MARCH 2022 2ND ISSUE OF THE MONTH

WELCOME TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE RUBY VALLEY NUGGET

Rotary Club of the Ruby Valley invites you to:

CASINO NIGHT

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

March 26, 2022 at 6 pm

Blue Anchor Cafe & Bar

Theme.. Wild West! Best costume gets a prize

Silent & Live Auctions

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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

Silent Auction 2:00-5:30 PM

Free BBQ Meal (Donations Appreciated)
Starting at 2:00 PM

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In the 19th century in the United States, instruction in normal schools was at the high school level, turning out primary school teachers. In 1887, a gentleman by the name of C. W. Barchard with the help of M.H. Lott, John Wilhart, R.W. Noble, J.M. Page, J.R. Comfort and J.A. Riley and other community members of Twin Bridges, raised almost $10,000 to build the very first Montana State Normal School where the present Twin Bridges Grade School now sits. The first year they had 19 students and by 1893 they had 65. The main objective was to offer a first class centrally located institution for men and women. This was a school to not only train teachers but to offer opportunities in commercial or business education. They saw Twin Bridges as a town with high morals that was a pleasant place to live in with an active society. Enrollment fees were only $3.00 a month and a student could have signed up at any time of the school year. To enroll, potential students had to write a letter to J. A. Riley, then President of the Normal School of Twin Bridges, with all their grammar school information and a letters from their grammar school teachers. To live at the Normal School a student had a choice to be "farmed out" and live with a local family in Twin Bridges at a cost of $4 per week for room and board. Or for as little as $1 to $3 a week they could have gone to what was the Twin Bridges Hotel, what is now the Old Hotel. The school had a full library with reading rooms and updated encyclopedias, reading materials, ect. Courses included: THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT - The Normal course included thorough instruction in the common branches and Sciences that were required in the different grades of certificates in Montana and adjoining states, together with Didactics, School Management, School Economy, History of Education, and all Pedagogical Studies - SCIENTIFIC COURSE - This included all the best Sciences, Mathematics and Literature studies they had at this time period - BUSINESS DEPARTMENT - In this department students were taught Bookkeeping, Commercial Law, Commercial Arithmetic, Plain and Ornamental Penmanship, and typewriting, and all other studies to fit young people to obtain and hold the most lucrative positions offered in the Northwest. Special classes were held for Business Letter writing, thus furthering opportunities for securing good positions - MUSIC - The Conductor of this department was a graduate of Stuttgart, Germany. The best opportunities were offered both in vocal and instrumental Music. No fees were charged for use of the instruments. ART - All branches of Art were taught. This included instruction in portrait, landscape and flower painting, also in oil pastel and crayon, besides variety of fabric work. All kinds of needle work was taught as demanded. Instructors in these courses made their life study of Art in all its forms. SPECIAL COURSE - During the months of May, June and July, they arranged to conduct a "Special Scientific Teacher's Normal Course," during which a term for the more advanced subjects would have been offered, and a course of lectures arranged. The building was large enough for the necessary classes and well ventilated, nicely heated, and comfortable for the time period as well as the furniture was said to be new and modern.

In 1889 C. W. Barchard rented the downstairs of the Normal School for the public school to use as an eighth grade course. Also added was an Oxford point system for grammar students that would count as Normal class credits. But then in 1893 a conflict between Dillon and Twin Bridges broke out at the state capital over where the State Normal School should be located. The question for future funding involved whether should it stay in Twin Bridges or should it be moved to Dillon. A bill was proposed called the Dillon Normal School Bill. There was much debate over why the Normal School should be located in Dillon and not in Twin Bridges. One of the concerns brought up was that no student from the Twin Bridges Normal School at that time had yet graduated from the school. Another issue was that only one student out of the 65 enrolled in Twin Bridges was not from there. They did not take in the fact that some students were being "farmed out" or their family bought property there to be close to the school. It was also argued by Dillon that Twin Bridges was "impossible to reach in the winter time". Dillon had 100 acres of tract which the residents were ready to give up for a Normal School and were ready to raise money if needed for funding. This swayed the vote and a new School would be built in Dillon and that all future University and Agricultural College funding bills would mainly go towards Dillon. This hurt the future of the Twin Bridges Normal School. C. W. Barchard shut down and sold the Twin Bridges Normal School building in 1897 for $3,600 to the Twin Bridges School district. This building was used until 1911 as a grade school building, but was torn down and another two story building took it's place until the current elementary school replaced it in 1954. Many students who graduated from Twin Bridges Normal School went on to be teachers, principals and county superintendents for our state and local schools. What an amazing achievement for such a small town to have the very first college in the Montana Territory!

