

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Noon Jr class mtg	10:15am School Spelling Bee (MT rm) Noon BPA mtg	Noon Close-Up mtg	2:30pm HS BB w/ Lone Peak (T), BGBG	1pm HS BB w/ Granite (H), BGBG	
11	Noon Exec StuCo mtg 6:30pm REGULAR BOARD MTG (MT rm)	12	13	14	15	16
	Noon General StuCo mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Man. Christian (H), GBGB	Noon Sophomore class mtg	4pm MS GBB w/ Willow Crk/ Harrison (T)	End 2nd Quarter 1pm HS BB w/ Gardiner (T), GBGB	MS GBB w/ Sheridan (H) Speech/Drama meet in Three Forks	17
18	Martin Luther King Day No School 5:15pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (lunchrm)	19	20	21	22	23
	Noon staff lunch Noon Sr. class mtg	Noon Safety cmttee mtg	4pm MS GBB w/ WY (H)	Divisional Speech/Drama 2:30pm HS BB w/ WY (T), GBGB	meet in Boulder JrHi Robotics meet in Helena 1pm HS BB w/ SV (T), GBGB	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	4pm MS GBB w/ Sheridan (T)		State Speech/ HS BB w/ Sheridan (H), GBB Science Fair (MT rm) ★ 12:30pm School Early Out ★ 1-7pm Parent/ Teacher Conferences	Drama meet in No School ~ Winter Break 2:30pm HS BB w/ Whitehall (H), GBB	Townsend MS GBB w/ WY (T)	

SHERIDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Christmas Break				New Years Day	BB @ Whitehall 1:00 A	
4	5	6	7	8	BB vs. Ennis 2:30 H	9
Christmas Break	BB JV Boys vs. Harrison 4 BB JV Girls @ Ennis 4:00			BB vs. Gardiner 2:30 H	10	
11	12	13	14	15	BB vs. Lima C boys 5:00 F	16
	4pm - BB MS Girls vs.	Board Meeting	Semester Tests	End 2nd Qtr / 1st	BB @ West Yellowstone 9am - BB MS Girls -	17
18	19	20	21	22	BB @ Harrison 4:00 A FFA District LDE	23
	4pm - BB MS Girls vs.	9am - School Spelling Bee	2:45pm - Quarter 2 4pm - BB MS Girls @	BB vs. Shields Valley 2:30	BB @ Manhattan 9am - BB MS Girls @	24
25	26	27	28	29	BB @ Twin Bridges 4:00 A	30
	4pm - BB MS Girls @	BB @ Granite 4pm - BB MS Girls vs.	HAVE SCHOOL		FFA Fergus Mechanics 9am - BB MS Girls @	31

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COMMUNITY SERVICES:

BINGO - Sheridan Senior Center - Every Mon @ 10 am

PINOCHLE - Sheridan Senior Center - Every Tues @ 1 pm

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P'S CLOSET - Located above the Twin Bridges Library. Hours: Wed: 10-2, Fri: 10-2 All items are FREE to the community. Call P at 406-600-2983 to donate or for questions.

TWIN BRIDGES BOOK CLUB meets every 3rd Tues of the month at the Blue Anchor.

Dinner at 6:00 with meeting at 7:00. Please email dmmontana@3rivers.net for info

STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES - Mon, Wed, & Fri @ 2 pm @ The Sheridan Senior Center

SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM - Every Thurs - 1 pm to 4 pm - TRMCC Activities Department Fundraiser

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RUBY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - Every Sun Service Times: - Sun School @ 10 am - Morning Service @ 11 am. Bible Study & Prayer Meetings Wed Evenings @ 6 pm.

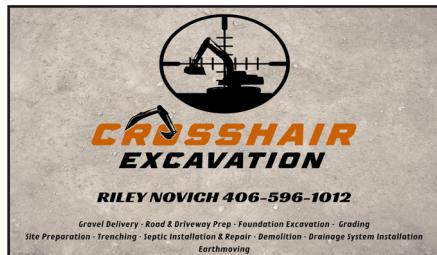
GOVERNMENT:

TOWN OF SHERIDAN COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2nd Mon of every month @ 6 pm - location TBA

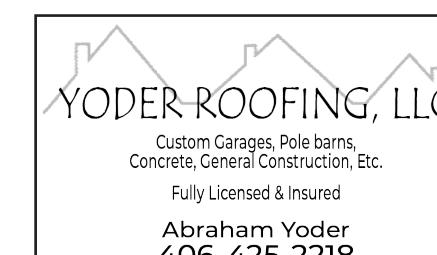
TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2nd Tues of every month @ 7 pm - TB Town Hall

