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APRIL 2024 - 2ND ISSUE




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BECOMING MONTANA

Part 2

Throughout the early 1800s, the land of present-day Montana lay within different territories at various times, whose administrative centers lay hundreds, even thousands of miles away.

The territories that covered Montana during this time included: Indian Territory until 1805 Louisiana Territory until 1812 Missouri Territory until 1821 General Great Plains Indian Country until 1854 Nebraska Territory until 1861. By 1861, two territories covered Montana: the Dakota and Washington Territories.

In 1861, two-thirds of eastern Montana lay within the Dakota Territory. The northwestern part of the state lay within the Washington Territory, a territory that had been cut from the eastern region of the previously established Oregon Territory.

In 1863, prospectors struck gold in Bannack (present-day southwest Montana), and miners began flocking to the region by the thousands. It was not long before the local miners started pressing Congress for the establishment of their own territory in this area.

In 1863, congress responded by creating Idaho Territory from the eastern segment of Washington Territory, western Dakota Territory, and northwestern Nebraska Territory. The newly established Idaho Territory covered all of Idaho and Montana and a great part of Wyoming. "The lands of present-day Montana were within a single territorial boundary for the first time."

However, the Idaho Territory turned out to be a geographical impossibility, and shortly after its creation, miners east of the Continental Divide started campaigning for a separate territory to be formed from the Idaho Territory. The Idaho Territory was split down the middle by the continental divide, and the population was steadily moving east to the mining camps on the upper Missouri.

Miners in Bannack and Virginia City felt that Lewiston, the administrative center of Idaho Territory, which lay hundreds of miles west over the jagged Rocky Mountains, could not properly govern them, and began advocating for an added territory to be cut from the existing Idaho Territory.

"In September 1863, the Idaho Territory's newly appointed chief justice, Judge Sidney Edgerton, arrived in Bannack on his way to Lewiston." ("How and when Montana became a state [Condensed history]") A former Ohio Congressman traveling from Ohio, he could not continue to Lewiston due to winter conditions in the Rockies.

Upon realizing the Idaho governor had assigned him to a distant judicial district east of the divide, he started the settlers' campaign.) He also happened to be friends with then-President Abraham Lincoln, and with financial backing, he headed for Washington D.C. with vigilante leader Wilbur Fisk Sanders to push their case.

During this same time, the Idaho Legislature had obligingly started petitioning Congress for the creation of the fresh territory, and upon arriving in D.C., Edgerton discovered that Lincoln was open to the idea of an added territory in the Rockies.

Despite a number of delays and a brief debate about the name 'Montana', the bill creating the Montana Territory swiftly passed through Congress, and on May 26, 1864, the new Montana Territory emerged with its jagged western border.

25 years later, on November 8, 1889, due to its large population and growing economy, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed Montana the 41st state of the United States.

The borders of Montana have not changed since then.

Jermo. (2023, September 23). Montana's winding path to statehood [CONDENSED HISTORY]. Montana Beyond. <https://mtbeyond.com/history/how-montana-became-a-state/>

Judge Sidney Edgerton



Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES - Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays @ 2 pm - See Ad

VIGILANTE RMEF BIG GAME BANQUET - April 27th @ The Round Barn - See Ad

FIREMAN'S BALL - May 4th - Doors Open @ 3 - BBQ Dinner @ 5:30 - See Ad

BINGO - May 5th - @ 4:30 - See Ad

BLOOD DRIVE - May 6th - 11:15 - 6 pm - See Ad

SHERIDAN SENIOR CENTER GAME NIGHT - May 9th - from 6-9 pm - See Ad

LADIES TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE - Starting May 28th - See Ad

TOWN OF SHERIDAN COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2nd Monday of every month - location TBA

WILDFLOWER MUSIC ACADEMY - Mondays-10 am (Toddler Class up to age 5) Wednesdays - 5:45 to 6:45 Children's Chorus (Age 8+) Thursdays - 5:45 to 6:30 - Youth Group Ukulele (Age 5+) Private Piano Lessons Available As Schedule Permits - Call or Text
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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 - Twin Bridges public library is looking for volunteers to help during working hours with shelving, Wednesdays at 10:30 Story Time at Twin Bridges Public Library Children ages 18 months to five years will be entertained with reading, games, music, and crafts.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP - We offer help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Grief Share will begin meeting on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Twin Bridges Library starting February 5th. Grief Share will also be offered Tuesdays at 1 pm at the Valley Assembly starting February 6th. Our first week, we will be showing "The Loss of a Spouse". Then the following week, we will start our 13 week series. Questions, please contact Kathleen @ 406-596-1080 or Pastor Allen Cain @ 406-381-6677

