



INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS J. BIRD IN 1942

The following is the continuation of an interview between Eleanor Luxton and Thomas J. Bird who lived in the Twin Bridges community.

I will now back-trail and tell what I know about what led up to the necktie parties. Shortly after he moved near the Big Hole river and Wisconsin creek, Henry Edgar, one of the discoverers of Alder creek went to Oregon and bought beef cattle, about 100 head, and brought them to Pennington's ranch for my stepfather to care for. About two miles and half above our place was a horse ranch owned by John Franks or 'Long John' who turned state's evidence in the Nicholas Tybalt case. Pennington always carried a muzzle-loading rifle to hunt deer, while looking after the cattle. In the Fall of 1863 he was near the Long John ranch and shot a deer. It was wounded and ran off, so he went over to Long John's to get a dog to track the deer. Before he got there a dog came out barking and George Hildreth, Long John's partner, came out of a tent, an Indian wyckupp. Pennington heard someone ask who was there and George replied that it was Pennington. Pa asked for the

man to came out of the tent. This is when Pa was introduced to George Ives. He was about 6 feet tall, "broadshouldered, well made light complexioned and wore a blue cavalry overcoat trimmed with a beaver fur cape on the cuffs and collar. They then used the dog to find the wounded deer. Meanwhile, Nicholas Tybialt was sent out by a man named Clark from Summit to this Long John ranch to get a span of mules and he failed to return. It was rumored that Tybalt had left the country with the mules, but Clark knew Tybalt to be honest and he suspected foul play. A few days later a man by the name of Billy Palmer and a man by the name of Alec, came into the valley on a hunt from Nevada City. Not far from the Long John ranch they shot a prairie chicken, which fell dead not far away and near a little bunch willows. One of the men went to pick up the chicken, and not over ten feet from the chicken was a dead man. They then went to Long John's and found him not at home, but Hildreth, Long John's partner, was there. They told him about the dead man and asked what they should do with the body. Hildreth said "Dead men are nothing; they have them in Virginia City every morning for breakfast." Getting no satisfaction and being acquainted with Pennington, they drove to his ranch and told him what they had found and where. Pennington put two and two together and made four and then told them to go back and get the body and load it onto the wagon and take it to Nevada City and have Clark identify it. If he proved it to be Tybalt to tell Clark to get eight or ten men whom he could trust and come to the Pennington ranch. They did this and the men came and William Palmer was there. On the way down they got off the road until they would come out to what is now the Tash ranch, then owned by a man named Wolf. Wolf and his hired man, Pete Derouf, guided them to the Pennington ranch, which they reached about 12 o'clock at night. Coming over they had come through the ice and swampy ground and were very wet so Pennington built a fire in the large house fireplace. Pennington took Clark outside and told him what he knew. Pennington had been getting out house-logs on the Big Hole and was about ready to come home with his load when two men rode up, leading a span of mules. One was George Ives, whom he already knew; the other was a stranger. Ives was riding a horse, which Pennington knew belonged to the Long John ranch and to arrest John and whoever else might be there, especially George Ives, then take Long John to the place where the dead man had been found and make him tell what he knew about the mules. He was sure John knew about the killing and the horse lves was riding. They went to the Long John ranch and found the five men there, lves among them. They arrested the group and took John to the place where the dead man's body had been found. The other men were left in charge. Aleck Carter was also there. While they were gone, some of these men who came with Clark vouched for Carter and some for Ives and some for the others, so that all the arrested men were vouched for. They were about to turn them loose, but some men said "No, we will keep Ives!" Long John made the statement and asked them to protect them from the road agents. He told them that when Tybalt came with a span of mules, Carter and Ives were there in the tent. They saw he had a considerable purse (value) with him, so they went out of the tent to a bunch of brush and hid themselves beside the trail. They pulled straws to see which one would do the killing. Carter drew the fatal straw and when Tybalt came along he was then killed by Carter. When the men returned to the ranch after this confession, Carter and the rest except lves, had their horses saddled and were gone. Later the Vigilantes trailed them and found them in the Bitter Root country or Hell's Gate, at what is now known as Missoula. In the meantime the Vigilantes had lves and with him proceeded on their way to Nevada City, where they gave lves a trial by the miners and found him guilty. While on their way to Nevada City, somewhere between the Cold Spring ranch, or the stage station, Ives, being on a fresh spotted appaloosa mustang, proposed a race to the Pete Daley's, a mile or so farther on, for whiskey. The committee, not thinking of any trick, agreed and the race was on. They soon saw that lves was gaining fast and showings no sign of slackening his pace, and that his intention was to get away. They kept as close as possible, unfortunately they lagged behind, giving lves time to change to a fresh horse already saddled and hitched to a rack in front of Pete Daley's place, now called the Robber's Roost. The Vigilantes stopped at Pete Daley's long enough to ask for fresh horses, but they were turned away, so they continued the race on their tired animals. When they arrived near Bevins Gulch they found lve's horse, but no lves. Knowing lves was



