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THE HISTORY OF THE MADISON COUNTY FAIR



JULY 4,1914 I-JAMES PAGE 2-A.J.WILCOMB 3-FRANK SWARTZ 4-GEO.UTLEY 5-MRS.M.H.LOTT ENA PAGE 7-GRANDMA KNIGHT 8-MARY UTLEY 9-CARRIE CLARK 10-____ II-MARIE COMFORT 2-M.H.LOTT 13-MELVINA COMFORT IN-SARAH SEIDENSTICKER 15-DAISY COMFORT 16-MRS, F.COUNTER DWIGHT BUSHNELL 18-MRS.TEMPLETON 19-MRS.CLINE 20-21-GUSSIE CLARK 22-MRS.H.LINDER LES UTLEY 24-LYNN COMFORT 25-JOHN COMFORT 26-FRANCES COMFORT 27-MRS. AUGUSTA DARNUTZER -MR. THOMAS 29-J.C. SEIDENSTICKER SR. 30-MR. CLARK 31-RUTH DARNUTZER 32-ARLINE UTLEY 33-MABLE SEIDENSTICKER 34*LUCY SEIDENSTICKER 35-TED SEIDENSTICKER 36-____37 38-MARY PAGE 39-MRS.AUSTIN LINDER 40-AUSTIN LINDER 41-TOM MCGEE 42-JAMES DARNUTZER ALDEN KNIGHT 44-MRS.J.KNIGHT 45-JULIAN KNIGHT.

The Fair had its beginning as a harvest barbecuejust a big picnic, where most of the people of the county joined to visit and have a good time. That was in 1887. That big harvest barbecue was attended by several hundred people. They brought their lunches in baskets and enjoyed a barbecue prepared by a man whose name was Levi



Larkens, who was famed for his barbecuing technique. The harvest barbecue continued for two years. With interest of a fall-time community gathering, Dr. D. A. Pease of Twin Bridges, Pat Carney of Waterloo and T. P.Gould of Twin Bridges instigated the first Southern Montana Fair association in 1889. In that year, the Lott brothers donated 60 acres for the present fairgrounds. Several years later,

buildings with wooden walls and floors with canvas roofs housed the exhibits. There were buildings for grains and vegetables, minerals and mining, cookery and sewing and corrals for livestock. The early fair showcased such events as horse races, hard rock drilling contests and baseball games. On Sundays the Train Station would provide and excursion train with 9 coaches from Butte. A special baseball game was held with Butte playing Twin Bridges with a prize win of \$50. Local teams were made up of prospectors and townspeople. A local barber named Thatcher was a renowned pitcher.

A grandstand, bandstand and a mile race track were constructed. Horse racing was of prime interest in those days. Fred Counter won consistently with "Hell Gate," who was raised at the present Bayers' ranch. Madison county's most famous horse, "Spokane," who won the Kentucky derby in the 1890s, never raced locally, however. George Scales often won with "Yellow Hammer:"The Southern Montana Fair association continued to grow, and in 1893 the association had as its officers: Alex Metzel, president; John Seidensticker, vice president; John Wilhart, treasurer, and M. H. Miller, secretary. The fair was conducted for three days in the latter part of September with many exhibits being entered. The ladies entered large quantities of baked goods, canned goods, fancy fabric work,art work and canned goods. In 1901 some of the exhibits included a 249 lb cabbage and a 70 lb pumpkin. The cornet band from Rochester provided the musical entertainment. Three thousand people attended the fair in 1906. In their



time Mr. Metzel and M. H. Lott exhibited Shorthorn cattle as winners with John Seidensticker taking honors with Sapphire and Merino sheep. Pat Carney was "potato king." Entertainment over the years included 4-H dress fashion revue and amateur comedy contests, street dancing, a 1 1/2 mile pony express race, a Wild West show, in 1950 a new track opened and the highlight was a ramp-jump by the Bozeman Hornets Motorcycle club. Also stock car racing and on Sunday's a theme parade that is still going strong, fireworks and a carnival show and baseball games. Local baseball teams were made up of prospectors and townspeople with an early renowned pitcher who was the local barber named Thatcher. For the younger set, a wooden merry-goround was built by Fred Summers and powered by-a horse provided

