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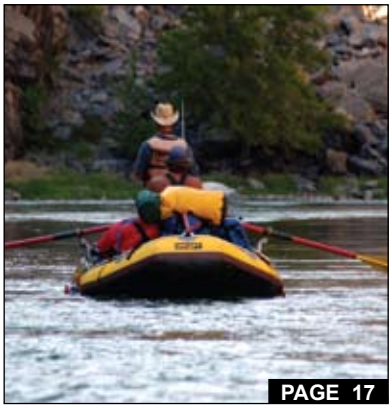
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Falcon Crest Golf Club
Treasure Valley's Golf Oasis

Falcon Crest Golf Club is a thirty-six hole golf complex open to the public. It is located at 11102 S. Cloverdale Road just minutes from Boise, outside the town of Kuna, Idaho. Serene and picturesque are words that come to mind when describing Falcon Crest Golf Club. Leave the city and the golf courses with their house-lined fairways behind and come play a golf oasis that offers challenges to golfers of all skill levels. With majestic vistas of the Boise valley and surrounding mountains and a course design that blends the natural terrain with water, grass, sand and stone, each hole makes for a memorable experience.

Falcon Crest Golf Club offers three different courses that are sure to fit your golfing needs.

The **Falcon Crest Championship** course is an 18-hole course that through the years has hosted many USGA sectional and local qualifying tournaments. In 2007 it was listed among Golfweek's best, and in 2009 it hosted the IGA Men's Amateur Championship. With four sets of tees, you can play a course that is anywhere from as long as 7,089 yards down to as short as 5,258. Yardage booklets are available in the pro shop to help first time golfers figure out the best way to play each hole.

The **Robin Hood** course is an executive style nine-hole course that was designed with family golf in mind. The course offers challenges to players of all skill levels, but is particularly suited to beginning and junior golfers. Every season many aspiring young golfers participate in our junior leagues offered at the facility. The course features three par 4's and six par 3's. Each hole gives golfers a challenge that they would not receive at the average executive course. We offer play on this course at a reduced price.

The nine-hole **Freedom** course was built in honor of John Borbonus, the son of Hans Borbonus - Falcon Crest Golf Club's majority owner. John was killed in Iraq while preventing a suicide bomber from entering their compound in 2007. He was awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic or meritorious achievement during battle." His father, Hans Borbonus, wanted to build a course in honor of his son's sacrifice to his country. In dedication to John's mission, the name Freedom was a perfect fit. The course features five sets of tees ranging from a modest 2,767 to hefty 3,914 yards. It also features one of the longest holes in the northwest, the monstrous 714 yard fifth hole. Falcon Crest offers a special green fee on the Freedom for members of the military. The course also provides more options for the annual tournament held in John's honor on May 12th. The proceeds from the tournament are donated to the golf scholarship fund for the Boise State Golf team and to Brave Heart - an organization that helps local military families. The Freedom course allows individuals to play a quick nine holes on a championship level golf course.

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Falcon Crest Golf Club offers many options to fine-tune your golf game. These options include a 30-acre driving range with large teeing grounds on two sides, an 18,000 square foot putting green, and practice bunkers. You will not find a larger practice area in Idaho! Our practice facility is a perfect place for you to book private lessons with our PGA trained staff. The Golf Shop has quality brand name equipment including Cleveland, Taylor Made, Nike, Callaway, and Ping. Our highly trained staff will find the best equipment fit to your game.

Greens fees on our executive course run $6.00 for juniors, $12.00 for adults. Freedom rate is $18.00 for nine and $25.00 for eighteen. Falcon Crest's Championship 18-hole course green fee is $35.00 on weekdays and $45.00 on weekends from April to October. We do offer weekly specials. Check out our website at www.falconcrestgolf.com to see the current deals. Falcon Crest requires a cart on our championship course before 12:00 p.m. Cart fee is $10.00. Leagues are offered throughout the summer on all three courses. More information is available on our website or by calling 208-362-8897. RH

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Nationwide Tour and Albertsons Boise Open Presented by Kraft Enters 22nd Year

On February 2, 1990, in Bakersfield, California, former PGA TOUR Deane Beman struck the ceremonial first shot at Bakersfield Country Club, which officially launched what would eventually become the Nationwide Tour. A field of 131 players teed off that day in the Bakersfield Open.

Twenty-one years later, both the PGA TOUR and the Nationwide Tour have experienced incredible growth. In 2010, the Tour opened its 21st season with four international events - in New Zealand, Australia, Panama and Columbia. By the end of the season, the tour featured 28 events and included stops in six countries outside the United States.

When the first ball was stroked off the tee February 24th of this year, at the Panama CLARO Championship in Panama City, Panama, it was the beginning of the 22nd year of the Nationwide Tour being PGA TOUR Driven. 2011 will be the ninth year as the umbrella sponsor for Nationwide, with the current agreement in place to extend that sponsorship through 2012. From Panama, the Nationwide Tour goes to Bogota, Columbia.

After returning to the U.S. for the next 8 events, the tour goes south of the border again - this time to Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, before finishing up in the states for the final 14 regular season events. The end of the season - and the Top 25 determination- is at the Tour Championship the last week of October.

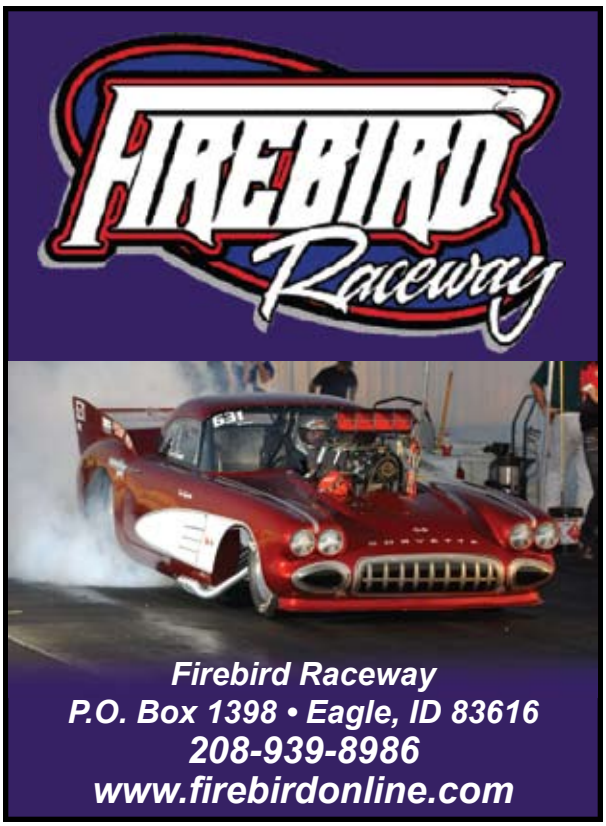
For the more than 200 players on the Nationwide Tour, the focus will of course be on securing one of the twenty-five PGA TOUR cards for 2012 that will be awarded to the Tour's 25 leading money winners at the end of this season.

2011 Albertsons Boise Open Presented by Kraft

On January 26th of 2010, it was announced that Albertsons and its parent company SUPERVALU will extend their sponsorship of the Nationwide Tour's Boise Open through 2013. Albertsons has been the title sponsor of the event since its inception in 1990, making it one of less than a handful of events on the Tour to maintain the same sponsor since the Tour began in 1990.

And to add to the stability and success of the event, it will be held at Boise, Idaho's Hillcrest Country Club, as it has every year. This year's event will be September 12-18

The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft has been one of the favorite stops in the Nationwide Tour over its 21 year history, and has distributed more than $11.8 million to community orga-



nizations since its inception, more than any other Nationwide Tour event. Last year's tournament distributed over $1 million for charity for the fourth straight year. In all, more than 100 Treasure Valley non-profit organizations benefited from the event last year.

The 22nd Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft will be held September 12-18 this year.

Jeff Sanders Promotions

In addition to the stability of holding the event at the same location every year, the Albertsons Boise Open Presented by Kraft has also been managed and promoted by the same company every year of its more than 20-year existence.

Jeff Sanders Promotions has longstanding excellent relationships with the PGA TOUR and the United States Golf Association. Jeff Sanders Promotions has been the tournament management company for the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft since its inception in 1990 as one of the original members of the Ben Hogan Tour. Currently, their schedule of events also includes the Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open Presented by Planters - a new Nationwide Tour event that made its record-breaking debut at TPC Sawgrass last October. In addition, Jeff Sanders Promotions was the exclusive management company on both the1996 United States Amateur and the 1997 United States Women's Open golf championships.

Hunter Haas holding the champion's trophy for the 2010 Albertsons Boise Open Presented by Kraft

Along with producing TOUR events and National Championships, Jeff Sanders Promotions has produced high profile celebrity tournaments, major charity events and the highly acclaimed regional professional golf events in the United States.

