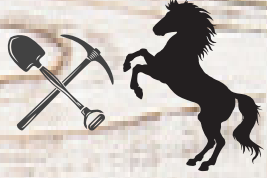




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OUT AND ABOUT

THE DISCOVERY HALL - www.twinbridgespubliclibrary.org

The Twin Bridges Public Library in partnership with the Benefactors of the Library is working to raise funds for the renovation and expansion of the library to create the Discovery Hall. Having proudly served the greater Ruby Valley residents since 1918, they are seeking to celebrate over 100 years of service to the community by remodeling and updating our historic library.

This future renovation will equip the library with both a public or private room off the West end of the library.

This addition will feature:

Large Conference Table - Large Whiteboard for Meetings

Fireplace with cozy reading chairs, couches, and nooks

Private Research Room - Art & Science Learning Space

Archive Room - Seidensticker Wild Animal Exhibit

The remodel and update of the library would allow more space for educational and art classes, presentations, a community meeting room, and quiet access for computer use. Professional archival shelving has been donated to increase the library's capabilities for adequately storing historical materials currently in our possession. These include; bound copies of the Madisonian newspapers from 1897, Lewis and Clark expedition journals, yearbooks from the Twin Bridges School, to list a few. The Twin Bridges Library would also be able to showcase a unique animal collection donated by the local Seidensticker family.

The Twin Bridges Library strives to provide a variety of free services such as reading and educational programs, internet access, archival materials, early education computers, to name a few, for its patrons and the community at large. Currently all of the services provided are held in one area with no ability to separate them, either for quiet or privacy purposes.

Not only does this create a space for community meetings, hobby groups, classes, or workshops, it creates intimate spaces for people to cozy up with a book, meet with a friend, or do homework and research. It's one of those vital 'third spaces' a community needs that does not include their home or place of work. In a small town like Twin, these special spaces hold incredible value to our community members.

If you would like to donate you can contact the Twin Bridges Library by phone at 406-684-5416, by email at twin@3rivers.net or visit their webpage at www.twinbridgespubliclibrary.org.

For more information take a look at this weeks' double sided insert with the map on the back, titled "Invest in Discovery".

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

COTTONTAIL OBSERVATORY: 2-night star party on October 16th & 17th (weather permitting) with the planet Mars as the main attraction. With Mars coming close to the Earth we should be able to see the Snow caps on Mars. Other objects in the Night Sky will be Jupiter with moons, Saturn with its rings, The 7 Sisters, and many other celestial objects. Event Time from 7:30pm to MidNight. The stars come out about 7:45pm. Mars will rise at 6:39pm on the 16th and 6:34pm on the 17th
We will have a new Moon for this event. 280 Wet Georgia Rd, Twin Bridges. (406) 842-7722

RUBY VALLEY BREW'S 3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST: Sat., October 17th from 12 PM – 8 PM.

ROCKY'S ROADHOASE HALLOWEEN PARTY: October 31st. Stop by before you head out for trick or treating and enjoy some food, make sure to bring the kids because we'll have games for them to play! There will also be a costume contest, come dressed in family appropriate costumes and tell us you want to enter in the contest. We'll take a picture of you with your name and have our followers vote for the best dressed! Winners will be announced the following week.

TWIN BRIDGES FARMERS MARKET ALL YEAR!: Octber through April at the Fairground on Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May through September every Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Main St. City Park. Call Coree Martin at 596-1978.

MONTANA FOOD NETWORK MAIL A MEAL: Grace Community Fellowship of Laurin will be distributing non-perishable food once a month. If you or someone you know will need a food box, please email gcflaurin@gmail.com or call 406-842-5915 to register for a monthly food box. Pre-Registration *is required* to ensure enough boxes are ordered.

MADISON VALLEY FAITH LEADERS VIRTUAL TRAINING: Our Oct. 1st event has been moved to Nov. 16-18th and will now be a VIRTUAL event only. Madison Valley Faith Leaders, Community Support Center, in partnership with Safe Havens, have chosen to move the free training to a virtual event. We hope that you will join us to share your knowledge and experience to create safe communities for all and to help us meet the spiritual needs of survivors in your area.

SHERIDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS:

POETRY & SHORT STORY GROUP - Every Wednesday from 11 am to 12 pm. **MOVIE NIGHT** - 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM.

NEWSPAPER HISTORY GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 9 AM. **KNITTING GROUP** - Thursdays at 2 PM. For more information call 406-842-7981.

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

ROCKY'S ROADHOUSE LIVE MUSIC: Fri., 10/9 - Kailey Marie (8 PM); Fri., 10/16 - The Restless Pines (8 PM); Fri., 10/23 - Steve Ingram and Friends; Fri., 10/30m - John Montoya 8 PM); Fri. & Sat., 11/6 & 11/7 - 3 Miles to Clyde (8 PM)

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

TWIN BRIDGES LIBRARY: We are trying something new this fall at the library! Storytime will now be a Zoom meeting! It will start Wednesday, October 14th, at 11 A.M. Craft packets will be pre-packaged and available at the library prior to storytime. Spaces are limited for the first attempt. If interested, call Kerstin at (406) 207-0440.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS: Bring your crafts in the week of October 26 through the 30th for The Christmas Gift Shop in Sheridan! It will be \$30 up front and the shop will officially open November 2nd! If you have any questions call Lynda Johnston at 842-7883 or text at 310-9195.

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VIRGINIA CITY ELKS LODGE #390: Happy Hour on Friday's from 5-10 p.m. Public is welcome!

RUBY VALLEY BREW'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST: Sat., October 31st from 6 PM – 8 PM.

THE RUBY VALLEY INN/B&B will remain closed indefinitely to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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THE HISTORY OF TRAVEL IN THE RUBY VALLEY

(SERIES 1 OF 4)

Between the beginning of the gold rush of 1862 and the end of the civil war in 1865, travel to Montana increased exponentially. Miners, settlers, and post-war soldiers descended on the Ruby Valley in droves. Our transportation history is intriguing, perilous, embattling, and romantic. In the early 1860s, it was a difficult trek in the summer and a treacherous journey in the winter. Most people traveled here on foot or horseback. Inclement weather, bandits, and hostile native tribes made for a nearly impossible journey. Montana was truly a long way from nowhere. Mining and emigrant travel disrupted Indian hunting and survival practices, and local bands sometimes raided the wagon trains for their goods. The US army halted these raids when generals led their troops in a battle against the Shoshoni at Bear River in Idaho. The Shoshoni and Sioux tribes were especially unfriendly whose arrivals at various times represented a breach of treaty with the United States.

Over time, military protection was offered along the roads. The Montana Territory was created in May of 1864 and The Montana Wagon Trail aka "The Salt Lake Road" was established for emigrants and freighting. Salt Lake City was the only major city between Denver and the Pacific Coast and was a valuable supply and trading center for Montanans. Overland roads followed traditional pathways that native people had been using for thousands of years. The Montana trail was a much shorter version of the Oregon-California trail. It was one of the only trails to travel north to south, passing through eastern Idaho and the Continental Divide at Monida Pass. The Montana Trail continued north and east through the Ruby Valley and ended at Fort Benton. Travel peaked during the mid-summer months when low water levels grounded steamships on the Missouri River. Bandits, bad weather and accidents did not stop the flow of goods during the 8 months of the year the trail was opened. Although bandits infested the road and scared the travelers, only blizzards stopped the flow of goods when snow covered Monida Pass.



As the population grew in Ruby Valley, so did the demand for food and staples. Farmers of the Salt Lake Valley developed a surplus of produce to ship north. Flour was the most important staple and the prices for it would fluctuate widely. Due to transportation and delivery costs, food was very expensive. Bad weather and other transportation problems sometimes caused food shortages, and early snows cut off food supplies. Freight companies used pack animals to move supplies. Typical pack trains would have 8-12 mules or oxen pulling 3 wagons weighing around 12,000 pounds. In April and May, the weather was typically milder, and long pack trains would begin their journeys north. Mule skinnners typically rode the left-wheel mule and controlled the lead mule while bullwhackers walked alongside the slower animals, cracking their whips and yelling "Gee!" and "Haw!" The mule skinnners and bullwhackers were respected for their skill at driving the pack trains and were known to be rough around the edges.