a good time at 5 cents a ride. For a grandstand attraction, balloon ascensions were the rage of the day. Young boys hold down the, flaps of the balloon as it was being filled with hot gases

from burning gasoline. The balloon was then cut free and after it had attained considerable height, the balloonist would parachute to the ground. The Fair Ball drew large crowds with a price of \$3 per couple to attend the ball and supper. To stay overnight there were two hotels and a Chinese rooming house. If they were full the remainder slept in tents or on the ground. Water was furnished to the fairgrounds by a wooden tank which was pumped full by a steam engine. The Southern Montana Fair association continued to flourish until 1915-16, when M. J. Lott was secretary. With the advent of World War I, the fair was forgotten until after World War 11, when A. C. Bayers helped to revive it. Over the years the name has changed from Southern Montana Fair to Madison County Agricultural Fair and Madison Jefferson County Fair. Make memories of your own this year with the Madison County Fair from August 11-15th.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR AT BEACONBUSINESSCTR.COM

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: Grace Community Fellowship is celebrating our church dedication with a service and fellowship on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 2:00pm. The church is located at 14 Stagecoach NW Ln. Sheridan, MT 59749, which is in Laurin, 8 miles south of Sheridan. If you need further information call 406-842-5915. Please come celebrate this dedication with us, all are invited!!!

MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS: RANCH HORSE COMPETITION: Classes for all ages & skills of horse & rider; Youth; Prime Time Rider; Advanced Horse; Ranch Riding; Stallion Stakes and more!Full slate of classes offered each day! Last Ranch Horse Competition of the circuit in 2021! Entry blank, Rule Book, Patterns on website www.montanarmba.org under "Events" "Ranch Horse Competitions" tab.

THE ELLING HOUSE ARTS & HUMANITIES CENTER - Please join us at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center on August 4, at 7:00PM to hear Mary Jane Bradbury's "And Yet They Persisted: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and Equality in America" Mary Jane Bradbury is a talented historic interpreter and scholar who brings history to life for audiences of all ages. She is an artist in residence for the CM Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Montana Historical Society in Helena.

SUNNY MEADOWS BAKED GOODS: Home made baked goods every Friday from 10-6 on the corner of 287 and Middle Road. "Towards Alder"

SHERIDAN BLOOD DRIVE: The date is August 3 from 12:00 to 5:45 at the Bethany Hall.

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 thru Friday Happy Hour 5-6 - Check our FB page for weekend specials @lostcabinbar

BALE OF HAY: August 3rd- VC car cruise featuring Dave Walker 6:30-8:30 August 10th- VC car cruise featuring Dave Walker 6:30-8:30 August 17th- VC car cruise featuring Dave Walker 6:30-8:30 August 24th- VC car cruise featuring Dave Walker 6:30-8:30 August 27th Dan Henry 6-9pm September 4th- Dan Henry 4-5 & 6-8pm

THE STAR RESTAURANT SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE: - August 6- Road Agents 5-8pm - August 7- Katie Hall 5-8pm - August 13- Reckless Abandon - August 14 - Willy James 5-8pm August 20- Cole Decker 5-8pm - August 21 - Kaylie Marie 5-8pm - August 27 - Chandler Huntley 5-8pm - August 28 - Steve Rose & The Buffalo Nickle Band September 4- John Montoya 5-8pm September 5 - Road Agents 12-3pm

RUBY VALLEY BREW: Cruise-In On Main every Thursday Night from 6-8 pm - Sheridan

PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS: SHERIDAN - Newspaper History Group - Tuesday mornings at 9 AM. Knitting Group - Thursdays at 2 PM. For more information call 406-842-7981. | TWIN BRIDGES - Twin Bridges Public Library will be closed for two weeks from June26th through July 10. New flooring will be installed during the closure. If the work is finished sooner, the library will opensooner. Plan to come by and view the new floor. If the work is finished sooner, the library will open sooner. Plan to come by and view the new floor. | VIRGINIA CITY - Thompson Hickman - Story and Craft every Tuesday at the Meeting Hall on Idaho Street, VC at 10:30 a.m.

