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The Roaring 20s

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When you think of the iconic Jazz Age, the images of flappers, speakeasies and art deco may come to mind. The Roaring '20s was simultaneously an era of restriction, freedom and evolution. It was an experimental decade of which some of the best inventions, art, literature and music were born.

With the implementing of the 18th Amendment, prohibition became part of the U.S. Constitution – making alcohol illegal to produce, sell or consume. This caused the country to divide. Many citizens known as “the dries” believed the amendment was the answer to the alcoholic epidemic that was sweeping the nation. The “wets” welcomed the end of WWI and the new modern America that offered a continuing workforce for women; modern housewares like refrigerators, telephones, washing machines, canned goods and factory-made clothing; and the booming automobile industry – it was a time of celebration.

As the modern world took off, so did urbanization, making many cities feel the need to maintain their downtown night scenes and Billings was no exception to any of the movements, fads and law-breaking.

Bootlegging, Booze and Speakeasies

The line between “wets” and “dries” became immediately evident at the beginning of the '20s. Initially, most of the country, including the newspaper industry was supporting the dry movement, including Montana and the Billings Gazette. But almost immediately, states in the East (and their newspapers) began opposing prohibition, even rejecting the terminology “wets.” For many, the new

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The Roaring '20s became such an intriguing and provocative time in history that it inspired movies, music and literature. Gazette archive

amendment imposed upon their freedom and soon, moonshine was becoming a popular and dangerous drink.

According to Gazette archives, booze running became prevalent within the state. Accounts of hospitalizations from “bad” moonshine was one of the problems. Rum-runners transported liquor from Canada to the U.S. in efforts to avoid law enforcement. Raids were frequent and it seemed most of the city was finding ways to get and hide booze.

Even officials, both in church and state, were smuggling moonshine.

One Gazette archive reveals a small article about a priest caught with two gallon jugs of moonshine behind his pulpit.

One of the largest alcohol busts in Billings was former City Councilman Herman Schwanz, who was arrested with 500 quarts of whisky, several barrels of moonshine, 1,000 or more quarts of beer and 200 gallons of mash – an estimated \$15,000 of liquor.

Even Billings own mayor, Arthur Trenerry, was charged and put on trial for conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition Act. After 17 hours of deliberation, the jury found him not guilty.

And then there were the speakeasies and yes, there were plenty right in the heart of downtown Billings.

While there are no photos to be found of the speakeasies that once gave Billings reprieve from long hours on the job, Gazette archives reveal at least 15 downtown speakeasies were raided. Beer, whisky, wine and gin were taken in the raids.

Speakeasies raided were: *The Club*, 2811 Montana Ave.; *The Turf*, 21 N. 29th street; *The Hub*, 2821 Montana Ave.; *The Alley Club*, off 27th St. in alley between Montana Ave. and First Ave. North; *The Manhattan*, 2421 1/2 Montana Ave.; *The Missouri Club*, 2511 Montana Ave.; *The Mint*, 2813 1/2 Montana Ave.; *The Smoke House*, 2519 1/2 Montana Ave.; *The T-P club*, 15 S. 27th St.; *The Forum*, 2605 Montana Ave.; *The Empire*, 20 1/4 North 27th St.; *The Blue Front*, 2717 1/2 Montana Ave.; *The Pastime*, 2515 1/2 Montana Ave.; *The Montana Club*, entrance off alley between Montana Ave. and First Ave. North near 27th street.

The drink of choice, especially around the holidays, was a steaming bowl of “Tom and Jerry,” an old-style

Christmas drink similar to eggnog with hot water and rum or brandy. It became customary for many of the speakeasies to serve this drink and in some cases, even a free lunch of pretzels, bologna, liverwurst and cheese. While the large bowls of hot liquor caused accidents and over-the-top drunkenness, the idea was to provide a sense of comfort, a place to let off steam and “cheers” with the fellow man... or woman.

Flappers and Fashion

Flappers are the iconic face of The Roaring '20s. Women felt a new sense of freedom when their men went to war and the job market opened. After WWI, they remained in the workforce but something else had changed. Modernism was moving in and the Renaissance period was out the door. This meant everything from art to music, style and the female form was changing. Women across the country cut their hair in a bob style; wore dresses and skirts exposing their knees; danced, smoked and drank in public; and mingled with men at speakeasies. It was all at once scandalous and intriguing.

