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North Dakota



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Welcome to Crosby!



Nearly 100 years ago, pioneers built the imposing Divide County Courthouse as a demonstration of their faith in prosperous times to come.

Today that promise is clearly being realized as Crosby's boundaries expand, bringing new attractions like a \$3 million community center with regulation-size hockey rink, curling ice, walking track and more, a new daycare center and splash pad.

Our clinic and medical center are newly updated and expanded and our city and state are pouring millions more into upgraded municipal services and infrastructure to serve growth related to the longterm expansion of the Bakken oil industry.

A major new subdivision, Southridge Acres, offers space for new commerce, new homes and other projects.

In the pages to come you'll learn why Crosby is such a great place to visit -- and an even better place to call "home."

Crosby Area CHAMBER

CHAMBER & SIGNATURE EVENTS

JANUARY
Family Bingo/Chili Night

MAY
Citywide Rummage Sale

JUNE
Divide County Fair

JULY
Divide County
Threshing Bee

AUGUST
Customer Appreciation BBQ
Color Splash

NOVEMBER
Chamber Christmas

DECEMBER
Northwest Chorus



Business Directory

These businesses in Crosby and the greater Divide County area will be pleased to serve you whether you are staying a month, a year or a lifetime!

Abstract Services

Divide/Burke Abstract Co965-6352

Accountants

Kocher Financial, Inc.965-6321
Rosemary Tanberg, CPA.965-6662

Ag Products/Fertilizer

Derik Pulvermacher Seed641-0385
New Century Ag
Agronomy Center965-6875
Ag Station965-6326
Legume Logic965-6058
Melby Farm & Ranch Supply965-4284

Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

Casteel's Refrigeration965-6434

Airport

Crosby Airport965-6722

Apartments

Ask Apartments339-7747
Crosby Flats.612-669-1702
Crosby Homes.965-6835
Crosby Housing Authority.965-6029
Crosby Investments320-266-0823
Divide Vista339-2140
Penney Place.965-6352
Northern Lights Apartments
.612-669-1702
Northern Lights Villa
Assisted Living Center965-6384
Wallin Manor965-5570

Attorney

Elizabeth Pendlay, Attorney965-6036
G&K Associates, PLLC965-8811

Auction & Appraisal Services

Haugland's Action Auction965-6234

Automotive Parts

Hedahl's Parts Plus.965-6891
Napa Crosby Auto & Truck Parts .965-6700

Automotive Services

Bob's Service Center965-6275
Casteel, Mark.965-6434
Crosby Tire and Body965-6512
New Century Ag Shop965-3400
M & M Diesel965-6128
Sorum's Westland965-6812

Banks

BNC National Bank965-6076
Farm Credit Services965-2265

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First National Bank & Trust Co. . .965-6091
The Bank of Tioga.965-6333
(locations in Tioga and Crosby)

Bars/Off Sale

Bootleggers, Noonan925-5700
Border Tavern, Fortuna834-7260
Bypass Rest. & Lounge.965-6600
Crosby Moose Lodge #1209965-6701
Crosby Self Serve/Hot Stuff Pizza .965-6274
Homestead Saloon965-4327
Joey's Sports Bar965-4333
Southside Tavern, Noonan925-5788
Teacher's Lounge, Fortuna834-2260

Beauty Shops

Dar's Cut 'n' Curl.965-6460
Shear Style.965-2888
Famous on Fifth, Noonan.925-3584

Building Service & Supplies

Bert's Woodworks.965-6194
Construction Squad965-5491
Crosby Building Supply965-6002
Jim Holmes Construction406-581-9427
Krebsbach Construction965-6039
Lamb Excavation834-2260
Larry's Custom Remodeling701-818-2556
Lund Construction965-6169
Stubb's Builders339-0787

Clothing

Crafts 4-U.965-6106
Crosby Hardware Hank965-6561
Crosby Drug965-6671
New Century Ag965-3401

Computer Repair/Service

Edge Technology965-3343
KCRS - Jeremy Kessler965-4727

Crop Spraying

Melby Spraying Service, Inc
(Airport)965-6279
Sparks Ag Service, Inc.965-6239 or 6154

Day Care Services

Crosby Kids Daycare965-5437
Cindy Johnson.965-6678
Megan Kocher701-580-1241
Kruger Kids Daycare965-2374

