

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM
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SITS# 32 CS 4984

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code Dobrinz School District #27

Site Name Bonanzaville Pioneer Village
Site Name _____

Map Quad West Fargo North
Map Quad _____

LTL	TWP	<u>139</u>	R	<u>50</u>	SEC	<u>12</u>	QQQ	<u>5</u>	QQ	<u>5</u>	Q	<u>5</u>
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LTL	TWP	_____	R	_____	SEC	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____

UTM _____ N ZONE _____
UTM _____ E NAD 1927 _____ NAD 1983 _____

Subsection:
1 = N½
2 = E½
3 = S½
4 = W½
5 = NE¼
6 = SE¼
7 = SW¼
8 = NW¼

City: West Fargo

Street Number: 1351

Street Name: West Main Avenue

Urban Legal Description: _____

SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 2

Fieldwork Date: 5/3/2016

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey _____

Project Title & Supervisor:
Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s): _____

Additional Information: _____

SHSND USE

Area of Significance <u>2</u>	Ecozone <u>15</u>	Verified Site <u>1</u>	CR Type <u>2</u>
Area of Significance _____	Ecozone _____	Non-Site _____	
Area of Significance _____			

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Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.

Architectural Feature # 2

Construction Date _____	Feature Type <u>9</u>	Condition <u>7</u>
Feature Date <u>2</u>	Context <u>7</u>	Plan Shape <u>5</u>
Structural System <u>25</u>	Primary Exterior <u>26</u>	Style <u>Other Style</u>
Original Owner's Ethnicity _____	Secondary Exterior _____	Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation Concrete block Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Gable entry, hip roof main body and shed roof at the back

Window Double hung

Dating Method(s): School History

Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):

- Individual nomination
- Contributes to a potential district
- No nomination potential
- Will not contribute to a district
- Potential district—feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district
- Thematic nomination potential
- Component of a historic site or landscape
- Moved (specify all applicable choices)—a) relocation occurred within a historic period; b) recreates original site, orientation, landscape, & spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility
- Historical associations require further investigation

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PAGE 3—Feature Data

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This school is a one room prairie school sitting on concrete blocks. It is located in the Pioneer Village of Bonanzaville. According records located at the school it was built in Mapelton Township in 1895. The school is located at the east end of the village. The building measures approximately 45 feet east to west, inclusive of the rear shed and 26 feet north to south. This is a lovely school with wood shakes on the mansard/hip roof. There's metal capping on all the seams of the roof. At the west end of the school, on the west slope, there is a bell tower with a bell located inside. The bell tower has a four sided, peaked roof with a flag pool on top. Decorative pieces can be seen between each of the four corner posts. There is a remnant of the chimney on the east slope of the roof of the main body. Wood shakes are also seen on the gable roofed porch as well as the rear shed. All the soffits are closed.

A wide vinyl trim piece can be seen just above the windows under the eaves of the roof on all sides. The siding is 6 inch vinyl and corner trim is the same. The porch is 10 feet deep by 4 feet wide with wood railing to either side. The floor of the porch is also wood. Under the porch roof is a decorative trim piece that has open design, seen on all three sides of the porch. TAt the front, under the peaked roof, the siding has large, fan shaped decorative piece. There is a 5 panel wood door leading into the school with double hung windows to either side of the entry porch. Stepping into the school you find yourself in the entry area. There are doors to either side of a wall set in about 6 feet. The floor throughout is tongue and groove hardwood.

The inside of the school is finished with a combination of wall board and beadboard. The ceiling is all beadboard. Wainscot is similar to beadboard with wider pieces of wood. Blackboards can be seen on all the walls, 1/2 the east wall behind the teachers desk, between windows on both the north and south walls and also on the west wall which is the backside of the entry. There are three double hung windows on both the north and south walls of the school, all glass intact throughout. Shades hang at the top of the windows, attached to a decorative cornice.

Electricity is present with wires on the west side of the school and light fixtures inside. There is a replica of a stove as well as desks, books and other items commonly found in a one room school.

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Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

Cass County Historical Society
Bonanzanville
1351 West Main Ave.
West Fargo ND 58078

3. Access (to rural areas):

4. Site Area (ft²): _____

5. Description of **SETTING**:

This school is located in Bonanzaville in the Pioneer Village.

