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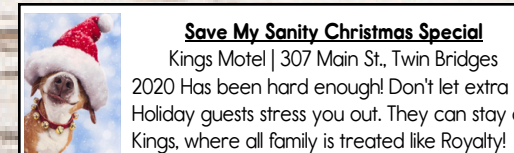
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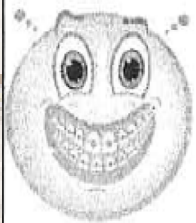
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The Board of Directors for the Madison County Nursing Homes Foundation would like to wish the residents at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan and the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis a happy healthy holiday. We would also like to thank the management and staff at both facilities for the incredible job they do every day to take care of our residents, who are our family, friends and loved ones.

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Christmas is one day of the American calendar that is made the principal holiday of the year, an occasion for mirth, music, feasting, innocent sports and general amusements, the old and young participating with equal zest and befitting enthusiasm. As the residents of Madison county are closing a year of material prosperity, it is assumed that they will make the holiday season a week of merriment and good cheer, featured by numerous public entertainments. (excerpts from the Madison County Monitor, 1916)

It was a large and gay crowd that attended the Christmas dance in White's hall on Christmas night. The dance, which was given under the auspices of Messrs. Dug. Gillis and Geo. Pritchett was a success—socially and financially. A palatable supper was served at the Stark hotel. The shoot given by Messrs. Dugald Gillis and George Pritchett on Christmas day was well attended by the nimrods (sic "skillful hunters") of Twin Bridges and vicinity. The "slaughter of the innocents" was great. Many turkeys, ducks, and chickens came to an untimely end from the effects of cold lead administered by the aforesaid nimrods. (Montana Centennial Melange, 1888).

Normal hall was filled to its utmost capacity with people from Twin Bridges and vicinity who assembled there to participate in the festivities in honor of the anniversary of the Savior. At 8:30 o'clock the curtains were drawn aside and a beautiful sight was presented to the audience. The stage was artistically decorated with an arch of evergreens beautifully decorated and suspending a bell. Two Christmas trees on either side of the stage were seen in all their glory of radiant candles. The exercises were opened by four little girls ringing the bell. After all the songs and performances by the children were through, Santa Claus and his wife appeared on the scene, plucked the good things from the Christmas trees and distributed them among the audience. (Montana Centennial Melange, 1888).

At the state orphans' home, the children will render a characteristically pleasing program, featured by a Christmas cantata, "Around the World with Santa Claus", and several selections by the boys' band. The dancing population of Twin Bridges and vicinity represents the registration list of the community, according to rough guess, hence the dance scheduled for Monday night at Paige's hall will be a big ballroom event. The music will have the rhythmic tingle. The midnight supper will be served at Mrs. Amarine's restaurant and will be some spread. (Madison County Monitor, 1916.)

At Estlin's theater, Santa Claus—the genial, bewhiskered, gruff, but kindly old fellow, fresh from Bear Gulch, was a visitor at the first Twin Bridges Community Christmas tree. He distributed 160 stockings (red, green, and white) filled with Christmas goodies to all the children. The children performed a Christmas program while waiting for Santa and it was deemed very successful due to the children who so kindly gave their time and talents to the Yule time celebration. (Twin Bridges Independent and Madison County Monitor, 1916).

Christmas gift suggestions from historical Ruby Valley stores. The Whiteman Drug Co. recommended books, white ivory toilet sets, embossed stationery, rings, pins, chain necklaces, brooches, folding Kodaks and Brownies, rifles, drums, candies, and perfumes. (Twin Bridges Independent, 1916). Handkerchiefs, ties, shirts, hats, caps, sox, and shoes were put forth by Joe Marshall Clothier, who boasted the "prices right on every article". (Twin Bridges Independent, 1916). The Twin Bridges Drug Co. suggested Victrolas, Victrola records, silverware, jewelry, hairbrushes, manicure sets, toys, handbags, clocks, Eastman Kodaks, albums, fine bulk and box candy, stationery, shaving sets, cut glass, Persian ivory, flashlights, cigars, pipes, cigarette cases, smoking sets, and chinaware. "We have everything suitable for Xmas whether your purse be large or small". (Twin Bridges Independent, 1916). Victrolas (our special offer makes it possible for everyone to have music in their homes on Christmas day), bread and cake boxes, universal percolators, princess electric flat irons, baby electric flat irons, Clark's carriage heater, automatic screwdrivers and drills, hatchets, granite roasters, savory steel roasters, razor strops, pearl and stag-handle pocket knives, two-bladed knife with chain, ice skates, roller skates, wagons, framed pictures, (Twin Bridges Independent, 1918).

