

40th Annual Dillon Junior Fiddlers Fiddle Contest

February 18th & 19th 2023
 Competition to start at 9 am on both mornings
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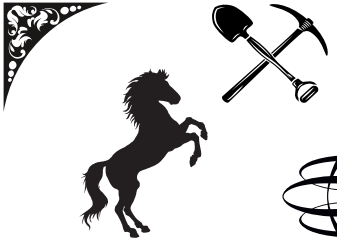
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MINING TOWNS OF ALDER GULCH

By the summer of 1863 the landscape of the Alder Gulch had become a series of small mining communities. Many areas of these gold bearing locations were richer than others, which created large population booms until the placer gold was all panned out.

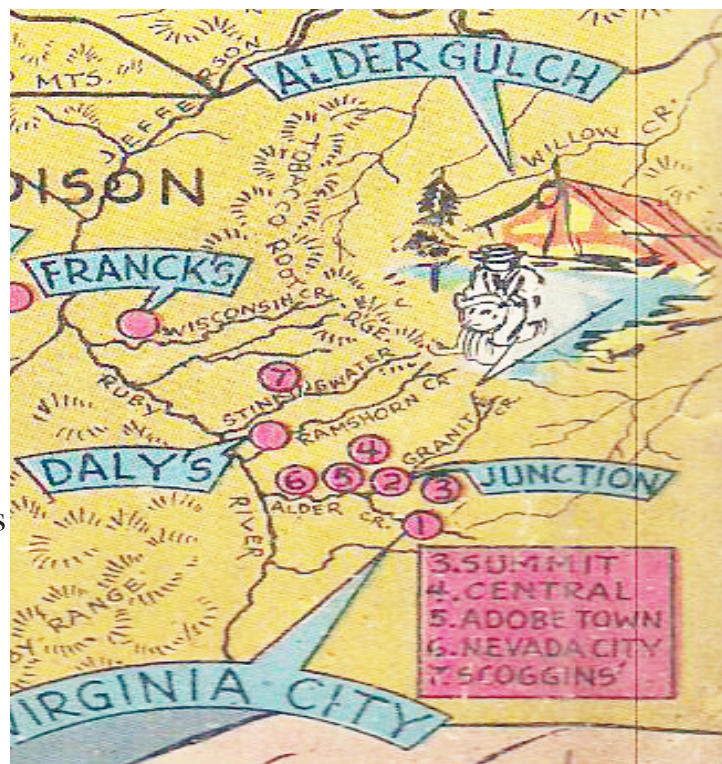
Up Alder Gulch from Virginia City were smaller districts which included Beartown, Highland, Pine Grove and Summit. Going down the Gulch from Virginia City were Elkhorn, Central City, Nevada City, Slater's Bar, German Bar, Idaho Bar, Adobetown and Junction City. All were historically important in early Alder Gulch days. Some of these mining towns lasted longer than others and can be seen today. Summit was the last center of population up Alder Gulch. The settlement there was formed by some placer miners, but it was quartz mining that brought most people to the area. Some of the important mines at that time included the Kearsarge, High Up, Marietta, and Easton Pacific. Nevada City, down the Gulch from Virginia City, was a well established mining town in the early 1860's. Many business houses sprang up at this location as there was a great number of miners that had worked in the area and many of the buildings are still standing. This historic mining community has been restored in part by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bovey. Nevada City was named after Nevada City, Nevada, another mining community. They also moved several buildings from lost gold rush towns from Salisbury to Summit into Nevada City for historic preservation.

Adobetown, the next mining community after Nevada City, was named for the fact that many of its early day buildings were made of adobe bricks, a combination of dried mud and grass. The walls were put up with this building material and usually the roof was made up of poles or brush with dirt on top. Once this dirt was packed, it would shed water very nicely. Adobetown boasted a store, post office, meat market and other businesses in keeping with the times. The main store in Adobetown was owned and operated by Nicholas Carey. One of the first public schools in the Territory of Montana was started in Adobetown. This school house has been moved to Nevada City and is viewed by many sightseers every year.

Junction City was located where Granite Creek flows into Alder Gulch and one mile from Adobetown. The population would grow to around 100 residents. A mechanic shop/livery, meat market and small stores made up this small town and was more of a residential and farming community. The soil was perfect for growing produce and "truck gardens" were created to grow and sell near and far. A few farm buildings can still be found in the Junction area. It was also surrounded with good placer mines and rich quartz lodes. In this immediate area, many hundreds of Chinese were working over placer areas already worked by the first miners. Most of the Chinese miners were located between Water Gulch and Junction. It was said that President Grover Cleveland came to Junction City in 1891 campaigning for his second term on a trip to West Yellowstone.

