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Media Release

National Publisher Releases New Pictorial Book on Billings: **Montana's Trailhead.**

For Immediate Release:

Billings, MT, December 2, 2009: The Billings Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) in conjunction with The Donning Company Publishers of Virginia Beach, Virginia—the largest specialty pictorial history publisher in the United States - release a new book in the “Portrait of America” series.

This hardcover, limited-edition book has 144 pages and more than 200 photographs. It showcases Billings' rich history, vibrant growth, and forever views. With her accomplished writing, Billings' author, Sue Hart, vividly brings to life Billings, a city founded in 1882. Even its most enthusiastic early boosters could not have imagined its current size or importance to the region. Billings still maintains its small-town feel in several respects, and honors its past through exhibits at the Western Heritage Center and the Yellowstone County Museum, which sits atop the sandstone Rimrocks that tower above the city's north side. This book captures Billings' rich history and tremendous landscapes.

If you have ever wondered about Martha Jane Canary, also known as the infamous “Calamity Jane”, or where Charles Lindbergh worked – now is your chance to find out! Billings is Montana's Trailhead. From here your trail connects the past, the present and the future. You can reserve this beautifully-illustrated, historical keepsake for yourself as well as family, friends, and/or business associates.

The 8 1/2” x 11” publication features the colorful characters, unique events, and discoveries that have shaped the city. This book is perfect for school systems, libraries, historical buffs, and personal collections. The photographs as well as Sue Hart's narration make this book a wonderful learning tool, memorabilia for family heritage, or a reminder of a visit. This is a wonderful gift. Just open the book, step into its pages, and feel the spirit of a settlement that became a thriving city.

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Details:

Billings: Montana's Trailhead

Issued by: Billings Chamber of Commerce/CVB

Written by: Sue Hart, Author, Montana State University Billings Professor

Book Specifications:

8 1/2" x 11", hardcover, 144 pages with over 200 photographs.

Purchase Information:

With an initial printing of one thousand copies, residents and tourists can capture history. Books may be purchased at the pre-sale price of \$29.95 (plus \$6.00 shipping & handling) at the Billings Chamber /CVB through December 31, 2009. After December 31, 2009 the book will be available for \$34.95 (plus \$6.00 shipping and handling). Books can be purchased by stopping by the Chamber/CVB offices at 815 South 27th Street, calling (406)245-4111 or by faxing the order form available at www.billingschamber.com, to (406) 245-7333.

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“Our Mission is to develop a strong business climate and vibrant economy by serving the community in a leadership role thereby enhancing the quality of life.”

“Billings is Changing. Your Chamber/CVB is Leading the Way.”

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