

Arthur Town Hall: Closed- Built in the 1890s at a cost of \$1000, the city of Arthur, ND, held plays, meetings, graduations, and movies in this building. The stained glass windows are from the Little Theater Company at NDSU. Closed for repairs.

Blacksmith Shop: Originally from Tower City, ND, it includes the original furnishings and tools such as the trip hammer and forge.

Brass Rail Saloon and Hotel: A typical late 19th Century small town hotel, café, and saloon from Page, ND. This building is furnished just as it was 100 years ago, without indoor plumbing.

Buffalo Bandstand: Bandstands, like this example from Buffalo, ND, were found in most towns in the 19th Century.

Case Eagle: This 1911 eagle, known as “Old Abe,” was originally found on the former J.I. Case building on NP Avenue in Fargo.

Cass-Clay Creamery: Replica of a common 1920s small-town creamery. Many of the furnishings are originally from the Kenmare, ND, creamery – the last of its kind.

Cass County District Courthouse: The furniture displayed is from the original Cass County Courthouse and the interior is arranged as it appeared in 1904. However, this building originally served as the Hagemeister School in Berlin Township from 1930-1956.

Checkered Years Home: This home is from a bonanza farm in Mapleton Township. Mary Dodge Woodward was the first resident of the home. After her death, her granddaughter compiled her diaries into a book entitled *The Checkered Years*, which is for sale in the museum store.

Dahl Car Museum: A collection of vintage automobiles that spans from a 1904 Holzman Car to more modern examples. Many of these vehicles are still in working condition and are used in parades.

Dawson Hall: This building is used for demonstrations, theater performances, weddings and private events. programs. This venue can hold up 240 people and has a rustic feel. Dawson Hall also boasts an early 1900’s bar and a stage. Funding was donated by museum patron Jim Dawson.

Dobrinz School: Built in 1895, this school served Mapleton Township well into the 20th Century. The school was named for John Dobrinz, a farmer who lived near the school and father of thirteen of its students.

Drug Store: The interior of this building displays the furnishings of the former Bjerklie Drug Store in Gilby, ND.

Eagles Air Museum: More than twenty aircraft are on display dating from 1911 to 1975. Showcased is “The Governor’s Plane,” a C-47 that was used in the D-Day invasion, and a US Army “Huey” helicopter. The museum also features many planes restored by Charles Klessig.

Embden Depot and Train Shed: The depot was built by the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1900. The train shed houses an 1883 Northern Pacific steam locomotive, caboose, Russell snow plow, and a 1930 eighty passenger coach. The water tower and column were used by the Northern States Power Plant in downtown Fargo.

Fargo’s First House: The first permanent house in the Fargo area was built by immigrants in 1869 near Fourth Street and Second Avenue South. It also has served as a jail, hotel, and home to the Martin Hector Family.

Furnberg Store: This building was built in the late 1800s by Christian Furnberg near the train stop at Osgood, ND. The store provided settlers with necessary supplies and also served as a post office. The store closed in 1953 after nearly 75 years in business. Closed for renovations

Habberstad Cabin: Built by a group of Finnish settlers in 1874, it was originally located northeast of Kindred, ND, on the Sheyenne River.

Hagen House: Built by Martin Hagen in 1897 near Horace, ND. Four generations lived here without electricity or indoor plumbing. There is a summer kitchen located behind the house.

Horse Drawn Vehicle Building: Buggies, wagons, drays, hitches, grain binders, and a replica Wells Fargo stagecoach are on display in this building. Notice the horse-drawn hearse from Fredrikson and Brakke Funeral Home of Davenport, ND.

Houston Mansion: This beautiful bonanza farm house was built in 1881 by David Houston south of Hunter, ND, at a cost of \$7000. Houston was a Scottish immigrant, farmer, poet, and inventor of the roll film camera patent.

Hunter Times: Originally from Hunter, ND, the newspaper flourished until the 1940s. Among the machinery on display here is a strip casting machine, hand-operated press, flatbed press, and linotype machine.

Kathryn Depot: This building is home to the Spud Valley Model Railroad Club, which operates a model railroad inside.

Harness Shop: From Addison, ND, this building was used for harness repair and oiling and horseshoe repair.

Land Office Bank: This is a replica of a Cogswell, ND, building. The land office was where hopeful new land seekers would file their plots and after proving up their land would receive titles to their property.

Law Enforcement Museum: The Fargo Auxiliary Police Association joined with other law enforcement agencies to furnish and maintain the exhibits in this building.

Main Museum: Built in 1972, it is the headquarters of the Cass County Historical Society. It contains permanent, temporary, and traveling exhibits pertaining to Cass County and the Red River Valley. The main museum also houses an event center. This venue can accommodate up to 350 people and has a fully equipped kitchen.

Martinson Cabin: Former home of the North Dakota poet and labor organizer Henry D. Martinson. Closed for repairs.

Maier Medical Building: This building displays a collection of medical and dental equipment from the Nineteenth Century. The house was donated by the Maier family.

Melroe Tractor Building: This museum is named for Les Melroe, founder of Melroe Manufacturing which became Bobcat. It features many manufacturers including Case, John Deere, and McCormick.

Moum Agricultural Building: Tractors, farm machinery, the world’s largest bulldozer, and the first Steiger tractors ever built are all housed in this building. The building is named for Donald Moum.

Pioneer Fire Company: Built by area firefighters as a replica of an 1890s station, this building contains several hand pulled carts, one of the original horse drawn wagons of the Fargo Fire Department, and replicated living quarters upstairs.