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The animals. When they arrived near Bevins Gulch they found lve's horse, but no lves. Knowing lves was unarmed they made a close search and soon found him. After some words they were able to bring him back into custody and were on their way to Nevada City. During the trial it was made to appear that lves was not the actual murderer of Tybalt but that Alec Carter was. That did not matter and so a necktie party ensued and lves was no longer. There was little after the execution of lves until the Vigilantes were on the trail of Carter and those who were with him. The Vigilantes met a man called Red and inquired of him if he had seen such a man answering the description of Carter, or the men who were with him. Red said the man had stayed overnight at a ranch this side of Deer Lodge, but when the Vigilantes got to the ranch Carter and his men were gone. They continued their search and overtook them at Hell's Gate, and held more of the necktie parties, hanging six or seven more road agents. They then continued on their way and

returned to Nevada City. En-route, at Laurin, they met up with Red Yeager and had another little tie-party consisting of Red and a man called Brown. Just before the hanging, Red asked the Vigilantes who they had hung up to the present time and they named them, Red said that not an innocent man was named. It was but a very short time until the Vigilantes came to about a mile below Pete Daley's on Ramshorn creek and corralled a bunch of Daley's horses for fresh mounts and proceeded on their way to Bannack to have another necktie party when Plummer, Rey and Stinson took the most spectacular parts, with the exception of a man named the Mexican. The Mexican had taken refuge in a log cabin in another part of town, where the Vigilantes went to get him. It was a moonlight night and by knocking chinking out of the wall the Mexican could watch them coming. He fatally shot the leader of the Vigilantes. They concluded it would take strategy to get him to come out of the cabin, so two of them detoured, keeping out of sight, and fired into the cabin from the opposite side. The smoke got so thick and so intense he was forced to come out and was then was shot. So ends some of my memories of the famous Vigilantes and the road agents of the early days in our valley.

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

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK FALL FESTIVAL- OCT 21ST from 4-7 pm at the Sheridan Elementary Gym.

SENIOR CITIZEN HARVEST DINNER- OCT 25th 5:30 pm at the Sheridan School Elementary Gym or there is local deliverycall 406-842-5302 to RSVP

TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL - OCT 25th at 5:30 pm at the Twin Bridges School Farm

SHERIDAN SENIOR CENTER: OCT 26th from 6 - 9pm at the Sheridan Community Center at 210 East Crofoot for GAME NIGHT! Bring your own snacks \$1.00 charge to each player. (helps pay for heat, lights, toiletries). Please call 406-207-0334 for more information.