The country both loved and hated flappers, who were simultaneously hailed for the overtness and fashion while ridiculed for being vulgar, unoriginal and unattractive.

One Gazette archive shared an Associated Press story that flappers were not an original model of bobbed hair and short skirts, but that the concept first came from ancient Egypt. The article was accompanied with hiero-



St. Louis Post-Dispatch
On January 17, 1920, the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution banned the transportation, production and sale of alcohol. On December 5, 1933, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Utah ratified the Twenty-first Amendment in state conventions, giving a needed 75 percent majority and effectively ending prohibition. The amendment didn't become effective until December 15, but that didn't stop consumers from celebrating a few days early.

LEFT: Actress Evelyn Downing cirque 1922.

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RIGHT: 1925 Hart-Albin ad appealing to the more modest women's fashion.

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ABOVE: Ethel Hays focused on flappers and their dynamic with men in the 1920s.

RIGHT: Yegan Bros ad with flapper style. Gazette archives

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glyphic illustrations of ancient Egyptian women that supported the claim that flappers were not worth all the hype.

Another article with an all-capital headline reading, "BILLINGS WILL BE FILLED WITH BALD FLAPPERS" claimed the bobbed hairstyle would lead to imminent baldness and soon, the world would be filled with hairless women.

Still, flappers were the selling point for cinema, plays and fashion. People couldn't take their eyes off of the women recreating the country in their image.

Soon, retailers were targeting and advertising the flapper movement. Dresses and skirts became shorter, even shoes were marketed specifically for the flapper - or any woman wanting to become one.

The flapper was enhanced by movie stars like Clara Bow who became the iconic "It Girl" of the time and socialite Zelda Fitzgerald, who is recognized as the first "American Flapper." In addition, Zelda's husband, F. Scott Fitzgerald published his book "The Great Gatsby" in 1925, emphasizing the flapper movement, speakeasies and the rise of the Roaring '20s.

The Gazette published many articles on Fitzgerald, even calling him the prophet of jazz. The Babcock Theatre also created stage productions of his second novel, "The Beautiful and Damned."

Ethel Hays, a published cartoonist from Billings, was well-known for her flapper-style illustrations and cartoons of the 1920s, further developing local intrigue and progression towards the flapper movement.

Living

Because of new inventions, including the automobile and other devices that required assembly-line production, there was an economic boom with the increased job market. Living became a little easier to manage and with urbanization, apartments became a trendy way to live in the big city.

In downtown Billings and surrounding areas, a one-bedroom apartment started at only \$12.50 a month, while a two bedroom (with a sleeping porch) cost only \$28 a month.

All-you-can-eat seafood buffet lunches at the Shelling Café cost 65 cents; brand new Chryslers started at just \$725; diamond engagement rings were as low as \$15; silk dresses were less than \$10 at Hart-Albin; and admission to shows at the Babcock Theatre were five to 50 cents.

A Gazette archive revealed that local downtown stores played a large role in the evolution of the community: "There is another light in which

"The Beautiful and Damned" was a novel written by F. Scott Fitzgerald in 1922. It exemplified the Jazz age and mirrored Fitzgerald's marriage to his muse, "The first American flapper," Zelda Fitzgerald. The stage production came to the Babcock theatre on more than one occasion.

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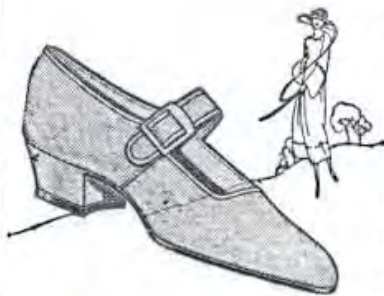
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Loved and hated, flappers were changing fashion in the 1920s and retailers knew how to market for the trending style.

the (downtown) merchant is seldom seen, though always present, and that is as the patron of all progress, art, comfort and invention.”

The 1920s paved the way for the concept of the American Dream. It embodied “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness,” the fundamental rights from the Declaration of Independence. Downtown Billings dreamed big, its citizens defied the Prohibition Act and established speakeasies.

The dull roar of the ‘20s lingered into the early ‘30s as the economic boom ended with the Great Depression.

