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1:00 P.M. Race Time
 1 Mile and 5K Run/Walk
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 Divisions for 5 & Under
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 ~11:30 - 12:45 P.M.~
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 AGES K-12 GRADE

Youth of MADISON COUNTY Art Show

The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City is hosting a "Youth of Madison County" Art Show and invites all children ages K-12 grades to submit one piece of artwork.

The artwork must be flat, unframed, unmounted sized 8.5x11 to 11x17. Artwork must be dropped off to the Thompson-Hickman Library in Virginia City on Friday, March 20th between 2pm - 6pm. To make prior drop-off arrangements, please contact the EHAHC. The artwork will be displayed at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center from March 20 - April 30, 2020 and an artist reception will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 2pm-5pm at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City. All artists and public are encouraged to attend the reception.

Please visit www.ellinghouse.org under Current Events March 28th for the application that must accompany all artwork.

ART DROP OFF 2 - 6 PM FRIDAY **March 13th** AT LIBRARY IN VIRGINIA CITY
 ARTIST RECEPTION 2 - 5 PM SATURDAY **March 28th** AT ELLING HOUSE A&H CENTER

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DATE EVERY 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
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Join us at the Sheridan Senior Center

Caregiver/Dementia Support Group provides emotional, educational and social support for family and friends of individuals with dementia.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: GAIL NELSON @ 406-842-5600

JACKSON'S GARDENS

Les "Bing" Jackson and his wife Betty could be said to have been "hobby gardeners," but this hardly covers the extent of their love for the art of cultivation, both of their garden, and their community. Both teachers at the Sheridan High School, and involved in countless other ways, many remember the positive impact the Jackson's had on the community.

The garden began in 1972 when they purchased the property from Glen Marsh with the intent of eventually someday building a home there. The house never materialized, but what they did build was one of the largest and most beloved flower gardens in Southwest Montana.

Originally just stone and sagebrush, the land had to be carefully developed to support the trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetable patches. They hauled in thousands of tons of top soil and developed their own compost, resulting in the wonderfully rich soil the garden still has today. Their secret garden on Mill Creek was considered one of the treasures of the Sheridan community. Bing and Betty encouraged their friends and community members to visit and enjoy the garden. Their passion was an inspiration for all.

In 2002, Betty passed away, and in the next few years the garden became more and more difficult for Bing to manage by himself. Years later, friends came together to help him reclaim a bit of what had become a jungle of weeds and brush. More people began to join the effort, and by 2008 the informal efforts of a few friends had returned the garden to much of its former glory.

In 2009 three friends from Sheridan: Linda Day, Janet Marsh, and Paulette Hardy, had an idea. They were avid gardeners and thought that a Sheridan Community Garden project would be "just up their alley." They approached Bing Jackson about the possibility of renting space in his garden to grow vegetables for the community. From this idea and the great generosity of Mr. Jackson the Jackson's Community Garden was born.

After incorporating as a nonprofit, Bing donated the property to the volunteers who had worked with him over the years to keep the garden growing.

Today, the Garden has become a beautiful result of community work and effort, and is a rare oasis for the public to enjoy. It has been greatly developed with the installation of a high tunnel greenhouse to extend the growing season, a nature trail for education and enjoyment of visitors, and an extensive drip irrigation system to facilitate low-water use irrigation. They have improved access and parking, and most recently, added bathroom facilities. Today, members and volunteers of the community come together to incorporate education, sustainable organic agriculture, community involvement, and enjoyment for everyone.

The Floral Gardens Venue at Jackson's Garden are available for weddings, parties, memorials, and more. Rent our special venue for your event June through September. Beautiful Lawns: Perfect for Ceremonies & Tents. Jackson's Gardens is an excellent spot to hold your future event as it offers a quiet & private creekside setting, many trees & shaded areas to keep guests cool, close to town, handicapped accessible pathways and restrooms, plenty of parking, kitchen and staging facility and more!