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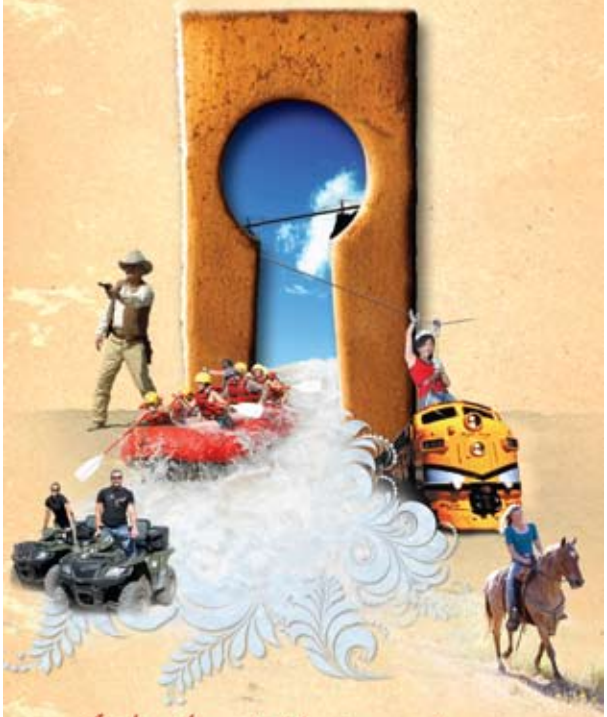

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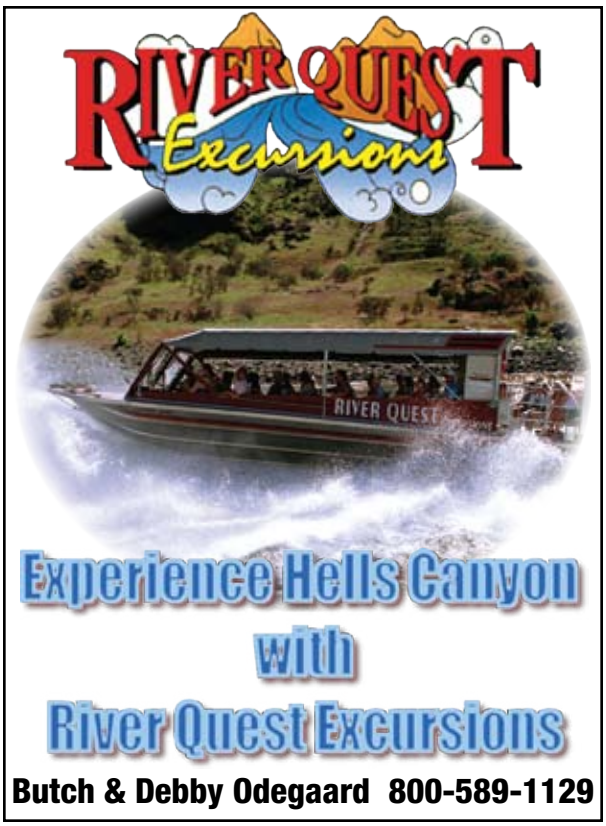
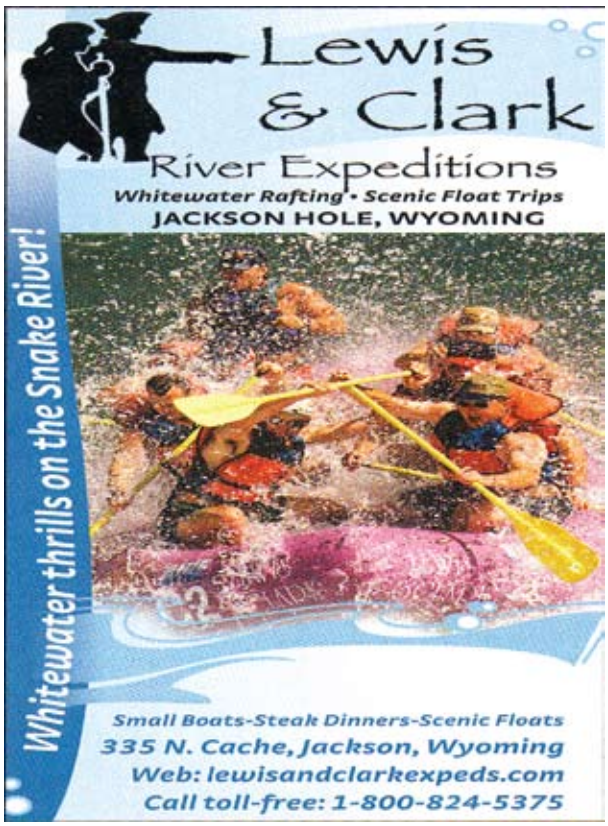




The Mandala Center Retreat

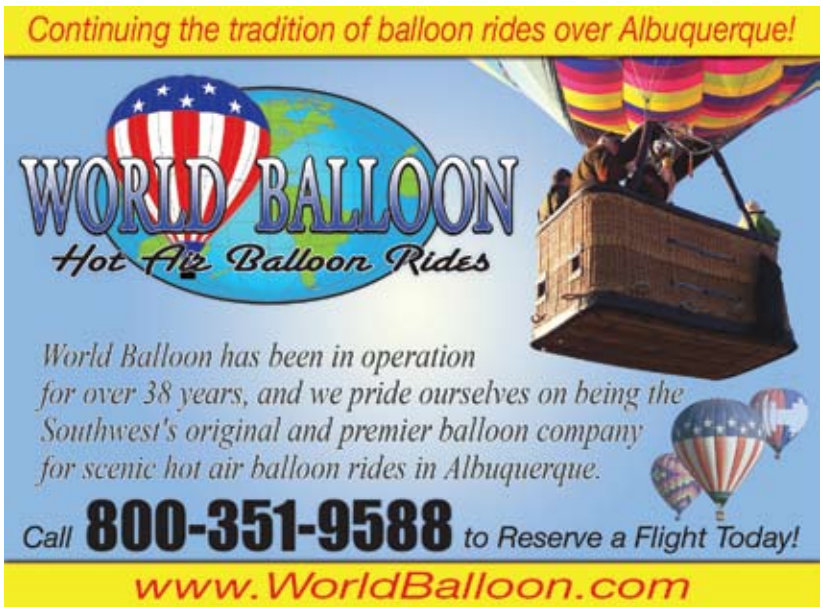
The Mandala Center Retreat is a non-profit facility offering hospitality in Northeastern New Mexico to individuals, groups, and organizations seeking a comfortable, peaceful and intimate environment for educational programs, contemplative retreats, creative expression, and programs supporting personal and professional growth.

The Mandala Center is nestled on the slopes of the Sierra Grande with a clear view of Capulin Volcano National Monument. This is a place for people who seek to learn more about themselves, the world around them, and explore the deeper meanings of their life experiences. It is also a place to rejoice in life and renew the mind, body, and spirit.

The Mandala Center has been host to a variety of groups including, artist and writer circles, church groups, meditation and yoga trainings, health and service professionals, teacher organizations, and therapeutic retreats. The Center is perfect for small, intimate, private and specialized groups seeking a natural setting with comfortable accommodations. Individuals also come seeking personal space and time for rest, renewal, reflection and study. A variety of workshops or special events are also offered throughout the year on various topics.

The facility can comfortably sleep 24 people in the lodges. The rooms have two twin beds, carpet, and a private bath. The Main Building offers meeting and sitting areas along with a dining area. Chef services may be requested by groups. A small library, outdoor patios, a peace pole, and labyrinth are also available for use.

Come alone, take a workshop, or bring a group with your own agenda and enjoy the serenity of the land and comfort of the beautiful architecture. More information and photos can be found on the website at WWW.MANDALACENTER.ORG. Contact The Mandala Center at information@mandalacenter.org or 575-278-3002. RH



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Harmony on the river Bill Dvorak Expeditions announce 28th annual 'Classical Music River Journeys'. A fifth generation cousin of the famous composer, Anton Dvorak, Bill Dvorak has been running rivers commercially longer than anyone else in Colorado. With a personal penchant for classical music and an acoustically outstanding natural setting to perform in, the "Classical Music River Journey" was born in 1983. Twenty-eight years later strains of Bach, Beethoven, Ravel and the company's namesake, Dvorak will again blend with the morning chorus of birds, rippling sounds of the river and the drum roll of the rapids. Guests will join members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic once again this summer on a seven (Dolores River) or eight (Green River) day wilderness rafting music journey with nature as the stage.

Do you want to learn to kayak or perhaps you bought your own raft and need to improve your skills to take on the challenge of rivers on your own? Dvorak's 'Whitewater Paddling School' provides personal instruction,

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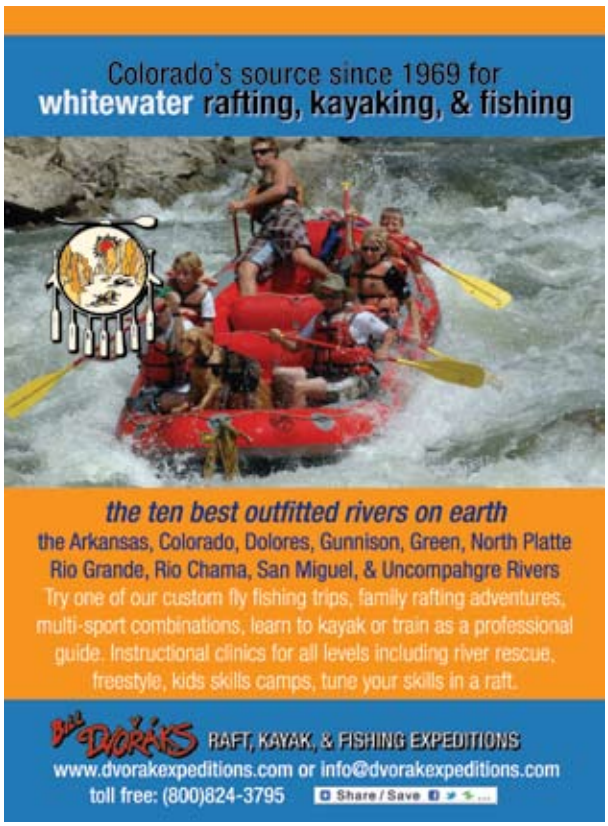
Speaking of rejuvenation, the rivers are exceptional vacations for intergenerational family outings. Grandparents, parents, teens, singles and kids as young as 5 years old will enjoy the experiences available on any one of the 9 river choices. These rivers can be the bonding experience that is a delight to behold. In fact all the trips including the more specialized, have their own magic. It's something that cannot be explained but must be experienced. Those that have done so will understand that there truly is "River Magic" and that no two trips are the same. So given the fantastic snow packs this last winter Dvorak's is ready to "Put River Magic into your summer plans!" RH



South Park City

The year was 1859. Gold was discovered in **South Park** and the rush was on! Hordes of gold-seekers spilled into the **Park**, and within a few short months the mountains were dotted with mining camps sporting names like Tarryall, Eureka and Buckskin Joe.