Electric Utilities

Burke-Divide Electric Co-op939-6671
Montana-Dakota Utilities800-638-3278

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Entertainment

Crosby Country Club965-6157
Dakota Theatre965-6797

Fabric

Pleasant Pheasant Fabrics.965-5000

Flowers

Stems + Salvage.965-6071

Food Stores & Suppliers

Crosby Self Serv965-6274
Crosby Truck Stop Center965-3400
Ekness Super Valu.965-6412
Noonan C-Store925-5055
Power Creamery965-6382
Teacher's C-Store, Fortuna834-2260
Crosby Community Co-op
.www.bountifulbaskets.org

Funeral Home

Stakston-Martin Funeral Home . . .965-6932

Furniture/Floorcovering

Garbel's Furniture & Flooring . . .965-6367

Gifts, Books & More

Pleasant Pheasant Fabrics.965-5000
Crafts 4-U965-6106
Stems + Salvage.965-6071
Crosby Hardware Hank965-6561
Garbel's Furniture & Flooring . . .965-6367
Crosby Drug965-6671
Variety Marketplace965-3000

Grain Dealers/Cleaning

New Century Ag - Ambrose982-3391
Crosby . . 965-6371 Fortuna . . .834-2311
Noonan.925-5783
Westby(406) 385-2472
Northern Grain Cleaners, Inc. . . .965-6298

Hardware/Appliances/TV

Crosby Hardware Hank965-6561
J.D. Electric965-6436
Variety Marketplace965-3000

Health & Fitness

Crosby Community Center965-2650
Heavenly Touch Massage965-5483
Lighten Up Wellness Center965-5483
Prairie Tumbleweeds Gym965-6354

Health & Medical

Crosby Chiropractic Clinic965-3222
Maisey Dental Clinic.965-4362
Solutions Behavioral Health . 701-388-4395
St. Luke's Care Center965-6086
St. Luke's Crosby Clinic965-6349
St. Luke's Medical Center965-6384
Upper Missouri District Health. . .965-6813

Insurance

American Family Insurance.965-6319
Brad Johnson Insurance965-4200
Farmers Union Insurance965-6335
H&H Insurance Agency, PLC965-6660

Laundry

North Star Laundry965-6403

Motels & Lodging

Crash Pad & Noonan Hotel925-3333
Golden Hub Motel.965-6368
Guardian Inn965-6400
Old School Center, Fortuna834-2260

Nails, Pedicures/Manicures/Tanning

Shear Style.965-2888
Famous on Fifth, Noonan.925-3584

Newspaper/printing/copying

The Journal965-6088

Pharmacy

Crosby Drug965-6671

Photography

Tracy Brady Photography965-6112

Plumbing, Heating, Electric

DK's Plumbing and Heating965-6448
J.D. Electric965-6436

Restaurants

Bootleggers (Noonan)925-5700
Bypass Restaurant & Lounge . . .965-6600
Crosby Self Serve/Hot Stuff Pizza.965-6274
Just Jude's965-8000
La Mexicana.965-5164
New Century Ag965-3401
Red Rooster.965-6516

RV Services

Crosby Meadows877-217-2142
JG's Rentals RV and Storage965-6616
.or 701-641-8614
Old School Center, Fortuna834-2260

Sanitation/Septic

Circle Sanitation925-1375
NW Septic & Oilfield965-6616
T&T Portables.701-609-9254

Telephone/Cable/Internet Service

Nemont Telephone888-338-0252
Northwest Communications568-3331

Travel Services

Travel World of Crosby965-6232

Trucking

Binde Trucking982-3593
Rindel Trucking.965-2500
Simonson-Oien Trucking965-6158
Stony Creek Transport.339-8060
Gibson Energy.965-6031
T&T Transport231-420-2210

Veterinarian

Northwest Vet (Powers Lake) . . .464-5121

Welding

Iron Horse Fab. & Weld965-6666
Wayne's Welding.965-6038

Join us!

