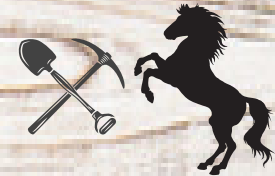


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## Announcing the Formation of The Madison County Fairgrounds Improvement Foundation, Inc. in Support of the Madison County Fair and Fairgrounds 'Preserving Our Western Heritage'

Our Mission: "The Madison County Fairgrounds Improvement Foundation Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to preserve, promote and support the Madison County Fairgrounds through grants, donations fundraising and planned giving. Our aim is to continue the legacy of agriculture, recreation, education and community gatherings by providing funding for the Madison County Fair Grounds."

In December of 2020, the Madison County Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the formation of The Madison County Fairgrounds Improvement Foundation, Inc. The Madison County Fairgrounds Improvement Foundation was formed as the philanthropic entity to properly receive tax-exempt donations to support the Madison County Fair's projects, equipment needs, programs, and services.

The organization will be comprised of an independent, volunteer Board of Directors and a volunteer Advisory Board who represent Madison County in its entirety. Nancy "Nondi" Harrington, Independent Fundraising Consultant, has been asked to coordinate this effort. The Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the State of Montana and work is currently underway to adopt the Bylaws, file, and obtain all licensing for non-profit status.

The first Board meeting for the Madison County Fairgrounds Improvement Foundation, Inc. was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the County Administration Building conference room. Officers were elected and a draft of the Bylaws was presented. Until further notice, these public meetings are scheduled the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administrative Building in Virginia City; with potential to hold the meetings at the fairgrounds in the summer. Harrington added "this will be an incredible project and an amazing organization! I am honored to work with so many wonderful community members who will create a legacy for future generations."

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## OUT & ABOUT WITH JOETTA "COMMUNITIES THAT CARE" THE RUBY VALLEY IS A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Spring is here, time to get out there and enjoy the sunshine, flowers and enjoy all of the community events. Spring is also a great time to talk about how we can help each other. The Ruby Valley is a wonderful place for community outreach programs.

The Ruby Valley Nugget is launching a new section called "Communities That Care: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Connecting People to Needs." In this section we will publish personal needs and offers of assistance. All information will be kept confidential, and the participating parties will choose to offer a phone number, email or social media account for contact. Names will not be published. This service is offered at no charge for participants. To participate, please email your request or service to [rubbyvalleynugget@gmail.com](mailto:rubbyvalleynugget@gmail.com), visit Beacon Business Center, or call BBC at 406-842-7488. Include your request/service and preferred method of contact. Reasonable needs only please.

The American Legion, Sheridan Post 89, has a Service Officer on hand to assist veterans with VA issues every second Wednesday of every month from 10 am to 2 pm.

On April 12th, the Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry will be handing out 300 boxes of food from 1-3 pm at the new city shop in Twin Bridges. Just stay in your car and the volunteers will hand the boxes to you. This is a first come-first serve basis. This same organization will be having a "Spring Clean Fundraiser" on April 17th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Madison County Fairgrounds Pavilion. They are a non-profit organization. Vendors can rent table space or one table and chair for \$25 for the event. There will be a silent Auction and raffle baskets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For more information, contact Coree Martin at 406-596-1978 or email at [tbtmhelpinghandfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:tbtmhelpinghandfoodpantry@gmail.com)

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## LOCAL MERCHANT JOHN F. FOX

John F. Fox was born in New York City on October 7, 1860. He began his education in New York City and he finished grammar and high school in Milwaukee, WI. His father, Peter Fox, was born in New York City in 1823, and was in the clothing business in New York for some years and afterward became a clothing merchant in Milwaukee, WI. Peter would become the teacher, adviser and employer for John. At the age of fifteen, John went to work in a Milwaukee store for \$1.50 a week. For ten years altogether he worked in various mercantile establishments in Milwaukee and Detroit, Michigan. In the 1880's he came out to Montana with his brother, William Fox. They first opened stores in Phillipsburg, Granite, and Butte. In May of 1895, they established the Fox Brothers store in Sheridan just one door east of the Ruby Hotel. John went back to Detroit in 1888 where he met and married Miss Katherine Wolfschlagler, a native of that city. In 1899 established his home in Twin Bridges and opened a dry goods and clothing store called Fox's Department Store, which later became the Campbell

Garage, located on Main Street. John and Katherine had one daughter named Edna Fox.

In August of 1911, William Fox sued his brother John for opening the same type of store in Twin Bridges they had opened in Sheridan. William felt their partnership had been violated. This case was not settled until July of 1915. They both agreed to disagree and ended up paying their own cost for legal fees.

Besides the cares and responsibilities entailed by this business, Mr. Fox was active in promoting mining and farming interests. He was the first president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Twin Bridges and held that position for several years. He, along with the local farmers were instrumental in establishing the elevator as a means of better marketing facilities in this part of Madison County. John Fox was also the director of the First National Bank of Twin Bridges.

