

# WELCOME TO BUFFALO BLOCK

Built in 1910, just 28 years after Billings itself was settled, the Rex has long been a formidable presence in the historical landscape of Montana. It's on the National Register of Historic Places, is a remnant of the true Old West, and was a witness to the prohibition era — a modern reminder of the storied history that Billings stands on.

Back in its heyday, the Rex was a popular hangout spot for the everyday Billings working man, as well as more well-to-do figures like Will James, Buffalo Bill, and Calamity Jane. During prohibition, the hotel bar became known widely as a restaurant, but continued to serve alcohol through its “floating bar,” which changed locations nightly. It's also said that the bar was connected to Billings' system of underground tunnels.

After a few successful decades, business began to slow down in the 1960s when the railroad industry began to peter out. By 1975, only the main floor of the hotel was being used, and the owners were forced to schedule a date to have the building torn down. However, one day before the wrecking ball date, a Billings local named Senia Hart stepped in and bought the building. After several owners and renovations, the bar soon became a high-class restaurant known for its steak and seafood, maintaining this reputation for the next thirty years.

After a fresh remodel and new ownership, the doors are open once again, and we are striving to provide the Billings community with excellent, top notch service.

*A vibrant, new experience in local fine dining.*

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME

In the late 1800s, towns and cities in the United States faced a common problem: the inconvenience of unpaved streets and the pervasive mud and odor that went with them. In 1900, everything changed: the buffalo block, a cheap, water-resistant, and nearly-indestructible brick, was developed. Soon, settlements across the country were paved with them, and Montana Avenue and the town of Billings were no exception.

Although buffalo block remnants are fewer and further between now that we've long since adopted asphalt paving methods, we unearthed plenty of buffalo blocks on the old patio and scattered throughout the building when we began our remodel of the Rex in 2018. One day, while doing a walk-through of the building, Rick & Nicki's 9-year-old granddaughter saw a Buffalo Block brick and said, “Well, that would be a cool name for the restaurant!”

“Buffalo Block” seemed to capture decades of history, harkening back to the days of Buffalo Bill and when the hotel bar went by the name of “Buffalo Bar.” To make a long story short, the name sort of just stuck, and Buffalo Block was born!

*So cheers to a new legacy — while honoring our rich history.*

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## ABOUT US

Owners Rick & Nicki Larson are no strangers to diving head first into unknown territory. In 1980 the couple founded the first third-party administrator (TPA), EBMS, after Rick was working in insurance and knew there was a better way to serve clients. After nearly three decades, expanding into 16 different states, and employing nearly 350 people, they decided to “retire” and enjoy their family and friends.

Soon after The Rex closed, Rick got the entrepreneurial itch to start again. The Larson family decided to embark on another family venture and haven't looked back since!

Today, Rick & Nicki enjoy 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

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## OUR STORY

As a family, we've been longtime visitors of the Rex as long as any of us can remember. When it was time to get together for a good steak or family dinner, it had always been our go-to place. Like many others in the Billings community, we've always appreciated the iconic building as a little piece of the past that we could enjoy whenever we wanted to.

That's why when the Rex closed down we really missed it. The more we thought about it, the more we thought that the Rex still had plenty of potential and we knew it.

*So we decided to do something about it.*

What we thought would be some quick updates, ended up being a complete internal remodel. New venting, a completely new floor plan, and brand new decor. We are honoring our past while embracing our future.

