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Pony Bank in the early 1900 's

A miner by the name of Smith McComsey, nicknamed "Pony" because of his diminutive size, prospected northeast from Alder Gulch. Smith fought in the civil war, he was a private in Company H of the 15thRegiment of the Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was listed on his military record as a farmer when he enlisted at the age of 18 on Nov. 22, 1861, mustered on Dec. 13, 1861, and was discharged for disability on Dec. 20, 1862 in Yokena, Mississippi. His military record shows him at 5 foot 2-1/2 inches so hence

his diminutive size from where his nickname 'Pony' was derived. Mr. McComsey staked a claim on the creek in 1867 and then left for a year and returned in 1868 to continue prospecting his claim where a small mining camp known as Pony Gulch was established. Placers were discovered in the district in the early 1870s and lode mining began in 1874.

About two miles above the present town of Pony, George Moreland located the Crevice and Strawberry lodes, the latter of which lay in a patch of wild berries. The quartz deposit was considered the mother lode of the placer ground of the district. At a depth of fourteen feet Moreland uncovered a lead, ten feet of which contained free gold worth from

\$20.00 to \$100.00 a ton. Several other mines were located in the district and a mill was erected at the Crevice mine. Lode mines would bring a stability to the district that placer camps lacked. The Boss Tweed was located in 1875 by Albert Mason, Thomas Carmin, Alex Lefler, William Robson and Albert Dinnock. The Clipper was staked out by W.V. Ryan, Jesse Barker, and W. H. Metcalf. The Clipper, Belle and Boss Tweed properties were later known as the Boss Tweed group. The Garnet, Eva May and White Pine mines also became active at this time. The Pony Gold Mining Company was held by such Montana noteworthies as ex-governor Samuel T. Hauser, and Anton M. Holter of Helena. The company bought into several properties owned by Elling and Morris, including the Strawberry, the Boss Tweed, and Clipper. The operation of the mines was then modernized using compressors and air drills. Due to mismanagement, the mines operated under the new company for only a

short time.

At one time Pony had a daily train service of its own and was 16 miles distant from two great Transcontinental railroad lines of the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad at Sappington junction. Pony had an efficient municipal government, an organized fire department, well kept streets and many public improvements.

A better location for a permanent town was found between Old Pony and North Willow Creeks and by June of 1876, the new town of Pony was said to have a hotel, blacksmith shop, and several miner's cabins. Spring of 1877 brought a second stampede of miners to the district and by the end of the year five more mills were in operation with a combined total of 56 stamps. Over 1,000 men moved into the district to prospect, mine and work the mills. Sixteen months later the town contained three stores, two blacksmith shops, three hotels, a post office, three saloons, two livery stables and a population of 250 living in 80 houses. By 1895 the town had swollen to a population of about 500 with school enrollment of 108. The cause for the growth can be found in the six quartz mills and a sawmill in its immediate vicinity. The district also raised and expended the largest amount of school money of any district in the county and the largest school fund of that time. It had a high school on the accredited list and graduates were admitted to any of the state colleges or institution with out further examination. The two story brick school had a heating plant and was equipped with laboratories, library and staffed five teachers and one principal. There was also a free public library, three churches each fully owned by Presbyterian, Episcopal and Catholics. A state bank with a capital of \$50,000 occupied a fine brick building of its own and rented portion of it for professional offices. It was fitted with electric lights, steam heat, hot and cold water and all modern conveniences. The citizens Telephone company was a local organization and owned the local exchange in connection with the Rocky Mountain Bell system. They furnished long distance communication in all direction for many ranches and principal mines. The United States Forest Service maintained a line across the range to Sheridan, connecting Potosi Spring Hotel with the Pony exchange. Telegraph ser-

vice was furnished direct by Northern Pacific Railway company at the Pony Station.

