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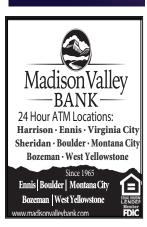






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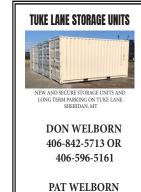


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Town of Sterling & It's Mines

Sterling was once a booming quartz camp. The town was situated on Hot Spring Creek, twenty-eight miles northeast of Virginia City, between Madison and Willow Creek Valleys. A post office opened at Sterling in 1867 (October 22) with Andrew Hall as postmaster. At its peak the town of Sterling had about 600 miners and their families and was a principal station on the stage route from the Gallatin country to Virginia City. It was a short-lived community with the post office closing by 1883 (August 16). It once contained some of the finest quartz mill in these mountains.

Sterling had its beginning in the winter of 1864-65 when ten men who were prospecting for quartz lived in a small community of dug-outs. "Someone had grubstaked two miners to drive a tunnel and they had worked all winter unknowingly along the side of this rich vein [the mine called the Monitor]. Then one day, while they were outside in the sunshine eating their lunch, a cave-in occurred, exposing this vein - a regular bonanza. It was four feet in width with six inches of wire gold in the center. The ore assayed six thousand dollars a ton after all specimens were picked out and at

the old price of nineteen dollars an ounce. The mine superintendent, Roger Knox, sent a sample of this ore to the World's Fair in San Francisco in 1895 and received first prize." "It took four years to mine this body of ore." The ore was hauled, seven tons a trip, to Norris, bringing coal back to the mine. "All low grade and lead matter was taken out and deposited on the dump. Ike Snodderly spent several summers, employing three or four men with slips or scrapers, gathering up this so-called waste and running it through the mill, using a cyanide process...a strip of talc ranging from two to sixteen inches in

width was left hanging in the mine, assaying eighty dollars per ton. The vein was



Old Mill Today

heavily loaded with gold that it was simply squeezed out into the talc." (Madison County History Association 1976)
Mines began to be developed in the Sterling area in 1867 and a stamp mill was built soon after. Ultimately four quartz mills were built in Sterling and one at Midasburg, each put up by a different company. Machinery for the mills was brought in

from Bozeman.

Mill and Revenue Mine Buildings

In 1892 the Revenue and the Monitor mines dominated the district. The Revenue mine had \$500,000 of ore in sight. The owners put in a cyanide process to catch the values of the refractory ore. The first run of 100 tons from the waste of the old stamp mill yielded a savings of 80%. The Revenue mine in 1885 had a shaft that was 230 feet down, and stared new levels east and west from the shaft with six to ten feet of ore or over eight thousand tons of ore. In 1896 the cyanide mill was reducing 25-30 tons of gold ore a day, averaging \$30 a ton.

The nearby Monitor carried similar ore which was to be expected since the two mines were working the same deposit.

Litigation between the Revenue and Monitor companies effectively idled both the companies in 1898 until the concerns were consolidated in 1900. The Revenue reportedly yielded \$2,000,000 in gold before it became inactive in 1921.

Over \$1,000,000 was spent in developing lodes and building mills, some of which ran sporadically as late as 1913, and although profits were realized, especially after 1872, the bulk of the ore remained low-grade and averaged only \$9.00 to \$12.00 per ton.

The Midas Mill was erected at a cost of \$80,000. Years ago a goodly amount of ore from it yielded \$30 per ton in the Hyde mill which also sat at Sterling. The ore left on the dump samples \$16 per ton. The mine is now filled with water and pumping machinery will be needed to work it successfully. Previous to April of 1872, no less then \$1,000,000 was expended in building quartz mills and developing the loaded. All the old enterprises were unattended with success until 1872, when better management began to show effects.

There was also a mine called the Arkansas loded. When the shaft was down thirty-five feet it had eighteen inches of \$25 of ore. The Idaho mine was also a great producer during this time. At just thirty five feet. The Galena and Midas No. 1, once owned by P. V. Jackson, was leased by Stewart & Co. They are working the Galena from a 100 foot incline, from the bottom of which a level is being run in a body of high-grade ore. Near the surface the quartz was free-milling, and G. F. Cope who milled it in the early days, stated that it went \$150 per - ton. That produced at present is smelting ore. The character of the ore is sulphuric of iron and copper, carrying 6 ounces of gold and 10 ounces of silver.

The shipments would have been hauled with a man by the name of Bill Reel as far as Norris where it would be freighted on to Butte. Although new management at the mines of Sterling and Midasburg made the mines profitable after 1872, by 1880 the miners from Sterling were hurrying over the hills to the new camp of Richmond Flats, a few miles away. A few years later Bill Reel converted the abandoned town site of Sterling into a farm.