We are so thrilled to reveal the new Buffalo Block Prime Steakhouse at the Rex, or as we like to call it:  
*your new favorite steakhouse.*

## CRAFT & BOTTLED BEER

### ON TAP

Scottish Winter Ale, Highlander, Missoula Brewing Co.....	• 6
Lager, Bud Light .....	• 4
Red Ale, Street Fight, Angry Hanks .....	• 5
Belgian Blonde, Good Times, Thirsty Street.....	• 6
Hefeweizen, White Noise, Überbrew .....	• 6
IPA, Scepter, Draught Works Brewery .....	• 6
IPA, Dirt Church Hazy, Bitter Root Brewing .....	• 7
Honey Rye, Salmon Fly, Madison River Brewing.....	• 6

### BOTTLED/CANNED

White Claw, Mango or Black Cherry .....	• 5
Press, Blackberry Hibiscus.....	• 5
Cider, Flathead Cherry, Red Lodge Ales Brewing.....	• 5
Pilsner, Colorado Kölsch, Steamworks Brewing .....	• 5
Pilsner, Czechmate, Red Lodge Ales Brewing.....	• 5
Stella Artois .....	• 5

Amber Lager, Ekklusive, By All Means Brew Lab .....	• 8
Lager, Bud Light .....	• 4
Lager, Budweiser .....	• 4
Lager, Coors Light .....	• 4
Lager, Coors.....	• 4
Lager, Michelob Ultra .....	• 4
Lager, Miller Lite.....	• 4
Indian Pale Ale, Jai Alai, Cigar City Brewing .....	• 6
Pub Ale, Boddingtons .....	• 6
Amber Ale, Bozone, Bozeman Brewing.....	• 5
Shiner Bock.....	• 5
Pacifico .....	• 5
Blue Moon .....	• 5
Oude Geuze Boon, Boon Brewery .....	• 12
<b>NON-ALCOHOLIC</b>	
Pilsner, Old Milwaukee, N/A.....	• 5

## SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

### BB BANDITO

Vida Mezcal, Grapefruit Juice, Lemon Juice,  
Maple Syrup, Cracked Fresno Chili,  
Fresno Chili ~12

### BOTTLE AGED AVIATION

Aviation Gin, Crème De Violette, Maraschino  
Liquor, Lemon Juice, Lemon Swath ~12

### BB ROTATOR

Weekly Specialty Cocktail ~12

### RASPBERRY FRENCH 75

Aviation Gin, Chambord Raspberry Liqueur,  
Lemon Juice, Zardetto Private Cuvée Brut,  
Lemon Swath ~12

### OAXACA OLD FASHIONED

Reposado Tequila, Vida, Agave, Chocolate  
Bitters, Orange Bitters, Orange Swath~12

## BUFFALO BLOCK CLASSICS

### LARSON MARTINI

Choice Of Plymouth Gin Or New Amsterdam Vodka,  
Dry Vermouth, Blue Cheese Stuffed Olive,  
Side Of Olive Juice ~14

### NICKI'S FRENCH MARTINI

New Amsterdam Vodka, Chambord Raspberry Liqueur,  
Pineapple Juice, Luxardo Cherry ~10

### BUFFALO BLOCK MANHATTAN

Old Grand Dad 100 Proof, Grand Marnier, Orange Bitters,  
Carpano Antica, Luxardo Cherry ~14

### HERDBULL OLD FASHIONED

Benchmark Bourbon, Maple Syrup, Angostura Bitters,  
Orange Swath ~9

## VODKA

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

360 Vanilla.....	5 • 7	Grey Goose .....	11 • 16
44 North Huckleberry .....	7 • 11	Ketel One.....	7 • 11
Absolut.....	7 • 11	Monopolowa.....	6 • 9
Absolut Citron .....	7 • 11	New Amsterdam.....	5 • 7
Absolut Mandrin .....	7 • 11	Russian Standard .....	8 • 12
Belvedere .....	9 • 14	Stolichnaya .....	7 • 11
Chopin .....	11 • 17	Stoli Elite .....	16 • 24
Crystal Head .....	17 • 26	Titos.....	7 • 11

## GIN

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Aviation .....	7 • 11	Hendricks .....	12 • 18
Beefeater .....	7 • 11	Hendricks Orbium .....	12 • 18
Blue Coat .....	9 • 14	Nolet .....	19 • 29
Bombay Sapphire .....	8 • 12	Plymouth .....	10 • 15
Boodles .....	7 • 11	Plymouth Navy Strength.....	10 • 15
Botanist .....	11 • 16	Tanqueray .....	8 • 12
Distillery No.209 .....	11 • 16	Tanqueray Ten .....	14 • 20

