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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, July 26th:	Saturday, July 27th:
4:00 pm: Cornhole Tournament at the Blue Anchor Bar	9 am: Farmers Market at City Park
5:00 pm: Pasture Golf	Walter "Lucky" Shular Horseshoe Tournament
Registration at the Madison County Fairgrounds Office	11 am - 2 pm: Concessions
Fee: \$10 per player	11:30 am: Floats Line-Up
6:00 pm: Tee Time	2024 Theme: Aloha, Montana
Prizes and Cash Awards!	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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**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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# William Owsley

William Owsley (c. 1842 – March 20, 1919) was an American pioneer and politician, who was successful in mining, real estate and related ventures in early Butte, Montana. William Owsley was born in about 1842 in Andrew County, Missouri, to Bryan Young Owsley and Caroline Grissam. William Owsley was descended from the Owsley Family of Kentucky; his father was named for his great uncle, Bryan Young Owsley, a former United States Representative from Kentucky and first cousin to Governor William Owsley. William's father died in 1853, when William was ten or eleven years old.

At the early age of 18, William Owsley left his home near St. Joseph, Mo., in the year 1860, and joined an expedition headed for the gold fields of Idaho. Before reaching Silver Bow in 1864 "Big Bill" Owsley had already had a varied and remarkable series of experiences as an Indian fighter and adventurer. He was at Bannack and Virginia City and, in fact, attended almost every new excitement that happened during those strenuous days. The records of the pioneer association have identified his activities with those of a score of localities in the formative periods of Montana and almost every living member of the association can relate personal experiences where he was a prominent participant.

William Owsley moved to Montana in 1863, intending to make his fortune in mining. However, after working a placer claim for a year with a partner, the two parted ways with the partner taking the past year's proceeds and Owsley retaining the claim - which became Owsley's first property in what would become a successful livery and real estate career. Owsley was one of a handful of Butte pioneers who built their fortunes on commercial property rather than resource extraction.

November 1869 William married Miss Kate Van Etti of New York. His wife died and some years afterward he married Miss Bertha Pease, daughter of Dr. Pease of Twin Bridges, a pioneer of the Madison valley. They had only one child, Merritt.

Beginning in the late 1880s, Owsley built several large brick commercial buildings in Butte that bore his name. The largest, completed in 1891 and named the Owsley Block, was a six-story brick building that was the first large business block constructed in Butte. This block was thought to be the finest structure in Montana and one of the finest in the West As of 2019, two Owsley buildings remain standing on East Park Street in the Butte-Anaconda Historic District.

On May 2, 1882, William Owsley, one of the city's most substantial residents, was elected as the fourth mayor of Butte, Montana. Owsley ran on a democratic ticket that was primarily focused on labor protection for white workers, and that promoted Chinese exclusion. He served two consecutive one-year terms, retiring from the mayor office in May of 1883.

Owsley later made large real estate and mining investments in Mud Lake, Idaho, and in Twin Bridges, Montana. In 1917 Mr. Owsley became identified with a Carey act irrigation project, near Hamer, Idaho. This became known as the Owsley project. With him in this enterprise were several Butte men. Later he acquired valuable farming lands in that section and lived there several years, returning to Montana in the Fall of 1919 and moving to his farm near Twin Bridges to spend the winter.

At the time of his death, he held the distinction of being the oldest living ex-mayor of Butte and it was during his term of office that the first city hall, which was found on West Broadway adjoining the Renshaw Hall. Owsley died on March 20, 1919, at his ranch in Twin Bridges at the age of 77.

One of Owsley old-time friends said, "Bill Owsley's word was as good as any man's bond. What he said he would do, he invariable did. He was square in everything."

Researched by Joetta Wetzsteon

# Ruby Valley Happenings

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](http://www.virginiacityplayers.com). FIREWORKS AFTER DUSK (Weather Permitting)

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

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

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

SHERIDAN DAYS - July 25th - 28th - See Ad

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

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

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## 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](mailto:dmmontana@3rivers.net) for information

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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

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The Pilcrow Foundation, named after the symbol (¶) used to mark a new paragraph, is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. The new books provided through the Children's Book Project have become part of the library's permanent children's book collection, thus ensuring children's access to quality books for years to come.

