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MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES' HERITAGE KEEPER & HERITAGE GUARDIAN AWARD

NOMINATION NARRATIVE

Please answer the following questions:

1. Contribution(s) to Montana history—please describe the project or on-going service within Montana's historical community that has been accomplished by the nominee.

(Limit 500 words) Employee of the Ravalli Co. Museum (Historian + Archivist)

- Works on many presentations for the public of historical interest.
- Helps preserve the museum library, does research for the public, buildings
- membership booth, Apple days, etc.

2. What are the particular strengths and impacts of the Montana history goals the nominee has achieved? What impact has the work accomplished had on the community/intended audience?

(Limit 500 words) The Public has been enriched with information about local + state historical events. (Salish Indian exhibits, Bitter Root days celebration, etc. X Apple days)

3. Describe the nominee—provide a short biographical sketch/history of the nominee, including: length of involvement in service; effectiveness of service; level of prior recognition; and degree of commitment to the general concepts and highest goals of the historical community.

(Limit 500 words) Published books (Dale Burk) "MONTANA Ghost Towns", "Lewis and Clark's stopping points in the Bitter Root", "The RAMS", "horu medicine tree" (collection of articles in the Clark Fork Journals, many photos throughout these books)

4. Attach Supporting Documentation—i.e. news articles, commendations, letters of support. (Limit - three documents)

He has helped with news articles about the events in activities listed in #2

P.S. If you want more specific info, please call him on the Rav. Co. museum!
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NOMINATION FORM

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In case we need more information about your nominee.

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Date Nomination Submitted Feb. 28, 2019

Return completed form, narrative & support documents **by March 16, 2019**

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Answers to 4 questions from historical website. #1. Mr. Whitfield has worked at the Ravalli County museum for many years. He is the Historian and Archivist who has worked on monthly presentations to the general public, consisting of topics of historical interests. #2. He also works to preserve the museum's small library of old books, helps preserve and does research on old buildings that are on the historical preservation list, helps with farmers market membership booth, Bitter Root apple days, Salish Indian exhibits, and the annual Bitter Root Days celebration in June. #3. He has written numerous articles for three years in the Clark Fork Journals, as well as, been quoted in articles in the Ravalli Republic. #4. I am not aware of any awards, but he has written books on Montana Ghost towns, edited a book about the Lewis and Clark trip through our area with many photo's of the sites, and has a book called "The Rams Horn Medicine Tree", consisting of his articles published in the Clark Fork Journals. These I have read and I believe they were all published by Dale Burke of Stevensville.

I sent this info through my Charter e-mail, which was not a choice on the website. Thanks for your service!