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SHERIDAN DAYS

Mardi Gras!

July 25 - 28, 2024

Thursday July 25 ~ *On Main Street*

6:00 - Ruby Valley Brew Car Cruise In
 7:00 - Old Man Ben & The Grown Ass Men

Friday July 26 ~ @ Ray Silve Memorial Park

6:00 - SCCF Dinner & Beer Gardens - SCCF
 Live Music - The Western Front Band

Saturday July 27 ~ @ Ray Silve Memorial Park

8:00 Am - Fun Run
 10:00 - Parade
 11:00 - Dodgeball
 Horseshoes
 12:00 - Lunch
 3:00 - Cornhole
 5:00 - Duck Races

6:00 - Dinner - SAR & Beer Gardens - SCCF
 Live Music - Dan Henry

Sunday July 28 ~ @ Jacksons Garden

9:00 - Church Service
 10:00 - Brunch & Silent Auction to follow

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JULY 26TH & 27TH 2024
AT THE MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 26th: 4:00 pm: Cornhole Tournament at the Blue Anchor Bar 5:00 pm: Pasture Golf Registration at the Madison County Fairgrounds Office Fee: \$10 per player 6:00 pm: Tee Time Prizes and Cash Awards! SPONSORED BY: TBCA, Rotary, United Veterans of TB, & The Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce & Ag	Saturday, July 27th: 9 am: Farmers Market at City Park Walter "Lucky" Shular Horseshoe Tournament 11 am - 2 pm: Concessions 11:30 am: Floats Line-Up 2024 Theme: Aloha, Montana 12 Noon: Parade Begins - Duck Race to follow 1:00 pm: Cornhole Tournament at the Blue Anchor Bar 6 pm: Alumni Dinner
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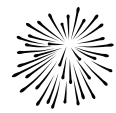
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Thomas H. Leforge

Thomas H. LeForge (July 9, 1850 – March 28, 1931) was an American writer who was the author of *Memoirs of a White Crow Indian*, his highly detailed account of living among the Crow Indian nation during the mid-to-late 19th century, first published in March 1928 by The Century Company at the hand of Thomas B. Marquis, and republished by the University of Nebraska Press.

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio, on July 9, 1850, he moved with his family to Missouri, then to Kansas, before they finally left in 1864 for Virginia City, Montana, in search of gold. His family set out in prairie wagons with experienced guides on the Bridger Trail variant of the Bozeman Trail.

Leforge joined the Montana militia in 1867 in the Bozeman, Montana, and Livingston, Montana, areas, acquiring both military experience and acquaintance with Native Americans tribes and ways (including raiding parties by Piegan Blackfeet, his father working near Fort Ellis, Montana. (These and all other narrative details here derive from Leforge's own account).

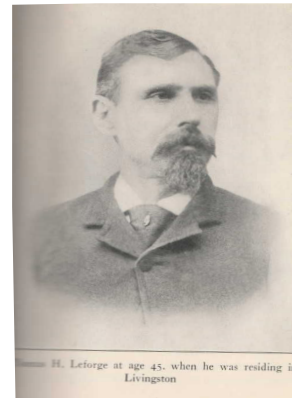
In 1868 he attached himself to a party of Crow Indians under Yellow Leggings (a counselor of Blackbird) and befriended his son Three Irons. He got the Indian name of Fast Runner for sprinting, but was later changed to Horse Rider for equestrian skill, which name he would be known by in the tribe for the rest of his days (and unknown by his white name). Yellow Leggings formally adopted him in a camp in the Livingston area. Occasionally visiting his parents, Leforge divided his time chiefly between the Crow camps and Fort Ellis, becoming a camp follower during hostilities with Indians and closely befriending the young Sioux-French guide Mitch Bouyer. Bouyer also lived among, married into the Crow, and joined Leforge in numerous actions. Leforge associated himself with the Mountain Crow, as distinguished from the River Crow, who tended to live to the north of the Yellowstone River.

Leforge became fluent in the Crow language and sympathetic to the people, marrying a girl named (in translation) Cherry and taking up residence near Fort Parker. Though hired formally as a blacksmith, he served the fort as a scout and intermediary, and the tribe as scout (or "wolf") and warrior. He was a financial intermediary for trade, a diplomat negotiating a treaty with the Shoshone, and served in other capacities. He avoided scouting in pursuit of the Nez Perce because of sympathy for their case. Though he did scout against the Bannock, he condemned the attacks on them during their surrender. He briefly married his wife's cousin at the cousin's request, though they separated due to white disdain for polygamy. On Cherry's death due to illness while she was away, he married Bouyer's widow Mary, in honor of a mutual pledge to look after each other's family. They would later divorce amicably when he decided to return to white society to seek a fortune in mining and timber ventures. Leforge married again, with children as in his earlier marriages, though after a few years he and his wife also parted when he decided to return to the simpler life of Crow society. Ironically, by this time it was beginning to fade through cultural assimilation.

