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MITIGATING DROUGHT

How landowners and state agencies have banded together to benefit the Jefferson River

The Jefferson River outside of Silver Star.

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"The Jefferson (River) has always had flow problems," said FWP fisheries biologist Ron Spoon. "About 20 years ago, we started working with folks to improve that. Then, we formed a watershed council in 2000."

The Jefferson River Watershed Council has been working with landowners and FWP

since 2000 to improve communication between water users for the benefit of the river.

"Not only for the good of the river, but it's also neighbors helping neighbors," said watershed council president John Kountz. "It took education at first, but now there's cooperation."

Kountz took over the presidency after founding member and president Gary Nelson passed away a

few years ago. Spoon said Nelson is greatly missed.

"Now we're going into our first dry year without (Nelson)," Spoon said. "We're really missing him."

After the Jefferson River leaves Twin Bridges, Spoon said there are four large canals that have anywhere from 10 to 50 water users – there are also around eight smaller irrigating systems from the river, he added.

"That's a lot of coordination," he said. "As the river goes down, we have some trigger points where, if we hit a certain trigger at Twin Bridges, we all get together once a week."

The watershed council uses the U.S.G.S. gage at Twin Bridges to watch for triggers. When the river hits 600 cubic feet per second (cfs), the irrigators and interested stakeholders know to "brace themselves," Spoon said.

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Sheep in the Gravelly Mountains

JUDGE DENIES INJUNCTION, ALLOWS HELLE SHEEP TO CONTINUE TO GRAZE ON BDNF ALLOTMENTS

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On July 8, U.S. District Judge Brian Morris denied an injunction from the Gallatin Wildlife Association, after the group requested to halt sheep grazing on two allotments in the Gravelly Mountains.

Judge Morris is currently examining a lawsuit the GWA filed against the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest alleging "the (Forest Service) has failed to analyze the impact of sheep allotments on big horn sheep and grizzly bears," according to GWA president Glenn Hockett.

"We're concerned about the overall viability of big horn sheep across the national forest ... We couldn't find any other way to go forward except for a lawsuit," Hockett

said. "We could not get them to analyze the significant affects of these allotments."

Hockett said the injunction was filed so sheep grazing would stop on two specific allotments for the duration of the lawsuit, because sheep grazing threatens grizzly bears and hinders the reintroduction of big horn sheep to the area.

The two allotments in question are owned by the extended Helle family out of Dillon – Helle Livestock and Rebish/Konen Livestock have a total of six Forest Service allotments in the Gravelly Mountains where they graze sheep for a few months in the summer.

After Judge Morris denied the injunction, GWA appealed the decision to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Hockett said.

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NEWS FROM THE MANOR

MVM receives bids for facility update, moves forward with project

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With more baby boomers than generation x or y-ers, the communities in Madison County are aging, according to commissioner Jim Hart. For that reason, Hart said the two county-owned nursing homes – the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis and the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan – are vital to the area.

"We are an aging population in Montana and in Madison County in particular," Hart said. "We need a good facility."

Because of the ever-growing importance of an updated facility, the MVM is close to starting a project that will give the facility an entirely new interior. According to manor administrator Darcel Cook, the project will renovate the manor, updating resident rooms and installing new ceilings and floors, among other things.

"We will have a new nurses station and a living room where residents can actually sit and visit," Cook said. "New lighting, handrails, paint. A new tub room, more like a spa than the clinical way it is now."

On July 9, 2015, the manor opened contractor bids for the work.

"Good news, the bids we got were great," Cook said. "We can get everything done we wanted."

Project funding

Last year on July 8, 2014, the manor received a Community Development Block Grant for \$450,000 to help fund the project. Cook said they also have \$400,000 set aside in their budget for the remodel, which gives them \$850,000 to work with.

The CDBG is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Cook says she hopes the project will start within the month – after that, the contractor has 182 days to complete the work, which is six months.

Need for a facelift

Hart said the current facility still has a "60s or 70s motif."

"The real intent is to make it more homelike," he said.

"Not only is that important, but updating it will accommodate residents and staff and make the place run smoother."

Hart pointed out that Madison County residents in both valleys have been very willing to support nursing homes.

"Since they pay for it, they expect a facility that is convenient, homey and good for residents," he said. "That's important."

MAINTAINING HEALTHY RIVERS

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Anglers fish the Madison River in July.



The reasoning behind hoot owl restrictions on some of Montana rivers

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In the last few weeks, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks have placed different sections of multiple rivers in Southwest Montana under hoot owl restrictions due to warm weather sticking around.

"A couple things go into (why we place some rivers under restriction)," said Dave Moser, FWP fisheries biologist.

"One is the length of the day. As the summer goes on, days get much shorter so there is more cooling down time in the evening. We also look at long-term weather forecasts and we can predict a week out pretty well. Two weeks out, we're at the mercy of whatever the weather provides us. We also look at fishing pressure."

John Way is president of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce and also owns a fly shop and outfitting business

in town. He believes closures benefit the industry if they are used when needed.

"It all comes down to the resource," Way said. "If (closures) are needed to protect the fish, then it is a positive for the whole industry. If the people in the know – the biologists who look at it everyday – deem it necessary then it's a positive."

Hoot owl restrictions

Currently, sections of eight rivers in Southwest Montana

are under the hoot owl restriction – Jefferson River, Big Hole River, Beaverhead River, Ruby River, Shields River, Lower Madison River, Lower Gallatin River and East Gallatin River.

"The restrictions (close) the rivers to fishing daily from 2 p.m. to midnight until conditions improve," according to an FWP press release.

The reason for the restriction is that fish are cold blooded, which means they are somewhat

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ELK HUNTING SHOULDER SEASONS

FWP and public examine proposal for establishing additional hunting time

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In areas with chronic elk over population, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is looking at a proposal that will create hunting shoulder seasons to give sportsmen more opportunities to harvest elk.

According to the proposal, a shoulder season is

defined as any firearm season that occurs outside the five-week general firearm season. Shoulder seasons can occur between Aug. 15 and Feb. 15.

"Shoulder seasons could be early and/or late seasons and may include antlered and/or antlerless options," the proposal states. "Shoulder seasons are designed to supplement existing harvest, not replace or reduce harvest

during the existing general archery and firearm seasons."

Each FWP region has the discretion to set a shoulder season based on local circumstances to reach population objectives for elk, according to FWP wildlife manager Howard Burt.

Burt said he does not foresee changes in Madison County, even if the proposal passes. Madison County is part of FWP region three, which Burt said does not have many areas with chronic and substantial over population.

"Most of the (hunting) districts in region three are at objective or slightly above

objective," he said. "The intent of these shoulder seasons is to deal with the districts that are chronically and greatly over objective. Areas where we've already had liberal hunting seasons and tried to do other things, but where we have a hard time getting a handle on the population."

According to data from FWP biologist Julie Cunningham, who works in the Madison Valley, elk populations in hunting districts 201, 209, 311 and 362 are within objective. The elk in hunting districts 310 and 360 are slightly below objective and the elk in hunting district 213 are above objective.


Dean Waltee is the biologist who covers the Gravelly Elk Management Unit (EMU) and the Tobacco Root EMU. Waltee

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If the proposal is passed, FWP regions have the ability to request shoulder seasons for elk hunting in certain districts.

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"That means maybe implement some voluntary conservation measures, but don't meet once a week," he said. "But then if the river hits 280 cfs we start meeting and communicating. That's when the real work starts. We talk about how to share that last 280 between all of us so the river doesn't dry up."

The Jefferson River dropped below 280 cfs every year from 2000 – 2007, which were drought years, Spoon said. The river dropped below again in 2013, and Spoon said it is possible it will happen again this year.

Kountz said drought situations are tough on everyone involved.

"You have the trout people and the livestock people and all kinds of different points of view," he said. "It's about sitting down and talking ...

It helps because guys try to see where they can throw some water back in the river or adjust a gage a little bit."

Kountz said the Jefferson River Watershed Council com-

municates with water users on the Big Hole River and the Ruby River because both rivers feed into the Jefferson.

Dan Doornbos, president of the Ruby Water Users Association said managing water use is important for numerous reasons.

"We don't want the river to dry up, obviously," Doornbos said. "The fishery is an important thing for the economy in this area. All the water users realizes that fishing is a big part of the economy in our area, so we work together to make that happen and work with FWP and (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation). If we have water in the river for the irrigators, then the fishery is taken care of."

Ultimately, the water in the river is in Mother Nature's hands.

"At the end of the day, it all depends on the weather," Kountz said. "We're lucky right now because it's been cooling off a little bit and we're getting a few (rain) showers. It started off not looking good. It's better than we thought, but still not good."

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at the mercy of water temperature, according to Moser.

"Since fish have few ways of managing their body temperature – other than behaviorally – temperature extremes outside their physiological limits can cause stress," Moser said. "As these temperatures rise there are increasing impacts. At some point water temperatures may rise to a point that fish die. One issue is that there are sub-lethal stresses on fish at higher temperatures that don't cause outright mortality. If these fish are caught, played and held out of the water they may die."

Moser said the ideal water temperature for fish is from 55 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit, and that outright mortality can occur at 77 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Montana has drought management plans and a policy that aims to protect fish from angling stress during periods of warm temperature," he added.

On the Madison River

In Madison County and Ennis specifically, the Upper Madison River is a huge economic driver. Fortunately, Moser said the Upper Madison is not closed to hoot owl conditions "right now."

"It was getting close a few weeks ago when we had really hot temperatures, close to 100 for a few days," Moser said. "But one good thing about the Upper Madison is that North-Western Energy pulses flows to (regulate) temperatures on the Lower (Madison River) and that ends up helping out the Upper."

FWP is keeping an eye on the Upper Madison River, however. "We don't take it lightly," Moser said. "Especially the

Upper Madison because there is so much use, but we do have to think about the health of the fish."

Moser added that he believes fishing guides are most likely being pushed from rivers that are hoot owled to other rivers that are not – for example, guides from Twin Bridges that generally fish the Jefferson or Big Hole rivers, may travel to the Upper Madison River to get in a full day trip.

"I don't know if we have any actual data on it, but yeah, guides will surely be pushed into other areas," Moser said. "We don't want all the pressure pushed onto another stream that may be close to a closure level though."

Madison River Foundation director Liz Davis said she chatted with a fly shop in Ennis, and heard that very few customers have complained about overcrowding.

"The person I spoke with said that so far everyone knows this is a busy time and they are being patient with more boats on the Madison," Davis said.

Way said the Upper Madison River is busier than usual, even for this time of the year.

"There really has been a difference here lately since part of the Big Hole and the Jefferson rivers have gone under hoot owl," Way said. "We've also noticed a difference because the Yellowstone (River) has been muddy for a long time and that's driving all those people over here. The Madison (River) is such a unique beast in that it really handles pressure well. Everybody seems to be able to get along. The river moves so fast that if you're in a busy area, you get right through it."

Kenzi Clark, executive director of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce, said tourism and



Ennis Dam

Twin Bridges rancher Rick Sandru, who irrigates from the Jefferson River, said he thinks the way the watershed councils works together and communicates is a "success story that never gets told."

"There was a severe drought in the 1990s and ranchers were blamed," Sandru said. "Now, the ranches have been voluntarily managing water to benefit the whole river."

Fish populations

For the last 15 or 20 years, Spoon has been monitoring the fish population in the Jefferson River at three points – one by Twin Bridges, another by Waterloo and finally, one by Three Forks. "We've been doing habitat work in that time too," Spoon said. "There used to be around 300 fish per mile in (the Waterloo) reach, but now we've hit 1,200 fish per mile."

