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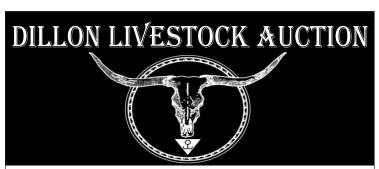
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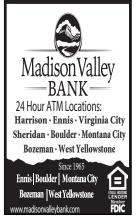
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MONTANA'S OLDEST MAN

(Excerpt of a Story written by Charlie Rossiter)

In 1952, Bill Clark, a reporter from Butte, traveled to the Ruby Valley to interview an old gentleman who was believed to be one of the oldest individuals (if not the oldest) in the state. Charlie McIntyre was that man and he lived north in a one room cabin with numerous dogs and a horse.

The man who ambles to the door may well be the oldest fellow in Montana, and maybe a lot of other states. That's Charlie McIntyre, a matured black man, who came to these parts a long time ago from Franklin County, Tennessee.

When asked how old he his, Charlie scratches his snow-white hair and replies "to the best of my recollection about 116 years" He really doesn't look that old but what does a 116-year-old man look like? After talking with Charlie for a while you start to believe that he might be that old. Charlie knows aplenty about this valley, and says he's lived around here for "about" 77 years. Everything is "about" with old Charlie, because dates don't mean much to him anyway. Herb Nesbitt, a second generation native, who was born and reared in Sheridan says, "I'm over 70 now, and I knew about Charlie McIntyre being in this country while I was still a young boy. He'd been here quite a while before that. I was raised around Sheridan (Herb lived in Brandon) and Charlie was more over towards Twin Bridges, working for the Seidenstickers' and others ranchers towards Dillon. But I knew about him. Descendants of the late Col. John C. Seidensticker, one of the area pioneers in the livestock business, declared earnestly that Charlie McIntyre was here long before they can remember.

McIntyre couldn't read or write but he could play the accordion with a flair and an ear for rhythm and harmony, which would make any kid 60 years his junior throw away their instruments with envy. He must be seen and heard to be believed at all. Charlie has only two props - the button type accordion and a home contrived gadget for keeping time. The latter "instrument" is half of a kitchen chair, one front and one back leg joined together by the rungs. The rungs curving outward make the contraption rock rhythmically back and forth beneath his left foot, after Charlie gets it set just so. Then he places the accordion on his left thigh, beats his right heel into the floor a couple of times, and takes off on the "Wabash Cannonball" or something similar.

Charlie couldn't read sheet music and the tunes he picked up were from listening to somebody sing them but many came out of his old head. There was a time years back when Charlie used to roam the countryside, playing for barn dances and country hoedowns from Waterloo to Ruby Town. He was in great demand on Saturday nights throughout the valley and jammed with many of the area bands. When asked about his music he replied "Don't need to half no fancy bands and such, what I don't get out of my own head (he pronounces it hade) I just pick up heah and theah. This old accordion done got it all. All I gotta do is steer it."

A lot of things about Charlie McIntyre are in question. Like his name, for example. He knows where he got the name McIntyre, but he doesn't know what his true name ever was. Or where he was born. He is certain his parents must've been slaves in the deep South, but he never knew them.

"A white lady named of Ms. McIntyre bought me often a auction sale block when I was just a lill kid," he says. "I grew up on a plantation in Franklin County, Tennessee. Which I was told that would be about 35 miles west of Chattanooga." Charlie grinned a toothless grin. "Maybe - on a map," he suggested, "but you don't know them Tennessee backcountry roads. After the first World War, I was back there on a trip to find my kinfolk. Took a heap a looken but I couldn't fine nothing. Didn't know my own name -couldn't find no McIntyre's. I come back west, and here I am. Guess I'll stay now, I reckon."

"We was going into Utah," he says. "But they wouldn't let Ms. McIntyre bring no colored people in, so we three fellows had to leave off and she went on. We three came North to Pocatello, but them other two fellows, they wouldn't leave Idaho. I told him I was coming north to Montana, but they wouldn't come. No sir. I come up to this here country, and this is where I've been ever since."

After arriving in Montana, Charlie took a job as a sheepherder, working for old Col. Seidensticker, his son Fred, the Poindexter ranch, and many others. Over the years, Charlie became friends with many of the area folks. His pleasant personality endeared him to all that knew him and in time, he was able to purchase a small piece of property of his own. This was located about 4 miles north of Sheridan, on Wisconsin Creek. Charlie had a small placer operation there and netted a few bucks in gold which helped tide him over.

Weekly, Charlie would ride his horse into Sheridan, tie him to a fence post in Mrs. Darby's yard on Main Street, and run his errands. After he finished he would return with his goods and tie them to his saddle and head home to Wisconsin Creek. Charlie was asked one time; "Do you like bear Charlie?" "Yeah, I like bear," he answered pensively. "I'll tell you how I like bear -

from a far distance away, a far, far distance away."

