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The Ruby Valley Food Pantry in Sheridan is there to alleviate these problems. It is a tax exempt charitable organization.

Hunger is directly related to the larger problem of economic insecurity in our state. Low wages, job loss, child care, medical care and insufficient fixed incomes can leave many families unable to keep food on the table while trying to pay the bills. We are lucky to be in a community that understands that hunger hides. It is lurking around doorsteps in every neighborhood. Hunger is not something that you can see or shows a trail of damage like a hail storm. Lack of knowledge about programs, confusion over eligibility, limited program availability in certain areas, as well as the stigma of participating in public programs can cause lack of participation in excellent programs such as the Ruby Valley Food pantry.

The Ruby Valley Food Pantry is there to help those that are in need of food and supplies. They are open to anyone in need regardless of income status. Compassion, respect, dignity and quality are their first priority empowering our community by providing a "hand up".

Contact a board member today and get involved by donating, advocating, educating or volunteering.

Food is distributed on Saturday morning from 10 to 12 at the Valley Assembly Church located at 114 N. Main Street in Sheridan.

Board Members are:

Donna Stump: 842-7871 - Jim Wallace: 842-5573 - Doug Smith: 842-5587 -
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RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT- January 10th 2020 - 12 PM – 3 PM Virginia City Ice East Idaho Street, Virginia City, Montana 59755 Hosted by Virginia City Ice

JUNGLE MICROBES AND RANCHING IN MONTANA - January 15th - 5:30 - Philanthropy Building - Moiraine Room. Hosted by EcoPlanet One Health RSVP with bblatt@ecoplanethealth.com.

2020 CHAUTAUQUA - On Saturday, January 18th, 2020, the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center will host our first Chautauqua of 2020! The EHAHC hosts a winter series of Chautauquas in January, February, March and April. The monthly event begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm and performances start at 7:30pm.

The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers and specialists of the day. First popularized in the 19th and 20th centuries, the Chautauqua is hailed as a sharing of entertainment and intellectual knowledge - Teddy Roosevelt claimed it was "the most American thing in America". Today the tradition continues with a variety of writers, musicians and special topic speakers taking center stage at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center.

The Chautauqua is open to all seeking entertainment, intellectual or spiritual growth and local culture. Each participant performs 1-2 songs or a 5-minute reading. Nightly performances highlight 10 reserved spots with two swing spots available for impromptu appearances. 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.

FUNDRAISING DINNER - January 25th - 5-7 pm - Sheridan Senior Center.

CARE GIVER/ DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm at the Tobacco Root 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.

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

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 the controller at 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. -

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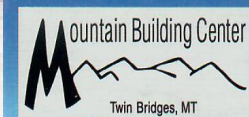
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5 	Noon Duty: Mrs. Belice, Ms. Ward 9:30am Hearing Screenings MS BBB practice starts	6pm Booster Club mtg		12:15pm FFA mtg 5pm MS BBB parent mtg (MT rm) 7pm Am Legion mtg (MT rm)	2:30pm BB w/ Whitehall (H) BGBG	MS BBB tourney in TB Speech & Drama meet in Manhattan 2:30pm BB w/ Lone Peak (H) BGBG
12	Noon Duty: Mrs. Vial, Mr. Hellwinkel	7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT rm)	3:45pm staff mtg	4pm MS BBB w/ Lima (T)	End 2nd qtr/1st sem All-Star Honor Choir (Missoula) 5:30pm BB w/ Harrison (T), BG	18 FFA KMON Speech & Drama meet in Livingston MS BBB at Harrison trny 5:30pm BB w/ Granite (T), BG
19 	No School - PIR day 4pm MS BBB w/ Whitehall (H) 7pm Trailblazers 4-H mtg (Ichrn)	Noon Duty: Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Elser 4pm MS BBB w/ Harrison (T)		2:30 BB w/ Ennis (T), GBGB 4pm MS BBB w/ Ennis (T)	23 Speech & Drama 2:30pm BB w/ Lone Peak (T), GBGB	25 Divisionals (Columbus) MS BBB at Man. Christian tourney 5:30pm BB w/Lima (T), GB
26	Noon Duty: Dr. Males, Mr. Reynolds	4pm MS BBB w/ Sheridan (H)	28	29 MS BBB at Three Forks tourney	30 State Speech & Drama (Bigfork) 5:30pm BB w/ Drummond (H), GB	31

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Sheridan School Events January 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 WE HAVE SCHOOL HSBB vs Ennis	4 HSBB @ TB
6 FFA Meeting 7pm	7 Robotics meeting Girl Scouts JVBB @ Jefferson	8	9 Quarter 2 End FFA Alumni Mtg 6 pm	10 PIR Day for Staff Robotics meeting HSBB @ Drummond	11 MSBB @ TB HSBB vs Gardiner
13	14 Board Meeting JVBB @ Ennis MSBB vs Ennis	15 Winter Sports Pictures	16 K-6 Qtr 2 Celebration	17 Robotics meeting MSBB vs Lima HSBB vs Lima	18 FFA KMON Robotics comp. MSBB@ Harr/WC
20 4-H Meeting	21 Robotics meeting MSBB vs Caldwell	22	23 HSBB @ Harr/WC	24	25 FFA Fergus Mech
27	28 Robotics meeting MSBB @ TB HSBB vs Granite	29	30 MSBB vs Harr/WC	31 MSBB @ Ennis HSBB @ Ennis	



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Twin Bridges Senior & Community Center
Senior Lunch
Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12 Noon
Main dish, salad, dessert & homemade bread.
Play cards on Wednesday
Meals on Wheels

By Donation Only

LAST ISSUE ANSWERS

T	O	T	E	D		F	E	E	D		B	L	A	B
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ACROSS

