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CUSTER COUNTRY IN FOCUS ROUNDUP INDEPENDENCE DAYS EXTRAVAGANZA

Roundup Independence Days Extravaganza kicks off on Thursday with exhibits set up by our local museum and is followed by lots of fun. Friday will begin with the traditional parade down Main Street. Festival activities will begin at noon. Activities will include the popular inflatables by Air Jams in Kids Kountry, live music and other entertainment, an evening concert capped by a tremendous fireworks display by the Roundup Skylighters. [>>>Click for more details](#)



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BIGHORN MOUNTAIN VISTA LOOP

Custer Country is home to the Bighorn and the Pryor Mountains. The Bighorns surround Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, and for two centuries one of the few wild horse herds in the United States have called the Pryor Mountains home. This loop provides an ever-changing panoramic view of these beautiful geological formations. To begin the tour, proceed southeast on I-90 to Hardin, where you can stop for lunch, shop in one of the city's unique businesses or stroll through the Big Horn County Historical Museum. From Hardin, take Highway 313 south to St. Xavier, where you'll turn west and head to Pryor, and Chief Plenty Coups State Park. Located in the park is the house of Chief Plenty Coups, a Crow leader who donated his home "not to be a memorial to me, but to the Crow Nation....as a token of my friendship for all people both red and white." The park grounds include a memorial to Chief Plenty Coups and a visitor center, where you can learn more about the life of this memorable peacemaker. After a relaxing stroll through the serene grounds of this park, travel north on Hwy. 418 to Billings and follow the signs to Pictograph State Park. Here you will find some of the most unique and varied pre-historic and Native American cave paintings in the area. Completing this loop takes about four hours and covers approximately 150 miles. Enjoy the wildlife, geology and varied plant life along the route. [>>>Click for map](#)



LARGEST FIREWORKS SHOW IN MONTANA COMBINES WITH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN LAUREL

Laurel's Fourth of July Parade is as big as its 100th birthday this year! And Laurel's Fireworks Show holds its place as the largest in the state. It is sponsored by the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. The parade route for the Laurel Chamber of Commerce's Centennial Grand Parade has changed since last year to accommodate the number of entrants and spectators. [>>>Click for more details](#)



THE MAGIC CITY HOT AIR BALLOON RALLY



[Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range](#)



[Chief Plenty Coups State Park](#)



[Pictograph Cave State Park](#)

The Magic City Hot Air Balloon Rally is a non-profit organization developed to maintain the excitement of hot air ballooning in the Billings area. The goal of the Rally Board is to maintain a free event for the Billings community. Through the generous support of sponsors, this annual event will continue without interruption for years to come, just like it has for the past 13 years. With the continued support of the community, we look forward to bringing more pilots and balloons to the Billings event. >>[Click for more details](#)



ANNUAL CLARK DAYS

Celebration will be held at Pompeys Pillar National Monument Saturday evening, July 26, and Sunday, July 27, 2008. Free entry to the Pompeys Pillar National Monument which is located 28 miles east of Billings, Montana, along I-94 at Exit 23. >>[Click for more details](#)

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