There was a good sized public hall and several orchestra organizations. Business men incorporated and furnished a hotel. Hospital service was operated by a local physician who skillfully provided surgical operations. Pony also boasted two large mercantile stores, several confectionery stores, a drug store, hardware and also a furniture store. There was a weekly newspaper office, a lawyer, a United States Commissioner office, several notaries offices and mining offices. For your traveling needs there was a couple of blacksmiths, wheelwrights, an auto garage, harness store, mining supply store, coal and lumber yard, a liver stable, assay office and chemical laboratory. For your food needs there was a meat market, two restaurants, three thirst parlors and a well equipped creamery. There were two electric power stations for mining operations and one of which furnished electric lights to the town. There were also beautiful houses that dotted around this town. When new strikes were reported in Glendale, Philipsburg and other locations, Pony emptied out almost overnight. By 1878 the population dwindled to a few hundred. A number of historic buildings from Pony's boom era remain in the old town today. Despite the lull in active mining, interest remained high and several large companies bought Pony properties. Henry Elling and William W. Morris, two leading citizens of Virginia City bought the

Boss Tweed-Clipper mines in 1880 from which \$5,000,000 was later recovered. In 1882, Morris bought the Strawberry, Willow Creek and Ned mines. In 1883, Henry Elling erected

a stone 20-stamp mill. In 1884 Morris bought half interest in the mill, which thereafter was known as the Elling-Morris stone mill. This mill ran to capacity on ore from the Boss Tweed and Keystone mines. No ore which ran less than \$25.00 a ton was handled. The district remained an active mining area until the 1930s. This district, together with Potosi, Mammoth, and Bismark districts a short distance to the south and west, yielded a total of \$6,430,2336, mainly in gold but also in appreciable amounts of silver, copper, and lead. Pony is cared for by the Pony Homecoming Club. The Club was established in 1961 to provide a sense of community for Pony, Harrison, Norris and surrounding areas. They hold annual fundraisers to help in their mission to preserve the historic buildings they are responsible for and to support, enrich and enhance the Pony and surrounding communities. Because of their hard work and dedication visitors can still see a number of historic

building from Pony's boom era and is still a sight to see.



RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

ART AT THE LIBRARY - April 14th and 28th and May 12th and 26th at 2:30 pm at the Sheridan Library - See Ad SAVE THE DATE RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ANNUAL BANQUET - April 22nd at the Round Barn in Twin Bridges

ELK COUNTRY FUNDRAISER - April 29th - Round Barn - Doors Open at 4 - See Ad for more information

CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL - May 05th at 6 pm at the Ray Silve Memorial Baseball Park - see ad

VIRGINIA CITY CHAMBER'S DINNER AND AUCTION - May 20th - registration at 5:30 - Dinner at 6:30 pm - see ad

RUBY VALLEY POOL: Are you or someone you know looking for a summer job? We are accepting applications and holding interviews next week! We offer competitive wages, opportunity for a tan and flexible schedules. Applications can be found on our website www.rubyvalleypool.com Please email completed applications to swimsheridan@gmail.com

P'S CLOTHES & MORE: Located above the Twin Bridges Library. Hours: Monday: 10-2 Wednesday: 9-2 Friday: 10-2 Saturday: 10-2 - All items are FREE to the community. Call P at 406-600-2983 to donate or for questions.

ZUMBA! 6:30 pm every Monday and Wednesdays above the Twin Bridges Fire Hall in Twin Bridges.

LOST CABIN BAR: Monday: Open Pool Table 5-7 - Tuesday: Music Trivia 6:30 - 8 - Wednesday: Whiskey Wednesday (Discount flights and tasters) - Thursday: First Thursday of Month Ladies Night - Friday: Red (Remember Everyone) Deployed) Friday. Come in or call for details - Every Monday through Friday Happy Hour 5-6 - Check our FB page for weekend specials @lostcabinbar

PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS: SHERIDAN - Newspaper History Group - Tuesday mornings @ 9 AM. Knitting Group - Thursdays @ 2 PM. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - First and third Tuesdays at 6 pm For more information call 406-842-7981.

TWIN BRIDGES - April 23rd-29th is National Library Week. Come to the library that week, fill out a customer satisfaction survey, and be entered in a drawing to win one of five \$20 gift certificates to a local business! News about our summer program will be coming soon, so stay tuned, and celebrate your local library! HYPERTENSION CLINIC - Free blood pressure management workshop - Every Tuesday from March 7th to April 25th from 4-5 pm - Lego club, happening the 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:45-4:30. Need some help in the wait for warmer weather? We have some new to us DVDs of classic movies, and new book releases. There is always a jigsaw puzzle going in the back! Did you know the largest puzzle for sale has 60,000 pieces? Now that's a puzzle! | VIRGINIA CITY - Thompson Hickman - 10:30 a.m. Library Story and craft time.

