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OUT & ABOUT

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Don't Wait for Handouts As with all things, anything the government intends to do to help your business won't come quickly enough for most people. It's your job to rebuild and get your business back to thriving. Don't wait for the handouts at all, but when they come available, don't let your pride get in the way of filling out a few forms to get some "wiggle room" on the way to your recovery.

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You're Valuable Small town businesses and rural companies are the backbone of what makes this nation run. Don't wait for the cavalry. You're the one who will save your business and you're the one who will put this country back on its feet. ~ *By Chris Brogan, <https://smallbizsurvival.com/2020/04/toobig.html>*

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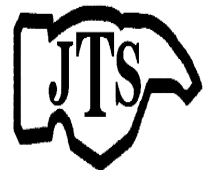
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ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

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ACROSS

- Temporary living quarters
- Dweeb
- Utilized
- Double-reed woodwind
- Scoundrel
- Exploded star
- A sudden rapid flow
- Skedaddled
- East southeast
- Chip dip
- Carnivals
- Repeal
- Museum piece
- Nevertheless
- Thought provoking
- Transparent
- Aqualung
- Foot digit
- Song of praise
- Changes in direction
- Anagram of "Note"
- Sphere
- Rowed
- Concerns
- Sweat
- To make a fool of (archaic)
- Anoint (archaic)
- A small kitchen appliance
- Malicious burning
- Salamanders
- An uncle
- Gloomy
- Access
- Harsh or arduous
- Defrost
- College girl
- Views
- Made a mistake
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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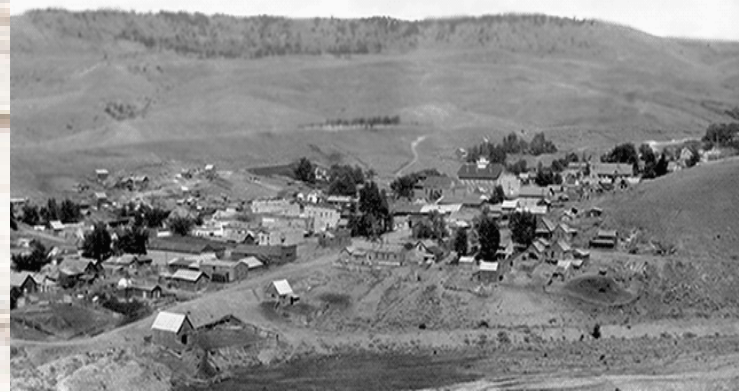
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| 1. One who murmurs lovingly | 18. Willow | 40. Not closed |
| 2. Violate | 22. Parasitic insect | 41. Seashore |
| 3. Particles | 24. Greenish blue | 43. Breathes noisily during sleep |
| 4. Liveliness | 26. Wanes | 44. Scattered |
| 5. Absentee | 28. A sloping mass of loose rocks | 46. Not just once |
| 6. Planet | 29. Not a single one | 47. Adult male singing voice |
| 7. Auspices | 30. G G G G | 48. Master of ceremonies |
| 8. Cavort | 31. Hack | 49. Slender |
| 9. Dowel | 32. Stringed instrument | 50. Contributes |
| 10. Unjust | 33. Porthole | 51. Debauchee |
| 11. Canvasser | 34. Capitulation | 53. Arab chieftain |
| 12. Always | 37. A dog wags one | 56. Citrus drink |
| 13. Fathers | 38. Sailors | 57. Perform |

14-MILE CITY

On May 26, 1863, six gold seekers camped along a creek lined with alder trees in Idaho Territory, just East of the Tobacco Root Mountains. Four of the men went out hunting and the other two hoped to pan enough gold to buy some tobacco. William Fairweather and Henry Edgar panned \$2.40 worth in one pan. When the prospectors returned to Bannack for supplies, they were followed back to the prosperous site. Soon, tents, brush shelters, and log cabins sprang up all along the gulch. A mining district later called Virginia, was born, defining rules for gold claims.

The mining activity along Alder Gulch had far-reaching effects. In 1864, it became part of the new "Montana" Territory. By this time, approximately 10,000 people had settled in Alder Gulch, and the region became known as



"14-Mile City". The cities included in the 14-mile stretch were: Virginia City, Nevada City, Adobetown, Summit City, Junction City, Central City, Bear Town, Highland, Pine Grove, French Town, and Hungry Hollow. 14-Mile City formed government entities, increased settlement and use of the Northern Rockies, and inspired regional transportation systems.