Arts & Entertainment

Northwest Cameo Players
 Divide County Historical Museum 965-6705
 Meadowlark Arts Council
 Northwest Chorus 965-6973

Area Churches

Assembly of God 965-6535
 Parsonage 965-6602
 Concordia Lutheran Church 965-6074
 Parsonage 965-6682
 Peace Lutheran Church 925-5804
 St. Luke's Catholic Church 925-5659
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church 965-4239
 Rectory 965-6537

Recreation

Crosby Community Center
 Crosby Park District Office 965-2650
 Kitchen 965-2652
 Maintenance 965-2651
 Crosby Country Club 965-6157
 Crosby Swimming Pool 965-6990
 Divide County Horsemen 965-6298
 Tumbleweeds Fitness Center 965-6354



Youth dance troupe

RV Services

Divide County Fairgrounds 965-6558
 DC Historical Society 965-6705

Schools/Education

Beginnergarten 965-6714
 Divide County Elementary 965-6324
 Divide County High School 965-6392
 Divide County School District 965-6313

School Organizations

Quarterback Club
 FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
 FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)



NW Cameo Players

School Organizations (continued)

FFA
 Music Boosters
 National Honor Society

Youth Organizations

4-H Clubs
 Boy Scouts of America
 Crosby Blue Line Club (see Hockey)
 Girl Scouts of America
 Crosby Summer Recreation Program
 Prairie Tumbleweeds Gymnastics

Civic Organizations

American Legion & Auxiliary
 Crosby Area Chamber
 Crosby Moose Lodge 965-6701
 Economic Development Council . 965-6006
 Jobs Development Authority 965-6006
 St. Luke's Community Foundation 965-6384

Other Organizations

Border Chicks Red Hat Society
 Borderline Auto Club
 Crosby Community Co-op
www.bountifulbaskets.org
 Dakota Star Quilters Guild
 Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars
 Divide County Senior Citizens . . . 965-6964
 Holiday Roughriders Collectors Club
 Sons of Norway - Vidda Lodge

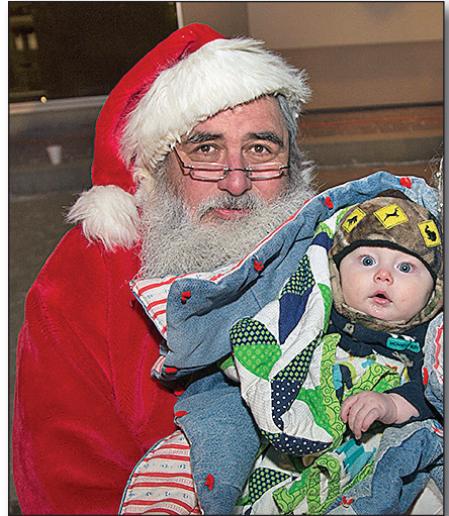


Sons of Norway

Family fun . . .



Crosby offers families a quality education for their children and great family-oriented events, like the Night to Unite, above, held every August, and the annual Christmas Stroll, right.



The non-profit Dakota Theatre, left, offers family-friendly pricing on first run entertainments. The show hall, located on Main Street, is also a frequent gathering spot for kids' parties, vendor shows and other family-friendly programming.

. . . great facilities



The Crosby Community Center, above, is often the scene for events such as the Chamber Family Bingo Night & Chili Feed, plus many other public and private events, including state conventions and trade shows.



St. Luke's Medical Center, Crosby Clinic and the Care Center offer a full array of family medicine, therapy services -- including a pool -- as well as longterm care.

... good people



Living in Crosby brings with it many opportunities to volunteer, whether with the local fire department, above, or a quilting group at church, right.



Giving is fun in Crosby, whether donating money at a Dollars For Scholars auction, left, or giving of time through coaching youth.



From auto parts to books and clothing, prescription drugs, home furnishings, hardware and more, Crosby has a good variety of retail businesses. Summer sidewalk sales are a tradition, as are food vendors selling homemade goodies for worthy community causes.



Crosby is home to one of the largest collections of working antique steam tractors in the whole world, seen above, during one of two parades held each year during the threshing show.

Signature events

- Threshing Bee -

Every third weekend in July for more than 40 years, Crosby's Pioneer Village has come alive with the sights and sounds of an era long past. The village is home to one of the largest, if not the largest, collection of rare running steam engines and antique threshing machines assembled anywhere in the world.

The three-day festival honors the homestead era by re-creating life on the prairie some 100 years ago.

