

Crypt Keeper breaks record

Crypt Keeper Haunted House in Belfield sets records for Halloween season

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The Crypt Keepers Haunted House has been scaring audiences and visitors for more than five years, and from September through Halloween night 2025, over 1,500 thrill-seekers passed through the setup at 201 Hwy. 10 W., with screams and howls echoing throughout the event. The group has about 30 performers, ranging in age from 6 to 85 years old, and the winding twists and

turns offer a scare-a-second for those who enter the maze, from a clown room to a frightening corn-stalk section designed to disorient. The haunted house workers also provide spooky songs along the way, with chainsaws, skeletons, and balloons thrown in for good measure.

“It was a really good year this year, and for the overall season, we definitely broke some personal records,” said organizer Ashley Gross. “The groups coming through were great, and a lot of my crew feed off the energy the groups put out – like their screams and being scared and stuff like that – and the energy was just great this year, it was unbelievable.”

The Oct. 25 crowd set a record with 454 people coming through, and Halloween night saw more than 320 people enter the spooky surroundings. Among them was the terrified Avah Walken, a Dickinson resident who made the trek west to enjoy the frights and

fun. “There were just so many actors coming from every direction. They were right in your face, out of the blue, grabbing your ankles, and I just didn’t expect that,” she said.

Her friend, Grace Mayer, echoed those sentiments, adding, “I was terrified, but I knew I had to comfort her (Walken), and that’s okay. It’s like you’re literally in a different place, and it didn’t even feel real. I was so scared ... and I lost my wig.”

A group of young men led by Dickinsonian Landon Gelsinger said the haunted house was good, adding, “It was jumpy.” His friend Jesse Hammond said his favorite part was, “There was a person who was probably about hip-high, and I stepped on him, and then he grabbed me.”

Rich Roller, also from Dickinson, added, “For it being my first time in a haunted house, it was pretty good,” while his friend Aiden said, “I found it very enjoyable. There

were definitely a lot of scares that could get you, and I’ll come back next year.”

The Crypt Keepers group begins construction in early September, and it takes between 10 and 15 minutes to wind through the scary maze, depending on “how fast they run,” according to organizer Dana Gross, Ashley’s father. The corn maze started in one room but has grown over the years because people often get lost and disoriented as they make their way through. “Even the people who weren’t scared thought we did an awesome job,” Gross said. “We have performers anywhere from 6 years old, like Emerson, to I think our oldest, 85 or 87 – Barb Newton – and she’s been in it for years and years. Every year, we build from scratch, come up with new ideas, come up with new things, and it’s a really fun process that takes about two months to set up and get running,” Gross says, with a two day tear down.



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Notice of Hearing

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

BEFORE THE
STATE BANKING BOARD

In the Matter of the
Application of Trust Company
of the Dakotas, Minot, North
Dakota, to Organize a New
State-Chartered Trust
Company to be Located at
320 16th St. NW, Suite 103,
Minot, North Dakota.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR
NEW TRUST COMPANY

You are hereby notified that the State Banking Board will hold a public hearing on the application received from Trust Company of the Dakotas, Minot, North Dakota, to organize a new state-chartered trust company to be located at 320 16th St NW, Suite 103, Minot, North Dakota.

You are further notified a public hearing will be held before the State Banking Board in the North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance Building at 1600 E Century Ave, Bismarck, North Dakota, on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

You are further notified that at this hearing, the State Banking Board will consider various factors, including those outlined in Section 6-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code:

- Whether the place where such trust company is proposed to be located is in need of a further trust company;
- Whether the proposed institution is adapted to the filling of such need, and;
- Whether the proposed incorporators are possessed of such character, integrity, reputation, and financial standing that their connection with the company will be beneficial to the public welfare of the community in which such company is proposed to be established.

You are further notified that written comments may be submitted to the Secretary of the State Banking Board at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Additionally, the Board shall hear any reasons advanced by any person appearing at the hearing why such institution should not be permitted to be organized. You may also request a copy of the application at the above referenced address.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2025.

/s/Corey Krebs
Corey Krebs, Secretary
State Banking Board
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Notice to Creditors

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
BILLINGS COUNTY, STATE
OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate
of Elisabeth E. Landis,
Deceased.
Court File No.
04-2025-PR-00029

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Frank Landis, Personal Representative of the Estate of Elisabeth E. Landis, c/o DeMakis Law, PLLC, PO Box 1748, Minot, ND 58702-1748, or filed with the Court.

Dated: 10-23-25
/s/Frank Landis
Frank Landis
Personal Representative

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Request for Qualifications

REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS FOR
ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES FOR THE
CHATEAU DE MORES'
INTERPRETIVE CENTER/
MUSEUM EXPANSION,
LOCATED IN MEDORA,
NORTH DAKOTA.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota will receive statements of Qualifications for Architectural Services for the Chateau De Mores' Interpretive Center/Museum Expansion, located in Medora, North Dakota.

The project consists of the planning and design of an expansion to the existing Interpretive Center.

To receive the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submittal instructions, please contact Thomas Linn, by any of the following methods:
Telephone: (701) 328-3566
E-mail: tlinn@nd.gov
Mail: 612 E. Boulevard Ave
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Questions regarding the content of the Request for Qualifications submittal instructions should be directed to Thomas Linn, Architectural Project Manager, at tlinn@nd.gov.

Two (2) copies of the completed response and an electronic copy (.pdf) must be received by 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, November 25, 2025, at the office of: Mr. William Peterson, Director
State Historical Society
of North Dakota
612 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505
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NOTICE OF ZONING MEETING

The Billings County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner's Room at the county courthouse, to consider recommending to the Board of County Commissioners the approval or denial of the following items:

Applications:
2025-30 Curt Walter for Allo Towers: Application for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 305' guyed wire communications tower on a 40 acre tract in the SW1/4SW1/4 section 15-143-99 (1488 Hwy 85 SW). Construction will include the radio tower, 50' x 50' fenced compound, & other ground equipment. Property is zoned Industrial and owned by Patrick Marx.

The board will also review any zoning applications submitted to the zoning department for projects within the Medora Area Plan boundary prior to the final review and administrative approval by the zoning director at the meeting.

Other business:
•Discuss recommendations for amending the Billings County Zoning Ordinance on housing related topics.
•Discuss recommendations for amending the Billings County Zoning Ordinance for energy related topics: data centers, battery storage facilities, & energy conversion facilities.

Standing agenda items:
•TRMF Project Updates
•The board will also address potential & pending zoning violations and recommend any action needed by the Zoning Director, State's Attorney, or Board of County Commissioners.

General meeting information:
•Applications and ordinances are available for review during regular office hours at the Billings County Courthouse. If special accommodations are needed, please notify the auditor so that appropriate aids may be made available.

•To attend the meeting remotely via TEAMS, please see the meeting notice posted in the calendar on the Billings County website at <https://www.billingscountyny.gov/> for instructions.

Dated at Medora this 30th day of October, 2025.
Stacey Swanson, Zoning Director

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