

February 2026

TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Groundhogs Day 4pm MS GBB w/ Harrison/WC (T)	2 Noon Jr class mtg 4pm MS GBB w/ Sheridan (H)	3 Noon BPA mtg 6pm TB Baseball parent mtg (MT rm)	4 College & Career Exploration (UM Western) Noon FFA mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Man. Christian (T), GBGB	5 4pm HS BB w/ Gardiner (H), BGB 2:30pm MS GBB w/ Gardiner (H)	6 10am MS GBB w/ SV (T)	7
8 Noon Exec. Student Co. mtg 6:30pm REGULAR BOARD MTG (MT rm)	9 Noon General StuCo mtg 4pm MS GBB w/ WY (T)	10 Noon Sophomore class mtg 6pm Oratory Contest (MT rm & classrooms)	11 Pay-It-Forward Prom attire here Noon Close-Up mtg 4pm MS GBB w/ Harrison/WC (H)	12 4pm HS BB w/ WY (H), BGB, Sr. Night	13 Valentine's Day 1pm HS BB w/ SV (H), GBGB	14
15 Presidents' Day No School 5:15pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (lunchrm) 5:30pm Little Guy Wrestling practice starts	16 OSHA Training in Noon staff lunch Noon Sr. class mtg 4pm MS GBB w/ Whitehall (T)	17 Montana Rm 3rd qtr midterm	18 District BB Robotics 4pm MS GBB w/ Whitehall (H)	19 Tournament Governor's Cup	20 (Man. Christian) (Wash. D.C.)	21
22 Robotics Governor's Cup (Wash. D.C.)	23	24 Divisional	25 Basketball	26 Tournament	27 (Butte)	28

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## February 2026 - 2nd Issue



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SUN Feb 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
Adult Ed. Volleybal 2pm Lil' boys bas	FFA Melstone Adult Ed. Picklebal 4pm BB MS girls	6:45am Morning 4pm BB MS Girls	4th & 5th grades S Adult Ed. BB - 7-9 I Adult Ed. Yoga 6-7	BB @ Three Forks	BB vs. West Yellow 3pm BB MS Girls	BB @ Gardiner 2:30
8 Adult Ed. Volleybal 2pm Lil' boys bas	9 Adult Ed. Picklebal	10 Board Meeting 6:45am Morning 4pm BB MS Girls	11 Adult Ed. BB - 7-9 I Adult Ed. Yoga 6-7	12 4pm BB MS Girls	13 BB @ Shields Valle 9am BB MS Girls	14 BB vs. Manhattan C
15 Adult Ed. Volleybal 2pm Lil' boys bas	16 FFA District CDE Adult Ed. Picklebal	17 Little Guy Wrestling 6:45am Morning	18 Adult Ed. BB - 7-9 I Adult Ed. Yoga 6-7 Little Guy Wrestling	19 Basketball Districts Midterm 3 Little Guy Wrestling	20	21
22 Adult Ed. Volleybal 2pm Lil' boys bas	23 Adult Ed. Picklebal	24 Little Guy Wrestling 6:45am Morning	25 Science Fair Elem. Adult Ed. BB - 7-9 I Adult Ed. Yoga 6-7 Little Guy Wrestling	26 Both Gyms Unavail Parent Teacher Co Little Guy Wrestling	27	28

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 Saturday, May 16 7:00 PM Ray Marxer: Author of Cowboy in a Corporate World  
 Friday, May 22 7:00 PM Ben Larson: "Off the Beaten Path, Montana History Show"

## PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS:

**TWIN BRIDGES** - Storytime 18 mos -5 yrs every Wednesday at 11 am  
 Stitch & Chatter every 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 2pm  
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**TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES COUNCIL MEETINGS** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of every month @ 7 pm - TB Town Hall

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*2026 Event Calendar*

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, January 17	6:30 PM	Chautauqua
Saturday, February 21	6:30 PM	Chautauqua
Saturday, March 21	6:30 PM	Kids' Chautauqua
Saturday, March 28	7:00 PM	Mary Jane Bradbury - Petticoats, Pants and Politics: Fashion and the Quest for Freedom
Saturday, April 18	6:30 PM	Chautauqua
Saturday, April 25	7:00 PM	Melissa Kwasny, Montana Poet
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Stay tuned for additional events as they are scheduled. For the most up-to-date information on events at The Elling House, visit our website at <http://www.ellinghouse.org/>

