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The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center invites you to attend this year's winter Chautaugua on the third Saturday of January (21st), February (18th), March (18th) and April (15th). The monthly event begins at 6:30pm with a meet and greet. Performances will start at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm. Come, enjoy a fun evening of entertainment, intellectual or spiritual growth, and local culture. We are located at 404 East Idaho Street, Virginia City, Montana.

Participants can present one or two songs, or a 5-minute reading. Those wishing to be on stage should contact

> Toni James at (406) 843-5454 or email ranksmerc@yahoo.com

to reserve their place in the spotlight.













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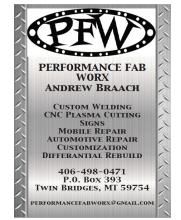
MONDAY	10AM - 2PM
WEDNESDAY	9AM - 2PM
FRIDAY	10AM - 2PM
SATURDAY	10AM - 2PM

ALL items are FREE to the community! Mens, womens, and childrens clothing, toys, household items, sheets, towels, etc. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off during open hours or by appointment by calling P @ (406) 600-2983









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Topping choices:

Canadian Bacon, Pepperoni, Sausage, Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Olives, Onions and Pineapple

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THE BEAR THAT BEACAME THE MAYOR OF SILVER STAR



Caretaker with Mayor

Around 1880 Frank Cox moved to Silver Star where he became a butcher at the local meat market. He traveled from Lynton, North Devon District of Devon, England where he was educated in some of the best schools. It was said he had a cockney accent, flaming red hair and sported a huge handlebar mustache that covered the lower half of his face. He was the nephew of Joesph and Elizabeth Clemo Barkell who at one time were owners of Barkell Hot Springs in Silver Star.

In the late 1800's early 1900's Silver star was a mining town with a hotel, saloon, general store/post office, drug store, blacksmith shop, butcher shop, a hot springs and dance hall that was located below the Masonic Hall.

Silver Star had become a popular spot to visit because in 1878 the future King of England, Edward the VII, traveled through the area and stayed in the Silver Star Hotel.

Frank longed for companionship, and was a very lonely man that was very shy around women. He also had a habit of bathing once a month, which might have been his other problem. He was also nicknamed "Sky Ball" for unknown reasons.

In the early 1920's a little cub had lost it's mother and was found wondering around the foothills of Silver Star. It was hungry and easy to catch and brought into town. Frank saw the little cinnamon colored 5lb bear and adopted it. Frank enjoyed the company of the fast growing pet even though the cub played and gnawed on anything and everything he owned. They became fast friends and were seen as constant companions all around Silver Star and Frank even would take the cub to work at the butcher shop. It was said people traveling through Silver Star in the early 1900's would do a double take when they would see them walking together around town. The yet unnamed bear was constantly in trouble with the neighbors and kept Frank busy cleaning up his mishaps. Eventually the bear was no longer welcome at the Meat Market and would have to stay chained up at Franks one room cabin until the work day was over.

After a long day apart, Frank would treat himself and the bear at the local watering hole. The cub developed a taste for beer and could keep with Frank as well as anyone else, beer for beer, many times besting the whole bar. One night a group of local patrons decided to hold an election for the position of Mayor of Silver Star as well as council members. Ballots were counted and the bear was unanimously voted in as Mayor of Silver Star. The bear and his council members were congratulated in celebration with rounds of drinks for the rest of that night. From then on the bear was known as "Mayor".

Mayor would grow as big as Frank, but was still a cub at heart. Frank enjoyed many a night with his drinking buddy. Many times this bear would make sure his best friend would not pass out on the floor. When Frank would drink past his limit, Mayor would gently put his big arms around Frank and guide him outdoors and both would crawl under the saloon porch and together would sleep off the effects of the night before.

Life for Mayor and Frank continued on for a couple of years, until late 1920's. State Officials, acting on a tip, came looking for "Frank Cox and that wild bear he let run loose around town". Sadly Mayor was separated from Frank and sent to the Butte Columbia Gardens where he was showcased in the Zoo section.

