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TWIN BRIDGES ALL YEAR FARMERS MARKET: Open with restrictions: Everyone, vendors included, must wear a mask when inside the building. Your temperature will be taken at the door. If you're temperature is above normal, you will be asked to leave for everyone's safety. Only 25 people in the building at a time. You may have to wait outside/in your car briefly. Name, address, and phone number will be collected for contact tracing, if needed. You can pre-order from participating vendors: Scentsy, Friendship Jewelry, Serendipi-Tea, Tranquility Oils, Alpaca Yarn Knitted Items, Mary Kay, Paparazzi, Creations by Alivia, Fresh Farm Eggs, Baked Goods, and Candies. Please reach out to Coree with any questions or concerns at 406-596-1978 or twinbridgesfarmersmarket@gmail.com

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, December 11 at 6 PM. Potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange. Everyone welcome! 14 Stagecoach NW Ln., Laurin.

#### SHERIDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS:

POETRY & SHORT STORY GROUP - Every Wednesday from 11 am to 12 pm. MOVIE NIGHT - 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM. NEWSPAPER HISTORY GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 9 AM. KNITTING GROUP - Thursdays at 2 PM. For more information call 406-842-7981.

MOUNTAINVIEW CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Every Sunday at 7 PM. 515 N. Main St., Twin Bridges. 406-684-5217

TRIVIA NIGHT AT RUBY VALLEY BREW: Every Wednesday Night from 6 p.m - 8 p.m.

ROCKY'S ROADHOUSE LIVE MUSIC, Fridays from 8 - 11 pm: 11/27 - Dan Henry; 12/04 - John Montoya; 12/11 - Dan Henry; 12/18 - Chandler Huntley; Closed for Christmas

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Food is distributed on Saturday mornings from 10-12 at Valley Assembly Church - 114 N. Main -Sheridan, MT

TWIN BRIDGES LIBRARY: We are trying something new this fall at the library! Storytime will now be a Zoom meeting! Craft packets will be pre-packaged and available at the library prior to storytime. Spaces are limited for the first attempt. If interested, call Kerstin at (406) 207-0440.

THE SUMP SALOON'S ANNUAL THEME PARTY: The Roaring 20s. Saturday, Nov. 28th at 8 PM. 110 N. Main St., Sheridan.

3 RIVERS FAMILY CHURCH: Come join us every Sunday at 10:30 am at 3648 MT-287. Family friendly. No religion, just relationship.

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THE RUBY VALLEY INN/B&B will remain closed indefinitely to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

DAN HENRY AT RUBY VALLEY BREW: Saturday, December 26th at 5 PM.

MONTANA FOOD NETWORK MAIL A MEAL: Grace Community Fellowship of Laurin will be distributing non-perishable food once a month. If you or someone you know will need a food box, please email gcflaurin@gmail.com or call 406-842-5915 to register for a monthly food box. Pre-Registration *is required* to ensure enough boxes are ordered.

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# LITTLE-KNOWN THANKSGIVING CHRONICLES

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress issued proclamations declaring several "unofficial" days of thanks, in honor of military victories. In 1789, George Washington called for a national "day of public thanksgiving and prayer" to celebrate both the end of the war and the recent ratification of the U.S. Constitution. While Congress overwhelmingly agreed to Washington's suggestion, the holiday did not yet become an annual event. Both John Adams and James Madison issued similar proclamations of their own during their presidential terms.

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln expressed gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg by proclaiming that the nation would celebrate its official first annual Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863. "...peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union...It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving," (excerpt from Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3rd, 1863. Written by William H. Seward, Secretary of State.)