Saturday and Sunday tractor and antique car parades are the highlight each year, along with continuous self-tours of more than 20 historic buildings furnished to their original use including a post office, bank, dental office, church and school.

Horse-drawn wagon rides, a working saw mill, old-time threshing, blacksmithing and a toy tractor show are other staples.

The Threshing Bee is also renowned for its food, from the thresher's breakfasts each morning to the many tasty concessions on the village Main Street, including fresh baked goods in the old time bakery.



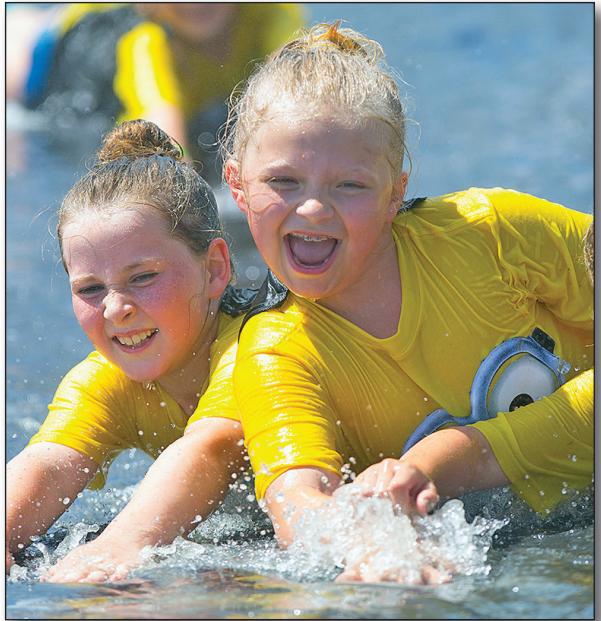
Each year the threshing show includes plenty of activities for children, including Money in the Straw, a pedal tractor pull and more.

- Divide County Fair -

Every June the excitement builds for the young and the young at heart as preparations begin for the Divide County Fair, pictured left.

The parade down Crosby's Main Street always draws a crowd. Young people are attracted by the inflatable toys, 4-H and FFA exhibits, and, of course, the food. Adults seem to prefer the entertainment and commercial exhibits, and the live-stock and labor auction always packs 'em in. A ranch rodeo is also becoming a traditional feature, with events for adults and children alike.

The annual demolition derby is also a crowd favorite at the grandstand.



Youngsters enjoy the mud slide event during the Divide County Fair, June 2015.

- Northwest Chorus -

The first weekend in December is the traditional time for Crosby's annual celebration of sacred and secular Christmas music, featuring a chorus made up of people from both sides of the U.S. and Canadian border.



- Christmas Stroll -

The Crosby Area Chamber's annual Christmas Stroll is held every year on the Friday after Thanksgiving. What started as a way to keep people shopping local at Christmas has become a tradition visiting family members don't want to miss. Instead of the craziness of Black Friday sales in larger population centers, the celebration is focused on family, prizes, good food, greeting Santa – and seeing all that Crosby retailers have to offer.

So much to offer . . .

- Recreation Areas -

Sports fishermen, water skiers, and sun worshippers have several alternatives for recreation. Skjermo Lake, Noonan Dam, and Tanberg Dam are the larger recreation areas offering picnicking, camping and water sport. Across the border, Rafferty and Boundary dams, south of Estevan, Saskatchewan, are popular destinations for North Dakotans. Within a 30 mile radius of Divide County, several more recreation areas await with boating, skiing, fishing, swimming and camping access.

Ice fishing is popular in winter, as die-hard anglers pull shacks onto frozen ponds, bringing with them all the comforts of home.



- City Parks -

Crosby has parks in each quadrant of the city, collectively offering playground equipment, picnic sites, and tennis. A new zipline apparatus, right, was recently added to Haugenoe Park.

Each of the county's other three towns also maintain parks that are used for everything from an afternoon of child's play to hosting summer celebrations on the Fourth of July, to family reunions.



- Winter Sports -

When temperatures begin to fall, the action heats up for hockey and curling.

Crosby's Community Center is the place for both of these activities, with future phases holding the promise of year-round indoor recreation opportunities.