Virginia City was Montana's first center of commerce and transportation hub. It established Montana's first newspaper, The Montana Post, in 1864 and Montana's first public school opened there in 1866. That same year, Virginia City received Montana's first telegraph. Known as the "Social City, it was a diverse cultural center. It was the

Territory's capital from 1865-1875. When the gold ran out, homes and businesses remained occupied, but there was not enough wealth for the residents to remodel buildings. Due to restoration efforts by the Bovey family, it now represents the Victorian era in the Old West. Virginia City is considered the best-preserved example of 1860's placer mining camps in the Rocky Mountain West.

Nevada City is located a mile and a half west of Virginia City. It was established in 1863 and was home to around 2,000 residents. It boasted general stores, saloons, and a host of other businesses. In 1896, they began to dredge the gulch, which eradicated all of the original town west of the current highway. Other original Nevada City buildings were destroyed when the highway was built through the area. Gold deposits in the area declined and the city was deserted in 1923 after final dredging operations. Later, 14 original structures were preserved and remain in Nevada City.

Adobetown flourished briefly as the center of mining activity in 1864. In that year alone, miners extracted over \$350,000 in gold from there. Taking its name from the numerous adobe shacks the miners constructed in the vicinity, Adobetown assumed permanence in the fall of 1865 when a large log store was built. Stagecoaches from Utah made regular stops at the Adobetown store for passengers and mail. Once in rivalry with Virginia City for the social and political leadership of Alder Gulch, Adobetown's population and importance decreased after 1865, when the placer gold gave out in the immediate area.

Summit City, Montana was a high camp located upstream from Virginia City and was the last settlement up the gulch. Lode mining in the upper section of Alder Gulch began there. Provisions had to be packed in from Virginia City. A number of mills concentrated ore from these mines in the 1860s and 1870s. By 1910 most of the lode claims were being worked by small crews. By 1901, an estimated \$1,000,000 in gold had been shipped out of the Summit Mining District.

When the hydraulic method of mining was introduced to the area, the remaining towns of 14-Mile (Junction City, Central City, Bear Town, Highland, Pine Grove, French Town, and Hungry Hollow) were destroyed by clear cutting hillsides and floating dredges. Therefore, there is not much known about these locations. The town of Virginia City itself was never dug up and destroyed because it had not been established on top of gold-bearing gravels.

At today's prices, Alder Gulch has yielded something closer to two and a half billion dollars' worth of gold. Interest in preserving and memorializing the history of Virginia City solidified in 1899 at an annual meeting of the Montana Historical Society. Henry Edgar himself led a crowd to the site where he and William panned that record-breaking gold that produced the legendary 14-Mile City.

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Ruby Valley Happenings

MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUND EVENTS - Here is what we have so far: 7/11-7/12: Highwinds Youth Rodeo, 7/18-7/19: Reining Cow Horse Event. 7/25-7/26: Wrangler Team Roping, 8/9: Madison County Youth Rodeo, 8/12-8/16: 4H/FFA Fair, Ranch Rodeo TBA: Team Roping TBA, 8/28-8/30 Gun Show. Of course all subject to change.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPEL- In A Small Town VBS July 27-31, 6:30-8:30 PM Grades K-6

Mountain View Chapel - 515 N. Main -Twin Bridges

Registration forms found at mtnviewchapel.com

ROCKY'S ROADHOUSE EVENTS: July 10 Katie Hall - July 17 John Montoya - July 24 Bluebelly Junction - July 31 Levi Blom - ALL TIMES ARE 8-11pm

RUBY VALLEY CRUISE & SHERIDAN STREET BAZAAR 2020- Ruby Valley Brew will begin our car/motorcycle cruise in every Thursday from 6-8pm throughout the Summer. The Sheridan street bazaar will also take place during this time. This year we will be adding a live band to the night. So get your cars looking spiffy and come on down for an evening of fun. Please pass on the word and we look forward to seeing everyones cars!

BEER YOGA - Have you ever wanted to tone and sculpt your body while holding your favorite beer from RVB....? The chance is here! On Saturday July 11th at 11am, yoga alliance registered Lou Rae Yoga presents our community of Sheridan with our first ever Yoga and Beer offering.

A hour long introduction into the world of gentle yoga while enjoying a brew (or water...) come join us on this special Saturday! Cost to join will be \$15, which includes your beer. Bring a mat(if you have one) and water. Also please RSVP at the brewery as spacing will be limited.