Spoon said the improvement in numbers is a result of habitat work and the work the water users have done.

"The upper and lower (sections of river) are not

quite responding as well because we don't have good fish reproduction in that area like we do in the Waterloo area," Spoon said. "But they are stable, not declining."

He went on to say that the

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– John Kountz, Jefferson River Watershed Council

section near Twin Bridges has an estimated 500 fish per mile, but the section by Three Forks has less than 200 fish per mile.

"It gets so warm down there," he said, explaining the low numbers of fish. "We had a fish kill on July 3, 2015, down there, but that always happens between Lewis & Clark Caverns because there aren't cold springs and tributaries, and the canyon gets hot."

business in the Madison Valley has not been impacted by any hoot owl restrictions.

"People aren't going to cancel a vacation they've been planning for months because of restrictions," she said. "The restrictions just mean that people will have to head to (those) rivers a little bit earlier. There's still plenty to do in the area after 2 p.m."

Pulse flows on the Madison

Andy Welch, hydro compliance professional with NorthWestern Energy and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist Pat Clancey took a minute to explain the purpose of pulse flows on the Madison River, because they said there is some misunderstanding about the process.

"The pulse flow program is actually implemented to prevent thermally induced fish kills in the river downstream of Ennis Reservoir, and pulse flows are conducted and controlled at Ennis Dam, not Hebgen," Clancey said. "They are implemented when certain water temperature and air temperature criteria are met."

Welch said the goal is to keep the Lower Madison River below 80 degrees Fahrenheit and the amount of water needed for a pulse is determined by examining the temperature at Ennis Lake and calculating it depending on the air forecast in the lower river.

"It's all 100 percent weather dependent," Welch said. "Hebgen is just used as a balancing act."

Since pulse flows require quite a bit of water from Ennis Lake, that water has to be replaced with water from Hebgen Lake, Clancey added.

"Ideally, the dam operators make as few changes at Hebgen as possible, but

when there is a lot of pulsing necessary, like there probably will be this year, and those pulses require different amounts of water from one day to the next, they have to adjust Hebgen to discharge more frequently," Clancey said. "I think people notice the changes in the river below Hebgen, and if they've heard of the pulse flow program, they incorrectly conclude the pulse flow program targets the river between Hebgen and Ennis."

Welch said changes had to be made at Hebgen the week of July 4 because air temperatures reached around 100 degrees Fahrenheit, which required a lot of water to pulse out of Ennis Dam.

The Black's Ford area of the Lower Madison River is the most critical point – in the past, that section of river has experienced fish kill and often warms up to high temperatures. So the "slug of water" from Ennis Lake can reach that point of the river between 3 and 7 p.m. when it is most needed, the Ennis Dam operators make changes at the dam early in the morning, Clancey explained.

"And to be ultra-wonky, the pulse flows don't actually cool the water," he added. "But the increased volume of water in the river simply prevents it from warming up as much as it would without the additional water from the pulse."

AXOLOTL LAKES ROAD

Commissioners work with developer to improve road

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If you have ever spent an afternoon at Axolotl Lakes in the mountains between Ennis and Virginia City, you know the road to get there is practically a trail.

"It's essentially just a track right now," said commissioner Jim Hart. "I think the area (is highly recreated). But right now it's only people who want to take a chance on the road."

Currently, a private landowner who developed a subdivision close to the lakes is working with the county to repair the road, Hart said.

"We are working up an agreement with him," Hart said. "The guy is a developer – he developed a subdivision up in there with a number of properties that are for sale. He is looking for a more reasonable, safe roadway to get there."

Hart said the county road that leads to the lakes from

Shining Mountains outside of Ennis is technically in commissioner Dave Schulz's district, but Hart's road crews maintain it because of location.

"Technically, it's all in Schulz's district now," he said. "We realigned our commission districts a few years ago to keep equal in population and (Schulz) got that area. Since my road department is a heck of a lot closer than his, I still maintain those roads. We all work together."

Hart says he believes the county will have a contract with the developer in just a few weeks so work on the road can start this summer. "It's just two or three miles of road – it will stop just short of the lakes," Hart said. "We're trying to get the work done at the end of the summer and into the fall."

Schulz said it is rare that a landowner approached the county and offered to do road improvement on a county road. "In this instance, it's a road

that is getting busier and busier as the years go by," Schulz said. "It makes good sense if we do have a landowner that is willing to participate with us or put money on the table. We have got to give consideration to it. In this case, I think we are going to work with him."

The developer has offered to pay for the cost of the work, Hart said, but the only complication is that the county has to be careful when a private person does work on a county road for liability reasons.

"We need to have an agreement that protects Madison County," said Schulz. "An agreement with the landowner during the construction and then one once the construction is done."

Schulz said the project makes sense because "significant" parts of the road need improvement – he said parts of the road are not passable when it rains, or during spring runoff. Use in the area is already increas-

ing, Schulz said, and Hart agreed, adding that a good road may mean more traffic.

"With an improved road, maybe more people will head up there," Hart concluded. "Like they say, 'if you build it, they will come.'"



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A private landowner is interested in working with the county to repair Axolotl Lakes Road.

MORE NEWS:

A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE

North Park in Virginia City received a name change and is now Tendoy Park to honor Chief Tendoy, who was the leader of the mixed band of Shoshone-Bannock and Sheepeaters at the time of the band's 1868 treaty with the government, which took place in Laurin. Last weekend, members of the mixed band, who now live in Idaho, traveled to Virginia City to dedicate the park.



All photos Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian

LEFT: **Yezlyn Ariwite, 6**, traveled from Fort Hall, Idaho, to dance and participate in the powwow at the dedication to Chief Tendoy this weekend in Virginia City.

CENTER: **Tribe elder Clyde Duke Dixey** delivered a prayer before the powwow and spoke on the history of the war bonnet.

RIGHT: **Tyson Shay, center**, has worked for six years as an emcee. He is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribe.

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GWA attorney John Meyer with the Cottonwood Environmental Law Center said the appeal was denied late last Friday evening.

"Appellant's emergency motion for injunctive relief pending this preliminary injunction appeal is denied," according to court documents.

Meyer said that means grazing will continue on the forest while the lawsuit is pending – the lawsuit is designed to get big horn sheep back on the landscape.

"The (BDNF) is required to maintain viable populations of the species," Meyer said. "To have a viable population, fish and game has said you need 125 individual (sheep). There are currently 10 populations of big horn sheep on or near the (BDNF). Of those 10, seven have less than 125 sheep."

Hockett believes domestic sheep are hindering the reintroduction of big horn sheep to the landscape because the two cannot use the same habitat.

"It's unfortunate, but true because of disease transmission," Hockett said.

One of the GWA's other claims revolves around grizzly bears.

"The whole thing with grizzly bears is a problem as well," Hockett said. "Grizzlies are attracted to domestic sheep as a food source, but they will be displaced by the guard dogs that are with the sheep. Either way, they are not using their habitat or they are getting into conflicts."

Evan Helle is a fourth generation sheep rancher. He said conflicts with grizzlies are not an issue on the sheep allotments.

"There was one conflict in 2013, but that was an isolated incident," Evan said. "Our sheepherder shot that bear in self defense ... In the past five years, there have been at least six archery hunters nearly killed by bears in the same area. It's not like we're up there killing grizzly bears."

Evan said he thinks only one side of the story is being told – the story coming from the GWA.

"(Their) declarations in court say that it was a pristine environment before the sheep got there," Evan said. "But it's important to note that sheep have been here longer than (they've) been alive. Agriculture has been up there managing the range. The reason the land looks the way it does is because it gets grazed every year. Grazed responsibly."

Evan said the sheep are a small part of the landscape on the Gravellys – he said there is enough country up there for multiple uses.

Helle family history

The Helle family has been running sheep in the Gravelly Mountains for generations, Evan said.

"My grandma and my grandpa purchased the allotments a long time ago," Evan said. "But our relatives before them were in the sheep industry too, from the early 1900s in Dillon."

The family started with two bands of sheep and eventually expanded the operation

to its current capacity – Helle Livestock has four bands of sheep and the family's cousins, the Konen's, have two bands. Evan said a band of sheep is approximately 1,000 ewes with up to 1,800 lambs in addition.

The family lambs at their home ranch in Dillon beginning in March, Evan said. "After they are lambed, we move to Sweetwater, which is part of our private land in Madison County – east of Dillon," Evan said. "The sheep graze on our private land there in the early spring ... On July 1, we go into the (BDNF) as the permit allows. And we start trailing the sheep into the mountains."

The Helles move the sheep to their BDNF allotments on a historic trail that has been used for 150 years, Evan said.

"They graze their way up there, spread out over nearly three-fourths of a mile; there's no impact," Evan said. "It's not like a crowd of sheep on one trail, causing a big cloud of dust."

The Helles work hand in hand with the producers who graze cattle on other allotments in the Gravelly Mountains.

"We graze larkspur," Evan said. "It's poisonous to cows, but not to the sheep, so it helps the cattle a lot. We cooperate with the cattlemen up there."

The sheep stay on the Forest Service allotments for approximately three months, Evan said.

"We're really careful to manage the way that we graze," he said. "We graze our allotments in a certain rotation – clockwise for one year, counterclockwise the next. We have grazing practices that ensure the natural resources are conserved."

Evan said sustainability, and a well thought out grazing plan, is an important part of ranching, and one that his family does not take lightly.

"Having that plan is really important because ranchers are really in this for the long haul," he said. "It's a family business – I'm the fourth generation that has been doing this. We've been doing this successfully and sustainably. You have to very carefully manage natural resources like this."

Madison County's role

Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz said the county has prepared a letter in support of the Forest Service and the Helle family.

"It is my belief and comfort level that the Forest Service planning related to this particular permit was done appropriately and met the objectives of the Forest Service," Schulz said. "Furthermore, the Helle family has been a long time permittee on the Gravellys. And if anybody is going to follow the letter for forest planning policy, they are an example of a ranch operation that will."

Schulz said it is his hope that the court responds in favor of the permittee.

"I'm here to support this permittee and other permittees that graze on the BDNF," Schulz said.

Since the lawsuit is still pending, Leona Rodreick, public affairs officer for the BDNF said the Forest Service could not comment on the litigation.

MOODS OF THE MADISON

Photo courtesy Elizabeth Hinshaw

The second annual Moods of the Madison concert took place in Ennis last weekend.



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Sara and Jason Racine take their twins, Abigail and Samuel, to their first concert.



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On Friday night, an artist paints during the Red Becoming Blue performance.

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CLARIFICATION

In the article titled, "Mother Nature's in control," *The Madisonian* should have clarified that the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has not implemented fire restrictions on national forest lands within Southwest Montana so far this year according to Leona Rodreick, public affairs officer. *The Madisonian* apologizes for any confusion.

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Beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, Ed, was taken in a tragic auto accident, Monday, July 13, 2015. Ed was born August 23, 1940, in Butte to Edwin Walter and Irene (Park) Guinnane. Ed spent his childhood between Butte and Seattle, graduating high school from Sheridan, Mont.

