



SHERINAN HOSPITAL

There is a beautiful fishing lodge, located between Twin Bridges and Sheridan at the end of Tuke Lane, that has gone through many changes since 1893. It started as an idea in the early 1890's that became the local hospital because of the hard work and fundraising efforts from the Sheridan residents. They built it not only to establish a hospital in Sheridan, but to keep a Virginia City practicing Doctor in the area, a Dr. John H. Miller. The Miller family goes back before the Revolutionary War. The Battle of Antietam, as described in "Battles of the Civil War" was fought on the Miller farm. John H. Miller's father graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Although married three times, he had only one son who he named John Hancock Miller, born in 1869. His mother, the former Anne Leland, died shortly after his birth. His father, also named John Miller, moved the baby and a nurse to Independence, Missouri, where little John was raised by his aunt and older sister. John H. would move later from Missouri to Colorado, always with a nurse and tutor. He graduated from the University of Denver and from there entered the Jefferson Medical College, graduating in 1889. As soon as he received his M. D. degree, he married Sarah Haviland. Her father, Joseph Haviland, was the brother of Theodore Haviland, the china manufacturer in France. John and his father both lived in Helena in the fall of 1889 where they operated a Doctors office in Last

Chance Gulch. The two Dr. Millers, senior and junior, decided to leave Helena and go to Madison County, the elder to Ennis and the younger to Virginia City in the early 1890's. The townspeople of Sheridan saw an opportunity to build a future in healthcare for the area. They asked if Dr. Miller would start a practice in Sheridan, but he refused to stay and practice unless he had a hospital to work in. In 1893 the beautiful state of the art hospital for it's time was finished. It had an official Doctors office, a fully equipped surgery room with a glass top operating table, Oxygen and compressed air equipment installed as well as a hot air apparatus for rheumatism, seven private rooms with enameled iron beds for overnight patients, a kitchen, and a modern functioning bathroom.

After returning from New York City where he had gone to specialize in surgery post graduate-course In the New York Postgraduate college and hospital, John H. Miller was handed the deed to the building. He moved from Virginia City to Sheridan in that year, where he would be nicknamed "Doc" Miller, and practiced medicine until his untimely death, May 21, 1901. at the age of 32.

The red brick hospital structure then passed through a number of private owners, including a term as an antique store, until its was to be moved in the early 1980's. At that time George Cox who was a stonemason and retired Methodist minister bought the building for \$1500. Being a stonemason by trade, Cox understood the value of the bricks used in the old hospital's construction. Shortly after the purchase, a visit from his brother, Jim Cox, would change the future of the old Sheridan Hospital. Jim and his wife, Sarah, had dreamed of living in a refurbished or remodeled old building. George had the answer and sold the structure to Jim. With this sale Jim and George would start the journey from Main Street Sheridan to Tuke Lane.

It would take two days to move it to its present location. The project would start with moving the building off its foundation and the brick and plaster was taken off to prepare for the trip behind a semi down Water Street. "The house was wider than the space between two fences," George Cox was reported saying. They used chain saws to cut the protruding windows on the sides. To top that off, the stop signs had to be taken down at the railroad tracks, again, because the house was too wide. The Mill Creek Bridge at the Four Corners also had was temporarily widened to allow for the semi and cargo to pass. The safe arrival of the structure to its present location was only the beginning of a four and a half year labor of love. George and Jim "worked from a brown grocery sack" to plan the interior. By dropping the ceiling by two feet, laying out the floor plan with 2X4s, and working on it as a fill-in job, George enlisted the help of his entire family, starting

with his wife, Doris, to complete the house for Jim and Sarah. That undertaking included moving a total of 84 tons of stone from around the Ruby Valley to finish both the interior and some of the landscaping. The kitchen was then moved separately to join the main structure. A three-story garage was moved from the Rebish Ranch in Dillon. Walnut and cherry plugs for the floor were brought in from Jim and George's childhood farm in Van, Pennsylvania. To add character to the dickering and bartering so much a part of that old building's past, the payments received for helping George Cox move that gutted hospital were 2 weaner pigs and a Hereford heifer. It is now part of a Fishing Lodge and has a name that is perfect for what it once was, Healing Waters.