During the next several decades the promise of riches became reality. The families of those early prospectors arrived and with them the need for improved goods, services and social activities. Entrepreneurs in every field and trade recognized the opportunity, and rough camps were transformed into thriving communities.

South Park City is a remarkable restoration of one of those early towns. Conceived as a means of preserving deteriorating buildings as well as pioneer history, it was opened to the public in 1959, just 100 years after the first gold rush to the Rockies. It is an accurate representation of a mining town between 1860 and 1900. Thirty-six period buildings filled with over 60,000 artifacts portray most of the economic and social aspects of boom town life. The renovated buildings contain room settings and exhibits illustrating the professions, trades and industries that contributed to life in a nineteenth century mining town.

A visit to **South Park City** will enhance your understanding of life in those

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Custer Battlefield Trading Post

The history of the West, a fascinating landscape, and warm, family hospitality: You'll find it all at the Custer Battlefield Trading Post. Tucked in the rolling hills of eastern Montana in the heart of Crow Indian Country, the trading post is directly across from the entrance to the legendary Little Big Horn Battlefield.

Established in 1985 by James "Putt" Thompson and his wife, Jill, this is not your average gift shop. The massive log and frame structure is the first thing to transport you to the past, as the building was designed after the 1877 Old Fort Custer Hospital. Once you're inside, the journey continues. Rustic walls display exquisite traditional Crow Indian creations, including a beaded elk hide wedding blanket, numerous paintings, hand crafted turquoise and silver jewelry, and a large collection of fabulously beaded Crow and Cheyenne cradles.

Next, walk from the gift shop directly into the Thompson's cozy cafe and rub elbows with visitors from around the world. Yes, you may be surprised to find that the American West is as fascinating to many foreigners as it is to Americans. As you place your order, you'll quickly see why patrons come back every year to jaw with the Thompsons and their friendly staff while enjoying a meal of Buffalo Burgers or Indian Tacos. The café also holds a colorful mixture of beadwork and art, and the service is as cheerful as the food is tasty.

Rather eat outside? Then mosey onto the broad porch that runs the length of the building and invites tourists and locals alike to come, sit, eat and enjoy views of the Little Big Horn Valley and the distant Big Horn Mountains. As you sip your coffee, just close your eyes for a moment, allowing the soothing Native American chants from the store's sound system to take you back to the days when buffalo, wild horses, and Native Americans peacefully shared this rich land.

Putt and Jill built their establishment in large part from a desire to give vacationers a better understanding of the local Indian culture. It has been successful for the last 26 years, providing employment to numerous Crow and Cheyenne Indians. The Thompsons have strong relationships within the Indian community, and this led them to encourage the cottage industries of the area. The result has been increased production of beadwork and crafts, while creating a flourishing home economy for the locals. Jill and Putt attribute their success to the shop's location adjacent to the famous Little Big Horn Battlefield, but even more so to the local Crow and Cheyenne people. Says Jill: "We wouldn't be here without their support. They work with us, and we work with them, and the relationship has encouraged all of us to grow."

The Custer Battlefield Trading Post is a short distance from both Billings, Montana and Sheridan, Wyoming. It's at the intersection of Highway 212 and I-90. Use it as your home base for the many activities throughout the summer which include:

- Crow Native Days June 24- 26th, Crow Agency, Montana
- The Grand Ball, June 23rd, 2011 www.1876grandball.org
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- Big Horn County Museum and Visitors Center www.museumonthebighorn.com
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- Little Big Horn Battlefield, Crow Agency, Montana www.nps.gov
- Rosebud Battlefield www.nps.gov

For additional information please visit the Custer Country Website at custer.visitmt.com Or visit us on the web at **www.laststand.com**

The Custer Battlefield Trading Post is truly a unique tourist stop. Your memories from there will last longer than a T-shirt, and, who knows? You may not be able to resist returning next year for just one more Indian Taco! (406) 638-2270, www.laststand.com RH

Baker Heritage Museum Plans for New Season

The Baker Heritage Museum was recently awarded grants from the D. E. & Jane Clark Foundation and the Leo Adler Community Fund to create the museum's 2011 Central Gallery exhibit entitled "Caravanning and Collecting – Two Unique Tales of Charismatic Baker Natives."

The new exhibit will tell the stories of Wally Byam, born in Baker City in 1896, who invented the Airstream Trailer, and the Cavin sisters, Mamie and Beth Cavin Warfel, world renowned rock collectors. Memorabilia will shed light on Wally's early life in Baker County through caravan adventures around the world, and will bring the Cavin sisters' shell collection back from decades of storage to join their magnificent rock collection. The exhibit's goal is, using Wally Byam's words, "to strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end…and thus make your travel dreams come true." This venturesome spirit is the common theme of these two unique tales, the similar spirit that drove the early settlers and this community they founded.

The museum welcomes donations or loans of artifacts, as well as historical information pertinent to these exhibits. Caravan events are planned for the summer, with a July 4th weekend Wally Byam birthday celebration event as a highlight. For information on how you can participate, please contact Chris Cantrell at the museum, 541-523-9308.

"Caravanning and Collecting" will be featured in the museum's 1,400 sq. ft. Central Gallery, which showcases new exhibits each year. Permanent exhibits documenting the history of Baker County fill the remaining 33,000 sq. ft. museum.

The Baker Heritage Museum, at 2480 Grove Street, Baker City, is open daily from 9AM to 4PM, March 19th through October. Admission: Adults $6, Seniors (60+) and Youth (13-17) $5, Children 12 and under are free. www.BakerHeritageMuseum.com RH

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Little Snake River Museum

Welcome to the Little Snake River Museum web site. Located one block north of Highway 70 in Savery, Wyoming the museum serves as home for many historical displays important to the Little Snake River area and is open daily Memorial Day through late October.

This building was the Savery School for many years until 1972 when the Little Snake River Valley Schools were consolidated and all valley students were sent to Baggs. The school district then donated the building for community activities and later as a museum.

You will find the Dr. Noyes Room located in this building. Dr. Noyes, born Dec. 16, 1868 in New York City, contacted TB at the age of 18 while in Jamaica with his family. He came to Colorado to regain his health and study medicine. Dr. Noyes received his license #7 in 1899 and opened an office in Rawlins WY. His practice did not take off as he wished in Rawlins so he move to the Little Snake River Valley and practiced here for 60 years. At the age of 90 he was the oldest Dr. in the State of WY when he passed away on Dec. 31, 1958 and is buried in the Reader Cemetery, Savery, WY.

The basement of the main building is used for community affairs and meetings. Outside is a barbecue unit and picnic area. Large tours or activities should be arranged for in advance.

Jim Baker's Cabin was built in 1873 among tepees of the Shoshone Indian tribe who adopted baker.

Jim Baker born in 1818, died in 1898 is reputed to have saved the lives of 35 trappers, married several times each to Indian women, having many children.

The Baker Cabin was originally located just a few miles from where it it is now located at the Little Snake River Valley Museum.

Blair Cabin John (Frenchie) and Emma Blair built this cabin in 1888 with their hands and a broadaxe. He and his wife, Emma, of 62 years, enjoyed many happy times in this cabin with their children and grandchildren. The cabin was located between Baggs and Dixon. Frenchy passed away in 1945 and Emma in 1948.

Brown House The brown house was donated to the museum by Jim and Mildred Marshall. The house was built by Tom Vernon of Baggs, and one of the first occupants was Thora Morgan who lived in the house while she worked as

The Stobridge-Groshart-Hays House

a seamstress in Baggs. Mrs. Requa also lived in this house while she carved violins for children out of cigar boxes and ax handles, then taught them to play. A local song-writer collaborated with her on several of her songs, one named "Sego Lily" later became "Love Me Tender", which Elvis Presley made famous. In later years the house became the headquarters for the Cow Creek Sheep Company.

The Brown's Hill Schoolhouse located to the left of the Brown house, is home to many items from country schoolhouses that were located on the Valley. This one-room schoolhouse was established in Savery, Wyoming in 1900.

The Stobridge-Groshart-Hays House is located to the south east of the museum property, left of the school house. The house was built in 1882 by W.T. Morgan for Mr. Stobridge. The house was sold to Miles and Mary Groshart in 1890. Bought later by Bill and Mildred Hays in 1945 finally sold to Tom and Rusty Cobb in the late 60's. The Cobb family donated the house to the museum and it was moved to the museum grounds December 19, 1993.

Water Tank ImageThe water tank is located to the east of the main museum building and was originally located at the Douglas gold mine in the Medicine Bow National Forest. The mine closed in the early 1900's. Harry Jones, the Valley blacksmith dismantled and converted the tank to a grainary which he used on his ranch. When the ranch sold Gilbert Williams the new owner donated the tank to the museum.

dispaly BarnThe large relic building located to the left of the water tank includes a blacksmith and saddle shop display along with an old printing press, thrasher, sheep wagon as well as many other artifacts that reflect the history of our community.

