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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.



Annual Meeting Sunday, March 8, 2026

The annual meeting of the museum board will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2025 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.



TOURS

The Musselshell Valley Historical Museum has become a destination stop for tours. Roundup Jr./Sr. High teacher, Dan Eiselein, brought his history students in for a tour in 2025. Q2 News visited while taping a segment on damage to a historical cemetery. The Montana State Historical Archives visited to review documents, of arrest warrants, found in a Roundup downtown building. A group from the RHS Class of 1970 stopped by during their reunion. And, Windfall Studios visited to take videos for SE Montana Tourism magazine. It was a pleasure to serve such a diverse group of people wanting a peek at the colorful history of this area.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS 2026 Season

Opening Day Friday May 1

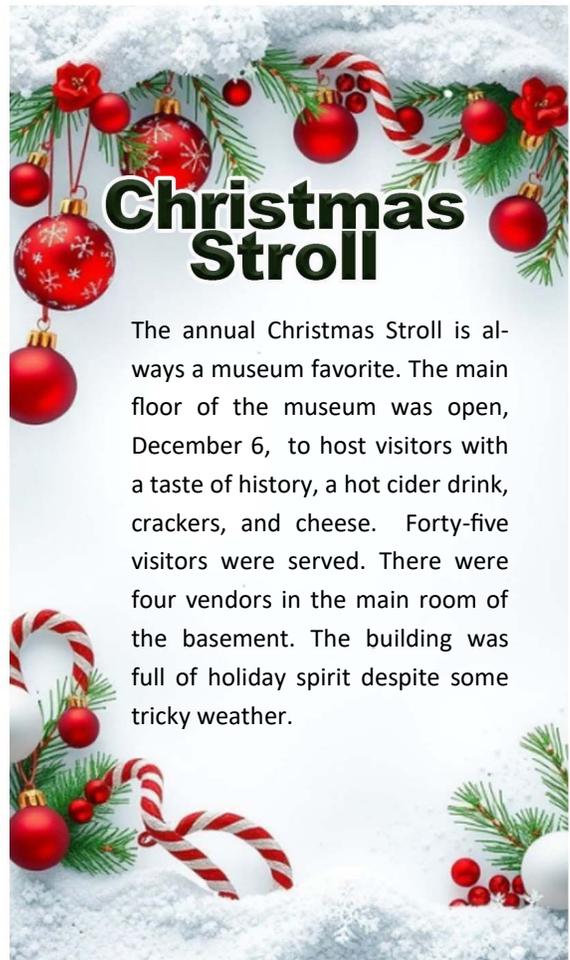
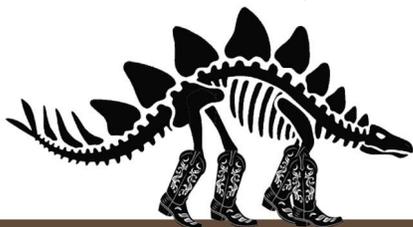
Chuckwagon Breakfast Sunday May 3

Yard Sale Saturdays June 6 & 13

Ice Cream Social Saturday August 15

Closing Day Wednesday September 30

Christmas Stroll Saturday December 5



The annual Christmas Stroll is always a museum favorite. The main floor of the museum was open, December 6, to host visitors with a taste of history, a hot cider drink, crackers, and cheese. Forty-five visitors were served. There were four vendors in the main room of the basement. The building was full of holiday spirit despite some tricky weather.

Doug and Shirley Parrott **A LEGACY OF LOYALTY**

by Peggy Unterseher

The Musselshell Valley Historical Museum felt a deep and personal loss last spring with the passing of Doug Parrott, one of our most treasured board members. A proud World War II veteran and pilot, Doug carried himself with strength, charm, and movie-star good looks. More than that, he was the love of Shirley's life and her steadfast partner in every endeavor. Together, the Parrotts have helped shape our museum into the community treasure it is today.

I asked fellow board members to share memories of our friends, especially Shirley, and their stories paint a picture of devotion that spans decades.