Leforge narrowly avoided death alongside Bouyer and the other Crow Scouts at the Battle of the Little Big Horn due to an injury he sustained when a pronghorn calf spooked his horse. He served as the de facto leader and cultural intermediary for the original Crow scouts and headed a second group into later actions.

He died on March 28, 1931, from old age, according to his death certificate. His body was interred April 1, 1931, at Custer National Cemetery, in Crow Agency, Big Horn County, Montana, United States.

Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon



Thomas H. Leforge at age 45, when he was residing in Livingston



Ruby Valley Happenings



VIRGINIA CITY - June 23rd - St. Mary's Church: Adeline Laurin's Legacy @ 2 pm - See Ad pg 3

BEAVERHEAD ANIMAL SHELTER FUNDRAISER - June 24th - At the Stockman - See Ad pg

HACCP TRAINING - June 24th - 8 am to 4 pm - See Ad pg 7

TWIN BRIDGES GIRLS SPORTS CAMP - July 1st & 2nd - See Ad pg 6

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS - July 3rd - 4th - Ennis Rodeo July 3rd & 4th @ 7 pm. 4th of July Parade 10 am Main Street in Ennis. Virginia City @ 4:00pm Vaudeville show with patriotic finale at the Virginia City Opera House www.virginiacityplayers.com. FIREWORKS AFTER DUSK (Weather Permitting)

JACKSON'S GARDEN KIDS ART IN THE PARK - July 5th @ 10 am to 12 pm - See Ad pg 6

COTTONTAIL OBSERVATORY - July 6th @ 10:30 pm - See Ad pg 5

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 pg 10

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FLOATING FLOTILLA - July 26th & 27th - See Ad pg 12

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

P'S CLOTHES & MORE - Located above the Twin Bridges Library. Hours: 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.

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 10

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

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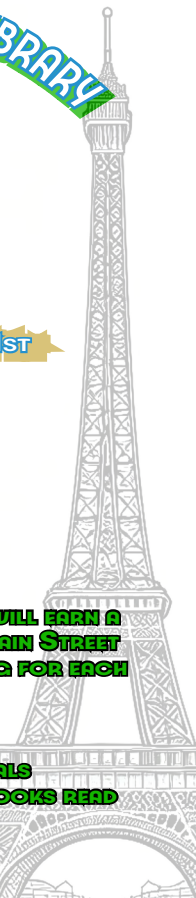
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JUNE 23RD | 2:00 PM
PRESENTED BY BILL LEV AT THE LINDERMAN CABIN



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church located in Laurin is a true local treasure and has been listed on the Register of National Historic Places. It is a legacy left from the lives of Adeline and John Baptiste Laurin. The Laurins were French Canadian merchants that settled in the Ruby Valley in 1863, right at the beginning of the Alder gold rush. Interestingly, the stone church that is being used by the local Catholic community is not the first nor the second Saint Mary's church in the area but the third. During the presentation, Bill will delve into the history of the church, starting with the first Saint Mary's church built in a converted theater in Virginia City, the story behind the large bell cast in Cincinnati in the 1850s now located in front of the church, the men who were the church's architect and builder, and also provide information about the church as it stands today. For anyone who is interested, there will also be a tour of the church after the presentation.

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Lois Volkening, American Legion Post 20 Commander

Patrick North

11/20/20/1974 – 11/22/2023

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The family would like to invite you to Celebrate Patrick's Life on July 6th at the home of Patsy Baril Stanton, 12 Sunnyside Ln Sheridan MT 59749.

We will begin about 1pm and there will be food, games and hopefully lots of stories about Patrick.