In the main building you will also find a gift shop which contains a variety of books about our local history. RM

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The museum contains five levels of shining crystals, mining history, photographs, and mining equipment. Three mine reconstructions, a full-size molybdenum car, and a Gift Gallery featuring books, gold panning kits, onyx chess sets, and jewelry mean there is something for everyone to see in the National Mining Museum. Hold your meeting or wedding reception in one of the spacious Convention Center meeting rooms or ballroom. From May through September, visit the Matchless Mine, a famous silver mine purchased by Horace Tabor in the 1879, and the cabin where Baby Doe Tabor lived for 35 years in her continual search for more silver.

Since its incorporation in 1977, and following its national charter signed by President Reagan in 1988, the National Mining Museum has often been the location of the Induction Banquet, held annually to install people instrumental to the development of the mining industry into the Hall of Fame. The Matchless Summer Series is a round of costumed interpreters, knowledgeable lecturers, and exciting tours that engage people with Leadville and mining. Leadville is also home to Boom Days, a rip-roaring adventure that recreates the excitement of the Wild West.

The National Mining Museum is located at 120 W. 9th Street in Leadville, Colorado. It is within walking distance of restaurants, antique shops, and historical points of interest. In the summer, hiking and mountain biking are available for outdoors adventurers, and in the winter, ice skating and sledding. Leadville is also a short drive away from ski resorts like Vail, Aspen, and Breckenridge.

The Museum is open year round, 9-5 summer hours, and 11-4 winter hours. Admission: $7 Adults, $3 Children; AAA, Senior, and Family discounts available. Info: 719-486-1229, mininghalloffame.org. The National Mining Museum is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Funding comes from memberships, admissions, grants, donation, event fees, and facility rentals. RH

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The Museum of Geology is located on the campus of the esteemed South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. The Museum opened its doors in 1885, and has been collecting and displaying new specimens ever since.

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We also feature a brand new exhibit on the history of the Museum in honor of our 125th Anniversary in 2010. It features items from the Museum's past including the Gold Medal diploma won at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and the flag actually flown on the 1940 National Geographic Expedition. Learn More about the Museum's past, present and future with this insightful display.

Don't miss the gift shop with a wide selection of toys, books, jewelry, mineral specimens, geology tools, and apparel. Free Admission, donations are always welcome! Guided

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Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon

Let'er Buck! The Pendleton Round-Up starts their second one hundred years sitting tall in the saddle, September 14-17, 2011.

The Round-Up is more than a rodeo. It's a community and cultural event. What began in 1910 as farmers, ranchers and local Indians gathering to celebrate the end of harvest, has grown to nearly 900 contestants. The world's best cowboys and cowgirls compete for a half-million in prize money on the Round-Up's unique giant grass arena, surrounded by a quarter mile dirt track.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association named the Round-Up 2010 Large Outdoor Committee of the Year, a title they share with Cheyenne Frontier Days. True West magazine named the Round-Up 2010's Best Professional Rodeo and the City of Pendleton as the #1 Top Western Town in America. Western Horseman magazine deemed the Pendleton Round-Up to be the #1 Cowboy Destination Vacation.

The Pendleton Round-Up is also well-known for its famous registered bucking horse logo. The logo was originally painted by artist Wallace Smith around 1923, and was copyrighted by the Round-Up Board in 1925. The board also has the copyright to "Let'er Buck."

Volunteers are the foundation of the Round-Up, with more than 1,100 people working to produce this famed event. Each volunteer serves under one of the 17 members of the Board of Directors, who also volunteer countless hours throughout the year.

Over 400 teepees create the "Indian Village" each year, and most Tribal families have been attending for generations. The Tribe has played an important role in Round-Up and Happy Canyon (the rodeo's night show) since the beginning, with tribal dancing taking place each day of the rodeo.

The script of the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant, the country's longest running outdoor western-themed night show, depicting the old West as seen by the Indians was written in 1916. Hundreds of tribal volunteers participate in roles that are handed down from one generation to the next.

Today, the Round-Up and Happy Canyon have grown from a four day rodeo and night show to a weeklong celebration with concerts, Professional Bull Rider's Tour, parades, Indian Beauty Contests, street shows, carnivals and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. The economic impact is huge. The Chamber of Commerce estimated that more than $50-million was pumped into the community during last year's Centennial Round-Up.

The U.S. Bank/Pendleton PBR Classic has twice won the PBR's Challenger Series "Venue of the Year" Award. The Pendleton event features 45 of the world's top bull riders and the sport's toughest, meanest bulls in a grueling

two-day event that has bull riding fans on the edge of their seats.

The concert lineup each year has been a "Who's Who" in the music world. Reba McIntire, George Strait, Brooks and Dunn, Kenny Chesney, The Steve Miller Band, the Beach Boys, Rascal Flatts, Leann Rimes, Willie Nelson, Randy Travis, the Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama, Jo Dee Messina, John Michael Montgomery, Sawyer Brown, Tracy Byrd, Brad Paisley and Josh Turner just to name some of the entertainers that have opened the big week in Pendleton.

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The Westward Ho! Parade winds its way through town Friday morning as the largest non-motorized parade in the country, with displays of fine horses, hitches, teams, Oregon Trail wagons and elegant coaches. The Indian Beauty Pageant and native dance competitions provide an opportunity to photograph the finest Native American regalia anywhere, some centuries old, in the midst of an authentic village. A Children's Rodeo, Tough Enough to Wear Pink, and daily outdoor Cowboy Breakfast add to the fun. In addition, the Main Street Cowboys provide the 'Greatest Free Show on Earth' starting downtown each day at 2 p.m.

Western vendors, Indian artisans, boots, hats, Pendleton Woolen Mills, and Pendleton Whiskey all make Pendleton, Oregon the place to be on the second full week of September. Don't miss Round-Up 101 and the beginning of a new century.

For tickets and more information, visit these websites: www.pendletonroundup.com and www.happycanyon.com. Or call 1(800) 45-RODEO. RH

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In 1991, CEU museum crews discovered remains of the Utahraptor, a larger species than the exaggerated Velociraptor portrayed in Stephen Spielberg's smash hit, "Jurassic Park". Not only did this discovery validate the exaggerated Spielberg raptors, the new species was named Utahraptor just in time for the movie's release! Since then, many major new dinosaurs have been added to our collections.

Utahraptor dominates the museum's upstairs Hall of Dinosaurs, along with its Cretaceous contemporaries (aka lunch), the world's highest density of armored dinosaurs.

Discovered on 08-08-88, the Huntington Canyon Mammoth, unveiled for exhibit on May 1, 1993, remains one of the world's finest Columbian Mammoths. Dam improvements, no pun intended,

allowed for the amazingly preserved specimen to be discovered quite by accident by bulldozer operator Chris Nielson of the local construction company, Nielson Construction, in a bog of icy mud at a record elevation of 9,000. The mammoth forms the centerpiece of the museum's Ice Age exhibits.

Remarkable clay artifacts, known the world over as the Pilling Figurines, continue to excite archaeologists and pose mysteries about the ancient Fremont Culture. Distinctive hairstyles, necklaces, aprons, and basket impressions add exquisite detail to the painted clay figurines. Profiled multiple times in National Geographic, the figurines are one of the museum's signature attractions. The museum also showcases other archaeological finds from the Fremont Indians, including fine basketry and unique pottery, works that have lasted more than 1000 years in the desert environment. Displays also focus on petroglyphs, the lifestyle of the Fremont, and their mysterious fate.

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"Apollo 13" Courtesy: Kansas Cosmosphere And Space Center

The Cosmosphere houses the most significant collection of U.S. space artifacts outside of the National Air and Space Museum, and the largest collection of Soviet space artifacts in the Western world, The Cosmosphere tells the story of the Space Race in a way that no other museum can.

The Cosmosphere's collection includes one-of-a-kind artifacts such as the Apollo 13 command module Odyssey, the space capsule Gemini X, the SR-71 Blackbird #961, and rare V-1 and V-2 rockets. It also has on display a complete set of Mercury, Gemini and Apollo spacecraft juxtaposed with a complete set of Russian Vostok, Voskhod and Soyuz spacecraft. It is also the permanent home of the Mercury capsule, Liberty Bell 7, which the Cosmospher and Discovery Channel recovered from the ocean floor.

Approximately 150,000 visitors visit the Cosmosphere yearly from every state and dozens of foreign countries. Named one of the first affiliates of the Smithsonian Institution in 1998, students visit the facility every year as part of school field trips.

For 25 years, students have attended nationally recognized camps at the cosmosphere. Camps are designed for students as young as those going into the second grade and through high school age. The Cosmosphere also offers camps for adults, scouts, and custom camps tailored to any group.

Named an official project of Save America's Treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the White House, the Cosmosphere is known worldwide for its space artifact restoration program including the complete restoration of Apollo 13 and Liberty Bell 7.

When Liberty Bell 7 completed its nationwide tour late in 2005 and returned for permanent display at the space museum, the Cosmosphere became one of only three locations in the world to have flown Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo spacecrafts. RH

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Learn about the history of Bend and Deschutes County through exhibits, lectures, events and audio tours. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 to 4:30.