A joint project between the Blue Line Hockey Club and the Crosby Park District, the center was built largely with donated funds and is supported in part by a one cent city sales tax Crosby voters approved for dedication to recreation in the city.

Andrist Arena offers club hockey for ages 4 through adult. Three sheets of ice for curling host league play. Both the curling and hockey clubs are renowned for providing good food at all events. If you've never eaten a Crosby rink burger, order one this winter – along with a side of cheese fries!

Outdoors, snowmobilers regularly take advantage of the northern climate.

For children who appreciate indoor sport during the winter, the Prairie Tumbleweeds Gymnastics program offers a first-rate facility for tumblers beginning at age 3, and a competition team for older gymnasts.

- Swimming Pool -

When the summer sun heats up, the Crosby Swimming Pool fills up with water as well as with young people. On a typical day the pool, operated by the Crosby Parks Department, is "the" place to be for youngsters of all ages. Youth swimming instruction

is offered throughout the summer at a small charge. In 2016, a new splash pad recreation area will open next door to the pool.

Adult exercise and water aerobics programming is also available. A pool at St. Luke's Medical Center is also available for therapy.



So much to enjoy . . .

- Crosby Country Club -

Crosby is home to an attractive nine hole golf course, set in the picturesque North Dakota prairie.

The setting is complemented by the pristine "Long Creek," right, which flows out of Canada and into Divide County before taking a turn northward, but not before coming into play on five of the nine holes at the Crosby Country Club.

Grass greens, watered fairways and a full-service clubhouse make this a great place for golfers, and tee times are rarely necessary.



- Dakota Theatre -

Divide County has a first class digital movie theater thanks to the dedication of the Meadowlark Arts Council and the donations of people from throughout the county. It has operated as a non-profit since 2000. Since then, the community has raised nearly \$200,000 for building and equipment improvements, including restoration of the neon marquee.

Clean and beautiful, with prices to rival any bargain matinee in the nation, the theater is located on Main Street, just south of the Divide County Courthouse.



- Meadowlark Arts Council -

The theater is not the arts council's only project, however. Long before the council took over the show hall, a children's summer theater program was a mainstay. The Missoula Children's Theatre, right, has helped the arts council organize children's productions involving more than 50 children.

The council also has a goal of expanding the community's exposure to arts of all mediums, booking special musical performances, art demonstrations, author appearances, photography exhibits and more.



From the production of "The Jungle Book," September 2015.

Natural wonders . . .

- Hunting Haven -

Divide County offers abundant hunting. Grouse, partridge and ringneck pheasants are the upland game of choice. A multitude of prairie potholes put Divide County at the center of North America's largest waterfowl production region.

White tail deer, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, and even a stray moose or two can be spotted in the area.

The opening dates of the upland game, waterfowl, and deer hunting seasons regularly attract hundreds of hunters to the area, from both in and out of state, with sportsmen filling our motels and campgrounds. Some even have purchased homes where they stay on annual hunting treks.

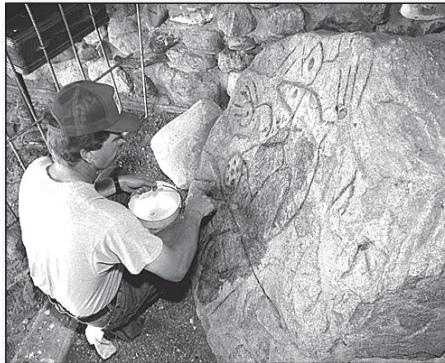


- Writing Rock -

Our Native American history is preserved on prehistoric rock hieroglyphics that have long baffled historians at the Writing Rock State Historic Site. You can complement your visit to Writing Rock by spending the night at the campground located on the premises, or take a picnic lunch. Find the highest point in the park and you'll see a vista encompassing hundreds of square miles – as it did when early Americans chose this spot for their famous rock.

Legend says Indians used to make regular treks to the Writing Rock because it could reveal the future. Some claim the rock lost its magic when white fur traders and trappers appeared on the scene.

The rocks were “discovered” by homesteaders when the township was organized in 1916, and named for the “Writing Rocks” located there.



Many Indian camp and grave sites are found throughout the township, and throughout much of the native prairie in the western half of the county. It is against the law to remove any Indian artifacts from the State Historic Site.

