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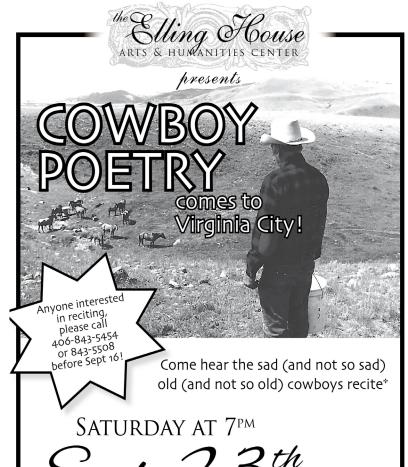








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The following information was written by James Duncan and read by Mrs. Duncan (Jeannette) at a meeting of the Sheridan Woman's Club in March of 1925. To write a sketch of my trip across the plains from Missouri river to Virginia City, Mont., after a lapse of more than 60 years is rather a difficult matter and I will only try to give a few of the more important incidents of the perilous trip to the new Eldorado of the Rockies and what is now the Treasure state of the union. I was 16 years old when we outfitted at Leavenworth, Kas., about the first of May 1864. Our party was composed of my father and mother. my brother Tom, sister Sarah and myself and a man by the name of James Singer. We had two yoke of oxen and one yoke of cows for each wagon. (God bless the cows, for we worked them all day and milked them at night and morning). There were four or five other wagons in the train. We started together through Kansas, which was quite well settled for about 150 miles to Marvsville, the last town on the Blue River. Some of the wagons in our party left us



and went on to Colorado. We traveled until we reached the South Platte in Nebraska and struck the Indian country, where we overtook several wagons that were waiting to form a train of about 30 wagons. We elected R.O. Hickman captain, who in later years, surrounded by his interesting family in Virginia City, where he had permanently located, was one of the influential men of the county and territory, in business and social life. He served as county treasurer and was elected the first state treasurer after Montana was admitted into the Union of States November 8, 1889. The Hickman bridge was named in his honor. The Thompson-Hickman library in Virginia City is a living monument to his memory. Gill Wheat, George Pitcher and Mr. and Mrs. Hind and others were also in the party. As the south Platte River was rising very fast it was decided to cross the north side, thus eliminating a 50-mile drive to Julesburg, farther up the river. The decision proved a wise one. When the first team forded the river, the water came up to the hubs. By the time the last team and wagon had crossed the water came halfway up the wagon bed. When we got opposite Julesburg there were 500 wagons waiting to get across. They were compelled to wait for one month before they could get across. We left the South Platte and went up Vale creek across the divide, on the North Platte, which was considered a very dangerous country because of the Indians. While there had been one train attacked, one man killed an several wounded, we did not get into any trouble with the hostile Indians, but after arriving at Laramie I saw the wounded men after crossing the North Platte side. One man was struck with an arrow and part of his hand was taken off. I have forgotten the distance of the number of days we traveled from Julesburg to Fort Laramie. The North Platte was a very nice stream, clear and swift, also had a fine bridge. There were several soldiers at Fort Laramie. After leaving Laramie we traveled about seven miles to the bridge cut-off, leaving only a calf trail, where we found many wagons waiting for a large train to follow Jim Bridger to Alder gulch. He was the first and ours the second train. After two days were joined by a number of others. Among the number were A. Maynard, M. Bowers and C. Bowers, who settled in the Madison Valley. We hired a guide. He styled himself Rocky Mountain Babe and we paid him \$5 per wagon for his service. The name as guide was all the qualifications he possessed, as he knew practically nothing about the country. When we reached the Big Horn country were found a high and rolling prairie. As there was no wood for a fire the children were sent out to gather buffalo chips for a fire. We found the river very high at the Big Horn, where those in charge demanded \$5 a wagon to move them over. As our finances were getting low our captain decided to look around and try to find a suitable fording place and found one down the stream. Though deep and dangerous, we crossed over safely the next day. The men were in the water all day to guide the teams and driver to shore. The next morning my father was stricken with pneumonia, but we had a very competent physician, Doctor Sherwood, who soon had the patient on the road to recovery and we moved on in a few days. Dr. Sherwood practiced in Virginia City for a while after arriving there. We traveled down the Big Horn for about 50 miles, when we laid over one day and celebrated the Fourth of July. I set my fish pole on the bank of the stream. The next morning, I found a mud turtle on my hook, so we had turtle soup for a Fourth of July dinner, which sure tasted good. We left the next day followed a grand stream, where we camped a day in preparations for a long drive to the Shoshone country, 35 miles distance without water, which we made by dark. In crossing the river my wagon met with an accident. In fording up the stream we took no precautions to have someone on the lower side to keep the cattle up stream. Father was with me in the front of the wagon when nearing the other side of the stream the cattle suddenly turned and went down the stream. The wheels of the wagon came off and went downstream with the cattle, leaving the wagon box with mother, Sarah and myself floating downstream. Father leaped from the wagon to the back of the oxen train to save them. There were several people on the bank who came to our rescue. Those were trying times. Among those who saved our lives were W. A. Maynard, Gil Wheat and George Pitcher and others in the train. Those were times that tried men's souls and bound us in closer fellowship. The next day we camped at Clark's Fork. There were about 300 Indians there. The tribe was very civil and seemed glad to see us. There were several large streams which we crossed on in safety. The Bolder, Rosebud and Yellowstone, which crosses near where Livingston now stand. We passed old Jim Bridger the next day camping on the site of Bozeman. Gil Wheat killed a deer, the antiers in their natural state were the most beautiful things we had ever seen. The train arrived in Virginia City July 21, 1864. Of all the members of the at train only Mr. Maynard and myself are left to tell the story of that memorable journey. I received my early education in the schools of Kansas. After coming to Montana, I attended school in Junction for one-half day. The teacher in charge had looked too often at the wine cup and left his school in charge of myself while he went out to get another intoxicating drink. Thus, my school days ended. I am enjoying my declining years in comfortable home in Sheridan with my good wife.

Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon

### RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

15TH ANNUAL KEN STEINER MEMORIAL CAR SHOW - September 9th - Come close out your summer with us at our 15th Annual car show! We'll have food, live music, and Ruby Valley Brew will have several delicious selections on tap. Registration 8-10AM 50/50 drawing Poker Walk to business on Main Street-winner gets cash prize. The Sheridan Public Library will be hosting their Pie and Ice Cream Social. Proceeds from car show will go to a senior planning on attending a trade school. - See Flyer

THE FRIENDS OF THE SHERIDAN LIBRARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Saturday September 9th at 10 am- \$8 -Featuring pie and hand-made ice cream from the Virginia City Creamery. - 10 cent kid cones - Benefiting the Friends of the Library

VALLEY ASSEMBLY CHURCH - Valley Kids (age 4 through 6th grade) @ Valley Assembly Church every Wednesday beginning September 13th. After school 4pm to 6pm. 114 N Main St. Sheridan. Contact Pastor Terry @ 842-5845 for more details. FYI: Grief Share in on Monday Nights 7pm at Valley Assembly Church 114 N Main St. not at 3 Rivers Worship Center. It's a non denominational series; the location changes with each new group

SHERIDAN FARMERS MARKET & MUSIC- July 6th through September 14th- Every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm - Main Street Park in Sheridan

COMMUNITY NIGHT OF HOPE - September 10th - 6 pm at Madison County Fairgrounds Pavilion Building

BREWERY -2- BREWERY AUTO TOUR - September 10th from 1-6 - See Flyer

STEVE ROSE AND FRIENDS COMMUNITY CONCERT AT JACKSONS GARDEN - September 10th at 5:30 pm - See Flyer

**GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP -** Returning from Cowboy Services to Church Barn in Laurin Sept 10th. Good Old Ways, Friday Oct 6th at 6 p.m. Canning. Free Event -Harvest Party – Friday Oct 27th. 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more info 406-842-5915.