South Pleasant Church: The South Pleasant Lutheran Church was built in 1890 and held services until it closed in 2013. It is from the town of Christine, ND and was moved to Bonanzaville in 2015. It can be rented for weddings and other social gatherings throughout the entire year. The church can hold up to 200 people and also has a small event space in the basement.

Telephone Museum: This museum is housed in the former hardware store building from Tower City, ND. The Telephone Pioneers of America Museum houses historic telephone equipment and provides Bonanzaville with its telephone connections.

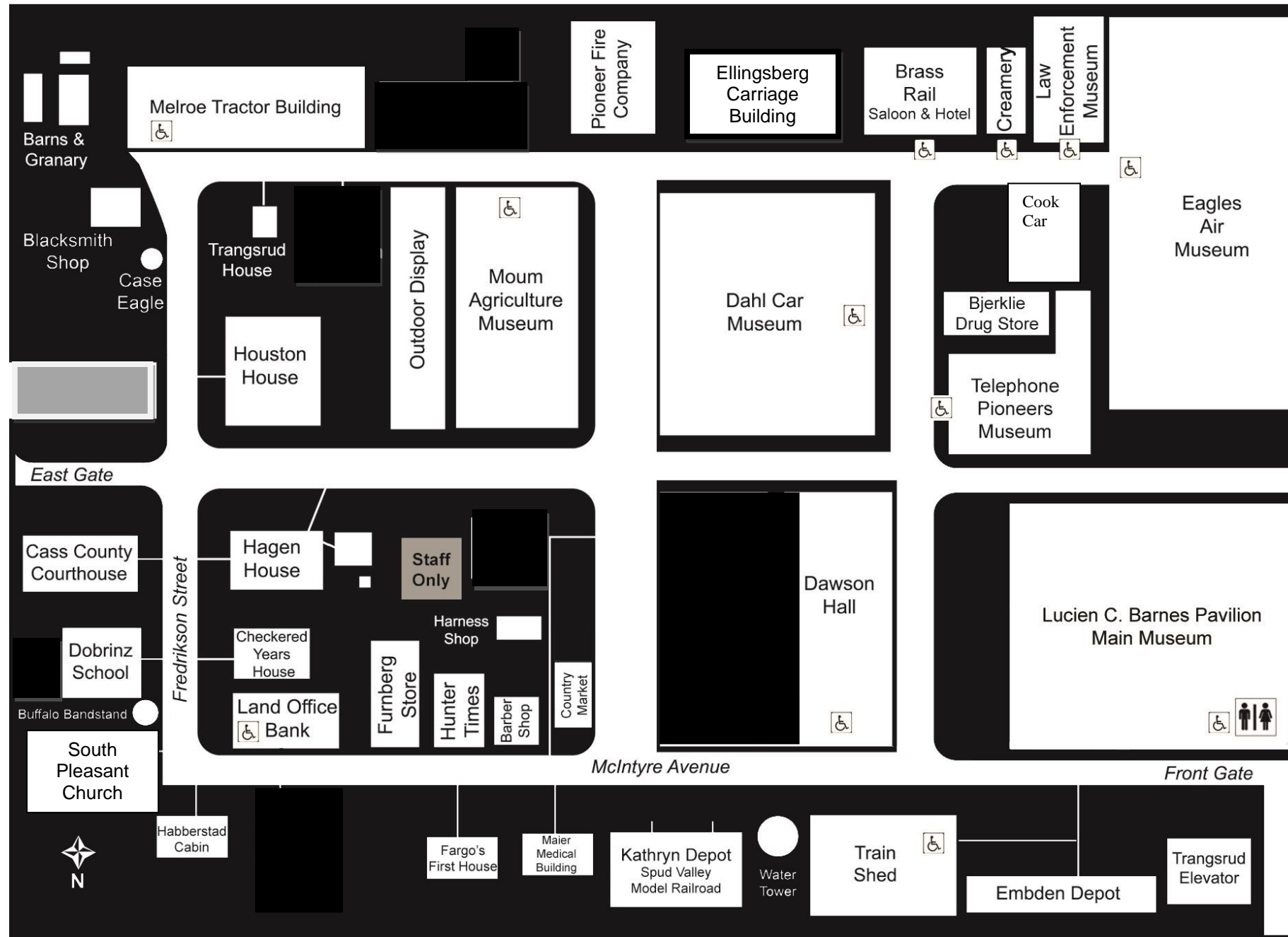
Trangsrud Elevator: Built in the 1920’s, this building originally started as a granary until the scale and elevator system were added. Grain storage includes three 1200 bushel bins on one side, three 600 bushel bins on the other side, and four hopper bins for temporary storage.

Trangsrud House: Built in 1882, this house was located in rural Kindred near the village of Norman. The house was originally built by the Ellefsrud Family until the Trangsruds bought the farm in 1887. They raised a family and lived many generations in the house. All the furnishings are original to the Trangsrud family.

Barber Shop: Built in 1900 in Buffalo, ND, many of the objects on display are original to the shop.

Bonanzaville · Cass County Historical Society

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Summer Hours

(Memorial Day-End of August)

Monday-Friday	10:00am-7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm-5:00pm

Fall Hours beginning September 1st

Monday-Saturday	10am-5pm
Sunday	12pm-5pm

General Admission

Srs (55+)/Military/College:	\$10.00
Adults:	\$12.00
Children (ages 6-16):	\$6.00
Children (5 and under):	FREE

Things to Know

- No smoking allowed anywhere in the village. Please smoke outside the village gates.
- No pets allowed. Service animals only.
- No food or drink is allowed inside of historic buildings or exhibits.
- Photographs are encouraged, except where posted. *Feel free to share them on our Facebook page!*