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6. Summary of ALL Site Features & Evaluation of Significance:

7. References/Comments:

Kathy Wilner
366 43rd Ave SE
Bowdon ND 58418

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North Side

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East Side





West Side

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South Side





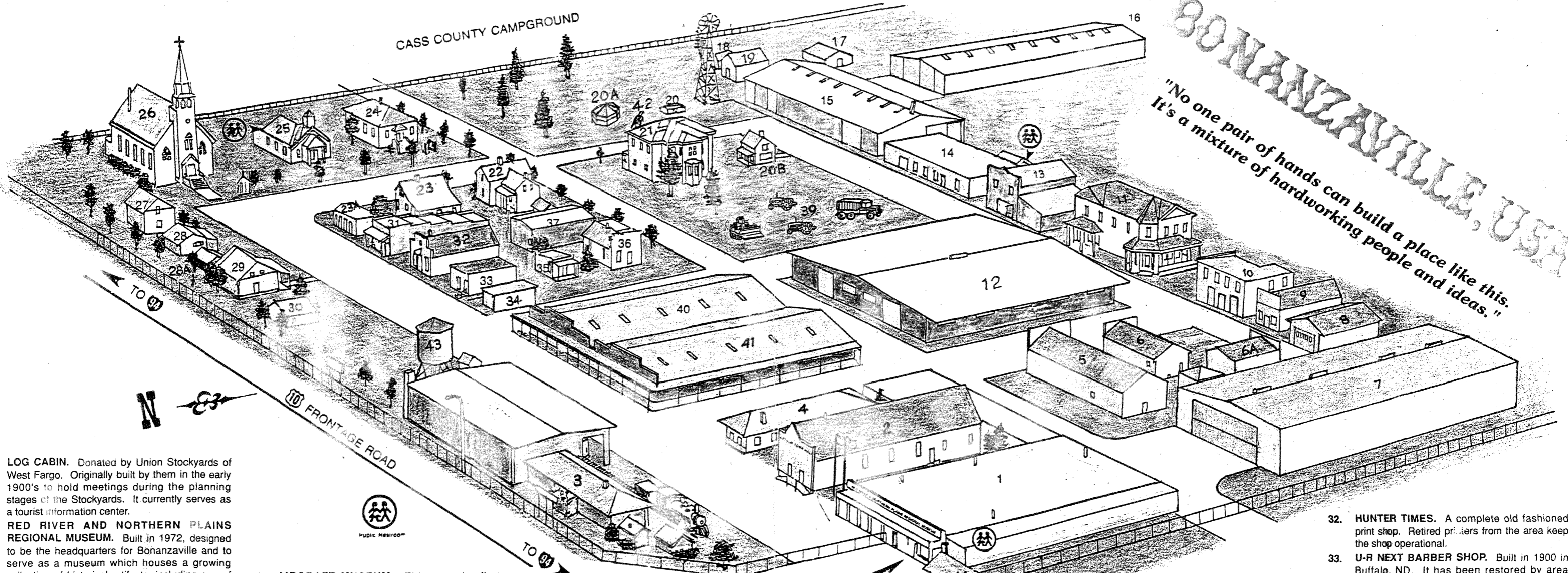
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Google Maps

Feature



BONANZAVILLE, USA
 "No one pair of hands can build a place like this.
 It's a mixture of hardworking people and ideas."

1A. LOG CABIN. Donated by Union Stockyards of West Fargo. Originally built by them in the early 1900's to hold meetings during the planning stages of the Stockyards. It currently serves as a tourist information center.

1. RED RIVER AND NORTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL MUSEUM. Built in 1972, designed to be the headquarters for Bonanzaville and to serve as a museum which houses a growing collection of historical artifacts, including one of the largest and most complete American Indian collections in the Midwest.

2. ARTHUR TOWN HALL. Built in the 1890's at the cost of \$1,000. The city of Arthur held plays, meetings, graduations, dances and movies in it.

3. EMBDEN DEPOT AND RAILROAD MUSEUM. A well furnished depot and train shed housing an original 1883 locomotive and caboose; a huge railroad snow plow; an all steel 1930 eighty-passenger coach and an old switch locomotive used in a quarry.

4. SPUD VALLEY RAILROAD. A model railroad club builds and operates a miniature railroad in this old depot originally from Kathryn, North Dakota.

5. TELEPHONE MUSEUM. A former hardware store building from Tower City, ND, houses this museum created by the Telephone Pioneers of America, which illustrates the history of the telephone and links Bonanzaville with a private phone system.

6. DRUG STORE. This well-furnished 1920 drug store from Gilby, ND, features an old fashioned ice cream parlor.

6A. COMMUNICATION BUILDING. A short wave radio club developed a museum of communication equipment that will take you from the cat's whisker coil and earphones, that created the first radio, through the short wave radios, televisions and all of the items that played a part in communication over the years.

7. AIRCRAFT MUSEUM. This was the first depository of air history in the Midwest. It houses many planes, beginning with a 1917 World War I Standard, which was flown in. It also contains many of the planes owned by Charles D. Klessig, author of the book, *My Highway in The Sky*.

8. LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM. The Fargo Auxiliary Police Association provided Bonanzaville with their old police garage and have joined efforts with other law enforcement agencies to furnish it with artifacts and memorabilia.