Look into becoming a member or volunteer to help with grant writing for fundraising. Jackson's Gardens is open all year located at 125 Mill Creek Rd Sheridan, MT 59749 - 2 Miles East on Mill Creek Road. You can follow them on Instagram at www.instagram.com/jacksonsgardenmt and Facebook at facebook.com/jacksons.garden, online at jacksonsgarden.org or call them at (406) 842-7956.

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION - FEBRUARY 21ST - AT 5:30 P.M.. - Live music by Steve Rose & Others. Potluck style of salad or bread with main dish by the Shovel & Spoon. All welcome to enjoy kids games, masks, kings cake & more. Episcopal Church Hall, Sheridan.

FEATHERED FRIENDS - Feb 29th at 3 p.m. at the Elling House in Virigina City, MT.

YOUTH OF MADISON COUNTY ART SHOW - Calling all artists ages K-12 - Art drop off - March 13th - 2-6 p.m. - Artist reception - March 28th - 2-5 pm. at the Elling House in Virigina City, MT. See poster in this issue for more information.

2020 CHAUTAUQUA - Those wishing to be on stage are encouraged to contact Toni James to make reservations at (406) 843-5454, email: ranksmerc@yahoo.com Other dates of 2020 Chautauquas are Feb 15th, March 21st and April 18th.

RANCHER ROUND TABLE: Elements of a Sustainable Business FEB 27TH AT 7 P.M. -Hosted by Ruby Valley Montana Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and MSU Extension Madison-Jefferson Counties. Are you considering starting a business? Is your business as profitable as it should be? Are you working for your business but it is not working for you? You and your employees' lives can be much more enjoyable and fruitful. Presented by Ray Marxer at the Alder Fire Hall.

BRUNCH & BINGO - Sundays - Jan 19-March 29th at Virginia City Elks Lodge - Brunch \$9, Bingo \$5 for 3 cards. 10 A.M. Brunch

CARE GIVER/ DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center Conference Room. Every 3rd Tuesday there is a training. Contact Gail at 842-5600 or Karen at 842-7164 for more information or to sign up.

WOMEN'S NONDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY - Meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. - Located at 3 Rivers Family Church

PATCHWORK PALS QUILT GUILD -Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM at Bethel Hall. For more information please contact Patty Bates (President) at 842-7432.

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

EPISCOPAL CHURCH GAME NIGHT -Every last Friday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Sheridan.

SHERIDAN LIBRARY - Movie night - 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. - Knitting Club Thursdays at 2 p.m. Garden Club every 4th Monday of every month. Book club meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

TWIN BRIDGES LIBRARY - The Twin Bridges Library has two new board members: Jennifer Giem has lived in the area for many years, and is with Great Harvest in Dillon. Will Koehler is more recent to the area, moving here from Alaska, and is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway in Twin Bridges. They are looking forward to working for the library and bringing new insight to the board! Story hour continues on Wednesday at 10:30 am. and will run through the winter. Also, we have a handiwork group that meets on Wednesday at 2:30. Spanish classes will be beginning again in January. Please call or stop by to sign up. Are there classes you would like to see us offer? Let us know! A new thing at the library is our craft supply exchange. Need supplies to start or finish a project? Come see what we have! Have extra supplies you don't need anymore? Donate them to the exchange! We have cross-stitch supplies, yarn, and more! Stop by and see the new items in circulation, look at the plans for the back room, leave us ideas if you have them, and pick up one of our new book bags...\$15 filled with books from the sale area!

THOMPSON-HICKMAN COUNTY LIBRARY - We will be gathering at the VC Library at 6:30pm, every other Wednesday to play games! We will be bringing games from our homes. You can bring any games you want to play, or just show up and play with us! Yes, you can bring snacks too if you want to! Story & craft time - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.- Free Movie Nights are every other Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - 406-843-5346 to find out what is playing.

HOME PARK HAPPY HOUR - At Ruby Valley Brew every third Wednesday of the month at 1p.m.

