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14TH ANNUAL

DINO SHINDIG

More than just dinosaurs at this year's event

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JOIN us for Carter County Museum's 14th Annual Dino Shindig on July 25-26. Each year at the end of July, paleontologists from all over the world journey to Ekalaka to share cutting-edge research in a public forum, augmented by dinosaur-based kids' activities, new exhibits at the Carter County Museum, a robotic t. rex jaw demonstration, street dance, ranch rodeo and more. This year we are celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Carter County Geological Society, and 100 years of our museum building!

There will be a total of 18 speakers over the two-day period, which is our largest lineup yet! Returning speakers include fan favorites such as Dr. Thomas Holtz (University of Maryland specializing in tyrannosaurs), Dr. Jingmai O'Connor (Chicago Field Museum, specializing in the evolution of birds), Dr. John Scannella (Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, specializing in triceratops), and Dr. Sarah Keenan (South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City, SD), who will be sharing her recent experience designing geology curricu-



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lum for a school in Kenya as part of a Fulbright Fellowship!

We are excited to announce several new speakers, including Dr. Victoria McCoy, Mindy Householder and Dr. Lawrence Bradley, who will speak on Saturday, July 25. Dr. McCoy is an

assistant professor of geosciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She will speak about her work on plant-insect interactions in the fossil record. Dr. McCoy received her doctorate from Yale University. Her research has focused on biomolecular fossil-



ization and using them to investigate paleoecology. Her work also encompasses amber preservation and the famous Mazon Creek Fossil locality.

Mindy Householder is a preparator at the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and she will be speaking about her work on "Dakota," a dinosaur mummy found in North Dakota. Mindy has been a preparator with the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Burpee Museum of Natural History, as well as serving as the Chief Preparator at Badlands National Park.

Dr. Lawrence Bradley holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is an adjunct professor there. Dr. Bradley's research focuses on the history of fossil dispossession from tribal lands and has published a book on this subject titled "Dinosaurs and Indians: paleontology resource dispossession from Sioux lands." He will speak about this research and his connection to this history.

Tickets for the Saturday talks can be purchased at the Carter County Museum or at the talk location, 411 E. Cleveland St. in Ekalaka.

On Sunday, July 26, we are trying something new with the Science & Cultural History Gathering at Medicine Rocks State Park. This year's theme will highlight the cultural impacts of horses in North America as part of the Carter County Museum's Montana 250 Grant project.

At 10 a.m. we will co-host a nature hike with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, which will begin at the Group Use Area at the Dalton Trailhead. At 11 a.m., join us back at the Group Use

July 25th 9am—5pm

\$7 Children | \$10 Adults

Featuring lectures from leading paleontologists, fun kids activities, a robo rex, ranch rodeo and street dance!

July 26th 10am—2pm

Free Event

Science & Cultural History Gathering at Medicine Rocks State Park, with lectures, fossil activities, and a hike!

Extend your stay and join us on July 23 at 8 p.m. for yoga, a bat walk and stargazing, and July 24 for an art workshop and SCIFriday with special guests from Museum of the Rockies!

Named

**Montana's
Event of the Year**



Area for Douglas "Dougie" Hall and his presentation on Good Medicine Bucking Horses. From Browning, Dougie grew up around horses and traveled with his father and uncle on the Indian Relay circuit, falling in love with bronc riding at the age of 5. Today he is a social media influencer, bucking horse breeder, motivational speaker and actor, most recently starring in a recurring role on the TV show Landman. Dougie will share stories and talk about founding Good Medicine Bucking Horses.

At 11:30 a.m., Dr. Tim Urbaniak (Billings) will give a lecture on horse

motifs in Montana rock art, followed by Dr. Brody Hovatter and Abby Waller of the University of Washington, who will share about prehistoric mammals found in the Medicine Rocks area. At 1 p.m., learners of all ages will be invited to participate in sorting microsite fossils and partaking in horse-themed kids activities sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming.

A full speaker list, ticket information, and schedule will be released by July 1 on cartercountymuseum.org/dino-shindig. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for further information. 