## BRANDY & COGNAC

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Calvados Boulard 'Grand Solage' .....	12 • 18	Laird's Applejack .....	7 • 11
Christian Brothers .....	5 • 7	Louie XIII 3 Oz .....	700 • 1050
Courvoisier VSOP .....	16 • 24	Remy Martin XO .....	48 • 73
Hennessy VS .....	15 • 22	Remy VSOP .....	6 • 8

## FEATURED FLIGHT

Select Three Of The Following, Each Available In 1 Ounce Pours For Flight

Balvenie DoubleWood 12 Year .....	• 11	Balvenie DoubleWood 17 Year .....	• 16
Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Year .....	• 14	Balvenie TUN 1509 .....	• 34
Balvenie Single Barrel 15 Year .....	• 13		

## ULTRA PREMIUM

1 Ounce, 2 Ounce or 3 Ounce

Grande Champagne Cognac, Louis XIII de Rémy Martin .....	350 • 700 • 1,050
Pappy 20 Year .....	175 • 350 • 525
Macallan Sherry Cask 25 Year .....	240 • 360 • 540
The Boss Hog 17 Year .....	60 • 120 • 180
Clase Azul Ultra Extra Añejo .....	258 • 386 • 579

## BUILD YOUR OWN FLIGHT

Select Any Three Bourbon/Whiskey, Rye, Or Scotch Each Available In 1 Ounce Pours For Flight

## BOURBON/WHISKEY

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

1792 .....	17 • 25	Knob Creek .....	11 • 16
Angels Envy .....	16 • 24	Maker's Mark .....	10 • 15
Baker's .....	22 • 33	Maker's Mark 46 .....	14 • 21
Balcones Baby Blue .....	18 • 28	Maker's Mark Cask Strength .....	16 • 24
Basil Hayden .....	16 • 23	Michter's Small Batch .....	15 • 22
Benchmark .....	7 • 10	Old Forester 1910 .....	17 • 26
Blanton's .....	19 • 28	Old Forester 1920 .....	21 • 31
Booker's .....	27 • 40	Old Forester 4 Year .....	7 • 11
Breckenridge Straight .....	15 • 22	Old Forester 150th Anniversary .....	52 • 78
Buffalo Trace .....	8 • 13	Old Grand Dad 100 Proof .....	8 • 12
Bulleit .....	11 • 16	Pappy 20 Year .....	350 • 525
Bulleit Barrel Strength .....	16 • 25	Pendleton .....	7 • 11
Caribou Crossing .....	18 • 27	Pendleton 1910 .....	10 • 15
Crown Royal .....	9 • 13	Red Breast 12 .....	18 • 27
Crown Royal Apple .....	9 • 13	R & R .....	6 • 9
Eagle Rare .....	12 • 17	Seagram's 7 .....	5 • 8
E.H. Taylor 100 Proof .....	15 • 22	Seagram's VO 80 Proof 6 Year .....	5 • 7
Elijah Craig Small Batch .....	11 • 16	Slaughter House .....	14 • 21
Evan Williams .....	6 • 9	Stranahan's Colorado .....	23 • 35
Evan Williams White 100 Proof .....	7 • 11	Suntory Toki .....	13 • 19
Four Roses Small Batch .....	11 • 16	Teeling Single Malt Irish .....	20 • 30
Four Roses Yellow Label .....	9 • 14	Tincup .....	10 • 15
Hudson Baby .....	15 • 22	Weller's Special Reserve .....	18 • 27
Jack Daniel's .....	8 • 12	Widow Jane 20 Year .....	26 • 39
Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack .....	11 • 16	Wild Turkey 101 .....	8 • 12
Jameson .....	9 • 14	Wild Turkey Rare Breed .....	17 • 26
Jim Beam .....	6 • 9	Woodford Batch Proof .....	34 • 51
Kentucky Owl Confiscated .....	30 • 45	Woodford Reserve .....	11 • 16
Kentucky Owl Wiseman .....	52 • 78	Woodford Reserve Double Oak .....	18 • 27