The first Territorial Legislature chartered 23 toll road, bridge, and ferry companies to make money on the freighters. At its peak in 1868, 33 toll companies were operating in Montana. Freight prices were driven up by the tolls, but did not fund trail maintenance. Some of the most dangerous parts of the trail were manned by toll-owners so travelers were forced to traverse that way. Higher costs for food and other goods were also affected by the freight companies themselves. The Diamond R Freighting Company based in Virginia City was one of the most prominent companies in the 1870s. Only four trips a year were usually planned by the wagon masters, and the lack of steady service drove up prices. On occasion, the return freight trains would bring rich ores, wools, hides, or furs from the Ruby Valley, which reduced the costs of goods slightly. Fast-freight and express lines were established, but these services were offered at much higher rates.

The Salt Lake Road generated a fierce competition between entrepreneurs. Benjamin Holladay became a stagecoach magnate. He lowered freight rates utilizing a government subsidy to carry mail. Then he raised the prices to new heights. Transporting mail provided most of the company's profit, which made wagon leaders care more about the mail than their passengers. Trains started threatening the future of freighters, and Benjamin realized they would drive out his business, so he sold his company to Wells, Fargo & Company. They provided a flow of goods, carried passengers, and continued delivering the mail until the Union Central and Pacific Railroad Lines took over. Ox teams and pack trains had to compete for customers because of the difference in time and cost at the advent of railway use. Wagon freighters had to work harder to negotiate new fares. Farmers flocked to the construction sites with teams to help build the rails. Businesses had trouble finding wagon teams to take goods north because prices dropped as low as \$.04 per 100 pounds by June 1878. Because of the rapid increase in the use of trains, wagon teams declined slowly.

In the summer and the fall of 1878, settlers and freighters were fearful of the continuation of the Bannock War and ongoing troubles with the Nez Perce Indians. The worst incident involved freighters and Bannock Indians along the Lost River in Idaho. Natives killed the leader of the freight train as well as five oxen and three horses. In other attacks, Natives burnt haystacks and let stock loose. By 1879, most people were traveling to Montana by train, via the Union Pacific. Although travel was much faster with the railways, it was more expensive. And, those who could not afford a first- or second-class ticket were told to take the train to Omaha or Lowell Nebraska and continue their journey via teamster or ox and wagon. Oftentimes, the wagons were already at capacity and the travelers would be delayed there for days. There was not an abrupt switch between the wagon train and railway travelling. Over time, the use of the trail declined as the railways shortened the journey and made passage to our area easier and less dangerous. Montana became an official state in 1889 and the days of teeming Salt Lake Road faded into memories. However, the trail continues to live on through stories and history of that legendary era.

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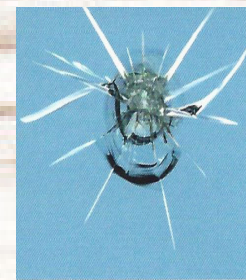


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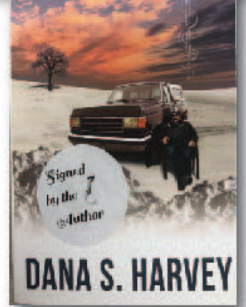
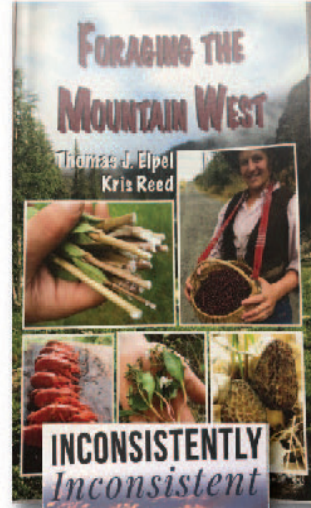
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ACROSS