Researched and Written By Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

CASINO NIGHT: March 26th - Start time at 6 pm at the Blue Anchor Bar- See Ad

ALDER SCHOOL: Kindergarten & Running Start Kindergarten Round-up When: Thursday, April 7th Time: 2:30-3:30
Where: The Alder School - Kindergarteners must be 5 by September 10th - Students must be 4 by September 10th

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)

Crafters: Are you having Cabin Fever? Would you like a chance to show your work? We wold like to invite yo to the Sheridan Senior Centers' "Craft & Odd and Ends Sale!" It will be held at the **Sheridan Senior Center on Saturday, April 2nd from 9 am to 3** pm. Set up time will be Friday afternoon, April 1st from 1:30 to 5 or Saturday morning from7-9. It is $5 for a card table, $10 for a long table or $2 for a quilt display or chair. Tables will be provided, but space is limited so sign up will be on first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions call 406-207-0334 and ask for Mary Baughn.

CAKEWALK: April 9th at 6pm at the Virginia City Elks Lodge- See Ad

ANDERSON-SIMPSON POST 89: Spring Post Pot Luck Dinner Thursday April 21st

25TH ANNUAL VIGILANTE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION BIG GAME BANQUET: April 30th at the historic round barn in Twin Bridges. Doors open at 4 PM. Fun evening of friends and family, with a chance to win premium firearms, top notch outdoor gear and art. A good time for a great cause! For tickets, contact Leesa at (310) 780-0319 or leesabingham@gmail.com

GARAGE-A-RAMA: Saturday April 30th from 9 am to 2 pm - See Ad

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.

COTTONTAIL OBSERVATORY'S PUBLIC NIGHT SCHEDULE FOR 2022: : March 25th -7:30pm -8:30 pm - Where are the planets? 8:30pm - tour of the night sky & telescope viewing --**April 2nd** - 7:30pm -8:30pm - The Moon -;30pm tour of the night sky & Telescope viewing. May 28 - 9:30pm - 10:30pm - Comets - 10:30pm tour of the night sky & telescope viewing - For directions to the Cottontail Observatory go to the web site www.cottontailobservayory.com of contact - Joe at (406) 842-7722 Star Gazing is a weather depended event if you can't see the stars a telescope can't see them either. Be sure to dress warm.

ZUMBA: Every Monday & Wednesday Nights from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Twin Bridges Town Hall/Fire Hall. $20 a month.

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

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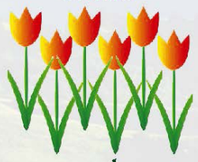

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ACROSS

1. If not
5. Double-reed woodwind
9. Begin
14. Wander
15. Whacks
16. Poison
17. Writes down quickly
19. Highly skilled
20. Part of a leg
21. Enter unlawfully
23. Beaming
25. Marine
28. Prompt
29. Not used
32. Alter
33. Bog
34. Shower alternative
35. Actors in a show
36. Holdup
38. Pang
39. Applications
40. Card with one symbol
41. Mommy
43. Crimson
44. Website address
45. Repair
46. Destitution
48. Delicate
50. Appear
54. Light wood
55. Humorists
57. Runs in neutral
58. Not odd
59. Distinctive flair
60. Cantankerous
61. Patch
62. Arid

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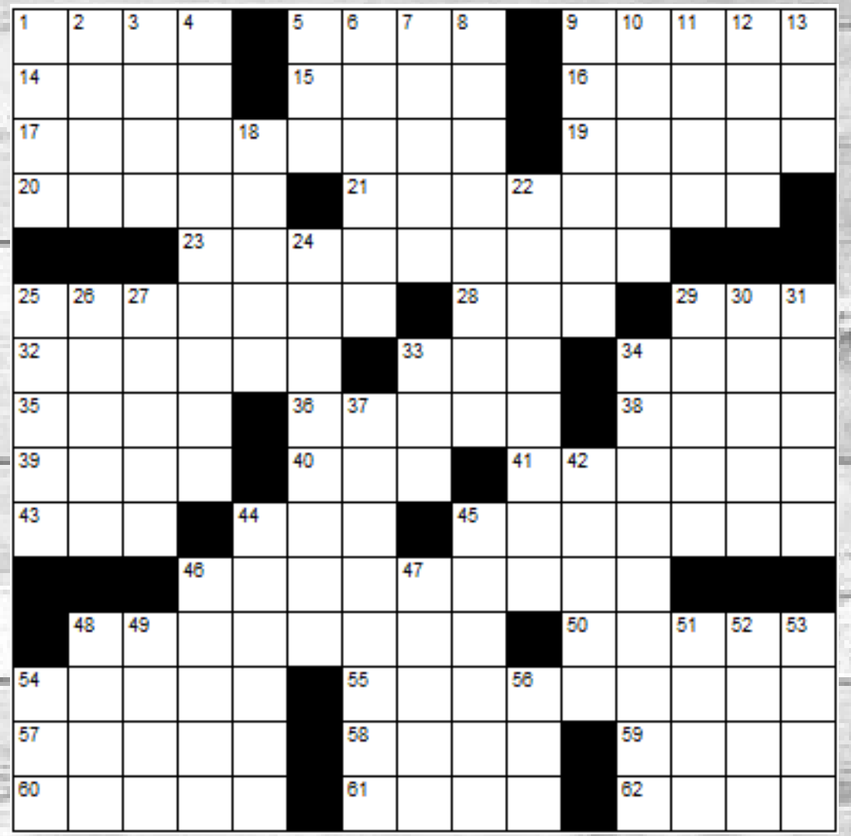