TWIN BRIDGES HELPING HANDS: Twin Bridges-MT Helping Hand Food Pantry, we aim to End Hunger in Montana. We have moved to 208 1/2 S. Main St. Wednesday's. 10am to 3pm. Call for appointment any other day or time. We are here for you Madison County and neighboring towns. Pantry is open every Wednesday 11-2 or call for an appointment. Have on Hand canned fruits, vegetables, soups, sauces, jams, jellies, more. Boxed or bags of rice, beans, dinner helpers, pasta, dry milk, some meat. Toiletries. Adult pads/pull ups. Laundry items. Cleaning supplies. Dog, Cat food and Litter. If you don't see what you would like us to carry, please let us know. 596-1978 & 233-9616

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Food is distributed on Saturday mornings from 10-12 @ 206 S. Main in Sheridan, MT -between gas station and post office.

3 RIVERS WORSHIP CENTER: Worship is what we are all about and we would love to have you join us. Come as you are and be blessed. Every BSunday @ 10:30 am @ 3648 MT-287. Family friendly. Weekly Grief Support Group - Saturdays at 10 am and Mondays at 6 PM - for more information call 406-381-6677

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Tuesdays at 6PM at the Sheridan Library - For more information call 406-842-5770

> If you have a event you would like us to help you promote, please let us know. www.rubyvalleynugget@gmail.com







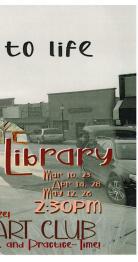








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ALDER SCHOOL

Running Start Kindergarten & Kindergarten Round-Up!

Thursday, May 4th 2:30-3:30 @ Alder School

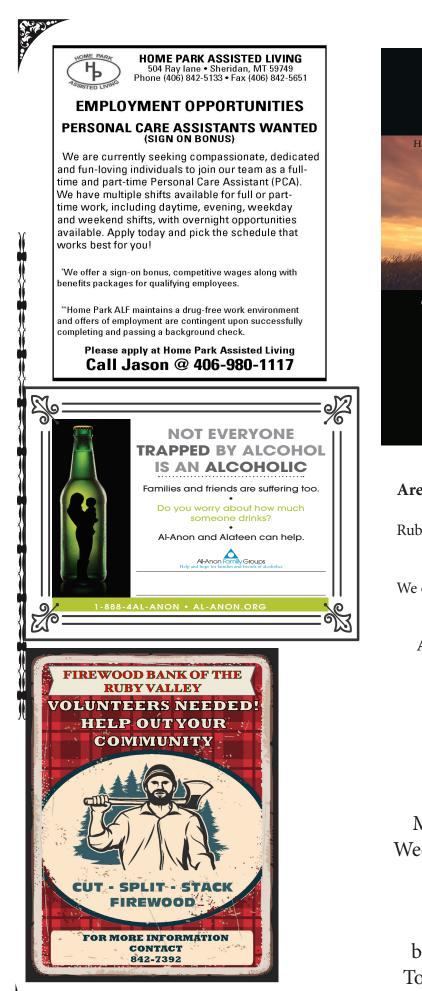
Running Start- must be 4 by Sept. 10th Kindergarten-must be 5 by Sept. 10th



* PLEASE BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS.

