



Annual Meeting, Sunday, March 13, 2022

The annual meeting of the museum board will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the basement of the museum. At this time election of officers and board members will be conducted. This meeting is open to the public as are all board meetings. The museum board meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM in the museum basement.

The museum is open each year from May through September from 1:00 to 5:00 PM each day.

Membership dues are due and payable on February 15 every year. The initial membership is \$20.00 and the annual renewal is \$10.00 per year. A personal lifetime membership may be purchased for \$150 and business lifetime memberships are \$200.



Drone photographs by Dave Picchioni



Musselshell Valley Historical Museum Mission Statement

The Musselshell Valley Historical Museum is a local, non-profit museum open to the public. It exists to preserve the history and heritage of Montana and the Musselshell Valley for present and future generations. The museum is a monument of our past and our heritage, and we are proud of it. Established in 1972, the museum is a living institution dedicated to preserving the story of our region.

The museum shall promote an understanding of appreciation of the history of Montana and the lower Musselshell Valley by collection, preserving, and providing a broad access to the historical resources maintained by the museum, library and archives. The Musselshell Valley Historical Museum's efforts in all areas are dedicated to high standards of scholarship and preservation.



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OLD WEST SALOON

Our newest building, behind the museum, includes an exhibit of the interior of an old west saloon. On display is an antique blackjack table, punch boards, and a coin operated gambling machine from the Arcade. Part of the back bar is from the Stockman Bar. There are whiskey bottles, a whiskey keg, an antique beer box, and many additional items regularly found in the old west. Gary Thomas is responsible for building this interesting look back at an old west saloon.

SCHEDULED EVENTS 2022 SEASON

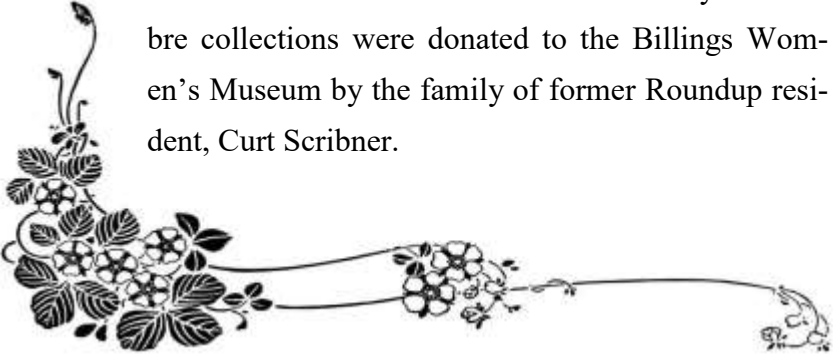
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| Opening Day | Sunday, May 1 |
| Annual Yard Sale | Saturday, June 4 |
| Closing Day | Sunday, September 25 |
| Christmas Stroll Event | |
| | Tentatively Saturday, December 3 |





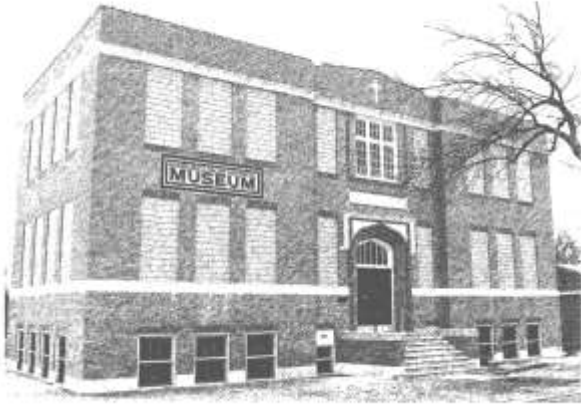
Billings Women's Museum Donation

After the Billings Women's Museum closed, the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum received many items from several donors. We received Arianna Pendleton's 1904 wedding dress and trousseau. It is a long wedding gown, off white with lace and ruffled hemline; a two-piece wedding ball gown, tan in color with long puff, layered sleeves; several sleeping gowns with eyelet lace and trimmed with blue ribbon. Also included are 1938 wedding clothes of Helen Lyster Embre. Included are a white gown with long tapered sleeves; two-piece turquoise traveling set with gold brocade top, puff sleeves that taper at the wrists. There are many more items in the collection. The items from the Pendleton and Lyster Embre collections were donated to the Billings Women's Museum by the family of former Roundup resident, Curt Scribner.



The Musselshell
County Fair
1918





St. Benedict's Parochial School

St. Benedict's Parochial School was built in 1923 while Father Thomas Hennessy was pastor, and was under the direction of the Ursuline Sisters until 1933. The school was located behind the church on Sixth Avenue and First Street West, and contained first through tenth grades.