The state officially designated the park in 1936, and 20 years later an enclosure was built to shelter the mysterious stone from future erosion. The grey granite rock stands about five feet high and three feet wide and weighs about two tons. Symbols engraved on the stone seem to depict the figure of a Thunderbird in flight, carrying a branch or tree limb, along with

what is believed to be an Indian sun sign, circles, dots, figures, and arrows. A smaller, companion rock was studied at the University of North Dakota for several years before being returned to the enclosure.

. . . cooperative spirit

If you're wondering how a relatively small community can offer so much, it really comes down to cooperative spirit.

Fundraising for community needs, student scholarships or to help a neighbor is practically a high art form in these parts. Whether it's a Dollars for Scholars scholarship auction, a bake sale or a major drive to build a new community facility, Crosby residents are ready to help out.

Giving to the community doesn't only mean opening your checkbook, it means helping to coach youth sports, or serving a shift at

a food booth at the fair to help send kids to band camp. It might sound like work, but in reality, it's just another form of social networking!

And if you find the community is lacking in anything, grab a few friends and form your own group – whether it's a food co-op like the Crosby Community Co-op (see www.bountifulbaskets.org for scheduling information) or a group of people who petitions the park board for a new sand volleyball pit.

You can do it all in Crosby, making our corner of the world a great place to call home.

... and so much more



The Divide County Fair is the scene of a Ranch Rodeo each year, above.



A youth ranch rodeo, left and above, was recently added to the Divide County Fair lineup to help pass on traditional ranch skills -- not to mention, it's just dang fun!



Adults have fun at the Gala to benefit the St. Luke's Community Foundation. In 2015, the theme was The Roaring 20s.



You could say Divide County goes a little "football crazy" every year, following the very successful local high school team.

Divide County

NORTH DAKOTA

Just as Divide County was one of the last counties settled in the homestead era, today's Bakken oil boom has moved comparatively slowly into this corner of the state. Now, it has arrived – big time! The first wildcat oil venture was launched in 1926 north of Crosby. The release in April 2013 of an updated assessment of the amount of recoverable oil in the region stands to bring even more people to Divide County – with population projections potentially doubling the 2010 population of 2,400.

In 1873, when the territory of Dakota was first created, the future Divide County was included in a large tract known as “Wallette County.” Later, the railroad organized and platted Dakota Territory into smaller counties to give settlers the impression the area was well-settled. By 1891, the land now known as Divide County was encompassed within the borders of neighboring Williams County.

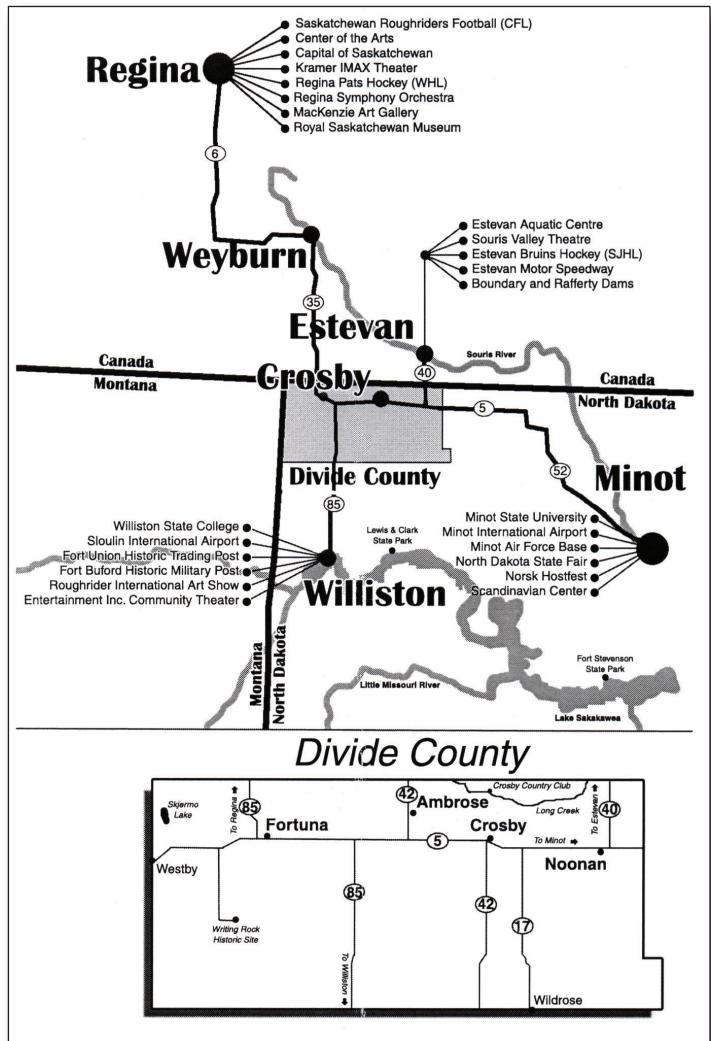
A well-known Williston attorney in 1910 is credited with coining Divide's name at the time a vote was held on the division of Williams County. The name recognized the new county's division from the old, as well as the Continental Divide, which runs through the county from northwest to southeast.

