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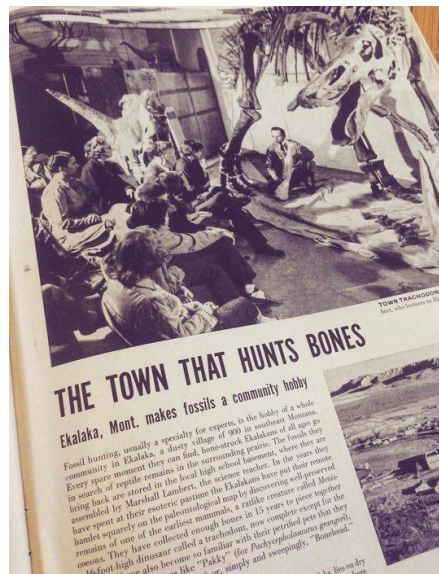
10 Years of the Dino Shindig at Carter County Museum

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THE Annual Dino Shindig celebrates its 10th anniversary this year on July 23-24. The event, which involves two fun-filled days of fossil discussion and discovery, has its roots in the longtime fossil history of Carter County and chronicles the many museums and academic institutions that have worked in this area for over a century.

A hundred years ago the biggest museums in the United States were young and eager to fill their exhibit halls with America's most impressive and mysterious creatures: dinosaurs. As the nation's paleontologists ventured out into the "Wild Woolly West" to hunt for bones, they discovered that local wool ranchers already knew where to dig.

Ekalaka enthusiasts were all too happy to learn how to dig, preserve and display locally discovered fossils from the likes of Professor Riggs of the Chicago Field Museum. Professors from New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities would follow, digging out new dinosaur



discoveries to display to the American public, while also piecing together the long-lost history of the dinosaurs. Residents of Ekalaka, along with the nation's top scientists, were discovering that the road to the badlands of nowhere actually rolled through rocks preserving the extinction event that wiped out the mighty dinosaurs.

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EKALAKA, MONTANA
*WHERE THE DINOSAURS
THE DINO*





A truck and trailer in front of Carter County High School during the 1938 Limited Safari.
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The Carter County Geological Society was formed to preserve these national resources, and built the Carter County Museum to display the area's rich history. The relationship between the museum and visiting paleontologists continued, especially as the museum began operating field digs under Walter Peck and Marshall Lambert.

In 2013, the Carter County Museum held the first annual Dino Shindig and invited visiting paleontologists to share their research on specimens from Carter County and Montana, a tradition that continues today.

This year, festivities start on Thursday, July 21, with sunset yoga and a Dark Sky Event at Medicine Rocks State Park, led by Steve Hobe. Yoga begins at 8 p.m., followed by activities and guided stargazing. There will be 12 speakers at the event on July 23, including Dr. Jingmai O'Connor (Chicago Field Museum), Dr. John Scannella (Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman), Dr. Lydia Tackett (North Dakota State University), and Dr. Greg Wilson-Mantilla (Burke Museum, Seattle). ZooMontana will have a booth with live animals on the museum lawn, and there will be demonstrations of paleo-art, fossil

MORE INFORMATION

A full speaker list will be released on cartercountymuseum.org.

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preparation and robo-rex. Kids activities include crafts, face painting, dinosaur golf and more! Admission to the July 23 events is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. After sunset, participants can join in a street dance in front of the Dawghouse Pub and a Bat Walk around town, put on by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

On July 24, the Carter County Museum and Montana State Parks will co-host picnic presentations at Medicine Rocks State Park. Pack a lunch and join us as we learn from Dr. Tim Urbaniak (Billings) about the historic inscriptions in the park, and discover Pleistocene mammals with a team from the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture.

Festivities will close with a nature hike through the park. Events at Medicine Rocks State Park are free and open to the public. RM



5 fun summer family activities

1. Construct a backyard obstacle course with hula hoops, hoses, boxes and other things you find around the house. Everyone takes a turn running it, and the fastest time wins a prize. Prizes could be extra screen time, a day without chores or a movie night!

2. Go camping in the backyard! Pitch a tent or sleep underneath the stars. If you have a trampoline, roll out the sleeping bags and sleep on it. It keeps away any critters who may want to join you.

3. Plan a bike parade. Encourage your kids to decorate their bikes, scooters and trikes with streamers, stickers and flags, and then let them cruise around the neighborhood. Horns and bells would be great additions to their rides!

4. Create bird feeders. Use sticks and coat them in peanut butter and roll them in bird seed. Tie them together and hang them where your kids can watch the birds have their feast.

5. Teach your kids how to cook. Start with easy things such as no-bake cookies and grilled cheese!

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4TH OF July