If you were to go back in time and catch a glimpse of John's life you would see that in the evenings, the Lotts or the Comforts or the Hathaways would join them on their front porch fighting off the famous Ruby Valley mosquitoes and conversing about the latest cattle or wheat prices. Edna's friends would come over to visit and there would be endless giggling, fudge parties, and fun outdoor picnics and fishing along the banks of the Ruby or Beaverhead rivers. Their neighbor, Mr. Pollinger, had a splendid green parrot who would sit on the back fence and shout out advice on gardening. John loved to take trips to shop for the newest cars available in Butte. He would become one of the first automobile owners in Twin Bridges.

John, along with his wife and child, would go for summer family visits to Milwaukee, WI. While there, John would find and bring back new products and supplies to his Fox department store in Twin Bridges. From his huge sample books, he would have offered much of the material to the local ladies for their many quilts and sewing projects.

They would also travel to California until 1941 when

WW2 broke out.

His daughter, Edna, graduated from the University of Montana in 1910. She and Washington Jay McCormick from Missoula were married at the Fox home in Twin Bridges on September 21, 1915. Jay was a lawyer and served in the legislature and was elected to Congress in 1919.

In January of 1926, John sold all his store inventory and auctioned off the building. A farewell message was printed in the April 1926 Madisonian that stated "Mr. and Mrs. Fox will be missed in this community, where they have lived so many years taking an active interest in the business and social affairs of the town. They have the best wishes of their friends for the future of their welfare." John retired in 1926 after thirty-one years in Madison County and moved to Missoula. John Fox passed away there on July 4, 1947 at the age of 86.



## RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS:** *SHERIDAN - Newspaper History Group* - Tuesday mornings at 9 AM. *Knitting Group* - Thursdays at 2 PM. For more information call 406-842-7981. | *TWIN BRIDGES* - The Library is remodeled and open! | *VIRGINIA CITY - Thompson Hickman* - Story and Craft every Tuesday at the Meeting Hall on Idaho Street, VC at 10:30 a.m.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** *Twin Bridges* - Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call 406-684-5243 for meeting access information. | *Sheridan* - Second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. 842-5431.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:** *Sheridan* - Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. - CB Murray Media Center, Zoom option provided on each agenda, found at [Sheridan.k12.mt.us](http://Sheridan.k12.mt.us) | *Twin Bridges* - Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. - Conference Bridge Call-in number: 406-467-1555, Participant Code: 437988 - *Alder* - Second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEGION:** *Sheridan Post 89* - Second Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. a VA Service Officer will be on hand to assist veterans with VA issues.

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The machines arrived on March 23, 2021 and are currently being installed. The Spaceman Soft Serve Ice Cream Machines dispense chocolate or vanilla flavors with the option of combining both flavors known as the "twin twist or swirl"! Ice cream can be easily served in a cup or in a cone, and enjoyed almost anywhere. Once we can all get together again, ice cream socials will be a popular event for everyone.

The Nursing Homes Foundation was able to purchase Soft Serve Ice Cream Machines thanks to generous donations from numerous community members, local service organizations, churches and local businesses. Madison County Nursing Homes Foundation Vice President, Melinda Merrill, commented "one of my happiest childhood memories was having ice cream on Sunday with my grandparents; it would be great to provide soft serve ice cream at each nursing home facility for staff, residents and visitors to enjoy".

In 2020, Cares Act Grants and community donations made it possible for the Foundation to purchase electric beds, outdoor patio furniture, 75" Smart flat screen televisions, and equipment. We also provided funding for the holiday party for staff and residents at each facility.

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Applications and job descriptions are available at the Weed Board Office at 2296 Hwy 287, Alder. Human Resource office in the Madison County 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, MT.

Or, online at: [madisoncountymt.gov](http://madisoncountymt.gov)

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. April 9, 2021.  
Return Applications to:  
Madison County Weed Board, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755

For additional information contact:  
Dale Grose, Coordinator or Janie Alt, Office Manager  
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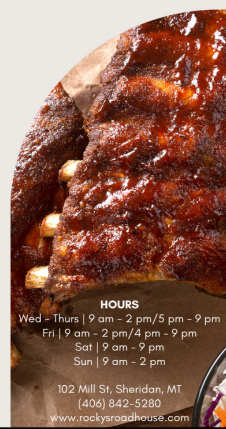
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## ACROSS

