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Frosty fun

Winter events warm up Fort Mandan

BY PHAIDRA YUNKER
 REPORTER

A pair of winter events at Fort Mandan aim to bring residents and visitors outdoors and into the region's history over the next several weeks.

Ashli Laducer, historic site supervisor, said staff are preparing for two free outdoor winter gatherings hosted at Fort Mandan.

"We have fun events coming up," she said. "Two of the bigger ones are our Winter Hike and Frostbite and Firelight events."

Winter Hike: Feb. 7

The State Historical Society of North Dakota will host a free Winter Hike from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Fort Mandan. The guided walk begins at the Fort Mandan Visitor Center, where interpreters will lead participants along the Missouri River trail and share stories from the Lewis and Clark Expedition's 1804-05 winter encampment.

Along the route, visitors will learn about the Mandan and Hidatsa peoples and the significance of the area in the Corps of Discovery's journey. Afterward, guests can

warm up inside the reconstructed fort, enjoy coffee and talk with staff about daily life during the expedition. Historically accurate clothing, including hunting frocks and bison robes, will be available for visitors to try on.

Frostbite and Firelight: Feb. 21

Fort Mandan's "Frostbite and Firelight" event follows from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Lewis shelter in Fahlgren Park next to Fort Mandan State Historic Site. The free program, postponed from Jan. 24 due to extreme cold, features outdoor winter lawn games such as cornhole, ladder toss, bocce ball and croquet. A fire, standing heaters and a hot cocoa bar will be available at the Lewis shelter.

The event is designed to encourage families and community members to enjoy the outdoors during the winter months. Staff from the State Historical Society will be on hand, and visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather and explore the historic site while attending.

Both programs are part of the center's year-round educational offerings near Washburn.

McLean County Sheriff's Department calls for service Dec. 6-14

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Dec. 6

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 1 a.m. at the intersection of Whitman and Second streets in Wilton. Upon approaching the vehicle, deputies could smell marijuana. Devyn Hussey, 22, of Minot, was arrested for being in possession of marijuana over 1/2 ounce.

Deputies responded at about 7 p.m. to the Wilton area for motorist assist after it was reported a vehicle was stuck in the ditch. Jarrod Kassian, 54, of Wilton, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Deputies responded at about 6:30 p.m. to the 20 block of Lukens Lane in Wilton for a welfare check. The father requested a welfare check on his son, who was allegedly threatening the father. Another call came in from a different party stating the father was the one doing the threatening. The father was arrested in another incident.

Dec. 7

Deputies responded at about 7 p.m. to the Wilton Cenex for a welfare check. A person living in their vehicle had a flat tire that couldn't get fixed until the next day. The person asked for numbers of local churches that might be able to help get him out of the elements. Deputies made contact, the person's tire was changed

and the person left the area.

Dec. 8

Deputies responded at about 2:45 p.m. to Fifth Avenue in Turtle Lake on a report of a suspicious situation. A reporting party stated a male crashed into a snow bank and was now laying next to the vehicle throwing up. Deputies were able to locate the driver who had the PBT reading of .27. Stale Nakken, 60, of Turtle Lake, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Dec. 9

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 8:30 p.m. on U.S. Highway 83 for speeding as the driver was going 83 mph in a 70-mph zone. Due to the smell of marijuana, a search was conducted on the vehicle. A marijuana pipe was found inside a coffee mug. A 22-year-old male of Minot was cited for drug paraphernalia.

Dec. 10

Deputies responded at about 4 p.m. to the 500 block of Roosevelt Street in Turtle Lake to remove a person.

A third party reported their sibling wanted to file a report on a significant other that argues and tries to hit the sibling. However, the sibling said they aren't threatened by the significant other, just wants them removed.

Dec. 11

Deputies performed a welfare check at about 11:45 p.m. on the 1500 block of 41st Avenue Northwest in

Garrison. A third party requested the check after being told a significant other beat up the person being checked on. Brent Lanham, 29, of Garrison, was arrested for simple assault.

Deputies were dispatched at about 11 p.m. to the 1600 block of N.D. Highway 1804 in Wilton for welfare check. A third party requested the check on their child who allegedly got into a fight with their father. It was reported the dad got a gun and was chasing the minor son with it. Deputies arrived and separated the individuals, and a case file was started for a domestic dispute.

Dec. 12

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 11:30 a.m. at the Cenex in Washburn. The K-9 deputy made a positive hit on the vehicle, which launched a search, however, nothing was found during the search. Mia Gutierrez, 27, of Dickinson, was arrested on warrants.

Dec. 13

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 8:45 p.m. on County Road 9 near the intersection of 25th Avenue in rural McLean County. Jay Felix, 29, of Minot, was arrested for driving under suspension.

Dec. 14

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 11 p.m. near the storage unit in Coleharbor. A 37-year-old female of Minot was cited for driving under a suspended license.