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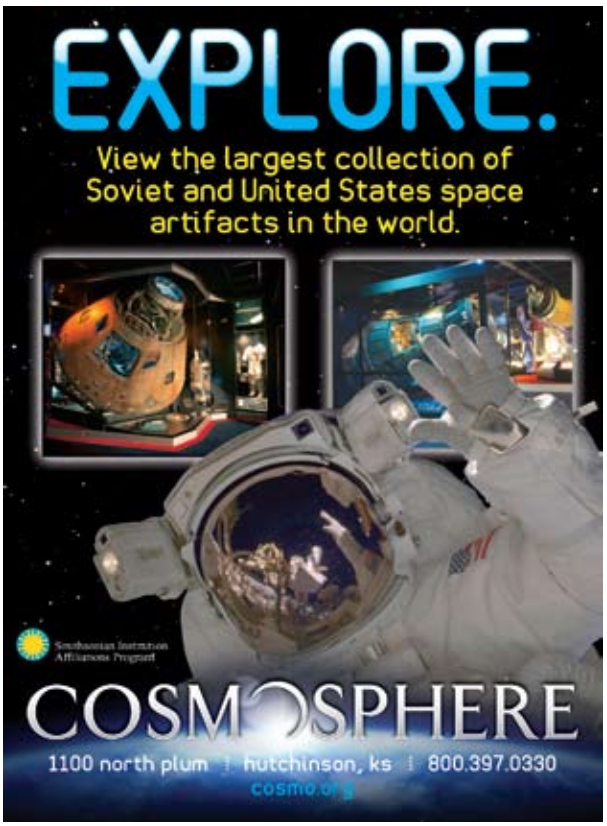

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Western Legends Round-Up 13th Anniversary

Western Legends 13th Annual Round-Up, located in Kanab, UT will begin on Thursday, August 18, 2011, with a Dutch Oven Dinner in the Kanab City Park followed with entertainment by The Symphony of the Canyons, Rachael Veater, musician, and the Highway 89 Band for dancing until midnight.

Friday and Saturday has Main Street filled with a hundred vendors featuring Western crafts and authentic foods. Throughout each day there will be two stages set up - one on each end of the strip - with ongoing entertainment throughout each day. You can also see working antique displays, the Mountain Man Camp, a Tractor Pull, Junior Rodeo, Quilt Show, Western Art Gallery, and even a Children's Round Up. Visitors will also enjoy authentic basket weaving and Native American dancing.

Friday evening honors three local contributors to the western heritage of Kanab, also popularly known as "Little Hollywood" for being the home of more than 100 movies and television series. Being welcomed this year for the first time is the IN*CAHOOTS Band with the Hired Guns - winners in their category of City Weekly's Best of Utah for 2010.

Saturday's High Noon Parade is lead by longhorn steers and is entirely non-mechanized. Wagons are pulled by horses and Native Americans perform their traditional dances to turn Highway 89 into an authentic cattle drive.

Back by popular demand, the Cowboy Poetry Rodeo returns this year for two days, with awards and cash winnings presented at the Saturday evening stage show. Western Legends Round-Up is pleased to announce headliners Roy Rogers Jr. and Dustin Roy Rogers, grandson of Roy Rogers, as the Saturday evening entertainment celebrating the 100 years legacy of Roy Rogers, born November 5th, 1911.

So make your plans for this heritage event and enjoy your stay in Kanab, The "Greatest Earth on Show." Kanab is the hub between Zion National Park, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Bryce Canyon, The Escalante Staircase, Lake Powell and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

The local hotels and motels fill up early, so early reservations are recommended. The 2010 event was chosen from hundreds of celebrations, festivals, fairs, commemorative events, and more from around the country as one of the United States Top 100 Events and Festivals by the American Bus Association,

The website at www.westernlegendsroundup.com has complete ticket and local area information. RH

COLVILLE TRIBAL MUSEUM

The Colville Tribal Museum, founded in 1987, provides a valuable link to the rich heritage of the people who make up the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. The Museum features numerous hand woven baskets and beaded artifacts that are a truly work of art. The museum offers the Tribal perspective and interpretation of the history on the 12 tribes of the Colville Reservation.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The Colville Tribal Museum Gift Shop provides an outlet for local Indian artists and craftspeople. The gift shop has a unique selection including, Pendleton Blankets & Pendleton Items, Books from Local Tribal Authors, Museum & Tribal Logo Apparel, beaded items, and more....

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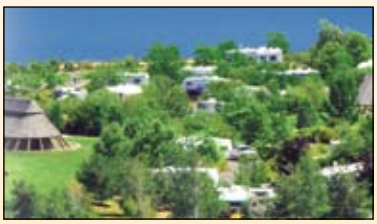

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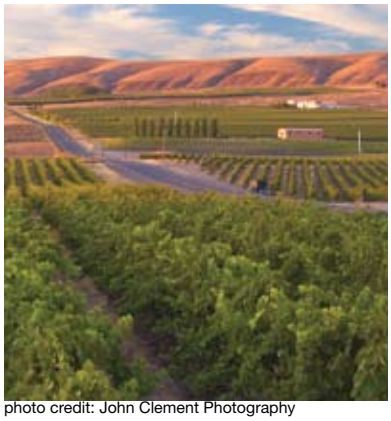
Upon arriving in the desert region of Tri-Cities, Washington—comprised of the cities of Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland—many would question whether or not they were actually in what is commonly known as The Evergreen State. And while the Tri-Cities sits at the confluence of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers, it is located amongst the sagebrush and rolling hills in southeastern Washington where the majority of the state's wine grapes are grown.

The area's rich volcanic soil, hot days, and cool evenings result in near-perfect growing conditions for Washington's wine grapes. And it's not surprising considering the Tri-Cities lies on the same latitude as the world famous Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France. Moreover, these unique growing conditions have helped shape the state into the second largest wine producing region in the nation; while the production of some of the world's best wines has earned the Tri-Cities the distinct title of "The Heart of Washington Wine Country."

Situated at the epicenter of the Columbia Valley, Washington's largest wine grape growing region, visitors have with the rare opportunity to tour more than 160 wineries within a one-hour



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drive without ever having to change hotels during their stay. Theoretically, visitors can create a unique wine tasting vacation to the region every weekend of the year without ever visiting the same winery twice. Here is just one suggested itinerary:

Tulip Lane

Comprised of Bookwalter Winery, Barnard Griffin Winery, and Tagaris Winery, the wineries of Tulip Lane are exclusive in their own right. Visitors can start sampling wines while enjoying a fantastic lunch menu featuring an assortment of flatbread pizzas and Mediterranean flair at Taverna Tagaris located within Tagaris Winery. Continuing on to Barnard Griffin Winery, visitors will encounter stylish fused glass art by Deborah Barnard, and taste some of the region's best wines by Rob Griffin, a pioneer winemaker in the Tri-Cities. After a filling lunch, and magnificent wines and artwork, the perfect way to wind down is an evening of wine tasting and live music at Bookwalter Winery. Known for its "coffee shop" setting, Bookwalter offers light appetizers and desserts, a perfect complement to their superb wines.

In addition to sampling some of the region's spectacular wines, visitors should also take advantage of other great activities in the Tri-Cities—golfing one of ten premier golf courses, taking an exciting jet boat tour of the Hanford Reach National Monument, or biking along the 23-mile riverfront Sacagawea Heritage Trail—all excellent ways to spend a day in the Tri-Cities.

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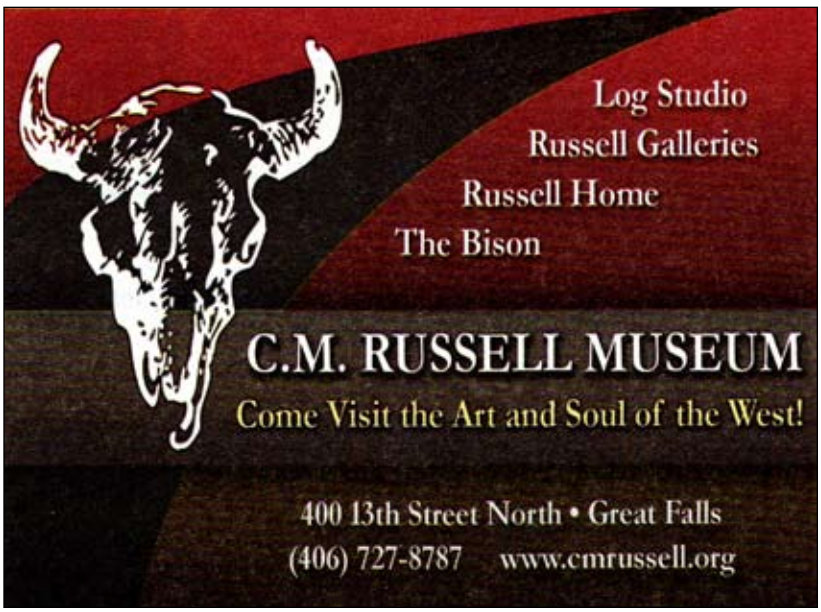
A tour down the Yakima Valley will bring you to several small farming communities that feature a variety of attractions. One of these communities, Toppenish, transports you to the Old West. Here you will discover the richness and history of the Yakama Nation and view more than 70 murals painted on buildings throughout town. The murals are a historically correct depiction of the area's history.

The Yakima Valley is blessed with excellent weather and a wonderful location for outdoor recreational mountain activities. A 40 minute drive from Yakima will bring you to the foot of two spectacular mountain passes. White and Chinook Passes offer beautiful scenic drives from western Washington, or a wonderful day trip from anywhere in the Yakima Valley.

Savor all the experiences offered in the Yakima Valley, the origin of Washington Wine Country. For more information call: (800) 221-0751 or online at: www.visityakimavalley.org RH



McKinley Springs BBQ Showdown

McKinley Springs Winery, located in Washington's Horse Heaven Hills AVA, is a family owned and operated business. We take great pride in tending to our 2000 acre estate vineyard. Our vineyard's reputation for producing award-winning wines stems from our sixty years of farming and 30 years of wine growing experience.

