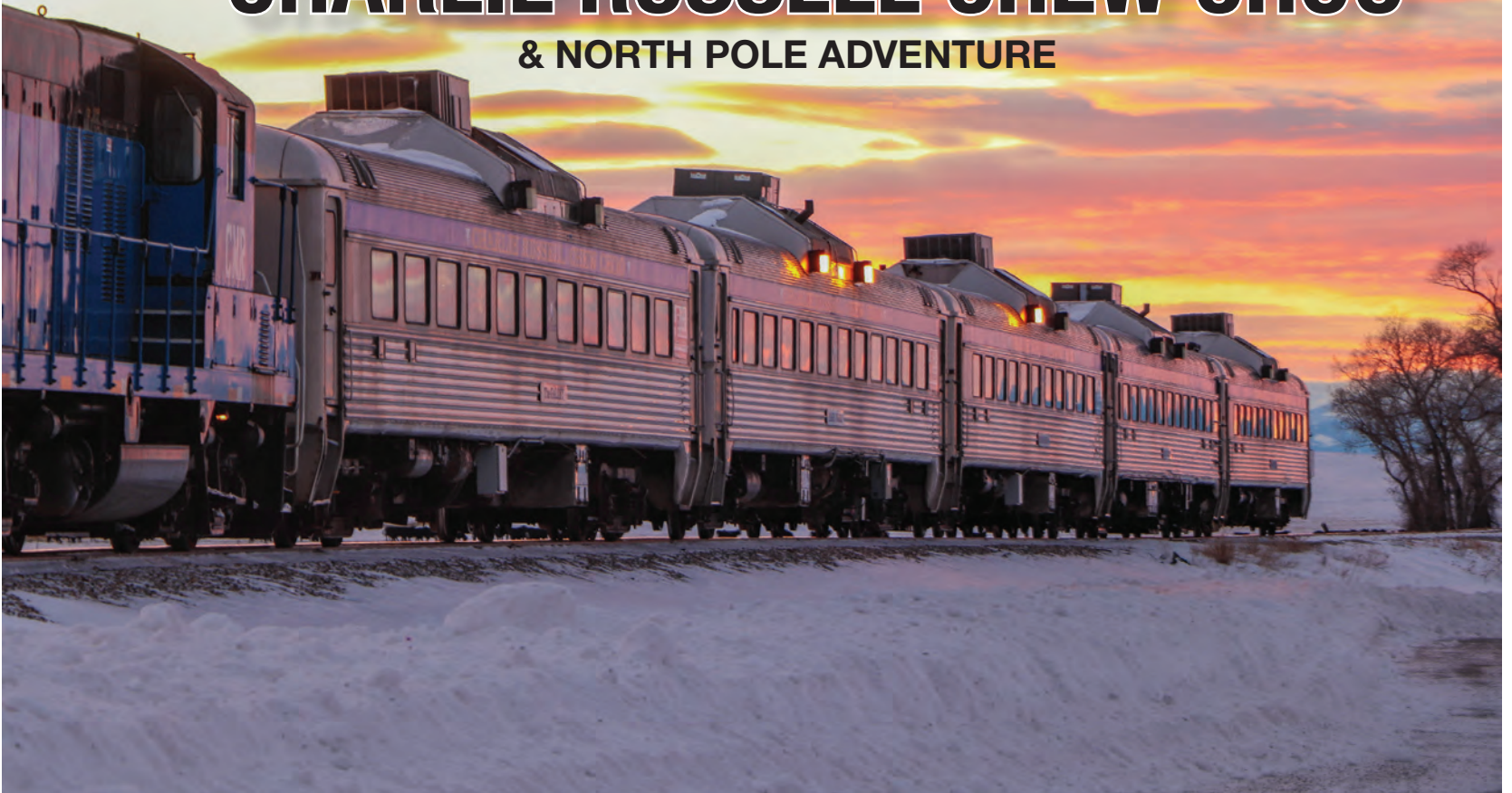


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In addition to the scenery, train-goers are also treated to a succulent prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. The Chew Choo recently gained national acclaim when it was featured on the Craziest Restaurants in America, a Food Network show.