Summit City was located near the head waters of Alder Creek and seven miles south of Virginia City. It was one of the most prosperous mining towns in Montana. It sported a population of up to three hundred during the mining boom times. The mines were rich in gold bearing quartz lodes with many placer diggings in the vicinity that paid from \$8 to \$10 per day. There were six quartz mills adjoining the town that provided many jobs for the miners traveling through. The town had several stores, mechanic shops and miners homes. There were also many gardens in this area that raised many variety's of vegetables to sell throughout the area.

Time has marched on, but the history can still be seen today in and around Nevada City.



Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

COME JOIN US FOR A SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER! - Southwest Montana Retired Educators will meet February 18, 2023 in Alder at Chick's Restaurant at 10:00 a.m.. Anyone interested in learning about what we do and benefits included with your membership are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please call Michael Schulz at 406-683-0304, or Fran Schisler 406-683-4329. Hope to see you there.

DILLON JR FIDDLER - 40TH Annual Fiddle Contest - Feb 18 & 19th at 9 am both days - At Family Center of St. Rose of Lima Parish Dillon, MT

CHICKS BAR: Sat. Feb. 25th Chick's wet mop pool tournament. \$10 a person, Blind draw partners. Sign up starts at 10am games starts at 11am.

LEPRECHAUN DASH - NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK - March 11th - Starts at 1 pm at the Ruby Valley Brew in Sheridan, MT

ROTARY CLUB OF THE RUBY VALLEY - CASINO NIGHT - March 25th at 6 pm at the Blue Anchor

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| VIRGINIA CITY - Thompson Hickman - 10:30 a.m. Library Story and craft time.**

