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With the dedication ceremony starting at 1 P.M., many NPARL employees showed up in the early morning to help get things ready.

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Inside the new lab/office complex other helpers were decorating and preparing things for display.



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Employees kept busy that morning setting up posters and decorating with balloons.

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Signs with red, white and blue balloons helped
guide visitors during the tour.

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A gentleman dressed in authentic clothing displayed his antique material items, which was an eye-catching part of our Lewis & Clark theme.



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Visitors sign the guest register prior to the dedication ceremony.

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Approximately 400-500 people from the surrounding community and beyond gathered to attend the ceremony.

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People continue to arrive!

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The crowd waits for the ceremony to begin.

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Two NPARL employees greet the last few visitors as the first speaker gets ready to begin.

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Front row seats.

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Speakers await the presentation of the colors by the Fort Peck Color Guard.

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Drummers with the Fort Peck Color Guard.

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Two members of the Ft. Peck Color Guard march toward the stage.



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The audience watches as the Native American flag bearers make their way to the stage.

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Another view of the flag bearers.

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The Fort Peck Color Guard present the flags.

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A flag bearer with the Fort Peck Color Guard.

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A brief introduction to the National Anthem.

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The ARS Northern Plains Area Director, serving as master of ceremonies, welcomes the crowd.

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A view of the unique wheat weaving adorning the podium.



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The Acting ARS Administrator offers his congratulations
to NPARL.



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U.S. Senator Conrad Burns (MT) addresses the crowd.



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Montana's U.S. Senator Max Baucus' representative offers his congratulations on NPARL's dedication of its new lab complex.

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A view of the stage.

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Montana Congressman Dennis Rehberg's representative offers his greetings

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Fort Peck College representative offers their congratulations.



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The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture President brings greetings from his organization and Montana state Representative Don Steinbeisser.

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A view of the crowd.

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Greetings from the new North Dakota State University
Agricultural Experiment Station Director.

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Greetings from North Dakota State University's Williston Research
Extension Center and Montana State University's Eastern
Agricultural Research Center.

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The Montana FFA President representing the future of agriculture.



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Preparing to cut the ribbon.

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The official ribbon cutting.

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Open for business!

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Visitors first glimpse of the new building included a display of antique scientific instruments in the lobby and signs for the self-guided tour.



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Visitors touring displays in the Technology Transfer Room.

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A bobcat and sharp-tailed grouse are featured as part of the Lewis & Clark
"Pioneering Naturalists" display.

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Two more species described by Lewis & Clark and new to Western science.

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Plant species noted by Lewis & Clark during their epic journey were also included in the lab's special Lewis & Clark display.

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A slide presentation provided additional information about Lewis & Clark.

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The coyote, another Lewis & Clark discovery.

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A mountain goat.

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A Siberian grizzly bear. Lewis & Clark had memorable encounters with its significantly larger North American cousin.

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A close up of the Siberian grizzly bear.

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Quilts donated to NPARL for display in the Technology Transfer Room.

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Additional quilts on display during the dedication.

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A history display of the lab attracted the attention of both visitors and employees alike.

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The TEAM Leafy Spurge display in the new library also included a preview of a new documentary developed with Prairie Public Broadcasting.

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Posters describing research conducted at the lab were on display in the hallways.



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The Sidney Swing Band takes center stage following the ceremony.

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Delicious refreshments and beautiful cakes were provided after the ceremony.

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Refreshments included buffalo meatballs and fry bread reflecting the dedication's Lewis & Clark theme.

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Senator Burns chats with ARS officials.



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Many community members attended the day's events
to show their support for the lab.

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A plaque in memory of Charlotte Anderson, former NPARL Location Administrative Officer, was unveiled during the dedication ceremony and will be hung in the lobby of the new facility.

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ARS employees catch up following the dedication.

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Dedication visitors enjoy the nice weather.

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ARS Representatives chat with Senator Burns.

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"Talking shop."

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