## RYE

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Angels Envy (Caribbean Cask) .....	27 • 40	Old Overholt .....	7 • 10
Basil Hayden Dark.....	16 • 24	Rittenhouse .....	8 • 12
Bulleit Rye.....	11 • 16	Sazerac .....	11 • 16
High West Double .....	15 • 22	Templeton .....	11 • 16
High West Campfire.....	25 • 37	Templeton 6 Year .....	15 • 22
Jack Daniel's.....	8 • 12	The Boss Hog.....	120 • 180
Jim Beam .....	5 • 8	WhistlePig .....	27 • 40
Knob Creek.....	12 • 18	Whistle Pig 12 Year .....	35 • 52
Michter's US1 Straight Single Barrel.....	15 • 22	Wild Turkey Russell's Reserve .....	15 • 22

## SCOTCH

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Ardbeg 10 Year .....	17 • 26	Glenmorangie.....	16 • 25
Auchentoshan Three Wood.....	25 • 38	JW Black .....	15 • 22
Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Year .....	28 • 43	JW Blue.....	48 • 72
Balvenie DoubleWood 12 Year .....	22 • 34	JW Gold .....	24 • 36
Balvenie DoubleWood 17 Year .....	32 • 47	JW Red.....	8 • 13
Balvenie Single Barrel 15 Year .....	27 • 40	Lagavulin 16 Year .....	31 • 46
Balvenie TUN 1509 .....	68 • 102	Macallan 12 Year .....	22 • 33
Chivas Regal 12 Year .....	14 • 21	Macallan 18 Year .....	70 • 105
Compass Box Spice Tree .....	25 • 38	Macallan Rare Cask.....	65 • 98
Dewar's White Label .....	8 • 12	Macallan Sherry Oak 25 Year .....	360 • 540
Famous Grouse - WELL .....	7 • 11	Oban .....	28 • 42
Glenfiddich 12 Year .....	18 • 27	Talister 10 Year.....	25 • 38
Glenlivet 12 Year .....	16 • 24	Talisker Storm .....	25 • 38
Glenlivet Enigma.....	34 • 51		

## TEQUILA

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Casamigos Añejo .....	22 • 33	el Jimador.....	7 • 10
Casamigos Blanco.....	18 • 27	Fortaleza Reposado .....	20 • 30
Casamigos Reposado .....	19 • 28	Fortaleza Silver.....	17 • 26
Clase Azul Plata.....	26 • 39	Herradura Double Barrel Reposado .....	19 • 29
Clase Azul Reposado .....	30 • 45	Herradura Silver .....	17 • 25
Clase Azul Ultra Extra Añejo .....	386 • 579	Milagro Blanco .....	12 • 18
Corralejo Reposado .....	11 • 16	Milagro Select Reposado.....	29 • 44
Don Julio 1942.....	34 • 51	Patrón Silver .....	17 • 26
Don Julio 70th .....	21 • 32	Tears Of Llorona Extra Añejo .....	60 • 90
Don Julio Silver.....	18 • 28		

## MEZCAL

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Bozal .....	29 • 43	Chichicapa .....	33 • 49
Clase Azul .....	60 • 90	Vida.....	13 • 19

## PORT

Dows 10 Year.....	• 13	Sandeman 20 Year Tawny .....	• 22
Dows 1985.....	• 40	Sandeman 40 Year Tawny .....	• 72
Fonseca Bin 27 .....	• 7	Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Tawny .....	• 13
Graham's 30 Year Tawny .....	• 45	Taylor Fladgate 20 Year Tawny .....	• 20