Old Sheridan Hospital when it sat on Main Street

CAKE WALK - April 8th at 6pm - Virginia City Elks Lodge - call 406-843-5454 for more information or see ad

JVFNRA BANQUET - April 14th - Doors Open at 6 pm - At the Madison County Fairgrounds Pavilion in Twin Bridges, MT - See Ad

ELLING HOUSE: 2023 Annual Elling House Chautauqua - April 15th - 6:30 - For more information call Toni James at 406-843-5454 MONTANA CONVERSATIONS "MONTANA'S POET LAUREATE" WITH MARK GIBBONS - APRIL 21ST AT 7 PM. SEE AD

ART AT THE LIBRARY - April 14th and 28th and May 12th and 26th at 2:30 pm at the Sheridan Library - See Ad

SAVE THE DATE RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ANNUAL BANQUET - April 22nd at the Round Barn in Twin Bridges

ELK COUNTRY FUNDRAISER - April 29th - Round Barn - Doors Open at 4 - See Ad for more information

RUBY VALLEY POOL: Are you or someone you know looking for a summer job? We are accepting applications and holding interviews next week! We offer competitive wages, opportunity for a tan and flexible schedules. Applications can be found on our website www.rubyvalleypool.com Please email completed applications to swimsheridan@gmail.

EASTER EGG HUNTS - TWIN BRIDGES - APRIL 10TH AT 2 PM AT THE BASEBALL FIELDS - SHERIDAN - Easter Sunday 2-4 pm Library Park

RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL BANQUET- Saturday April 22nd at the Round Barn.

TWIN SPIRITS YOGA: 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

P'S CLOTHES & MORE: Located above the Twin Bridges Library. Hours: Monday: 10-2 Wednesday: 9-2 Friday: 10-2 Saturday: 10-2 - All items are FREE to the community. Call P at 406-600-2983 to donate or for questions.

ZUMBA! 6:30 pm every Monday and Wednesdays above the Twin Bridges Fire Hall in Twin Bridges.

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. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - First and third Tuesdays at 6 pm For more information call 406-842-7981. | TWIN BRIDGES - March is National Reading month! Join us for some fun by going to readaloud.org and join the 21 day read aloud challenge! Download a chart or pick one up at the library, read aloud 15 minutes every day for 21 days, track it on a chart, and turn it in to the library. The top 4 winners completing the whole 21 days will win a prize! Lego club was well attended, and we look forward to seeing you in March! HYPERTENSION CLINIC - Free blood pressure management workshop - Every Tuesday from March 7th to April 25th from 4-5 pm - Lego club, happening the 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:45-4:30. Need some help in the wait for warmer weather? We have some new to us DVDs of classic movies, and new book releases. There is always a jigsaw puzzle going in the back! Did you know the largest puzzle for sale has 60,000 pieces? Now that's a puzzle! | 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

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Food is distributed on Saturday mornings from 10-12 @ 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 BSunday @ 10:30 am @ 3648 MT-287. Family friendly. Weekly Grief Support Group - Saturdays at 10 am and Mondays at 6 PM - for more information call 406-381-6677

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Tuesdays at 6PM at the Sheridan Library - For more information call 406-842-5770

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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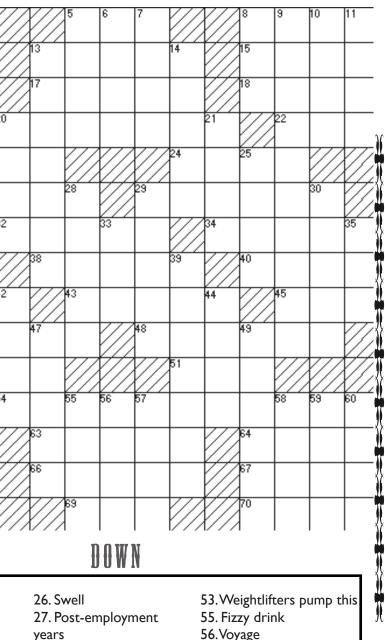
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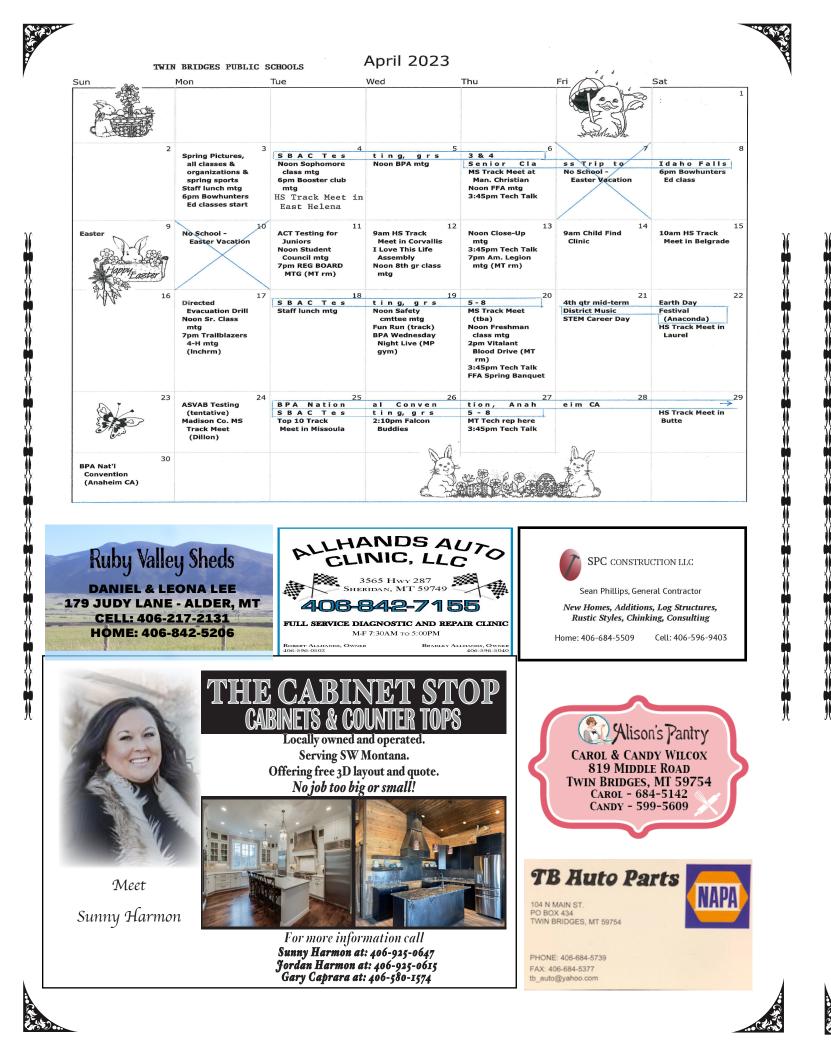


