APRIL 2022 1ST ISSUE OF THE MONTH

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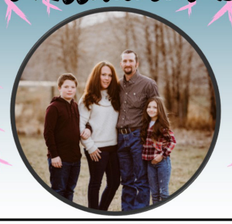
Jordan Allhands Benefit



2:00PM April 9th, 2022

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Please join us as a community for a silent and live auction, as well as a meal (donation only) to support the Allhands family as they courageously battle Jordan's Metastatic Breast Cancer.

Live Auction 4:00 PM

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Ruby Valley Conservation District

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SATURDAY APRIL 23

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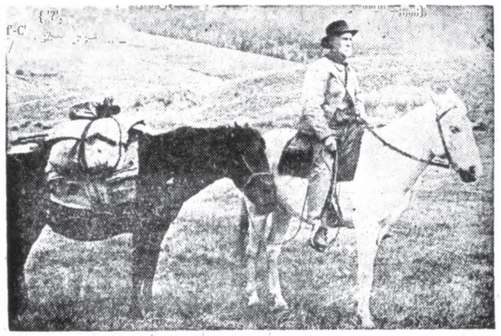

BARNEY HUGHES
Montana pioneer who probably prospected in this state longer than any one man in the early days.

Barney Hughes was a quiet, un-aggressive son of Ireland, and sailed to New York at the age of twelve. He then moved to California at the age of 27 in 1858. In the spring of 1862, he made his way to Idaho and joined up with a small group of miners traveling towards placer work in what later would be called Gibbonsville. It was reputed to be the oldest mining camp in Idaho. One can vision this little man among a band of travelers making his way up through the Bitterroot, which at that time was a series of rocky flats surrounded by pine trees and underbrush along the rivers and streams. The party went up through Ross' Hole, following an old Indian trail. In August of 1862, an excited gold miner carried the news of a rich strike in Bannack to the Idaho prospectors. Barney was among those who packed up their few belongings, climbed the steep trail up the Nez Perce creek, over the continental divide; waded through the tall thick grasses of the Big Hole and Grasshopper and into Bannack. Bannack was too crowded for Bar-ney, so he made a new plan with fellow prospectors Bill Fairweather, Henry Edgar, Tom Cover, Bill Sweeney, and Henry Rodgers. The six packed their horses and headed toward the Yellow-stone River where they had planned to meet up with James Stewart and another party of min-ers from Fort Benton. Just as they started their trip, they were surrounded and taken prison-ers by a band of Crow Indians. Most of their clothes, food and supplies were taken, were at the mercy of the Crow Indians. Here they were held captive for a few days while the Crow tribe held long councils, trying to agree as to their disposal. Finally, a decision to release them so they were allowed to leave with some bone-weary horses, a few pounds of flour, a little bacon and coffee and their guns. That night they camped not far from the Indian village. After dark, one of the Crow women snuck into their camp to warn them, that they had been let go just for the sport and they better just move on. The weeks that followed were one long game of hide and seek. The miners were heading back towards Bannack, but with only a vague idea of where they were. On May 23rd they camped on what was to be Alder Gulch, very near where Virginia City now stands. They had a frying pan that served the triple purpose of a mixing bowl, gold pan and cooking utensil. This is where they panned their first dirt of thirty-five cents. (Or five dollars depending on who tells the story) They then decided to prospect up and down the gulch to see how far the pay dirt extended and then stake their claim. Barney would later say that after he left his claim at Alder Gulch, he buried $24,000 in gold dust on the bank of the Beaverhead River a few miles below what Dillon would later be, and went to British Columbia, carrying about $12,000 with him in a flour sack. While in British Columbia he met and befriended George Ives. Barney is quoted as saying, "I became well acquainted with him and though him one of the finest people I ever met. He was honest, and industrious as any man in the west." He then returned a few months later, dug up his gold on the banks of the Beaverhead and went to San Francisco. He said he paid a lawyer named
Hogan of the Hibernian Bank $175 to invest all his money into real estate. About a decade later he made a rich discovery on Hughes creek in Idaho. There are two streams flowing from the divide, one flows to the Bitterroot, and one flows into the Salmon Valley on into Idaho. These waters bear his name as a sort of monument to his second discovery. The time of Barney Hughes arrival in the Big Hole is not exactly known. He partnered up with Lucian Eby and did they some mining on the old road between Wisdom and Gibbonsville. In 1887 he built a cabin once owned by Ben Van Houten which would have been located up by Van Houten Lake. J.P. Lossi, a pioneer merchant of Wisdom told tales of trading gold with Barney. "Barney was a good old guy, never a word with any-one, or about anyone; and as honest as the day is long. I liked to talk with him when I was a kid. He was clean and intelligent. He was a grand old guy." Barney was welcome at every ranch house all over the country, and in his later years, in the Big Hole. The last years of his life Barney spent most of his time with Fred Else who lived in the Givens District of the battleground. He called Mr. Else's cabin his home. Barney was sure there was a rich deposit of gold in the Big Hole and that some-day he would find it. About the middle of October in 1909 Fred and Barney planned a trip to Wisdom to pick up much-needed supplies. In those days, a trip to town was on horseback or by wagon and a trip to town ment all day or a couple of days. So, they went knowing they were going to stay a night in Wisdom in a room over the Basin Mercantile Store. Sadly, at the age of eighty-two, Barney passed away in his sleep above that little store. Now there is a little headstone at the Wisdom cemetery that was placed there by the society of Montana Pioneers in 1912. It bears the words:
Barney Hughes, was born in Ireland 1827, and died Oct 27, 1909. Down at the bottom scarcely visible are the words: One of the Discoverers of the Gold in Alder Gulch. Barney Hughes was a quiet prospector that sadly lost all his gold, traveled from Ireland to America and British Columbia and back all around the United States. He lived a full and rich life.

