



Missoula City Cemetery

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Stories and Stones Historical Tour

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Free Admission

One of Missoula's oldest cemeteries presents an afternoon of living history. Journey into the past as 15 volunteers in period costume narrate life stories of individuals from Missoula's past. We invite you to come enjoy this vastly popular family event and we thank you for continuing to sponsor this walking tour through your generous donations.

Missoula City Cemetery is proud to feature two exciting new stories:

- ◆ **John "Jack" LaShell** was a wealthy landowner and elected official in Lothrop, Montana. John had a reputation for his love of liquor and malicious temper when under the influence. This story focuses on domestic violence and the outcome of a murder claimed in self-defense. Come hear this story told from the perspective of John's wife and learn the outcome of the inquest proceedings.
- ◆ **Forrest "Red" Bex** was a legendary figure on the streets of downtown Missoula. Red was an amateur boxer and jack-of-all-trades who lived a hard, alcohol-fueled life. That is, until an Angel called on him in his jail cell with orders for Red to "go forth and preach God's word." Red reformed and became a self-ordained Pentecostal Street Preacher known for shouting his one-line sermons from Missoula's downtown street corners. He used every ounce of his soul to get his message across, causing his entire body to gyrate from head to toe. Come see if you remember some of his sermons and learn a bit more about the man behind them.

Do you know that at the Missoula City Cemetery you will also discover...

- ◆ Who designed many of the historic structures in downtown Missoula?
- ◆ Who was the first white couple to be married in the present boundaries of Montana?
- ◆ What is psycho-genealogy and does it really work?
- ◆ How did a City Commissioner cut taxpayers costs through a rather creative means?
- ◆ These stories and so much more!

Missoula City Cemetery (est. 1884) is one of the oldest operating cemeteries in the Missoula valley and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is widely recognized for its beauty, tranquility, and pristine grounds. The City of Missoula is committed in keeping this treasured historic resource relevant, usable, and sustainable for future generations.

Contact the cemetery for questions about this event: Mary Ellen Stubb at 552-6070

Find photos and videos of past stories here: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/162/Stories-and-Stones>