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ON DECK FOR THE COUNTY

Commissioners discuss future plans for county courthouse

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With county offices up and running at the new Madison County Administrative Building in Virginia City, the commissioners are turning their attention to the courthouse. "We're in the first stages of moving departments around and we'll likely be creating a second courtroom for Justice

Court," said Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz. "At this point, we're looking at future improvements."

In around 2008, the commissioners established a courthouse advisory committee to outline priorities for structural changes and determine where the county offices should be located in the future, commissioner Jim Hart said.

"Any and all could come," Hart said. "We started out

with about 60 people and it whittled down to 20 or so."

Schulz said the committee identified priorities, which ultimately led to the construction of the newly completed administrative building. Now, the next step is looking at the courthouse.

"An elevator is essential and needs to be in place," Schulz said.

Madison County has an outstanding legal obligation to put an elevator in the court-

house because of a claim from a Madison County resident, Schulz explained. The courtroom is located on the second floor of the building and is not accessible by everyone.

Other than an elevator, plans for the courthouse include shuffling around offices, establishing a courtroom for Justice Court and putting in a bathroom on the main floor.

"We had an estimate a few years ago, just conceptu-

ally," said commissioner Jim Hart. "That was \$650,000, but now I bet you it'll be more than \$1 million."

The commissioners are still deciding how to fund the project, but one thing they are leaning toward is taking out an INTERCAP loan through the state of Montana.

"(Madison County) hasn't had debt since I started as a commissioner," Hart said.

"Or me," added Schulz, who

was elected commissioner for the first time 15 years ago.

Another alternative for funding the project is by setting aside money for the next couple years.

"We'd rather get it done sooner than later," Hart said. "The sooner, the better."

Schulz said updating the courthouse is important for a few reasons.

"Our court and court

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ROOM TO GROW

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
From L: Commissioner Ron Nye, Jim Hart and Dave Schulz pose in front of their new administrative building.



Community enjoys Thompson-Hickman Library and new county administrative building

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"The bad news is, we just ran out of hamburgers," joked commissioner Dave Schulz, welcoming Madison County employees and residents to an open house at the new county

administrative building on July 30. "The good news is, we are very proud to have your new Madison County Administrative Building in place and in order and operating."

Schulz, along with commissioners Jim Hart and Ron Nye, hosted the open house and barbeque to give the

community a chance to tour the new building, which was completed earlier this summer.

"We're extremely proud of the fact that we now have a space for all of us, rather than being spread out throughout Virginia City," Hart said.

Schulz pointed out that the building has rooms that are

not currently being used, but will allow for future growth.

"As we built it for you folks today, we needed to be cognizant of 20, 30, 40 years down the road," Schulz said. "We don't want to do it again. You guys would rather

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Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
From L: Library board members Pat Bradley and Janet Doorboos show off the library's new dedication plaque.



STORMS, WILDFIRES, EARTHQUAKES AND MORE

Madison County prepares to update pre-disaster mitigation plan

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From natural disasters, to disease outbreaks to traffic concerns, Madison County Emergency Management has a lot to plan for, even if the likelihood of something actually happening is pretty slim.

"In a (pre-disaster mitigation plan) we identify and prioritize our hazards," said Chris Mumme, director of emergency management. "You know, things like fires, earthquakes, winter storms, summer storms. And then we address the situation and outline what we would do and who would take the lead on each hazard – it gives us a map of what to do."

Madison County's pre-disaster mitigation plan (PDM) was last updated in 2009. According to Mumme, the plan needs revision every five years.

On Monday, July 27, at the Madison County commissioners' regular meeting, Mumme and Tom Wagenknecht, Beaverhead County's director of emergency management, met with the commissioners to open bids for updating the plan.

The total project cost is \$78,133.34 – a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant will cover \$58,600 and the remaining 19,533.34 will be split between Madison and Beaverhead counties, since the two share a PDM, Mumme said. That means Madison County will fund \$9,766.67, either in direct funds or in-kind work.

"We're in deliberation ... to see who we will contract with for the work," Mumme said.

Since Wagenknecht is new to the emergency management field, Mumme wrote the grant for the counties.

"We can get it a little cheaper if we do it together with another county," Mumme said. "When we did it over five years ago, we did it together and it worked out really well. Beaverhead County is quite a bit like us as far as terrain and amount of people and stuff like that. They have the same issues."

Mumme said the work will be awarded by September, and at that point, multiple public meetings about the plan will be scheduled for around the county.

"They are really stakeholder meetings," he said. "This plan involves fire departments, law enforcement, search and rescue, schools and whoever wants to participate."

Involved stakeholders

A pre-disaster mitigation plan should include all interested stakeholders from the beginning of the planning process, so mitigation activities following a disaster run smoothly, Mumme said.

According to Madison County's current plan from 2009, interested stakeholders include elected officials, first responders, emergency management, healthcare providers, public works, road officials, state and federal agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, academia and the public.

Once a contract is awarded, public meetings will be set up around the county so the public can get involved.

"That's an important tool to assuring that all of the parties that might be involved in a disaster circumstance are communicating," said Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz. "You can sit back and say, 'it will never happen to me.' Or you can bring all your interested

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Fixing Mill Creek

County and Forest Service joining forces to repair road outside of Sheridan

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Madison District Ranger Dale Olson with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest admits that multiple Forest Service roads in Madison County need maintenance.

"(Mill Creek) isn't the only road in bad shape out there," he said. "When I talk to folks in the area, it comes up again and again as getting the most use and needing the most work."

Olson is joining forces with Madison County this year to work on improving Mill Creek Road outside of Sheridan. The road heads east out of town and winds into the Tobacco Root Mountains, all the way to Branham Lakes.

"People go up there in the summer for Branham Lakes and the campground," Olson

said. "It's also popular during hunting season and people need to get horse trailers up there."

Funding the project

Olson received \$20,000 through the Southwest Montana Resource Advisory Committee. The RAC provides money for projects in replace of funds that used to come through timber sale receipts, back when the Forest Service held a lot of timber sales, Olson said.

"Back when there were more timber sales happening throughout the nation, 25 percent of the receipts from those went to the county," Olson said. "That was a big deal – a lot of money – in some counties where there is so much federal ground (like Madison County)."

Olson said timber sales have dwindled in recent years due to various factors including limited Forest Service bud-

gets, the issue of endangered species, litigation and more.

"When that happened, the counties started looking for some assistance from the federal government," he said. "They came up with the (Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000)."

Through that act, RACs were set up in areas with national forest land to review projects and parcel out the money available to as many projects as possible, Olson said. Madison County is part of the Southwest Montana RAC, along with Beaverhead, Silverbow and Jefferson counties.

"There's a process of selection," Olson said. "First there are requests for projects and proposals – (Forest Service employees) have various projects we want done, but outside groups apply for RAC funding too, groups like weed committees." One stipulation of RAC

funding is that it must be used to benefit something on a national forest – the funds can go to projects on lands adjacent to Forest Service land, so long as the project will improve the forest as well.

"The roads create a risky situation. We are generally of the same opinion that we need to make improvements on that road because of high use."

– Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz

"There's almost always more projects asking for more money than there is money," Olson said.

Once the RAC reviews all the proposed projects and makes recommendations, those are sent to the forest

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people together and put a plan in place that will be effective.”

Madison County issues

Mumme said rural areas like Madison County prioritize potential hazards differently than counties with larger communities, like Gallatin County.

“As far as disease and pandemics, populated areas have more issues with that,” Mumme said. “We’re spread out, and that actually helps us.”

Cities also have to plan carefully for traffic issues, which can include airports, Mumme added.

“Larger areas also have to consider terrorism more

than places like us,” he said.