In 1933, Prohibition was eradicated, making it the first and only revoked amendment in the Constitution. Still the wet-dry issue raged on for a few years to follow, causing hesitation to reopen drinking establishments throughout the country. Still, Montana beer sales increased and places like The Billings Brewing Co. found solid footing in the community.

The grand allure of the speakeasies, and all that it entailed, came to an end. The flapper became a passing notion that fizzled like a shooting star. The Roaring ‘20s were over.

Full Circle

Here we are again, celebrating a new version of the ‘20s. The echo of that time swept every downtown New Year’s party as women wore fringed and sequin costumes, and liquor poured freely into champagne glasses welcoming the New Year.

2020 is here and not unlike the Roaring ‘20s, it is boisterous – full of artists, inventors, activists, rebels and patrons.

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MIKE CLARK, Billings Gazette



First Snow on the Beartooth Front

- pastel by Mike Caskey

On display at **Terakedis Fine Art and Jewelry.**

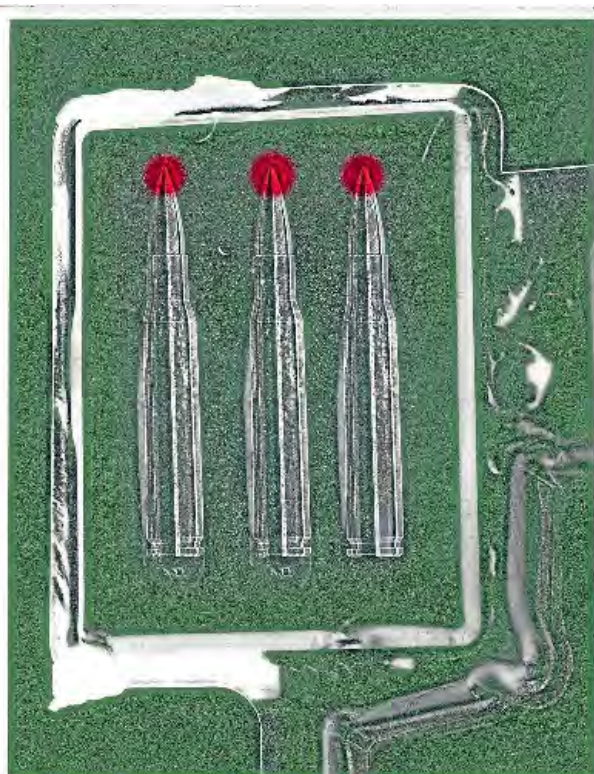
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Gelzen Eva

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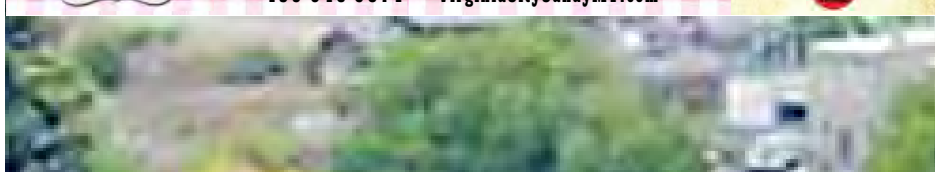
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Billings restaurants COME TOGETHER for take-out and delivery service

By CHARITY DEWING
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Nicole Griffith, owner of Well Pared Eatery & Juice Bar, along with Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, Sophie's Kitchen, Walkers Grill, Sassy Biscuit, and Velvet Cravings are offering a brand new, one-stop-shop food delivery and take-out service.

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"We know the value of safety right now, and we want clients to know who is delivering their food. It's not an unknown third party," said Griffith.

Billings Buffet offers two tiers of service for individuals and families with varying prices. The goal is to offer quality food, while supporting the community and local businesses.

"We are all in the same boat," said Griffith. "We want to support multiple, local businesses and offer nourishing and delicious food."

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A selection of foods from the menu at Walkers Grill.



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Moss Mansion and the Western Heritage Center offer a chance to learn about Billings history

By **MIKE KORDENBROCK**
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To understand the history of Billings, Montana's largest city, it helps to first talk about the history of railroads.

That's the view of Kevin Kooistra, executive director of the Western Heritage Center, a museum and historical outreach organization located in the heart of downtown Billings.