Ed spent eight years in the Army Reserves. Dec. 18, 1960, Ed married the love of his life, Katherine Butts. After several years of leasing

Edwin James Guinnane 74 August 23, 1940 - July 13, 2015

land, Ed and Kaye fulfilled their dream of buying a cattle ranch in Alder in 1972, where they raised their three children, Greg, Brad and Kim. During this time he spent nineteen years as a supervisor at Cyprus Industrial Minerals mine in Alder. With the help of his family, he grew his cattle operation from one cow to a sizeable cow/calf operation, known as the Guinnane Ranch. In 1982 he and his wife purchased an over-the-road trucking business, which was possible as a result of all the family help he had at home. Ed started Ruby Valley Pressure Treating in 1989 in order to supplement his family's income.

Aside from work, Ed enjoyed hunting, fishing, exploring the country on his Harley and watching sports. He even enjoyed being a basketball referee for several years. In his later years, Kaye and Ed took many wonderful trips together such as an Alaskan cruise, a trip to Ha-

waii, attending the National Finals Rodeo, and a wonderful trip to Branson, Mo., with his three kids and eight grandchildren. During a family reunion in Seattle, Wash., Ed made his famous chicken and noodles in the motel room, just to ensure everyone in the family was able to taste them. He had noodles drying on garbage bags all over the beds. These are the memories we will cherish forever.

Ed's family and the community will always hold dear the memory of his annual New Year's Day Noodle Feed. There was not a better way to ring in the New Year than with Ed's noodles and laughs.

Working cattle will never be the same without Grandpa running around with his cane and cow stick while listening to the football game on his headphones. We will forever miss the amazing man who helped make all of us the people we are today.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and

Irene Guinnane; in-laws Claud and Grace Butts; and best friend, Babe Lueck. Survived by wife of 54 years, Katherine Guinnane; sister Rene Colleen Guinnane (Sluggo Wessel); children; Greg (Brenda) Guinnane, Brad Guinnane, and Kim Guinnane (McKee Anderson); grandchildren; Ridgley (Tim) Elser, Cassidy, Colter, Cady Guinnane, Chace Guinnane, Ayden Anderson, Ashleigh Guinnane and Axton Anderson; great-grandchildren; Grady and Sonja Elser. In-laws Louise (Phil) Burk and Melvin Butts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are preferred to the donor's choice.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, July 19, at 1 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church. Interment with rites performed by Virginia City Elks Lodge #390 was followed at the Taylor Cemetery in Alder. A reception will be held at Bethany Hall following the interment.

Lois Mantha Grose October 19, 1926 - June 27, 2015



On Saturday, June 27, 2015, Lois Mantha Grose went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lois was born on Oct. 19, 1926, in Whiting, Ind., to Alphonse and Amelia Mantha. When Lois was three years old, the family moved to Montana and settled in the Madison Valley. Lois attended school in Laurin and Twin Bridges, and graduated from

Twin Bridges High School.

Lois married Milton "Micky" Held on February 19, 1946. Together they had two children, James "Jim" and Michelle. Lois and Mick were married for 20 years and she always claimed that Micky was the love of her life.

In 1968, Lois married Walt Kitson. After a few years of marriage, Walt became the town marshal in Twin Bridges and they relocated there. Lois learned how to drive a school bus and achieved her CDL. She worked driving bus for the Twin Bridges School District for many years. They were married until Walt's death in 1986.

In 1992, Lois met Buster Grose and they were married in November of that year. She was so thrilled to have found a companion again. They loved spending time with family and friends and just enjoyed spending time together. Lois and Buster were

married until his death, and Lois then found herself having to adjust to life alone.

Lois enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She played cards with the girls and enjoyed singing in her church choir at Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges.

Lois worked at the Twin Bridges Public Library until her memory and her health began to fail. She resided at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center for about a year prior to her daughter relocating her to Arizona to be closer to her.

Lois lived with her daughter for a short time and then resided in an assisted living facility. As her memory and health continued to decline she was moved into a group home where she could receive more specialized care. Lois died peacefully, knowing that her daughter had been by her side.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents; son James;

and her siblings, Bill Mantha, Emory "Micky" Mantha, Paul Mantha, Ruth McRea and Nova Jean Mantha.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Held of San Tan Valley, Ariz.; her brother and sister-in-law Don and Jane Mantha of Sheridan; sisters-in-law Joyce Held of Whitehall and Gloria Mantha of Sheridan; brother-in-law Ed McRea of Alpine, Calif.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Ryan and Jackie Cooper (Shawn, Ashleigh), Amie and Frank Gaudioso (Ariana, Tiana, Giovanni), Lisa and Don Leedom (Bryce, Jaycee) all of Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will take place in Montana at a future date and notification will be provided at that time.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society.

Arlene Brown June 2, 1926 - June 29, 2015



Arlene Angeline (Schappert) Brown was born June 2, 1926, in Rockville, Minn. She passed peacefully in the early hours of June 29, 2015, at the

Madison Valley Manor in Ennis. Arlene was a devoted Christian and there is peace in knowing she is with her savior, Jesus, reaping the joys of eternal life.

Growing up surrounded by her many brothers and sisters, she was given the nickname of Dolly because of her petite stature.

As a young woman working at a cafe in San Francisco, she met a handsome sailor, Harold Wesley Brown, and in April of 1946, married him in Vancouver, Wash. When Harold enlisted in the Army, they traveled the world raising their sons and making their home wherever the Army sent them. Everyone loved the stories about life in

Germany, Texas and California.

In 2002, the Browns made one last move to Ennis, where they both became involved in volunteer work. Harold with VFW Post 1723 and Arlene with the Madison Valley Woman's Club at the Nearly New Shoppe.

Just two months after celebrating their 64th anniversary, Harold passed, leaving his sweet doll behind.

Arlene was an active member of the Madison Valley Baptist Church and continued her work at the Nearly New Shoppe until a few months before her death.

She is survived by her four sons, Tom (Patti) Brown of Grass Valley, Calif., Ken (Kathy) Brown of Placerville,

Calif., Larry (Sandi) Brown of Ennis, James (Jocelyn) Brown of Rough and Ready, Calif.

Arlene was grandma to 10 grandchildren: Colleen, Amie, Carrie, Melissa, Charity, Wesley, James, Nichole, Hannah and Kurtis, as well as 16 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Madison Valley Woman's Club Scholarship fund.

Funeral services will be held July 25, 2015, at the Madison Valley Baptist Church, 5050 Hwy 287 in Ennis at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be served at the church following interment of Arlene's ashes at the Ennis Cemetery.

Debra Hanson February 16, 1962 - July 16, 2015



Debra Ellen Hanson, "Deb," died July 16, 2015, in her home surrounded by family and friends, after an 11-year battle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband of 20 years, James "Lynn" Hanson, her daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Paul Smail, her son Rocky Jones and his fiancé Jamee Hutchins, adopted son Chuck Whyte, and grandsons Kaleb and Ethan Smail and Coy Whyte. Deb was born on Feb. 16,

1962, in Dillon, to father Ben Redman and mother Lois Smith. She grew up in a large, loving family with three brothers and two sisters. She was described as a dancing ballerina that tripped over her own shadow until she got glasses. In school she participated in multiple activities including basketball, track, cheerleading, band and chorus. She had a beautiful voice and sang The Rose at her high school graduation, surprising all of her family. Deb graduated from Twin Bridges High School with the class of 1981.

Deb married Rocky Wayne Jones of Dillon in September of 1981, and relocated to Hamilton, where they raised their two children until they separated in 1988. As a single mother living everywhere from Hamilton to Charlo, she worked hard as a waitress for many years providing for herself, two children and a foster son. Finally settling down in her hometown of Twin Bridges is

where she then married the love of her life Lynn Hanson on July 4, 1998, at Goodrich Gulch.

Together Lynn and Deb built an adventurous and full life. They purchased the property in Goodrich Gulch where they created most memories. She was an avid hunter and snowmobiler. She rode a modified Yamaha Phazer very well. She even embarrassed the boys multiple times by high marking them.

Deb was a driven lady with an infectious smile that always lit up a room, love of antiques, vintage clothing stores and sewing. She even had her own store for a short time. She also worked at Mountain View Vet Clinic and Winston Rod using her beautiful hand writing skills to write on the rods.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004. She remained dedicated in her quilting and in her will to fight her illness. She remained a brave, iron-willed woman, even throughout her final months.

Deb was preceded in death by her grandparents Logan and Hazel Smith; Aunt Sherry Smith; sister-in-law Joanne Hanson; and father-in-law James "Terry" Hanson. She is survived by her parents, mother-in-law Gayle Hanson, husband Lynn, children, grandchildren, siblings Mike (Sheryl) Redman, Jay (Karen) Redman, Janet (Brook) Lightner, Jean Ann (Adam) Jeffrey, Jerry (Angie) Redman; brothers-in-law Danny and Ken Hanson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Barrett Hospital Hospice, longtime friends Kathy Johnson, Steve and Theresa Hamilton and Rob and Lori Ball for taking loving care of her until the end.

Services will be held on Thursday July 23, 2015, at 2 p.m. at the Church Of The Valley in Twin Bridges. Reception to follow at the church after graveside services.

& MORE NEWS:

IT'S ME AGAIN... BUT WITH A NEW ROLE!

Hi readers,

Abigail here. Occasionally, I've hijacked some column inches in the newspaper to reach out to all of you. Usually, it's to say thank you – thank you for reading the newspaper and thank you for interacting with us. Today, I'm reaching out to share some exciting news.

I got a promotion! Now, I'm your editor, and I'm so excited.

One thing that comes with the job is a weekly editorial, where I will put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and chat with you guys. In this column, I'll not hold myself to specific topics – I'm going to write about whatever strikes my fancy, from my experiences during the week to musings on what is happening in the county.

I do, however, have one request from you. Reach out to me; reach out to all of us here at the paper. Susanne Hill, one of *The Madisonian's* owners, will be out and about in our communities, talking advertising and helping celebrate what our main streets in Madison County have to offer. Our other owner, Erin Leonard, is an incredibly talented designer, so pick her brain on how to freshen up your newspaper or online ad. Having any issues with your subscription?

Time to re-up? Call Kayla Way, our circulation manager. And definitely, definitely give Caitlin Avey a call. Caitlin is our new reporter, so you'll be seeing her at town council and school board meetings, community celebrations and sporting events. Make sure you say hello.



And of course, my door is always open and I love hearing from all of you. You can call me at 682-7755 or email me at editor@madisoniannews.com. Or if you feel like swinging by our office in Ennis, do so – and always feel free to bring news tips, photos and more!

For those of you who live here in Madison County – permanently – let's always remember how lucky we are. And for our out-of-town subscribers, come back and visit us soon!

Here's to looking toward the future . . .

Abigail

RIVER RESCUE



Photos courtesy Bo Herak

Jake Herak rescues a fawn from O'Dell Creek, after it got sucked under a log jam. After the rescue, the fawn called for its mother and the two were reunited.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

There is a potential for changes to the 2015 hunting season, but most would be implemented in 2016 or later.

ELK from pg. 1

said he does not think shoulder seasons are a "necessity" in those areas right now, but if the proposal is passed, he could see them being used in the future if there were chronic issues of elk being over objective.

"We're 10 percent over objective in the Gravellys," Waltee said. "But this is only the second year – it's not chronic."

Burt said there are a few places in region three that may get recommended for shoulder seasons if the proposal happens, but not in Madison County.

"There are only a couple areas," he said. "Potentially the Shields and the lower end of the Belts. Those are areas kind of

north of Livingston and up in there. At this point, that's something we'd be looking at because the population is chronically and substantially (above objective).

Implementation

After receiving public comment, the Fish and Wildlife Commission will make a determination on the proposal at their October meeting, according to Burt.