Schulz pointed out the fact that Madison County has three large dams – Hebgen Dam, Ennis Lake Dam and Ruby Dam – and multiple smaller dams.

“Let’s take the Ruby (Dam) as an example,” he said. “If an earthquake took the Ruby Dam out, there would be about a 20 foot wall of water heading to

Alder. Believe it or not, from the statistics and maps I’ve seen, that wall of water would still be about 4 feet heading into Townsend.”

A disaster like that would impact the Madison County towns of Alder, Twin Bridges and Waterloo.

“What do we do if that were to happen?” Schulz asked. “We have to have steps in place.”

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Madison County doesn’t do it again. I think we did it right.”

Enjoying the library

Earlier in the day, The Thompson-Hickman County Library also hosted an open house to allow the community to see the new addition.

“The addition is even more beautiful than we imagined it would be,” said assistant library

director Christina Koch. “Our usage has definitely increased since the addition opened in May. Every day people drop by just to check out the new digs and many end up staying awhile to use the Wi-Fi, read books and magazines, and play games. It is nice to see children get excited about the chess board we have set out in the old reading room and sit down to play a game or two of chess with their parents.”

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supervisor for approval.

Following the RAC process this year, the Mill Creek project was selected to receive funding.

Scope of work and timeline

Work on Mill Creek Road will hopefully begin this year.

Olson is working with Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz to improve more of the road that what passes through Forest Service land.

“There is about three-quarters of a mile of road getting to

the forest land that needs work,” Schulz said. “Then the Forest Service is interested in doing about five or six miles, or at least getting as far as we can.”

The project is not set in stone yet, but Olson said the Forest Service is going to examine how they can get the most value for the money they have.

“We’re going to go in there and probably do heavy maintenance to help out that road,” he said. “It’s washed out and rocky and boulder-y in a lot of areas. We may do some grading and gravel work, or we may bring

in a machine to grind the rocks down to create gravel. We’re going to see what works best.”

Schulz said the county’s agreement with the Forest Service is in labor – if the Forest Service provides funding for gravel, then the county road crew can lay it out.

The money from the RAC has not been formally approved by the Forest supervisor yet, Schulz said, even though the committee approved the proposal.

“The Forest (Service) is up to their eyeballs in forest

fires,” Schulz said. “But if we get that funding secured in the next month, I would hope that we could get some of the work underway and completed before the first of November.”

Schulz said he and Olson are on the same page – they think the road needs to be worked on.

“Currently, I don’t know if you can get a passenger car up there,” Schulz said. “The roads create a risky situation. We are generally of the same opinion that we need to make improvements on that road because of high use.”

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related offices are busier than ever,” he said. “Consequently, our obligation for access isn’t going to go away.”

Madison County Justice of the Peace Suzanne Nellen has seen the volume of cases passing through justice court has gone up since she was elected in 2013.

“Our numbers have gone up from 2013 to 2014 by 200 in tickets and 30 in civil cases,” Nellen said. “Small claims have been about the same.”

Nellen said she thinks the creation of another court-

room on the ground floor is a good idea, for space and access reasons.

“Has there been a problem? No,” she said. “But there could be. Right now there isn’t a lot of privacy and accommodations for me to speak with attorneys and clients during a trial. Just having extra space for a separate office for the judge would really help.”

The commissioners are in the preliminary planning stages for the upcoming courthouse project. There will be public meetings about the project scheduled at a later date.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
The Madison County Courthouse is on deck for renovations to make it more accessible to the public.



A new home

Ruby Valley Search and Rescue plans to construct new building

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Bill Sinclair, Ruby Valley Search and Rescue president, approached the Madison County commissioners at their regular meeting on July 20, to present a proposal for a new building.

“It will give us a home,” Sinclair said. “We need it.”

Currently Ruby Valley SAR is housed in a structure that used to be a maintenance shop for the old talc mine outside of Alder, Sinclair said.

“It’s raggedy,” he said. “It floods and it would take too

much to get it up to standards.”

Sinclair said the new building will be constructed with funds he has set aside from the SAR levy – he added that he is trying to keep the construction costs under \$90,000.

The new building will be located near the county shop in Alder and will have in and out access to the highway and county road, which Sinclair said is important.

“We will have two drive through bays,” he said. “Space for our equipment. A meeting room. It will be able to serve as an alternate command post for this side of the hill in case of emergency.”

In the last few years, Sinclair said Ruby Valley SAR has been accumulating newer, better equipment that needs to be locked up.

“We can’t secure things (in our current building),” he said. “We are starting to get some fairly high tech equipment. We need to be able to secure it and make it safe.”

Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson agreed with Sinclair, saying the new building is a “great idea.”

“The location is great for the Ruby Valley unit,” Thompson said. “They need it for a meeting spot and also as a place to store

their equipment, where it can be secure and dry.”

The county was willing to offer up the space for the building because of location, said commissioner Dave Schulz.

“They just need less than two acres,” Schulz said. “It made sense for us to offer some space because it is centrally located in their district – because of the Upper Ruby.”

Schulz said Sinclair originally examined the idea of renovating the group’s current building, but quickly found it would be cheaper to build new.

“Probably by the end of October, we will have something up,” Sinclair said. “It’s time.”

POWER OUTAGE

3,100 NorthWestern Energy customers in Madison Valley without power for 3 hours

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At around 8 a.m. on Friday, July 31, around 3,100 NorthWestern Energy customers in the Madison Valley lost power for a few hours. According to NorthWestern Energy media representative, Butch Larcombe, the cause of the outage was a bird that “came into contact” with equipment in a substation in the valley.

“Power was restored in Ennis and the surrounding region at about 11 a.m.,” Larcombe said. “We apologize for the inconvenience the outage caused on our Ennis-area customers.”

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Hundreds of people turn out for dinner and live music by The Trubelos on the first night of Sheridan Days.

SHERIDAN DAYS: Celebrating community spirit in the Ruby Valley

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The annual Sheridan festival was in full swing this past weekend at the Sheridan ballpark. More than 300 people were in attendance at the event, which coincided with the Sheridan All Class Reunion.

Janna Verhow, main coordinator for the event, said she remembers it as a kid.

"I remember Sheridan Days, then it kind of died out for a while before the volunteer fire

department took over," she said. Verhow's husband is the assistant fire chief and that is how she got involved with helping coordinate the event.

"The fire department got it back up and running, starting with the softball and horseshoe tournaments," Verhow said.

"We took it over about eight or nine years ago," added Brian Verhow. "... the community support is amazing."

According to B. Verhow, the volunteer fire department and event coordinators started planning for the festival eight

months ago. The event included dinner in the park and music by The Trubelos on Friday, a parade, the Kenny Steiner Memorial Car Show, lunch provided by the Close-Up students, a poker run and horseshoe tournament on Saturday and ended with a non-denominational service and brunch at Jackson's Garden on Sunday.

"Everything is made possible by the community," J. Verhow said. "It's amazing how the Ruby Valley community has put in their time and support to make this what it is."



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Sheridan's Volunteer Fire Department serve a crowd of around 300 at their annual fundraiser, Sheridan Days.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
From front to back: Brothers Gage, 3, Grayson, 6, and Gavin Christensen, 7, enjoy waving at the floats during the parade. "The fire trucks are my favorite," said Gage.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Desaray Tipton and her horse, Pickle, throw full size candy bars into the crowd during Saturday's parade.

TIMELINE SET FOR BLAINE SPRING BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

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Next summer, Blaine Spring Bridge is slated for replacement.

"It will be the same type of bridge – it will look like the one there now," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart. "Because folks in the neighborhood wanted it and were willing to put up money to make sure that happened."

Last week, Hart had a two and one-half hour conference call with Great West Engineering and the Montana Department of Transportation and numerous other affiliated engineers to set a scope of work for the project and a timeline for its completion.