Montana had been inhabited by Native Americans for centuries before Americans began taking over the land, motivated in part by a gold rush in the 1860s, more than 50 years after Lewis and Clark first explored the region.

Montana became a territory in 1864 and a state in 1889.

As Kooistra tells it Billings is among the last cities in Montana to be constructed along early Northern Pacific Railroad construction and land acquisition strategy which put tracks through the middle of cities in accordance with a symmetrical plat design.

The result is a city, founded in 1882, that has developed uniquely on either side of the railroad tracks, with the southern side having a significant industrial business presence.

The arrival of the railroad and the rise of Billings came at the cost of Coulson, a town that once existed nearby along the river in an attempt to court business from steamboats.

Coulson had a reputation for a rougher, rowdier way of life in the West, but the town eventually disappeared due to growth so rapid in Billings it seemed to be an act of magic, leading to Billings being nicknamed The Magic City. One of the 47 parks in Billings is called Coulson Park and located where the town used to stand.

The symmetric layout of downtown Billings ultimately created an industrial corridor to the south that would become home to a diverse minority population driven in part by the needs of regional agriculture and industry.

In its earlier years the city of Billings had a sizable population of German Russians, known as Volga Germans, along with immigrants from Mexico, Japan and China.

Along Division Street stands one of the most spectacular holdovers from Billings' past, a towering red sandstone structure known as the Moss Mansion. The house was built in 1903 at the behest of Billings entrepreneur Preston Boyd Moss.

Moss enlisted architect Henry Janeway



LARRY MAYER/Gazette Staff

Melting snow damaged the Moss Mansion over the winter.

Hardenbergh, the same man who designed the Waldorf Astoria hotel, to design his home, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places and has been featured in movies including "Return to Lonesome Dove."

Moss had five children and his daughter, Melville, lived in the mansion until the 1980s when he died. Some people believe the mansion is haunted by ghosts of the Moss family.

The Moss Mansion has been maintained as a museum and event venue for decades and continues to offer tours inside, along with special programming throughout the year. Summer 2019 will include its first ever Kids Fest, in which children will have a chance to visit differ-

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Website: www.mossmansion.com

ent booths staffed by educational outreach partners of the mansion. That event is slated for July 27.

The Mansion is also planning to roll out a special display on stained glass windows, of which the building has many. The exhibit will look into how stained glass windows are made and include information geared towards children.

The mansion has resident historians to lead guided tours, but also offers people the chance to take self-guided tours. "We've gotten such great feedback from people who love to come in and visit the Moss at their own pace," said Jenna Peete, executive director of the Moss Mansion.

The mansion does not have air conditioning and can get warm in the summertime. To cool off, people can stroll the grounds and visit the gardens maintained around the property.



BOB ZELLAR/Gazette Staff

Woodwork details in the dining room in the Moss Mansion at 914 Division St.



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The dining room in the Moss Mansion is planned as the main scenery for the filming of Shane Patrick McClurg's upcoming independent movie, "Oswald's Dinner."



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Exhibits

J.K. Ralston: Studio Cabin

In 1946, the late J.K. Ralston his son built a log cabin to serve as a studio space for the artist. The interior is now part of the Western Heritage Center, replicating the original cabin and housing the artist's work.

Date & Time: permanent exhibit

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

American Indian Tribal Histories Project

This permanent collection features Montana's Native American tribes. Audio interviews, art work, maps, tribal flags and explanation of symbols are provided by Crow and Northern Cheyenne tribal members.

Date & Time: permanent exhibit

Location: Western Heritage Center

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Saints & Sinners

Women Breaking Tradition explores 10 women in Yellowstone County who refused to let society dictate to them. Some of these women worked within societal expectations; some intentionally pushed against these restraints. But all of these women lived life on

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Date & Time: through Dec. 2020

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

When Culture Meets Fashion

Apsalooke Crow Style features the styles of Della BigHair-Stump (Designs by Della). Della blends traditional Crow designs with contemporary fashion to create beautifully unique clothing.

Date & Time: through June 6

Location: Western Heritage Center

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Now a Montanan

Stories of Immigrant Women in Yellowstone County is a partnership with Rocky Mountain College's Office of International Programs. Learn the experiences of contemporary immigrant women and their journey to Montana.