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Recently the track got a huge face lift; with the help of the community the track was milled and repaved, with staging lanes and shut down area being redone. A state of the art timing system was added along with a new building for concessions. The track now has concrete guardrails to help protect racers and spectators. Supporters also added landscaping, a new storage building next to the tower and a new time slip shack.

Organizers have really tried to make the oldest track in Montana one of the best in the state. Their goal is to make motor sports grow in Central Montana and bring in new people to see what our beautiful town has to offer. Come to Lewistown Raceway for amazing family fun, great racing and excitement in the heart of Montana.

For a day of hard-hitting fun, you won't want to miss the Demolition Derby at the Central Montana Fair.

The Derby has become a fan favorite, featuring cars and drivers from across the region. Each year the show seems to get bigger and better. The Derby is typically held on Saturday night and is usually the final major event of the Central Montana Fair. And what a way to finish! The Derby features a wide variety of automobiles, ranging from pickups to minivans. The Herby Derby is always a fan favorite. Over multiple heats, the vehicles get torn and twisted apart until only the champions are still running.

BGM racing is dirt track racing for the motor enthusiast that includes three classes of cars or pickups: stock, super stock and modified. This fun-filled entertainment takes place three or four times throughout the summer with one race during the Central Montana Fair on Saturday. Check out their Facebook page - BGM Racing.

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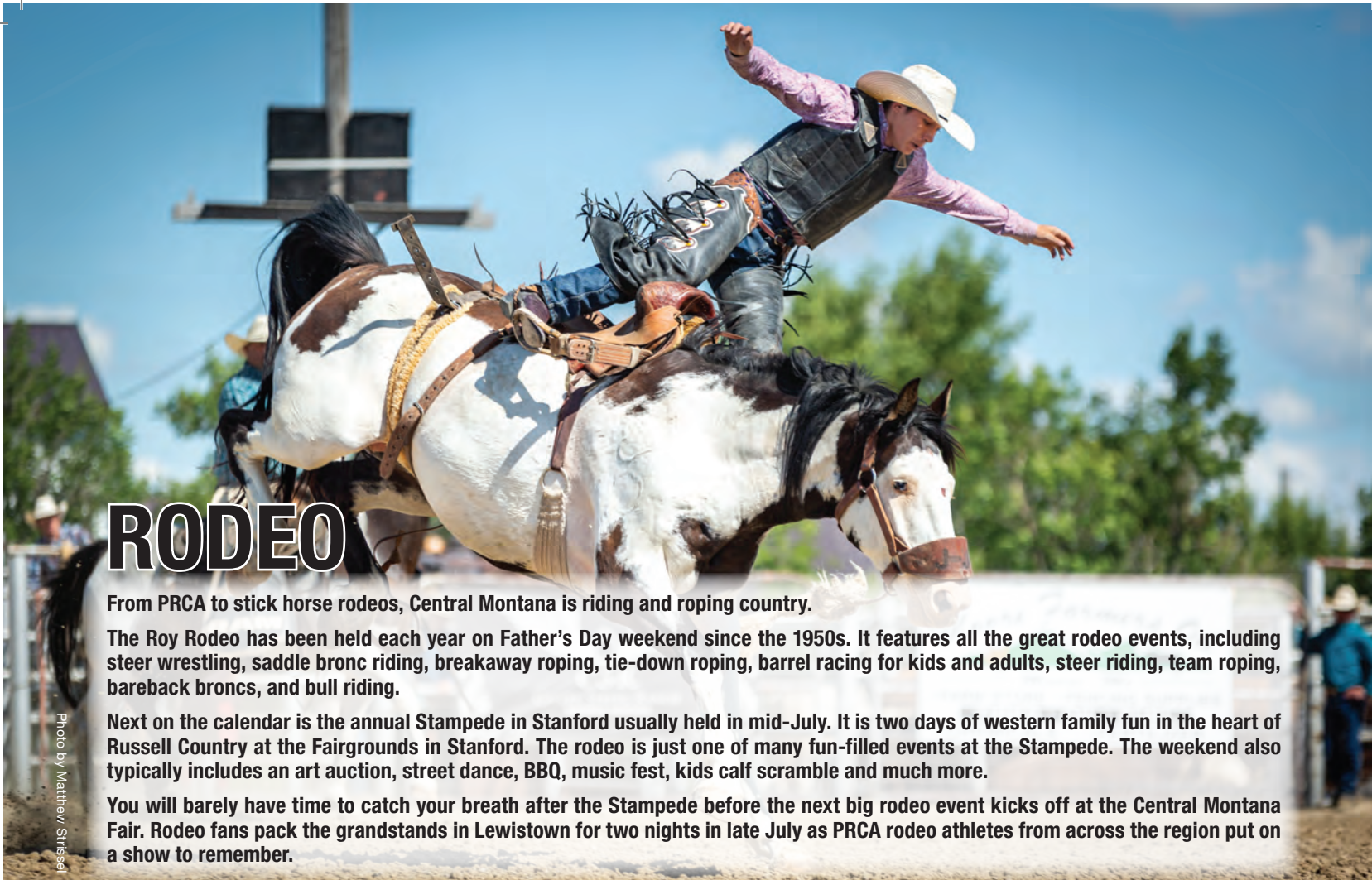