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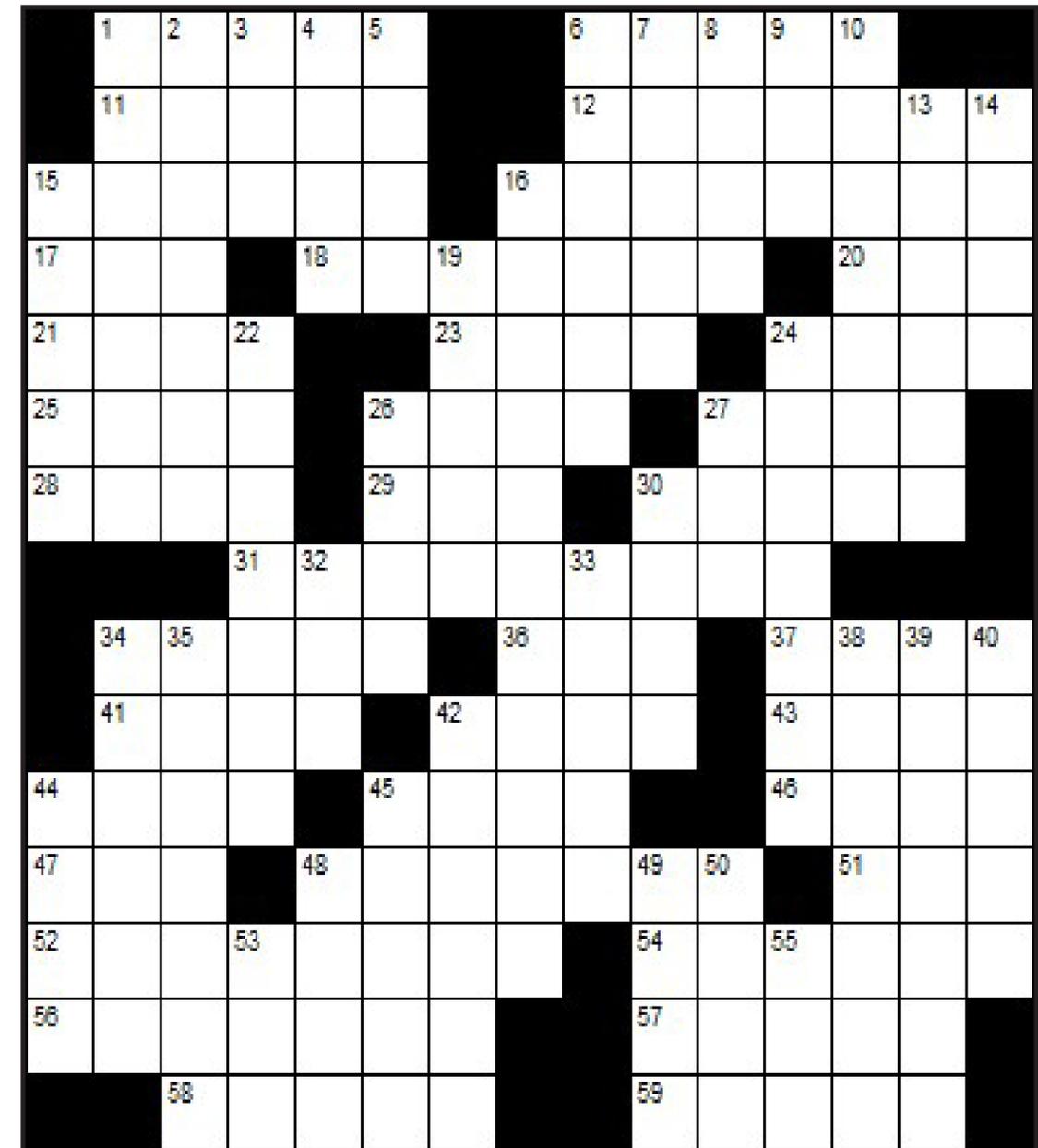
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1. Thigh armor
6. Be upright
11. Violent disruptions
12. Rein
15. Toughen
16. Primordial
17. Petroleum
18. Happily
20. Frozen water
21. Freshwater mussel
23. Charged particles
24. A lyric poet
25. Rip apart
26. One single time
27. Distribute
28. Sow
29. Employ
30. In shape
31. Videoscope
34. Schemes
36. Droop
37. Assist illegally
41. Part portrayed
42. Apron tops
43. Rip
44. Lunch or dinner
45. Prison
46. Protagonist
47. Seated oneself
48. Types of hat
51. Explosive
52. Ranks
54. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
56. Woman's sleeveless undergarment
57. Dominates
58. Discourage
59. Secret meeting