The books include a variety from Easy Readers to Middle School titles, and includes award winners, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) titles, as well as books related to children's health and wellness. They are currently available for checkout at the Sheridan Library or through the Four Rivers User Sharing Group, a network of rural libraries in Madison, Jefferson and Beaverhead Counties.

From the Pilcrow Foundation: "We recognize the importance of public libraries in rural communities. Libraries are often the center of the community, where people come together to learn and share ideas. We know that reading to and with children every day and providing them with frequent opportunities to read on their own are important activities for literacy development. Literacy is the greatest gift we can give to our children; the public library is where we can start."

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In Recognition of the historic arrival of the Bozeman Trail into Virginia City, Montana in 1864

Saturday, July 20, 2024

### EVENTS OF THE DAY

8:30 - 10:00AM  
Last Mile of the Bozeman Trail Guided History Hike  
Starts @ the VC Ball Park  
Directions: from Wallace Street, turn up the hill north at Visitor's Center towards Virginia City Cemetery (follow signs)

10:00 - 1:00PM  
Bozeman Trail History Lectures  
Location: West end of Wallace Street across from the Bale of Hay Saloon  
10:00 AM: "The Other Two: John & Emma Jacobs." By Gary Forney  
10:45 AM: "Voices from the Trail" - Mary Stassi & Lance Otto  
11:15 PM: Trail Music By The Dillon Junior Fiddlers

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 Lois Volkening, American Legion Post 20 Commander

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 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

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**Across**

1. Not false
5. Enclosed shopping centers
10. Not a single one
14. Convenience
15. Territories
16. Keen
17. Corrupt
19. French for "Head"
20. Spy agency
21. Absurd
22. Femme fatale
23. Day off
25. Turbine part
27. Scarlet
28. Infuse (food)
31. Dull stupid fatuous people
34. Back tooth
35. Faucet
36. Anagram of "Seek"
37. Picture element
38. A Greek territorial unit
39. Historic period
40. Clear
41. A friction match
42. Mass murder
44. C
45. Pervert
46. Cur (archaic)
50. Unit of electrical energy
52. Anagram of "Wanes"
54. Prefix meaning "Modern"
55. Monster
56. A type of leave of absence
58. Observed
59. Egg-shaped
60. Twilight
61. Command (archaic)
62. Reddish brown
63. The products of creativity

**Last Issue Answers**

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**Crossword Puzzle**

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**Down**

1. Instruct
2. Audio communications
3. Normal
4. Snake-like fish
5. An unnaturally frenzied woman
6. Apparel
7. Low-fat
8. Passed sideways
9. South southeast
10. Country
11. Overestimates
12. Anagram of "Tine"
13. Biblical garden
18. High, low and neap
22. Blend
24. Bothers
26. By mouth
28. Daring
29. Matron
30. Type of sword
31. Consider
32. Gumbo
33. Restores confidence in
34. Type of countertop oven
37. Vulcanized rubber disk
38. A song for 2
40. Shoestring
41. A belligerent mongrel dog
43. Quiet
44. 2nd largest country
46. Log home
47. Bring upon oneself
48. Banquet
49. Common people
50. Tease
51. Curved molding
53. Black, in poetry
56. Comes after Mi and Fah
57. Actress Lupino



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December 28	7:00 PM

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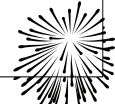
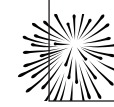
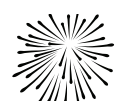
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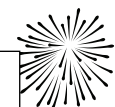
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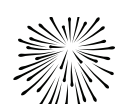
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	JULY 1 <sup>st</sup>	2	3 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	4 	5 Kids Art in the Garden – Jackson’s Garden 10am	6 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Walters Family Reunion, Sheridan Baseball Park 1-6pm
7	8	9	10 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	11	12	13 TB Farmers Market 9am-1pm
14	15	16	17 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	18	19	20 TB Farmers Market 9am-1pm
21	22	23 Informative Presentation on MOOSE @ Jackson’s Garden 5:30pm	24 Twin Bridges Helping Hand Food Pantry 10am-3pm	25	26	27 TB Farmers Market 9am-1pm
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