"If they go forward with it, all the regions in the state would basically submit proposals for any hunting district that fall under the criteria," Burt said. "We're not quite sure how the implementation is going to go." Burt said there is the

possibility of implementing shoulder seasons for the 2015 hunting season, but it will most likely happen for 2016.

"This winter, we're going to be working on setting our seasons for 2016-17," he said. "If this passes, the proposal (shoulder seasons) will be for the 2016 season with potentially a few exceptions this year."

FWP is currently seeking public comment on the proposal. Comments will be taken until 5 p.m. on Aug. 10. To see the proposal and comment, visit the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov. For more information, contact FWP at 444-2612.

Did you hear the sirens? On Monday, multiple fire starts in the Madison Valley kept crews busy

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Madison Valley Rural Fire District and the Forest Service had a busy day Monday, responding to multiple pages of possible fire starts. Here is what you need to know:

Forest Service

- There were three small starts in the Standard Creek area. Standard Creek is located in the southern end of the

Gravelly Mountains. All are still under investigation – the cause of the starts is still unknown.

- Two of the three blazes burned about an acre while the third was less than one-tenth of an acre. The Forest Service sent three engines and brought in a helicopter to look around and do a few bucket drops.

- All three fires have been contained.

MVRFD

- MVRFD responded to a report of a fire on MT Highway

87 at Reynolds Pass. The blaze was small, burning one-fifth of an acre and was mostly contained when engines arrived.

- MVRFD also responded to a report of a fire at mile marker three on MT Highway 84 at the MSU Red Bluff Research Ranch. It was another small blaze that only burned about one-tenth of an acre before being contained. The Harrison Fire Department also responded to the call.

- The cause of the starts is unknown.



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The Ennis Ambulance transports a cyclist to the Madison Valley Medical Center on July 20.

According to Madison County Undersheriff Phil Fortner, the bicyclist veered off U.S. Highway 287 near mile marker 12 at approximately 1:40 p.m. – Fortner said the cause is unknown. The cyclist was transported to MVMC after sustaining a head injury.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Dottie Fossil: A caregiver at heart

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Dottie Fossil has been in the Ennis community for nearly 20 years and has been giving her time to many different organizations, but feels strongly connected to those surrounding healthcare and hospitality.

"I like to help people," said Fossil. "I'm a caregiver at heart."

She currently serves as chairman for the Madison Valley Medical Center Board

of Trustees, the MVMC Foundation Board, and is co-chairman of the Home Tour Committee and Silent Auction for the auxiliary.

"I'd rather do something than see something," Fossil said.

Fossil moved to Montana from New York, where she was chairman for her United Way chapter and a member of the Junior League, where she helped start a shelter for victims of domestic violence. She was also heavily involved in her children's school and various clubs.

Aside from the MVMC, Fossil is a member of the Madison Valley Woman's Club, serving on their scholarship committee, and the Madison Valley History Association.

Fossil is a founding member and cochairman of the Jack Creek Preserve, a conservation and youth education organization, and is a steward of the Madison River Foundation.

"I think it is everyone's

responsibility to give back in some way, whether it be monetarily or time, whatever

their interest is because then they'll be more enthusiastic," said Fossil.

In her free time, Fossil enjoys spending time with her family and has started a tradition with her grandchildren. Once they turn 12, she takes them on an adventure anywhere they choose and, so far, she has been to Africa, Alaska and the Galapagos Islands.

When she is not busy traveling, Fossil enjoys gardening, embroidering, playing tennis and working with others to help the community be its best.

"It's about making a difference," Fossil said. "Neighbor helping neighbor to make the world a better place and most certainly our community a better place."

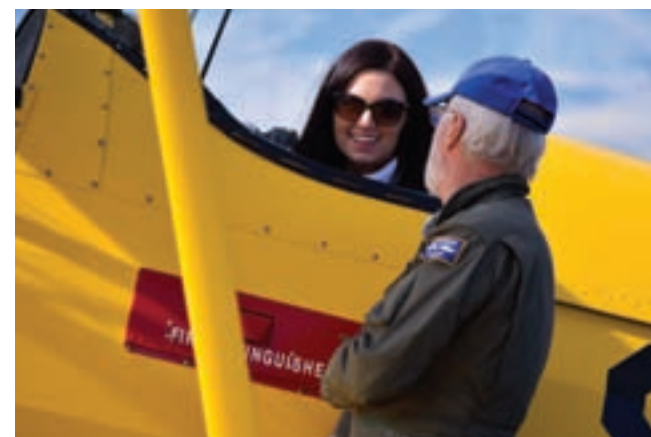


AIRSHOW IN ENNIS



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The Ennis Airport welcomed community members on Saturday, July 18, for an airshow, featuring plane rides, exhibitions, fun games for kids and more.



Thank you for your dedication!

Keep up the good work!

~ The Madisonian

Virginia City: Montana's first incorporated town, part one

Submitted by Rick and Susie Graetz
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Returning home to Bannack from a gold-searching trip in the Yellowstone Valley, six tired prospectors were captured by the Crow Indians. Had it not been for the quick thinking of one of them, their consequent good luck would not have come about. Showing no fear and trying to prove to the captors he had special powers, Bill Fairweather placed a rattlesnake in his shirt. Impressed, the natives freed them.

For whatever reason, on May 26, 1863, the group paused in their journey to pan the gravels of Alder Creek. Before dark each of the men had enough "colors" in their pans to convince them that they had made a major find.

While replenishing supplies in Bannack, they caused a bit of attention and 200 other would-be hopeful miners followed them back to Alder Gulch, spawning the beginning of Virginia City and the largest of all of Montana's gold strikes.

Long before these treasure-hunting intruders came along, Indian tribes lived in and traveled this country. The Shoshone were here before 1600; the Cree and the Bannocks and Sheepeaters came later. Native Americans did not make life easy for the first miners. Trails were closed, and would-be settlers were attacked on their way west.

Eventually, many of the Indians in Southwest Montana

made an effort to get along with whites, though the favor was not necessarily returned.

Madison County Commissioner James Fergus in 1863 said, "There is no doubt that the Indians have murdered and plundered a great many whites, but so far as my experience goes during the past winter, the whites have been the aggressors and the Indians have behaved - themselves by far the most civilized people. Many of the rowdies here think it's fine-fun to shoot an Indian."

In July 1862, news spread of Montana's initial big strike when prospector John White discovered gold in Grasshopper Creek. Bannack was born, and on May 26, 1864, it became Montana's first Territorial Capital. The inaugural Territorial Legislature met there in December 1864, but the town's political role was short lived.

By 1865, realizing the gold in Bannack was playing out, the politicians moved the capital to Virginia City in Alder Gulch, a distinction it would hold for 10 years. All records and furniture for the seat of government were hauled from Bannack across the mountains by wagon, although no building was ever constructed in Virginia City to house the territorial government.

Growth came quickly. On June 16, 1863, a miner's court, which was in essence the initial government of the town, incorporated Virginia City, making it the first such city in the state. Fort Benton, established in 1883, holds the

distinction of being Montana's oldest continuing settlement, but it seems it was not incorporated.

Before a year was over, an estimated 7,000 people were crowded into the narrow mountain gulch, and soon the population skyrocketed to more than 10,000. Other camp towns along the 14-mile canyon sprang up.

Of these other places, Nevada City, just a couple of miles down the road to the west, was the most prominent, claiming

2,000 citizens. Summit, Junction City, Central City, Union City and Adobe Town were much smaller. Only the sites of these latter places exist today. But none of the settlements came close to the civilized presence of Virginia City.

When commercial activity boomed to major proportions, more stately buildings grew from the original wickiups and tents the first miners used. Freight wagons loaded

with supplies rolled in from the steamboats at Fort Benton and via the Bannack Trail from Corinne, Utah, and a trail from Walla Walla, Wash.

Culture also came in the form of the Montana and the People's Theater and the Lyceum, a literary club. The founding of The Montana Post in Virginia City gave the state its first newspaper.

Growth and wealth in Bannack and Virginia City also at-

tracted all sorts of ne'er-do-wells. Both places were as rough as any movie ever made the West look. Led by the infamous Sheriff Henry Plummer, outlaws controlled life in the mining communities. Robberies and murders were so prevalent that the victimized citizens organized and took the law into their own hands, dispensing what became known as "frontier justice."

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A cattle drive makes its way up the Virginia City hill on the morning of July 14. Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian

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Immediately following the Library celebration the Madison County Commissioners will sponsor a public dedication and Bar-B-Que at 12:00 Noon, on Monday, July 30, 2015, in the Public Meeting Room of the new Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace in Virginia City, Montana, to celebrate the completion of that building.

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Twin Bridges student honored with scholar athlete award

Submitted by Niki Martin

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Brunch at Jackson's Garden

Submitted by Carla Marsh
JACKSON'S GARDENS

Jackson's Garden's sixth annual brunch will be on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. An ecumenical worship service will be held at the garden at 9 a.m. This community brunch is a perfect opportunity for everyone to enjoy good food, music and conversation and see what is growing in the gardens. Breakfast will be quiche, potatoes, sausage, fruit and an amazing assortment of baked items. Accommodations have been made so that the entire event is handicapped accessible. This year, we have a raffle for a quilt donated by Linda Day, a lamp donated by Paul Marsh and a night in Virginia City donated by Wells Fargo and the Virginia City Players. Tickets for the raffle will be available at the brunch, as well as a silent auction. Jackson's Garden is a non-profit organization formed to foster and grow the property, which was generously given to the community by Les Jackson. The gardens are free and open to the public. This event supports the gardens mission to "sustainably support gardening for production, education and enjoyment of our community." Jackson's Garden is located two miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road.

Evening of art in Ennis

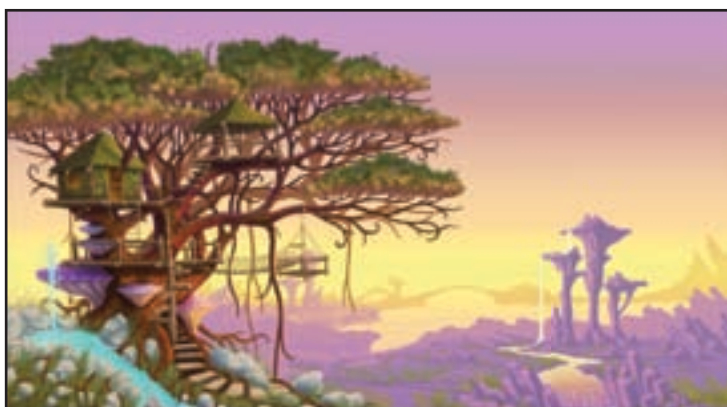
Submitted by Peggy Giblin
CATTLEMAN GALLERY

An evening of art will take place in Ennis on Friday, July 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.