Community Fellowship, Laurin. For more info 406-842-5915. 4 COURSE PRIX FIXE POP UP DINNER - September 22nd - 3-6pm at Candlelight Cafe Sheridan - Call/Text Sarah to make reservations- 406-570-7857 - See Flyer

MONTANA PICTURE GALLERY - "Outlaws by Day, Angels by Night" September 23rd - 3-6pm - Virginia City, MT - See Flyer

COWBOY POETRY - September 23rd at 7 pm - At The Elling House - See Flyer

GOLDEN GRAVEL GRINDER & VIRGINIA CITY BIKE FEST - September 23rd - Virginia City - See Flyer on back page

LAND STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP FOR SMALL ACREAGES - Tuesday October 3rd - 3-5 pm - at Alder Fire Hall

**WICKED WONDERLAND** - Shine Studio Dance The Magic Fundraiser - 7th of October - 3-11 pm - Costume Contest- Escape Room - Axe Throwing - Carnival Games-Concessions-Mickey Trick Or Treat - And More! \$10- Kids \$15- Age 15+ - \$50 Family

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**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.

**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 - Thank you for everyone who filled out our survey! We are always working to make our library fit the needs of our community. Our five winners of the \$20 in Twin Bucks are: Anna Ingram, Rachelle Parsons, Betty Humbert, Lela Wendt, and Sheila Burke. Congratulations! Check in at the library for information about our summer reading program schedule. It looks to be a lot of fun! Don't forget Lego Club...There will be no meeting in May, but will pick up again in June!

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

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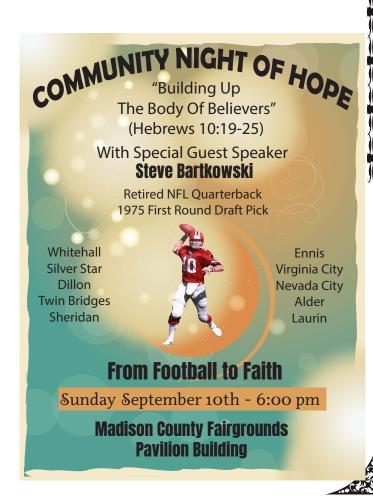
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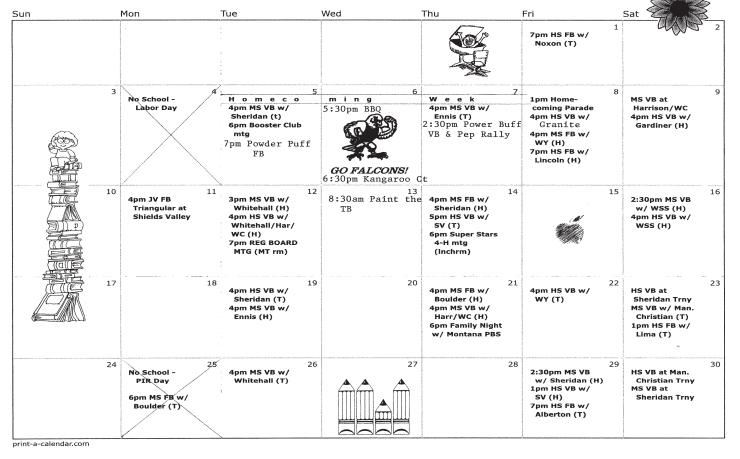
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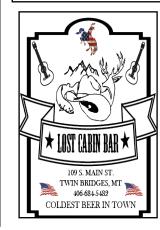
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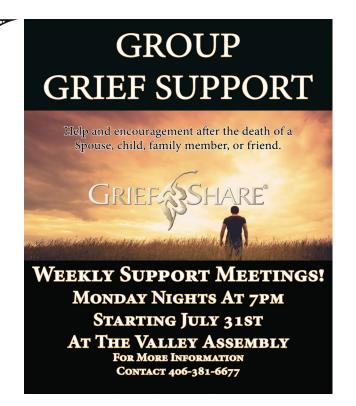
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Riverside Park has an exciting new addition of a kids zip line, thanks to volunteers and the Twin Bridges Park and Recreation District.

Much thanks is due to Roger Hutchinson of Main Street Market and Davey Banks of Banks Industrial Services, LLC for many hours of volunteered time installing the zip line.

