

# FROM MORRILL TO MAIN: THE STORY OF SIDNEY'S STREETS

After June 7, 1954, Sidney residents no longer walked along Stockwell Avenue or Stanhope Street. Instead, they strolled down Third Avenue SE or took a short jaunt along Second Street SW, because that is the day the Sidney City Council passed Resolution Number 544 changing the names of Sidney's streets. Morrill Street became Main Street or First Street. Central Avenue remained Central Avenue, but also became First Avenue. Lincoln Avenue stayed the same. The named avenues and streets that made up Sidney's core turned into the numbered ones with directional designations that residents and visitors recognize today.

Sidney City Council minutes suggest that the street name change was likely part of a plan to improve fire protection. The idea for changing street names began as early as February 6, 1950, when the city attorney reported that "in order to change the present Fire Zone it would be necessary to revise the entire Zoning Ordinance." Two weeks later, the city attorney "reported his finding on the zoning project and suggested that the report of the zoning committee be carried out and the proposed street numbering as suggested by the committee be carried out." The council unanimously approved the creation of a zoning ordinance based on the committee's zoning and fire recommendations. And about a year later, on February 19, 1951, the city council approved the creation of an official city map with the new numbering system implemented. The official resolution followed after another three years.



Part of the Sidney City Map, compiled by H. E. Meisenbach, undated [MDHC-2016.001.018].

The MonDak Heritage Center maintains several historical maps that

show the old street name system for Sidney. A quick look through old issues of *The Sidney Herald* (also available to the public at the MonDak!) will reveal the traditional street names through advertisements and announcements. Yet some of the last remnants of the old street names are in plain view. Just take a walk, and find the original names etched into the sidewalks at many of the intersections around the city.

Quotes from Sidney City Council Minutes, Sidney City Hall.

### THE MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER



# Director's Desk

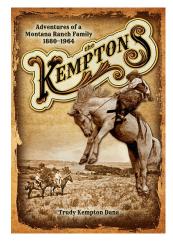
With a new year comes a new look for our newsletter. Check out the Calendar for our upcoming exhibits and programs. Head to The Art Studio section for information on the latest classes, camps, and workshops. In the Featured section, we highlight upcoming programs and exhibits, and Snapshots is a look back at the past few months at the MonDak. Browse the News Briefs and make sure to read the front page for other past and present information, and see the space below this column for the latest items in our unique gift shop. Our goal is to make information easier to find, while also making the newsletter more efficient to produce so we can dedicate more time to exhibit updates, collections preservation, and programming. For more information about our newsletter or anything else, do not hesitate to contact us by phone at (406) 433-3500 or by e-mail at mdhc@richland.org.

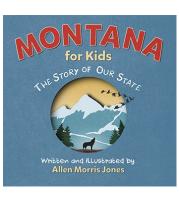
Although we were sad to see the *Bandits & Heroes* exhibition ship off to its next venue, we now have ample space for other shows and programs. Our new **First Friday Film Series** (starting Friday, February 1 and sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications) is a great opportunity to see documentaries and independent films that might not otherwise reach Eastern Montana. **Celebrating Chocolate** (on Saturday, February 23) is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it promises to be another awesome event thanks to sponsorships from Stockman Bank and ONEOK, the work of staff and volunteers, and the music of Sundae + Mr. Goessl.

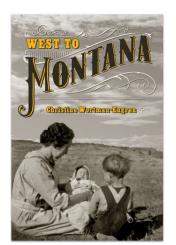
We also have a great photography workshop coming up this spring. Lanae King, a visiting artist with a MFA in Photography, will teach a six-part **Digital Photography Workshop** on six Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from March 2 to April 6. Learn the ins and outs and tips and tricks of using your phone or camera to make your digital photos look amazing. The workshop includes sessions on lighting, textures, colors, creativity, and more. Sign up for one class or all six by contacting the MonDak or go to mondakheritagecenter.org/education.

