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INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS J. BIRD IN 1942



Young Thomas J. Bird

The following interesting interview, written in the form of question and answer between Eleanor Luxton, who was a Glenbow Museum staff member and Thomas J. Bird who lived in the Twin Bridges community. He was one of the last Montana's western trail' blazers. Mr. Bird, who had many acquaintances in Montana, which has been his home since he was eight years old, was 87 at the time of this interview. He was born April 2nd, 1855 in Truxton, Lincoln County, Missouri, and died September 19th, 1944 in Madison County at age 89. In his youth, when he led the role of a man while still in his teens, was devoted, to teaming. 1870 he teamed for the Hecla Mining Co. at Glendive, and later-held a contract hauling salt from a point 40 miles south of Idaho Falls to Madison County. Following is his colorful story of the early days of his life here, and the stirring events of the times as he remembered them: By Thomas J. Bird Announcer: Mr. Bird, as a child you started for Oregon. How did it happen that you settled in Montana? Mr. Bird: I believe that I am one, if not the oldest, of the living Trail Blazers to come to Montana in a covered Wagon or: prairie schooner. In April 1863, my adoptee father, Joseph-Pennington, and mother rigged out for the west, taking with them a boy of eight years, which happened to be me. They were headed for Oregon, where my mother had a brother. This brother had lived there in the early 1840's before the gold was discovered in California. But when we got out on the plains, we

heard that gold was discovered in Grasshopper, or Bannock, and it being a direct route via the Landers cutoff and Mullen road, my father, with a few others, concluded to take the route in following the Landers cutoff we came to the Lewis, or Snake, river, fifteen or twenty miles above the present site of Idaho Falls at what was then known as Jake Meek's ferry, where we ferried the wagons but swam the livestock. After crossing Snake river, we came on to Beaver canyon where Spencer, Idaho, is now located. There we came to a Wagon Train owned by J. B. Laurin, who was waiting for one of his men, by the name of Johnson. Announcer: Was the J. B. Laurin the same Laurin who founded the town of Laurin on the Vigilante Trail? Mr. Bird: Yes. Announcer: Thanks. Continue with your story. Mr. Bird: Well, it was while we were camped at Beaver canyon, now Spencer, Idaho, that word reached us of the fabulous discovery of gold in Alder gulch and caused excitement in our party. Some of them wanted to travel day and night to get there as soon as possible, but my, father argued: "No, here we are 1000 or 1600 miles from civilization either way we go with our families. We must conserve our food and the ability of our stock to get us through. We must not take desperate chances by traveling day and night to get-to any reputed El Dorado. Our families are to be our first consideration. Never take any chances on another Donner catastrophe." These were my father's words of counsel. Announcer: The Donner catastrophe refers to the massacre of that trainload of immigrants to the new country by redskins, does it not? Mr. Bird: No, the Donner catastrophe refers to the wagon trainload of people who were snowed in at Donner lake in new country and perished: Father would chance nothing like that for the sake of the women and children in the party. But a part of the party would not heed his advice and the train was split, part traveling night and day and our part of the party at our regular gait. We arrived in Bannock on July 15, 1863. None of our friends had returned from Alder gulch yet, therefore my father, who had placer mined in California in the early 1850's, looked over Bannock placers on the 16th of July and was not favorably impressed. Many of the holders of claims were so anxious to sell that they salted their ground by sprinkling gold over the bedrock which had previously been cleaned up. Father asked where he should sample the dirt to pan it and was told to get a pan off bedrock anywhere. This he did and when he washed it down closely, he had 76c or \$1.00 in gold. After washing a pan, father turned to the men and said: "I came in here yesterday from the east but I have placer mined in California about ten years before coming here. Your claim is salted. No man who pretends, to be a Miner leaves this much gold on bedrock after cleaning up!" They said: "Keep low, Mr. Tenderfoot, don't say anything". That evening two of our friends returned from Alder gulch and reported that Alder was all right, only all the good claims were taken above and below the discovery. This proved to be wrong. They said that the Stinking Water valley, now called Ruby Valley, was most beautiful country and on their way back, they had staked off a ranch and called it the Cold Spring ranch because of a very told stream of clear water flowing from the ground and surrounded by a beautiful meadow of grass standing waist high and covering acres of rich Land. My father looked over the location and concluded: "This is near enough Oregon for, me." He unloaded our belongings, took off the extra-large box from our prairie schooner in which we stored our little all, excepting the cooking utensil mother had used while crossing the plains to our new home. Announcer: So the lure of this fine country got the best of the family. Tell me though, did you ever get to Oregon? Mr. Bird: Not at that time, but in later years I have visited there. Announcer: I suppose that the first thing your father did was to look for gold? Mr Bird: No, father let the others look for the gold. He was willing to work for his. The first thing father did was to take his team of oxen to the nearby mountains. Here he cut and hauled logs to build the first house between Bannock and Alder Gulch. It was his intention of keeping stage stock. It was what I call "the starting of a hotel", out in the



Drawing of Buck Stinson

prairie, from the ground up. At this time there were two stages running from Bannock to Alder. When I say running, I am speaking literally, and mean running. The drivers would stop just long enough for horses to be changed and then crack the whip and away, to return in the same manner.