"We got the final design of

the bridge itself locked down," Hart said.

The county received \$700,000 in 2010 from a Treasure State Endowment Program grant to replace the bridge, which is located just west of Varney Bridge near the Madison River south of Ennis. Though the project is estimated to cost more than \$2 million when finished, the county is only responsible for \$250,000, per an agreement with the MDT. The MDT will cover all expenses except for the \$700,000 from the TSEP, \$250,000 from the county and approximately \$65,000 from private donations, Hart said.

"The bridge is literally falling apart," Hart said, explain-

ing why the replacement is necessary. "The Varney Bridge



is in even worse shape, but in order to eventually work on the

Varney Bridge we need to take care of this one first."

The project is currently set to begin on July 1, 2016, and last through the end of September, which is the time frame that Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has said is an appropriate "fish window" in which to complete construction.

"FWP is willing to extend the time for a couple weeks on each end," Hart said. "So long as the work being done is minimal to (Blaine Spring Creek) and the fishery."

One part of the project deals with the approach to the bridge from the west, Hart said. Currently, the road is steep and rocky,

and the project will address the design of the hillside to make it more accessible.

Fishing during construction

Recreationists trying to access the Varney Bridge fishing access site during construction next summer will have to approach from the east – there is a road that connects Varney Bridge to U.S. Highway 287 near Cameron.

Hart said one thing that still needs to be ironed out is how to allow the public to access Blaine Spring Creek during construction, since they will not be able to use the bridge.

"We've had some discussion with the landowner on how and where to allow access to Blaine Spring (Creek)," Hart said.

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Dear Editor,

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appreciate all of you and send our thanks and love in return.

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Missionaries to return

Submitted by Otis Thompson

Lane and Charlie Adamson will return on Aug. 13, from

the Baltic Mission where they have spent the last two years in Estonia serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter Day Saints. Elder and Sister Adamson served 16 months in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia and then moved to Tartu, which has one of the oldest universities in Europe to complete their mission.

Estonia established freedom in 1990, after the dissolution of the U.S.S.R. There are approximately 1.3 million residents, half of which are Russians who were moved during World War II after Estonia was invaded by Germany in 1939, and then Russia in 1944. Present day Estonia is very modern and progressive. It is also listed as the least religious

country in Europe. Communism and socialism have had quite a cultural impact on the people. Although the cultures of America and Estonia have some significant differences, the Estonians are extremely honest, law abiding and generous. It is a land of great beauty and historical richness. There is a strong presence of agriculture and the local food is of very high quality and tastefulness.

Elder and Sister Adamson will give their homecoming talk at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, in the Ennis Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Visitors are welcome.

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Evelyn Reilly Smail August 4, 1926 - July 29, 2015



Evelyn Reilly Smail, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away at

Tobacco Root Care Center in Sheridan on July 29. She was born in Glendive on Aug. 4, 1926, to Arthur L. Reilly and Florence Cashman Reilly.

Evie grew up in Stanford and attended business school in Great Falls before marrying Keith Smail in 1949. They moved to Alder in 1952, where they owned a gas station and general store for many years. She worked in Virginia City for a title company for over 25 years.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her parents, broth-

ers Bill and Earl Reilly and sister Louise Reilly Zerskie. She is survived by her husband, Keith, of Alder; sister Georgia Reilly McInnis of Laguna, Calif.; and her four children: Peggy (Karl) Dawson, Lexington, Ky., Beverly (Barry) Baril, Manzanita, Ore., David (Mary Lou) Smail and Dale (Mary Jo) Smail, Alder. Evelyn's grandchildren are Sean (Christa) Dawson, Brandi (Travis) Hodge, Bridget Baril, Bryce (Ruth) Baril, Paul (Amanda) Smail, Kristin (Luke) Novich, Ray (Mary)

Smail, Ryan (Annalese) Smail and Russ (Ruda) Smail. She has been blessed with many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. "Grandma, your tea parties and cookie jar will be missed."

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday Aug. 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Laurin, preceded by a vigil at 7 p.m., Monday Aug. 3, at the church.

A special thanks to the staff of Home Park Assisted Living and TRCC in Sheridan for their loving care.

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& MORE NEWS:

Angling restrictions lifted on some FWP region three rivers

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As of last Thursday, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks lifted angling restrictions on the Big Hole, Beaverhead and Jefferson rivers, according to a FWP press release.

“Longer nights, cooler air temperatures and some much needed rain have brought down the water temperature of several Southwest Montana river systems,” the release states.

However, on Tuesday, Aug. 4, some of those restric-

tions were reinstated.

“Hoot owl restrictions (were put back in place) on the entire Jefferson River,” the updated release states.

Two sections of the Big Hole River are also back under restriction – Maiden Rock fishing access site to the mouth and Saginaw Bridge on Skinner Meadows Road to the North Fork Big Hole River.

Angling restrictions are put in place when warm weather increases the temperature of the rivers to levels that pose a threat to fish.

“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.”

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.

Still under restriction

Some of Southwest Montana’s rivers are still under angling restrictions because of those reasons, however. According to FWP, the following rivers are still under hoot owl restrictions, meaning fishing is closed from 2 p.m. to midnight, until conditions improve:

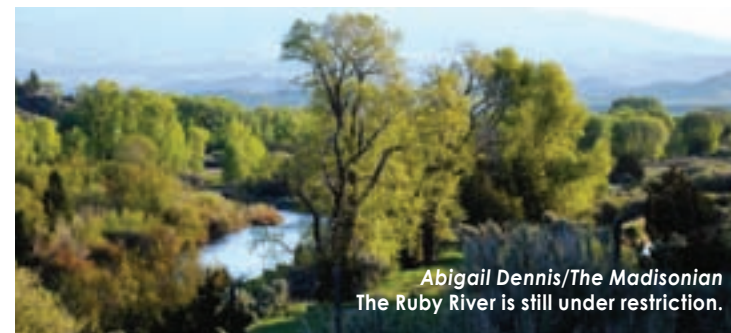
- Ruby River from Duncan District Road to its confluence

with the Beaverhead River.

- Shields River from its mouth, upstream to its confluence with Smith Creek.
- Lower Madison River from Ennis Dam to the Missouri River Headwaters.
- Lower Gallatin River

from its confluence with the Madison River at Three Forks, upstream to Sheds Bridge near Four Corners.

- East Gallatin River from its origin to its confluence with the West Gallatin River.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
The Ruby River is still under restriction.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS

... And balancing a personal life with work

Hi readers,

In last week’s paper, the issue of public access around the Ruby Reservoir was made apparent. It’s an issue that makes me sad – a lot of what makes Montana so wonderful is the public’s ability to explore and benefit from our natural resources. Our lakes, our rivers, our forests and our mountains are our greatest asset.

Essentially, what is happening at the Ruby Reservoir is this: The land around the reservoir is being closed off to public access because private landowners are putting up “no trespassing” and “for sale” signs. The Bureau of Land Management owns land along the east side of the lake, but part of the BLM’s Ruby Reservoir Campground is accidentally on private land.

Public access to great spots is a benefit, but it’s one I struggle to find time to enjoy, and I know I’m not alone. It’s hard to strike the perfect balance between work time and playtime. Summer is really, really busy, but it’s also one of the best times to enjoy the great outdoors. Last week was busy. From visiting the Ennis Senior Center – man, those volunteers are working hard and making progress – to attending the quarterly interagency meeting where our county officials met with state and federal representatives, I just wanted to sit on the couch and put up my feet at the end of each day.

However, lately I’ve been mak-

ing a conscious effort to free up some time and get out and explore Madison County. Recently, I explored from a saddle.