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RODEO

From PRCA to stick horse rodeos, Central Montana is riding and roping country.

The Roy Rodeo has been held each year on Father's Day weekend since the 1950s. It features all the great rodeo events, including steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, breakaway roping, tie-down roping, barrel racing for kids and adults, steer riding, team roping, bareback broncs, and bull riding.

Next on the calendar is the annual Stampede in Stanford usually held in mid-July. It is two days of western family fun in the heart of Russell Country at the Fairgrounds in Stanford. The rodeo is just one of many fun-filled events at the Stampede. The weekend also typically includes an art auction, street dance, BBQ, music fest, kids calf scramble and much more.

You will barely have time to catch your breath after the Stampede before the next big rodeo event kicks off at the Central Montana Fair. Rodeo fans pack the grandstands in Lewistown for two nights in late July as PRCA rodeo athletes from across the region put on a show to remember.



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MT COWBOY POETRY 38th MT Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous is Aug. 10-13, 2023, MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com. Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous first burst on the scene in 1986, when a handful of Montana cowboy poets and musicians returned from performing at the 1st National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada. Award-winning, Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering has grown over the years and is going strong. This August 10, 11, 12 & 13, will be the 38th annual gathering. The Grand Stage Show on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fergus Center for the Performing Arts stars song birds, Kathy Mattea and Suzy Bogguss in their "Together At Last" concert tour. Opening the show at 7:00 p.m. will be Mike Booth, cowboy poet, followed by Judy and The Divine Bovines. Fergus High School will be the Day Headquarters for the Gathering on Friday, Aug. 11 and Sat. Aug. 12. Over 50 hours of entertainment is scheduled, performed by 70+ cowboy poets and western musicians. The Judith Mountain Players will perform "The Vote" on Saturday morning. A Western Art/Accessory Show will be on-site Friday and Saturday. Other events at the Gathering include a Welcome Dinner & Talent Showcase, Thurs. evening, a Jam 'n Dance Friday night, Cowboy Church Sunday morning at Celebration Church and the Charlie Russell Choo Chew dinner train on Sunday (noon boarding after Cowboy Church). Information and tickets for the 38th Gathering, Aug. 10-13, 2023, are available at The Lewistown Art Center, 323 W. Main Street, 406-535-8278. General Admission tickets for the "Together At Last" concert are available online at MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com. Details and more information available at 406-781-1422.



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From the excellent prenatal and obstetric care offered at Central Montana Medical Center to the strength of our local school system, Lewistown is a community where childhood is highly valued. It's a great place for children and families.

Those in need of childcare need only look as far as the local HRDC office for information and referrals to child care facilities in this area. An assortment of preschool programs is available, as well, providing a great start for a young child's development and education.

Once children hit school age, a well-rounded curriculum combined with an abundance of extracurricular offerings provides a wealth of opportunities for youngsters as they make their first steps into the world.

In standardized achievement tests, our students consistently perform well above state and national levels.