Chances were against their return, but I can tell you more of that later, together with a few tales about the Vigilantes and their necktie parties. One of our first customers rode up to the Hotel Cold Springs and asked if he could get breakfast. My mother told him it was late for breakfast, it being about 9 or 10 o'clock. She said father had gone after timber with which to build, but if he would wait, she would cook breakfast. He said he would wait and let his horse graze while waiting, since it was quite early when he left Alder, and it was a long ride to Bannock. Mother hurried and

prepared something for him to eat; after which he took from his pocket a buckskin sack in which it was customary to carry loose gold dust. Mother had no scales for weighing gold; but she did have a blower which he poured the loose gold, gave a few shakes, and then blew out light dry sand. The worthless trash he poured out, had it been gold, would have been \$4 or \$6, but it was bogus brass, chips or fillings. Mother had been taught how to test pure gold, so she placed a small piece between her teeth, and it was harsh, like biting pot-metal, anti she told him: "Mr., this is bogus-dust!" "Well, now, that is too bad for a stranger to come at this time of day and order breakfast, then pay for it in bogus dust, but I know who I got it from, and I will make him make it good," he replied. Then he poured out about \$1.50 in real gold. We learned afterwards that was Buck Stinson, who later was hanged in Bannock with Plummer, the sheriff, and Ned Ray, Plummer's deputy. This little tie-party happened about January 6th 1864, and was about the last to be hung by the Vigilantes.

Continued in next issue....

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

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - The Blessings of the Animals (St. Francis Day) at Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan Sunday, October 8th at the 10 am Service and blessing. For more information please call 406-842-7713

AMERICAN LEGION POST 89 - Meeting on October 10th at 6 PM at Post Building - VA Service Officer at Post Building on October 11th from 10 am to noon.

KATHY BALL MEMORIAL: The family of Kathy Ball invite you to a story telling potluck celebration in her honor. October 14th 1:00 PM in the square building at the Madison county Fairgrounds.

SHERIDAN SENIOR CENTER: OCT 16th from 6 - 9pm at the Sheridan Community Center at 210 East Crofoot for GAME NIGHT! Bring your own snacks! Please call 406-207-0334 for more information.

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

SENIOR CITIZEN HARVEST DINNER- OCT 25th from 4-6 pm at the Sheridan School Elementary Gym or there is local delivery-call 406-842-5302 to RSVP

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

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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.**

WICKED WONDERLAND - Shine Studio Dance The Magic Fundraiser - 7th of October - 3-11 pm - Costume Contest- Escape Room - Axe Throwing - Carnival Games-Concessions-Mickey Trick Or Treat - And More! \$10- Kids \$15- Age 15+ - \$50 Family - POKER RUN FUNDRAISER - October 7th - registration starts at 12 pm at the Ruby Valley Brewery. Will continue to Blue Anchor in Twin Bridges, Two Bit Saloon in Whitehall, Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis, Chick's Bar in Alder, and ends at Dietrich's Robber Roost School House in Sheridan. Bring something fun for the Trunk or Treat. ESCAPE ROOM - Follow the Clues - October 7th from 4 - 11 pm- \$30

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.

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

Current Ongoing Schedule

Class/Instructor	Day, Time & Location
Volleyball	Sundays, 6pm-8pm, Elementary Gym
Yoga (Renata)	Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm, HS Gym
H.I.L.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 Jaelen Munn**

When: Tuesdays (10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7) at 7pm-8pm
Where: Elementary lunchroom
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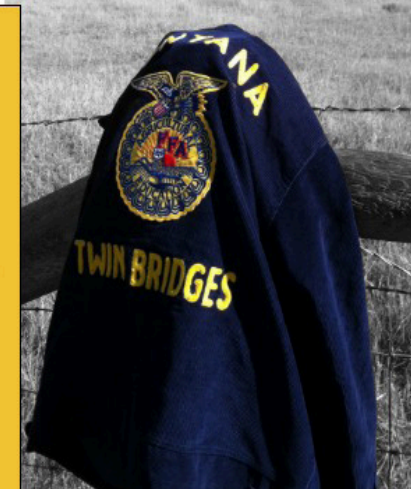
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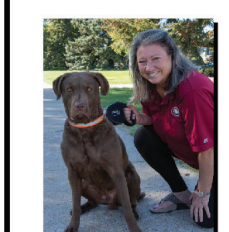
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 Twin Bridges School
 Fall Festival
 at the School Farm!