- Noodles
- Throat-clearing sound
- Kaolin
- Sea
- Prospector's find
- Fit
- Refine metal
- Nonclerical
- Dogfish
- From now on
- Teller of untruths
- Not used
- Collection of maps
- Flora
- Small boat
- African virus
- Starting
- Urarthritis
- Data stream manipulator
- Thug
- Sings (to attract)
- Reddish brown
- Angered
- Girdle
- Substantial
- Court
- Lady's escort
- The same backward as forward
- Decorative case
- Swill
- Hermit
- Roman emperor
- Brute
- Canker sore
- Biblical garden
- Found on most beaches
- Encounters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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DOWN

- Ritzy
- Crest
- Observed
- After-bath powder
- Aerial
- Bestow
- Rime
- Modify
- Repairman
- Rival
- Female demon
- Pseudonym
- 365 days
- 2,000 pounds
- Pleads
- Double-reed woodwind
- See the sights
- Change
- Handed over
- Anagram of "Sage"

DOWN

- Charged particles
- Not a single one
- Annoying insect
- Temperate bog orchids
- Louse-to-be
- Goon
- Bamboozle
- Doled out
- Habituate
- Rubbed
- Heredity unit
- Diatom
- Forsaken
- Part in a play
- A single time
- Encounter
- Makes a mistake

MADISON COUNTY MONITOR - JANUARY 12, 1906 - PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS

LOCAL VINTAGE POSTCARDS NOW AVAILABLE AT BEACON BUSINESS CENTER

In discussing the problem of how to prevent the local trade from going to the retail mail order houses the country merchant must never lose sight of the fact that he who has money to spend has the inalienable right to spend it where and whatever manner he may elect, with out being subject to criticism from any source. We all know that in the early days of Montana, perhaps, before the coming in many sections of the railway, necessarily, prices must be higher owing to excessive cost of transportation. Now, in a great measure, this condition is changed and goods can be brought in at a comparatively small cost. Consequently the store can sell at much lower prices then formerly. It, therefore, is up to the merchant after marking his goods at a fair margin of profit to show this class of customers that his prices are no higher that the Eastern prices are, plus freight or express charges. There is no doubt but that these people would prefer to spend their money at home and the merchant has only himself to blame for the loss of their trade, but loud talk alone will not do it. Money makes the mare go, and right prices is the money and trade is the mare, in this case. Another class of "importers" is the customer, who is so thoroughly wedded to the "sending away" system that he or she, doesn't take the time or the trouble to look into the offerings at home for whatever may be wanted. He takes it for granted that it is not to be had or that it is better, or cheaper in price if bought out of the catalogue. .

The question: Why should people trade at home? The one and certainly the principal reason is that you can be served as well, if not better at home, than by any distant mail order house. When you go home and open your package of purchases from us or any reliable merchant, examine them again and if there is anything among them that doesn't suit you, bring it back the next time you come in: you'll get your money back cheerfully every time and at once without any questions. Isn't that worth considering? Sometimes, you know, you are in a hurry to get home and can't take your time to decide, so just remember this: if it doesn't suit you bring it back and get your money. If we can sell you something else afterward, we'll be glad to, but you get your money first. When you get anything from a mail order house it is quite different. Those who have had the experience know this too well. In fact there is so much trouble in connection with sending back goods that in most cases goods are kept, rather that to "bother with it." And the mail order house is well aware of this fact. They know what it means to the ordinary man or woman to return good by express, or in any other way. Then again, occasionally goods are lost or damaged in transit, which means no end of corresponding, besides being out of your goods and money. To get a claim from an express or railroad company is a matter from three months to two years time. That is if you ever get it at all, and never without a considerable lot of red tape. In fact, in case of a small claim, the game is not worth the candle.

Do retail mail order houses sell goods cheap? The retail mail order houses take an occasional well know item, cut i's price to the bone and advertise this "leader" extensively from Maine to California. The bulk of their wares are not sold cheaply. They have to pay hight rents, high clerk hire, and expense of infinite details which pile their ration of expense up beyond that of any well conducted retail store. In addition, for them, advertising add at least a straight 10 per cent to expenses. All this has to be added to the price of their wares, besides making profit on them. Again, when you send to a mail order house, your money accompanies your order; you are practically paying for the goods from 10 to 30 days in advance and sometimes longer. We would gladly send for any article that we might be out of and you should want, and we would not ask you to pay your money before you get the good and the goods suited to you. If the home merchant sells his goods at a reasonable prices, the very fact that he pays taxes and rent in your home town entities him to the preference, against and outsider,. Then again, a ranching or farming community with out a home merchant who can handle your produce. What a condition! Many a thrifty rancher's wife buys a goodly share of her groceries, wearing apparel, household goods, etc., with the produce she takes to the country store which would otherwise be wasted or perhaps would not be raised at all. Have you ever heard of a mail order house that offered to rustle a market for your produce? A farming community should be the last one to patronize mail order houses and the first to encourage the home merchant. In most farming communities, there is more produce raised than the local market can consume, consequently and outside market must be found.

Now will it pay you to travel 50 or 100 miles every time you have a few dollars worth of stuff to sell? No indeed. But if you knew that your local "Country store Merchant" would gladly take your lost of butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables or any thing else for that matter and allowed your market price for it, would you not in the end profit more by patronizing your home merchant than by sending away your good money and waiting 30 days for your goods to come? Begin the new year by patronizing the home merchant, who patronizes you. Don't feel that he is your enemy; he is your friend. With a little home pride and a little confidence in one another, we can all help boom the town; and every one will derive some benefit there from.

Submitted by: John F. Fox of Fox Cash Stores and Frank Nasbit, of the Rochester Mercantile Co in 1906.