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Montana Properties

Montana State Orphan's Home / Montana Children's Center July 20-23, 1995 1st Reunion Twin Bridges and Dillon Montana

Compliments of Joseph M. Balkovatz Business Manager 1954 - 1959 Superintendent 1959 - 1975

Opened: 1893 Closed: 1975

Big Sky Aerial Photo Fort Shaw, Montana

Montana Children's Center TBD MT HWY 41 S. Twin Bridges, Montana



INTRODUCTION

The Montana Children's Center served the needs of support and care of dependent or neglected children who required the separation from their families or foster families or for whom foster care could not be obtained. The Children's Center is rich with history dating back to the late 1880's until its closure in 1975. The 27.5 acre offering includes 22 contiguous parcels and lots which are situated along the banks of the Beaverhead River across from the town of Twin Bridges. The Montana Children's Center is the essential property for the expansion of the town and the growth of the local economy. The offering is central to endless recreational opportunities within the Ruby Valley.







HISTORY

The Montana Children's Center was very important facility for Madison County, and the children that benefited from its operation. On September 29, 1894 the construction of the first structure was completed; the historic Victorian (still standing today). 5 children were admitted that same month, and were referred to as inmates. The property continued to be improved and expanded as the population of inmates grew reaching up to as many as nearly 700 children by 1907. The orphanage continued to house a large populace of child inmates until the foster care programs became the popular alternative to the orphanage system and the facility closed forever in 1975.





The original two room schoolhouse and 1905 built theater we're combined into a ten room schoolhouse in the 1940's.



ARCHIVED PHOTOS







PARCELS

	Total Acreage	27.59
Parcel 10C	S27 T03 s R06 W 2/269BA	1.81
Parcel 9B**	S27 T03 s R06 W 2/281BA	2.5
Parcel 8B	S27 T03 s R06 W 2/269BA	1
Block 20 Lot 18	Normal Add TB S27 T03 R06 W COS7/1787	0.169
Block 30, Lots 2-17	Normal Add TB S27 T03 R06 W COS7/1787	3.52
Parcel 2E	S27 T03 s R06 W 2/269BA	18.59
MT Cadastral Reference COS Parcel	ce Legal Description	Acreage

** Includes blk 30 Lot 1



IMPROVEMENTS

Since April of 2005 the current owners have invested considerable time and resources assessing the conditions and viability of the buildings, stopping degradation of the buildings, updating utilities and laying the groundwork for the facility to some day participate as a viable economic entity in the Twin Bridges community. New roofs were completed on 15 separate structures in 2005-2006. Additionally lead based paint has been removed, asbestos remediated, a Brown's Fields Test has been completed, and a flood plain analysis in 2007. Engineering reports to determine the feasibility and cost of water and sewer systems from the town of Twin Bridges facilities are in the process of being updated. There is currently some rental income.







Hospital and Cottages





The Shop



The Carpenters Shop



All electric Food Center kitchen, room to serve 400. Built in 1959.



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1894 Victorian



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LOCATION

The Montana Children's Center is located in the heart of the Ruby Valley at the junction of Montana Highways 41 and 287. The property's North East boundary sits nestled along the Beaverhead River with main street of Twin Bridges just over the bridge. Across the highway is the famous Madison County Fair and Rodeo Grounds and to the South is the Melrose Cutoff road which sends you almost as the crow flies to all the reaches of the Big Hole. The offering is approximately 1 hour from Bozeman and 45 minutes from Butte for international airports and an abundance of amenities.





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COMMUNITY

The small southwest Montana agricultural community of Twin Bridges is described as "where the rivers run through" referring to the proximity of the Ruby, Beaverhead and Big Hole Rivers that merge to form the Jefferson River just north of Twin Bridges. If you're looking for a piece of Montana real estate with numerous recreational opportunities, the seven surrounding mountain ranges including the Pioneer, McCartney, Gravelly, Tobacco Root, and Ruby Range offer thousands of acres of public lands and abundant wildlife habitat to satisfy any sports person tastes.

Brothers Judge M.H. Lott and John T are credited with founding the town in 1866 after building two bridges to cross the Beaverhead and Big Hole rivers, hence the town name. Cattle and agriculture are the backbone of the economy with increasing demand being applied towards recreation and entrepreneurial business.

Friendly folks, a laid back atmosphere, and sincere community pride is what you'll find here in Southwest Montana. Twin Bridges with a population of 415 (2000 census), has an commendable K-12 school system and a full compliment of businesses including bank, grocery, pharmacy, medical clinic, fine dining, fishing guide services and more. Twin Bridges has an excellent county-maintained airport with fuel and mechanic available. Madison County Fairgrounds located in Twin Bridges hosts the annual County Fair, NRA rodeo, team penning, and other community and regional events. Riverside Park, adjacent to the Fairgrounds, is a recently developed multiplex with two ball diamonds, a soccer field, and walking path.



Annual Madison County Fair and Rodeo



Annual Floating Flotilla River Parade

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RECREATONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Twin Bridges is the undiscovered heart of all things fly-fishing. I still can't believe people choose to live in the over fished over crowded towns by the Madison and Gallatin. Right out the back door is the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Ruby, and Jefferson Rivers. Close by are the Madison 45 mins, The Red Rock 45 mins, the Gallatin 45 mins, The Missouri 1 ¹/₂ hour, Rock Creek 1 ¹/₂ hours, the Clark Fork 1 ¹/₂ hours. Clark Canyon Reservoir 45 mins, Ruby Reservoir is 30 mins away, Willow Creek Reservoir 35 mins, and countless sub alpine lakes hardly ever touched by a fisherman's line. There is an infinite number of hiking trails, jeep trails, 4 wheeler trails, horse back riding trails, which you hardly ever see a soul on, the solitude of the woods is still to yourself around here. The hunting in the local area is nothing short of phenomenal with Elk, Antelope, Mule Deer, White-tails, black bear, covotes, wolves, big horn sheep, and trophy Moose if your lucky enough to draw the tag. Chukar, pheasant, grouse, partridge, and snipe. Waterfowl of every variety including widgeon, teal, mallards, red-heads, buffalo-heads, golden eyes, giant and lesser Canadian geese, snow geese, tundra swan and trumpeter swan. The available camping is endless choose your spot in any of the local Mountain Ranges, we have the Tobacco Roots, The Highlands, The Pioneers, The McCartney's, The Ruby Range, The Black Tail, and The Gravellies all 30 mins or less of a drive away. And of Course the Famous Yellowstone National Park is just 2 hours from home.



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SUMMARY

The Montana Children's Center is rich in history and offers abundant further development opportunities for a myriad of uses. The Town of Twin Bridges, Madison County, and the State of Montana economic development entities have indicated their willingness to assist with plans and funding for viable future developments. The property would be ideal for a commercial campus or a multi-use development.

PRICE \$1,350,000

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	POTENTIAL	DEVELOPMENT		COMM'L/TRANSIENT		50,316	COMMERCIAL		50,638		RESIDENTIAL		35,611		OUTBUILDINGS		10,321						TOTAL	SQUARE FEET		148,877			
TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA MONTANA CHILDREN'S CENTER SUMMARY OF BUILDINGS	BUILDING SQUARE FT.	22,500	7,920	000'6	9,000	6,840	6,840	11,266	10,120	23,000	1,353	1,216	1,754	1,952	2,578	1,419	800	1,715	1,206	0	1,600	3,600	480	4,315	4,315	11,938	2,150		
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Commercial space has large spaces in large buildings Residential space has cottages that lend themselves to residential development Outbuildings are shop and garage space