Many take advantage of the variety of activities offered emphasizing music and the other fine arts, as well as vocational programs such as FFA, FCCLA and others. And it isn't unusual to see local athletes competing in state tournaments.

Lewistown boasts an excellent teaching staff consisting of more than 100 teachers, approximately two-thirds of whom have attained master's degrees in their field. The community plays a significant role in the success of the schools, as well, through its generous support.

All in all, Lewistown is fertile ground for students of all ages anxious to explore the world and develop their talents and skills.



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The first Saturday after Labor Day ushers in the return of fall with the annual Chokecherry Festival, held in Lewistown. The festival is attended by more than 4,000 people, enjoying the event and soaking up the beautiful scenery of Central Montana.

From the Chokecherry culinary contest, pit spitting contest, and live entertainment to the children's activities and 5k run/walk and 10k run, the day is packed with opportunities for food and fun. Main Street is literally lined with arts and crafts booths and food vendors offering a variety of gifts, baked goods, fresh garden fare, raffles and much more.

Take a walk down historic Main Street and experience the hospitality of the area. Don't leave until you've tried all of the food, enjoyed the entertainment, and bought all you can carry and competed in the pit spitting contest. Bring a friend and enjoy Central Montana at its finest.

For more information, contact the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, 408 N.E. Main Street, Lewistown, Montana. Phone: (406) 535-5436, Email: lewchamb@midrivers.com.

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During the week-long celebration, Montana Winter Fair plays host to over 25 events held at venues throughout Lewistown including downtown shops and restaurants, community gathering spaces and at the Fergus County Fairgrounds.

Annual events include the Youth Beef Show, Ranch Sorting Clinic and Competition, Ski Joring, Farm Forum and Friday Night Concert. Kids can enjoy the Rabbit Agility Contest, Stick Horse Rodeo, and Old McDonald's Petting Barn. Cooks look forward to entering the Chili and Cinnamon Roll Cook-offs as well as the Dutch Oven Competition. Creative folks display their talent in the Fiddle Contest and Quilt & Fiber Arts Show.

The Western Lifestyle Trade Show includes agricultural and western lifestyle displays, Montana made products, Montana grown foods and beverages and the Re-creations Re-purpose Show and Sale. And, of course, the celebration would not be complete without the Ice Queen, who returns to the fair each year from her ice cave in the Snowy Mountains, bringing sparkle and warmth to all participants and spectators at Montana Winter Fair.



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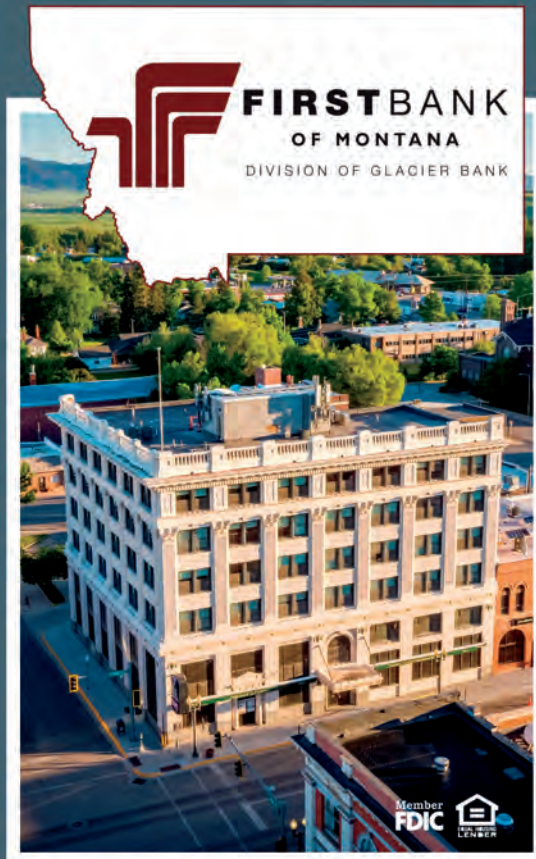
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ON THE ICE

Winters in Central Montana can be cold and long ... which is just perfect for the growing number of ice skaters in Lewistown. Lewistown has one of the best outdoor skating rinks in the entire state and it is open for everyone to enjoy.

