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Laurel, the largest city in Montana that is not a county seat, is truly the "Hub of Montana." From here, all roads lead to the exciting, historical and recreational attractions of Montana and Wyoming. Spend a little time in our friendly community while you make your travel decisions.

From here, you can select one of four outstanding entrances into Yellowstone National Park. The Cody entrance, the Red Lodge/Beartooth Highway entrance, the Gardiner entrance or the West Yellowstone entrance are all easily accessed from Laurel. Two major highways south will take you to Wyoming. Head east to Montana's largest city, Billings, and further to the most prominent Lewis and Clark landmark, Pompey's Pillar. Little Bighorn Battlefield (once called Custer's Battlefield), site of the most famous Indian battle of all time, is not far east of here.

Just seven miles north of Laurel (Canyon Creek), is the location of the battle fought between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry led by Colonel Samuel Sturgis. This site is listed on the historic Nez Perce Trail—the trail taken on their trek to Canada. The organization, Friends of Canyon Creek, is working to have a historical walk-through display to be located at the site in the near future. The Nez Perce Tribal Veterans travel to Canyon Creek on or about September 13th every year in order to conduct a memorial at this site. The memorial is in honor of the Canyon Creek Battle and all Veterans of America's wars.

A little to the south, you will find the majestic Big Horn Canyon that holds Yellowtail Reservoir, unique for its sheer beauty and an

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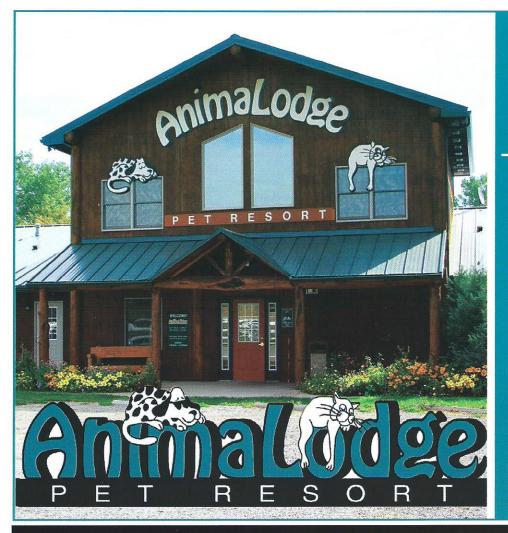
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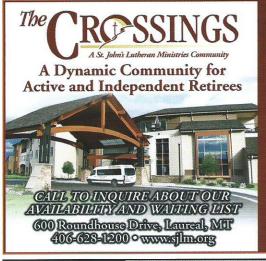
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- ★ The Fourth is a fun-filled celebration in Laurel. Activities begin the night before on July 3rd with the Street Dance.
- ★ The next morning, the Jaycees sponsor a pancake breakfast beginning at 6:00 a.m. in Firemen's Park (Main Street and 1st Avenue).
- ★ The Laurel Chamber of Commerce sponsors an 8-mile run, 4-mile run, 4-mile walk, 2-mile run and 2-mile walk called the Chief Joseph Run that begins at 7:00 a.m. and starts at Thomson Park (1st Avenue and 6th Street).
- ★ A Kiddie Parade is next at 10:00 am, from Western Security Bank to Yellowstone Bank.
- ★ The Chamber of Commerce Grand Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and runs from Alder Avenue and Main Street and loops around downtown to finish at the Laurel High School. Bands, Shrine units, floats, antique cars, horses, and class reunions color this parade.



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- ★ After the parade, activities begin at Thomson Park (1st Avenue and 6th Street), runs through evening.
- ★ The grand finale of the day is the huge, dazzling fireworks display, the largest in the state of Montana presented by the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.
- ★ Most events held at these parks:
 - Thomson Park N First Avenue
 - Firemen's Park Underpass 1st Avenue

Laurel Organizations & Clubs

Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County

American Legion Post #123

Christmas to Remember

Friends of Canyon Creek

Laurel Booster Club

Laurel American Legion Baseball

Laurel Senior Citizens

Laurel Aquatic Recreation Complex (LARC)

Laurel Chamber of Commerce

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Canyon Creek Battlefield Memorial

The Canyon Creek Battlefield Memorial is about 10 miles north of Laurel on State Highway 532. This is the site of the culmination of a running battle between the Nez Perce and the 7th Cavalry Sept. 13, 1877. Much of the fighting took place in Montana, including the day-long fight north of present-day Laurel where Canyon Creek emerges from tree-lined canyons.

Colonel Samuel D. Sturgis encountered the Nez Perce on Sept. 13, 1877, in the broad valley where Canyon Creek flows. He attempted to stop the large party of Indians and their horses from the refuge of the canyon cover. The Nez Perce, under the leadership of their great military chiefs, Looking Glass, Yellow Bull, Tu-huul-huul-hutsiut, Husis-kute, Joseph, and

others, beat Sturgis' cavalry to the canyon mouth, however, and won the day.