After 1933, the Sisters of Charity of Providence took over operation of the school, followed by the Holy Family of Nazareth. The high school was discontinued in 1933. Graduates that final year were Lucille Polich, Eleanor McCleary, Albert Carolls, Edward Crouse, Celestine Hiedik, Lorraine Kelly, Evangeline Kruzich, Andrew Lar, Annie Lenky, Betty Lissman, Mary Loughlin, Bertha McGrail, Irene Neuman, Eloise Roberts, Jack Scott, John Sharer, Rose Soc, and Lucy Stenanich.

In the fall of 1934, the elementary school became fully accredited with Father Altermatch at the helm. The school, at one time, had 123 students enrolled.

In the fall of 1950, due to a shortage of teaching nuns, the school was closed. The church sold the building in 1972 and it now houses the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum. The building was officially designated part of the National Historical Registry in 1991.

Musselshell Valley Historical Museum History

The first meetings to consider opening a museum in Roundup began on June 7, 1968. For the next few years a committee met in a variety of places including, The Odd Fellows Hall, the A & W dining room, the Montana Power Hospitality Room, the Pioneer Café banquet room, and at the Senior Center. On January 31, 1972, a motion was passed to purchase the old parochial school from St. Benedict's Catholic Church for \$12,500, which included a \$500 down payment.. The committee got to work on the lobby, the store, and the first display, the coal tunnel. They had the first viewing on July 1, 1972. But, the official opening of the museum was not until April 28, 1973. Stay tuned for next year's newsletter to have a more complete history of the museum for the 50th anniversary of the Musselshell



No. 3 Mine 1913

The above underground view of Mine No. 3 of the Roundup Coal Mining Co., recalls the day before mechanization when coal cars were loaded by hand in 1915. The men shown are from left, Joe Brown, mine boss, Wm. "Billy" Boucher, Johnny Pilch, and Al Shaw. The man in the background and the one partially hidden behind Pilch could not be identified. Since mechanization, coal cars are loaded with mechanical loaders at a great savings in manpower.

Photo courtesy of Charles Taylor



1920s Dresses Added To Museum

As a young child, Susan Wetzel enjoyed visiting her grandparents, Al and Rachel (Preat) Eiselein. A favorite pastime during these visits was exploring wonderful old clothing that was stored in a huge trunk in her grandmother's basement. Some years later two of those dresses came into Susan's possession, the very ones she had worn when playing "dress-up". One was a lovely cream colored, sheer underdress and overdress adorned with clear and silver beads. The other dress was a green and black beaded and sequined overdress designed in a floral pattern. Both dresses were purchased in Montana and date to the 1920s. The dresses have been beautifully restored and gifted to the museum and will be on display this season. This is a remarkable addition to the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum. For which we are very grateful.

Your Museum Dues And Donations At Work

In keeping with the MVHM board's ongoing efforts to continually upgrade and improve the facility, the board voted last spring to proceed with upgrading the front entry steps. The steps were deteriorating and were rapidly becoming a liability issue for visitors to the museum as well as museum volunteers who serve as greeters. Upgrading and improving the steps was an item on the board's Capital Improvement Plan. Rocky Mountain Hardrock Flooring of Billings was contracted for the project at a total cost of \$12,987.58. Museum funds were used for this project supplemented by a \$1,000 grant from the Musselshell Valley Community Foundation. The safety and appearance of the steps are much improved as a result of this project.



Membership List

New Members

Edwards Broadcasting 99.9 FM
Pamela J. Liggett
Sandra Chandler
Jeanette Backstrom
Jane Riojas
Scott & Victoria Seitz
Serena Cottrell

Business Names

1st Security Bank
Allison Saddlery
Busy Bee Café
C Brewer
Elite Towing
Elite Tune and Lube
Key Insurance
Lee Farms LLC
Lions Club
McCleary Distributing
MT Historical Society
Musselshell Valley Equipment
Picchioni's IGA
Progressive Club
Rotary Club
Roundup Record-Tribune
Signal Peak Coal
VFW
Women's Club

Individual Names

Acton, Aimee & Michael
Alger, Dale & Tomi
Allen, Roberts
Armstrong, Brad & Renee
Arthur, Anne
Backstrom, Jeanette
Barta, Dan
Bedford, Henry & Kay
Bethke, William G.
Betts, Elizabeth
Bissonette, Adele L.
Blum, Rose Emily
Brown, Dennis
Brown, Mickey & Phyllis
Bunnell, Judith
Burch, Anita
Burnett, Geri
Casey, Susanne