Now, I’m no horsewoman, I guarantee you that. I was fortunate enough to grow up with friends and family who are horse people, however, so I can hop on a horse and get from point A to point B without issues ... usually.

Last week, my friend Jane and I got out for two rides. Side note, my dog is also named Jane – Calamity Jane – and she tagged along too. For our first ride, we set out on a Sunday morning and meandered our way up Mile Creek, which is located in the southernmost corner of Madison County, near Reynolds Pass. We took off from Jane’s house and wound our way into the forest and back out, returning after a few hours in time for a second cup of coffee. It was a relaxing and uneventful



ride, nothing tricky.

The Sunday ride was bolstered by confidence, so on Wednesday, we got bolder. We decided we wanted to find Hidden Lake, which is tucked away behind Cliff and Wade lakes. We were determined to tackle it from Reynolds Pass, which entails going up and over Horn Mountain.

Let’s just put it this way ... from the south, Hidden Lake is really, really well hidden. Jane and I headed out on Woody and Fraser, with our dogs, Calamity Jane and Renny, in tow. We made it up and over Horn Mountain, and from the top we saw Cliff Lake in the distance. We were feeling good at that point because we had a good idea where we were going. We meandered down the mountain into a beautiful valley and continued on our way. Then, we had to make a decision: the high road or the low road.

We weren’t following a trail, but there were two paths

that made sense. One would have taken us up on a bench and the other dropped down into a ravine.

“So, the low road?” Jane asked, and I agreed.

We thought we’d found a short cut. Turns out, we didn’t. The deadfall and timber in the ravine was so thick we couldn’t battle our way through. Thinking we were clever, we moved our horses up the side of the cliff in search of another route. When that failed, we realized we were so deep in the thick of it, we couldn’t even turn around with ease. Woody and Fraser slipped and slid their way up the side of the ravine until we found a makeshift game trail and battled our way out. A bruised up knee, a quick bail off my horse and a scratched neck later, we were free and clear, back in the beautiful valley.

Since the sun was setting, we gave up and headed for home. But not before we promised to return and eventually find Hidden Lake. Now, we’re determined.

Though we failed in our mission to find Hidden Lake from the south, it wasn’t a waste of a night. Instead of sitting on my couch after work, I hit the road and explored a new corner of our county. I feel so fortunate to live in a place where I can drive in any direction and find great access to search for a hidden lake, or whatever strikes my fancy.

Abigail



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Les Gilman: Continuing a family tradition of community involvement

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Les Gilman is a fifth generation rancher in the Ruby Valley who is passionate about the place he calls home. Born and raised in the valley, Gilman says giving back and community involvement is tradition. “I come from a family tradition of public service and was raised to believe that it is important to participate in the community and give back as much as possible,” said Gilman. Gilman’s early days of community service include participating in 4-H and FFA fundraising and public service events. He was also heavily involved with the Alder School Board as a trustee for 12 years. Following tradition, Gilman’s cousin, Duke, and daughter-in-law, Kaycee, now serve on the board. Gilman currently serves as chairman for the Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation, which he says he is particularly excited about.

“I’m excited about seeing the hospital and medical center come to be,” Gilman said. “I believe it is critical to the physical well-being of our families and neighbors as well as to the economic well-being of our local communities.”

Aside from his service on the RVHF, Gilman gives his time to multiple boards, committees and associations including the Ruby Watershed Resource Council, Alder Volunteer Fire Department, Bethel United Methodist Church and Madison County Economic Development Council, just to name a few.

“I have a desire to serve the community in which I live and that has given us so much,” said Gilman.

In his free time, Gilman says he most enjoys working on the ranch with family and spending time with his wife and nine grandchildren.

“It’s a pretty special opportunity to work and play alongside my kids and grandkids.”

BRUNCH at Jackson’s Garden



All photos: Erin Leonard/The Madisonian

On Sunday, Aug. 2, more than 250 people gathered at Jackson’s Garden outside of Sheridan for brunch. According to Carla Marsh, this year’s brunch was the sixth annual one hosted by Jackson’s Garden. Brunch was quiche, potatoes, sausage, fruit and an amazing assortment of baked items.





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Talbot - Pierce Wedding



Submitted by Barbara Pierce
Close family and friends gathered on July 12, 2015, to celebrate the marriage of Mary J. Talbot, daughter of Kimberly Talbot of Helena and Donald Talbot of Hayden, Idaho, and Charles F. Pierce, Jr., son of Barbara Pierce and the late Charles Pierce, Sr. of Ennis. An outdoor ceremony was held at the home of the groom's mother in Ennis with Father Keith Axberg officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Chief Petty Officer Morey Talbot of Key West, Fla. A private reception was held at the McAllister Inn Steakhouse.



SUMMER TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE COMPLETES SEASON:

The Ruby Valley Gun Club would like to thank all participants of the 2015 Summer Trap League for making this year a great success. Nine teams participated this year including our first ever junior team. The kids had a blast and were a joy to work with. We are hoping to get more Junior's in the future and would like to see more ladies as well. A big thank you goes out to all our donors...Kenworthy Electric, Main Street Market, Murdoch's, Three Bears Alaska, Marvin and Chet Allinson, Hemphill Apiaries and Rob Tipton. A special thank you goes out to Shedhorn Sports for their generous donation that allowed us to do many things that we could not have done without their support. See you next year.

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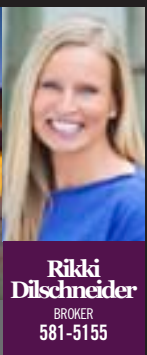


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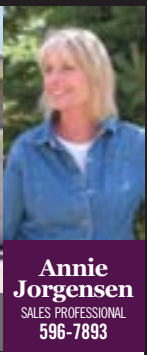
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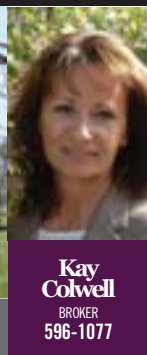
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July 26 - August 1, 2015

July 26
 Accident-No Injury/Damage on MT Hwy 287 Ennis
 Missing Person in Gravelly Range Area Alder
 Unfounded 911 on Hollowtop Mtn Court Ennis
 Theft Complaint at Warm Springs Boat Launch Norris
 Accident with Damage on Ennis Lake Rd McAllister
 Animal Problem on Cemetery Loop Ennis
 Accident with Damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 2 Ennis
 Medical Aid in 300 Blk W Main St Ennis
 Citizen Assist in Ennis
 Fire-Wildland on Stage Coach Rd Whitehall

July 27
 Suspicious Person/Circumstance in Silver Star
 Alarm in 100 Blk Hutchins Ln Ennis
 Accident with Damage on US Hwy 287 Cameron
 Warrant in 300 Blk W Main St Ennis

Citizen Assist in Ennis
 Animal Problem on MT Hwy 287 MM 10 Nevada City
 Information Report on Wallace St Virginia City
 Citizen Assist in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
 Trespassing Complaint in 400 Blk W Cover St Virginia City
 Child Custody Dispute at Main St & First St Ennis
 Disturbance in 100 Blk S Pony St Pony
 Noise Complaint in Sheridan

July 28
 Animal Problem on MT Hwy 287 MM 10 Nevada City
 VIN Inspection in 500 Blk Ray Ln Sheridan
 VIN Inspection in 200 Blk Shining Mtn Loop Rd Ennis
 Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 14 Twin Bridges
 Suspicious Person/Circumstance on MT Hwy 84 MM 2 Norris
 Traffic Complaint on MT

Hwy 287 MM 36 Sheridan
 Information Report in 200 Blk Mill Creek Rd Sheridan
 Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis
 Accident with Damage on MT Hwy 84 MM 4-5 Norris