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1. At one time (archaic)
2. Lake (Scottish)
3. Indian dress
4. Anagram of "Streaming"
5. Sphere
6. Area around Latvia
7. A drama set to music
8. Colognes
9. Mainstay
10. Tomorrow's yesterday
11. Chopping tools
12. Tears
13. Explosive
18. Indian hemp
22. Stand-ins for actors
24. Traditionalists
25. Come to pass
26. Pursue
27. Alleviated
29. Tortilla chip
30. Aromatic solvent
31. What place?
33. Cry of disgust
34. Energy storage devices
37. Overshadowed
42. Academy award
44. Apprehensive
45. One who leases
46. Map within a map
47. Exotic jelly flavor
48. Disappear gradually
49. Ailments
51. Small island
52. Celebrity
53. Feudal worker
54. Smidgen
56. Hotel

TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm Booster Club mtg (MT rm)	2	3	4 7pm Astronomy club mtg, K-6 (MT rm)	5 State Robotics (Belgrade) Wrestling tournament (TB)
6	7	8 7pm Reg Board Mtg (MT rm)	9	10 State Basketball	11 Tournament	12 (Great Falls) 8am Vendor Event (MT rm)
13 State BPA	14 Conference	15 (Billings)	16 HS Academic Olympics (MSU Bozeman) REACH (RV hospital)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 10am First Aid training (MT rm)	19
20 Close-Up leaves for Washington D.C.	21 HS Track practice starts	22	23 End 3rd qtr	24 MS Band Festival (Whitehall)	25 No School - Spring Day! 7pm Astronomy club mtg, 7-12 (MT rm)	26
	5:30pm Hunter Ed Classes (MT rm)			(tentative)	Madison County	Madness Basket-
27 Close-Up returns from Wash. D.C.	28	29	30 ACT testing	31		
ball tournament						

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CALENDAR

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

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
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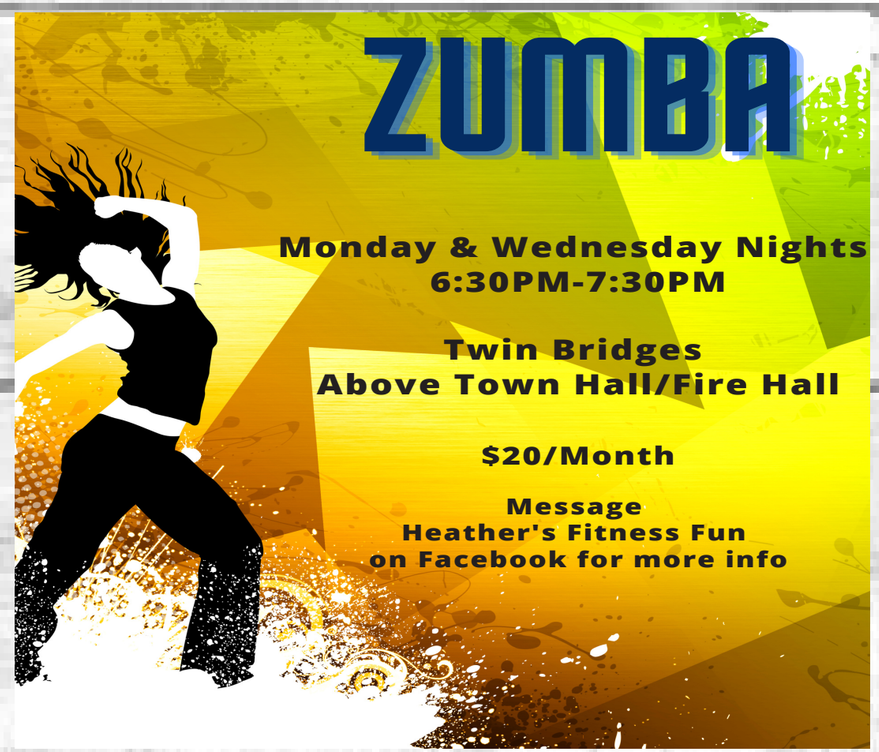

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