- Corpse
- Thermionic tube
- Ammunition
- Emanation
- Remove the pins from
- Cheap jewelry (archaic)
- Flight attendant
- Initial wager
- Actress Lupino
- Existence
- Weeps
- Write
- Museum piece
- Commercials
- Burial tunnel
- High society
- Spoil
- Black gunk
- Unadulterated
- A nine-piece musical group
- Decorative case
- Nigerian tribesman
- Ancestors
- Grin
- Half-man half-horse beings
- Consumer Price Index
- Move quickly
- Blatant deception
- A combination of 3 notes
- A nymph of lakes
- Tall hill
- Not there
- Assemble
- Bothers
- Submarine
- "Smallest" particle
- Money
- Russian emperors
- Alluring

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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## DOWN

- Introductory
- Surpass
- Nightmare
- Swerve
- Coercion
- An independent film company
- Not closed
- Shames
- NNNN
- A type of fungus
- Type of pasta
- Speechless
- Poems
- Dwelling
- Kaolin
- Head
- French for "State"
- 100 to a dollar
- Mangle
- French cheese
- Sweeping story
- Lubricate
- Iron goods
- Doorhandles
- French for "We"
- Arab chieftain
- Police action
- Garden tool
- Flail
- Maps
- Stogie
- Lessen
- Treat for drug dependence
- Foe
- Fashionable
- Sister and wife of Zeus
- Dwarf buffalo
- Slice
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Thank you to everyone for supporting this event!

- Alder Fire Department
- Bread Zepplin
- Candlelight Cafe
- Dave and Kassie Marsh
- Kelly Jo Elser
- Mike Walter and the entire staff at Walter's Family Foods
- Ricy Anderson
- Ruby Valley Brew
- Search and Rescue
- Sheridan Fire Department
- Twin Bridges Fire Department

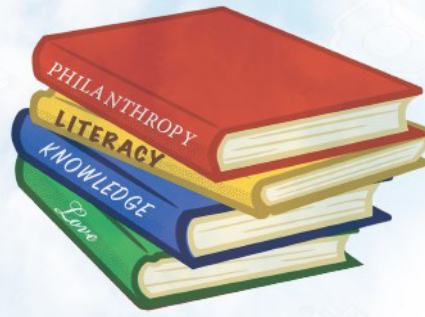
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A warm welcome to our new Board Member, Michelle VanDyke! Thank you for your generous donations to help us build our new Discovery Hall. The new Discovery Hall is a remodel of an existing addition to the library. Our goal is to generate \$340,000 to build a 2,800 sq. ft. addition to create more room for social distancing, new technology, resources, classes, and exhibits. The Discovery Hall will also provide much needed space for growing the Library's circulation and archives.

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Virginia City Elk's Lodge #390

**\$10 /plate**  
Kids ages 10 and under \$5  
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**TWIN BRIDGES - MT HELPING HAND  
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Mark Your calendar for April 17th, 2021!!

Fundraiser for the Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry  
(supporting all towns from Waterloo to Virginia City)

**ALL PROCEEDS**  
from Vendor Space Fees, Silent Auction and Basket Raffle ticket sales all go to  
Twin Bridges - MT Helping Hand Food Pantry, a Non-profit Organization.

Where: Madison County Fairgrounds Pavilion  
When: April 17th, 10:00am thru 4:00 pm.

Free entrance to the Public

## Spring Clean Fundraiser

Cleaning out your garage, bake, create, grow, sell,  
home based business, etc? All are welcome!

Vendors: \$25.00 per table space (8x6)ish. 1 table and chair provided.  
Limited tables. Limited electricity.

Silent Auction: Supported by local Communities.  
Silent Auction will end at 4pm. Must be present to win.  
\*If you wish to add something to this, contact info below.

Raffle Baskets: tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.  
Pork Basket, Vendors Gift Certificates Basket, Tranquility Oils Basket,  
Scenty Basket, many more. You do not have to be present to win.  
Vendors: If you wish to add a Basket to the Raffle, contact info below.

Contact Core Martin  
(406) 596-1978  
tbmthelpinghandfoodpantry@gmail.com

Feel free to share with Family and Friends!!

# Sheridan School Calendar - April 2021

						April Fools' Day	Easter Break
				Staff Meeting		FFA State Convention	
							Have School
						TAX DAY	District Music Festival
				Board Meeting		State FCCLA	Close-Up
						Midterm	
						Earth Day	
						JR/SR Social	

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## SUDOKU PUZZLE

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## ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

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## TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC SCHOOLS April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School - Easter Vacation	2
						3
	4 Happy Easter	5 No School - Easter Vacation	6 6pm Booster Club mtg	7	8	9
			6 ACT Test for Juniors			10
	11 Lifetouch Pictures: Spring individuals & all organizations	12 7pm REG. BOARD MTG (MT rm/ conference call)	13 Middle School Music Festival (online) Pre-ACT test for Sophomores	14	15	16 PROM (Round Barn)
	18	19	20 1pm Vitalant Blood Drive (MT rm)	21 Earth Day	22 4th qtr mid-term	23
	25	26	27	28	29	30



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