

POOR FARM /ALDER REST HOME

Ruby Town grew up where the first county poor farm was located. It was operated by Todd Rogers upon land which then covered some of the richest deposits of gold. In October of 1901 the board of commissioners of Madison County agreed to sell the land where the poor farm sat in Ruby and relocated the buildings on a new plot of land just past the School House in Alder on the corner. The land was owned by Albert Norton and the county paid \$7,000. They went on to auction off the land in Ruby at the front door of the court house. The land consisted of about 20 acres. in 1904 a gold mining company called Poor Farm was created and they ended up mining where the poor farm used to sit in Ruby.

Every year the county commissioners would advertise sealed proposals for a manager for the the care and maintenance of the residents, employees, bookkeeping, and and care for the stock and land around the poor farm. The board would examine bids like: James F. Oliver offer to see and manage poor farm for the sum of \$750 per year. County to furnish all the necessary help and a spring wagon and to manage poor farm for \$900 per year. County to furnish two women helpers in house and one man. Also for the county to furnish ail necessary clothing, provisions, etc, as will be required to properly carry on the poor farm and to furnish all necessary medical and surgical treatment and medicine and bear expense of all burials; county to receive all produce raised on the farm.

They sold certain item from the farm such as: 1 cord of wood, 110 tons of hay, 172 bushels of wheat, 528 bushels of oats, 180 sacks of tomatoes, 3 barrels sauerkraut, 2500 pounds cabbage, 2000 pounds beets, carrots, rutabaga, 2 brood sows, 1 boar, 14 hogs, 7 pigs, 4 two-year,-old steers, 1 two-year old heifer and calf, ,5 yearling stock cattle,5 calves, 100 chickens, 150 lbs of alfalfa seed.

One name that ended up at the poor farm in the 1920's was Jonathan Earp and his wife Amelia. Jonathan was a first cousin of lawman Wyatt Earp and his brothers Morgan and Virgil of Tombstone fame. About the early 1900 census John and his wife, Amelia Earp, were listed as living at Union City up Alder Gulch some four or five miles above Virginia City and near the head of Brown's Gulch. John' worked as a miner at that time, until 1918 when he was totally blinded in an accident in the Easton Mine. John would have been almost 70 years of age at this time and, without the means of making a livelihood, the Earp's were soon living on the county "poor farm" by 1920. Unfortunately, things only got worse for John and Amelia...he died July 8, 1924, of cancer of the face, eye, neck and jaw. Soon afterward she was judged "insane" and sent to the asylum at Warm Springs, but there they ruled her "sane" and returned her to the "poor farm" where she soon died on August 25, 1925.

By the 1940's the name was changed from the poor farm to the Alder Rest home. It was managed by Mr. and Mrs. Cote and later Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Oliverson. It had up to 12 residents who were either private patients that paid and average of \$121 a month or up to two to three "guests" that the county paid for at an average of \$200 to \$225 a month.

In March of 1954 the Alder Rest Home was reported as one of the first places in the county to have a television set and to receive programs from KOPR and KXLF.

By 1957 this rest home started to struggle. It had been operating without a license because the State Board of Health objected to certain circumstances. The county commissioners were shoveling money into the place to meet

requirements and passed all of the board and health's stipulations. Local groups raised money for clothing and food to help supplement the needs. By 1963 the commissioners made plans to build a new rest home in a different town and sell the Alder Rest Home building and land to pay off the debt it accrued at \$180,000. A plan was submitted for a 39 bed rest home to be built as a one-story plan that would take up a city block with brick facing at a cost of around \$220,000. Petitions were circulated and an artist rendition of the proposed rest home was on exhibit at the Twin Bridges old gym. The three towns proposed were Twin Bridges, Sheridan and Ennis. In the end voters were allowed to make the decision and after much debate the deciding vote was Sheridan.

Some Alder residents were very unhappy with the move as it would mean the end of local jobs and the boost from the economy it generated for the little town. Plans went ahead anyway with the land sold to a private buyer and the buildings were purchased and moved .Time marches on and changes are made, but history lives on to tell the stories of our local past.



Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: Sunday Nights 5:00 p.m. The Good Ways - Join Grace Community Fellowship for 10 weeks of study focused on wilderness survival, based on Dave Canterbury's book "Bush Craft 101". We will also be following a Bible Study to help us learn the skills to survive in a world where there seems nothing is truly dependable and can be very dangerous. It is our hope you will attend and learn some new skills that will help you survive in the wilderness and in life. For more info Contact Grace Community Fellowship, 14 Stagecoach NW Ln, Laurin (8 miles south of Sheridan) at 406-842-5915. Harvest Fall Fair at Grace Community Fellowship. With the chill in the air and fall colors are here we invite you our Harvest Fall Party. Grace Community Fellowship will be resuming it's annual Free Festival at 14 Stagecoach NW Ln, 8 miles south of Sheridan, Oct 28th from 6 – 8 p.m.. The evening will begin with a hearty chili dinner with desserts served through out the evening. Games will be available for young and old, sure to bring smiles and laughter to all. Feeling adventurous? Participate in our pie eating contest. For more info contact Grace Community at 406-842-5915 or info@gracecommunintymt.org or visit www.gracecommunitymt.org.

2nd ANNUAL WOMEN FOR VETERANS BAKED POTATO FEED & CRAFT SHOW - October 8th - 10 to 2- Potato Feed -9-3 - Craft Show

ELLING HOUSE- Divide: The Montana Jazz Project will be appearing at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center (404 East Idaho Street, Virginia City, Montana) on Sunday October 9, at 7pm. Divide is touring the state of Montana under the sponsorship of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Montana Arts Council. The name of the group, Divide: The Montana Jazz Project, refers to one of major geographic features of Montana, the United States, and the American Continents—the Continental Divide. The group is composed of internationally acclaimed musicians Loren Stillman on saxophones, Bob Bowman on bass, and Mark Ferber on drums. Come hear these jazz artists perform at the Elling House, 404 East Idaho Street, Virginia City, Montana! Admission by donation.

LAND STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP - October 25th - 5-7 - Madison County Administration Building Virgina City, MT - Pavilion at the Madison County Fairgrounds

2022 VENDOR FAIRGROUND EVENT - Event is in Twin Bridges at Fairgrounds- Hello lovely crafters & Business owners!!! We are looking for more vendors!! I know it may seem early but I have my events scheduled for 2022! I have 3 scheduled October 8th (for this event we are partnering with the Local Women's for veterans Baked Potato feed) You will for sure want to sign up for this one (spaces will be more limited) November 12th- This will be probably your busiest! Right before Thanksgiving and people gearing up for the holidays! December 10th- Great opportunities for Christmas shopping & fun holiday decor! Booths are \$30 per business- booths are limited to a 10 by 10 spot if you need larger you will need to pay for a second spot. Electricity is available upon request please note in your application if you will need it. There will only be 1 vendor accepted for mlm companies

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 at 9 AM. Knitting Group - Thursdays at 2 PM. For more information call 406-842-7981. | TWIN BRIDGES - Fall Story Time is beginning! Story Time starts September 28th at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there! While you are there, check out our new bathroom remodel, and see what books are new! | 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 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 206 S. Main in Sheridan, MT -between gas station and post office.

3 RIVERS WORSHIP CENTER: 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 at 10:30 am at 3648 MT-287. Family friendly.

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



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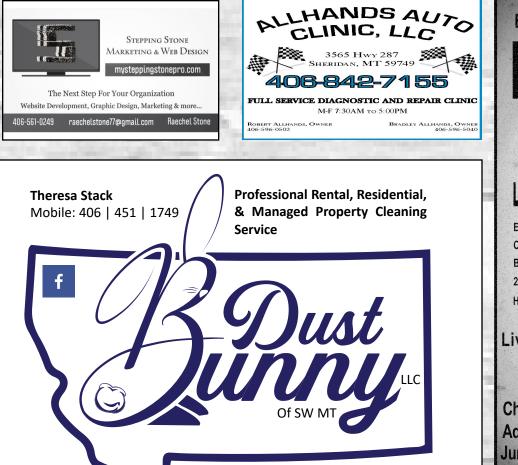


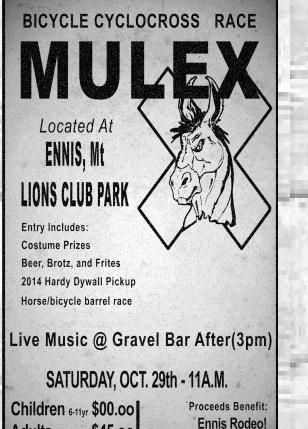
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