Date & Time: through June 20

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YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM

EVENTS & CLASSES

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EXHIBITS

Neltje: dialogue of my mind & tell me, why flowers?

Inspired by the beautiful and brief life of the flower, artist Neltje paints in bursts of vibrant colors.

Date & Time: March 14 - July 12

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see artmuseum.org for more information.

Equal: a work in progress

Missoula artist, Kristi Hager presents a progression of paintings that combines self-portraits, as well as portraits of her great-grandmother and even Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Date & Time: May 15 - Oct. 25

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see artmuseum.org for more information.

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BIN 119119 N. Broadway A sweet finish tops off a scrumptious meal. At Bin 119, you can go big or small and then go home. The house cheesecake comes in a variety of luscious flavors to indulge in, but you also can't go wrong with crème brûlée. Equally delicious is the chocolate ballerina cup filled with milk-chocolate mousse and strawberries.



CASEY PAGE Billings Gazette

Buffalo Block Prime Steakhouse at the Rex 2401 Montana Ave. Prepared by Chef Austin Stewart, the thick double bone-in, smoked and wood-grilled pork chop is finished with a crispy potato and spiced bacon crust. Topped with an apple bourbon and stone ground mustard glaze, and served with garlic mashed potatoes, this succulent and flavorful meal brings comfort food to a whole new level of deliciousness.



RYAN BERRY Billings Gazette

Jake's Downtown 2701 1st Ave. N. The luscious bowl of blackened shrimp piled atop a heap of jasmine rice is highlighted by a sweet chili sauce. The earthy flavors of sautéed cabbage, mushrooms, with red and green peppers adds a textural delight and an array of flavor flare-ups.



Gazette staff

TOP: TEN19 N. Broadway Photos just don't do this meal justice. New to the menu is this mouthwatering 30 day butter-aged New York strip steak in a chimichurri sauce with pan fried Brussels sprout and roasted squash with a honey glaze. Pair it with a glass of red wine to bring this delectable feast all together.

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Symphony in the Park

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Date & Time: June 28, 4-9 p.m.

Location: Pioneer Park

Tickets: Call Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (406) 252-3610

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Date & Time: June 5-7 & 12-14, in the Roebing Theater. Evening performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are 2 p.m.

Location: NOVA Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: Call (406) 591-9535 or visit novabillings.org

The Borrowers

Miss Arriety Clock, a tiny borrower, secretly lives under the floorboards of unsuspecting humans above – until she is seen by the little boy who lives there. Forced to leave their home, the borrowers head out for a new journey in a brand new and dangerous world.

Date & Time: July 17-19 & 24-26, in the Roebing Theater. Evening performances are 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees are 2:00 PM

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Funky Bunch Improv

Gotta have that funk! This high school improv troupe performs the first Friday of every month with hilarious skits borrowed from popular shows like "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Audiences cannot help but get caught up the sidesplitting dynamic of this improv group where anything can happen.

Date & Time: Visit novabillings.org for upcoming times.

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Venture Improv

For over 20 years, this improv group has been amusing audiences with their witty stage rapport. With various games and different actors taking part each time, this fresh approach to theater production offers a hilarious and unpredictable result that has kept audiences coming back for more.

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Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone

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Date & Time: June 13, noon to 7 p.m.

Location: Chiesa Plaza

Tickets: Call (406) 256-2400 or visit metrapark.com

YVKC Dog Show

Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club Dog Show. Free admission for the public.

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Participate or shopping at the biggest garage sale in Billings. **Admission is \$3, 12 and under are free. Call (406) 248-7827 to reserve a space to sell.**

Date & Time: June 27, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Date & Time: 10 a.m., May 22

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Born a Railroad Town

Date & Time: 10 a.m., May 29

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

Exhibits

J.K. Ralston: Studio Cabin

In 1946, the late J.K. Ralston his son built a log cabin to serve as a studio space for the artist. The interior is now part of the Western Heritage Center, replicating the original cabin and housing the artist's work.

Date & Time: permanent exhibit

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

American Indian Tribal Histories Project

Venture Improv



Courtesy image

Louis Habeck's most recent art project is focused on a series of charcoal drawings and sculptures of dinosaurs.

