

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.

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.

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.

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

NON-ALCOHOLIC

Pilsner, Old Milwaukee, N/A.....	• 5
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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

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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
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	Pendleton	7 • 11
Bulleit Barrel Strength	16 • 25	Pendleton 1910	10 • 15
Caribou Crossing	18 • 27	Red Breast 12	18 • 27
Crown Royal	9 • 13	R & R	6 • 9
Crown Royal Apple	9 • 13	Seagram's 7	5 • 8
Eagle Rare	12 • 17	Seagram's VO 80 Proof 6 Year	5 • 7
E.H. Taylor 100 Proof	15 • 22	Slaughter House	14 • 21
Elijah Craig Small Batch	11 • 16	Stranahan's Colorado	23 • 35
Evan Williams	6 • 9	Suntory Toki	13 • 19
Evan Williams White 100 Proof	7 • 11	Teeling Single Malt Irish	20 • 30
Four Roses Small Batch	11 • 16	Tincup	10 • 15
Four Roses Yellow Label	9 • 14	Weller's Special Reserve	18 • 27
Hudson Baby	15 • 22	Widow Jane 20 Year	26 • 39
Jack Daniel's	8 • 12	Wild Turkey 101	8 • 12
Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack	11 • 16	Wild Turkey Rare Breed	17 • 26
Jameson	9 • 14	Woodford Batch Proof	34 • 51
Jim Beam	6 • 9	Woodford Reserve	11 • 16
Kentucky Owl Confiscated	30 • 45	Woodford Reserve Double Oak	18 • 27
Kentucky Owl Wiseman	52 • 78		

RYE

2 Ounce Or 3 Ounce

Angels Envy (Caribbean Cask)	27 • 40	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	WhistlePig	27 • 40
Jim Beam.....	5 • 8	Whistle Pig 12 Year	35 • 52
Knob Creek.....	12 • 18	Wild Turkey Russell's Reserve	15 • 22
Michter's US1 Straight Single Barrel.....	15 • 22	Woodford Reserve.....	13 • 19
Old Overholt	7 • 10		

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	Laphroaig 10 Year	17 • 26
Chivas Regal 12 Year	14 • 21	Macallan 12 Year	22 • 33
Compass Box Spice Tree	25 • 38	Macallan 18 Year	70 • 105
Dewar's White Label	8 • 12	Macallan Rare Cask.....	65 • 98
Famous Grouse - WELL	7 • 11	Macallan Sherry Oak 25 Year	360 • 540
Glenfiddich 12 Year.....	18 • 27	Oban	28 • 42
Glenlivet 12 Year	16 • 24	Talister 10 Year.....	25 • 38
Glenlivet Enigma.....	34 • 51	Talisker Storm	25 • 38

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.....	28 • 42	Herradura Double Barrel Reposado	19 • 29
Clase Azul Reposado	36 • 54	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 40 Year Tawny	• 72
Dows 1985.....	• 40	Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Tawny	• 13
Fonseca Bin 27	• 7	Taylor Fladgate 20 Year Tawny	• 20
Graham's 30 Year Tawny	• 45		