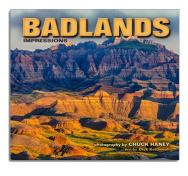
And please note that we have two Humanities Montana programs coming soon to the MonDak. Almeda Bradshaw returns on March 2 to kick off Women's History Month with a program on women in country music. Thanks to the Sidney / Richland County Library, Bill Rossiter will visit from the other side of the state for a musical program on homesteading and ranch life in the West. These two shows, as well as the First Friday Film Series, are all free to attend. Join us!

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# New in the Gift Shop



The MonDak Beat

Winter 2019

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Calendar



Jan. 3—Feb. 2:	白木	<b>Wonderland Circus, by Jennifer Wheeler</b> Closing Reception on Feb. 2 from 3:00—4:00 p.m.
Jan. 15—Feb. 23:		The Female Gaze, by Jamie Azevedo
February 1:		<b>The Trouble With Wolves (First Friday Film Series), 7pm</b> Sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications
Feb. 5—Apr. 27:		Pure Quill, by Barbara Van Cleve
February 21:	J	Sundae & Mr. Goessl, 7pm (NAN, tickets at door)
February 23:	J 🔮	<b>Celebrating Chocolate, 7pm</b> Sponsored by Stockman Bank & ONEOK
Feb. 26—Mar. 30:	白木	<b>2019 Youth Art Show</b> Sponsored by Edward Jones
March 1:		<b>My Country No More (First Friday Film Series), 7pm</b> Sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications
March 2:	J	Almeda Bradshaw, Homes & Honky Tonks: Post WWII Women in Country Music, 7pm
March 28:	J	Six Appeal, 7pm (NAN, tickets at door)
March 29:	J	Six Appeal, 7pm (MonDak Members-Only)
April 2—May 4:		Dawson Community College Art Show
April 2:	J	<b>Bill Rossiter, Home, Home on the Ranch:</b> <b>Farm and Ranch Life in Story and Song, 7pm</b> (Hosted by the Sidney / Richland County Library)
April 5:		<b>California Typewriter (First Friday Film Series), 7pm</b> Sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications
April 19:	J	Dirk Quinn Band, 7pm
May 3:	00 <b>M</b>	<b>The Rider (First Friday Film Series), 7pm</b> Sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications

Dates/times subject to change. Please contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org for more information.



# The Art Studio

January 31:	Bullet Journal 101, 6pm, \$30
February 7:	Glass Fusion Hanging Lamp, 6pm, \$55
February 14:	Paint Night, Date Night (Acrylic Pouring), 6pm, \$40
February 21:	Candle Carving, 6pm, \$20
February 28:	Glass Fusion Chihuly Bowl, 6pm, \$45
March 26:	Macrame Plant Holder, 6pm, \$20
April 4:	Glass Fusion Chihuly Bowl, 6pm, \$45



Paint Night, Date Night



**Glass Fusion Hanging Lamp** 

**Toddler Tuesdays!** 



# **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

Saturdays, March 2—April 6, 1:00—4:00 p.m., \$35/class or \$180/all six classes. Learn all aspects of digital photography in this six-part, hands-on workshop with Lanae King, a visiting artist with a MFA in Photography. Great for beginners or those looking to hone their skills. Participants must provide their own camera/phone. Member price: \$30/class, \$150/all six classes.



**Toddler Tuesdays!** 

Feb. 5—Mar. 5:	Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Ages 2-5, \$50/child
March 19-22:	Spring Break Camp! 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Ages 6+, \$50/child
March 1-29:	Friday After-School Enrichment Designed for Fairview students, open to everyone! Fridays, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Ages 6+, \$50/child
Apr. 3—May 8:	After-School Enrichment Our last session of the school year!

Wednesdays, 2:30—4:30 p.m., Ages 6+, \$50/child

### **REGISTRATION:**

In person by visiting MDHC. By phone at (406) 433-3500 or online via *mondakheritagecenter.org/education* Payment required upon registration. Class schedules subject to change. **MDHC Members receive \$5 off each class registration unless otherwise noted.**  The MonDak Beat



# Featured Programs



The First Friday Film Series features three documentaries and one independent drama.