The local ice skating rink is located at Frank Day Park, near the city swimming pool. Community volunteers have been making major improvements at the rink. Those improvements include adding lights, dasher boards, a Zamboni and many improvements to the warming hut. For hockey enthusiasts, there are programs for adults and kids of all skill levels. Snow Hole hockey teams travel around north-central Montana each winter competing with teams from Montana, as well as surrounding states and Canada.

There are a handful of scheduled events each week during the winter months, but most of the time the rink is wide open for the public to use. It can also be rented for parties or special events. Skate rentals are available at the Lewistown Civic Center.



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CMMC's medical staff includes a full-expertise range of active

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Central Montana Fair

The last week in July is a great time to be in Lewistown. The Central Montana Fair is one of the highlights of summer in Central Montana. Featuring concerts, rodeos, racing, demolition derby, a carnival and much more, the Fair offers something for everyone.



CHILD CARE

One of the most difficult things as a parent is finding child care you can rely upon and trust. Parents in Central Montana are fortunate, however, because they have access to child care services offered by the Human Resources Development Council (HRDC).

Located in Lewistown, Central Montana HRDC covers a six-county area, including Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum, Wheatland, Golden Valley and Musselshell counties. Parents in need of child care services may call HRDC for assistance with finding suitable child care providers, tips on how to determine whether caregivers offer quality services, and information about assistance available to help cover the costs of child care.

Child care providers, too, can benefit from HRDC services through assistance in making contacts with parents, participation in small business loan programs, continuing training, business education,

resource library materials, and information pertaining to state laws regarding operating a child care facility.

HRDC is located in Suite 203 on the second floor of the Centennial Plaza building at 300 First Ave. N. in Lewistown. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. For more information, call HRDC at (406) 535-7488 or, from outside Lewistown, at (800) 766-3018.

LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCES

- Fox Den Childcare (406) 478-0932
- Happy Hearts Infant Care, Tina Yaeger (406) 535-4861
- Lewistown Boys and Girls Club, (406) 535-2257
- Small Wonder Child Care, Inc., (406) 538-8936

LICENSING

Driver's Licenses: Department of Transportation building, Airport Rd., (406) 538-8725. The examiner is available at various times during the week. Call the office for current schedule. Allow at least an hour for testing. No road tests given after 4 p.m. New residents are required to obtain a Montana drivers license within 90 days of moving to the state (30 days for commercial drivers).

Vehicle Registration: Fergus County Treasurer's office, second floor, County Courthouse, 712 W. Main, (406) 535-9220. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, except for holidays. New residents must register their vehicles once they become permanent residents and are gainfully employed.

Marriage Licenses: Fergus County Clerk of District Court office, third floor County Courthouse, 712 W. Main, (406) 535-5026. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, except for hol-



idays. Both parties must be present to obtain a license and will be asked to show one piece of identification. A pre-marital blood test is no longer required for women under the age of 50. Applicants will be asked to provide information including birthplace, parents' full names, parents' birth state or country and information about previous marriages. Applicants ages 16 or 17 must participate in marriage counseling, obtain signed consent of parents or guardians and have the district judge's approval before obtaining a license. Licenses are effective upon issuance and expire after 180 days if not used.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Need to get a student enrolled in public school? The following information should help you get started:

- The Lewistown Public School system consists of one high school, one junior high and three elementary schools.
- Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 10 to enroll in kindergarten for that school year.
- Parents of elementary students (grades K-6) (406) 535-8777, ext. 110.
- Junior high (grades 7-8) and high school (grades 9-12) students should call or visit the office of their school to arrange an appointment to review records and schedule classes.
- Students transferring into the Lewistown school system will need to provide immunization records and student records from previous schools.
- For more information about enrolling a student, (406) 535-8777 ext. 110.