This is our first art event of the season, so please come out and join us and meet our featured artists while enjoying refreshments and supporting the local arts community. The Maydak Gallery would like to introduce Frank Ordaz, a well-known portrait artist from Northern California. Ordaz grew up in a small town in Southern California where he studied with acclaimed portrait artist Theodore N. Lukits. He was later mentored by California landscape painter Sam Hyde Harris. Ordaz attended the University of Southern California and graduated from the Art Center College of Design in 1980. He began painting for George Lucas' Effects Company Industrial Light and Magic where he worked on such Oscar winners as E.T. and Return of the Jedi. In 1985 he was recognized with an Emmy for his matte paintings in the Ewok Movie. In 2006, Ordaz was selected by First Lady Laura Bush to be the featured artist for the White House Easter Egg Roll. His painting formerly hung in her East Wing Office and now is part of the George W. Bush Library Collection. His work was recently included in the Crocker Kingsley Show as well as the California Art Club's Gold Medal Show. The Maydak Gallery is located at 219 E. Main Street, Ennis. The Cattleman Gallery will feature local watercolor artist Sharon Edwards. Sharon Edwards is a local self-taught artist who spends time with her horses, enjoying the outdoors. Here in the Madison Valley of Montana is where she finds inspiration for the jewel-like quality of her watercolors. They are breathtaking small bits of beauty. The Cattleman Gallery is located at 413 W. Main Street, Ennis, across from the rodeo grounds.

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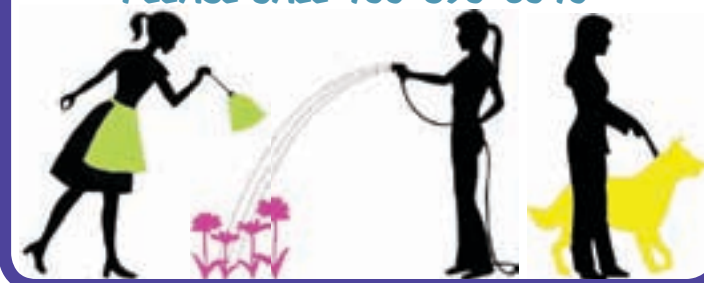
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Saturday
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 45 to 55. Highs 70 to 80.

Sunday
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 70 to 85. Lows 45 to 55.

Monday
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Quote of the Week:
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Prayer flags hang from the roof of Bortko's home in Ennis and are common throughout Nepal. They are commonly hung in a diagonal line from high to low and disintegrate in the wind, carrying prayers to the heavens.

Discovering grace amidst disaster

How a local woman found her calling

Caitlin Avey
THE MADISONIAN
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"Dad, I have to go," said Margaret Bortko after hearing news of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti in January of 2010.

Bortko, a registered nurse practitioner, was visiting her father in Florida when she learned of the earthquake.

"They had an appeal on the local news with an organization that was immediately wanting medical people to respond and I was able to do that," Bortko said.

Bortko first became interested in healthcare and nursing when she was a teenager working at the state school in Boulder. While there, she met Doc Losee, a longtime resident of Ennis and beloved doctor, who quickly became her mentor. Bortko was working in special education before transferring to nursing because she loved the hospital aspect.

"It seemed like there was more opportunity for cures," said Bortko of why she chose nursing.

Bortko specializes in rural and frontier healthcare and first came to Ennis 20 years ago, opening her own practice after receiving her masters from the University of Wyoming. She then went on to receive her doctorate from Frontier Nursing University out of Kentucky, focusing on vicarious trauma.

Whetting her palate

Bortko got her first taste of disaster relief with Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and since

then has found a new love.

"My appetite got wet with Katrina," Bortko said. "I have skills that could be useful and that take me out of my little nine to five; I can see so many other things."

Attracted to adventure, Bortko said experiencing the unknown is exciting, and that flexibility is important. She attributes Montana to preparing her for the unknown.

"Being a Montana woman who loves the outdoors and can backpack, build fires and boil water helped me," said Bortko. "It's that Montana attitude that really helps when you're in a disaster."

Haiti

Traveling to Haiti was a "life changing event," according to Bortko.

"I've never been involved in war," Bortko said. "Even the soldiers that were there said this was worse than anything they've seen; just because of the amount of devastation that happened so quickly."

There was an estimated three million people affected by the earthquake and a death toll upward of 300,000. The quake caused major damage to Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince, and other settlements, as well as completely destroying landmark buildings.

"It was a total war zone – complete devastation," said Bortko. "Their infrastructure was totally destroyed."

Bortko worked out of an outdoor hospital with another doctor, using "Napoleonic medicine" – used prior to anesthesia, antibiotic and other modern medicine, according to Bortko.

"You do the best you can with what you have," Bortko said.

According to Bortko, you become more unified with the scenario and it comes down to a "can do" attitude.

"It's not like you have all the modern conveniences so you have to make do with what you've got," Bortko said.

Nepal

The earthquakes in April of 2015 are considered to be the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal since the 30s, with more than 9,000 people killed and over 20,000 injured. The first quake triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest that killed 19 people and marked April 25, 2015, as the "deadliest day on the mountain."

For Bortko, Nepal was not as devastating as Haiti.

"It's a different society and the poverty is different in Nepal than what it was in Haiti," Bortko said. "The infrastructure of Nepal was able to rally and respond to their disaster internally, where as Haiti couldn't."

Bortko was already in Nepal providing medical attention when the second quake occurred.

"It was horrific," Bortko said of experiencing the second earthquake.

Living on the third floor of a concrete flat in Kathmandu when the quake hit, Bortko compared the movement of the building to that of a ship at sea.

"You're in a stable building and it's rocking and rolling like waves in the sea," said Bortko.

Turn to BORTKO on pg. 8



Photo courtesy of Margaret Bortko
Bortko, right, treats a patient in Nepal with the help of her interpreter, Pesal.



Photo courtesy of Margaret Bortko
A lone child wanders among the rubble after the earthquake in Nepal. Many were left homeless after entire villages were destroyed, including centuries-old buildings and temples.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

SWIM SAFE

A message to Montanans from DPHHS

Submitted by Jon Ebel
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

State health officials are encouraging Montanans to be safe this summer while enjoying fun in the water. "While out having fun this summer, keep in mind that water-related illness and injury can put a damper on that enjoyment," said Department of Public Health and Human Services Director Richard Oppen. "Montana has countless lakes, rivers and public swimming pools to enjoy and swimming has numerous health benefits, but Montanans just need to remember a few steps to stay safe."

Montanans are urged to follow these safety tips:

- Shower with soap

before entering pool

- Do not swim when you have diarrhea
- Do not swallow pool water
- Take children on bathroom breaks every 60 minutes or check diapers every 30-60 minutes
- Supervise swimmers, especially young and inexperienced ones – be a role model for others
- Learn life-saving skills
- Use life vests where applicable

• Avoid alcohol and drugs while swimming
Every year, thousands of Americans get sick after recreating in water due to ingestion of germs found in places where people swim. Cryptosporidium, or crypto, is one of the most frequent causes of waterborne illness among people in the United

States. Reports usually peak during summer when we spend time at pools and splash parks where young children are at risk the most. About one third of Montana's 60 crypto cases reported swimming as likely exposure in 2014.

"People need to be aware that chlorine and other pool water treatments don't kill germs instantly," said Erik Leigh of the DPHHS Food and Consumer Safety Section that oversees the licensing and inspection of public swimming pools. "We all share the water we swim in, and we each need to do our part to keep ourselves, our families, and our friends healthy."

To help spread this important public health message, DPHHS recently asked elementary school students to learn more about water-related illness and

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Submitted by StatePoint

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Dogs may have pervasive positive effects on human health, according to the National Institutes of Health, which reports that groups of new pet owners showed a significant reduction in minor health problems compared to those without pets. Other studies have shown that spending time with animals

can reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Why adopt?

Between six and eight million homeless pets enter shelters every year. Because shelters cannot handle all the dogs that need a place to live, many that do not get adopted are euthanized. Adopting a dog is a conscientious decision to make because it means you are saving a life.

Furthermore, animals in shelters receive medical care during their stay. As an adopter, you can be better informed about the state of your new pet's health, as shelters keep great records on vaccinations and other treatments.

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



Soaring in the Valley

Behold the birds of the air; they do not sow, reap, or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? – Jesus

I was driving over the Norris Hill with a friend and looking high above the hill we saw a flock of large, white birds flying around quite aimlessly. Manny gazed at them for a moment and said, “There’s a flock of pelicans up there.” He paused and added, “They just seem to love to fly, don’t they?”

I peered up at the aerialists and had to agree. They were not flying south for the winter or north for the summer; they didn’t appear to be looking for the river or lake, nor did they seem to be on the hunt for food. They were in a formation of sorts. That is, they were flying loosely together in one direction and then another, but their turns were slow and lazy, and not quite in sync with one another if one was expecting the military precision of the Blue Angels, but certainly their aerial choreography had a sweet rhythm to it.

As we climbed the hill heading home toward Ennis I could see they were enjoying the thermal drafts carrying them up; when they got as high as they felt appropriate they turned and began their slow spiral back to a lower altitude and then, once again, they would find a draft to carry them high aloft for another ride into the wild blue yonder.

Looking back on that trip, I couldn’t help but recall Jesus’ remark about birds. They do not plant, nor do they reap, nor do they store up in barns or fruit cellars, and yet God takes care of them just fine.

That doesn’t mean birds don’t have to work for their supper, of course. Pelicans have to go fishing, robins have to go worming and hummingbirds seek nectar. All creatures, including sloths and nematodes have to take care of themselves for the sake of survival. The point is they don’t seem to fret over it.

Out on my deck I have

a Valley Girl tomato plant I bought at the Farmer’s Market in town one recent Saturday. She had some nice flowers in June and today has three tomatoes. I was disappointed in the numbers as I was hoping for more. I wondered if I should have gotten several plants – maybe she craves company. She has a wonderful home and, when I caught a deer trying to make a meal of her I chased it off the deck, and blocked the stairway. I have become quite maternal over my baby (and her babies).

I keep an eye on her soil and see to it she has the water she needs; I protect her from predators and the wind; I chat with her each day to see how she is doing. I have also gone online to research tomato basics to ensure I am meeting her needs.

Growing up I was taught to remove suckers from tomato plants but learned it is better to leave them alone. They do not steal nutrients but will produce fruit of their own – I did not know that!

So, if I – the poster child for brown-thumb-gardeners – can figure how to take care of a silly little tomato plant, how much more is God – the author-and-giver-of-life – able to take care of the silly little creatures we are?

Like the birds, we each need to do our part to make sure there is food on the table and a roof over our heads. I believe God created us to be creative and productive. I also know that not all “fear and anxiety” is created equal – some of us suffer from mental health disorders of which fear and anxiety is a part.

Jesus was such a lady, someone you could look up to with much respect. In all the years Deb fought cancer, through all the treatments, all the pain, I never heard her complain; she just took it day by day. When Deb was first diagnosed, the community got together and hosted a dinner and auction to help her with medical expenses. Not only did she have to fight cancer, she had no medical insurance and found out very quickly that with no insurance you did not get the treatment like someone with insurance. Surely not right, but a fact.

NATURAL Resource News

Ethan Kunard

MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The dirt on clean water

Maybe you’ve heard of a TMDL. Or perhaps you’ve heard of the stream monitoring that has been done in recent years by groups like the Montana Department of Environmental Quality or the Madison Stream Team. Whether any of this is familiar to you or not, I’d like to take this opportunity to explain what this means, particularly for the people and the waterways in the Madison Valley.

Waterways in the United States are a public resource. This means that even if an individual has a right to use the water, it is still owned by the public. Therefore, there are public state agencies that are tasked with ensuring this public resource maintains a quality that is suitable for the public’s needs. In Montana, this agency is the Montana DEQ. It is the DEQ’s responsibility to make sure that our water meets minimum standards that

are suitable for certain uses. These uses include: recreation (swimming, boating, water activities); aquatic life (aquatic plants and animals); and water supply (domestic, municipal, agricultural, industrial).

