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Ruby Valley Swimming Pool's Annual
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Saturday, February 11

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THE BEAR THAT BECAME THE MAYOR OF SILVER STAR



Caretaker with Mayor

Around 1880 Frank Cox moved to Silver Star where he became a butcher at the local meat market. He traveled from Lynton, North Devon District of Devon, England where he was educated in some of the best schools. It was said he had a cockney accent, flaming red hair and sported a huge handlebar mustache that covered the lower half of his face. He was the nephew of Joesph and Elizabeth Clemo Barkell who at one time were owners of Barkell Hot Springs in Silver Star.

In the late 1800's early 1900's Silver star was a mining town with a hotel, saloon, general store/post office, drug store, blacksmith shop, butcher shop, a hot springs and dance hall that was located below the Masonic Hall.

Silver Star had become a popular spot to visit because in 1878 the future King of England, Edward the VII, traveled through the area and stayed in the Silver Star Hotel.

Frank longed for companionship, and was a very lonely man that was very shy around women. He also had a habit of bathing once a month, which might have been his other problem. He was also nicknamed "Sky Ball" for unknown reasons.

In the early 1920's a little cub had lost it's mother and was found wondering around the foothills of Silver Star. It was hungry and easy to catch and brought into town. Frank saw the little cinnamon colored 5lb bear and adopted it. Frank enjoyed the company of the fast growing pet even though the cub played and gnawed on anything and everything he owned. They became fast friends and were seen as constant companions all around Silver Star and Frank even would take the cub to work at the butcher shop. It was said people traveling through Silver Star in the early 1900's would do a double take when they would see them walking together around town. The yet unnamed bear was constantly in trouble with the neighbors and kept Frank busy cleaning up his mishaps. Eventually the bear was no longer welcome at the Meat Market and would have to stay chained up at Franks one room cabin until the work day was over.

After a long day apart, Frank would treat himself and the bear at the local watering hole. The cub developed a taste for beer and could keep with Frank as well as anyone else, beer for beer, many times besting the whole bar. One night a group of local patrons decided to hold an election for the position of Mayor of Silver Star as well as council members. Ballots were counted and the bear was unanimously voted in as Mayor of Silver Star. The bear and his council members were congratulated in celebration with rounds of drinks for the rest of that night. From then on the bear was known as "Mayor".

Mayor would grow as big as Frank, but was still a cub at heart. Frank enjoyed many a night with his drinking buddy. Many times this bear would make sure his best friend would not pass out on the floor. When Frank would drink past his limit, Mayor would gently put his big arms around Frank and guide him outdoors and both would crawl under the saloon porch and together would sleep off the effects of the night before.

Life for Mayor and Frank continued on for a couple of years, until late 1920's. State Officials, acting on a tip, came looking for "Frank Cox and that wild bear he let run loose around town". Sadly Mayor was separated from Frank and sent to the Butte Columbia Gardens where he was showcased in the Zoo section.

With a broken heart, Frank would visit his best friend every chance he could smuggling beer in to share with the bear. Mayor would rush up to the front of the cage and would try to reach through his cage bars to show love and affection to Frank. When it was time to go the two would sob like babies until they were out of sight.

Frank died June of 1934 and was laid to rest at the Silver Star Cemetery. Mayor stayed at the Zoo until it was closed and it is rumored that he was ultimately stuffed and now resides in a State Museum.



Mayor at Columbia Gardens

Information collected from Charles Rossiter and researched by Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

TWIN SPIRITS YOGA: Happy New Year from Twin Spirits Yoga. New year, same you, but growing! Yoga schedule for the first week of 2023 - Monday 6:00 P.M. - Tuesday 8:30 A.M. - Thursday 8:30 All levels welcome, bring a friend! Offering pranassage and private classes

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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. For more information call 406-842-7981. | TWIN BRIDGES - Thank you to all who braved the weather to visit us during the Christmas Stroll! Tracey Pearce was the winner of the gift basket that was generously donated by Great Harvest in Butte. The library is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from Bicentennial Incorporated in Dillon, to be used to purchase large print books. This will really help us expand our selection! Thank you! "Find the Elf" happened in December, and our winners were Alex Kinoshita and Haddon Witham! Thank you to the Bookstore in Dillon for providing gift certificates for our winners! Winter weather getting you down? Stop in and check out our collection of craft items, DVDs, puzzles, and games! Ask about our new Lego club that is starting January 19th, and will be every third Thursday of the month. | VIRGINIA CITY - Thompson Hickman - 10:30 a.m. Library Story and craft time.