Casper, Bob
Christensen, Trish
Clark, Shirley
Clement, Michelle
Cooper, Madeline
Corn, Marie
Crawford, Tim & Kathy
Crosby, John (Steve) & Barb
Crouse, Erma & Mitch
Dahl, Susan
Degoes, Arlene E.
DeMaio, Bonnie
Doneker, Tom
Durgin, Richard & Andrea
Edwards, Bill
Edwards, Vivian
Egeler, Robert & Joyce
Eichele, Brenda
Eickhoff, Rhea
Eiselein, Beverly
Eiselein, Greg
Eliasson, Gary
Eliasson, Jay
Eppers, George & Darlene
Erdie, Karen Jo
Evelo, Jane
Ewen, Jim
Fisher, Alan J.
Fletcher, James
Fritz, Evan
Gallentine, Merle
Gebhardt, Kelly & Darlene
Gerrard, Pat
Gjerde, A. Russell
Glauser, Pearl
Goffena, Cheryl
Gouine, Diane
Hagstrom, Dave & Roberta
Hamill, Janet
Harper, Roger
Hawkins, Susan
Hinman, Susan Wetzel
Hodges, Nancy
Holloway, Bruce
Ihrig, David & Kimberly
Jones, Dave
Jorgenson, Marge
Juhl, Will & Georgia
Kenney, Patrick
Kilby, Gordon
Komar, Clara M.
Kozelski, Albert & Jan

Lang, Delinda
Landsather, Jim
Lekse, Larry
Leslie, E. Herbert
Lynt, Sharon
Mackay, Bill
Majerus, Gil
Marmon, Donna
Maxwell, Michael
McCready, Louise
McRae, Flora Cambra
Mihalovich, Richard
Mihalovich, Wilma
Miller, Dr. Bob & Jean
Milton, Bill & Dana
Mitchell, William J.
Moody, Brien & Debra
Moore, Linda
Moses, Steve C.
Murphy, Pat & Lee Anne
Parrott, Donald
Parrott, Doug & Shirley
Parrott, Jeffery
Parrott, Joseph
Peterson, Sharon Mercado
Picchioni, Linda
Purcell, Mary
Reighard, Doug
Reighard, Margaret
Reikofski, Mary
Robertson, Jerry
Ross, Bette
Rutan, Dave
Sackett, Gary
Samuelson, Jessica
Schladweiler, Jim & Rita
Scribner, Curt
Sloan, Edith
Smith, Loris
Smith, Thomas S.
Snook, Dwayne & Wendy
Spek, Beverly
Spek, Darlene E.
Steele, Shirley
Stevens, Tim
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Membership continued

Thackeray, Thomas
Thomas, Gary & Debra
Toogood, Russel & Louise
Unterseher, Peggy
Vandeberg, Daniel J.
Van Dyke, Randy
Watkins, Rick & Jacqueline
Watson, Anne
Watson, Mark L.
Webber, Jeri
Whitmen, Kathleen
Winkler, Kenny
Witzel, Nan
Wood, Wilbur & Elizabeth
Yount, Linda

Teddy Blue Abbott Monument Update

When is the monument going to arrive? That is the question on the minds of many people.

This project was a gigantic undertaking, and there has been delay after delay at the foundry located in Lander, WY, much of which has been out of anyone's control. COVID has taken its toll on many of the employees, (some employees are still experiencing those); there have been freight issues with obtaining some materials necessary for the project; and to top it all off, the owners had a death in the family. All that's left to do besides transporting the monument to Roundup and setting it is application of the patina, which we believe takes 3 coats with some drying time in between coats.

Meanwhile, work on this end of the project is continuing. Bid requests have been sent out to landscaping as well as hardscape.

The hope is that the entire project will be completed by mid-summer. Donations are still being gratefully accepted. Make checks to MVHM, (Musselshell Valley Historical Museum), for Teddy Blue Abbott Monument, c/o Linda Yount, 320 4th Street West, Roundup 59072.



Clay model of the Teddy Blue Abbott Monument

The Musselshell Valley Historical Museum

is supported by donations. By becoming a member, you join a growing list of community spirited individuals and businesses ensuring the long-term success of this community historical treasure.

Simply clip this form with your scissors, fill out the requested information and mail it to the address below. You can select annual membership or life membership for an individual. Becoming a member helps us preserve the history of our region and brings you our annual newsletter of activities and interesting historical information.

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City, State, and Zip _____

- Life Membership \$150
- Business Membership \$200
- Individual Annual Membership \$20
- Annual Renewal Membership \$10

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New Saloon Doors

Melstone Roundhouse



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