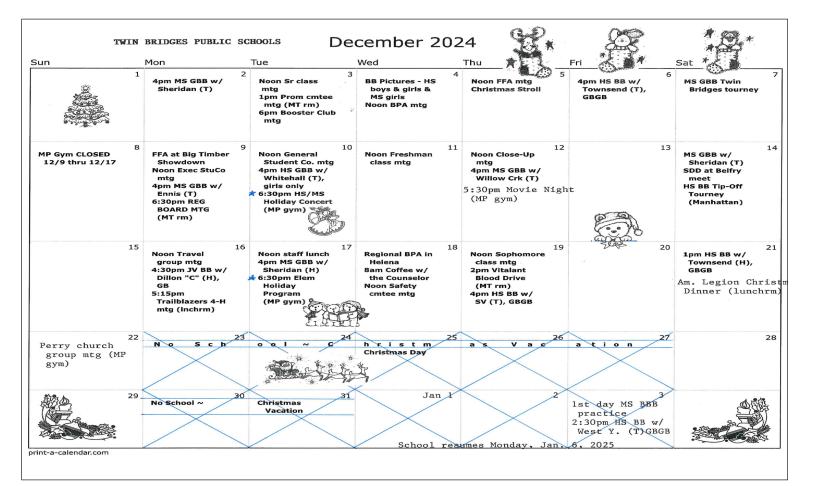
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Tuesday 12/24 - 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - "Emmanuel, God With Us"

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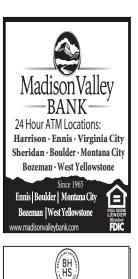
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# The Imperfect Christmas

Congratulations to the Ruby Valley community who have finished their holiday shopping early! Hundreds of packages, many hundreds, have come to town through the United States Post Office, FedEx, and UPS every day for weeks. Clearly, we're all done, and we can all sit back and enjoy the holiday that will go off without a single hitch! Right...? No? I knew I was aiming a little high with that, but we can still make it come true. Finding the 'perfect' gift is gratifying when it happens, and it brings such joy to give them. We set some lofty goals when shopping for them though. We ponder and scroll then try to buy local. We lament our budget and go back to the drawing board. We do it over and over with only the stress of our plans, meal preparation, wardrobe, and commitments to interrupt the flow. In these last days before such a beautiful celebration I wholeheartedly recommend stopping. Stop scrolling (Amazon can't save you now), stop worrying, and start accepting the lovely imperfections of a memorable Christmas. Cards are not out? Pick the few people you know will appreciate a note or welcome the muchneeded good cheer and hand-deliver them if you can. The post office will get the others to their destination. And don't forget to reach out with a quick visit or phone call. Forget the perfect gift, it doesn't exist. Think outside of the box and remember that gifts aren't always objects. It could be time, an event, or their favorite homemade dish of yours. Maybe you could chop their wood, start a fire, and share a hot toddy. One year I took my best friend to a boxing lesson. We had a great time laughing and learning to throw a punch. The real gift was the experience/memory and the cherished photo. This year I'm surprising her with a photo session in Virginia City with Santa. We have not done that since we were kids. I have come to accept that I will never find the perfect gift, gadget, or outfit for her, but I will make her smile. Correction, I will make us smile. In 1925 at the Sheridan Post Office, someone sent a live turkey to their family on the East Coast. The fowl caused quite a ruckus in the post office, but eventually, they got him crated up and on his way. I don't think that would fly in today's post office, but it does serve as inspiration. Christmas is about so much more than gift-giving, though. You'd never know it from the advertising that has turned shopping into a national pastime. It is about coming together in our community, our churches, our family, and friends. And be forewarned, it will be unbearably imperfect. I can't wait! recall a year when my overconfident sister insisted on cooking a turkey for the first time, there were almost thirty of us. The bird ended up in a microwave and the spirits flowed while we cheered every 'turkey update'. And my grandma fell down the stairs, the same stairs, on three different Christmas Eve's. She received nothing more than a sprained wrist and a whole lot of attention. I swear it was some sort of covert tuck-and-roll situation. She was fine. And I recall her telling me about the mule of 1949. Some 'spirited' miners in Butte released a mule into the busy streets of Christmas shoppers in Butte.

I don't recommend introducing a mule into the mix or pushing Grandma down the stairs. But I do recommend; no, I hope, you'll welcome the idea of imperfection. Let's find humor in the mix-ups, get your drunk uncle home safe, and embrace the madness. Let's savor each tradition and task. Let's enjoy the journey of creating a holiday season filled with love, laughter, and a little bit of Montana magic.

Merry Christmas Ruby Valley. Truly, no matter what, Merry Christmas.

Written by Kate Joki Rose

## Ruby Valley Happenings

**RANCHER ROUNDTABLE** - Jan 8th - 5 pm to 7 pm - Sheridan Senior Center - Livestock & Large Carnivore Conflict Mitigation

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS:**

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** - Story time is every Tuesday at 11:00am for children 18 mos. - 5 yrs 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**

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP - SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS -** If you have questions, please contact Kathleen @ 406-596-1080 or Pastor Allen Cain @ 406-381-6677 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. 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.