Charlie lived out his days in contentment and passed away in 1953. No record was ever found on when Charlie had been born but they figured it had to be prior to 1864. Charlie was notoriously funny and respected by everyone that had the opportunity to know him and all the local children adored him, He is buried in the Sheridan Cemetery.

Ruby Valley Happenings

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - July 22nd through July 28th

SHERIDAN DAYS - July 25th - 28th - See Ad for Schedule of Events

FLOATING FLOTILLA - July 26th & 27th - See Ad for Schedule of Events

DUSK AT DISCO PARK - July 26th 7 pm to 9 pm @ Discovery-Ellinson Park, Virginia City

SHERIDAN LEGION POST - July 27th @ 8 am to 2 pm - Yard Sale

JACKSONS GARDEN - July 28th 9 am Ecumenical Service; 10 to 12 Brunch, Live & Silent Auction

COTTONTAIL OBSERVATORY - August 3rd @ 9:30 pm - See Ad

VIRGINIA CITY GOLD RUSH - August 16th early in-person registration from 6 pm to 8 pm & August 17th @ 7:30 to 8:45 am registration. Competition to start @ 9 am. Discovery-Ellinson Park, Virginia City

STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES - Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays @ 2 pm @ The Sheridan Senior Center

SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM - Every Thursday - 1:30 pm to 4pm - Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center Activities Department Fundraiser - See Ad

TOWN OF SHERIDAN COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2nd Monday of every month - location TBA

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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:

TWIN BRIDGES - June 17th through August 1st - Summer Reading Olympic Reading Program - See Ad pg

SHERIDAN - Newspaper History Group - Tuesday mornings @ 9 AM. Knitting Group - Thursdays @ 2 PM CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - First and third Tuesdays at 6 pm For more information call 406-842-7981.

TWIN BRIDGES - Twin Bridges public library is looking for volunteers to help during working hours with shelving. Wednesdays at 10:30 Story Time at Twin Bridges Public Library Children ages 18 months to five years will be entertained with reading, games, music, and crafts.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP - We offer help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Grief Share will begin meeting on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Twin Bridges Library starting February 5th. Grief Share will also be offered Tuesdays at 1 pm at the Valley Assembly starting February 6th. Our first week, we will be showing "The Loss of a Spouse". Then the following week, we will start our 13 week series. Questions, please contact Kathleen @ 406-596-1080 or Pastor Allen Cain @ 406-381-6677

TWIN BRIDGES BOOK CLUB meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Blue Anchor. Dinner at 6:00 with meeting at 7:00. Please email dmmontana@3rivers.net for information

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SHERIDAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE - August 6th - 11:30 am to 6:15 pm - See Ad for more information

TWIN BRIDGES HELPING HANDS - Twin Bridges-MT Helping Hand Food Pantry - Wednesday's. 10am to 3pm. Call for appointment any other day or time. - 406-596-1978 & 406-233-9616

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

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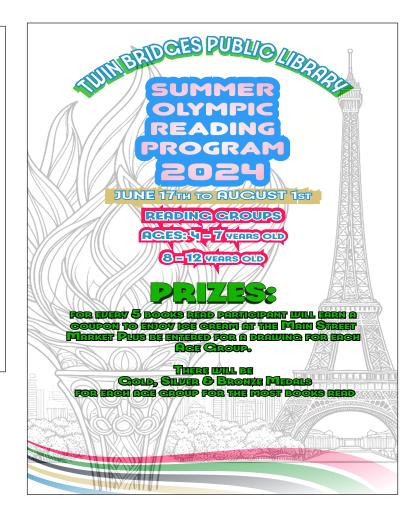
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Library, 109 E. Hamilton St., Sheridan, or contact him at (406) 842-5770 for more information. Equal Opportunity Employer.



RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Ruby Valley Conservation District is seeking a Stewardship Director. This is a fulltime, permanent position working 40 hours per week. Hourly wage is \$25-\$30/hour, depending on experience and qualifications. Experience in grant management, Microsoft Office, and Word Press are required.

For a full job description or to submit a cover letter and resume, contact the conservation office in person at 402 South Main Street in Sheridan; by phone at (406)842-5741 ext. 101; or by email at info@rvcd.org

Application by 8/9/2024 is preferred; however, this position will remain open until filled.

MAYOR VACANCY

If you are interested in serving as the Mayor for the Town of Sheridan, In accordance with MCA 7-4-4301 interested parties must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the State of Montana for at lest 3 years, and a resident of Sheridan Montana for 2 years.