With a broken heart, Frank would visit his best friend every chance he could smuggling beer in to share with the bear. Mayor would rush up to the front of the cage and would try to reach through his cage bars to show love and affection to Frank. When it was time to go the two would sob like babies until they were out of sight.

Frank died June of 1934 and was laid to rest at the Silver Star Cemetery. Mayor stayed at the Zoo until it was closed and it is rumored that he was ultimately stuffed and now resides in a State Museum.



Mayor at Columbia Gardens

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

TWIN SPIRITS YOGA: Happy New Year from Twin Spirits Yoga. New year, same you, but growing! Yoga schedule for the first week of 2023 - Monday 6:00 P.M. - Tuesday 8:30 A.M. - Thursday 8:30 All levels welcome, bring a friend! Offering pranassage and private classes

MAVERICK MOUNTAIN SKI SCHOOL: If you would like to schedule lessons give me a call or text to get on the schedule. We are open everyday from December 17-January 1. Then Thursday-Sunday from January5- March 26 Anna Rhodes 406-925-1772

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.

ZUMBA! 6:30 pm every Monday and Wednesdays above the Twin Bridges Fire Hall in Twin Bridges.

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. For more information call 406-842-7981. | TWIN BRIDGES - Thank you to all who braved the weather to visit us during the Christmas Stroll! Tracey Pearce was the winner of the gift basket that was generously donated by Great Harvest in Butte. The library is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from Bicentennial Incorporated in Dillon, to be used to purchase large print books. This will really help us expand our selection! Thank you! "Find the Elf" happened in December, and our winners were Alex Kinoshita and Haddon Witham! Thank you to the Bookstore in Dillon for providing gift certificates for our winners! Winter weather getting you down? Stop in and check out our collection of craft items, DVDs, puzzles, and games! Ask about our new Lego club that is starting January 19th, and will be every third Thursday of the month. | VIRGINIA CITY - Thompson Hickman - 10:30 a.m. Library Story and craft time.

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

MOUNTAINVIEW CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Every Wednesday @ 7 PM. 515 N. Main St., Twin Bridges. 406-684-5217

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Food is distributed on Saturday mornings from 10-12 @ 206 S. Main in Sheridan, MT -between gas station and post office.

3 RIVERS WORSHIP CENTER: Worship is what we are all about and we would love to have you join us. Come as you are and be blessed. Every Sunday @ 10:30 am @ 3648 MT-287. Family friendly.

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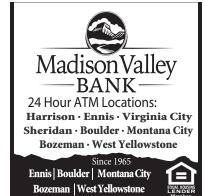
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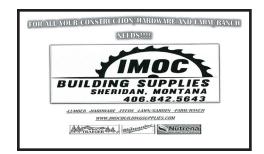




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- 18. Den
- 19. Story
- 20. An abatement in intensity
- 22. Journey
- 23. Sacred song
- 24. Apartments (British)
- 25. Tinted
- 29. Surrounds a fingernail
- 31. Creative persons
- 33. Coffer
- 37. Debacle
- 38. Comport
- 39. Shreds
- 41. A medieval steel helmet
- 42. Private
- 44. Writing implements
- 45. Expensive fur
- 48. Silly mistake
- 50. Small mountain
- 51. Scintillating
- 56. Notion
- 57. Liturgy
- 58. Like the flu
- 59. A musical pause
- 60. So be it
- 61. Run away to wed
- 62. Anagram of "Sees"
- 63. Large mass of ice
- 64. Anxious