9. CASS-CLAY CREAMERY. A replica of a typical 1920's small town creamery. Original furnishings are from the Kenmare, ND creamery, the last of its type operating in the state.

10. PAGE HOTEL AND BRASS RAIL BAR. A typical turn-of-the-century small town hotel, cafe and bar, from Page, ND. Furnished as it was, with no indoor plumbing.

11. TRUE AND BRINK STORE. This general store is from Horace, ND. The upstairs once held furniture for sale, but now displays several professional offices.

12. ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM. A collection of famous antique automobiles, including the original 1903 Ford 1924 Chrysler and nearly 100 others.

13. FIRE HALL. The replica fire station houses a variety of fire equipment, including a bucket wagon from Dakota Territorial Days.

14. ENGINE AND MACHINE SHOP. An operating machine shop and gas engine displays. Public restrooms in the rear.

15. ANTIQUE TRACTOR BUILDING. An extensive collection of antique tractors, including the first Steiger and John Deere, then known as Waterloo Boy.

16. FARM IMPLEMENT BUILDING. Contains the ever growing collection of farm implements and threshing equipment.

17. BARN. Constructed for live animal displays.

18. FARMSTEAD GRAINERY. Built in 1880, moved here from the Furnberg farm south of West Fargo.

19. FARMSTEAD BARN. Display area for live animals.

20. BLACKSMITH SHOP. This is the original blacksmith shop from Tower City, ND. It can be operational today.

20A. BANDSTAND. Typical old bandstand found in most towns at the turn of the century. It is from Buffalo, ND.

20B. MARTINSON CABIN. Former home of ND poet and labor organizer, Henry D. Martinson. It is a museum of the laborer.

21. HOUSTON HOUSE. A beautiful Bonanza farm home built in 1881 South of Horace, ND, by David H. Houston, Scottish immigrant farmer,

PARKING LOT AND ENTRANCE

poet and inventor of the roll type film now sold by Eastman-Kodak (the name Kodak was derived from Dakota Territory).

22. HAGEN HOUSE. Built in 1897 near Horace by Martin Hagen. Four generations of family lived here without electricity or plumbing.

23. CHECKERED YEARS HOUSE. An 1884 farm house from Mapleton Township and was the home of Mary Dodge Woodward. She kept a diary here accurately recording pioneer life. From this, her granddaughter wrote the book *The Checkered Years*, which has been republished and is for sale in our gift shop.

23A. LAND OFFICE BANK. This is a replica of the Land Office Bank during the homestead days. People came here to file their homestead claims and do their banking. This was the Centennial project of the Bonanza Belles.

24. CASS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT. The courtroom was restored in a school building from the Berlin Township School District, to represent a 1904 court setting.

25. COARING SCHOOL. An 1893 one-room school from Mapleton Township. It has served for many years as the meeting place. Classes are held here during Pioneer Days. Public restrooms are in the rear.

26. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Built in 1898 near Horace, ND. Many weddings are held here and special church services are held during Pioneer Days.

27. HABBERSTAD LOG CABIN. A two story log cabin built by the Finnish for Norwegian settlers in 1874 near Kindred, ND.

28. FORNESS LOG CABIN. Patterned after the ranch style log cabins of the turn of the century, this one story house with sleeping loft was moved from rural Fargo to become one of Bonanzaville's first buildings.

28A. SOD HOUSE. Built in 1886, a replica of 1870's sod houses of western Cass County.

29. FARGO'S FIRST HOUSE. First permanent structure in Fargo built in 1869 near the intersection of 4th Street and 2nd Avenue South. It served for a time as the city hotel and jail and as the home of the Martin Hector family. Hector's descendants are for whom Fargo's Hector Airport is named.

30. MAIER DOLL HOUSE. An 1890's homestead house from Moorhead, MN. Refurbished to display Bonanzaville's doll collection, including that of its last occupant, Magdalena Maier Taylor Harden.

31. FURNBERG STORE. Country store on the Shoyenne River near Osgood, ND. It sold general merchandise, bulk food and distributed the mail.

32. HUNTER TIMES. A complete old fashioned print shop. Retired printers from the area keep the shop operational.

33. U-R NEXT BARBER SHOP. Built in 1900 in Buffalo, ND. It has been restored by area retired barbers and displays shaving mugs, a shoe shine stand and a bath stall.

