

# Press Release



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## ***Cross Ranch State Park Awarded \$600 Grant from NDCA***

Cross Ranch State Park was a recent recipient of a \$600 Special Project grant that was offered and awarded by the North Dakota Council on the Arts. The funds were requested on behalf of Cross Ranch State Park in order to support a local community event, which is an objective of the NDCA to develop the arts and to promote and support the arts in North Dakota.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri River Bluegrass Festival is supported by the NDCA. The Missouri River Bluegrass Festival is a two day event put on by the Cross Ranch State Park and provides quality family entertainment and Bluegrass music to people of all ages. The event features many local community bands including *Chuck Suchy of Mandan*, *Cottonwood of Washburn*, *Center Community Band of Center* and many others, as well as several nationally recognized bands such as *Tangled Roots of Minnesota*.

“The grant provided by the NDCA is a much appreciated source of funds to assist the Cross Ranch State Park in order to bring the community a quality family entertainment opportunity” says Eric Lang, Park Manager. “This is a great event for everyone!”

The Missouri River Bluegrass Festival got its start in 1991 featuring many local and regional bands. The event has continually grew and gained in popularity over the years allowing for the addition of nationally known performers to be part of the line up.

*“The Special Project program provides support grants to arts related activities in North Dakota. Special Project grants provide an opportunity for organizations to initiate new projects without delay and to take advantage of possible touring events. The funding comes from a grant to the NDCA from the National Endowment for the Arts.”*