The Montana DEQ conducts stream monitoring in order to determine if water quality is suitable or unsuitable to support these uses. The monitoring assesses numerous parameters such as temperature, stream flow, dissolved oxygen, nutrient levels, metals, sediment and pH. The DEQ has been assessing the streams in the Madison since 2012. Meanwhile, a local group of citizen scientists and partnering organizations called the Madison Stream Team have been collecting similar data since 2010. Therefore, the DEQ asked the Madison Stream Team to assist in their data collection efforts in order to collect better information

on the health of streams in the Madison watershed.

After three years of data collection on 22 streams, the state finally made their impairment determinations in spring 2015. After assessing the data against the minimum standards necessary for supporting recreation, aquatic life or water supply uses, they found that 13 of the 22 streams are “impaired” for at least one of those uses.

Now the state is developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for each of these impaired streams. The TMDL determines the maximum amount of a pollutant that a stream can withstand before no longer supporting one of the beneficial uses. The information in these TMDLs can then be used by local partners and community members to identify opportunities where voluntary improvements have potential to make the streams healthier. Improvement opportunities for all of the impaired streams will be accumulated into what is called a Watershed Restoration Plan. This restoration plan will be the product of the local community’s interests, and will outline voluntary approaches to improve water quality. In addition to focusing on the local community’s interests, the Watershed Restoration Plan will also be written locally by the Madison Conservation District.

Once the plan is approved by the state, it will open a large funding source for landowners in the Madison Valley to implement the voluntary solutions to solving water quality issues on the 13 impaired streams.

If you’re feeling overwhelmed, or you’re getting acronym-a-phobia, let me provide a cliff notes summary of the process I described above. We collected data to see if the streams were healthy enough to support people and fish. Thirteen of the streams were not in ideal condition. Now, the state is asking local organizations and community members to come up with solutions to fix the unhealthy streams. Then, we’ll put all of that information together in a plan. If the state likes our plan, they’ll give the community money for projects to implement the plan so we can make the streams healthier. Furthermore, it’s all voluntary. It’s up to us as a community to decide how we go about ensuring our water resources can remain sustainable and healthy in the coming years.

If you want to be a part of this process, and want to stay informed, keep an eye out for a series of public meetings that will take place over the next couple of years, and be sure to engage in these important conversations. If you’d like any additional information, contact the Madison Conservation District.



It’s been a tough week on the Ruby Valley community. The passing of Ed Guimanne and his wife, Kaye, getting hurt so badly after a terrible wreck on Fish Creek Bench. Ed was just one of those guys you always expect to see around, driving the semi, delivering posts and poles, at sports events for their grandkids; he was just part of the scenery. His big heart will not be soon forgotten.

Then after years of fighting and winning cancer battles, Deb Hanson passed away, taking her last battle with cancer just as she always had, with a big smile on her face and with such dignity and grace. Deb was such a lady, someone you could look up to

with much respect. In all the years Deb fought cancer, through all the treatments, all the pain, I never heard her complain; she just took it day by day. When Deb was first diagnosed, the community got together and hosted a dinner and auction to help her with medical expenses. Not only did she have to fight cancer, she had no medical insurance and found out very quickly that with no insurance you did not get the treatment like someone with insurance. Surely not right, but a fact.

The community raised a wonderful amount of money for her to get started with treatments. I don’t think I have ever seen a lady so overcome with thankfulness and love of her hometown area. That was Debbie, an example to all. Much sympathy goes out to Ed and Deb’s family and many friends. I’ve been picking rhubarb, cooking with it myself and giving tons away to family and friends that I know will cook different recipes with it and share. I really like rhubarb, even in the simplest form just as a sauce on warm

toast is great. Heck, I eat it right out of the patch, especially if I have a bit of salt to put on it.

I can remember as a kid hitting the rhubarb patch and then chipping a piece of salt off of a cow salt block to eat together. Guess what, we all survived.

I made a bucket list of things I want to do with my dad. It has been good. His family came from Biasca, Switzerland. So with Google Earth on my computer, I could bring up Biasca and show him just what the area looks like, just like we were driving through the area. He could see the steepness of the magnificent mountains there and the huge cliffs around the village. His grandmother had fallen from one of the cliffs and died, so he could see how they were so massive and an accident as such could have happened.

His first sibling, sister Elsa, died on the mountain that towers over Biasca at 18 months, when the family took her to the high mountains to get wood and didn’t realize she had a bad heart. With

Google Earth, we could follow paths right up the mountain and see what his family faced, but also the beauty of the Alps.

His mom would always talk about an old church outside of Biasca, the church of Pietro e Paolo, built in the 12th century. I could take my dad right to the church and show him. It was really a wonderful experience for him and myself; the next best thing to being there.

So what have we learned this week? In three words, I can sum up everything I have learned about life – it goes on. The world is full of good people, if you can’t find one, be one! Everyone heals in their own way and in their own time. That wonderful feeling when you are laughing with someone and realize just how much you enjoy them and their existence.

I like July. It is long with lots of fun things to do all around the county. Fair books are out; grab one of them at any of the local businesses. It’s cow appreciation week! Please show a bovine some love with a hug today.

Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

His life was interesting and reads like a story from a very old historic storybook.

He was born in a tent in Oklahoma Indian Territory on April 26, 1852, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. and Eleanor (Burkett) Taylor. He had a twin sister named Lucinda Minerva, she later married Sam Paige.

His father John was the first cousin of Zachary Taylor, 12th president of the United States, with ancestry that can be traced back to the revolutionary days.

His father had a government contract to build houses for the Cherokees. The family came in a wagon train to Fort Ogden, Utah, in September 1854 and had serious troubles with the Bushhead tribe of Indians, escaping a near massacre. The family arrived in the Alder Gulch in 1864, his 12th birthday.

His name was William Taylor and he became known in the area as “the Alder Gulch Kid.” The family built a cabin in Brown’s Gulch and planted

the first garden in the area.

William became the first agriculture businessman in our area. When the season arrived and the vegetable crops were ready “Billy” as he was called, would load up his wheelbarrow and trek his produce off to Nevada City to sell (about a mile away), receiving approximately \$40 per load in gold dust.

He had very little schooling. He attended in Nevada City, in the small school across from the Adelphi Hall. He was present at hangings by the vigilantes in Nevada. It was indeed a stirring time for a young man his age.

He became a strong man with sterling character and integrity. He married Charity Hinch on

Sept. 28, 1877. There were 10 children of this union. This was the first marriage recorded in the old record book of the Methodist Church in Sheridan.

This is but a short old story of the Alder Gulch Kid, a time honored citizen of the valley – the Ruby became his life long home and the Taylor Cemetery was named after him. He passed at his home in Ruby on April 26, 1927, exactly 75 years after his birth. A life well spent and a story that definitely reads like a storybook.

Source: Thompson-Hickman Library, Dick Pace Archives, Pioneer Trails and Trials

Commodity Insite: The loonie now & the loonie then

by Jerry Welch

The Greek economy teetering on the brink of collapse and the dramatic decline of the Chinese stock market are no longer making headlines, but are two bad things weighing on the U.S. Stocks and Commodities. Of course, that does not mean those problems no longer exist. But they are simply not making headlines, which, in turn, spooked and pushed U.S. stocks and commodities to lower levels.

The Greek mess was put on the back burner this week when their Parliament approved new austerity measures that will prove to be exceptionally painful for millions of Greeks. The Greek government took the bailout money and in doing so, “kicked the can down the road.” Thus, removing the problem from the headlines.

In China, recent economic

data suggest a rebound taking place with their economy. At first blush, such news should be bullish that their stock market is in the midst of a collapse. Unfortunately, their stock market remains in trouble with investors selling rallies in an attempt to cut losses. But hopes are high that the seven percent growth with their economy in the second quarter will allow their stock market to recover smartly in the near future.

But another bad thing surfaced this week that is under the radar. The media is not highlighting the problem primarily because it concerns commodities and not the financial markets. The media, the Feds, the whitehouse, congress and main street care not a whit about commodities. And the bad thing I am referring to is the Canadian dollar, the loonie, that fell to a

six year low after the Bank of Canada surprised the markets with a rate cut citing downside risks to growth and inflation. The loonie is suggesting Canada is heading back into recession.

The loonie is considered a “commodity currency.” A commodity currency is a name given to currencies, which depend on the export of hard assets, raw materials and/or commodities for income. The three largest commodity based export nations are Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Here is the rub. The loonie is now within striking distance of an 11 to 12 year low should the market slip under 0.7600. It ended this week a few points north of 0.7700. The loonie suggests that commodities per se, have more to go on the downside. Right or wrong. Accurate or not

accurate at all. The weakness now being seen with the Canadian dollar is something all U.S. ag-producers should watch carefully.

However, I doubt the coming weakness with the Canadian dollar or with commodities will be as bad as it was back in 1998. Here are a few comments from my weekly column, Commodity Insite from Aug. 3, 1998, in a piece entitled, The Loonie.

“The carnage continues. As the end of the summer draws near, sharply lower values are being posted across the board for the commodity markets due to a strong U.S. dollar, the Asian Crisis and an exceptionally bearish market psychology. Today’s market environment is, without a doubt, one of the most bearish anyone has witnessed for the agricultural markets in over 25 years.

Actually, I can find no other period since the Crash of 1929 and years that followed that were more bearish for most commodity markets than what we have been witnessing for nine long months. Things are just that bearish. It has been indeed ugly!

The ugliness that has the markets by the throat is general in nature. In other words, the lower prices are common and not simply confined to grains or livestock. All commodity prices are working lower. It is an equal opportunity collapse so to speak.

The Canadian dollar is another currency under tremendous selling pressure with a new 160 year (yes, year) low set in the first week of August, along with new lows for the yen. The Canadian dollar is a mess.

The Canadian dollar has stamped on it the profile of a

loon. The loon is the brightly colored bird with a distinctive “ring” around its neck that makes an eerie sort of sound. Canadians refer to their dollar as the “loonie” in the same sort of fond manner that Americans refer to the dollar as the “Greenback.”

I cannot think of a more appropriate name for a currency that is now at its lowest level in 160 years than to call it the “loonie.” Can you imagine? Here we are in 1998, arguably the most prosperous time in the history of mankind and the “loonie” is at a 160 year low. That is pretty looney in my opinion.”

American agricultural producers should keep a close eye on the loonie. The U.S. and Canada share a common border and what happens in one country oftentimes happens in the other, as history shows.

COMICS & PUZZLES

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Waterson



Garfield by Jim Davis



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Encountered
- 8 "The lady — protest too much"
- 12 Great Lake
- 13 Raw mineral
- 14 Franc replacement
- 15 On the briny
- 16 Legally requires
- 18 Fluffy dessert
- 20 Butter-and-sugar candy
- 21 Billions of years
- 23 Always, in verse
- 24 Flies south for the winter, e.g.
- 28 Standard
- 31 Bakery offering
- 32 Mila of "That '70s Show"
- 34 Neither mate
- 35 Slugs
- 37 Captains of industry
- 39 Mouse's cousin
- 41 Norse thunder god
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- 7 Camp shelter
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- 9 Leading
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- 11 Firetruck need
- 17 Female deer
- 19 Drench
- 22 French legislature
- 24 Speedometer stat
- 25 Midafternoon, in a way
- 26 Discard
- 27 Take a vacation tour
- 29 Fish eggs
- 30 Wifely address
- 33 Winter forecast
- 36 Cruel person
- 38 In the vicinity
- 40 Earl Grey, e.g.
- 42 "Diary of — Housewife"
- 43 Everlys' hit, "Let It —"
- 44 Pack away
- 46 Scottish hillside
- 47 Egyptian fertility goddess
- 48 Chat
- 50 Ram's mate

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Savory Bacon Onion Tomato Pie Showcases Summer Veggie

"This sounds strange, but it's good!"