We always wondered how well would our grapes do on their own? For over 30 years we have grown grapes that wine makers across the Pacific Northwest blended with others to make great wines. In 2002 we made the leap into wine making. Starting out with only 800 cases of Cabernet and Syrah it has now grown into a 5000 case production with 10 different wines. In 2006 a new winery and tasting room were built in the Horse Heaven Hills on the family farm.

Our winery wanted to start an event that would reflect the history of the land and bring families together. This area of the Horse Heaven Hills was used as a fighter pilot training area during WWII. We decided a good fit was to support our troops and their families. Thus was born the "McKinley Springs BBQ Showdown". This event draws competitors from all over the Northwest and is sanctioned through the Pacific NW BBQ Association. The proceeds are donated to "Operation BBQ" which welcomes our troop's home with a family BBQ. It will be held on Saturday June 11, 2011 at the winery surrounded by vineyard, vegetables, wheat and wide open spaces. For more information on attending the event please visit our website at www.mckinleysprings.com. If you would like to compete at the event go to www.pnwba.com. RH

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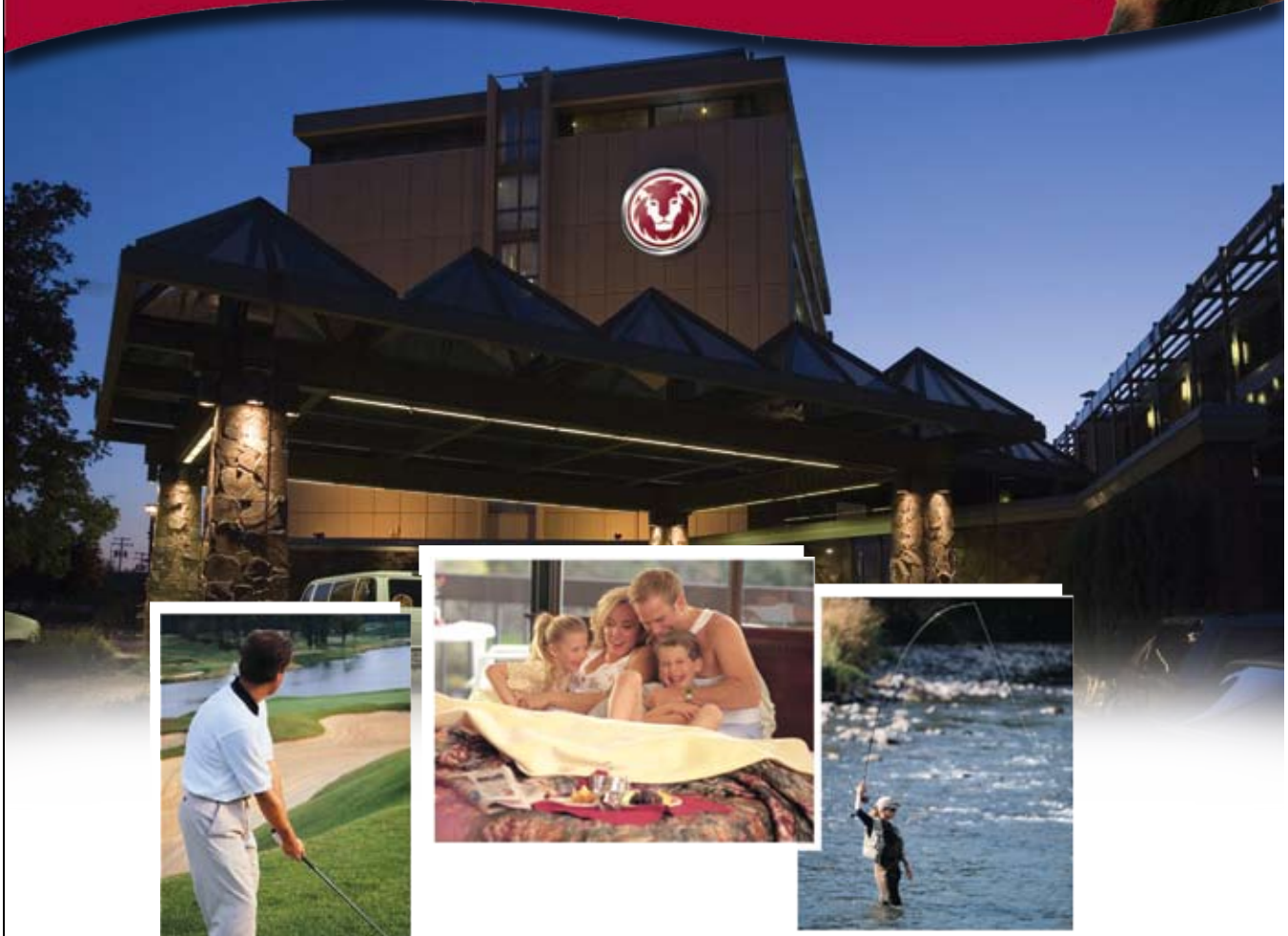

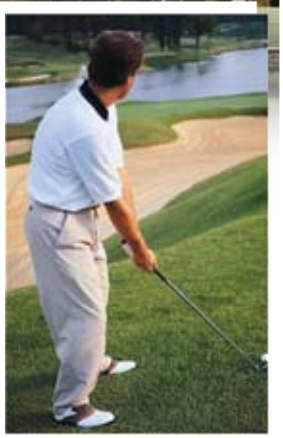

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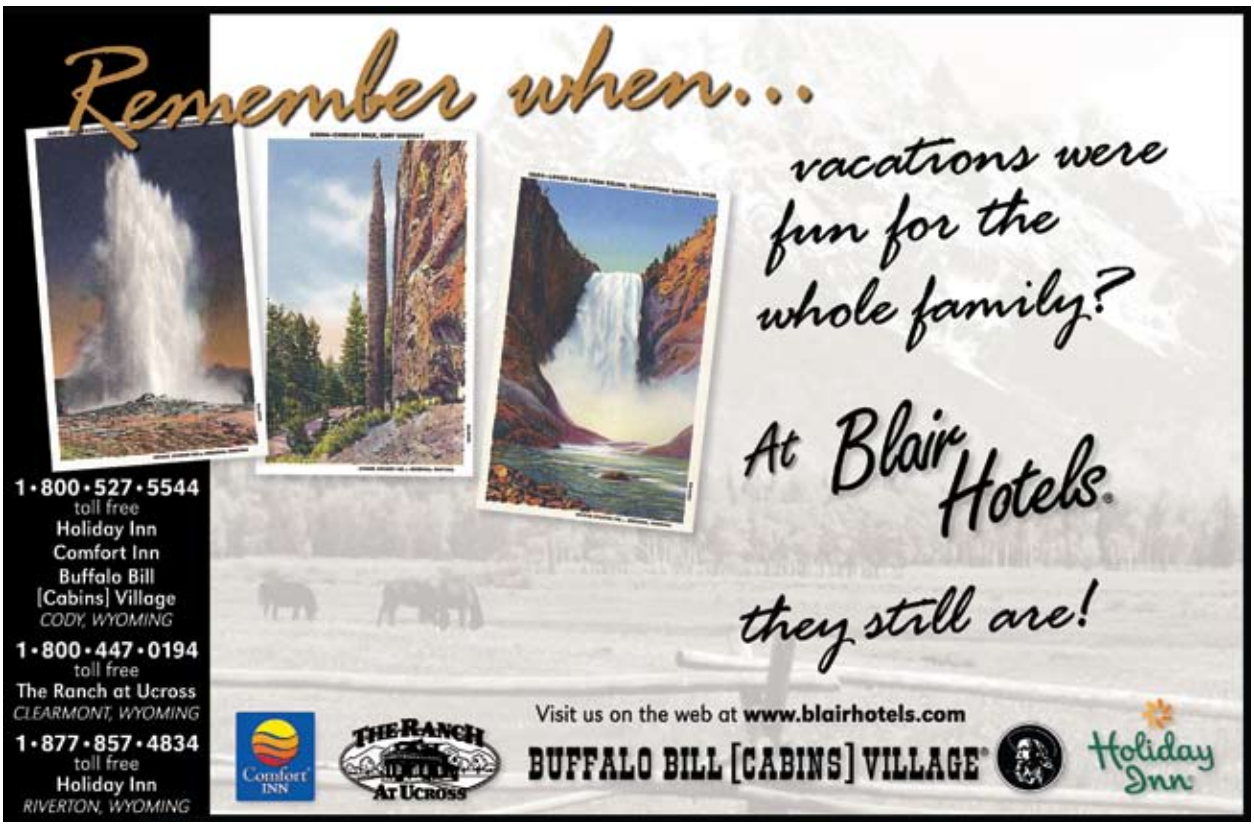

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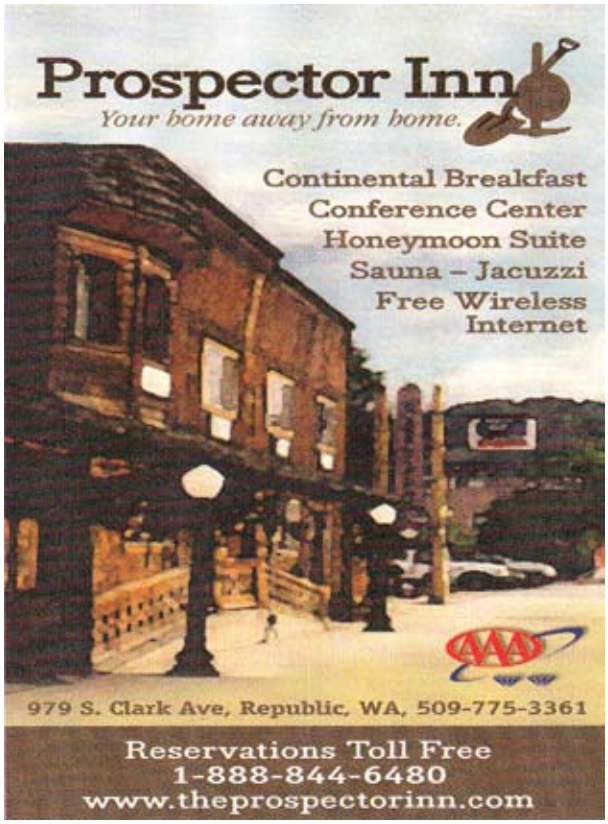