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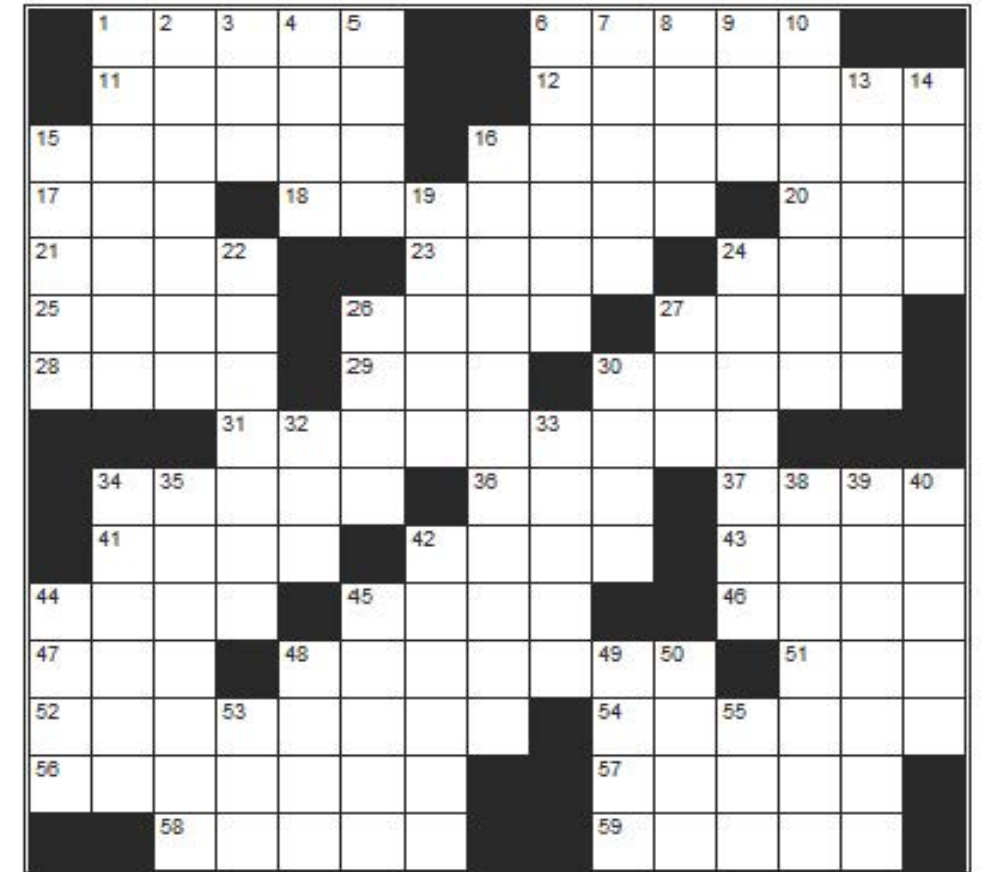
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6. Embarrassment
11. Joyous
12. Yellowish brown
15. Hand digit
16. Tenderizing sauce
17. Rodent
18. Motorized
20. Bite
21. Nile bird
23. Lyric poems
24. Matted cotton for stuffing
25. Otherwise
26. Electrical distribution system
27. Countertenor
28. Bristle
29. Estimated (abbrev.)
30. Direct
31. Daydreams
34. Athletics
36. 5 plus 5
37. Wise
41. Annual high school dance
42. Connect
43. Flock members
44. Open to all
45. Neighbor of Vietnam
46. Lairs
47. Circle fragment
48. Gloom
51. Observe
52. Allowances
54. Hues
56. Gist
57. Fragrance
58. Go in
59. Insurrectionist

LAST ISSUE ANSWERS

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1. Friendly
2. Tooth doctor
3. Unit of energy
4. Get ready
5. Apprentice
6. Be afraid
7. Rabbits
8. Dry
9. Male adult
10. Give forth
13. Newspaper bigwig
14. Variant of "Leapt"
15. Strips of fried potato
16. Contemplations
19. Most bad
22. Fish and shellfish
24. Sanctified
26. Lady's escort
27. Consumed
30. Kitchen or bathroom
32. Superior limb
33. Feeling
34. Athletic competitions
35. Exact
38. Stunning
39. Universal
40. S S S
42. Temporary stairs
44. Detective's assignment
45. Spear
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Beaverhead Resource Assistance Center

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Assistance with SNAP, Medicaid & LIHEAP
 Referrals for help scheduling local face to face with Career Futures & Job Service & whatever else you might need.