VIRGINIA CITY ELKS LODGE #390 - OPEN FRIDAYS FROM 5 P.M. TO 9 P.M. - Public is welcome!

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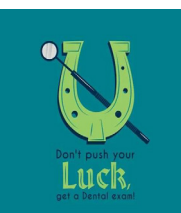


This program provides an overview of what makes raptors unique in the bird world, the raptors of Montana, and the importance of raptors to our ecosystem. Join us for a hands-on opportunity to explore and experience raptor characteristics and adaptations through bio-facts (animal artifacts). Two or three of the MRCC avian ambassadors will be in attendance for an up-close look at these amazing birds.

SATURDAY AT 3:00PM
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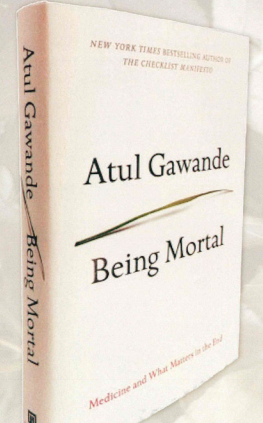
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Sheridan Library Community Read

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Being Mortal
Medicine and What Matters in the End
by Atul Gawande
Surgeon and New York Times Best-Selling Author



The Discussion will be held on
Thursday, February 27, 5pm
at the Sheridan Library
Discussion facilitation by Jeanette Proedgers
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Copies of the book are available for check-out at the Sheridan Library or for purchase at The Bookstore in Dillon

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UPDATE & GOOD NEWS!
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Thank you for your support with this project!

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ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

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#2 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th Christ Episcopal Church Social Hall, Sheridan	#5 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th Church of the Valley, Social Hall, Twin Bridges
#3 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Laurin	#6 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st OPEN-TO BE ANNOUNCED

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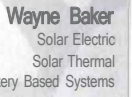
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2 Groundhogs Day 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	8:30am Dental Screening, grs K, 3, 6 4pm MS BBB w/ Whitehall (T)	3 6pm Booster Club Mtg (MT rm) 3pm BB w/ Harrison (T), BGB	4	5 10am Carroll College rep here 12:40pm Spelling Bee, gr 4-8 (MT rm) 4pm MS BBB w/ Harrison(H)	6	7 2:30pm BB w/ West Yellowstone (T), GBGB
9 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	6:30pm Little Guy Wrestling parent mtg (MT rm)	10 4pm MS BBB w/ Ennis (H) 7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT rm)	11 Science Fair (MP gym) 3:45pm staff mtg (MT rm)	12 4pm MS BBB w/ Sheridan (T) 7pm American Legion mtg (MT rm)	13 Valentine's Day IC grading window opens 4pm BB w/ Harrison (H), BGB	14 MS BBB at Sheridan tourney 2:30pm BB w/ Granite, GBGB, Senior Night
16 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	17 Presidents' Day No School FFA Winter Districts (7BHS) 5:30pm Little Guy Wrestling practice starts 7pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (Inchrm)	18 4th & 5th gr cross-country ski trip	19 3rd quarter mid-term	20 District Basket - Go Falcons!!	21 ball Tournament	22 (MAC, Butte)
23 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	24 IC grading window closes	25	26 12:30pm Vitalant Blood Drive (MT rm) 6pm American Legion Oratory Contest(MT rm)	27 Divisional Basket	28 ball Tournament	29 (Frenchtown)



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Robotics Meeting FFA Meeting 7pm MSBB @ Cardwell	5	6 HSBB vs Harrison	7 HSBB @ W.Yellow	8 HSBB vs Drummond (senior night)
10 MSBB @ Whitehall	11 Board Meeting 7pm Robotics Meeting JVBB @ Butte	12 Spelling Bee 9am	13 MIDTERM 3 MSBB vs TB	14 HSBB @ Lima	15 HSBB @ Lone Peak MSBB Tournament
17 FFA District Parli Pro 4-H Meeting 6pm LGW Practice 5:30pm	18 LGW Practice 5:30pm Robotics Meeting	19	20 LGW Practice 5:30pm Basketball Districts @ Butte	21 Basketball Districts @ Butte	22 Basketball Districts @ Butte
24 LGW Practice 5:30pm	25 LGW Practice 5:30pm Robotics Meeting FFA Open House 7pm	26	27 LGW Practice 5:30pm Mad. Co Spelling Bee Parent/Teacher Conf.	28	29