Doug and Shirley generously paid for the replacement windows in our downstairs meeting room, a gift that continues to brighten our gatherings. For more than fifty years, Shirley has seemed to keep a watchful eye on the museum almost daily. She ensured the furnace worked through bitter Montana winters. She meticulously maintained records for regular members, lifetime members, and donors, understanding that every name represented someone who believed in our mission.

Doug was her enthusiastic and devoted partner, equally passionate about promoting aviation and supporting the local airport. One of their most meaningful projects was the David Comstock Pietenpol Airplane exhibit, a labor of love that reflected Doug's lifelong dedication to flight and history.

Shirley's commitment has never been confined to meeting rooms or paperwork. It was not unusual to find her climbing a ladder with buckets of tar to patch the roof herself. She has rolled up her sleeves for every spring cleaning, designed and arranged countless displays, rearranged furniture, staffed yard sales and pancake breakfasts, guided tours, tackled special projects, and faithfully managed the treasurer's office. She has even trimmed trees when needed. Tireless hardly seems a sufficient word for her devotion.

For decades, we have been sustained by "Parrott energy". Shirley's dedication shows in every corner of the building and every success we celebrate. We are profoundly grateful for her many years of service and friendship, and we look forward to working alongside her for many more years to come.





Fattig Creek School Date unknown



LOGO CONTEST

You have probably noticed by now, the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum has a new logo. A contest was held in November asking artists to send their designs in for a chance to win \$100. There were many wonderful ideas submitted, and the decision was difficult, but a winner was chosen by a board vote. The winner was Melissa Allen from Glasgow. Thank you to everyone who participated, and congratulations Melissa!



The Klein Store Date unknown



The R.I.D.E. Parade

This year's R.I.D.E. parade, taking place over the fourth of July, was dedicated to the history and legacy of coal mining in the area. The museum entered a coal car driven by Dylan Eliasson. Dylan donned a miner's hardhat and represented the museum well.





“Sir William”

ONE OF A KIND

Last June, Triebold Paleontology, Inc. generously donated a cast of “Sir William”, a Teratophoneus skull originally discovered on a local ranch nearly 20 years ago. “Sir William” is the only Teratophoneus ever found in Montana, and the Dino Depot is the only place in the state where one is displayed. Visitors can also view authentic skull material from Ankylosaurus magniventris, discovered in the Hell Creek Formation of our region. While other ankylosaur material exists on display in Montana, this is the only authentic magniventris skull material exhibited in a Montana museum. These are not generic specimens, but are rare, scientifically significant, and deeply connected to our landscape.



BUILT FROM OUR OWN BACKYARD

The Dino Depot at the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum has been growing steadily since 2022, and this year marks an exciting step forward. MVHM is now officially part of the Montana Dinosaur Trail, Placing Roundup among Montana’s premier prehistoric destinations. We are not just another stop on the map, we are home to specimens you cannot see anywhere else in the state.

What sets the Dino Depot apart is that these discoveries are tied directly to Musselshell County and surrounding formations. They represent the prehistoric life that once roamed the very ground beneath our community. By joining the Montana Dinosaur Trail, Roundup now stands alongside some of the state’s most respected dinosaur museums, while offering something uniquely our own. The Dino Depot continues to grow with updated displays, interpretive panels, and expanded educational opportunities. Thanks to strong partnerships and community support, Roundup isn’t just preserving history, we’re helping define Montana’s prehistoric story.



MEMBERSHIP LIST

* Denotes Lifetime Member

Business Names

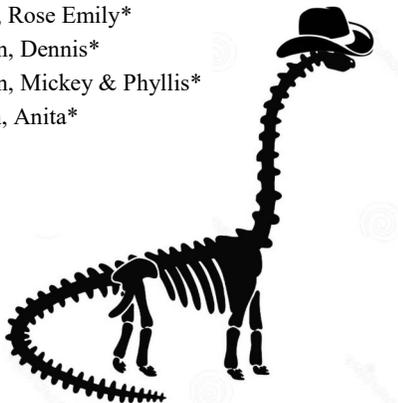
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Allison Saddlery
C Brewer
Edwards Broadcasting 99.9FM
Elite Towing
Elite Tune and Lube
Key Insurance
Lee Farms LLC
Lions Club
McCleary Distributing
Moody Enterprises
MT Historical Society
Musselshell Valley Equipment
Picchioni's IGA
Progressive Club
Roundup Record-Tribune
Signal Peak Coal
VFW
Women's Club