TWIN BRIDGES HELPING HANDS & FARMERS MARKET: Twin Bridges-MT Farmers Market held at Main St. City Park, every Saturday (weather permitting) May thru September. 9-1. Vendor's are always welcome. Midway Colony Hutterites. Fresh Baked Goods. Farm fresh eggs. Hand honed wood pieces, custom orders are welcome. Gardening plants, shrubs, herbs and bedding. So much more. 596-1978 or 233-9616 Twin Bridges-MT Helping Hand Food Pantry, we aim to End Hunger in Montana. We are located above the town's Library. 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

MOUNTAINVIEW CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Every Wednesday at 7 PM. 515 N. Main St., Twin Bridges. 406-684-5217

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

3 RIVERS WORSHIP CENTER: Come and experience TRUE Worship in a non-denominational setting every Sunday at 10:30 am at 3648 MT-287. Family friendly. No religion, just relationship. (406) 570-7181

VIRGINIA CITY ELKS LODGE #390: Happy Hour Every Friday and Monday from 5-10 p.m. Every Sunday at 10 AM through March 28th Brunch and Bingo. \$9 Brunch. \$5 Bingo for 3 cards. Public is welcome! Observing Social Distancing, 406-660-1559

ROCKY'S ROADHOUSE: Live Music. : Aug 6 - Dan Dubuque - Aug 13 - Willy James - Aug 20 - Reckless Abandon - Aug 27 - Katie Hall - Sept 10 & Oct 8 & Nov 5 & Dec 10 -Dan Henry

CHICKS BAR: Poker Night is back! Friday's & Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to close. Up to \$200 buy in.

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

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS







Main Street Market in Twin Bridges is accepting applications for full and part time positions. Cashier and Barista/baker Positions can include weekends. Employees receive in store discount and other benefits. Please apply in person or call Therese at 596-5933

The Twin Bridges Public Library has a Board of Trustees (volunteer) vacancy. If you are interested in guiding our library into the future, please send/drop off a short letter of introduction/interest to PO Box 246, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 by August 16, 2020. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

3 RV hookup spots 8 available plus bonus 🕅 guest room in Twin Bridges.

Call Sherry Meyers at 406-684-5446 for more details.

The Ruby Valley Amish Community is in need of part and

full time drivers.Pay per mile.

Call for more information - 876-0309

HELP WANTED

New Kids on the Block Daycare in Sheridan, MT is hiring a provider. Flexible work schedule between hours of 7:30 - 5:30, Monday -Friday. Must be 18 years old and enthusiastic about working with children. Wage DOE. Contact Aleesha (406) 890.8860 or email resume to newkidsontheblock12@hotmail.com

HELP WANTED

Healing Waters Lodge is a fly fishing lodge located in beautiful Twin Bridges, MT. We are looking for fun and energetic staff to join our amazing team for the remainder of the 2021 fly fishing season! We currently have openings for housekeepers, servers and dishwashers. We offer competitive wages plus tips and a variety of full/part time schedule options.

Working at an Orvis endorsed fly fishing lodge will help you gain the experience and skills you need in the "hospitality-tourism industry" that you can take almost anywhere and find a job. And while you're working here, you'll also meet guests from around the USA and the world.

We pride ourselves on providing excellent service, taking great care of our guests, and showing them how incredible Montana is. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please call Laura at 406-459-5582 to set up an interview!