The 7th captured a large part of the Nez Perce horse herd thus slowing them down on

their trek north, setting the stage for the Bear Paw battle later in the month.

There is an exhibit area at the intersection of MT 532 and MT 401. The pavilion has several interpretive signs to help visitors gain a better understanding of the conflict. — Courtesy of the Laurel Outlook

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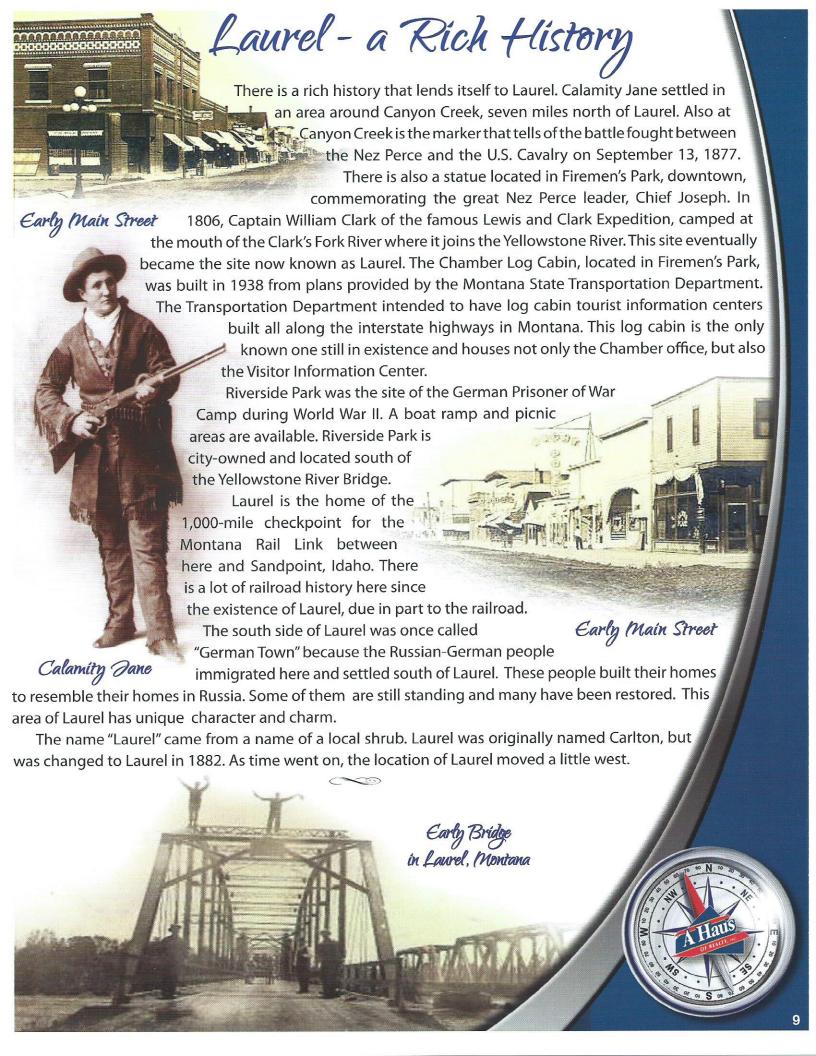
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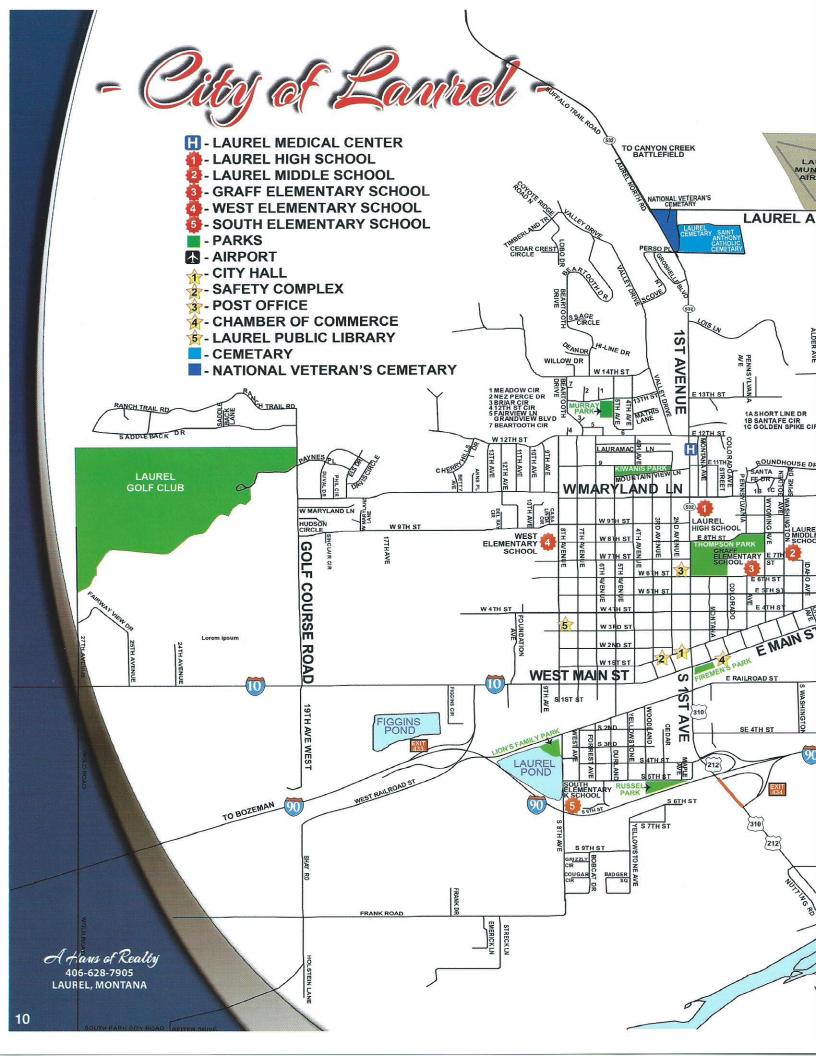
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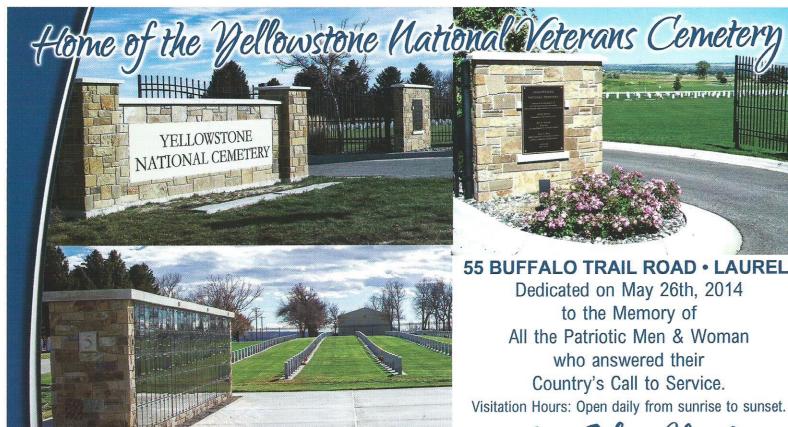
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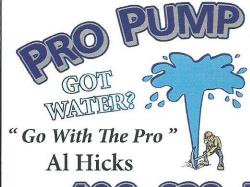
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- Laurel Overview