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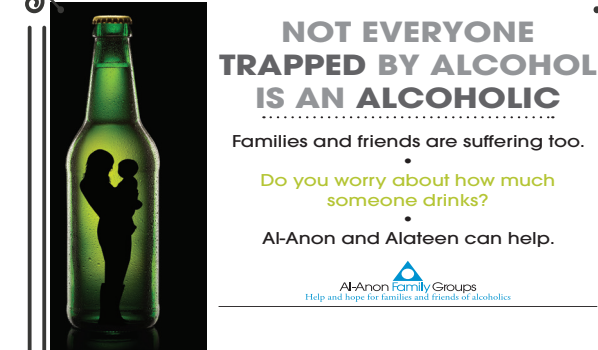
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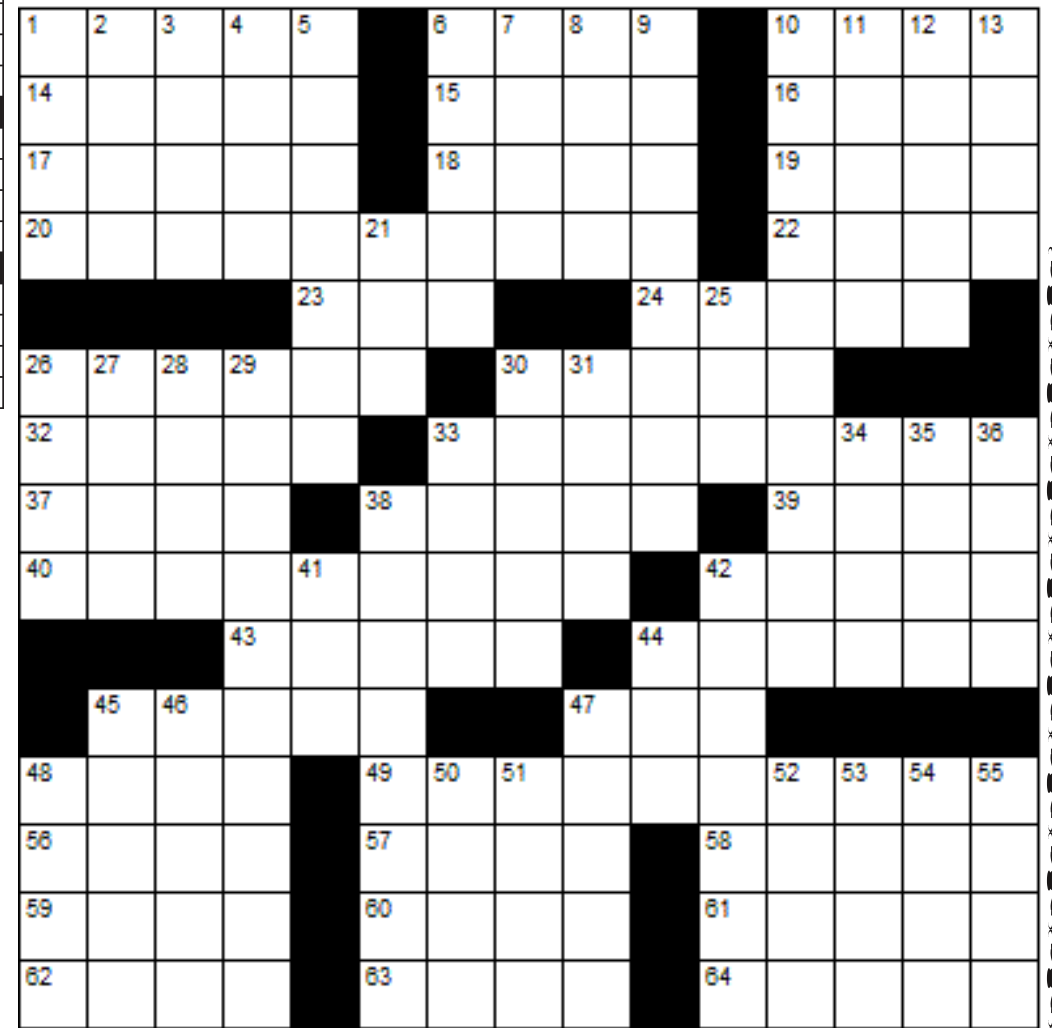
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February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Noon BPA mtg	1 Groundhogs Day Noon FFA mtg 3:45pm Tech Talk 4pm MS GBB w/ Sheridan (H)	2 Noon Jr class mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ SV (H), BGBG, Senior Night	3 MS GBB at WSS tourney 2:30pm HS BB w/ WY (T), BGBG
	5 FFA Melstone Mechanics CDE Staff lunch mtg	6 Noon Sophomore class mtg 4pm MS GBB w/ Ennis (T) 6pm Booster Club mtg	7 FFA Columbus Ag Business Seminar Noon 8th gr mtg	8 Noon Close-Up 3:45pm Tech Talk 4pm MS GBB w/ Harrison/WC (H) 7pm Am. Legion mtg (MT rm)	9 4pm MS GBB w/ Lima (T)	10 4pm HS BB w/ Harrison/WC (H)
	12 Noon Exec Student Co. mtg 5:30pm Little Guy Wrestling practice starts 7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT rm)	13 Valentine's Day Mt Conservation Corp Presentation Noon Student Co mtg 4pm MS GBB w/ Ennis (H)	14 10am Madison Co. Spelling Bee Noon Safety cmttee mtg	15 District BB Noon 9th gr mtg 3:45pm Tech Talk 	16 Tournament	17 (Butte MAC)
19 National Presidents' Day - No School FFA CDE District (Big Timber) 7pm Trailblazers 4-H (Lunchrm)	20 F F A "I Love This Life" assembly Staff lunch mtg	21 Week 9:50am Falcon Buddies	22 Divisional 2pm Vitalant Blood Drive (MT rm) 3:45pm Tech Talk	23 BB Tourney	24 (Butte MAC)	25
26 Scholastic	27 Book Fair	28 March	1 Science Fair 12:30pm School Early Out 1-7pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	2 No School - Spring Day	3	

Sheridan School Calendar

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 BASKETBALL vs. Butte	31 BASKETBALL vs. Harrison / Will	2/1 First Day of Black History Mont	2 MS GIRLS Basketball @ Twin B	3 BASKETBALL vs Manhattan Chr	4 BASKETBALL vs White Suphur MS GIRLS Basketball @ White
5	6 FFA - Melstone Mechanics	7 MS GIRLS Basketball vs. White	8	9	10 BASKETBALL @ Lone Peak	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting Valentine's Day 7p Sheridan School Board Mee	15 BASKETBALL District	16 BASKETBALL District	17 BASKETBALL District	18 BASKETBALL District
19 FFA Districts CDE - Big Timber Presidents' Day	20	21	22 MIDTERM 3	23 BASKETBALL Divisionals (MAC) Parent / Teachers Conferences	24 BASKETBALL Divisionals (MAC) FFA Districts LDE - Three Forks	25 BASKETBALL Divisionals (MAC)
26	27	28	3/1 First Day of Women's History M	2	3	4 FFA Conrad Crops & Mechn.

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