The Resource Assistance Center
 205 E. Center - Dillon, Montana
406-988-0360

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			MS track meet (Butte)	5th/6th gr field trip to Big Hole Battlefield	State Music EK-4 Field Day	Festival HS track meet (Dillon) MS track meet (Deer Lodge)
Cinco de Mayo	Madison Co. MS track meet (Dillon)	Engineering class field trip to MT Tech MS track meet (Anaconda) 6pm Booster Club		District Track Meet (Belgrade)	Nat'l BPA Convention (Chicago)	
Teacher Appreciation Week	Teacher Appreciation Week !!!					
National BPA Mother's Day	Convention (Chicago) 8th gr class field trip to YNP 6:30pm REG BOARD MTG (MT rm)	7pm HS Spring Concert (MP gym)	8:15am Coffee w/the Counselor 1/2/3rd gr field trip to MOR 6th gr Bear Creek Day	6:30pm Elementary Spring Concert (MP gym)	Divisional Track (Missoula)	
2pm HS Graduation (Main Gym)	6:15pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (lunchrm)	6pm 8th Grade Promotion (MP gym)	2:30pm Early K Promotion (MP gym)	End 4th qtr/2nd semester Last Day of School!	State Track (Great Falls)	
	Memorial Day					
			Read This Summer			

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MAY

- May 2nd No Sale
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Twin Bridges Cemetery Clean-up

PLEASE HAVE ALL YOUR DECORATIONS PICKED UP BY

MAY FRIDAY 10 2024

On May 11th if items are not gathered our clean-up crew will remove them.

This gives the caretaker an appropriate amount of time for mowing and trimming.

If you would like to help clean-up:

We are meeting at the cemetery on May 11, 2024 at 11am



Happy 80th Birthday!

Smokey Bear is having a reading challenge as part of his celebration! TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC LIBRARY will be promoting the challenge during the month of May. We'll be reading books on bears, nature and the environment and making our own book journal to record our progress.


We will have activity pages for two levels of participants: (1) Pre K-1st Grade and (2) 2nd-4th Grade. The first 10 participants to sign-up will have handmade journal covers as a keepsake.

The Challenge will take place May 1-29th with a birthday party to celebrate Smokey and the completion of our challenge!

Please sign up at the library by April 24th to ensure we enough supplies ready! Birthday party will be on May 29th from 10:30 to 12:00 noon!

You're invited to the **Virginia City Chamber's Annual Dinner & Auction**



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Sat, May 18th

Doors Open at 5:30pm * Dinner at 6:30pm

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AUCTION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Dinner tickets can be purchased through the Chamber website or by calling 406-224-2024. Dinner tickets must be paid in ADVANCE of the event.

Dinner Tickets: \$50
8 people per table

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ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

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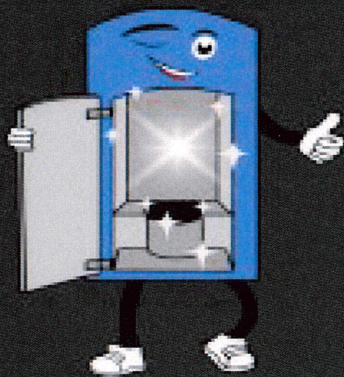
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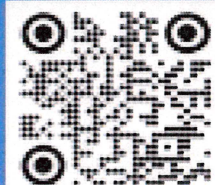


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★ Meet Amanda Cooper, one of our fantastic real estate agents! 🏠

🏠 One of Amanda's favorite aspects in Real Estate is getting to know individuals from different walks of life, making each interaction a unique and rewarding experience.

★ Amanda loves where she lives because she grew up in Montana and took the community, space, and beauty for granted, it took moving away to realize how special it is.

♥ Outside of the real estate world, Amanda is a devoted mom who finds joy in spending quality time with her kids. She's actively involved in their sports, 4-H activities, and loves creating lasting memories. Amanda also enjoys going to the hot springs, and making art and wreaths.

★ But here's the real kicker! Did you know that Amanda has a flair for poker? In her younger days, she played in the World Poker Tour in Barcelona, Spain! Now that's a fun fact worth remembering

Join us in celebrating Amanda Cooper – not just an incredible real estate agent but a vibrant individual with a world of experiences!

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