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Museum celebrates 50 years of history

By John Barrows

This week marks the 50th year for the Beaverhead County Museum, and the museum, along with the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce, is throwing a birthday party.

The Beaverhead County Museum Association was formally organized in 1947, according to the museum's president, Don Resset.

On Saturday, September 27, the museum will plan its golden anniversary, starting with a parade from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., starting at the BCHS B. W. Lodge parking lot.

From 1 to 5 p.m. there will be an antique car show on the museum grounds.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be children's activities and games on the museum lawn, followed by a barbecue from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A dessert box social and talent show will be held on the museum lawn, followed by a street dance in front of the museum, featuring jitterbug dancing, Boot Scooters, square dancing, the Macarena and the Dillon Junior Fiddlers.

A drawing is planned at 7:15 p.m. in front of the museum for a framed 1920 photo of Dillon's main street and a Charlie Russell print. In addition, a number of chamber and museum gifts will be drawn for. Music is provided by Boots Country Karaoke.

The Beaverhead County Museum Association was formed in 1947 for the specific purpose of collecting, preserving and exhibiting the historical artifacts of Beaverhead County.

Plans were made for a fund drive to raise the money to build a long building museum. Land, north of the Union Pacific depot, was leased from the railroad, as was the section now being leased by the city, from the depot south to Reeder Street.

A city-wide fund drive was held, headed by a committee of local

business owners and managers. The committee traveled throughout the county, soliciting donations.

In the 1960s a second building, the old Torrey Lodge from the Birch Creek area, was donated by Western Montana College and moved into Dillon.

From the beginning the Chamber, which was organized in the 1930s, and the Museum were partners in the building, with the Chamber owning half of the original building.

That continued until several years ago, when the museum and the chamber agreed to separate quarters for each. The chamber gave up its ownership of half of the original museum building in turn for space in the old Union Pacific Depot, which the museum acquired in 1989.

The chamber currently operates the state tourism center out of the depot, and helped provide some of the matching funds for an upcoming grant project that will complete work on much of the old depot building.

A major project for the museum's 50th year is the completion of the second volume of the Beaverhead County History Book, which is being undertaken by the group, with expectations of completion by Christmas.

Currently, the museum is headed by a seven-person board of trustees, including Resset, vice-president Marshall Walters, secretary Stan Smith; treasurer Sally Dingley, and board members John Barrows, Sally McEldery and Fred Throckmorton. The museum staff is headed by a director of operations, Candi Whitworth.

"We certainly hope people will take the time to help us celebrate our golden anniversary," Resset said.

Unemployment by phone

The Department of Labor and Industry has moved state government from the granite buildings to the living rooms of unemployment insurance claimants and the businesses of employers. As of October 1, individuals across the state will file unemployment insurance claims over the telephone and employers will have one phone number to call to have their unemployment insurance questions answered.

"October 1 marks a new beginning for the Unemployment Insurance Division," stated Pat Haffey, Commissioner of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. "The telephone centers bring a new and highly improved customer focused, reliable, and convenient way to deliver a vital and valuable government service to all of Montana."

According to Haffey, about 40 percent of unemployment insurance claims are already being processed through the Billings Unemployment Insurance Telephone Claim Center. This center covers the eastern half of the state.

The Helena Unemployment Insurance Telephone Claim Center will handle claims starting October 1 for the western part of the state which represents the remaining 60 percent of all the unemployment insurance claims filed in the state. The Helena center is anticipated to handle approximately 36,000 claims per year. The two telephone centers will process about 60,000 claims per year.

The Billings Unemployment Insurance Claim Center began operations on a pilot basis on October 1, 1996, serving a seven-

county area surrounding Billings. It was expanded July 1, 1997, to serve the eastern half of Montana.

The results from the Billings center show the services have been well received by both employers and claimants. "Claims are being filed and questions answered in less than 6 1/2 minutes," stated Jon Moe, Benefits Bureau Chief of the Unemployment Insurance Division. "Claimants have found that being able to call in a claim is more convenient than driving to the nearest Job Service Center."

In the first nine months of the Billings pilot center, customer representatives provided assistance to 28,327 callers.

The Helena center completes the statewide implementation of this customer focused service. The Helena center will serve the counties of Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders and Silver Bow.

People wishing to file claims and employers seeking information about claims in these counties after October 1 will simply pick up their phone and call 406-444-2645. They will be connected with a trained customer service representative who can process their claims and requests for information.

People wishing to file claims and employers who reside in the counties of Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Glacier, Golden

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1 Forklift	
1 Motor grader	14 One tons - from 1993, 2 & 4 w.d., Ford, GMC & Chev
2 Rollers	38 4x4 Pickups - from 1993, 1/2 & 3/4T, Ford, GMC & Chev
3 Trenchers/Backhoe	41 4x2 Pickups - from 1993, 1/2 & 3/4T, Ford, GMC, Chev, Dodge, Datsun & Int'l
4 Tractors w/mowers	11 Sport utility vehicles - from 1993, Explorer, Blazer, Bronco & Jimmy
1 Snowblower	12 Vans - from 1994, 1/2-3/4-1 ton, Ford, GMC, Chev & Dodge
9 Tilt top & flatbed trailers	1 1987 GMC 3/4 ton 4x4 suburban
4 Line trucks	1 1983 Ford 1 ton 15 passenger bus
1 Ladder & 1 bucket truck	2 1992 Kawasaki 4x4 4-wheelers
2 One ton dump trucks	1 John Deere lawn tractor & snowblower
12 Dump trucks	3 Boats, motors & trailers (alum & fiberglass)
2 Water trucks	1 Skidoo 4500 snowmobile
5 Misc. 2 ton trucks	
1 Paint stripper	
1 Street sweeper	
Asphalt equipment	
13 Rev. & 12 1-way plows	
2 Tailgate & 19 Bin sanders	
3 Welders • 2 Water pumps	
Miscellaneous items	

Sale Order: The heavy equipment, trailers, large trucks, welders, pumps & misc. will sell first. At approx. 11 am, we will begin selling the cars, pickups, 1 tons, vans, sport utility vehicles, bus, suburban, boats, RV's & lawn tractor

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