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RUBY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - Every Sunday Service Times: - Sunday School 10 am -Morning Service @ 11 am. Bible Study & Praver Meetings Wednesday Evenings @ 6 pm. VALLEY KIDS - PK to 6th grade Wednesday Evenings from 4 to 6 @ Valley Assemble Main Street, Sheridan - See Ad for more information AA MEETINGS - AL-ANON Group - Mondays @ 7 pm Christ Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall Womens Group - Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm - Christ Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall AWANA - EK to 5th grade Starting September 11th to December 18th - Wednesday nights 6 pm to

7:30 pm

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

SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM - Every Thursday - 1 pm to 4 pm - TRMCC Activities Department Fundraiser - See Ad

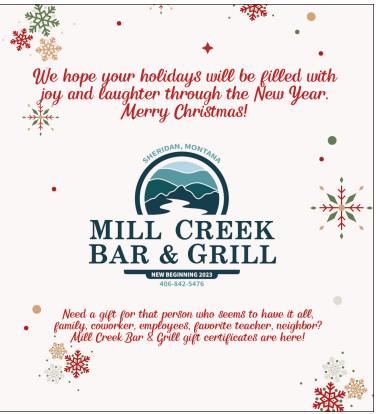
TOWN OF SHERIDAN COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2nd Monday of every month - location TBA

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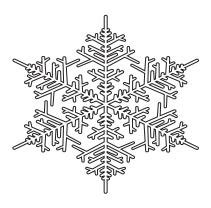


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look forward to hearing from you!

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> > 406-988-0360

## Sheridan Library to hold **Community Resource Meeting**

The Sheridan Library will hold a meeting at the Sheridan Senior Center on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to compile a list of resources to assist those in our communities who are experiencing any of a variety of needs, and to facilitate connections and communication between the organizations and people who can provide that assistance in and around the valley.

If you or a representative from your organization would like to be included or for more information, contact William Talbott at the Sheridan Library at 406-842-5770.

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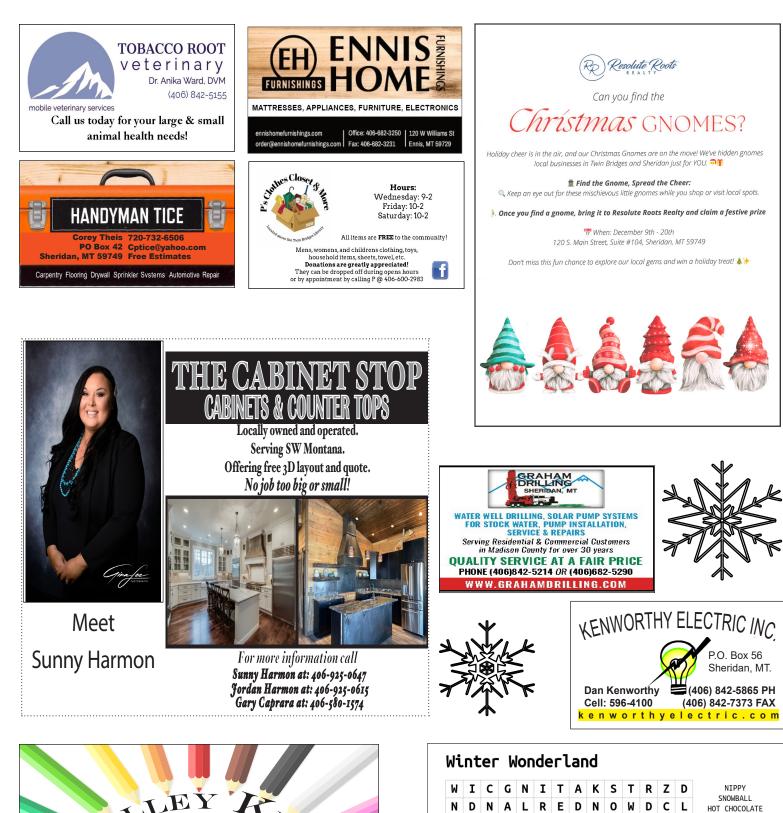
Christ Episcopal Church of Sheridan, Christmas Eve service at 5 PM on December 24th

Grace Community Fellowship in Laurin, Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, December 24th, at 6 PM. For info 406-842-5915.

3 Rivers Worship, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Mountain View Chapel, December 24, 7 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service





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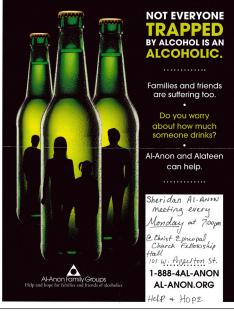




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Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays Happy New Year!





Twin Bridges Library is looking for energetic, fun and caring individuals to help lead and alternate weeks during our Storytime from 10:30am - 12:00 once a week. Currently we are meeting on Tuesdays. If you are interested in helping with our community children ages 18mos - 5 years of age, please contact Kerstin Clark @ (406) 207-0440 or TWIN BRIDGES

kerstinclark@gmail.com.

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