Alder Gulch

Researched and Written By Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR VANCE ANDERSON: April 8th - Start time at 1 pm at the Blue Anchor Bar ^ Grill- See Ad

JORDAN ALLHANDS BENEFIT : April 9th at 2pm at the Ruby Valley Brew/Jensen Building 111 S. Main Street in Sheridan, MT Live Auction at 4pm - Silent Auction from 2-5pm- Free BBQ Meal starting at 2pm (Donations Appreciated)

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FIREMANS BALL : May 7th at 3 pm - Derby starts at 4:50pm - BBQ Dinner at ;30 pm Dancing to Follow - Event to be held at the Round Barn on Bayers Lane -- Twin Bridges, MT - Tickets Sold at Opportunity Bank in Sheridan ant Twin Bridges.

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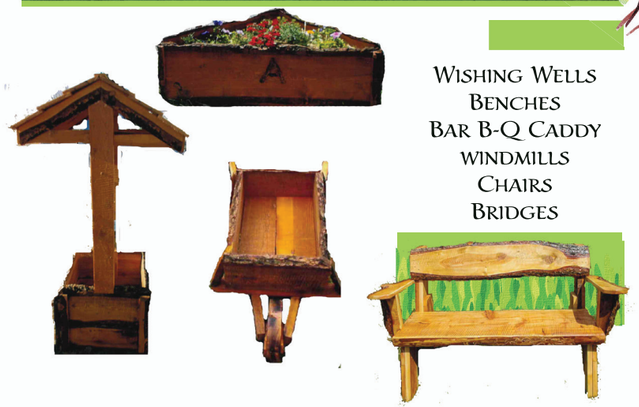

