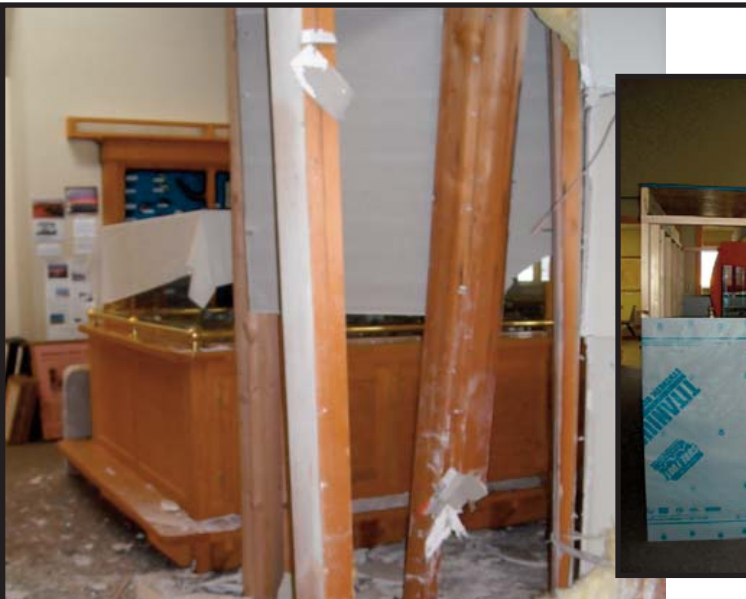


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What's Happening at the Museum

We have had a very busy and interesting new year!

Thanks to the Raw Deal Run Fundraiser and Jon VanDaveer's research and efforts, we hired Morrison-Maierle Systems to acquire, program and install our new computer system.

The computers were delivered the end of February. We purchased two new towers, a laptop, three monitors and a laser multi function printer. Thanks to Kent Rudolph, Norm Duncan and Jon VanDaveer for installing the ethernet cable.

In March we accepted Christy Mosness's resignation and hired Jill Lavold as our new director. She started by going to a Past Perfect workshop at the MAM Conference in Billings with five museum members to learn more about imputing our ascensions into Past Perfect. After the MAM Conference we were planning to recruit volunteers for our Past Perfect project. March also found the curators working on new exhibits and rearranging the existing displays. We were all busy getting the Museum organized and ready for the opening Festival.

Then on Easter Sunday, "the best laid plans of mice and men!". A very confused driver drove through the front doors of the museum, breaking off a roof support post, burying our new server under debris and stopping inches from the Cobblestone Village! The damage could have been much greater and for that we are very thankful. That it was not. We are now under reconstruction, but will be open for the festival. Finished or not!!!!

We are so thankful for the fire department, sheriff's office, ambulance crew, and Hanser's wrecker for their quick response. A special thanks goes to Sox Ullman, Jim Ullman and Heath Nation for stabilizing and securing the building. Also Karl Conner for rekeying an exit that has become our temporary front door.

On April 9th we hosted our Annual Potluck Dinner and Meeting. John Esp and Sheri Mosness were replaced on the board by Mary Ann Duffy and Kari Blaylock. Unfortunately, Rita Esp resigned as both curator and board member. Christy Mosness was appointed to finish her term. We will miss Rita immensely.

Cowboy poet, Jim Hamilton, recited three of his poems. Dinner was delicious. John Drivdahl gave a very interesting talk about mining and the effect of the financial crash of 1893. And now we are looking forward to completion of the reconstruction, the Memorial Day Festival, and starting our Past Perfect project. Anyone interested in helping please give us a call. This is going to be fun and interesting as we sort through the archives and artifacts!!!

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Martha E. Vanskike

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the sheep. Feed was short, and they had about given up and were about to contact the people they had trailed the sheep for, when the buyer showed up with his crew to receive the sheep. The herder returned to Ingomar with the horses and supplies.

Dad never mentioned that he had engraved his name on a rock out there. I doubt that he would have forgotten doing it. He probably figured no one would ever

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find it and if they did they wouldn't find it interesting or wonder who S. Oiestad was.

Dad went on to the Big Timber – Livingston area working ranches. He spent some time at the mines in Butte and the woods in Missoula to make some fast money, but his real love was ranch work.

It amazes me how a chance find on the

Internet in this digital age could take me back 85 years. In a very remote place Dad scratched his name in a rock face when most agricultural work was still done with saddle horses and teams. Imagine the changes Sverre Oiestad, born in 1900, saw in the 85 years of his life.

From the Director's Desk...

Spring has sprung and new exhibits and new faces will greet visitors this summer at the Museum. Curators Elli Hawks and Jeanie Chapel have been working hard through the winter months to set up some new and interesting exhibits for all to enjoy.

Our Christmas Open House in December was enjoyed by over 250 people. The Museum was beautifully decorated with vintage Christmas trees that depicted memories from our youth. Organizations decorating trees were the Sons of Norway, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Thrift Store. The Christmas tree raffle was won by Wanda Lavold and Melanie Forrey. The Santa Lucia girls greeted guests and offered gingersnaps to all. The Lutheran Men's Quartet filled the halls with Christmas music to a standing room only crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Christmas were on hand the last

afternoon to wrap up the events.

The Museum is coming into the technical world with new computers purchased with funds received from the Raw Deal Run and private donations. This was a much needed update.

I will be stepping down in April and want to introduce the new Director, Jill Lavold. Jill has been a docent for many summers at the Museum and has a great interest in the history of Sweet Grass County. I know she will be a great asset to the Museum. Stop in this summer and meet her. Thanks for the many years of enjoyment I had at the Crazy Mountain Museum. We are the best in the West!

Christy Mosness, Director

New Exhibits

Montana's Black Gold - Coal Mining in Montana
Homesteading at Glasston, MT
Painted Glass Silhouette Pictures
Racing To The Fire (Ozzie Nevin Collection)
Orvin Fjare's Elephant Collection

WANTED

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Wednesday (May 20), or Friday (May 22).**