The first homesteaders didn't arrive until spring 1903, but by the following winter the eastern two-thirds of the county was full of claim shacks. A peak population of 9,637 people occupied the county in 1920.

Crosby, named for a partner in the firm that developed the original townsite, became the county seat in 1912, following ambitious campaigns by the people of Noonan, Crosby, and Ambrose. In 1917, the Divide County Courthouse and several of Crosby's most prominent buildings were constructed.

The main industry has always been agriculture, but coal was once the biggest energy industry in the county. After early homesteaders built underground lignite mines, commercial strip mining began in 1930 and continued into the 70s. Today, oil is driving the local economy.

In the western half of the county, the federal government played a significant role, choosing a site west of Fortuna for a Cold War radar station. Many present-day resi-



dents of Divide County have family ties to the men and women who served at “the base,” but it outlived its usefulness just as the Cold War era ended.

In 1993 Crosby established a home-rule charter and subsequently levied a local sales tax to encourage economic development. In recent years, voters in Crosby also passed two more one cent sales taxes – one to benefit parks and recreation, and the second, for the local hospital.

These intensive efforts, including a cooperative venture by the City of Crosby and Divide County to establish a joint jobs development authority staffed by a full-time director, have helped Crosby position itself very well for the growth now occurring as a result of the oil industry.

Location and population

Nestled in the far northwestern corner of the state, Divide County borders the State of Montana to the west, and the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, to the north. Crosby, the county seat, is located midway between a major North Dakota city, Minot, population 44,000 and the capital of Saskatchewan — Regina, population 200,000.

Many in the region feel the 2010 Census count was inadequate for counties like Divide, because it failed to include much of the transient work force. The latest census estimate pegs the county’s population at over 2,300 people, with roughly half of the population residing in Crosby.

While the school census has also nearly doubled in recent years, the number of children enrolled remains below the record served in the current facilities.

The county is served by three international ports of entry, including stations north of Fortuna, Ambrose and Noonan.

The county’s major highways are ND 5, which travels the length of Divide County from east to west and U.S. 85, a north-south thoroughfare undergoing improvements expected to be completed in 2014.

Rail transportation is provided by a shortline railroad, Dakota Missouri Valley and Western Railroad.

In the west the county is marked by Co-teau hills, slowly diminishing into rolling prairie. East of Crosby, the lay of the land is noticeably flatter. Part of the Prairie “pothole” region, the landscape is dotted with hundreds of sloughs that make this a frequent stopping point for migrating waterfowl.

Our neighbors

Divide County is both a gateway to Canada and a stone’s throw from several sites that are rich with American history.

There are three ports of entry into Canada in the county, offering the opportunity to make a short drive in search of walleye, Canadian Football League action, semi-pro hockey games, or a water slide thrill.