CONTACT: SAVANNAH ROSSITER- (406) 865-0416 SKIELA EGGERS- (406) 531-0084





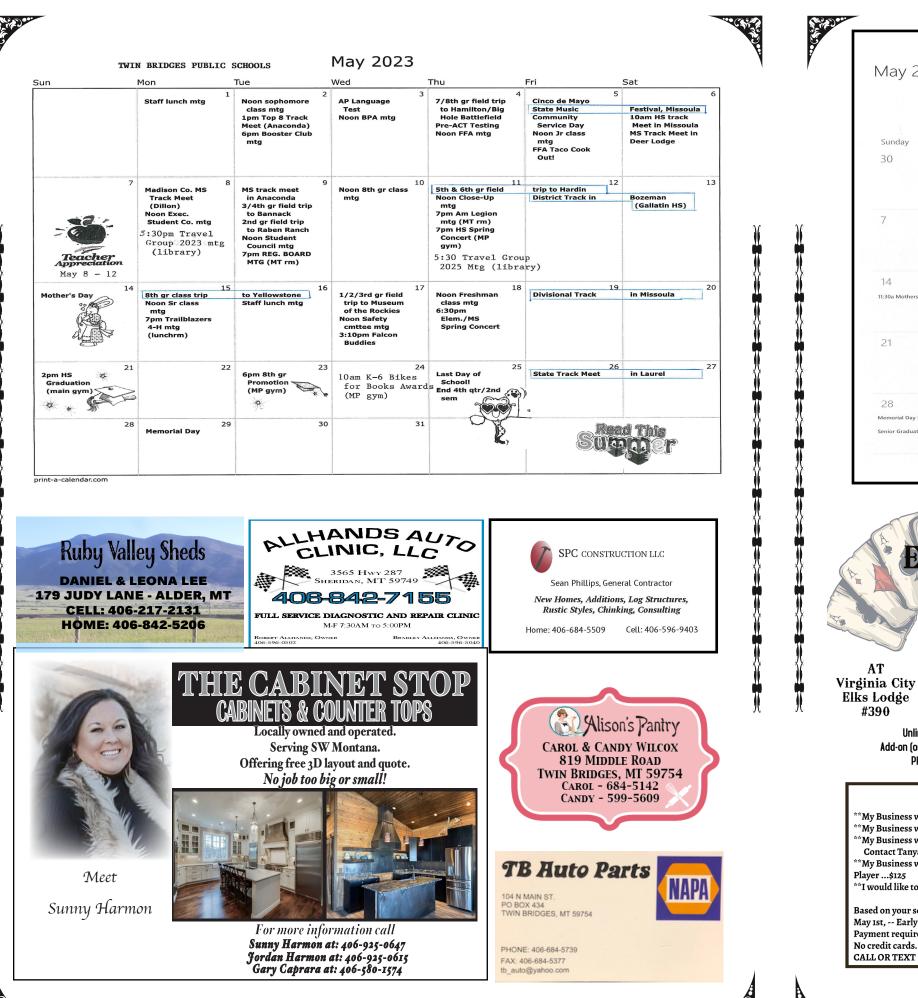
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7	8	9 Board Meeting 7p Sheridan School Board Mee	10	11	12 County Training in the Element	13 Track @ DISTRICT - Galatin HS
14 1:30a Mothers Day	15 awards banquet 6 pm - Spf	16 Senior Portfolios Senior Portfolios 8 -12 PM	17 Senior Portfolios 8 -12 PM 9a Jr. & Sr. in library	18 JSK - 11 Portfolios	19 Track @ Divisionals - Missoula B	20 ig Sky - 10:00 AM
21	22 student council campaign	23 Week	24	25	26 Memorial Day Break	27
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Senior Graduation 1:00 PM		STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS		9a Kindergarten Promotion 6:30p 8th grade Promotion		



Saturday, May 6, 2023 **1 PM**

Prizes 1st \$1000 * 2nd \$550 3rd \$350 * 4th \$200 Prizes based on number of 36 players

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****Door Prizes**** **Dinner**

#390 Buy in \$125 * \$3000 in Chips Unlimited Rebuys (1st 1.5 hrs) \$50 * \$3000 in Chips Add-on (one time only - end of 3rd round) \$25 * \$1500 in Chips Players must be under \$500 in chips to rebuy.

Registration Information *My Business would like to be a Sponsor ... \$100 **My Business would like to be a Sponsor & Participate as a Player... \$225 ** My Business would like to make a Food/Prize Donation Contact Tanya Engle @ 406-660-1559 **My Business would like to make a Food/Prize Donation & Participate as a Player ...\$125 **I would like to participate as a Player ...\$125 Based on your selection - Please CALL or TEXT to Register by Midnight May 1st, -- Early regisistration for drawing for a free entry fee. Payment required at the door. No credit cards. CALL OR TEXT TANYA ENGLE @ 406-660-1559



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Community Events											
April/May 2023											
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EMERGENCY SERVICES EXERCISE AT SHERIDAN SCHOOL ON MAY 12TH

On May 12th, Madison County Sheriff's Office & Emergency Management will be conducting an emergency exercise in collaboration with numerous emergency personnel. The exercise is designed to test our preparedness and response in the event of an emergency.

During the exercise, you may notice an increased presence of emergency vehicles and personnel in the vicinity of the school.

Please be assured that **this is only a drill** and there is no cause for alarm.

Please do not call 911.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

QUESTIONS: JENNIFER MARTENS W/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 406-970-5950 OR 406-843-4253

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