This permanent collection features Montana's Native American tribes. Audio interviews, art work, maps, tribal flags and explanation of symbols are provided by Crow and Northern Cheyenne tribal members.

Date & Time: permanent exhibit

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

Saints & Sinners

Women Breaking Tradition explores 10 women in Yellowstone County who refused



Courtesy photo



to let society dictate to them. Some of these women worked within societal expectations; some intentionally pushed against these restraints. But all of these women lived life on their own terms, paving the way for women today.

Date & Time: through Dec. 2020

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

When Culture Meets Fashion

Apsalooke Crow Style features the styles of Della BigHair-Stump (Designs by Della). Della blends traditional Crow designs with contemporary fashion to create beautifully unique clothing.

Date & Time: through June 6

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

Now a Montanan

Stories of Immigrant Women in Yellow-

stone County is a partnership with Rocky Mountain College's Office of International Programs. Learn the experiences of contemporary immigrant women and their journey to Montana.

Date & Time: through June 20

Location: Western Heritage Center

Tickets: Call (406) 256-6809 or see ywhc.org

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM

EVENTS & CLASSES

First Friday

Cash bar, free parking, and free admission to check out art, music and lecture series at the YAM.

Date & Time: First Friday of every month

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see artmuseum.org for more information.

Wine Down to the Weekend: Wine 102

Learn all about the winer things in life. Guests will discover how wine is made, sensory evaluation skills with interactive exercises, wine tasting and evaluation with old world and new world wines. Most importantly, learn how to avoid bad wines.

RSVP Required: Purchase tickets in advance by stopping by the YAM or calling (406) 256-6804.

Date & Time: May 14, 5-8 p.m.

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see artmuseum.org for more information.

Charcoal Drawing with Louis Habeck

Learn the impressive art form of charcoal drawing with variations of materials, both traditional and nontraditional with artist Louis Habeck. Member \$60, Not-Yet-Member \$85, \$25 supply fee paid to the instructor.

Date & Time: May 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see artmuseum.org for more information

Art and a Story

For families with children age 5 and under, the storytelling and the art piece all come together. Kids can look at the actual art they are hearing about.

Date & Time: May 17; 10:30-11 a.m.

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

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Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see art-museum.org for more information.

Spring Exhibitions Reception

Meet the artists and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres as the YAM celebrates two new exhibitions. *North by Northwest: Women's Work and Equal* and *A Work in Progress* by Kristi Hager.

Date & Time: May 28, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see art-museum.org for more information

Summerfair 42 at Pioneer Park

Summer sun, green grass, arts and crafts, live performances, children's activities, food trucks and all day fun – why wouldn't you come to Summerfair.

Admission is \$5 per day, children 6 and under are free. Weekend passes for two adults (with up to three

children) is \$25 for all three days.

Date & Time: June 26-28, 4-8 p.m.

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see art-museum.org for more information.

remember me Opening Reception

Jane Waggoner Deschner opens her exhibition titled *remember me*. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Free for members and \$15 for not-yet-members.

Date & Time: Aug. 13, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Yellowstone Art Museum

Tickets: Call the YAM at (406) 256-6804 or see art-museum.org for more information.

EXHIBITS

Neltje: dialogue of my mind & tell me, why flowers?

Inspired by the beautiful

A man with a full beard and a teal button-down shirt over a dark t-shirt is sitting on a wooden bench. He is smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a light-colored wall with some peeling paint at the bottom. The text 'Red Oxx summer concert series set' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, white, bold font.

Red Oxx summer concert series set

This article has been updated to reflect the cancellation of Mission Mountain Wood Band's July 31 concert.

The Pub Station has booked some big names for a new summer concert series at Red Oxx Manufacturing's venue on the east side of Billings.

Promoters were encouraged by the reception a few concerts on the new lawn stage received last summer.

The Pub Station "is excited to bring live entertainment to the heart of the Billings Industrial Revitalization District," the promoter said in a press release.

The series, held rain or shine, begins Friday, July 3, 7 p.m., with Jordan Davis. Tickets are \$34, plus any applicable service fee.

BlackHawk performs Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35, plus any fee.

Charlie Crockett is Friday, July 17.

Josh Abbot Band with Jason Boland and the Stragglers and Flatland Calvary perform Thursday, July 23.

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