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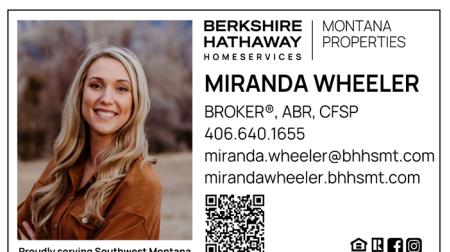
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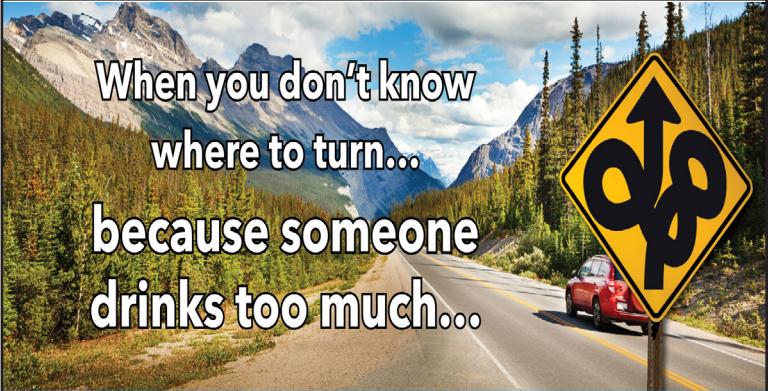
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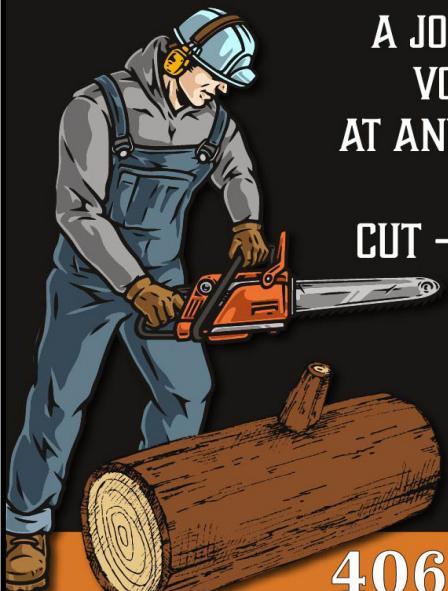
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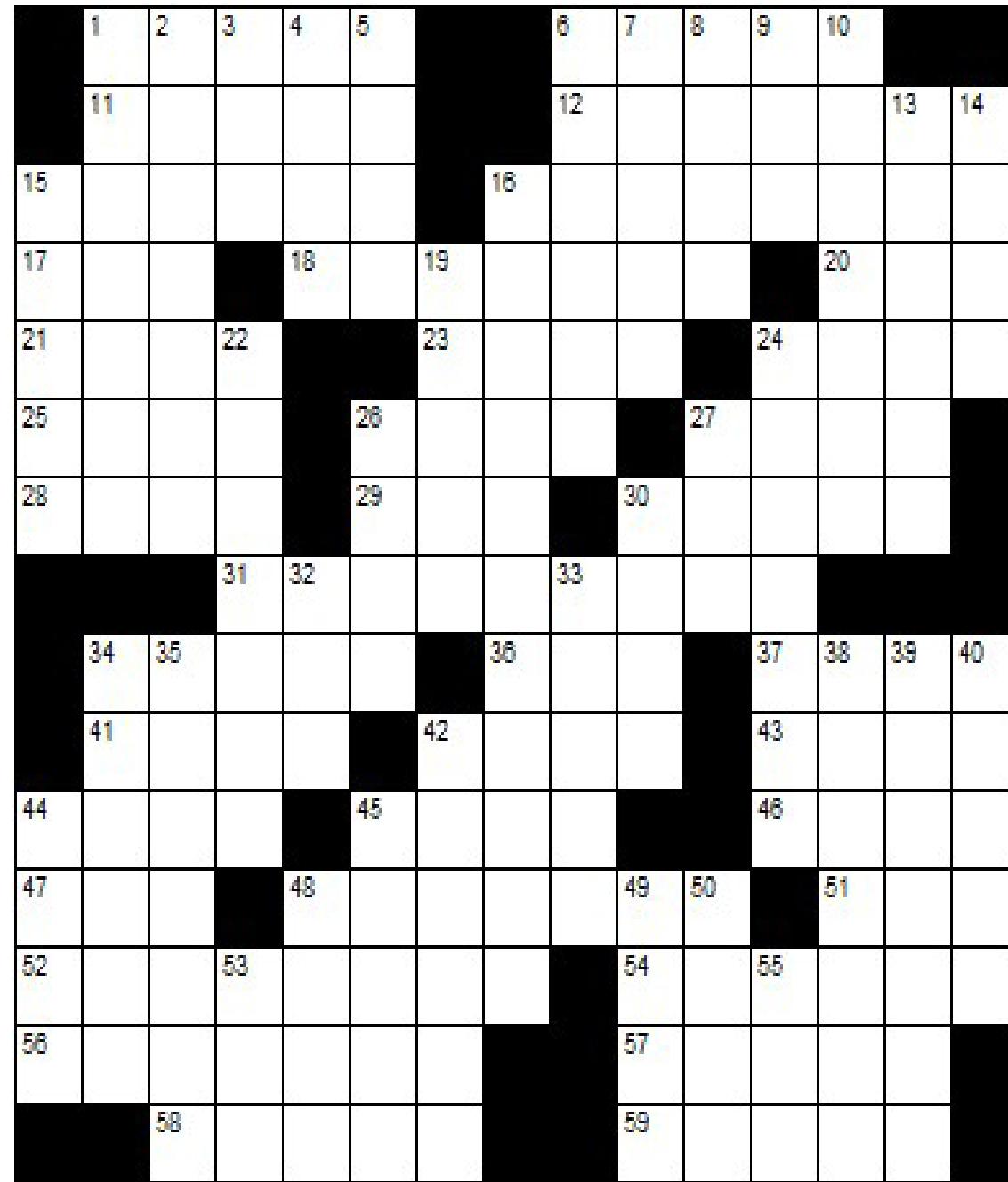
Across