The ingredients in Lolly St. John's Bacon Onion Tomato Pie may sound a bit unusual, but trust me this is divine. It reminds me of a BLT. The textures and flavors play perfectly together. And, it's a great way to use extra tomatoes!

See step-by-step photos of Lolly's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/tomatopie

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Lolly St. John
Concord, CA
(pop. 122,067)

- Janet

Bacon Onion Tomato Pie

What You Need

- 1 9-inch pie shell
- 5 large tomatoes, peeled and sliced
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1 sweet onion, sliced or chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1/2 c mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 c sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 c butter crackers, crushed
- 2 tsp butter, melted
- 2 scallions, sliced

Directions

- Prick pie shell with fork and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.
- Fry bacon; cook until tender. Drain, set aside.
- Peel and slice tomatoes to fill bottom of pie shell.
- Sprinkle with chopped onion, salt and pepper.
- Layer more tomatoes, salt and pepper (again).
- Mix mayo, bacon, cheese and milk.
- Spoon on top and pat down to cover tomatoes.
- Mix butter crackers with 2 tsp melted butter. Sprinkle over tomatoes.
- Sprinkle scallions on top.
- Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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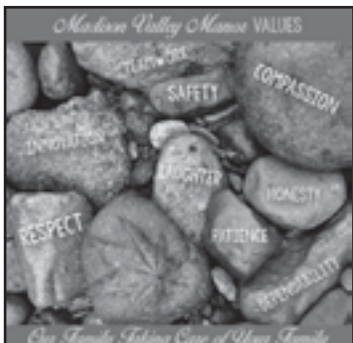


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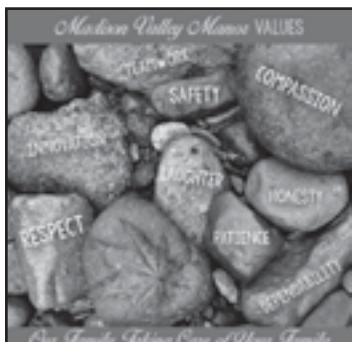
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Ennis Ambulance Service board vacancy. Ennis Ambulance Service Board has a vacancy to fill and is looking for an interested person to serve. This is a volunteer position and will help provide direction to the Ennis Ambulance Service. If you are interested, send a letter of interest to: Town of Ennis/Ambulance Board, PO Box 147, Ennis MT 59729, or drop off at Ennis Town Hall. Deadline for application is August 7, 2015. If you have any questions regarding this position, you may call 406-682-4287 or stop by Town Hall during regular business hours.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY GARNET USA, LLC, Plaintiff,

and COMINCO AMERICAN RESOURCES INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation; and SUNWEST ABRASIVES COMPANY, a defunct Nevada corporation; MONTANA OREGON INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; and ALDER GARNET JOINT VENTURE (a.k.a THE ALDER JOINT VENTURE); and all unknown heirs and/or devisees of the above named; and

All other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, whether such claim be present or contingent, Defendants.

Cause No.DV-29-2014-49 THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO:

COMINCO AMERICAN RESOURCES INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation; and SUNWEST ABRASIVES COMPANY, a defunct Nevada corporation; MONTANA OREGON INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; and ALDER GARNET JOINT VENTURE (a.k.a THE ALDER JOINT VENTURE); AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF THE ABOVE NAMED; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN, CLAIMING OR WHO MIGHT CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM BE PRESENT OR CONTINGENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in this action. This action is brought to quiet title to land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows:

Real Property:
a.A tract of land located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ /SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., more particularly shown and described as Tract A of Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 1707-BA, and A tract of land located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly shown and described as Acquired Portion Tract B on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, pages 1882-BA, records of Madison County, Montana, both collectively and commonly known as: 2210 MT Hwy 287, Alder, MT 59710;

b.All minerals and mineral rights related thereto in an under and that may be produced from a tract of land located at the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, Madison County, Montana;

c.A tract of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, together with all appurtenant metals, stone, oil, gas, coal, and mineral rights, and all appurtenant water and ditch rights owned by the Grantor. No warranty is made as to the status or extent of such rights.

The Complaint in this action is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is deemed served upon you by this publication, and you are hereby summoned to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorneys, Trent N. Baker, Datsopoulos, MacDonald & Lind, P.C., 201 West Main, Suite 201, Missoula, Montana 59802, within twenty (21) days after the service of this Summons for Service by Publication, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint to Quiet Title.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, this 30 day of June, 2015.
Karen J. Miller, Clerk of District Court
/s/ Karen J. Miller
(Pub. July 9, 16, 23, 2015) dml

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On August 11th, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. the Twin Bridges School District #7 Board of Trustees will meet in the Montana Room of the Twin Bridges Schools for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The trustees' meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget, but no later than August 25th, 20-9-131(2) and 20-9-151(1), MCA. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The regular August meeting will be conducted at that time on August 12th, 2014.

For further information please contact: Joy-ann Breakall, District Clerk, PO Box 419, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 (406-684-5656).
(Pub. July 16, 23, 30, 2015) tbs

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. the Ennis School District 52 Board of Trustees will meet in the Ennis High School Room #3 for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The regular August meeting will also be conducted at that time. The trustees' budget meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget no later than August 25th. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. For further information please contact: Jon Wrzesinski, Superintendent, P.O. Box 517, Ennis, MT 59729 (406-682-4258).
(Pub. July 23, 30, 2015) es

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING NOTE UNDER MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 90, CHAPTER 5, PART 1, AS AMENDED

MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Madison County, Montana (the "County"), will meet on August 17, 2015 at [1:00] p.m., in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, in Virginia City, Montana, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on a proposal that the County pay, refund, redeem, and discharge its outstanding Hospital Facilities First Mortgage Revenue Note (Madison Valley Hospital and Clinic Project), Series 2008A, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$4,500,000 (the "Series 2008A Note") and the outstanding Promissory Note (Association or Organization) evidencing a loan from the United States

of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-cooperative Service, or Rural Utilities Service within the Rural Development Mission Area, the Farm Service Agency, or their successor Agencies, the United States Department of Agriculture (the "USDA"), in the original total principal amount of \$2,000,000 (the "2009 Note"), together with interest on the Series 2008A Note and the 2009 Note through the date of prepayment and redemption. The proceeds of the Series 2008A Note, which was purchased and is held by Big Sky Western Bank, were loaned by the County to Madison Valley Hospital, Inc., a Montana nonprofit corporation (the "Borrower"), pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Title 90, Chapter 5, Part 1, as amended (the "Act"), and the proceeds of the 2009 Note, which is held by the USDA, were loaned by the USDA to the Borrower. The proceeds of the 2009 Note were applied to pay and redeem in whole the County's Hospital Facilities First Mortgage Revenue Note (Madison Valley Hospital and Clinic Project), Series 2008B (the "Series 2008B Note"), issued in the original principal amount of \$2,000,000, which is no longer outstanding. The Series 2008A Note and the Series 2008B Note (the "Series 2008 Notes") were issued to provide funds to finance or reimburse all or a portion of the costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new hospital facility known as the Madison Valley Hospital and Clinic consisting of a two-level, approximately 36,470 square foot facility located on 3.97 acres of land, and including an acute care hospital, a clinic, laboratory, radiology department, physical therapy, emergency and trauma rooms, offices, board rooms, a kitchen, and related improvements and equipment (the "2008 Project"), located on property adjacent to the then existing hospital at 217 N. Main Street (on Highway 287 North) in Ennis, Montana, the legal description of which property is on file with the County, and to pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and sale of the Series 2008 Notes. The address of the 2008 Project is 305 N. Main, Ennis, Montana.

To refinance the outstanding obligations of the Borrower in connection with the 2008 Project, the County proposes to issue under the Act its Hospital Facilities First Mortgage Revenue Refunding Note (Madison Valley Hospital and Clinic Project), Series 2015 (the "Series 2015 Note") in the estimated maximum aggregate principal amount of \$5,900,000. The Series 2015 Note will be payable from the revenues to be derived by a loan agreement with the Borrower and secured by the property and assets of the Borrower. The County will not pledge to the repayment of the Series 2015 Note its general credit or taxing powers and the Series 2015 Note will not constitute or give rise to pecuniary liability of the County. If all conditions precedent to the Series 2015 Note can be satisfied, the Series 2015 Note is currently expected to be purchased by Stockman Bank.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the County Clerk and Recorder prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. Further information may be obtained from Peggy Kaatz Stelmier, County Clerk and Recorder, telephone: (406) 843-4270.

Dated: July 20, 2015.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 2015) mcc

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On the second Tuesday in August (August 11, 2015), at 7:00 p.m. the Sheridan School District No. 5 Board of Trustees will meet in the Charles B. Murray Media Technology Center for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The trustees' meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The regular August meeting will also be conducted at that time.

For further information please contact: Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749 (406-842-5302).
(Pub. July 23, 30, 2015) ss

AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of Sheridan Public Schools has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Sheridan Public Schools and that the Sheridan Public Schools will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.
(Pub. July 23, 2015) ss

NOTICE

The Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015, due to the Commissioners being unavailable that day. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015.
(Pub. July 23, 30, 2015) ss

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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

The 2015-2016 Final Budget Meeting for Harrison school will be held August 10, 2015 in the Art/Spanish Room at 7:30 p.m. Any taxpayer may attend and give testimony on the budgets. Regular August meeting will be held

day until final information becomes available.
Judi Ward, District Clerk
(Pub. July 23, 2015) hs

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FWP continues monitoring effort to help trout beat the heat

Submitted by Tom Palmer
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

As Montana creeps into the dog days of summer, state fisheries managers continue to monitor wild and native trout streams that have endured nearly two months of stressful low and warm water conditions. "It's always encouraging to see our anglers' willingness to help Montana's trout beat the heat," said Bruce Rich, FWP's chief of fisheries. "We appreciate everyone's effort to help spread the word about what we can all do to help conserve Montana's wild and native trout." Rich said FWP is committed to trout conservation will remain vigilant this summer as

many Montana streams chart record low flows. Earlier this month FWP placed "hoot owl" fishing regulations on 13 western Montana streams to reduce impacts on drought-stressed fish. The regulations allow fishing during the coolest hours of the day between midnight and 2 p.m. "We're just now heading into what are typically the toughest weeks of the summer for water temperatures and flows," Rich said. "At this point, we're not expecting any new fishing restrictions. Rather, we'll continue to closely monitor conditions and always err on the side of wild fish conservation when additional measures are warranted." Rich advises anglers to be extra cautious handling trout,

urging the use of heavier-than-usual gear and tackle to land fish quickly, rubber-bag landing nets and keeping fish in the water while the hook is removed and the fish released. Here are some catch-and-release fish handling techniques anglers can follow to help conserve Montana's wild and native trout populations and minimize the stress on fish:

- Use barbless hooks.
- Land fish quickly once they are hooked.
- Keep fish in the water as much as possible and avoid handling them if you can.
- If you do handle a fish, wet your hands before touching it and do so gently.
- Take care not to touch a fish's gills.