July 29
 Welfare Check in Ennis
 Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 51 Silver Star
 Unfounded 911 Call in 500 Blk Bradley Creek Rd Norris
 Theft Complaint in 400 Blk Wray St Twin Bridges
 Threats/Harassment in 100 Blk Meadowlark Ln McAllister
 VIN Inspection on Lake View Ln Ennis
 Fire-Other in 300 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City
 Lost or Found Property at Ennis Lions Club Park Ennis
 Citizen Assist on US Hwy 287 MM 61 Norris
 Suspicious Person/Circumstance on US Hwy 287 MM 75 Harrison
 Suspicious Person/Cir-

cumstance at US Hwy 287 & Wet Georgia Rd Sheridan

July 30
 Animal Problem in 100 Blk Garnet USA Loop Alder
 Threats/Harassment in 300 Blk Boundary #3 Sheridan
 Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 and Family Dollar Store Ennis
 Unfounded 911 in Virginia City
 Alarm in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis
 Traffic Complaint on E Main St Ennis
 Animal Problem on US Hwy 287 MM 29 Cameron
 Trespassing Complaint on Wet Georgia Rd Sheridan
 Agency Assist on Water St Sheridan
 Alarm on Geyser St Ennis

July 31
 Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Nicole Way Ennis
 Civil Standby at Twin Bridges Fair-

grounds Twin Bridges
 Animal Problem on MT Hwy 287 MM 36 Sheridan
 Public Safety Complaint on Rainbow Loop Dr McAllister
 Medical Aid at Ruby
 Fishing Access Cameron
 Agency Assist in Big Sky
 Disturbance at Stef-fens St and First St Ennis
 Welfare Check in 300 Blk S River St Twin Bridges
 Alarm in 100 Blk W Idaho St Virginia City
 Disturbance at Hill Top Campground Cameron
 Unfounded 911 Call on Cottonwood Ln Ennis
 Animal Problem in Nevada City
 Traffic Complaint on E Main St Ennis
 Burglary in Sheridan
 Suspicious Person/Circumstance at Lone Elk Mall Ennis
 Drug/Narcotic Activity in 3700 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis

Aug. 1
 Citizen Assist in 800

Blk Mirza Way Ennis
 Unfounded 911 Call in 200 Blk N Meadow Creek Rd McAllister
 Animal Problem in Nevada City
 Accident with Damage in Alder Gulch Virginia City
 Welfare Check at Ennis/Big Sky and Twin Bridges Airports
 Unfounded 911 Call in Virginia City
 Fire-Controlled Burn on Carney Ln Sheridan
 Domestic Disturbance on Jackson Ln Harrison
 Suspicious Person/Circumstance on Upper Slope Cardwell
 Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 28 Cameron
 Unfounded 911 Call in Virginia City
 Public Safety in Sheridan
 Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 N Cameron
 Fireworks Complaint on N Ennis Lake Rd McAllister
 Animal Problem in 900 Blk MT Hwy 55 Whitehall

Episcopal ordination in the Ruby Valley

Submitted by Debra McNeill
 CHRIST EPISCOPAL

Janis Hansen was ordained into the Sacred Order of the Episcopal Priests by the Right Reverend C. Franklin Brookhart, the Bishop of the Diocese of Montana, on Saturday, July 25, at Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan. The ordination was celebrated by Episcopal priests and deacons from Montana and Oregon and pastors and congregants from churches in the Ruby Valley.

The little stone church on Main Street was filled to overflowing for the ordination with additional congregants viewing the service via a CCTV in the Parish Hall.

"These services are usually held at the cathedral in Helena," said senior warden Sandra Baril. "We were very pleased that the request to have (Hansen's) ordination at Christ Church was approved."

Following the ordination, a country-style lun-

cheon reception was provided for the guests.

Christ Church has not had a priest-in-residence since Father Todd Young accepted a call to the parish in Grants Pass, Ore., in 2010. As deacon, Janis Hansen has assisted in leading the congregation for the past five years.

"I'm so thrilled and pleased that the diocese approved my ordination," said Hanson. "In addition to providing the Eucharist service, I'm eager to continue helping with the spiritual needs of this wonderful community."

Prior to being ordained, Janis Hansen was a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon for 17 years. She holds a doctorate in English Literature of the Renaissance and was a manager in the electric utility industry for 21 years.

If you would like to see photos from the service, please visit www.rvec.org, where you will find an extensive photo gallery.



Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, priests and clergy join to celebrate the ordination of Janis Hansen (center) at Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan.

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The Madison Valley History Association met July 25, near Alder to hear Les Gilman tell the story of the town Ruby and the mining operations that made it possible. Gilman's ancestors came to the Alder Gulch mines with the first prospectors and have worked and lived in the area for generations.

Ruby is now a ghost town with a few modern homes and sheds interspersed among the few remaining historic buildings. But it began as the location of the Madison County Poor Farm during the late 1800s. Then, in the 1890s, a dredge mining company acquired the property and buildings and began dredge operations along Alder Creek. This company, appropriately, took the name Poor Farm Mining Company, and eventually combined with the Conrey Mining Company. Gilman's grandfather was the last employee of Conrey Mining company when operations closed down in 1922.

Gilman made his presentation in front of an odd looking building that was half brick and half concrete. The brick section of the building constructed in the late 1800s, was originally the infirmary for the poor farm. It subsequently became the office for the mining companies. The concrete portion of the building was constructed adjoining the brick building by the Conrey Mining Company to house the gold processing operation.

The brick building was subsequently modified to be used temporarily as apartments to house workers building the Ruby reservoir dam. It is now used for storage. The concrete retort is also used for

storage and still houses the furnaces used to process gold.

Les' presentation to the History Association took an amazingly short two hours and seemed to only whet our appetite for more. Many of the 45 or 50 people in attendance expressed surprise at 'finding' Ruby. Some long-time residents of Madison County, who have driven many times past the pile of dredge-rock near Alder, said they had no idea such a town as Ruby ever existed.

The MVHA thanks Les Gilman for his hospitality and for the great story he told us about the town and the mining activities that made it possible.

As the poor farm and Conrey mining companies expanded operations, the town

of Ruby grew to 500 people who were served by a school, a dance hall, three saloons and a couple of mercantile stores. These have all burned down or been moved elsewhere. Currently, besides the infirmary-office-retort building, other buildings that still stand in Ruby include a shop where electrical equipment was repaired, the Ruby stable, and some residential buildings, at least one of which is from the poor farm days.

The town of Ruby was served by electricity from the Montana Power Company dam that forms Meadow Lake near Ennis. Only one meter served the entire town and the dredge mining operations. All fees on this meter were paid by the Conrey Mining Company. Nearly every home had

free electricity to power all the conveniences electricity could provide. These included electric kitchen ranges - with two ovens, on-demand electric water heaters, electric space heaters. The Gilman family has preserved a few examples of these early 20th century electric appliances.

Mining operations ceased in 1922, when the largest and last dredge, the massive number four, wore out and could not be economically repaired. This spelled the end of the town of Ruby, which no longer had an economic base - and by the way also no longer had company-paid electricity to power kitchen ranges and on-demand hot water. So families started leaving town, looking for work elsewhere, and Ruby became a ghost town.

If you are interested in finding out more about Ruby and dredge mining along Alder Creek, you might find some of what you are looking for in Alder Gulch Remembered, written and published by Lowell Gilman.



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Fiddlers in Virginia City

Submitted by Jeannie James

Aug. 9 at 7 p.m., The Virginia City Opera House will open its doors for On the Air, a program with the Dillon Junior Fiddlers. This production features an old-time radio

show format and is an opportunity to hear traditional fiddle music played by an outstanding group of young people. The Dillon Junior Fiddlers and the Virginia City Preservation Alliance are pairing up to bring this show to the Opera House. The Dillon Junior Fiddlers Association, with a track record of making music education and entertainment available for 32 years, provides a very important arts option for the young people in Southwestern Montana.