1. Goat sound
6. Rotating mechanism
11. Immense
12. Merry drinking party
15. Draw a blank
16. Curling competition
17. Car nut
18. Isolate
20. Bar bill
21. Applications
23. Not his
24. Flame
25. Exam
26. Clutter
27. Blackthorn
28. Being
29. Donkey
30. Confinement
31. Without a sound
34. Neighborhood
36. D
37. Plunder
41. Leave out
42. Break in two
43. Pitcher
44. Churn
45. Not now
46. Harness part
47. Estimated (abbrev.)
48. Promoted
51. South southeast
52. Swamps
54. Storehouses
56. Smiled scornfully
57. Munchkin
58. Father
59. Aromatic compound

Last Issue Answers

S	C	U	B	A	L	A	W	N	B	I	B	S
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Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. Tops worn by women
2. Generosity
3. Unit of energy
4. Anagram of "Sage"
5. French for "Head"
6. Cleans
7. Poker holdings
8. Rear end
9. Dandy
10. Fee paid for instruction
11. Charred
14. River to the North Sea
15. High-pitched woodwind instrument
16. State of supreme happiness
19. Board game
22. Lettering device
24. Disconcert
26. Letters and postcards
27. Mayday
30. Toot
32. Type of cereal grass
33. Inclined
34. Ease up
35. Left out
38. Stunning
39. Rump
40. Sea eagles
42. Poorly made
44. Kittens' cries
45. In shape
48. Old-time poet
49. Border
50. Lairs
53. Grassland
55. Cooking container



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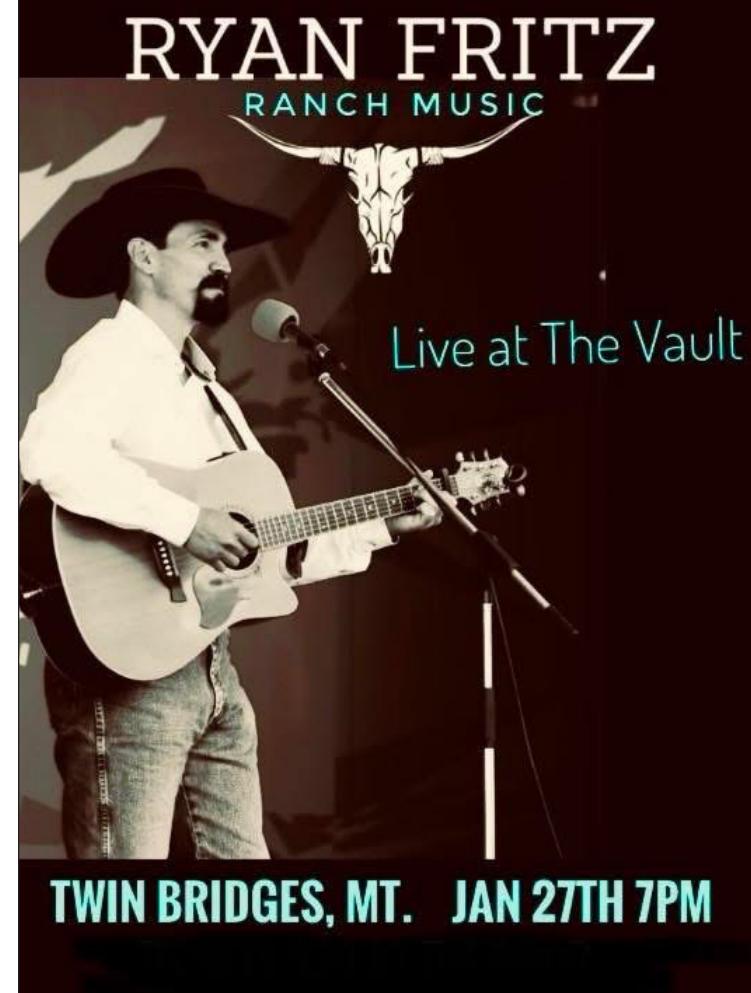
If the weather is not clear there will be a presentation on naked eye astronomy, small telescopes, & binoculars. What you can see, how to set up your telescope or binoculars.

