

MAIN STREET -  
ROUNDUP, MONTANA

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Roundup, Montana. Go ahead, say it again. Roundup, Montana. In terms of great names that capture a feeling, the nature, the soul of a place, you would be hard pressed to find a town name that captures the imagination more than this small town. Roundup; cattle, cowboys, rustlers, sheriffs, six guns and the hangman's noose. Montana; The Big Sky Country, wide open spaces, sagebrush, barb wire, dirt roads and cattle crowded around a stock tank at the base of a lonely windmill.

There are not a lot of people in Montana. The towns are small, businesses are small, churches are small and houses are small. The effort put into these towns is intensely personal, because there is little interest by large enterprises to invest in places where the rewards are small. The resulting businesses are the opposite of the impersonal large business. The shops are very personalized. There is no shopping mall in Roundup. The shops are on Main Street. That is where commerce has been and will continue to be conducted – small town style.

As I walked down Main Street on a July morning to make photographs I became part of the photographs of Main Street. I guess that's the way it is in small towns. No matter where you stand you are drawn into the place and become part of life of that small town. Even if you are walking down Main Street.







































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