Those in attendance will meet Oliver Snordly, the radio announcer for "KPOP, your local radio station, for the good times only." Played by Ernie Gilbert, the audience will hear Oliver joke around with Snuffy McDuff (Zach Curtis) from the Toad Holler String Band. Bobby and the Buckeroos will delight with Old West Music and the Amarillo Armadillos will present a section of Western Swing music. The Singing Glory Gospel Group will entertain with well-known favorites and there are even visitors to the radio station from Ireland and Bulgaria.

Dillon Junior Fiddler Music Directors, Sandy and

Jeannie James, are especially enthusiastic about playing On the Air at the Virginia City Opera House.

"(S. James) and I met while working for the Virginia City Players," said J. James. "We were there too many years ago for anyone other than us to remember, but we were privileged to enjoy the direction of Larry Barsness, one of the founders of the Virginia City Players. We are very grateful to Bill and Christina Koch for their donation of the theater for this performance."

Blood drive in Ennis

Submitted by Marcia Zankowski

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to help people. The next blood drive is scheduled for Aug. 13, 2015, at the Madison Valley Medical Center conference room from 1 to 5:45 p.m. Your blood is very much needed, and remember, we help our community when we donate. It only takes an hour or so out of your day and can save a life. Please plan to donate and enjoy a homemade cookie or two.



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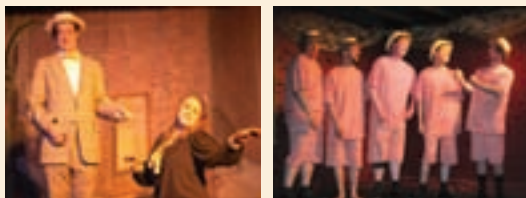
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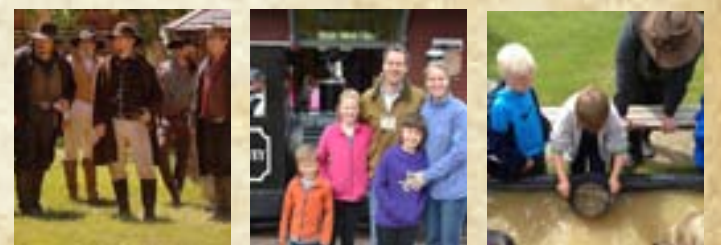
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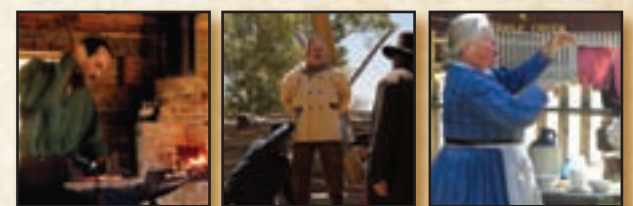
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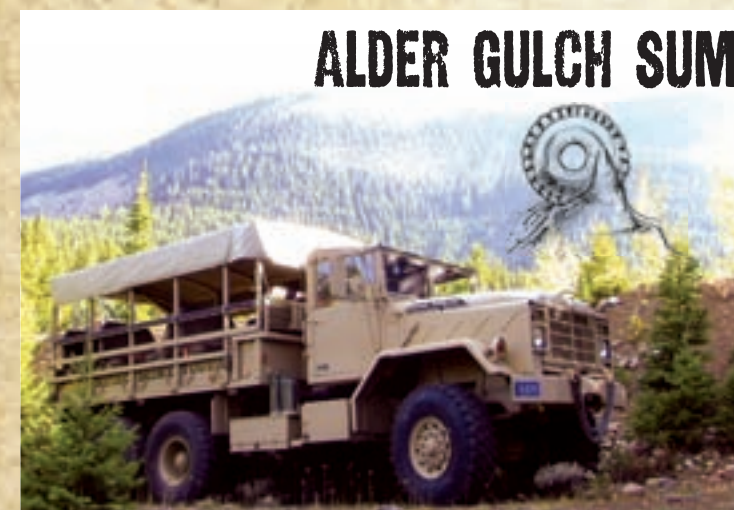
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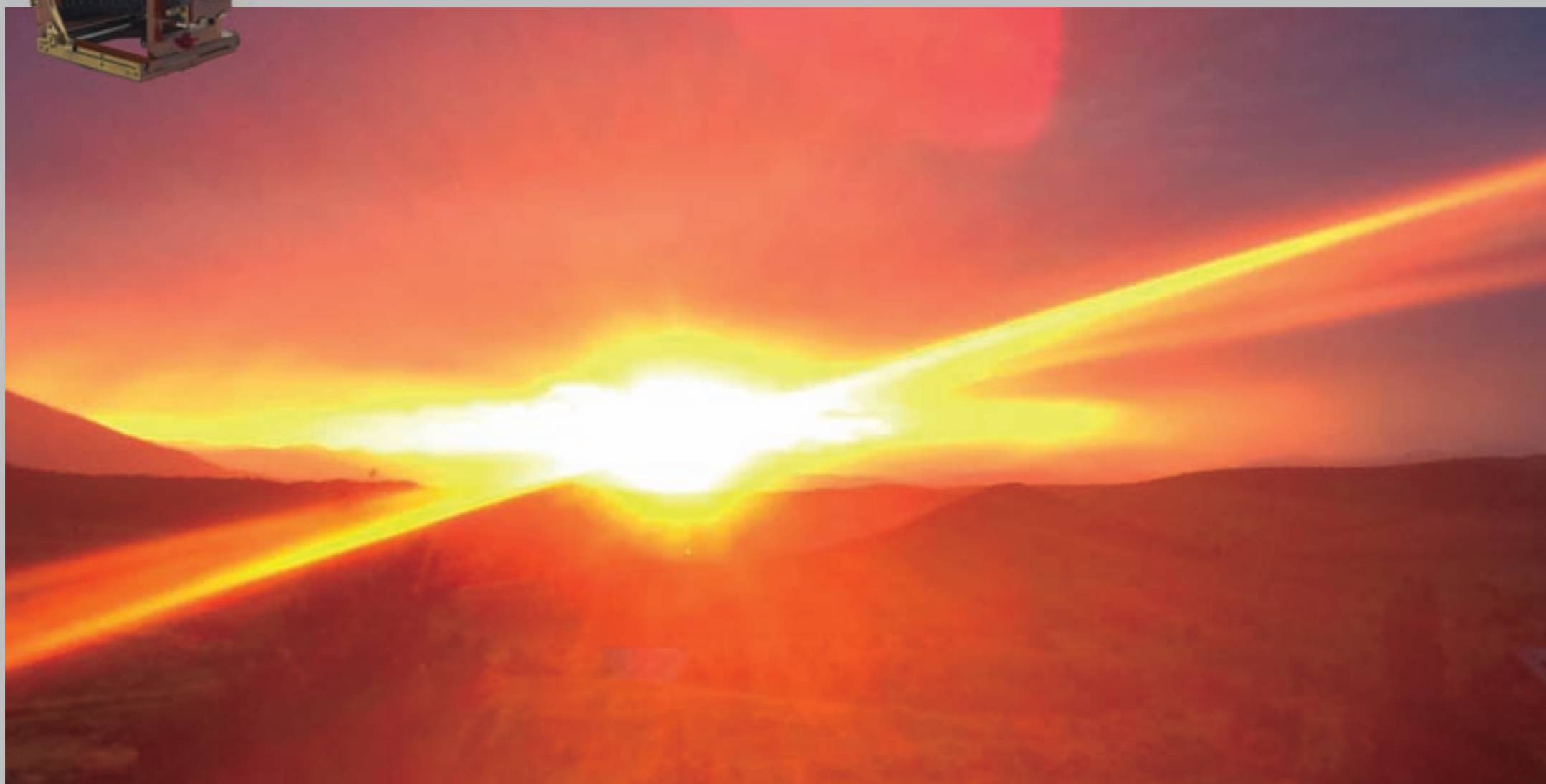


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Friday



Sunny. Highs 70 to 80.