So dress warm, bring your telescope or bino's. The admission is free but we do accept donations.

If you have questions contact Joe at Cottontail Observatory (406) 842-7722. If not there leave message.

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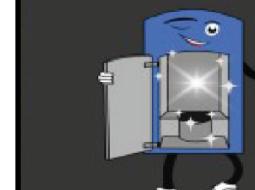
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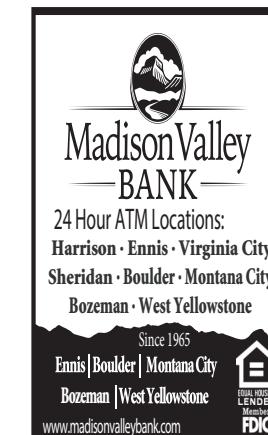
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Word Search

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LAST ISSUES SOLUTION

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The Man Behind the “R” Trevor Walter - Republican

By Kerry Walter

In today's political climate, party labels are often worn like costumes, easy to put on and easy to discard when inconvenient. But for some, the letter beside their name isn't branding. It reflects lived values, tested convictions, and accountability over time.

For Trevor Walter, the “R” isn't a marketing strategy. It's a responsibility and a return to common sense.

Republican, at its core, is not about power or personality. It's about restraint. About recognizing that government exists to serve the people, not managing every aspect of their lives. It means fiscal responsibility, local control, constitutional limits, and trusting families and communities over distant bureaucracies. Those principles aren't theoretical for Trevor. They're personal.

Trevor Walter has lived the consequences of policy—good and bad—at the desk and beyond, grounded in real work, real risk, and real responsibility. As a business owner, he understands budgets because he's had to meet payroll. As a husband and father, he understands the cost of decisions that affect families. And as a community member, he knows leadership isn't about headlines, it's about showing up, even when no one is watching.

The “R” in Republican stands for “Responsibility” to taxpayers, future generations, and the Constitution itself. Trevor believes every dollar the government spends was earned by someone else. That debt isn't abstract; it's passed to our children and grandchildren. And freedom, once surrendered, is rarely regained without cost.

It stands for “Representation” serving the people, not ruling over them. Trevor believes elected officials are entrusted to carry the voice of their communities into government with faithfulness and integrity, not to manage lives or impose personal agendas. Representation means listening before acting, honoring the will of the people, and remembering that authority flows upward from the people, not downward from power.

The “R” also stands for restraint—the belief that the most important power government can exercise is the power it chooses not to use. Not every problem requires a new law, program, or bureaucracy; restraint requires the discipline to say no, the wisdom to limit government, and the understanding that once power is centralized, it is rarely returned without consequence.

Finally, the “R” stands for “resolve” and a return to common sense: the resolve to say no to reckless spending, to question bills that quietly expand government, and to defend constitutional boundaries even when it's unpopular.

That is Trevor: responsibility, representation, resolve, and a return to common sense, because leadership isn't about the seat, it's about stewardship.

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Community Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4	5 GO CATS GO!	6	7 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	8 Rancher Round Table@ Alder Fire Hall, 1-3pm Are you ready for calving?	9	10
11	12	13	14 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	15	16	17
18	19 I 1)AY	20	21 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	22	23	24
25	26 Ryan Fritz@ the Vault in Twin Bridges, 7pm	27	28 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	29	30	31



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