Low flows, high

water temperatures, and competition for space and food stress most fish, and especially trout. When the need arises FWP's drought policy provides for the use of angling closures when flows drop below critical levels for fish, when water quality is diminished, or when maximum daily water temperatures in a stream reach at least 73 degrees for three consecutive days. The preferred water temperature for rainbow and brown trout is about 55-57 degrees. Water temperatures of 77 degrees or more can be lethal to trout. While air and water temperatures have moderated to more seasonal norms recently, stream flows are still critically low.

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FWP seeks comment on early season migratory bird regs

Submitted by Tom Palmer
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission is seeking public comment on early season

migratory bird regulations for the upcoming season. The only change proposed is to increase permits for sandhill cranes from 100 to 120 in the southwestern Montana

hunting unit that includes the Dillon, Twin Bridges, Cardwell and Bozeman areas. Comment via FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov. Or mail to: FWP - Wildlife Division, Attn: Public

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Photo courtesy of Margaret Bortko
Margaret Bortko, center, and two of her fellow disaster relief workers in Nepal.



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The chaos outside the city while the earthquake occurred was something else Bortko noticed.

“Every dog in the city was barking and people (were) screaming and running, and I could hear the people I was staying with screaming from downstairs, ‘Margaret! Margaret!’” said Bortko.

According to Bortko, the village would watch the electrical wires, waiting for them to stop vibrating, thus indicating that the tremors had stopped.

“There’s all these buildings that have a lot of rebar that sticks out of the top of the roofs, and you could hear those vibrating,” Bortko said. “You’re on your own – there is no one there to tell you when you’re safe.”

People in Kathmandu were

starting to find solid footing and rebuild their homes, they were back sleeping on the street. Bortko spent the next few nights with her host family, sleeping outside and creating a list for a “grab-and-go” bag, determining what was most important if they needed to get up and go.

“Sure enough, there were four or five big, huge tremors in the middle of the night and we grabbed our bags and ran,” said Bortko.

Relief in disaster

For Bortko, healthcare is about the humanity aspect, which is part of the reason she loves disaster work.

“It takes you out of the politics of healthcare, the modernization of it, the kind of ethics we deal with; none of that is important when you’re in disaster,” Bortko said. “All that complication that we have in our country doesn’t

exist in disaster. It is just pure healthcare; pure nursing.”

The exposure is refreshing for Bortko and something she can bring back to the community.

“It’s about the one-on-one relationship you have with a patient,” she said.

Developing what is at the core of an appointment and bearing witness to a patient’s illness was important for Bortko in her disaster work.

“We called it the ‘stethoscope blessing,’” Bortko said. “People would come in because they wanted to be told that everything was ok.”

Disaster work has been a very eye opening experience for Bortko, but also a rewarding one.

“When you are in the worst of disasters, you see the best in humanity come out,” she said. “And that’s what I’m hooked on.”



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MUSIC IN THE PARADE Ennis community and students perform in parade

Submitted by Stephen Ellis

The Fourth of July parade was treated this year with a float of musicians composed of Ennis School and community participants directed by Andrew Scruggs. The young enthusiasts included Rebekah Cook on alto sax and Tait Olson on trombone. Other school band members who practiced but could not attend were Maddie Barsness on clarinet, Megan Barsness on percussion, Parker Anderson on clarinet and Taylor Barney on flute. The parade committee

has tried to get marching bands with varied unsustainable success.

This format orchestrated by Scruggs is a key for bringing music to the parade. Each year we see the joys of braided draft horses, the teenagers spraying water, the clowns dishing candy to the peels of laughter of youth and old. Now we have a format for community groups to bring music to the parade. Where else could young musicians enjoy the attention of 4,000 grateful, smiling listeners? Southwestern Montana

has a plethora of musicians in addition to Hannah Clark on oboe, Roberta McKay on alto sax, Sandra Pfau on percussion, Edith Scruggs on clarinet and A. Scruggs on trumpet, just one of the many instruments he has mastered.

It was thrilling to watch the 5-year-olds with their hands in air and bodies bouncing about absorbing music. Then of course there is the joy of an elderly woman saying, “that is my granddaughter sending sounds of that Sousa guy to tingle my ears and make my feet itch to dance a bit.”

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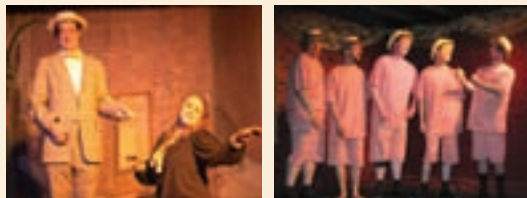
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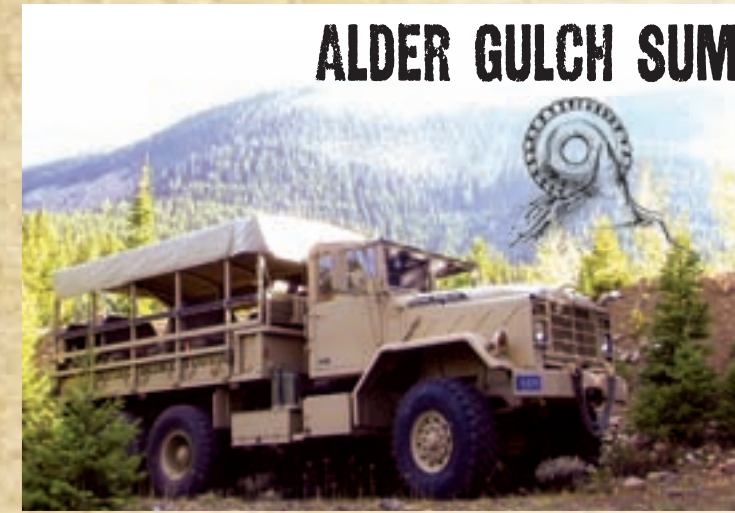
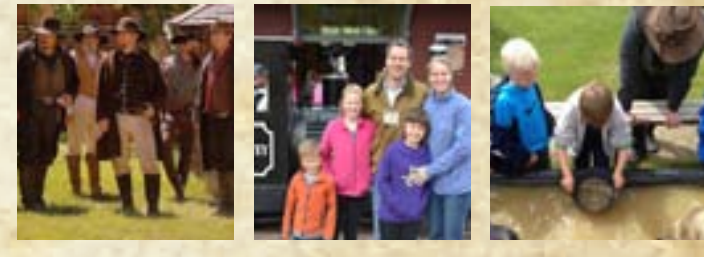
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Aug 7-9	40th Annual Virginia City Art Show	info@virginiacity.com



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THURSDAY JULY 23

High School football camp, Twin Bridges
High School football camp at Twin Bridges school. 9 a.m.

Meet at MVHA museum at 10 a.m. for carpooling.

Twin Bridges Farmers Market and Floating Floiilla events, Twin Bridges
9 a.m. Twin Bridges community events include a parade on the river, kids games, farmers market, vendors selling Montana made items (some new retail items), concessions, poker runs, live music and dancing (pm), cow patty golf, car and truck show and more.

Other Shakespeare. Lea Rachel is living in Missouri, but visiting in Ennis. She has agreed to share her insights on her novel with a program at the Madison Valley Public Library.

rock and country.

Sheridan all-class reunion, Sheridan
This is a great weekend to reconnect with your neighbors and old friends.

sausage, potatoes, fruit and an array of baked items for a donation. 2 miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road.

Quilt guild quilt show, Sheridan
12 p.m., in conjunction with Sheridan Festival. Old high school gym. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY JULY 24

An Evening of Art, Ennis
5-8 p.m. Maydak Gallery and Cattleman Gallery. Come meet featured artists.

Johnny Cash tribute concert, Pony 7 p.m., Pony
Gymnasium, Reel Street. C Steve Music group will present a live concert as a tribute to Johnny Cash and his music. The Pony Bar will have a cash bar and the local VFW (Post 3831) will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers, starting at 6 p.m.

FRI-SAT-SUN JULY 31-AUG 2

Sheridan Festival, Sheridan
2015 summer festival. See the ad on page A7 for more info.

Quilt guild quilt show, Sheridan
10 a.m., in conjunction with Sheridan Festival. Old high school gym. Refreshments will be served.

4th Annual Madison Triathlon, Ennis
Swim 1,200 yards, bike 23 miles and run six miles. Please send an email to Sam Korsmoe at sam@yespi.net for more information or how to help.

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

Business After Hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by Berkshire Hathaway from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free networking event open to all Chamber members and their guests. Come visit, exchange business cards and brochures, and be sure to enjoy appetizers and cocktails.

SATURDAY JULY 25

Ye Olde Neighborhood Flea Market, Virginia City
9 a.m. Everyone welcome, free set up, come to sell, or come to buy.

Mad Gals summer picnic, Ennis
12:30 p.m. Mad Gals annual summer picnic at Susan Hokanson's house in Norris.

SUNDAY JULY 26

The Other Shakespeare by Lea Rachel, Ennis
7 p.m. Lea Rachel will be reading from and discussing her novel The

FRIDAY JULY 31

Growing Old Men concert, Virginia City
The evening program, ideally suited for an intimate venue such as the Elling House, includes a blend of well-rehearsed material and few new songs hot off the press - Ben and John like to keep it fresh with an edge of improvisational risk taking. They strive to contrast simplicity with complexity - all with good tone and a warm sense of humor.

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

Jackson's Garden Annual Brunch, Sheridan
Jacksons Garden 6th annual Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. An ecumenical worship service will be held at 9 a.m. at the garden prior to the brunch. Quiche,

Field trip to Town of Ruby, Ruby
Tour of old town of Ruby. Les Gilman as our host.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, unless noted, public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Annex Building

Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Grief Support Group, Ennis
Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

SUP Pilates, Ennis
Ennis Lake, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club
FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
NO meetings June, July or August.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis
SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Sheridan Farmer's Market
4:30 - 6:30 pm at corner of Mill and Main.

Children's Summer Reading Program, Sheridan
10 a.m. every Thursday. Summer's theme: "Every Hero Has a Story". Sheridan Library

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

Story Time, Ennis
Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

Live Music, Ennis
Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.

Couples League, Ennis
Madison Meadows, 5 p.m. every Friday. Call pro shop for more info.

SATURDAY

Farmer's Market, Ennis
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sportsman's Lodge

Farmer's Market, Twin Bridges
9 a.m. Main Street City Park

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m. See the weekly ad on this page for weekly performers.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in County Commissioner's conference room in Broadway Annex. NO JULY MEETING

Summer Reading Program, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City
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WEDNESDAYS

SUP Pilates, Ennis
Ennis Lake, 7 a.m.

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

Open Sew, Ennis
Open Sew with the Quilt Guild- open to the public from 2-5pm at Madison Valley Public Library

Open Table Tennis, Pony
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TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30am Meetings at 9am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

Road Agent Rally, Virginia City
9 a.m., Dancing Buffalo and train depot. Virginia-Nevada City welcomes the Road Agent Rally. Travel the early roads of Montana for a fun weekend of music, good grub, great shops, entertainment and all of the wonderful history and venues we have to offer.

Discussion about Diabetes, Ennis
11 a.m., Madison Valley Public Library. Els Mann will be discussion diabetes prevention and treatment in an informal discussion setting.

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All school transportation questions will be addressed at this time. Find the agenda at madison.mt.gov under department of Superintendent of Schools

All Class Reunion

Sheridan Panthers

Saturday August 1, 2015 5:30 pm Main Street Park

Each Class must appoint a Class organizer responsible for notifying class members and sending a head count to Sherrie Huff @ 842-5491. You will need to provide tables and chairs for your class if possible.

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