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The World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale
Miles City, Montana

CUSTER COUNTRY IN FOCUS



Forever Country
Hysham, Montana

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Custer Country's first Quarterly E-Newsletter. We sent an abbreviated version out to you on April 1st, as a means of validating our email list. We are happy to say that very few of the email addresses we had on file were out-dated, and even fewer opted out of receiving it in the future. We were even more gratified to receive requests from friends of yours, to whom you forwarded the April edition, to add them to our permanent list. Enjoy our first official offering. And keep telling your friends and associates about our E-newsletter. They can sign up at www.CusterCountry.com.



*Custer Country
Executive Director
Jim Schaefer*

Miles City is the place to be on May 15 –18 for one of Custer Country’s most exciting annual events. The 2008 installment of this unforgettable event will have all the thrills, excitement and fun of the 57 past versions, with some new twists thrown in. Concerts, art auctions, great food, a parade and lots of action have been the hallmarks of this one-of-a-kind event since 1950.

The world’s rankest strings of bucking broncs test the best of the west’s tough young cowboys to provide heart-stopping entertainment for the 1000s who attend. Imagine being on the back of a 1000-pound mass of muscle and menacing temper, tensing with every fiber of its being as it waits to make its escape from the bucking chute. Then, imagine that you’re determined to stay on him for an 8-second eternity, using only one hand. If you can do that, you might begin to get an inkling of what these cowboys go through for a little prize money and lots of glory.

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Jersey Lilly Saloon
Ingomar, Montana

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THE GETAWAY

A 2-day Great Escape into the clean air, endless skies, and a kaleidoscope of badlands, flatlands, and highlands that includes history, culture, trophy fishing, and a really great steak. If you want to enjoy continuously-changing scenery, travel north on Highway 87 out of Billings and drive to Roundup and the beautiful Bull Mountains. While not the highest mountain range in Montana, the Bulls offer some of the most scenic vistas in the state. Roundup offers shopping of all kinds, two museums and their scenic “River Walk.”

From Roundup, drive east on Highway 12 and take in some of the unusual sandstone structures visible along the route. Be sure to stop in Ingomar, once one of the world's leading sheep-producing regions, and home today to the historic Jersey Lilly Saloon. This rustic 100-plus-year-old building is a great place to have lunch or a snack. Be sure to try the "Best Cowboy Beans in the West" and their "sheep-herders' hors d'ouvres." If you call ahead, you can even arrange to take a ride on a real horse-drawn stagecoach to see the buffalo herd that calls the area home. You can even stay overnight at the Bunk 'n' Biscuit B&B.

Proceeding south and east on highway 12 brings you to Forsyth, county seat of Rosebud County and the site of one of the most beautiful courthouses in Montana. Forsyth is also home every year to the "Matthew Quigley Buffalo Rifle Match " where over 500 participants, many dressed in 19th century garb, shoot original and replica black powder rifles at metal silhouette targets up to 1/2 mile away. Additionally, Forsyth is a hub for railroad traffic hauling coal and grain from the plains of Montana to destinations throughout the world. You'll also want to stop at the Rosebud County Museum to view some of their unusual collections.



Terry Badland
Terry, Montana

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DIRECTOR'S PICK

There are many unique experiences in Custer Country, but for anyone interested in history, wildlife watching, photography or just great scenery, Terry is a great place to spend some time. The Evelyn Cameron Gallery is dedicated to its namesake, one of Montana's most famous photographers. "Lady Cameron," as she is known in the area, chronicled the life and times of early 20th-century life on the open plains of eastern Montana. There is no more complete look at early frontier life than the collection left by Lady Cameron.

The Terry Badlands is also a stop on Custer Country's Southeast Montana Birding Trail. By following the Big Sky Backcountry Byway, a new 2-lane blacktop road, you have a great opportunity to see deer, antelope, eagles, foxes, coyotes and scores of other species of wildlife in their native habitat. Terry's residents are always willing to give you information about other great sites and activities in the area. It's just mile off of I-94 and it's a great place to eat a meal, relive history or just engage in some friendly conversation.

We want to hear from you. Please share with us your unique experiences in Custer Country. Send your story to kung@cynroc.com, it may be selected as a feature in our next E-newsletter.

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