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1. Soft drinks
6. Doe
10. A person who is in charge
14. African virus
15. Overhang
16. Jittery
17. Not south
18. Journey
19. Former Italian currency
20. A young unmarried woman (archaic)
22. Chilled
23. Fowl
24. Decreases
26. Electric light
30. Conceit
31. 2,000 pounds
32. Decorative case
33. Precious stones
35. Celebrities
39. Made of baked clay
41. A reversion to the state
43. 8th Greek letter
44. Not this
46. Murres
47. And so forth
49. Card with one symbol
50. A short musical composition
51. Record player
54. Rich soil
56. Part of a comparison
57. Unacquainted
63. Backside
64. Bears' hands
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70. Catches
71. Anxious

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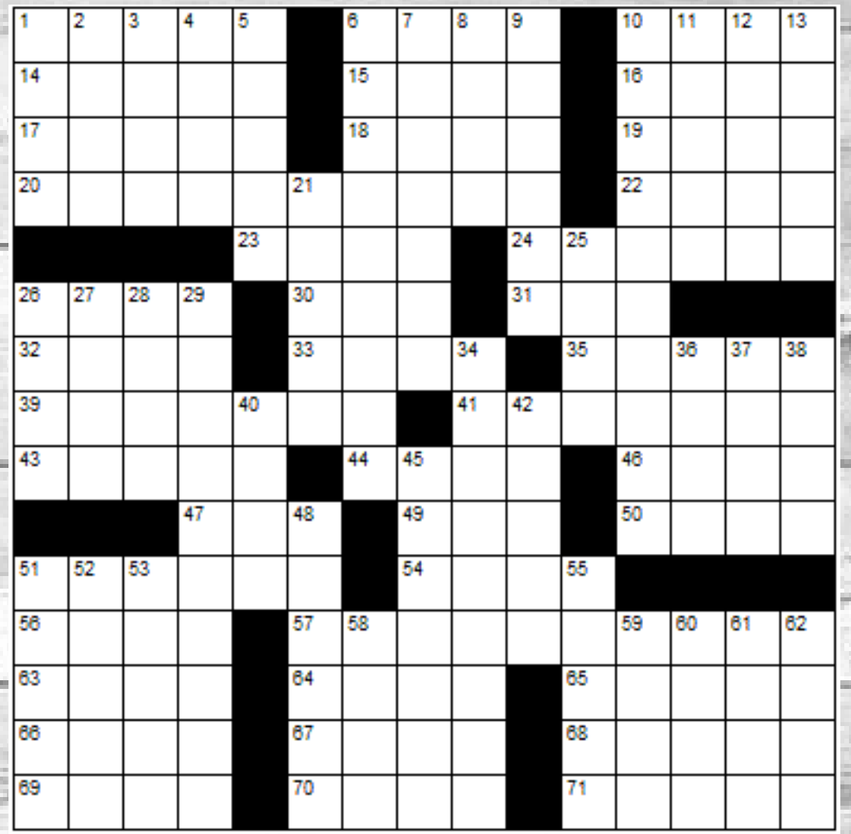

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1. Transmit
2. Double-reed woodwind
3. Residence hall
4. Countertenor
5. Sir, in India
6. Cleanser
7. Position of an earl
8. Wicked
9. Echo
10. Sunflower
11. Decree
12. Gibe
13. Twosomes
21. Blockade
25. Pear variety
26. Red vegetable
27. A D-Day beach
28. Attraction
29. Resentment
34. Seashores
36. Relating to aircraft
37. Shower
38. Male deer
40. Despise
42. Water vapor
45. Cretin
48. Voucher
51. Procrastinate
52. Half of six
53. Relieves
55. Center
58. What a person is called
59. Pear-shaped instrument
60. Press
61. Circle fragments
62. Garden tool

TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm Astronomy club mtg (K-6)	2 10am HS track meet in Frenchtown
3	4 SBAC Test- 6pm Bowhun	5 ing, grades ter Educati 9:30am HS track at Corvallis 6pm Booster Club mtg	6 3&4 on Classes Pre-ACT testing	7 Spring Dinner	8 Senior Class	9 Trip, SLC 8am Vendor event, MT room 9am MS track at East Helena 12:30pm HS track at East Helena 2pm Bowhunter Ed Class, MT rm
10	11	12 Online ACT MS track at Belgrade 7pm REG BOARD MTG, MT rm	13 Testing	14 MS track at Livingston	15 No School - Easter Vacation	16
17 Easter	18 No School - Easter Vacation	19 Lifetouch Spring Pictures	20 ASVAB testing 2pm Vitalant Blood Drive, MT rm	21	22 Earth Day District Music Fes 4th qtr mid-term 7pm Astronomy club mtg (7-12)	23 tival, Deer Lodge 9am HS track at Gallatin HS 9am Jefferson Acres HOA mtg, MT rm
24	25 DEA presentation MS track at Dillon	26 ACT paper / make-up day 3:45pm HS track Top 10 in Missoula	27	28	29 11am MS track at Man Christian	30 HS track at Lone Peak (tentative)

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April

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 HS Track @ Frenchtown
3	4	5 Track @ Corvallis	6 Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	7 Senior Trip	8 Senior Trip	9 Senior Trip
10 Senior Trip	11	12 Board Meeting @ 7:00	13 Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	14 MS Track @ Livingston	15 Easter Break Good Friday	16 Easter Break
17 Happy Easter	18 Easter Break	19	20 Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	21 HS District Music Festival @ Deerlodge	22 HS District Music Festival @ Deerlodge	23 HS District Music Festival @ Deerlodge HS Track @ Bozeman Gallatin
24	25 MS Track @ Dillon	26	27 Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	28 Midterm 4	29 MS Track @ Manhattan Christian	30 CLOSE-Up to DC HS Track @ Harlowton

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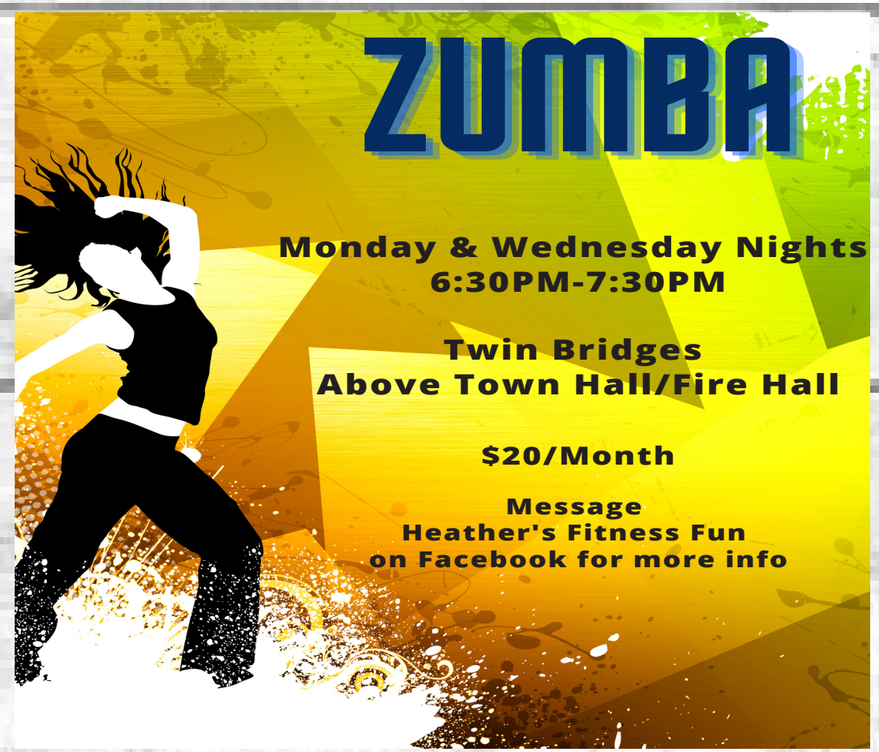

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