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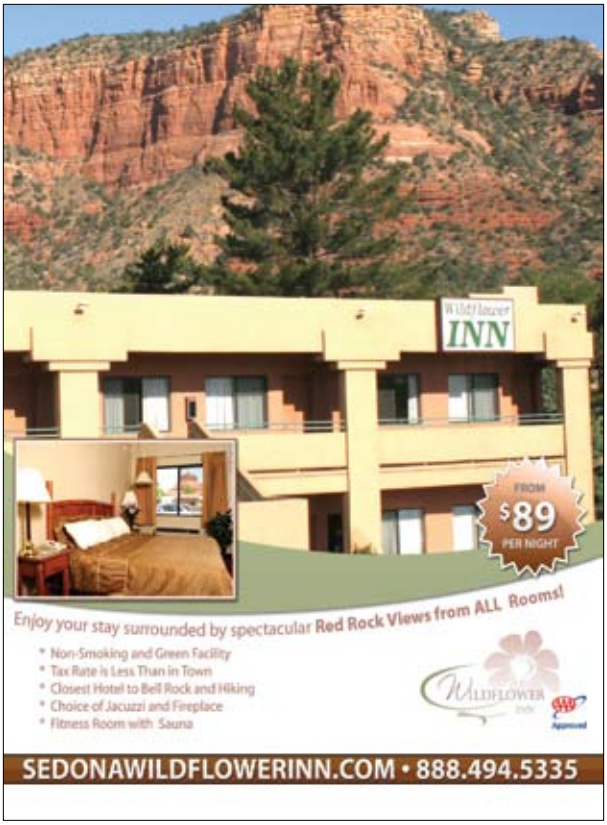

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The Newberry Monument was designated in 1990. Over 50,000 acres available for your exploration and enjoyment. Drive to the top of 8,000' Paulina Peak, over-looking the Newberry Caldera, Paulina and East Lake!

The Lava Lands Visitor's Center/ Lava River Cave & Lava Cast Forest - about 15 minutes north of La Pine on Highway 97.

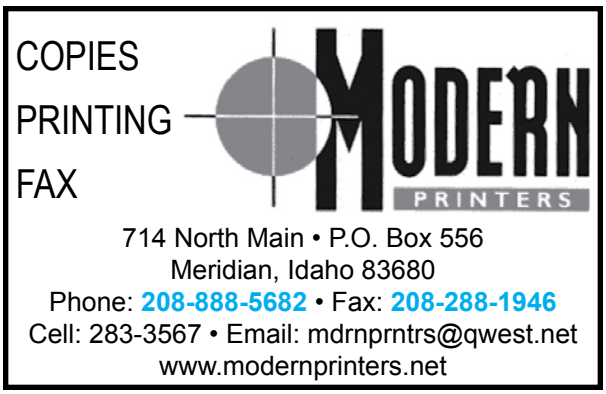
The Outback Scenic Highway - Highway 31 takes you from La Pine into the Great Basin where you can see and explore the fascinating Fort Rock formation, Hole in the Ground and Crack in the Ground. Continuing, you go through Silver Lake, Summer Lake, and Paisley to Lakeview. Each town offers a different perspective of mountains, hills, flat lands, forests and streams.

The Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway - A 66 mile drive from Mount Bachelor, Broken Top and alpine lakes south through the Deschutes National forest to Crescent Lake.

South and North Twin Lakes - just 20 minutes west of La Pine. Enjoy camping at South Twin Resort featuring a lodge, restaurant and boat rentals.

Things to do in La Pine:

Join us for Frontier Days and La Pine Rodeo on July 4th weekend and Jade's Jazz Festival in August. Activities include Rock Hounding, Hiking Trails and Horse Trails, Boating. Fishing and Hunting, Wildlife, Water Falls, Camping, Lakes, Streams and Rivers, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Snow Shoeing, Warm/Hot Springs, Obsidian Flow, Geological Formations, Archeology, History, Mountains and the High Desert! RH



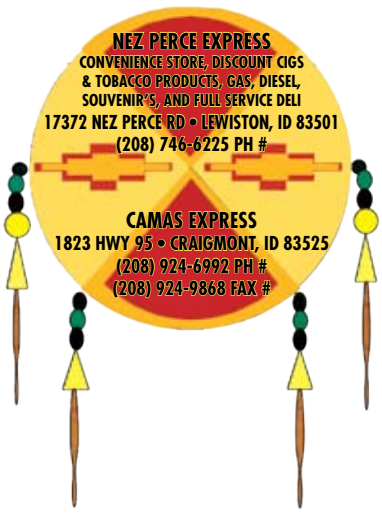
Welcome to Ontario, Oregon

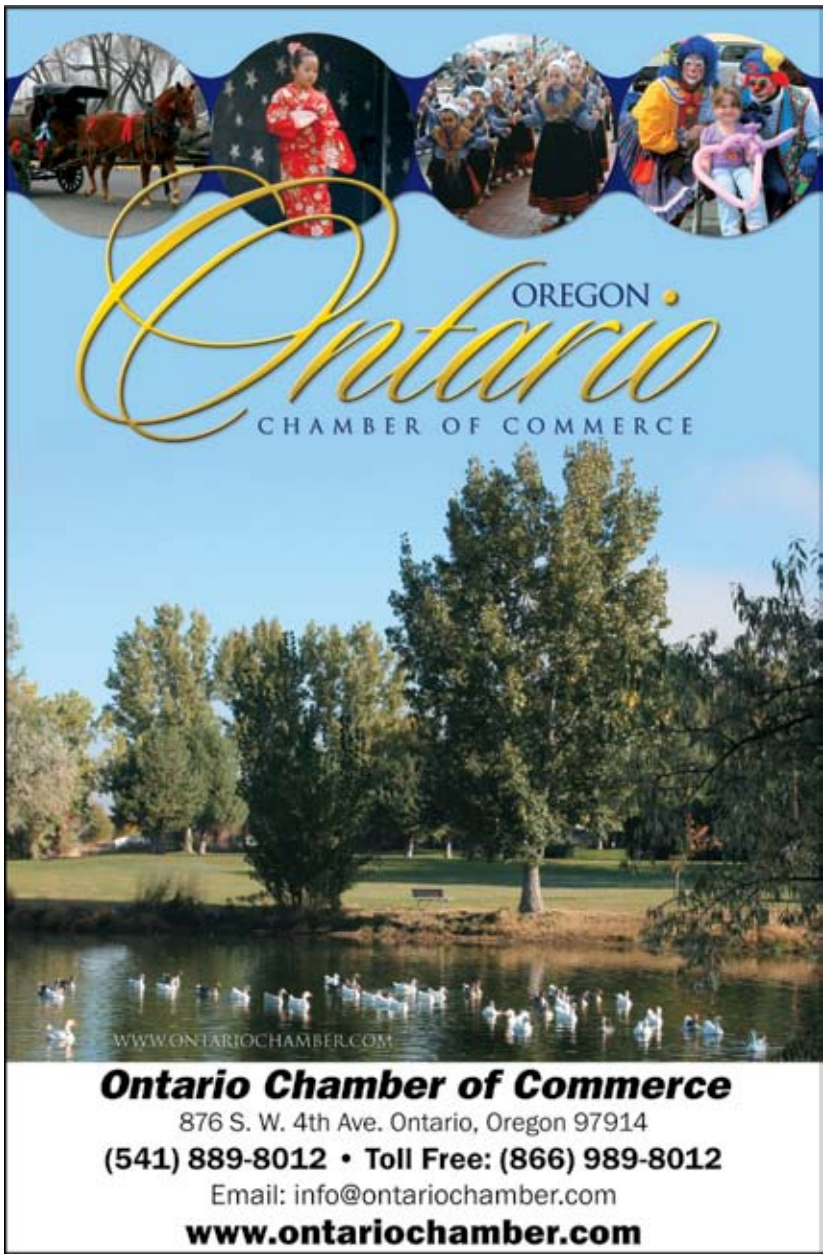
Ontario is nestled on the lush banks of the Snake River and is proud to be the first Oregon city you encounter when traveling west from the Idaho border. Once you enter the uniquely rugged landscape of the Treasure Valley, you will come to understand why many people never want to leave. Those who choose to live here understand the meaning and importance of a quality, family oriented lifestyle. Thus, the community reflects the energy, distinction, and diversity of the surrounding geography.

Ontario is the kind of laid-back town you dream about when you want to get away from the hectic schedule of a busy, big city lifestyle. It is a town where you will find the people are genuine, authentic, friendly, and down to earth. It is a town with a fascinating history, rich traditions, and a diverse population.

Ontario boasts a myriad of recreational activities for all ages, interests and skill levels within driving distance from its downtown area. Here you can enjoy mountain biking, hiking, golfing, camping, sport fishing, bird watching, kayaking, river rafting, horseback riding and much more. Ontario is situated only two hours from four separate ski resorts including the world renowned Tamarack Ski Resort in Cascade Idaho. You can not only downhill ski to your heart's content, but also snowmobile, cross country ski and ice skate as well. There are also 61 acres of lush parks within the city, so there are many opportunities to just enjoy the landscape.