> **The appointed mayor will serve the vacant position through 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Town of Sheridan seeks an individual to fill a full-time Public Works Director position. Preferred qualifications include experience with operation & maintenance of light& heavy equipment (backhoe, snow plow, dump truck and a wide variety of hand tools. Experience in working in a variety of weather conditions involving heavy manual labor. Much obtain requisite DEQ water supply, water treatment, & wastewater system operator certifications within 1 year with corresponding pay raises (\$1/hr) as certifications are successfully completed. Must be available for on-call during evening, night, & weekend hours. Starting wage DOE. This position includes a full government benefit package.

ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Sheridan is seeking five (5) individuals to serve on a Zoning/Planning Commission. The Zoning/planning Commission members are an appointed government board charged with providing recommendations to the local town council. The boundary of the zoning is the town limits. The Zoning/Planning Commission will work closely with the engineering firm and reports to the citizens & council.

If you are interested in the above position please drop off a letter of interest no later than 5 pm August 12, 2024 at Town Hall 103 E. Hamilton St, mail to PO Box 78 Sheridan MT 59749 or email to sheridan@3rivers.net.

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

Town of Sheridan is seeking three (3) individuals to serve on a Government Study Commission during the years of 2025 and 2026. The Government Study Commission will be trained, research, and review the type of government the Town of Sheridan may consider in the future. Questions call the Town of Sheridan office at 406-842-5431 or email sheridanmtmayor@gmail.com.

To serve go to Madison County Election Clerk at the Madison County Building in Virgina City and file before August 12, 2024, at 5PM.

Across

- 1. Match
- 5. Winglike
- 9. A swinging barrier
- 13. Forearm bone
- 14. Dromedary
- 16. Part of an ear
- 17. Jazz phrase
- 18. Avoid
- 19. Violent disturbance
- 20. Bums around
- 22. Intensifies
- 24. List of options
- 26. Indian antelope
- 27. Authorship
- 30. Writing implement
- 33. Link
- 35. Agile Old World viverrine
- 37. Former boxing champ
- 38. Batrachians
- 41. Former North African ruler
- 42. A keyboard instrument
- 45. Toady
- 48. Half-wit
- 51. Otalgia
- 52. Of lesser importance
- 54. Falafel bread
- 55. Pooped
- 59. Outfit
- 62. Amazes
- 63. Nigerian monetary unit
- 65. Ascend
- 66. Sandwich shop
- 67. Sea eagles
- 68. Affirm
- 69. Anagram of "Star"
- 70. Evergreens
- 71. " we forget"

Last Issue Answers

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- 1. Singer Ives
- 2. Hodgepodge
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- 4. A crisp lustrous fabric
- 5. Card with one symbol
- 6. Wash
- 7. Accumulate 8. Porter
- 9. Imprisonment
- 10. Leave out
- 11. Double-reed woodwind
- 12. Decomposes
- 15. Rental agreement
- 21. Hissy fit

- 23. Water chestnut
- 25. Module
- 27. Envelop
- 28. Museum piece
- 29. Slime
- 31. Suggestive
- 32. Bloodsucker 34. Apprehend
- 36. Kid
- 39. Female deer
- 40. A cleansing agent
- 43. Goddess of divine retribution
- 44. Ear-related
- 46. Trigonometry

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- 47. Sidelong
- 49. Absurd 50. ___ public
- 53. French for "Queen"
- 55. Slang for Father
- 56. Pitcher
- 57. Sensed
- 58. Sketched
- 60. Applications
- 61. Sassy
- 64. Donkey

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These are free events but donations are greatly appreciated. The

constellations and some astronomical objects. After the tour we start viewing objects with telescopes.

Directions to the observatory from Twin Bridges go 3 miles on Hwy 287 towards Sheridan. Turn left onto, Wet Georgia Road (gravel), there is a sign on the fence (Cottontail Observatory 3 miles), you will go through 3 cattle guards, after the third cattle guard take the road on the left. Go I mile, through another cattle guard and take a right, you a have arrived at the Cottontail Observatory.



If you have any questions contact Joe Witherspoon (406) 842-7722



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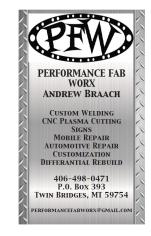
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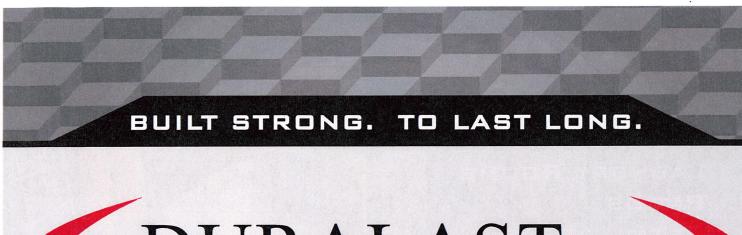
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