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

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10. Lade
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15. Margarine
16. Church alcove
17. Beauty parlor
18. Den
19. Story
20. An abatement in intensity
22. Journey
23. Sacred song
24. Apartments (British)
25. Tinted
29. Surrounds a fingernail
31. Creative persons
33. Coffin
37. Debacle
38. Comport
39. Shreds
41. A medieval steel helmet
42. Private
44. Writing implements
45. Expensive fur
48. Silly mistake
50. Small mountain
51. Scintillating
56. Notion
57. Liturgy
58. Like the flu
59. A musical pause
60. So be it
61. Run away to wed
62. Anagram of "Sees"
63. Large mass of ice
64. Anxious

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| 3. Electric light | 26. Murre | 52. Anger |
| 4. God of love | 27. French for "State" | 53. Weightlifters pump this |
| 5. Jeans material | 28. A purified liquid | 54. Short sleeps |
| 6. A genus of fungus | 30. Nightclub | 55. Delight |
| 7. Bird of prey also called a kite | 32. Display | |
| 8. Proving by direct argument | 34. Rational | |
| 9. Achy | 35. Baking appliance | |
| 10. Heavily armored warship | 36. Catches | |
| 11. 3-banded armadillo | 40. Inspiring awe | |
| 12. A small island | 41. Malayan wild ox | |
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- ✓ Beaverhead County, January 5, 4-5pm
- ✓ Butte-Silver Bow County, January 11, 12-1pm
- ✓ Granite County, January 4, 12-1pm
- ✓ Jefferson County, January 11, 4-5pm
- ✓ Madison County, January 12, 5-6pm
- ✓ Powell County, January 9, 4-5pm

Register to attend a meeting in your county:
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What is the CEDS?

The CEDS is a document that we update every 5 years for the Economic Development Administration.



Why is this important?

By identifying projects in your community that need monetary support, we can request future funding from the EDA by showing the need through this document.

What's the Process?



Who should attend?

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Grace Community Fellowship will be hosting a class on long term food storage, Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 pm. The church is located in Laurin MT at 14 Stagecoach NW Ln. If you have any questions call 406-842-5915.

We look forward to learning with you!

Grace Community Fellowship will be re-starting 'The Good Ole Ways' on January 22 at 5:00pm. Our beginning class will be wilderness first aid survival. The church is located in Laurin, MT at 14 Stagecoach NW Ln.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 	2 Staff lunch mtg Newsletter items due	3 MS GBB practice starts Noon Sophomore class mtg 6pm Booster Club mtg	4 Noon BPA mtg 3:45pm Falcon team mtg	5 Noon FFA mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/Boulder (H), GBGB	6 Noon Junior class mtg 3pm HS BB w/ Whitehall (T), GBGB	7 S/D/D/ meet in Townsend
8	9 Noon Exec. Student Co. mtg	10 Noon Student Co. mtg 7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT rm)	11 Noon 8th gr class mtg	12 Noon Close-Up mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Lone Peak (H), GB 4pm MS GBB w/ Sheridan (T) 7pm Am. Legion mtg (MT rm)	13 End 2nd qtr/1st sem 	14 MS GBB w/ Harrison/WC (T) 2:30pm HS BB w/ Gardiner (T), GBGB
15 	16 Martin Luther King Day - No School 7pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg, Inchrn	17 Staff lunch mtg	18 Noon Safety cmttee mtg	19 Noon Freshman class mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Ennis (T), GBGB 6pm S/D/D Community Night (MT rm)	20 FFA LDE District Events (Three Forks) 2:30pm HS BB w/ WSS (T), GBGB 4pm MS GBB w/ Lima (H)	21 Divisional S/D/D, Columbus MS GBB w/ Sheridan (T)
22	23 2:30pm HS BB w/ Sheridan (T), GBGB 4pm MS GBB w/ Harrison/WC (T)	24	25	26	27 State S/D/D in 2:30pm HS BB w/ Man. Christian (T), GBGB	28 Manhattan FFA Fergus Mechanics CDE MS GBB Twin Bridges tourney
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Sheridan School Calendar

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 BASKETBALL vs. Butte	31 BASKETBALL vs. Harrison / Will	2/1 First Day of Black History Mont	2 MS GIRLS Basketball @ Twin B	3 BASKETBALL vs Manhattan Chr	4 BASKETBALL vs White Suplhur MS GIRLS Basketball @ White
5	6 FFA - Melstone Mechanics	7 MS GIRLS Basketball vs. White	8	9	10 BASKETBALL @ Lone Peak	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting Valentine's Day 7p Sheridan School Board Mee	15 BASKETBALL District	16 BASKETBALL District	17 BASKETBALL District	18 BASKETBALL District
19	20 FFA Districts CDE - Big Timber Presidents' Day	21	22 MIDTERM 3	23 BASKETBALL Divisionals (MAC)	24 BASKETBALL Divisionals (MAC) Parent / Teachers Conferences FFA Districts LDE - Three Forks	25 BASKETBALL Divisionals (MAC)
26	27	28	3/1 First Day of Women's History M	2	3	4 FFA Conrad Crops & Mechn.

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