3RD ANNUAL WOMEN FOR VETERANS BAKED POTATO FEED AND CRAFT SHOW-. October 14th from 10 am to2pm

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP -. Good Old Ways, Friday Oct 6th at 6 p.m. Canning. Free Event -Harvest Party – Friday Oct 27th. 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more info 406-842-5915. **Community Fellowship, Laurin. For more info 406-842-5915.**

ANNUAL BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON - November 4th from 10-3 Lunch from 11-2 at the Sheridan Elementary

VETERANS DAY TEA - Sheridan Schools invites all our Ruby Valley Veterans to the Veterans Day Tea on November 9th from 9-10 am at the Sheridan Elementary lunchroom. Cinnamon Rolls, Tea and coffee will be served.

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 Jaeleen Munns - 406-465-5934 Country Roots - 117 N Main St Unit A - Sheridan, MT

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.

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 Book Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Blue Anchor. Dinner at 6:00 with meeting at 7:00. Please email dmmontana@3rivers.net for information starting Wednesday September 20th join us to read, sing, and do crafts every Wednesday at 10:30. Open to children 2-5 years old. TBPL summer reading winners are Liam Cooper, Paige Dewey, Eleanor Hernandez, Josh Wayland, and Kyle Huss. Thank you to all participants and volunteers!"

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: GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - WEEKLY - FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT - 406-381-6677 Worship is what we are all about and we would love to have you join us. Come as you are and be blessed. Every Sunday @ 10:30 am @ 3648 MT-287. Family friendly

DEADLINE OR SUBMISSIONS TO THE RUBY VALLEY NUGGET HAS CHANGED TO 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS!

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

Office Space for Rent

110± sf room within a larger building in Twin Bridges. Main Street location. Shared restroom, Heat/AC.
\$200.00 per month. Call 406-596-2661 or email sami@novichpm.com.









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Adult ed is a free or cost of supplies, continuing education class/workshop offered to nmunity members, 16 years of age and non-school members, and up. There are ongoing classes along with monthly workshops that you can sign up for

Where can I find class information?

. Bulletin boards throughout town 2. Ruby Valley Nugget 3. Facebook Group: Sheridan Schools Adult Education 4. School Website, Departments, Adult Ed

<u>Current Ongoing Schedule</u>

Class/Instructor	Day, Time & Location				
Volleyball	Sundays, 6pm-8pm, Elementary Gym				
Yoga (Renata)	Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm, HS Gym				
H.I.I.T. Exercise Class (Lindsay)	*Sundays, 11:30, Memorial Park tennis courts Fridays, 6am-7am, HS Gym				
Basketball	Coming soon!				
Pickleball	Winter!				
*expect changes with the weather					

Upcoming Ukulele Workshop by Jaeleen Munns

When: Tuesdays (10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7) at 7pm-8pm Where: Elementary lunchroom Cost: \$10 for music sheet folder, optional ukulele rental for \$15 or purchase for \$50 Sign-up: s : <u>sheridanadulted@gmail.com</u> Limited spots avai <u>Make checks payable to Sheridan School</u>

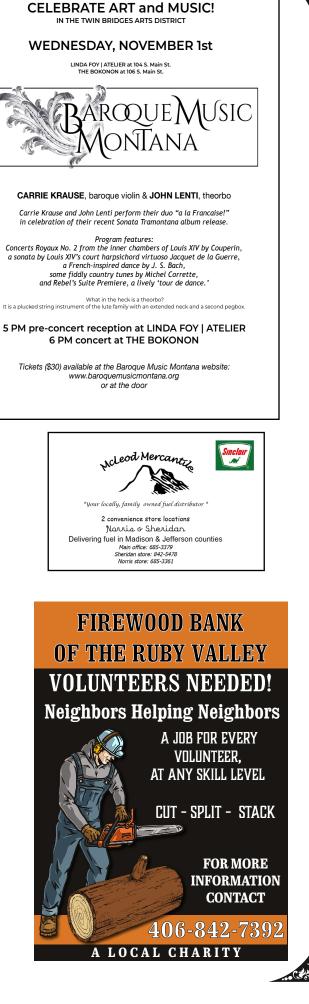
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\$10 PER SHOE BOX: A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover d other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by a postage-paid envelope. You can also track your shoes box if you choose line.