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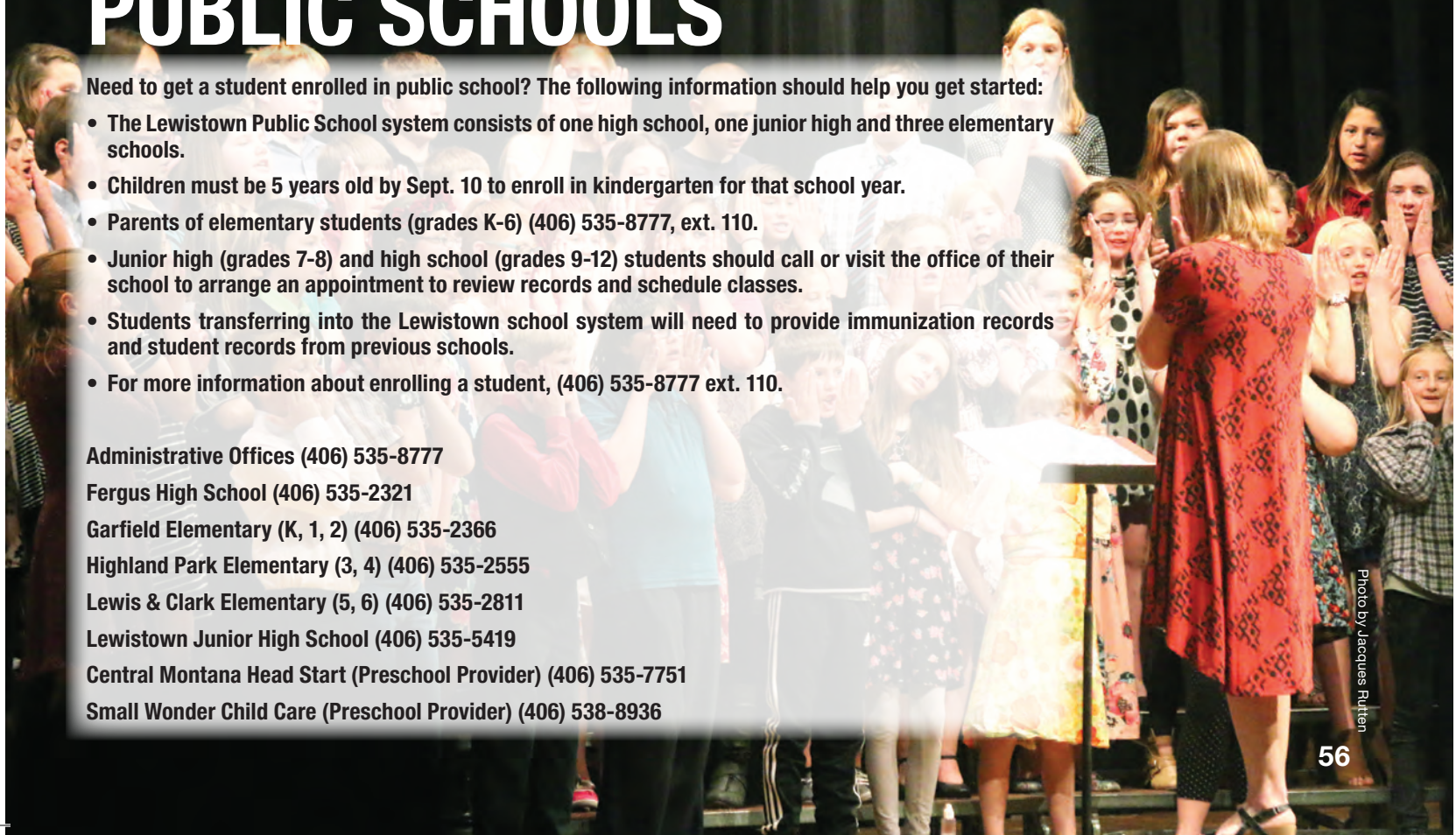


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For membership information, check out the website at cmtsc.com.

SPORTS



Central Montana offers a variety of sports to participate in or just to watch. These include the traditional sports like baseball, and branch out into motor sports, shooting sports and rodeo. Fergus High in Lewistown offers football, volleyball, golf, cross country, boys' and girls' basketball, girls' softball, wrestling, track and field, and tennis. Other Central Montana high schools offer football, volleyball, basketball and track and field. If you're looking for a sports activity, more than likely Central Montana offers it in some form.