Individual Names

Alger, Dale & Tomi
Allen, Roberts*
Allison, Bill
Anderson, Sharon
Armstrong, Bradley*
Arthur, Anne*
Backstrom, Jeanette*
Barta, Dan*
Barth, Marie
Bartos, Jean*
Beadle, Mary Jane
Bedford, Henry & Kay*
Bethke, William G.*
Betts, Elizabeth*
Beye, Wendy
Bissonette, Adele L.*
Blum, Rose Emily*
Brown, Dennis*
Brown, Mickey & Phyllis*
Burch, Anita*

Casper, Bob*
Chandler, Sandra*
Christensen, Trish*
Clement, Michelle*
Combs, Bonnie*
Cooper, Madeline*
Corn, Marie
Cottrell, Serena*
Crawford, Kathy*
Crosby, Steve & Barb
Crouse, Erma & Mitch*
Dahl, Susan*
De'goes, Arlene E.*
Desjarlais, Gene & Delores
Doneker, Thomas*
Durgin, Richard & Andrea
Edwards, Bill*
Edwards, Vivian
Egeler, Robert & Joyce*
Eickhoff, Rhea*
Eiselein, Beverly*
Eiselein, Greg
Eliasson, Gary*
Eliasson, Eric*
Eliasson, Jay*
Eppers, George & Darlene
Erdie, Karen Jo*
Evelo, Jane
Ewen, Jim*
Fletcher, James*
Fuller, Hank W.
Gallentine, Merle*
Gebhardt, Kelly & Darlene*
Gerrard, Pat
Gilbertson, Cody & Nyda*
Gjerde, A. Russell*
Glennay, Terry R.*
Goffena, Mike*
Gouine, Diane
Gray, (Masini), Ed & Kay*
Hebert, Leslie*
Hagstrom, Dave & Roberta*
Hamill, Janet*
Harper, Roger*
Hawkins, Susan*
Hebert, Leslie*
Hinman, Susan Wetzel*
Hochmuth Ranch Trust*
Hodges, Nancy*

Ihrig, David & Kimberly
Jetter, Melvin & Rose*
Jones, Anne Marie
Jones, Dave*
Juhl, Will & Georgia*
Kenney, Patrick*
Kilby, Gordon*
Komar, Clara M.*
Kozelski, Albert & Jan*
Lang, Delinda*
Langsather, James*
Lekse, Larry*
Liggett, Pamela J.*
Lynt, Sharon*
Mackay, Bill*
Marmon, Donna*
Maxwell, Michael*
McCaffree, Dan*
McCready, Louise*
Mihalovich, Michael*
Mihalovich, Richard*
Mihalovich, Robert U.*
Mihalovich, Wilma*
Miller, Dr. Bob & Jean*
Minnie, Ken*
Mitchell, William J.*
Moody, Brian & Debra*
Moore, Linda*
Morgan, Lulu
Moses, Steve C.*
Munyon, Pamela J.
Nelson, Mary
Parrott, Donald*
Parrott, Doug & Shirley*
Parrott, Jeffery*
Parrott, Joseph*
Peterson, Sharon Mercado*
Picchioni, Linda*
Purcell, Mary
Reighard, Doug*
Reikofski, Mary*
Riojas, Jane*
Robertson, Jerry*
Ross, Bette*
Rutan, Dave*