1. Different
6. F F F F
10. Felines
14. Give a speech
15. Prune
16. Monster
17. Heathen
18. Shoestring
19. Bearing
20. Organized
22. ___ du jour = Meal of the day
23. Damp
24. Sound from a nest
26. A dwarfed ornamental tree
30. Unit of gold purity
32. Agitated
33. Coordinated
37. Agitate
38. A simple seat
39. Rip
40. Copulating
42. Deadly snake
43. Genus of heath
44. Push forcefully
45. Dull stupid fatuous people
47. Enemy
48. Colorful (Scottish)
49. A 20th century art movement
56. Former Italian currency
57. Chocolate cookie
58. Forbidden
59. Not under
60. Break in friendly relations
61. Iniquities
62. Formally surrender
63. Cumberbund
64. Adjust again

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1. Klutz's cry
2. Found in a cafeteria
3. Crones
4. French for "State"
5. Restoration
6. Panache
7. A social club for male undergraduates
8. Central points
9. Phantom
10. Challenger
11. Lively
12. Delicacy
13. Dispatched
21. Japanese apricot
25. Pallid
26. Taverns
27. Double-reed wood-wind
28. French for "Black"
29. Tableware
30. Swedish money
31. Astir
33. Ear-related
34. Domesticated ox
35. Hearing organs
36. "Darn!"
38. Shears
41. Bother
42. Deceiver
44. Foot digit
45. Go by car
46. Rowed
47. Foam
48. Coalition
50. Murres
51. Umpires
52. Wash
53. Nile bird
54. Only
55. The bulk

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 College Application week for Seniors • JV Football @ Joliet	29 • Middle School Volle	30	1 • Volleyball @ Harris	2 • Middle School Foot • Middle School Volle • Volleyball @ Lima (A) • Football vs Ennis	3 Middle School Volley • Volleyball @ West Y
4	5 • JV Football @ Ennis	6 ACT test - Seniors • Middle School Foot	7	8	9 HAVE SCHOOL • Middle School Volle • Volleyball @ Gardin • Football @ Flint Cre	10 • Middle School Volle • Volleyball vs. Shield
11	12 • JV Football vs. Flint	13 Board Meeting • Volleyball vs. Twin E	14	15 NO SCHOOL PIR teacher MECL - MEA	16 • Middle School Foot • Football @ Park City	17
18	19 • JV Football vs. Ennis	20 ACT makeup	21	22 End Quarter 1 • Volleyball @ Ennis	23 • Middle School Foot • Football vs Joliet	24 • Volleyball vs. White
25	26 • Girls MS Basketball	27 Senior Citizen Harves	28	29 Volleyball District Tournament @ Manhattan Christian	30	31
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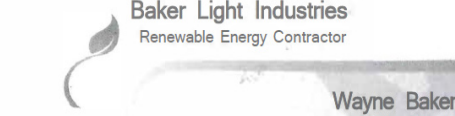
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29 4pm - MS VB w/	30 Schoolhouse IT here 10:15am - Army 1:30pm - Vitalant	1 4pm - MS VB w/	2 Cross Country at Homecoming 4pm - MS FB w/ Park 4pm - VB w/ Ennis 7pm - FB w/ Park	3 1pm - VB w/ Three
 TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOLS Where Students Come First		4 4pm - MS VB w/ Man	5 8:30am - ACT 2:30pm - MS VB w/ 4pm - VB w/ WSS (H) 6pm - Booster Club	6 7	7 4pm - VB w/ Shields	8 Cross Country at 10am - MS FB w/ 1pm - FB w/ West 1:30pm - VB w/ Lone
11	12 Lifetouch Picture 4pm - VB w/ 7pm - REG. BOARD	13	14	15 Teacher Conventions - No School	16 4pm - MS FB w/ 7pm - FB w/ Lone	17
18 4pm - MS VB w/	19 4pm - VB w/	20	21	22 2pm - VB w/ 4pm - MS FB w/ 7pm - FB w/ Ennis	23 State Cross 6pm - VB w/ Lima	24
25	26	27 End 1st Qtr	28 District VB Tourney @ Manhattan Christian	29	30 FB 1st round play-	31



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