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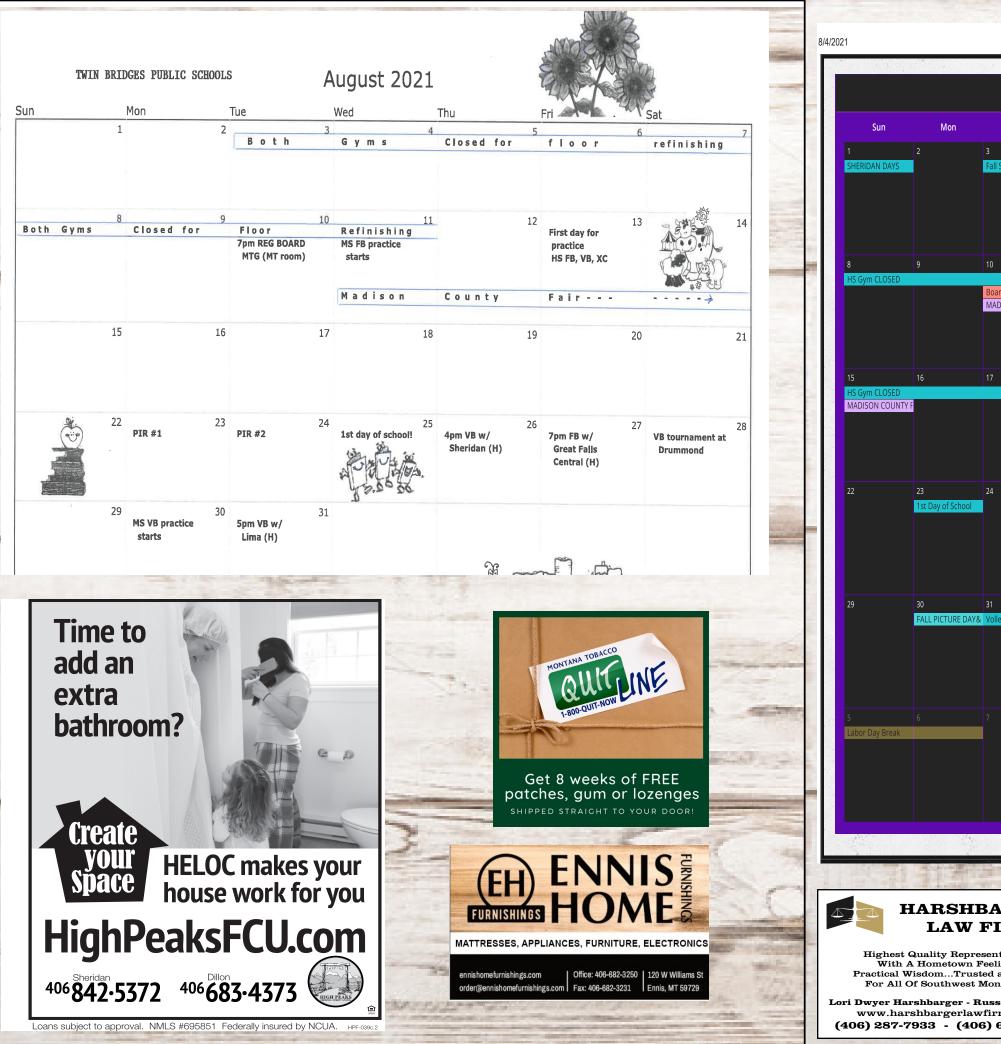
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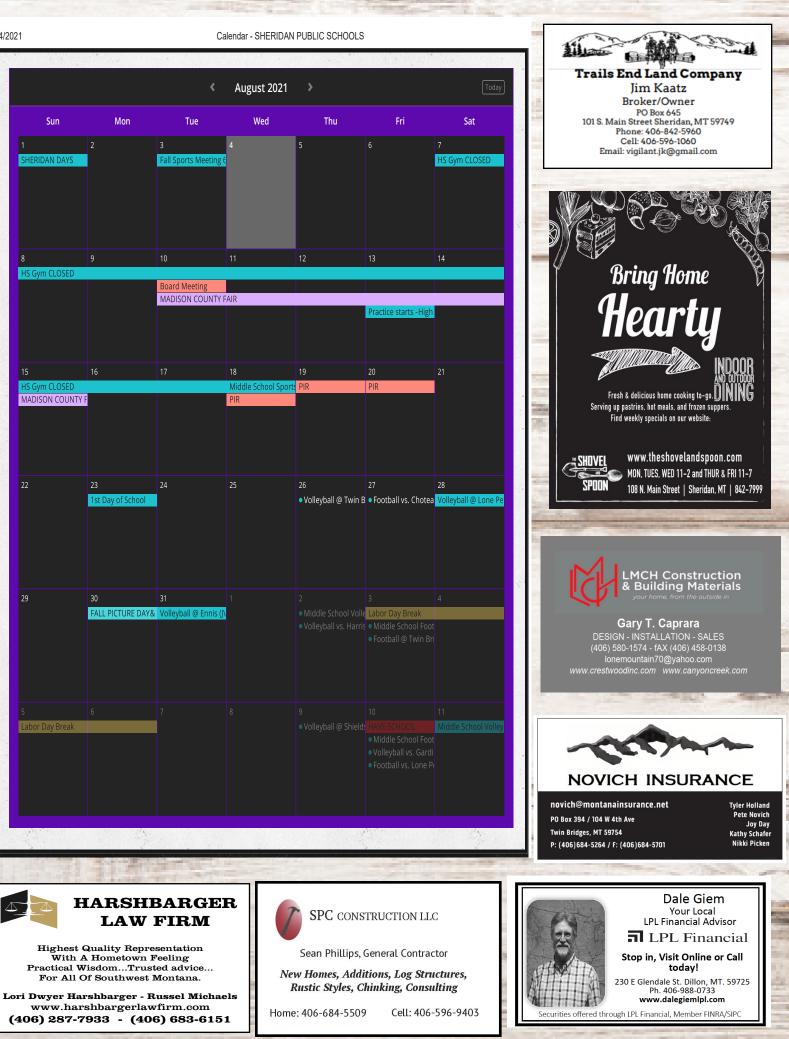
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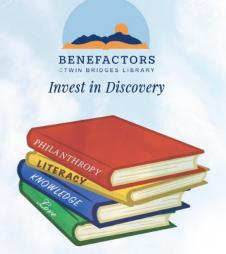
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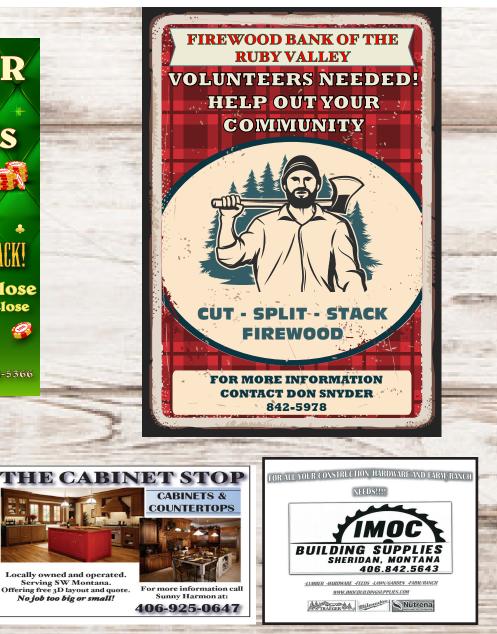
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THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF LARRY MARTIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION TO THE MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION, INC.



In Loving Memory

... of our classmate and friend, LARRY MARTIN

From the Belgrade Class of 1960, a donation is being made to the Madison County Fairgrounds towards the restoration of the Round Pavilion