Laurel is located in Yellowstone County. The population of Yellowstone County is approximately 148,000. Billings, the largest city in Montana, is also located in Yellowstone County and is located just 10 miles east of Laurel. The population of Laurel is approximately 6,900 and the elevation is 3,515 feet.

Climate

The weather is fairly mild and not nearly as cold as most people would think. Indian summers are common here and something you must experience. The average annual precipitation is 13 inches and the average length of the growing season is 166 days. The average daily temperature for the following months are:

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The weather also lends itself to the many recreational activities available in the area.

Recreation

Laurel offers several recreational facilities both in town and nearby. Some of these areas include Riverside Park, Thomson Park Complex, Lions Family Park, Buffalo Mirage Fishing Access, Laurel Golf Club (private club), five city parks & Cooney Dam. River rafting, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, biking, camping, American Legion baseball games, and a public outdoor swimming pool offer entertainment to all. Indoor recreation includes a bowling alley, fitness centers, pool, and arcade games at various family restaurants. A community built playground, named Kid's Kingdom, is located at Kiwanis Park. For those with a taste for a bit of gambling, several local taverns offer casino-style keno and poker machines. Laurel has several nightclubs that offer billiards and dancing to the music of live bands.

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Accommodations & Dining

Laurel has motels & inns offering over 130 rooms. There are many pizza parlors, fast-food restaurants, diners, and family restaurants offering Chinese and Mexican cuisine. Full banquet facilities are offered by various restaurants as well.

Laurel Public Library

The library is located at 720 West 3rd Street. Hours: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm, Monday through Thursday; closed on Friday; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday.



Municipal Services

Laurel is served by a Police Department, a Volunteer Ambulance Service and Fire Department. The Volunteer Fire Department has a reputation of providing excellent service.