George Curtis played Santa Claus to the children of Twin Bridges and vicinity last Friday, distributing over 220 sacks of candy among the young hopefuls and by so doing has made a warm spot for himself in the hearts of all the young folks. Mr. Curtis also remembered his older customers during the holiday week with a Christmas cigar. (Twin Bridges Independent, December 1923)

Give a sensible, and at the same time, a useful gift, this year of all years. The sentiment of Christmas giving is best expressed in thoughtfulness, rather than by expence. Then too, the ever mounting cost of things that are of vital necessity, precludes the idea of lavish and over-costly articles that do not properly now have a fitting place in the affairs of everyday life. Liberty Bond subscriptions, Red Cross donations and the many avenues of expense are a patriotic drain on every purse; rightly so and yet we must ever hold in mind the fact that loved ones must be remembered. (Madison County Monitor, 1917).



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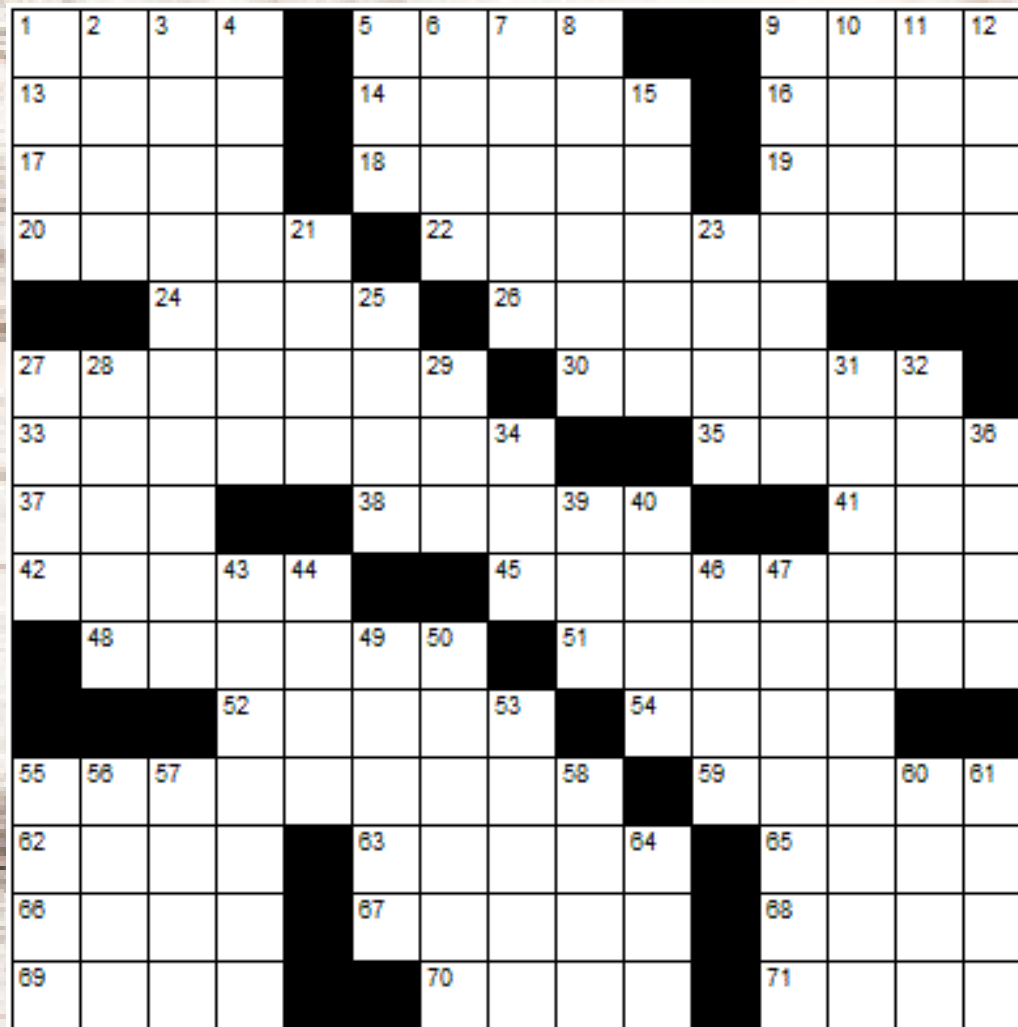
# LAST ISSUE ANSWERS