We would also like to thank Jeffrey Mills of King's Motel for improvements on the large baseball diamond and installing new boards on the small diamond bleachers that were partially donated by Mountain Building Center.



Without the help of community volunteers and donations we wouldn't be able to stretch funds far enough to maintain our beautiful park and continue to make improvements.

So please offer a "thank you" to these volunteers and everyone who helps take care of Riverside Park.

### LAST ISSUE ANSWERS

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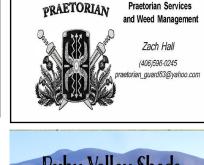
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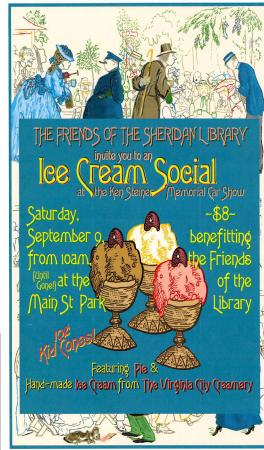


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### Sunday, September 10, 2023 1-6pm

Join us for the  $2^{\rm nd}$  year of fun and history! We've put together a very special tour of historic sites that attendees will drive their own vehicles from location to location.

Registration is limited to first 25 vehicles due to parking restrictions at Robbers Roost. Preregistration is encouraged, day of event registration may not be available (see below for registration information).

# TOUR

12:30pm Brewery Follies, Virginia City Gather in the in parking area for the tour

1pm H.S. Gilbert Brewery, Virginia City The oldest brewery building in Montana

**2pm** Ruby Town, Alder

History of the largest mining operation in Alder Gulch and the former Ruby Town. Tour the historic gold refining building generously being opened to the public by the Gilman family

> 3:30pm Robbers Roost & Linderman Cabin, Laurin Learn the story of the historic 1863 Daly's Cabin and stage coach stop plus the 1897 Linderman Cabin

5pm Ruby Valley Brew (fka Maverick's Bar) & Jensen Market, Sheridan Learn about Maverick Mary and her colorful local history

The \$25.00 registration fee per person includes a token for a glass of locally brewed beer at Ruby Valley Brew (must be 21 or older).

Since we're limited to 25 vehicles, we're encouraging multiple attendees per vehicle

Tickets are available online at www.virginiacitypreservationalliance.com or at the Ruby Valley Brew



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### **Community Events**

September 2023

|  | September 2023                                 |   |   |   |     |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Sun  | Mon  | Tues  | Wed   | Thurs   | Fri | Sat   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | September   |   | 1   | 1st | 2 Twin Bridges Clinic Fundraiser at The Round Barn - 6pm    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3  | 4  | Twin Bridges Homecoming Week 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | 6<br>Twin Bridges<br>Food Pantry<br>10am-3pm  | 7 Sheridan Cruise- In on Main 6-8pm Sheridan Farmers Market 5:30-7:30pm                           | 8   | 9<br>Ken Steiner<br>Memorial Car<br>Show 9am in<br>Sheridan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10<br>Community Night<br>of Hope-Speaker:<br>Steve<br>Bartkowski<br>@ Mad Cou<br>Fairgrounds 6pm | 11   | 12  | Twin Bridges<br>Food Pantry<br>10am-3pm       | 14 Sheridan Cruise- In on Main 6-8pm Sheridan Farmers Market 5:30-7:30pm                          | 15  | 16  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17   | Sheridan Homecoming Week 18th–23 <sup>rd</sup> | 19  | 20<br>Twin Bridges<br>Food Pantry<br>10am-3pm | 21<br>Sheridan Cruise-<br>In on Main<br><u>6-8pm</u><br>Sheridan<br>Farmers Market<br>5:30-7:30pm | 22  | 23  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24   | 25   | 26  | 27<br>Twin Bridges<br>Food Pantry<br>10am-3pm | 28  | 29  | 30  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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# **From Football to Faith**

Sunday September 10th - 6:00 pm

Madison County Fairgrounds Pavilion Building