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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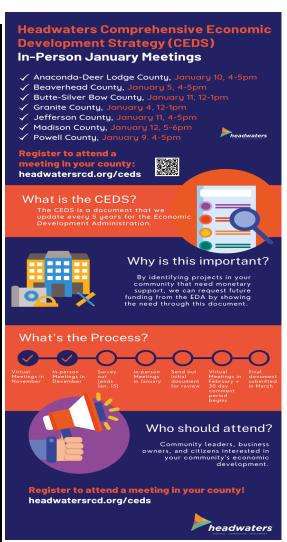
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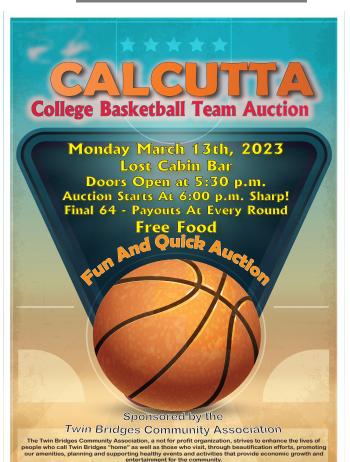
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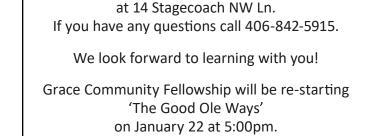












Grace Community Fellowship will be hosting a class on long term food storage,

Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 pm.

The church is located in Laurin MT

Our beginning class will be wilderness first aid survival. The church is located in Laurin, MT at 14 Stagecoach NW Ln.

Any questions call 406-842-5915.

We look forward to learning with you!

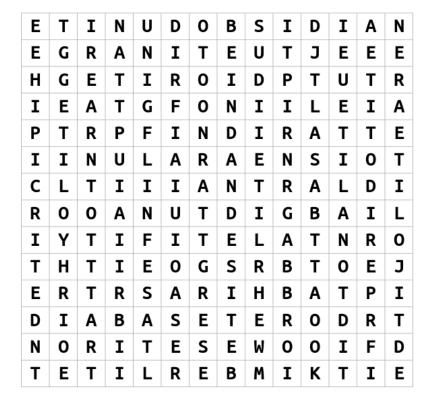


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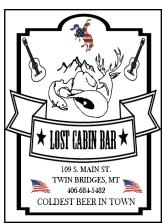


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TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 2023



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New Year's Day	Staff lunch mtg Newsletter items due	MS GBB practice starts Noon Sophomore class mtg 6pm Booster Club mtg	Noon BPA mtg 3:45pm Falcon team mtg	Noon FFA mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/Boulder (H), GBGB	Noon Junior class mtg 3pm HS BB w/ Whitehall (T), GBGB	S/D/D/ meet in Townsend
8	9 Noon Exec. Student Co. mtg	Noon Student Co. mtg 7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT rm)	Noon 8th gr class mtg	Noon Close-Up mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Lone Peak (H), GB 4pm MS GBB w/ Sheridan (T) 7pm Am. Legion mtg (MT rm)	End 2nd qtr/1st sem	MS GBB w/ Harrison/WC (T) 2:30pm HS BB w/ Gardiner (T), GBGB
15	Martin Luther King Day - No School 7pm Träilblazers 4-H mtg, Inchrm	17 Staff lunch mtg	Noon Safety cmttee mtg	Noon Freshman class mtg 2:30pm HS BB w/ Ennis (T), BGBG 6pm S/D/D Community Night (MT rm)	FFA LDE District Events (Three Forks) 2:30pm HS BB W/ WSS (T), BGBG 4pm MS GBB W/ Lima (H)	Divisional S/D/D, Columbus MS GBB w/ Sheridan (T)
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Sheridan School Calendar

February 2023

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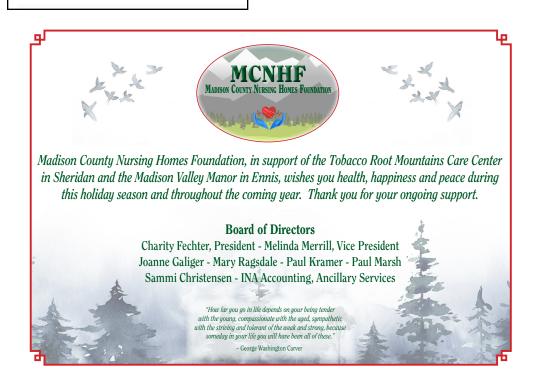
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