BASEBALL - Lewistown has baseball programs for all ages. Teams play at parks throughout the city. Fergus High School offers girls fast pitch softball. The Lewistown Redbirds, is available

as part of the American Legion Baseball program. They play their games on the north end of Symmes Park. Other leagues available in Lewistown include Tee-Ball, Pee Wee, Minors, Majors and Babe Ruth.

BASKETBALL - Besides area high school teams, Central Montana offers several other options to play and watch basketball. The Civic Center hosts a 4-on-4 league, noon-recreational basketball, open gyms and tournaments for all ages throughout the year. In addition, club basketball has made its way into our area, offering youth of all ages the opportunity to play basketball throughout the state almost year round.



BOWLING - Snowy Lanes, located at 134 Wunderlin on the west edge of Lewistown, has 12 lanes with computerized scorekeeping. The facility is air-conditioned in the summer and maintains a full schedule of league and open bowling.

GOLF - Golfers will find plenty of variety at either of Lewistown's two public golf courses. Pine Meadows Golf Course, located on Country Club Road, features a beautiful nine-hole course and first-rate clubhouse. Judith Shadows Golf Course is Central Montana's only 18-hole course, offering links-style golf along a beautiful creek bottom. Judith Shadows is located just off of Marcella Avenue on Rifle Range Road. The Lewistown area also offers league play through both public golf courses, as well as an established high school program through the Lewistown School system.

JUMP ROPING - The Lewistown Hoppers Jump Rope Club invites everyone to get fit, have fun and just jump. The Hoppers are a show, competition and demonstration team coached by Loraine Day and organized under AAU. Other activities include fitness, tumbling and more. Clinic classes, camps, workshops, private instruction, shows, parties and demonstrations are all offered by the Hoppers. The Lewistown Hoppers Jump Rope Club is a non-profit organization for our community's youth.

RIFLE/ARCHERY - A community that is this rich in wild game would be crazy not to have rifle/archery sporting opportunities available. The Lewistown Bow Hunters Association is a group of avid bow hunters who maintain a private shooting range available to members. Bow hunting classes are available for adults and youth alike. The Civic Center also offers an archery league for area shooters. The Central Montana Rifle Club offers a league for youth in the area to promote gun safety as well as a little competition. Adults may partake in the adult shooting league held at the Civic Center. The Lewistown Trap and Skeet Club is also available for shotgun enthusiasts. A large shooting range, known as the Central Montana Shooting Complex, has recently been built. It is continually being added to and upgraded and is available for use by members only.



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RODEO - Rodeo fans are able to enjoy several rodeos during the summer months in Central Montana. Rodeo enthusiasts can flock to the annual Roy rodeo or the PRCA C.M. Russell Stampede in Stanford. The last weekend in July brings the Central Montana Fair and Rodeo to Lewistown, and August brings in high school rodeo participants from all across the state.

SOCCKER - Lewistown offers a soccer league for school-age children. Every fall a league is offered for younger children, while the high schoolers are able to test their skills every spring.

SOFTBALL - Lewistown has slow-pitch softball leagues for girls of all ages and recently added a girls' fast-pitch league for high school-age athletes. Central Montana also offers adult slow-pitch leagues that include co-ed and men's. These leagues play their games at the d'Autremont Softball Complex on Airport Road southwest of Lewistown.



SWIMMING - Lewistown offers a city pool with water slide at Frank Day Park. A local competitive swim team, the Lewistown Sea Lions, uses the facility to host a large swim meet every summer.

TENNIS - Lewistown has a number of tennis courts at Symmes Park and Fergus High School. Fergus High School offers both a girls' and boys' program.

VOLLEYBALL - Volleyball has become a very dominant sport at Fergus High School. In addition, club volleyball has become the summer practice league for many of the high schoolers. Adults can join in the fun of volleyball by playing in the women's or co-ed city leagues.

WRESTLING - Fergus High and the Lewistown Junior High offer wrestling to their students. Lewistown also has two wrestling clubs that are open to all students.



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