Open to the Public
 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

- Pumpkin Chuckin'
- Tic-Tac-Toe Toss
- Pumpkin Bag-Fatch
- Apple Cider Press
- Corn Roast
- Bake-sale
- Corn Hole
- Scarecrow craft Contest
- Pumpkin Painting
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1 	10am MT Rep. Theatre presents "The Odyssey", grs 6-12, MP gym 12:35pm MT Rep. Theatre workshops, MT rm 4:30pm JV VB w/ Dillon C-Squad (H)	2 Noon Jr class mtg 4pm MS VB w/ WY (H) 5pm HS VB w/ Gardiner (T) 6pm Booster Club mtg	3 Noon BPA mtg	4 PICTURE DAY - Elem & MS individuals & MS fall sports Cross Country meet in Helena Noon FFA mtg 4pm HS VB w/ Man. Ch. (H)	5 HS PICTURE DAY HS individual & fall sports U of M Western Rural Friday Noon Sophomore class mtg 7pm HS FB w/ WY (H)	6 HS VB at Anaconda tourney MS VB at WY tourney 12pm MS FB w/ WY (T)
8 Columbus Day Noon Exec Student Co. mtg	9 Noon general Student Co. mtg 4pm HS VB w/ Whitehall/Harr/WC (T) 7pm REG BOARD MTG, MT rm	10 Noon 8th gr class mtg	11 8:15am Coffee w/ the Counselor Noon Close-Up mtg 4pm MS VB w/ Harrison/WC (T)	12 U of M Western Rural Friday 4pm MS FB w/ Hot Springs (H) 7pm HS FB w/ Hot Springs (H)	13 MS VB Twin Bridges tourney	14
15 Noon Sr class mtg 6:15pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg, lunchroom	16 Noon staff lunch mtg 4pm HS VB w/ WSS (T)	17 Noon safety cmttee mtg	18 Teacher Conventions, No School FFA MACTE, 4pm MS FB w/ WSS (H) 7pm HS FB w/ WSS (H), Senior Night	19 6pm Super Stars 4-H mtg, Inchrn	20 Billings State Cross Country Meet 4pm HS VB w/ Deer Lodge (H), Senior Night	21
22 	23 MS GBB practice starts	24 End 1st Quarter Fall Festival at School Farm 6pm Reach Higher MT Parent Night	25 District Volleyball Tourney U of M Western Rural Friday 2pm Vitalant Blood Drive, MT room	26 Go Falcons!!	27 U of M Western Rural Friday 2pm Vitalant Blood Drive, MT room	28 Tournament 1st round FB playoffs
29	30 Halloween	31				

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Sheridan Schools
Important Dates to Remember - October 2023

- Thursday, October 5 Early Release Day 1:00 pm - NO PALZ Parent/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair during conferences
- Tuesday, October 10 School Board Meeting 7 pm
- Wednesday, October 18 Early Release Day 1:00 pm - NO PALZ
- Thursday, October 19 NO SCHOOL
- Friday, October 20 NO SCHOOL - NO PALZ
- Saturday, October 21 New Kids on the Block Fall Festival
- Tuesday, October 24 Ennis Lions Club student vision screenings 9:00 am
- Wednesday, October 25 Senior Citizen Harvest Dinner
- Tuesday, October 31 Halloween Parade 1:00 pm, Parents can help with costumes beginning at 12:30 pm

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- "WOW" ITEM: Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.
- OTHER GIFTS: Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Do not tape your shoe box closed. Use rubber bands instead. The Distribution Centers need to check the contents of the box.
- PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.
- DROP OFF LOCATION: During the Collection Week of November 13th to the 20th at Valley Assembly Church, 114 N. Main Street in Sheridan.

Monday, November 13th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 14th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, November 15th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Thursday, November 16th - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Friday, November 17th - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 18th - 9:00 - 11:00 am
Sunday, November 19th - 12:30 - 2:30 pm
Monday, November 20th - 8:00 - 10:00 am

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Community Events
October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Land Stewardship Workshop @ Alder Fire Hall 3-5pm	4 Twin Bridges Food Pantry 10am-3pm	5	6 Good Old Ways – Canning @ Grace Community in Laurin 6pm	7
8	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11 Twin Bridges Food Pantry 10am-3pm	12	13	14 Baked Potato Feed & Craft Show @ Mad Cou Fairgrounds 10am-2pm
15	16 	17	18 Twin Bridges Food Pantry 10am-3pm	19	20	21 
22	23	24	25 Twin Bridges Food Pantry 10am-3pm	26	27 Harvest Party @ Grace Community in Laurin, 6-8pm (406)842-5915	28
29	30	31 Happy Halloween				



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So, what's changed? With mortgage interest rates that have risen to the point that 7% is "the new normal," the housing market is reacting in surprising ways. Despite slower sales and lower prices throughout the first half of 2023, there are currently three offers for every home on the open market, according to Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of REALTORS®, suggesting that homebuyers are shrugging off higher interest rates.

Housing market analyst Black Knight says that housing sales could be on the verge of a resurgence and that housing prices will move higher in certain regions. Year-over-year, home prices are down 0.1%, but the reheating of the housing market is already underway in 27 of the 50 largest markets at or above their previous home price peaks, say researchers.

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