Ontario is a city full of things to do, places to see, and four distinct and beautiful season's, so anytime you choose to visit will be the perfect time. Visit us on our web site at www.ontariochamber.com RH





Hidden Wine Industry Emerging into its Own

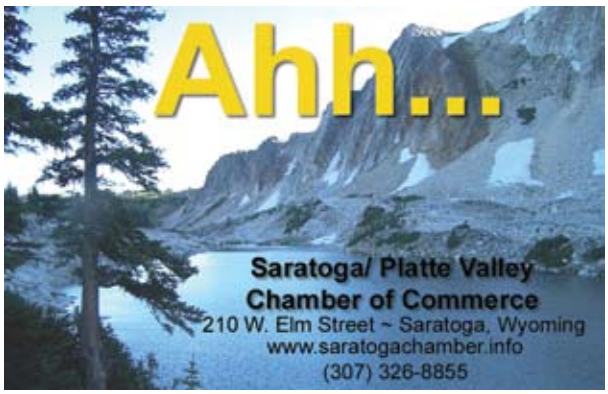
Idaho's famous potatoes have started to share the limelight with another great agriculture product, grapes. Tucked between the Rocky Mountains and the Snake River lies a perfect climate for growing grapes and crafting extraordinary award winning wines. The climate is moderate with limited precipitation and a consistent growing season that adds complexity and uniqueness to the grapes. Idaho grows and produces vinifera wine grape varieties such as Syrah and Viognier, as well as classic varieties including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Riesling.

Idaho has more than doubled the number of wineries in the last 10 years and has added acreage, now holding 41 wineries and 30 wine grape growers. Officially designated in April 2007, the Snake River Valley Appellation is the first registered AVA (American Viticulture Area) for the state. The 8,263 square miles of AVA stretches East to Twin Falls, and West to Oregon, including 12 Idaho counties in-between. The large size of the AVA works in favor for Idaho and offers a chance for growth. Vintners, viticulturalists, soil experts and geologists insist that Idaho's high desert terrain; volcanic soil, hot days and cool nights create the perfect environment to grow grape vines.

Deserving recognition has recently been served to many wineries in this state. At the 2010 Northwest Wine Summit Competition Idaho wineries competed against over 1,100 wines from areas including Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Altogether Idaho wineries held an outstanding place in the competition by receiving 9 Gold Medals, 17 Silver Medals and 20 Bronze Medals for a total of 47 medals.

The Idaho Wine Commission hosted another successful Savor Idaho: Idaho's Premier Wine and Food Event on June 13, 2010. The beautiful scenery at the Botanical Gardens was one of the many attractions for consumers. The event included 30 Idaho wineries, 22 restaurants, 5 exhibitors and 17 sponsors. The environment was full of excitement for beginning wine drinkers as well as experts. Guests could sample a new item at each station. Around 900 consumers sipped great wine and indulged in delicious local food.

With the boutique hotels and great restaurants in downtown Boise, the Idaho wine industry is on the rise having all the perfect elements for a great weekend getaway. For more information, visit www.idahowines.org. RH



Discover Powell, Wyoming

Although nestled between the picturesque Big Horn and Absaroka mountain ranges of Northwest Wyoming, Powell is a community historically rooted in agriculture. Early in the twentieth century, homesteaders

around Powell were rewarded with life-sustaining irrigation water when the United States Reclamation Service established the dams and canals of the Shoshone Project. Today, what was once a barren, desert-like landscape has been transformed into fields and pastures capable of producing a rich variety of crops, forages and livestock. Farmers around Powell excel at producing malting barley, edible beans, sugarbeets and alfalfa; while local ranchers proudly raise cattle, horses and sheep, sustainably and efficiently.

The Powell Valley Chamber of Commerce can help you learn more about the agriculture industry in and around Powell by customizing a tour for you or your group. Learn more about area crops, livestock production, irrigation systems and more from area farmers and ranchers. Here at the Chamber we offer customized agriculture tours for groups, organizations, families and individuals. Area farmers and ranchers who participate in our agro tourism ventures realize the value that consumers place on visiting rural settings where food is produced, and they strive to provide tours that are informative, pleasurable and inspiring.

Powell was incorporated in 1909, having been named after Major John Wesley Powell who was one of the first to explore the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River and former Director of the U.S. Geological Survey. Powell is only twenty minutes from historic Cody, Wyoming. Contact us and let us arrange a customized tour for you! RH

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Saratoga/Platte Valley

By: Stacy Crimmins, Executive Director

In the pristine Platte Valley, you will find areas where you can hike without crowds, hear creeks rushing by, smell the scent of evergreens, or listen to aspens sway in the wind. Want more? Immerse yourself in the free hot pool, where legend has it that these waters were enjoyed by ancient Indian tribes.

Winding through the town of Saratoga is the Upper North Platte River. The Encampment River flows through Riverside and feeds into the Platte River. These rivers boast some of the best Blue Ribbon trout fishing anywhere.

Travel the boardwalk at the Storer-Saratoga Lake Wetland Project, nesting habitat to many bird species and adjacent to the popular Saratoga Lake. While in the area, you can tour the National Fish Hatchery.

The Town of Encampment has a rich mining history, and at the Grand Encampment Museum, you can relive the past through colorful exhibits and authentic cabins. Displays and dioramas at the Saratoga Museum also illustrate times gone by, offering interpretive presentations as well as a beautiful outdoor pavilion.

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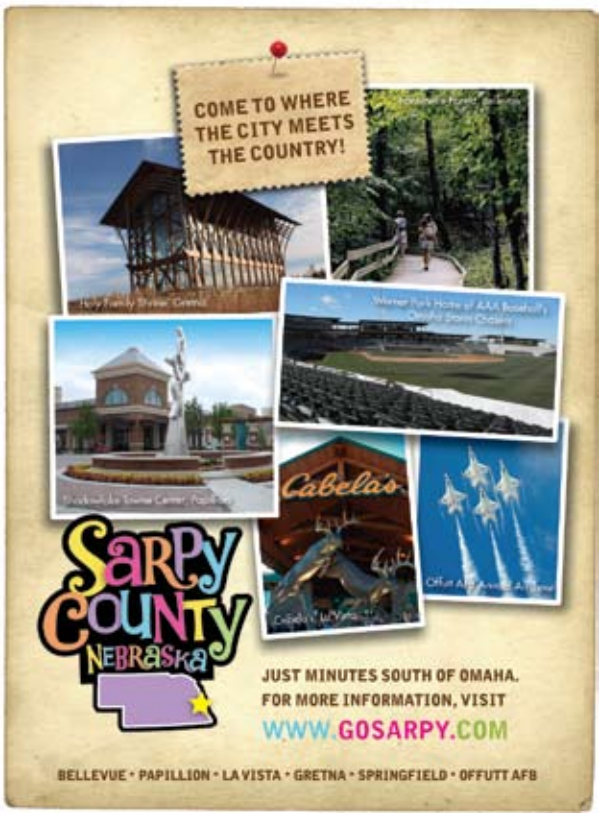

Medora: rock solid tradition continues

Medora is the gateway community to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, "North Dakota's National Treasure", located within the confines of North Dakota's badlands. These badlands – and Theodore Roosevelt National Park--are the number one destination for visitors to North Dakota.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit is a 46,158 acre museum of history, living organisms past and present, an outdoor arboretum reflecting the microcosms of life that began over sixty million years ago. The remnants of life milleniums ago remain in the form of petrified stumps from bald Cyprus, magnolia and palm trees and fossil forms.

There are feral horses, bison, elk, white-tailed deer, eagles, mule deer, coyotes, badgers, grouse, and prairie dogs. There are many other forms of animal and plant life that contribute to the biological balance of this ecological masterpiece.

Medora preserves the heritage and history of a western icon: the American cowboy. Theodore Roosevelt, the United States' 26th president, wrote about the role men and women who moved west to live in isolation and harmony with the vagaries of nature.

These cowboys fought challenges from winter blizzards to scorching summer heat. In between, the cowboy epitomized the American spirit and lived through the extremes of Mother Nature. Some failed. Some survived. Theodore Roosevelt, was one of those who survived. He used his cowboy-rancher life in the North Dakota badlands as a stepping stone to a national leadership.

Roosevelt's legacy is showcased throughout Medora. There are the seven museums that also present the history and heritage of passionate groups that made up Billing County. This year marks the 125th anniversary of Billings County.

History, heritage, education and entertainment are all part of the Medora experience.

In 1883 by French nobleman and entrepreneur, Antoine de Vallambrosa Marquis de Mores, started a new town, naming it after his wife, Medora. In the same year, Roosevelt made his first visit to the badlands community.

The Chateau de Mores State Historic Site immortalize the life of the de Mores family, which has left a large footprint within the community of Medora. The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, the Billings County Museum and Theodore Roosevelt National Park work closely together to share the story.

The heritage and history of the community and county is promoted through the arts and entertainment. The internationally acclaimed Medora Musical is presented nightly during the summer months in an outdoor amphitheater. This show features the Burnings Hills Singers and the Coal Diggers Band delighting audiences of 100,000 plus throughout the summer. Visitors can enjoy a ribeye steak cooked "western style" at the Pitchfork Fondue, atop a bluff that overlooks Medora and the Little Missouri River.

Just south of Medora, the Bully Pulpit Golf Course is another testament to Theodore Roosevelt. Medora is a plethora of activities and events for people of all ages and people of all interests.

To make your plans, contact the Medora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. email: bcm@midstate.net; phone: 701-623-4829. RH

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