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## ACROSS

- Autumn
- Umpires
- Checks
- Wings
- Blow up
- Harvest
- Morn
- Hot chocolate
- Hawkeye State
- Course around a planet
- Encircles
- Absorb written material
- Gale
- Anagram of "Clients"
- Treeless plain
- Cantata
- Second person singular of shall
- Long-haired wild ox
- Duck down
- Regret
- Expert
- Blanched
- A task requiring a trip
- Stomach
- A drama set to music
- Stitched
- Barrel making
- Sleighs
- Annul
- Short person
- Largest continent
- Chums
- Old photo color
- Bites
- Being
- A musical pause
- Dart

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## DOWN

- |                          |                               |                        |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Portuguese folksong   | 21. Meal in a shell           | 44. Adhesive strip     |
| 2. Winglike              | 23. Mining finds              | 46. Poems              |
| 3. Criminal              | 25. Calamitous                | 47. Low level country  |
| 4. Not strict            | 27. Kind of bean              | 49. Geeks              |
| 5. Record (abbrev.)      | 28. Exchange                  | 50. Part of a dresser  |
| 6. God of love           | 29. 52 in Roman numerals      | 53. Slack-jawed        |
| 7. Rockweed              | 31. A disorder of memory      | 55. Square block       |
| 8. Athletics             | 32. Wash out with a solvent   | 56. Burden             |
| 9. Victory               | 34. Lyric poem                | 57. Probabilities      |
| 10. Period               | 36. Adolescent                | 58. Goddess of discord |
| 11. Prostitute           | 39. Estimated time of arrival | 60. Subsides           |
| 12. Resorts              | 40. Bones on your sides       | 61. Cummerbund         |
| 15. Fortuneteller's card | 43. Ask someone to marry you  | 64. Not thin           |

# DILLON LIVESTOCK AUCTION



SALES EVERY THURSDAY AT 1:00 PM  
UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER

- |                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| November 5, 2020  | Bred Cow & Regular Sale             |
| November 12, 2020 | Regular Sale                        |
| November 19, 2020 | Feeder & Regular Sale               |
| November 26, 2020 | No Cattle Sale - HAPPY THANKSGIVING |

### DECEMBER

- |                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| December 3, 2020  | Feeder & Regular Sale           |
| December 10, 2020 | Regular Sale                    |
| December 17, 2020 | Feeder & Regular Sale           |
| December 24 & 31  | No Cattle Sale - HAPPY HOLIDAYS |

### JANUARY

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| January 7, 2021  | Feeder & Regular Sale |
| January 14, 2021 | Regular Sale          |
| January 21, 2021 | Feeder & Regular Sale |
| January 28, 2021 | Regular Sale          |

PLEASE CALL TO CONSIGN TO ANY OF THESE SALES OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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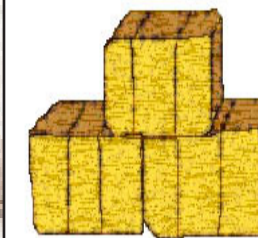
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