

# Steer Montana, one big bovine

**S**teer Montana resides in Baker, Montana at the O'Fallon Historical Museum. "The World's Largest Steer" once brought fame to southeastern Montana. He was born in 1923 on a farm east of Baker, and ended up being nearly six feet tall, ten feet four inches long, and two tons in weight.

He became known as Steer Montana, and his owner, Jack Guth, exhibited him far and wide, appearing in over 60 state fairs. His brother, Spot, (3,230 lbs.) was also exhibited, while

brother Bulgy (3,580 lbs.) was not.

When Steer Montana passed away in 1938, his owner "strung him up on a windmill," stripped the carcass, and had his skin mounted. So displayed, Steer Montana continued to make the fair and rodeo circuit.

Then he got lost, later turning up in Billings, exhibited at an attraction called "Wonder Land." For \$5,000, he was ransomed back to Baker, where he is displayed at Heiser's Bar. Bernard Heiser later donated both skin and bones to the county museum.

Today, Steer Montana is in a large glass box, in the main room of the O'Fallon Historical Museum, with a slightly apprehensive expression on his face. His bones have been connected

back into a skeleton and are in the adjacent annex.

The O'Fallon

Historical Museum has a number of other items including a two-headed calf and a mannequin display of an early beauty shop permanent contraption. The museum also exhibits the largest public collection of the folk art by Herbert Jundt.

The O'Fallon Historical Museum is located at 723 South Main Street, Baker. Summer hours are 9-5



*World's largest steer, Steer Montana, on display in Baker.*