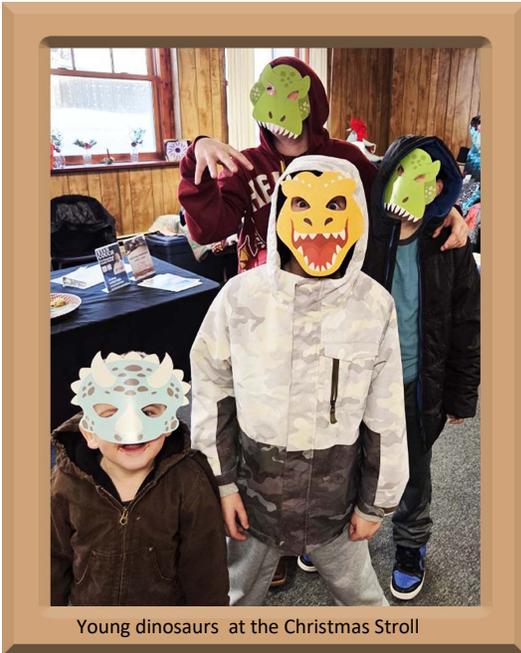


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Membership Continued

Sackett, Gary*
 Samuels, Marlene*
 Samuelson, Jessica*
 Schladweiler, Jim & Rita
 Seitz, Scott & Victoria*
 Seitz, Diane
 Siemion, Roger & Murray Lou
 Sloan, Edith
 Smith, Loris*
 Smith, Thomas S.*
 Snook, Dwayne & Wendy*
 Spek, Beverly*
 Spek, Darlene E*.
 Stevens, Tim*
 Teini, Dallas & Cecilia
 Thomas, Gary & Debra*

Toogood, Clarence*
 Trent, Norma
 Unterseher, Peggy
 Vandeberg, Daniel J.*
 Van Dyke, Randy*
 Walker, Agnes
 Watkins, Rick & Jacqueline*
 Webber, Jeri*
 Whitmen, Kathleen*
 Winkler, Kenny*
 Witzel, Nancy*
 Wood, Elizabeth
 Wood, Wilber*
 Yount, Linda



Young dinosaurs at the Christmas Stroll

Ice Cream Social

On a warm Sunday afternoon, old and new friends gathered in the courtyard of the Mus-selshell Valley Historical Museum for an old fashioned ice cream social. The August 24 event was well attended. Everyone enjoyed Mon-tana's favorite Wilcoxson's ice cream, especially the huckleberry.

Thank you for your continued support!



MEMORIALS 2025

For Helen Jasbeck
 Bette & Larry Ross

For Margaret Reighard
 Bette & Larry Ross

For Tony Leske
 Bette & Larry Ross

For Harold Anderson
 Bette & Larry Ross

For Gordon Kilby
 Sharon Anderson

For Dennis Brown
 Gary & Debra Thomas

For Doug Parrott
 Mike & Linda O'Brien
 Gary & Debra Thomas
 Wilma Mihalovich
 Anita Burch
 John Rouane
 Rich & Andrea Durgin
 Shirley Brillheart
 Big Horn Airways
 Linda Yount
 Bob & Joyce Egeler
 Janice Bartle
 Bonnie Combs
 Ken & Rhea Eickhoff
 Don & Joan Tomlin
 Jack & Donna Marmon
 Janet Hamill
 Sharon Anderson
 Peggy Unterseher
 Serena Cottrell
 John & Vangie Peikert
 Marc & Rose Emily Blum





A charming window display from Roundup's past. Notice the reflection of the photographer.

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.

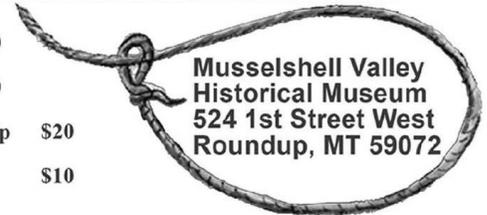
Simply clip this form with your scissors, fill out the requested information and mail it to the address below. You can select annual membership or life membership for an individual. Becoming a member helps us preserve the history of our region and brings you our annual newsletter of activities and interesting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

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

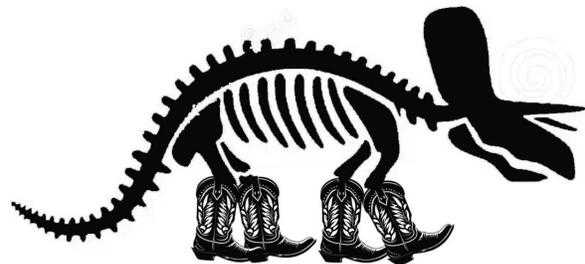


♥ Memorials are accepted year round and are a lovely way to remember and honor someone special.



Donations for the Annual Yard Sale can be dropped off at the museum during business hours.

Sale dates: June 6 and 13
Thank you for your support!



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