34. COUNTRY MARKET. Area farmers bring their produce to be sold here during Pioneer Days.

35. HARNESS SHOP. From the no longer existing town of Addison, ND. They did harness repair and oiling and shoe repair.

36. WHEATLAND TOWN HALL AND JAIL. Two jail cells and town meeting facilities from Wheatland, ND.

37. GRAPHIC ARTS MUSEUM. Antique printing equipment storage, normally closed to the public.

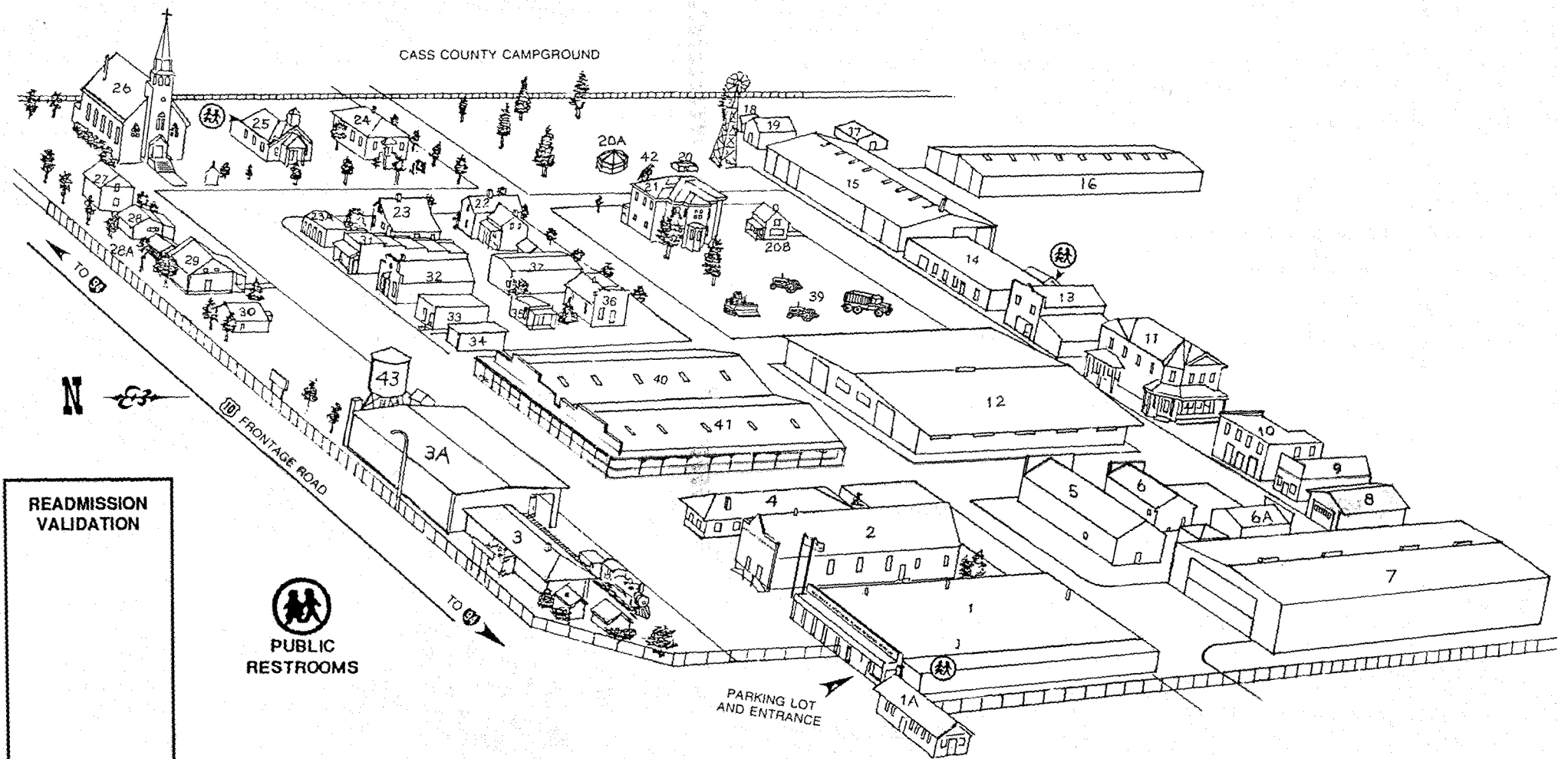
39. FARM EQUIPMENT DISPLAY AREA. Display of antique farm machinery, implements and equipment. It also displays the very visible "World's Largest Dozer", built by the Melroe Company of Gwinner, ND.

40. HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. Buggies, wagons, drays, hitches, stagecoach, grainbinders and more.

41. DEMONSTRATION BUILDING. Demonstrations of old time crafts during Pioneer Days, annually held the third weekend in August.

42. CASE EAGLE. The 1911 Case Eagle is from the J.I. Case Building in Fargo. It is one of five remaining.

43. WATER TOWER AND RAILROAD FILL SPOUT. From Northern States Power Plant in Fargo.



THE CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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BONANZAVILLE, USA

SAVE THIS MAP !

With paid admission, you may use for readmission within 24 hours if validated in main museum (#1)

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