Saturday



Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 65 to 75.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 65 to 75. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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Blue jeans and rodeo scenes



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Nick and Ann Novich have lived in the Ruby Valley their whole lives. First in Twin Bridges and now in Sheridan.

Nick and Ann Novich selected as grand marshal of fair parade

Caitlin Avey
THE MADISONIAN
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"We're so humbled to be picked and join a list like that," said Nick Novich on his recent nomination as fair parade grand marshal.

If you were to describe Nick and Ann Novich in one word, humble might just be the word you would pick.

"There's a lot of good people in this valley," said Nick. "We haven't run out of them yet!"

Nick and his wife, Ann, both grew up in the Ruby Valley and graduated from Twin Bridges High School – Nick in 1948, and Ann in 1951. They were married in the fall of 1951 and will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary this year.

After high school, Nick started working on a ranch with his father while Ann worked as a clerk at the general store in town. The two eventually took over the ranch and raised their two children.

"It wasn't a big ranch – we had a small herd of cattle and sheep," Nick said. "We raised beef and lamb and had a small cow and calf operation."

"It was a good place to raise kids," added Ann. "It was awfully hard work and it taught them how to work."

In 1995, they sold the ranch and moved to Sheridan, where they currently reside.

"We never really went very far," Ann said with a laugh. "We've moved a total of 17 miles in how many years?"

Involvement in and around the community

Nick and Ann have both managed to stay active in the community throughout the years. Nick has been with the Twin Bridges Rotary club for 45 years and has served on the fair board since 1996. He still has a deep passion for the fairgrounds and the board he serves.

"(The fair board is) really what has kept me going," Nick said.

When he was selected to serve on the board he had no prior knowledge about the fair. According to Nick, he was "green as grass" – but, nevertheless, he found a calling that resonated.

"My thoughts were always to make the fair better. It's a nice social gathering place and people come from all over

to view exhibits and visit," said Nick.

Of all the projects Nick has been a part of during his time on the board, solving the issue of parking is the highlight.

"When we improved the parking at the fair grounds, that was ground breaking for us," he said. "We're fortunate to be able to park everyone for a change, and that's just great."

The Ruby Valley will always be home, but both Nick and Ann have a lot of love for the Big Hole Valley, too. The two were pertinent to the formation of the Big Hole Grazing Association, a federal home deal to help producers get summer grazing together.

"We love going to the Big Hole and still get invited down for the annual picnic put on by the association," said Ann.

The fair

Growing up, neither Nick nor Ann were never very active in the fair.

"I did some cooking projects and things, but never very much," said Ann. "But I always liked to go and see everything and go to the parade."

Both Nick and Ann enjoy the rodeo at the fair, and make sure to try and go at least one night.

"(The fair board) worked really hard and have increased the ability to put on a good rodeo, so I like to try and get down there for one night if I can," said Nick. "I like the roping."

"I like it all," added Ann.

Parade

"We don't know for sure; we're looking at a 1936 convertible of some sort," said Ann on what the couple plans to lead the parade in.

"We don't exactly know, but Dana (Escott) said there would be signs on either side of the car so people know what's going on," said Nick.

The parade concludes the nearly week-long fair

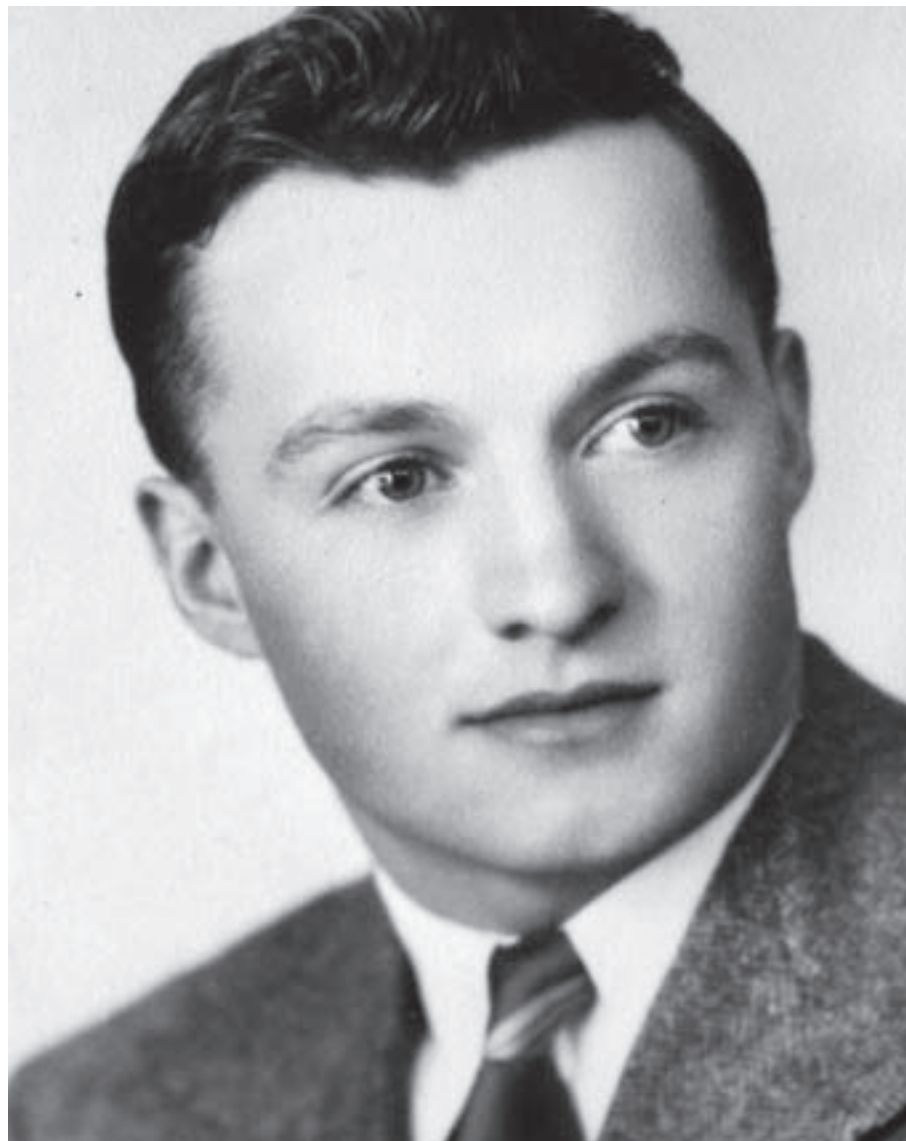
every year, and this year, Nick and Ann Novich are happy and humbled to be leading the charge.

"Gosh, it is just such an honor to join a group like that," said Nick.

"There's a lot of good people in this valley."

– Nick Novich

Photos courtesy of Nick and Ann Novich
Nick Novich graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1948. Ann also graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1951.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Cooking ideas for parents and kids

Submitted by StatePoint

Food brings family together. And time spent in the kitchen is how cooking traditions and those secrets behind the best dishes get handed down from generation to generation.

Here are two delicious recipes:

MOM'S THREE BEAN SALAD

"Like my own kids, I loved helping my mom in the kitchen," writes food and parenting expert Monica Marino in a recent posting on her blog. "Along with the kiddos (a.k.a. expert bean rinsers) we made one of her delicious three bean salads."