# Crossword Puzzle



## Down

1. Rookie
2. It flies passengers
3. Lay turf
4. Flower stalk
5. Slave
6. Reliquary
7. Dogs wag these
8. Military
9. North northeast
10. Diverge
13. Holy
14. Sleigh
15. 24 in a day
16. Motorcades
19. Washer cycle
22. Eccentric
24. Under
26. Not yours
27. Swab
30. Clothing
32. Half of a pair
33. Line
34. Sermonize
35. Despised
38. Certain insects
39. Heartfelt
40. Moves briskly
42. Streamer
44. Millisecond
45. Long-necked migratory bird
48. Bachelor of Literature
49. Fruity pastry
50. Urge (on)
53. An uncle
55. Layer

**Last Issue Answers**

M	A	S	T	S	C	O	O	S	M	S	E	C		
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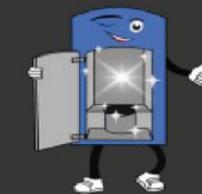


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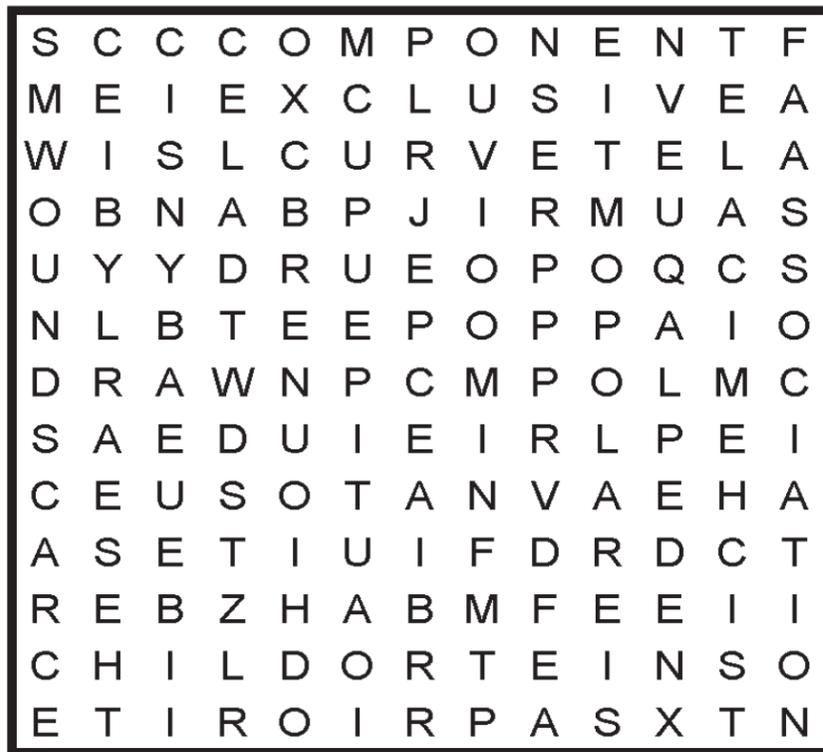
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the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center presents **Melissa Kwasny**

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Melissa Kwasny is the author of seven books of poetry, most recently **The Cloud Path** (Milkweed Editions 2024), winner of the High Plains International Book Award and featured in **New York Times Magazine**. Her first full length nonfiction book, **Putting on the Dog: The Animal Origins of What We Wear**, explores the cultural, labor, and environmental histories of clothing materials provided by animals. She is also the editor of two anthologies: **I Go to the Ruined Place: Contemporary Poets in Defense of Global Human Rights** and **Toward the Open Field: Poets on the Art of Poetry 1800-1950**. She was Montana Poet Laureate from 2019-2021, a position she shared with M.L. Smoker.

Saturday, 7:00PM

April 25<sup>th</sup>

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