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JVFNRA BANQUET Sponsored by the Jefferson Valley Friends of NRA Friday, April 14, 2023 Doors Open @ 6:00pm at the Madison County Fairgrounds Pavilion Twin Bridges, MT Prime Rib Dinner catered by Steve Jenkins Dinner Tickets \$40.00 or "Big Shooter Tickets" \$140.00 (Odds are 1 in 10 you will WIN A GUN!) Fun Game Get your tickets early. This Event Sells Out!!! Pre-Event Tickets 1 for \$20 or a book of 6 for \$100 (these are not sold at the banquet) \$130 worth of Raffle Game Tickets for \$100* *(limited time offer)* Game Called "Locked & Loaded" Door Prize, Games, Raffles, Live Auction!

For Event Tickets & Pre-Event Tickets Contact:

 Ron Howser (406) 565-0099
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 Michelle McCormick (307) 431-5968
 Wendy Forman (406) 498-7173

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MADISON-JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD DAY

For young 4-H members, Cloverbuds, and interested youth. Come learn about 4-H opportunities and projects through interactive booths and games.



APRIL 30

1-3 PM Madison County Fairgrounds



Scan the QR Code to RSVP for snacks and 4-H swag Contact Abigail Curtis for more information mt4habigail@gmail.com





TRAILBLAZERS, RUBYROOTS, SUPER-STARS AND STARBUSTERS 4-H CLUBS PRESENT TO YOU....

EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 10 ~ 2:00 P.M. TWIN BRIDGES BASEBALL FIELDS

> Celebrate the Easter season hunting for eggs! Bring your own bags. It'll be a hopping good time! Age groups:

> > 0-3 years 4-6 years 7-9 years 10-13 years

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EMAIL A PDF OR JPG OF YOUR FLYER OR POSTER TO PUT INTO THE

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Community Events March/April 2023

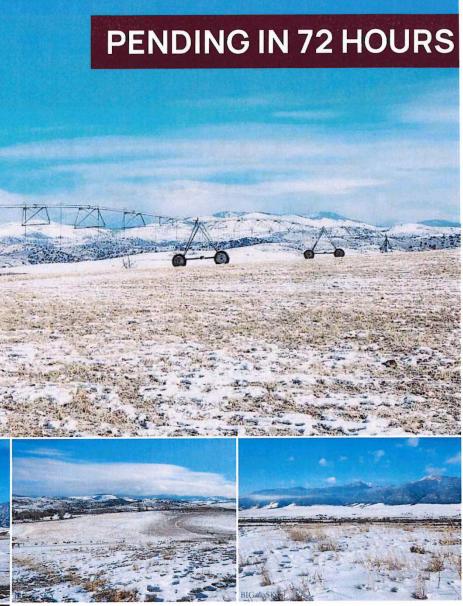
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	7	Dart night @ RV	Food Pantry		5:30pm	Anchor Bar 6pm
		Brew 6pm	10am-3pm next			
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		Music Trivia @	Ruby Valley			
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