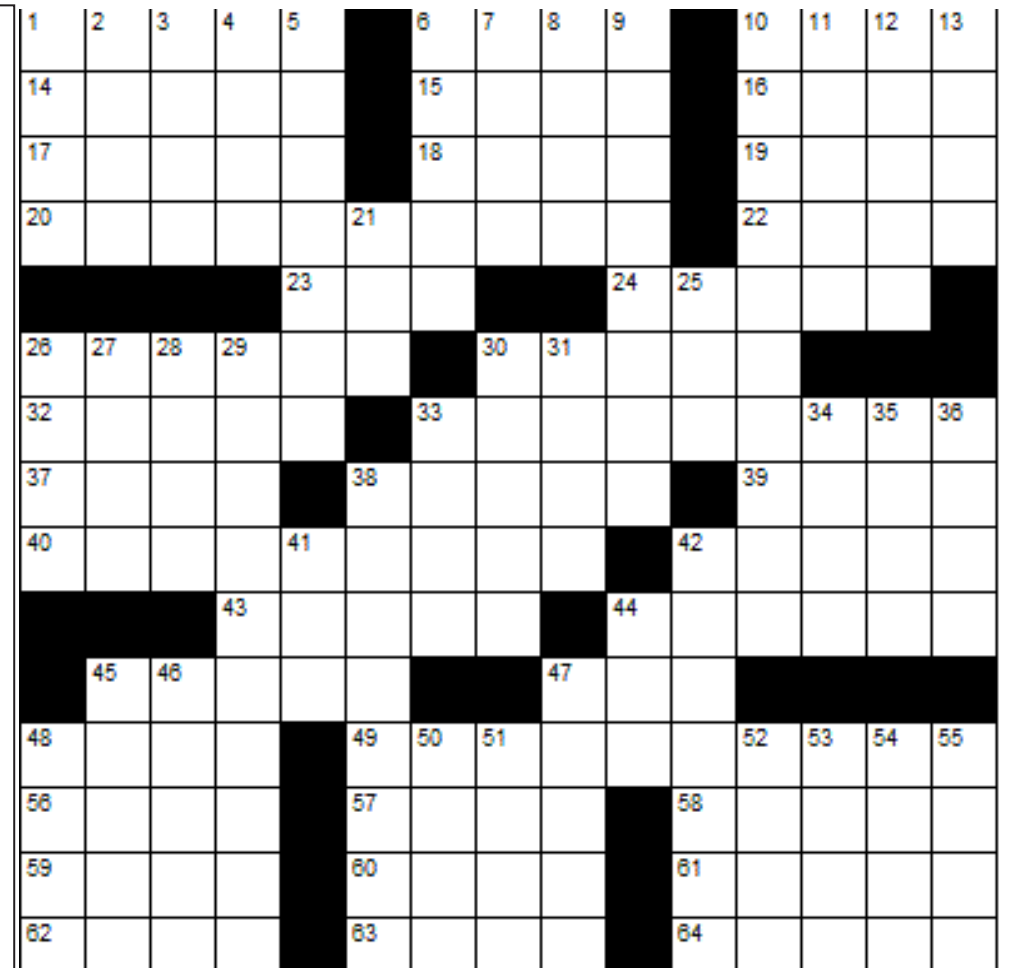
Across

1. Neck warmer
6. Tropical American wildcat
10. Sore
14. The quality of being funny
15. Backwards "Boon"
16. Algonquian Indian
17. Small African antelope
18. Chills and fever
19. Phone
20. Stretchability
22. Wicked
23. Explosive
24. Building addition
26. Uttered
30. Agile Old World viverrine
32. Become narrower
33. Helped (British spelling)
37. French for "State"
38. Slash
39. Orderly
40. A large gathering
42. Unemotional
43. Feudal lord
44. A poor city district
45. Mug
47. Ghost's cry
48. Acted like
49. Famous
56. Ethiopian monetary unit
57. Footnote note
58. Breviloquent
59. Beige
60. Prospector's find
61. Jagged
62. Squad
63. Winter precipitation
64. Connecting points

Last Issue Answers

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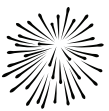
Crossword Puzzle



Down

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| 1. Sneaker or pump | 21. Hotel | 41. 3 in Roman numerals |
| 2. Ringlet | 25. "The Matrix" hero | 42. Abridge |
| 3. Dogfish | 26. Flower stalk | 44. Mouth (British slang) |
| 4. Steals | 27. A Maori club | 45. Seasoning |
| 5. Spend frivolously | 28. Iridescent gem | 46. Latin name for our planet |
| 6. Make into law | 29. Tympani | 47. Moisten |
| 7. Cartoon bear | 30. Direct the course | 48. Assist in crime |
| 8. Defeat decisively | 31. Behold, in old Rome | 50. Black, in poetry |
| 9. Suspension | 33. Strike heavily | 51. Adriatic resort |
| 10. Stress | 34. Violent disturbance | 52. Relating to aircraft |
| 11. Hunger for | 35. Modify | 53. Stepped |
| 12. Spiral | 36. A style of design | 54. Anagram of "Sees" |
| 13. Scream | 38. Used in mimeographs | 55. D D D D |





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August 03	9:30 PM
September 07	8:30 PM
November 2	7:30 PM
December 28	7:00 PM

These are free events but donations are greatly appreciated. The weather plays a big part in these events, overcast skies block out the stars as does rain & snow, also winds greater than 15 MPH moves the telescopes. In such an event we will have an astronomical presentation that you can understand. Dress warm as it does cool down with these starting times. If we have clear skies the public night will start with a laser tour of the night sky, pointing out 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 1 mile, through another cattle guard and take a right, you a have arrived at the Cottontail Observatory.

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