- *The Trouble With Wolves* explores wolf reintroduction in the West with a focus on Yellowstone National Park.
- My Country No More chronicles how Trenton, North Dakota grappled with the recent oil boom in the region.
- *California Typewriter* highlights the mythology of the typewriter and relationships between humans and technology.
- The Rider is a drama, based on a true story, about a rodeo star searching for identity after a riding accident.

The views and opinions expressed in the films are those of the characters and/or directors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the MonDak Heritage Center or our sponsor Mid-Rivers Communications.



Support history and the arts and get tickets today! Limited number of tickets this year. For tickets, call (406) 433-3500, visit MDHC, or go to mondakheritagecenter.org/events-programs.

## The MonDak Heritage Center



# Snapshots



Kristen Estelle & the Heartstrings perform at Oktoberfest.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus greet kids at MonDak Christmas.



Leann Pelvit & Jessica Newman welcome the Bandits & Heroes exhibit to the MonDak in November.

Hundreds of visitors, including several local school groups, explored the exhibit. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped install it and pack it back into its 22 crates!





Last fall, MDHC staff inventoried and re-housed a large portion of our newspaper collection.



MDHC MISSION:

The mission of MDHC is to engage, educate, and inspire our community by preserving and contributing to the area's arts, culture, and heritage.

### STAFF:

Dan Karalus—*Executive Director* Jessica Newman—*Education & Outreach Coordinator* Leann Pelvit—*Administrative Assistant*  BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Joe Bradley—President Jennifer Blekestad—Vice President Bob Burnison—Treasurer Deb Crossland—Secretary Paula Bostrom Dave Branson Bill Forrester Kim Klasna Candy Markwald Jonny Nelson Duane Pust Karen Redlin Luella Schow Amanda Seigfreid



# News Briefs

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

MDHC Member Tonya Skov won our first quarter membership drawing for a \$20 gift card to the MonDak Heritage Center gift shop! We will mail the gift card to each winner. For the second quarter drawing, everyone that joins MDHC or renews their MDHC membership from January 1 to March 31 will go into a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate redeemable in our gift shop. Limit one entry per membership. Look for the winner in our next newsletter! Thank you for investing in the MonDak!

# DID YOU KNOW ...?

In 1951, the Sidney City Council passed Ordinance No. 166 prohibiting fortune tellers from doing business within the city without a license and limiting the activity of fortune tellers. For a \$10 fee, a person may obtain license to conduct fortune telling business within the city for "the period of thirty days from and after the first day of the month in which such license is so issued." Failure to display the license carried a \$25-\$50 fine, and fortune telling without a license resulted in a misdemeanor and \$10-\$100 fine or imprisonment for 5-60 days.

# WE WANT YOUR OPINION!

The MonDak Heritage Center just released a survey asking for feedback about exhibits and programs. We want your input as MDHC members, community residents, and visitors, so we can provide the types of cultural programs and art and history exhibits that best fit your needs and our resources. Your response is important and helps us create a strong plan for the future. Please take our survey found at the following URL or by using your mobile device to scan the QR Code to the right. Thank you!



### **BOARD MEETINGS**:

Open to the public, the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center.

### MEETINGS/FACILITY RENTAL:

Meet in Sidney's most unique location! MDHC hosts meetings and events for non-profit groups, businesses, and private parties. Contact MDHC for rental rates..

Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G9GCR7S

### **BIRTHDAY PARTIES:**

Looking for a fun spot to have a birthday party? MDHC offers art-based parties for all ages. Contact us for pricing.

# EMAIL UPDATES:

For the latest news and updates on MDHC events and exhibits, e-mail us at mdhc@richland.org to be added to the email list.

### VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteering at the MonDak is fun and rewarding! Help with art classes, exhibits, collections, and more. Just drop by to get started and find out how you can make history (and art).

### FIND US ONLINE!

Facebook: facebook.com/MonDak Heritage Center Instagram & Twitter: @mondakmuseum

### The MonDak Heritage Center

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The MonDak Historical & Art Society operates MDHC and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Federal EIN: 23-7191806. Your memberships and donations support exhibits, programs, and collections and are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.





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Hours Tuesday—Friday: 10am—4pm Saturday: 1pm—4pm

Admission is FREE