Today the ruins of the Clark & Upson mill can still be seen along the Sterling Road west of Norris, near the site of Sterling.

Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon The information came primarily from written interviews with pioneers and their descendants, and from articles in Montana newspapers.

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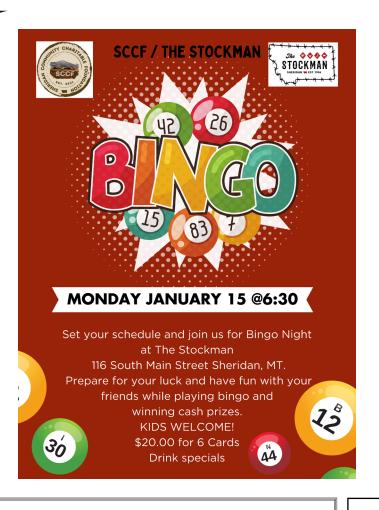
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- 12. Set free
- 15. Component
- 16. Bored
- 17. How old you are
- 18. Southern US state
- 20. Bounder
- 21. Depression
- 23. Low in pitch
- 24. Greek sandwich
- 25. Celtic language
- 26. Heredity unit
- 27. Balm ingredient
- 28. Observed
- 29. S
- 30. Unable to see
- 31. Rivulet
- 34. Dialect
- 36. Dove's sound
- 37. Chits
- 41. Egyptian river
- 42. Ticket part you keep
- 43. Wicked
- 44. Skin disease
- 45. Lower jaw part
- 46. Indian music
- 47. Captain's journal
- 48. Strangle
- 51. Decay
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- 2. Permission
- 3. Type of cereal grass
- 4. Professor
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- 9. Observe
- 10. Untroubled
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- 16. Deal
- 19. Overweight
- 22. Ductile
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- 27. Beer
- 30. Amorphous mass
- 32. Foot digit
- 33. Climb up
- 34. Revenue
- 35. Simpleton 38. Greed
- 39. Intolerant
- 40. A type of writing
- tablet
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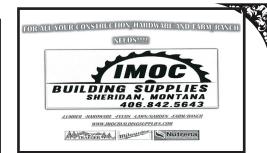
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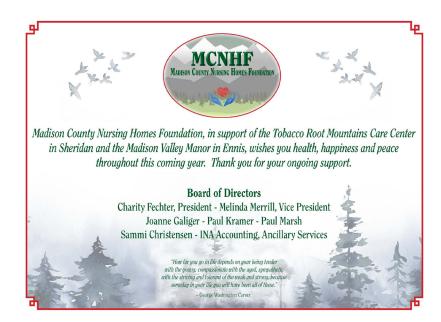
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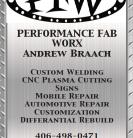
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in Helena	Day No School 6:15pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (inchrm)	4pm IC grading window closes 4pm MS BBB w/ Harrison/WC (T)	Electric member mtg (MT rm)	class mtg 6pm Super Stars 4-H mtg (Inchrm)		4pm HS BB w/ SV (T), BGB	MS BBB w/ WY tourney 2:30pm HS BB w/ WSS (H), BGB
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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Twin Bridges	4	5	6
amuary			Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Brunch & Bingo - Virginia City Elks Lodge 10am			Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm			
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Brunch & Bingo - Virginia City Elks Lodge 10am	Martin Luther King Jr Day		Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31		- House	
Brunch & Bingo - Virginia City Elks Lodge 10am			Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm		66	



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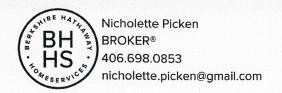
When you sell your home, things can go smoothly or go wrong, and which way it goes depends largely on how well you prepare for the transaction and respond to glitches that may occur along the way.

Your Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network professional can help you determine the right asking price to sell your home the fastest and for the most money. If you list your home too high, you'll find that homebuyers become more critical and demanding. If your homebuyer feels good about the purchase, they're more likely to be reasonable with you.

Some homebuyers may not be well prepared enough to buy a home, so it's prudent for you to insist that only homebuyers who're pre-approved by a lender or can prove cash assets be allowed inside your home. Ask to see the lender's letter of pre-approval before you sign a contract.

During the home inspection, homebuyers may fear that the home needs too much work. If there are repairs or replacements to be done, offer to take care of them immediately or be willing to negotiate on price.

Your agent will monitor each step in the transaction to make sure all parties perform their roles, from good faith deposits, to appraisals, to title searches, on time and in a professional manner. If you've put your home in pristine condition and listed it at fair market value, you'll prevent many problems from occurring. A reasonable homebuyer won't walk away from a well-kept home at the right price.



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