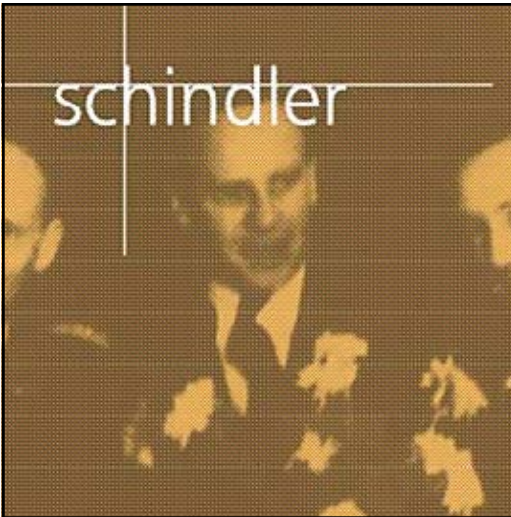


# Schindler Exhibition is coming soon

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The Schindler Exhibition, a traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. will open on August 25th. The exhibition tells the story of Oskar Schindler, the German-Catholic industrialist and rescuer of Jews during the Holocaust.

When Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Oskar Schindler followed the army to Krakow, Poland and ran a series of lucrative manufacturing businesses with Jewish money and labor. Through these lucra-

tive businesses, Schindler was able to amass a small fortune. In the coming years, Schindler would use much of this money to transfer Jews to his factory, thus keeping them from the Nazi camps. After the war, Schindler escaped to the West, moving to a small apartment in Frankfurt, Germany, where he lived on a small pension and money from some of the Jews he helped.

The photographs in this exhibition come from the Leopold Pfefferberg-Page Collection, which now reside in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Leopold Pfefferberg was a prisoner in Plaszow and was one of those rescued by Schindler. While in Plaszow, Pfefferberg recalled seeing an Austrian, Raimund Titsch, taking photos in the camp. Nearly 20 years, Pfefferberg found Titsch and bought the three rolls of film he shot in the camps. The photos on these three rolls were the inspiration for many of the scenes in Steven Spielberg's movie *Schindler's List* and poignantly tell a story that is too important to forget.

This is a rare opportunity for the MonDak Heritage Center to tell an important story, and we are looking forward to sharing it with all. The Heritage Center will be hosting related programming throughout the summer in anticipation of the exhibition, so watch for upcoming events.

We want to thank all of the sponsors who are helping to make the Schindler Exhibition a success:

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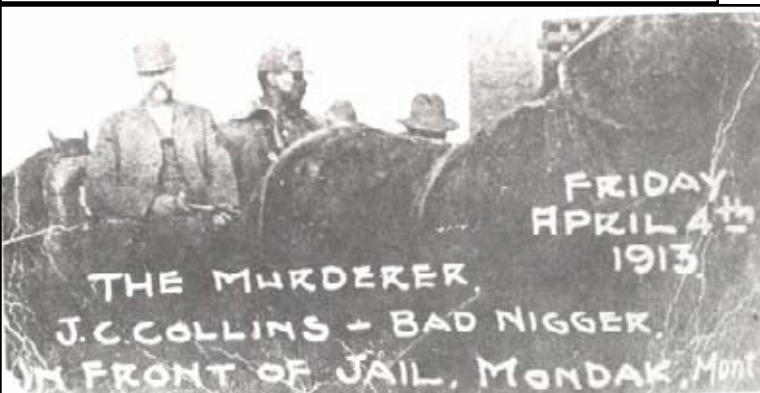
## From the archives...

Many have probably heard this story, as it's one of the more outrageous in the annals of the MonDak region's history. It has all the elements of an intriguing story—murder, racial conflict, political intrigue, and mob violence, and it took place in Mondak, a town that straddled the border between Montana and dry North Dakota. Despite its scant population, its location on the border and along major travel routes made it one of the rowdiest on the Northern Great Plains.