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Cheers! OULA - Saturday July 25th at 10am at the park by the library!It's time to dance a practice called OULA. This class combines the depth and soulfulness of a mind-body practice, through music, with the care-free playfulness of a living room dance party. The 4 Pillars of OULA. Get a workout. Process emotions. Practice confidence. Connect with community.

3 RIVERS FAMILY CHURCH - Come join us every Sunday at 10 am at 3648 MT-287. Family friendly.

No religion, just relationship.

SHERIDAN CLASS OF 1980 - Cancelled! join us for a barbecue, music, libations, and reminiscing at our 40th reunion Friday, July 31, at Kevin Cathey's cabin up Barton Gulch! Spread the word to all classmates you have contact with! More information to come!

FREE MEALS FOR 18 & YOUNGER - Sheridan Schools will be sponsoring a summer food program, with FREE grab & go meals for kids & teens 18 and under at 211 Madison St. - Monday-Friday June 22-July 31 (Closed July 3) Breakfast: 9:00-10:00 a.m.Lunch: 11:30-12:30 p.m. NO APPLICATION OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY - Food is distributed on Saturday mornings from 10-12 at Valley Assembly Church - 114 N. Main - Sheridan, MT.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT RUBY VALLEY BREW -- Every Wednesday Night from 6 p.m... to 8 p.m.

SHERIDAN LIBRARY - Sheridan's Own!! Author Dana Harvey has released his first book. Completely Indeterminate is a fun fictional novel about the challenges a newly graduated physician assistant faces in a small rural town in northern Montana. Copies are available at the Sheridan library, Barnes and Noble and Amazon. Check out his website at plausibleplots.com.

Enjoy a great book while supporting a local writer!

TWIN BRIDGES LIBRARY - The Twin Bridges Library Story Time! Join us every Tuesday!Starting June 16th, 2020 10:30am at the Fairgrounds. Please bring a blanket to sit on!

THOMPSON-HICKMAN COUNTY LIBRARY - The Children's Summer Reading Program - 10:30am Babies - PreK and Thursday 10:30am for Elementary Age. All programs will be held outside. If it rains, we will move to the VC Community Center. Please bring a BLANKET for your family so all families can space away from each other. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYBODY!!!

VIRGINIA CITY ELKS LODGE #390 - Happy Hour on Friday's from 6-10 p.m.

Public is welcome!

YOGA IN THE GARDEN -Friday's from 12-1 p.m. - Free gentle yoga in the garden, taught by yoga instructor, Joan Hendrickson. Enjoy the beautiful creekside setting, and living things growing all around. Children welcomed.

If you have a event you would like us to help you promote, please let us know.

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Chipotle-Maple Chicken Thighs



Ingredients

1 tablespoon smoked paprika
 1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
 2 teaspoons dry mustard, divided
 1/2 cup ketchup
 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
 2 tablespoons molasses
 1 tablespoon finely chopped chipotle chile peppers in adobo sauce
 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Directions

In a small bowl, combine smoked paprika, brown sugar, salt, 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, chili powder and black pepper. Sprinkle and pat mixture evenly on both sides of chicken thighs. Chill, covered, for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine ketchup, maple syrup, molasses, chipotle peppers, Worcestershire sauce and the remaining 1 teaspoon dry mustard and 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder. Bring just to boiling; reduce heat to low, and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Prepare a gas or charcoal grill for direct cooking over medium-high heat. Arrange chicken on a lightly oiled grill rack, cover grill, and cook 4 minutes. Flip and cook 4 minutes more. Stir lime juice into sauce. Brush chicken with some of the sauce, flip and cook 1 minute. Brush sauce on the second side, flip and cook 1 minute more, or until done (170°). Remove from grill let rest 5 minutes. Serve with lime wedges for squeezing, if desired.

1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder, divided
 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 2 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken thighs
 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
 Lime wedges (optional)



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Madison County Covid 19 Volunteer Help and Information

Madison County Incident Management Team along with the Volunteer Team have set up a website, www.MadisonCountyInfo.org and a phone line, 406-842-5115 to help the residents of Madison County with some of the effects of the Covid 19 virus.

If you, or anyone you know is in need, please go online to fill out a request form. If you don't have access to a computer, call the number above.

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, the needs form on the website has a place to fill out how or where you can help your neighbors.