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ACROSS

- Outbuildings
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Travelled through water
- Circumscribe
- Container weight
- Constellation bear
- All excited
- Region
- A mooring post
- Resentment
- Hissy fit
- Prospector's find
- Political refugee
- Pear variety
- One of the tribes of Israel
- Directed
- Nursemaid
- At one time (archaic)
- Thaws
- Part mortal and part deity
- Fester
- Colonic
- Anagram of "Ties"
- A pouch in some birds
- Detachable container
- Completely
- Acquire deservedly
- An esoteric theosophy
- Footnote note
- Not closed
- Stinky
- Tease
- Whirl
- Tubular pasta
- To endure (archaic)
- Feudal worker
- Avoid
- A period of discounted prices
- Lower limbs
- Sysadmin

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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DOWN

- Generous slice of the pie
- High fidelity
- Send forth
- Soil
- Metal
- Criteria
- Lurches
- Mining finds
- Small carnivorous mammal
- An abatement in intensity
- Twist and compress
- Active
- Not glossy
- Cowboy sport
- Quick note
- Invited
- Portent
- Alike
- One of the great apes
- Coccyges

DOWN

- Former Italian currency
- Russian emperor
- Stitched
- Jail (British)
- Very cold
- Shadowing
- Girl
- Lanyards
- 3-banded armadillo
- Edge on a cutting tool
- Numbskulls
- Church alcove
- Depend
- Burden
- Annul
- Dribble

LAST TOLL BRIDGE

One of the first bridges built in Montana, and the last toll bridge to exist within the state, is no more. In its place, across the Big Hole river, near Brown's station, there have been erected two steel bridges at an approximate cost of \$9,000. Gorge R. Metlen, secretary of the state highway commission, was in Dillon last Friday to superintend the opening of the bridge to the general public.

In describing the new bridge, Mr. Metlen said that without question, it was absolutely one of the best and finest in the state, although there are eight others of similar nature in the process of construction. Steel, ordered last June, has only just begun to arrive, and the building of bridges in various other parts of the state is now being rushed to completion. The new bridge, said Mr. Metlen, is distinctively of a pioneer type, in as much as it embodies the latest engineering designs, and is built on the order of a railroad bridge. Every steel portion being firmly riveted to its neighbor to eliminate loose, hanging or sliding parts, making the structure especially adaptable to the bearing of heavy traffic, such as twenty ton thrashing outfits. The main bridge across the Big Hole river near Browne's station is 175 feet in length, while its smaller companion, spanning a slough near the main river, is built on exactly the same lines, but is only 50 feet in length.

When the new bridge was thrown open to traffic yesterday, after its inspection by Mr. Metlen, Joe Browne, son of the late Gen. Joseph A. Browne, who for years conducted the toll bridge, destroyed for the sake of the new, was the first man to drive a car across the newly-laid planks.

The old Browne's bridge was built in the early 1860's by a private company that secured permission through an act of congress to use it as a toll bridge. Soon after its erection it was purchased by Gen. Joseph A. Browne, who continued to use the bridge as a source of revenue until the late 1890's, when it was the last toll bridge in the state, but was still a portion of the main highway until condemned a few years ago.

With the construction of the new bridge, automobile traffic has been resumed between Beaverhead County and Butte. During the winter months it was necessary to suspend auto traffic between the mining city and this county on account of the depth of snow in the mountains in the vicinity of Melrose. The hills in that region have now been eliminated from the main road by the new bridge and two miles severed from the length of the journey.

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