



TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				New Year's Day No School		2:30pm HS BB w/ Townsend (H), BGBG
	4	5	6	7	8	9
		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	Noon General StuCo mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Man. Christian (H), GBGB	13	Noon Sophomore class mtg	14
				4pm MS GBB w/ Willow Crk/ Harrison (T)	15	End 2nd Quarter 1pm HS BB w/ Gardiner (T), GBGB
18	Martin Luther King Day No School 5:15pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (lunchrm)	19	Noon staff lunch Noon Sr. class mtg	20	Noon Safety cmttee mtg	21
				4pm MS GBB w/ WY (H)	22	Divisional Speech/Drama 2:30pm HS BB w/ WY (T), GBGB
25		26	4pm MS GBB w/ Sheridan (T)	27	28	29
				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), GBGB	Townsend MS GBB w/ WY (T)

SHERIDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
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	9	10
Christmas Break	BB JV Boys vs. Harrison 4 BB JV Girls @ Ennis 4:00				BB vs. Ennis 2:30 H	BB vs. Gardiner 2:30 H
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4pm - BB MS Girls vs.	Board Meeting	Semester Tests	End 2nd Qtr / 1st	BB vs. Lima C boys 5:00 H	BB @ West Yellowstone 9am - BB MS Girls -	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
BB @ Harrison 4:00 A FFA District LDE	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 @	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
4pm - BB MS Girls @	BB @ Granite 4pm - BB MS Girls vs.		BB @ Twin Bridges 4:00 A	HAVE SCHOOL	FFA Fergus Mechanics 9am - BB MS Girls @	

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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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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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- 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. Confine
- 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															
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Crossword Puzzle

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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
 - 13. 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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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.

I proudly stand beside Trevor. “Strong Families, Strong Communities”

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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  1)AY	20	21 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Ryan Fritz@ the Vault in Twin Bridges, 7pm	28 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	29	30	31



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