For more information & materials please contact Kathleen Wuelfing at 406-596-1080.

Build a Shoebox online by Scanning the QR code.



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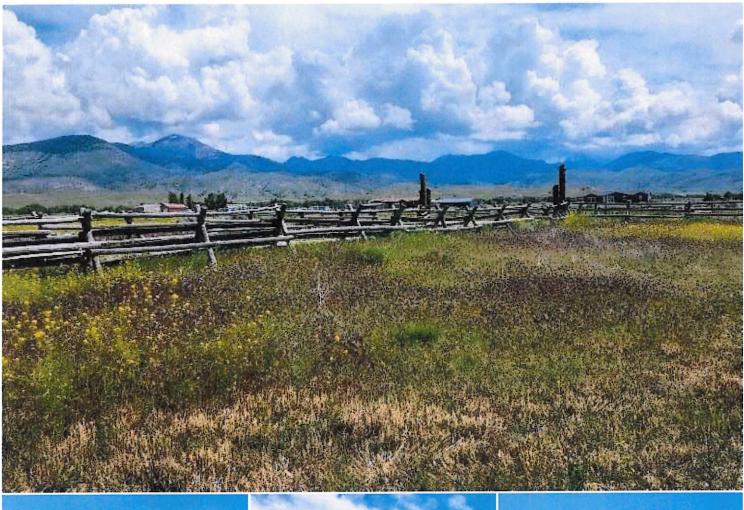
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Lot 10 7M4R Road, Sheridan 5.308± ACRES | \$250,000

Like the name of the 7M4R Subdivision suggests- there are 7 different mountain ranges within view of this property with outstanding open views of Tobacco Root and Ruby Mountains, within close proximity to 4 famed Blue Ribbon trout streams: Ruby, Big Hole, Jefferson and Maddison Rivers. Recreational opportunities abound in this area! This 5.308± acre lot is one of the largest lots in the 7M4R Subdivision located between Sheridan and Twin



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Welcome to 106 East Hamilton St. - a spacious and meticulously renovated 2-story home that seamlessly blends charm with modern comforts. This delightful residence, nestled in a quiet neighborhood, offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and a generous 2,127 sq ft of living space. Conveniently located, it's just a stone's throw away from downtown, the park, library, and hospital, ensuring that everything you need is within easy reach. Built in 1900, this home underwent a comprehensive transformation in 1990, essentially being reborn from its frame. Step inside, and you'll be greeted by a sense of space and light. The main level unfolds with a welcoming family room featuring high ceilings and a large bay window that fills the room with natural light. To the right, a dining area awaits, complete with a wood stove for those chilly Montana evenings. Just beyond the dining area, a huge, covered porch beckons, perfect for entertaining friends and family or simply savoring your morning coffee in a serene setting. The heart of this home is undoubtedly the immaculate chef's kitchen. With a vaulted ceiling and skylights, it's a place where culinary dreams come to life. The kitchen is equipped with a large cook-top island, in-wall oven, an abundance of beautiful oak cabinets featuring soft-close pull-out drawers and doors, and a spacious pantry. The main floor also accommodates the master bedroom, complete with a large ensuite bathroom, providing a serene retreat for rest and relaxation. A convenient laundry area and a half bath are also located off the kitchen, making daily chores a breeze. The second floor of this charming home offers two additional bedrooms, a generously sized full bathroom, and two dedicated computer stations with extra closets in the hallway - ample space for all your needs. The exterior of the property is equally impressive. A 2+ car garage provides secure storage for your vehicles and outdoor gear. For your four-legged friends, there's a large, enclosed dog kennel. Green thumbs will appreciate the fenced, raised bed garden, perfect for cultivating your favorite vegetables. And for those cozy Montana evenings, a firepit awaits for gatherings with friends and family. Situated on .278 acres in the stunning Ruby Valley, this home enbodies the essence of small-town living - the perfect blend of modern convenience and historic charm.



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