A little more than an hour south, famed explorers Lewis and Clark and their guide, Sakakawea, found the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers in 1804. Today, a modern visitor center documents the importance of what they found.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site and neighboring Fort Buford State Historic Site offer visitors glimpses of two distinct

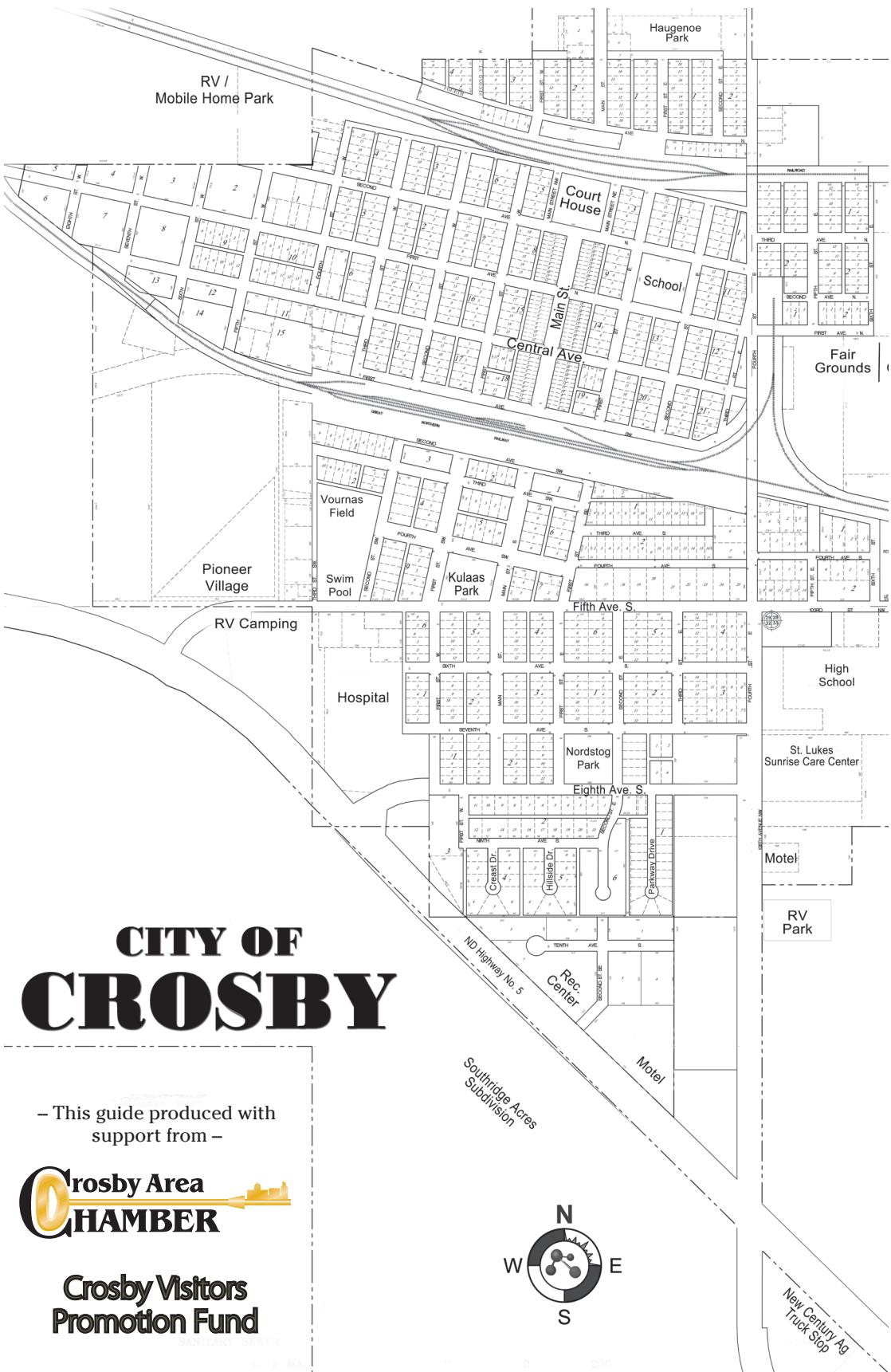
periods in the development of our nation.

Fort Union was founded by the American Fur Trading Company in 1832. Fort Buford was a post-civil war era U.S. Army camp. Both sites hold regular encampments and re-enactments in the summer months.

About an hour from the Divide County line Lake Sakakawea offers world class water recreation for boaters, sun-bathers, campers, and fishermen. Four Bears Casino and Lodge is just down the road.

Two hours east, Minot offers the famed Norsk Hostfest, the North Dakota State Fair, Minot State University and a host of cultural and commercial opportunities.

A half hour north, Estevan, Saskatchewan, “The Energy City,” can provide an evening out to dinner and much more.



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