J.C. Collins was one of the many African-Americans brought to the banks of the Missouri River in 1913 to construct the Great Northern bridge. Sheriff Courtney and his deputy Burmeister tried to arrest J.C. Collins on an assault charge on April 12, 1913. Upon literally running into the law officers and their deputy Wilson, Collins shot both officers dead. Deputy Wilson was unharmed and Collins fled the scene. Eventually, while trying to recover some stashed money, Collins was apprehended and taken to the Mondak jail.

That J.C. Collins would receive justice as meted out by a mob of vigilantes seems almost to have been a foregone conclusion. Despite efforts by law enforcement to guard Collins against the angry Mondak citizens, Collins was eventually taken from his jail cell, hanged from a telephone pole, and according to which report you believe, his body was riddled with bullets and his clothing all burned, or his body was dumped in the Missouri River to

Below: Popular postcard documenting infamous event.



“send it back where it came from.” Other reports claim that Collins body still resides in one of the pylons that holds up the bridge.

For more on this lynching and for other stories of vigilante justice in the MonDak region, check out our new website's *History Highlights*, where you can also read past features on J.P. Brennan and R.L. Wyman.



Above: Mondak newspaper, April 12, 1913.

## “Turn Your Radio On”

For the fourth in our historic technology series, we present antique radios and the history behind them. Come learn about the history of this technology and its powerful effect on communication.

Sears and Roebuck Silvertone Model 1863 Table-top Radio (1935)  
MHAS collection



# Upcoming Events

## Art Shows/Exhibits

Teddy Roosevelt Exhibit                      June 1-June 30  
 Exhibit featuring Arch Ellwein's TR memorabilia.

"Ralston Recollection"                      June 9-July 7  
 J.K. Ralston artwork from the Heritage Center's collection

"Turn Your Radio On"                      June 6-July 21  
 (see opposite page)

30th Annual Judged Art Show              July 5-Aug 19  
 Featuring regional, national, and international artists.

Schindler Exhibition                      Aug 25-Sep 23  
 (see page one for more)

## Featured Artist

According to the latest census, one out of every 78 workers in Montana is a working artist, making up an important part of the state's economy. Our Featured Artist program spotlights some of the working artists in our area. Support our local and regional artists by taking some time to stop and see their work.

**June**  
**Jennifer Redlin**  
 Crosby, ND

**July**  
**Karma Owans**  
 Williston, ND

## Special Events/Classes

Arch Ellwein Teddy Roosevelt Chautauqua <i>an interview and Q&amp;A with TR</i>	<b>June 4 2pm</b>
Heritage Days Open House with Mary Mercer <i>(see below)</i>	<b>June 10 2pm-4pm</b>
Ukrainian Egg Painting Class w/ Jennifer Redlin <i>Call Heritage Center to register. Cost: \$20</i>	<b>June 17 1pm-3pm</b>

### Heritage Days June 10th

Join us as we honor the Mercer family on June 10th with an open house at the Heritage Center from 2-4pm. The Mercers first came to Sidney in 1907 when Andrew Mercer started a business and ranch. Andy was soon joined by his brother Ben and his sisters Leona and Kate in later years. Since then, Mercers have contributed greatly to Sidney's prosperity.

The Open House will feature a talk on Sidney's history by one of Richland County's finest historians, Mary Mercer, along with entertainment and refreshments.

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## “Bridging Generations” Family Guide now available



The Heritage Center is a perfect place for spending family time, and with the arrival of our new family guides, the kids will enjoy the visit as much as the rest of the family. These guides will be available to use while you visit the museum throughout the summer.

## Heritage Center launches new website

Thanks to the hard work of Beth Redlin and Jill Miller, the MonDak Heritage Center will launch a new and improved website on June 5. Not only will the new site give basic information, but it will let users from all over to explore the museum’s collection. The website is accessible at **[www.mondakheritagecenter.org](http://www.mondakheritagecenter.org)** and will be updated continuously.