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The Laurel garbage service is public within the city limits. A public library, parks and a swimming pool are available. Golf Course: The Laurel Golf Club is a private club.

Health Clubs: Locomotion Fitness Center, is available for members and customers of the Locomotive Inn. The club is located at 122 First Ave. S., 406-628-8387 and provides aerobics classes, a swimming pool, and exercise equipment and weights. The Snap Fitness center is available to members and is located at 413 SE 4th Street, 628-2919, next to Ace Hardware in Laurel. Snap is open 24/7 and provides a fast, convenient, and affordable gym with cardio equipment, weight machines, free weights, Personal Trainers and unlimited tanning.

The nearest public river is the Yellowstone River, and is one mile south of Laurel. Swimming, fishing and boating are favorite activities.

Boat docks are located at Buffalo Mirage Fishing Access and Riverside Park, Fishing is also available at Lion's Family Park South Side Pond. The picnic shelter and playground near the pond is for public use.

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Laurel's modern safety complex is located at the corner of 3rd Avenue & 1st Street West. The complex houses the City Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, and Volunteer Ambulance Service. Laurel has been chosen as the site of the State Firefighters Memorial Park which will be located on the corner of 3rd and First as well.

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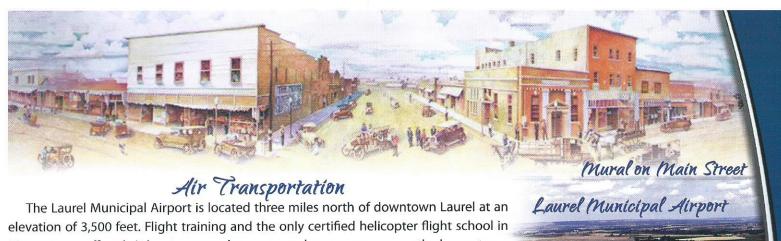






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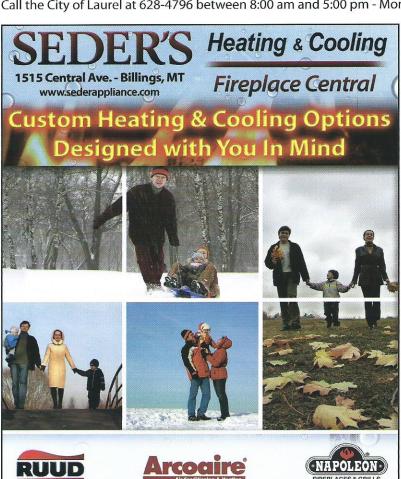
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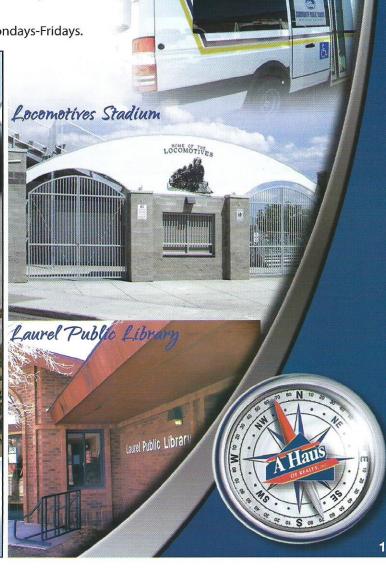
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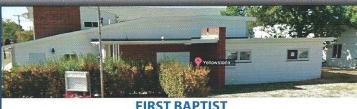
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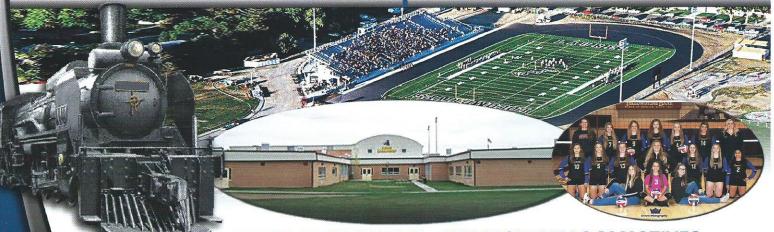
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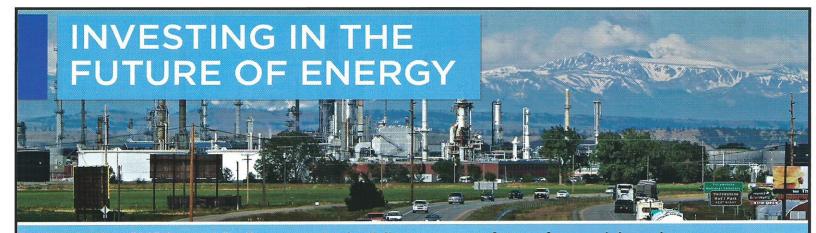


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