This evolved into the annual holiday tradition that we celebrate now. What many people do not know is that most of the credit for the official proclamation goes to Sarah Josepha Hale. A prominent writer and editor, Hale wrote the children's poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb," originally known as "Mary's Lamb," in 1830. She also helped found the American Ladies Magazine, which she used a platform to promote women's issues. For over 40 years, she was the editor of Godey's Lady Book, one of the most influential periodicals in the country. Hale had grown up regularly celebrating an annual Thanksgiving holiday. In 1827, she published a novel, Northwood: A Tale of New England, that included an entire chapter about the fall tradition, already popular in parts of the nation. While at Godey's, she often wrote editorials and articles about the holiday and she lobbied state and federal officials to pass legislation creating a fixed, national day of thanks on the last Thursday of November. Due to her efforts, more than 30 states and U.S. territories had a Thanksgiving celebration on the books by 1854.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, she continued to write editorials on the subject, urging Americans to "put aside sectional feelings and local incidents" and rally around the unifying cause of Thanksgiving. And the holiday continued, despite hostilities, in both the Union and the Confederacy. Hale wrote to the president and Secretary of State, William Seward, once again in 1863, urging them to declare a national Thanksgiving, stating that only the chief executive had the power to make the holiday, "permanently, an American custom and institution." Within a week of receiving the letter, Seward had drafted Lincoln's official proclamation, fixing the national observation of Thanksgiving on the final Thursday in November, a move the two men hoped would help "heal the wounds of the nation."

Meanwhile, here in the Ruby Valley, the epic gold rush had begun, and the mining community members mostly looked forward to being thankful for gold. New settlers were far more interested in prospecting than observing a holiday. A group of famous historical figures would ironically gather around a Thanksgiving feast that day, 60 miles southwest of us, in Bannack. Sidney Edgerton had just been appointed chief justice of Idaho Territory, which then included Montana. He was traveling to the territorial capital of Lewiston, ID, along with his nephew, Wilbur, and Wilbur's wife, Harriet. A winter storm forced them to delay their journey and stay in Bannack. Henry Plummer, one of the town's leading citizens, invited them to celebrate the inaugural Thanksgiving at his home. He intended to make a good impression on the politically powerful family. He ordered a turkey from Salt Lake City for \$40 in gold plus shipping. Harriet later wrote that their Thanksgiving meal in that humble rustic cabin was as fine and beautifully prepared as any meal she had ever enjoyed in New York City's finest restaurants. A few weeks later, Edgerton organized a group of vigilantes who tried and hanged Plummer for leading a gang of robbers and murderers. And, in May of 1864, Lincoln appointed Sidney as the first Governor of the newly formed Montana Territory.

A momentous Thanksgiving celebration in Virginia City took place at the Madison House in 1903. The Madison House was Virginia City's best hotel from the 1890s into the twentieth century. The hotel consisted of seven connected buildings, all at slightly different levels. For this reason, it was nicknamed the "seven-story hotel". Proprietors F. W. Allen and Dennis Mahagin set a nice table in the early 1900s. On Thanksgiving Day in 1903, the Madisonian invited those who might be unfortunate to be away from their own family firesides not to let the day pass without enjoying a good dinner. The Madison House prepared an especially elaborate meal, which was served between 4:00 in the afternoon and 8:00 in the evening. The published menu for Thanksgiving was indeed a delectable one. The first course included New York or fresh oysters, coleslaw or consommé, and relishes. The salad course included lobster salad in mayonnaise. For the main course, diners could choose baked salmon, boiled ox tongue in wine sauce, roast prime rib of beef, roast goose with baked apples, macaroni in red wine–presumably for vegetarian guests–and of course, young turkey with oyster dressing, cranberry jelly, and pineapple sherbet. The choice of vegetables included mashed and steamed potatoes, braised sweet potatoes, French peas, or asparagus on toast. For dessert the offerings included mince pie, sliced green apple pie, English plum pudding with brandy sauce, walnut ice cream, assorted cakes, and grapes, cheese, apples and mixed nuts. What a feast!

In light of this unprecedented year in our nation's history, let us "put aside sectional feelings and local incidents" and celebrate a unifying and peaceful day of giving thanks for all we have in our beloved Ruby Valley, Montana community.



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- 32. Golden
- 35. Family of a monarch
- 39. Go without food
- 40. Hit the sack
- 41. Seedless raisin
- 43. National
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- 55. Fixed and absolute
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- 61. "Get up and go"
- 63. Not fat
- 64. French for Finished or Done

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8. A strong and heavyset

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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33. Nautical for stop

34. Canvas dwelling

36. Former Italian currency 58. Not odd

31. Pierce

37. Streetcar

38. Cry of pain

42. Insecticide

52. It makes dough rise

56. Anagram of "Ties"

59. Wet, as morning grass

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