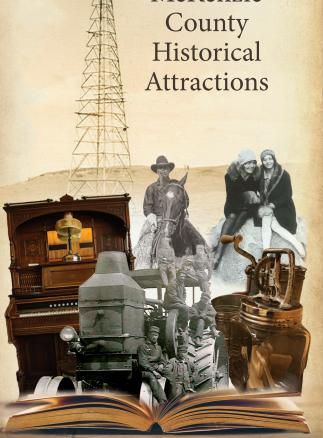
# EXPLORE #STORY!

McKenzie



We invite you to discover the legends and culture at our museums, heritage park and learning centers.

Explore the stories that started here!



# 1 Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County

100 2nd Ave SW / PO Box 126 Watford City, ND (701) 444-2990

Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm \*Free Admission

#### 2 McKenzie County Heritage Park

950 2nd Ave SW / PO Box 544 Watford City, ND (701) 444-5704

Seasonal: Memorial Day – Labor Day Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00am – 6:00pm \*Free Admission

# 3 Lewis and Clark Trail Museum of Alexander

102 Indiana Ave E • Alexander, ND (701) 828-3595

Seasonal: Memorial Day – Labor Day Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm; closed Wednesday

\*Free Admission (24 minutes from Watford City)

# 4 Grassy Butte Historic Post Office Museum

409 Main St • Grassy Butte, ND

Seasonal.

Memorial Day – June 30; weekends 9:00am – 4:00pm July 1 – Labor Day; Daily 9:00am – 4:00pm

\*Free Admission
(35 minutes from Watford City)

# Mission

To preserve articles and records that relates the story of how the pioneers lived and labored in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

"By sharing, educating and re-telling our history, we importantly remember who we are and where we are from."



#### MCKENZIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# PIONEER MUSEUM OF MCKENZIE COUNTY

*In addition to the museum, this three-level modern building features a gift shop and information center of surrounding areas.* The main level showcases North Dakota's largest, most well-preserved fossil--a 60 million year old, 17,000 pound petrified stump of a Bald Cypress tree.

Visit the upper level and experience all the comforts of home...in 1915! View exhibits of early homestead women and the Native American women of McKenzie County, and learn about the last lynching in North Dakota! The lower level includes information of the area's three main industries: petroleum, ranching and agriculture.

Discover how and why the determined pioneers chose to settle in this area of North Dakota; learn of their dreams, aspirations, trials and jubilation through the many artifacts and exhibits on display.







# MCKENZIE COUNTY HERITAGE PARK

Come take a "step back in time". Every building in this park was at one time located somewhere in McKenzie County. We proudly show off the "end of the line" train depot of the Great Northern Railroad as well as the Shafer Law Office of McKenzie County's famous son, George Shafer. We also are excited about our Ice Age wooly mammoth femur bone, tusk & tooth on display in our park. Come and explore our six acres and learn about the great "Island Empire" the last and largest county in the state of North Dakota to be settled!

### LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL MUSEUM OF ALEXANDER

This 3 story brick building served as a school in Alexander from 1914 until 1967. Much of the museum is organized thematically into distinct rooms such as an old general store, schoolroom, saddle room plus a room dedicated to the life and career of US Congressman and Governor Art Link. True to the name, there is a Lewis and Clark area with displays and artifacts to help the visitor understand and appreciate the contributions made by the Corps of Discovery. The museum expands the experience with many other historic buildings such as an old log cabin, a sheepherder's wagon, church and the old local Boy Scout headquarters, as well as different pieces of machinery and transportation modes. Also on site is a coffee and gift shop, James Gang Java, which is located in the original Charbon Township one room school house.



## Grassy Butte Historic Post Office Museum

Built in 1912 of logs and sod, this structure housed the Grassy Butte Post Office from 1914 to 1963. The Ukrainian-type log building was constructed by Carl Jagol and others from the community. The structure is significant as one of the last known examples of Ukrainian-type log and clay plaster construction in North Dakota. The inclusion of the post office in the National Register of Historic Places (1980) is an excellent sample of vernacular ethnic architecture in North Dakota and serves to illustrate the diverse contributions of ethnic groups to the rural cultural landscape of the state.



Pioneer Museum of McKenzie Count

To tell the story of McKenzie County is to tell the story of its people, because between the rolling hills and rugged badlands of this wild place, it's the people who have made plans for the land. It is the people who have made a community both yesterday and today. In over 100 years one might think things have changed exponentially for this place known as "The Island Empire", a community surrounded almost entirely by the Missouri, Little Missouri and the Yellowstone Rivers. In many ways it is true. But if cowboys, businessmen and farmers could have seen into the future, they might believe their eyes today only because they believed this "Empire" found in these lush rolling acres between the rivers had potential. Our story, the story of McKenzie County.

# Come explore the story!



Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County