Ingredients

- One can garbanzo beans
- One can kidney beans
- One can cannellini beans

- One-half red onion
- One celery stalk
- 1 cup fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp rosemary
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp black pepper
- Optional ingredients: green beans, garlic powder, onion powder, ground cayenne pepper, honey or sugar.

Directions

Rinse and drain beans. Chop the vegetables. Mix together in a large serving dish. Separately, mix olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add dressing to the large bowl, toss and chill for several hours to soak up.

MAPLE PECAN FRENCH TOAST

"Whenever my mom offered to make something special, the answer was always

French toast casserole," writes Katie Meyers, on her lifestyle blog.

Meyers is sharing her French Toast Casserole recipe, which brings back special memories of baking with her mom.

Ingredients

- 5 cups bread cubes
- Four eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup white sugar, divided
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 1 tbsp butter, cut up
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- Optional ingredients: maple syrup, raspberries, powdered sugar

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly

spray a pan with cooking spray. Line bottom of pan with bread cubes.

In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, 2 tablespoons sugar, salt, almond extract and vanilla. Stir in pecans. Pour egg mixture over bread. Dot bread mixture with butter and let sit for 10 minutes.

Combine remaining 2 tablespoons sugar with 1 teaspoon cinnamon and sprinkle over the top. Bake about 35 to 45 minutes, until top is golden.

Dust with powdered sugar and a few raspberries, then drizzle with maple syrup. Serve immediately.

Creating delicious foods with your family is time well spent. Look for those recipes that are easily shared – from creation to consumption.



Dealing with your kids getting shots

Submitted by Kids.gov

Watching your child cry as they are getting their shots is not easy, but you know the shots will help keep them healthy in the years to come. You can make that trip to the doctor a little bit easier by getting your child in the right frame of mind. Use these tips to help prepare for your next trip to the doctor's office for vaccinations.

1. Do not let the doctor surprise them with a shot. Tell them in advance they are going to be getting a shot at their appointment and help prepare them for that.

2. It is OK to let your child know it will probably hurt a little bit at first, but make sure to tell them the pain goes away very quickly and the shot is going to help make them healthy and strong.

3. Teach them why they need to get shots. Tell them the medicine from the shot helps their bodies fight all kinds of diseases that used to make kids very sick before shots were invented.

4. Keep your kids distracted while they are getting their shots. Talk to them or hold their hand, but make sure they stay still for the nurse giving the shot.

5. Reward your kids for

good behavior at the doctor. Face it, getting a shot is scary and not fun, but if your child does well treat them to a little something special to reward their good behavior.

If you have concerns about immunizing your children or any safety risks associated with certain vaccines, you can find more information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Back-to-school tips to keep kids healthy and safe

Submitted by StatePoint

Back-to-school prep means more than a trip to the office supply store. Help kids stay strong, healthy and safe this school year by putting wellness front and center.

"Thinking about back-to-school now can help parents keep kids on track for a healthy summer and start to school," said Dr. Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

With that in mind, Hassink recommends taking the following steps.

Ease into the school schedule

Ease the back-to-school transition by keeping bedtime and meals scheduled during

the summer and adjusting timing as school approaches. If your child has been going to bed later than usual, begin adjusting his or her bedtime earlier toward the end of summer. Depending on age, children and teens need between eight to nine hours of sleep nightly.

For young children, arranging to see their new classroom and meet their new teacher before school starts can calm first day jitters. Go over the school schedule with your child, including how she will get to school and what the plans are for after school time.

Schedule a pediatric visit

The back-to-school season is a good time for scheduling a pediatric exam. Create a list

of items you want to discuss with your child's pediatrician. This list should include ensuring your child is up-to-date on vaccinations, a crucial part of preventive care.

It is a good idea to build a medical home with a pediatrician by sticking with one doctor or medical practice throughout childhood and adolescence. The doctor will be better informed of your child's medical history and aware of any emerging problems.

Beyond medical testing, pediatricians are well-equipped to counsel patients and parents on emotional and social issues, as well as issues that often crop up during adolescence, such as smoking, drugs, drinking, sexual activity and depression.

"Parents can ask a pediatrician about anything related to the care of their child or teen, medical or not," said Dr. Hassink. "The visit can be a good way to bring up these issues."

Consider sports

Sports can foster confidence, cooperation and healthy habits and the start of the school year

brings many opportunities to join various programs.

Hydration, nutrition and proper conditioning are important for any sport, especially those with intense training in warm weather. Schedule a sports physical with your pediatrician to discuss your child's overall health and how to prevent injuries.

Talk safety

If your child will be walking to school, travel the route with him to assess its safety. Find out about traffic patterns and crossing guards. Teach your child safety rules like looking both ways. If possible, have your child commute with an older sibling or neighbor. If your child will be riding a bike or skateboard, be sure he wears a helmet. Review basic rules for safer riding. Bus riders should also be mindful of safety rules, like remaining in one's seat and listening to the driver.

More back-to-school tips can be found at www.healthychildren.org.

As a parent, you can take steps to help ensure your children are prepared for a happy, healthy school year.

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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



A Curious Sight in the Valley

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle ... - Jesus

One morning Barb and I were sitting in our living room enjoying a cup of coffee when we looked outside and saw a car slow down to a crawl in front of our house. The occupants were chattering excitedly and pointing at the house and I wondered if they were staring at us, as we were not exactly dressed for company.

I knew from experience that was not the case as our windows have a reflective quality about them that makes it difficult to peer inside from outside during daylight hours. Still, their staring made me a bit self-conscious and curious, so I stepped over to the window and glanced outside, but I could see nothing noteworthy in our yard making a slow-drive-by necessary.

The car moved on and as it did so I stepped closer to the window and noted a fawn resting peacefully right below our window. THAT'S

what the folks were looking at! Now it made sense.

I was correct thinking it couldn't be

us; I knew it couldn't be our landscaping (if you can call what we have out front "landscaping" to begin with); and I was pretty sure it wasn't our log-sided house that, while nice, is nothing to write home about. There was simply something out of our view that was attracting attention, and until we were willing to either step closer to the window or actually go outside, we would never have known it was there.

I wonder what we can learn about ourselves and about life in general from this. What leapt to mind for me was the matter of racism about which we've been hearing so much lately. Most of us live within the context of our own skin, and so it is hard to imagine life within the realm of someone else's experience.

I am a white man, but I never think about being white, nor about being a man. I'm simply me. I am the only person I've known as well as I know me (and I confuse myself a lot, even at that).

I would love to think I haven't got a racist bone in

my body and yet I know that when I speak, I inevitably display all sorts of ignorance and stupidity with regards to other people. That's normal, so one shouldn't be afraid to admit it.

I know it irritates me when I read or see in the news that "a black man was shot by ..." I wonder why they can't simply report that a man was shot. Is there an ulterior motive in identifying the race?

No; I do not think that identifying race is part of some liberal agenda or storyline the media are trying to perpetuate. Like it or not, statistics help identify trends or issues that might otherwise be lost in the cloud - allowing injustices to continue unexamined and unabated.

One key to getting along better with one another is to avoid denying that we are different - all of us.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your thoughts mine," says the Lord, so maybe we ought to be honest enough to admit it.

Not all cultures are the same, whether at home or abroad.

I grew up in the north, but I love grits. Many people don't know what grits are, and so are reluctant to give them a try or, having tried them decided they aren't their cup of tea. That's fine. Having good taste doesn't make me better than you (tongue placed firmly in cheek) - just different.

One day some years ago I made reference to "Orientals" in a sermon. I was told afterward that the proper term is "Asians." I am not big on political correctness, but I do strive to be sensitive and inoffensive. My friend corrected me gently, not harshly, and I found that helpful.

When challenged to respect the dignity of every person, it is helpful to be gentle, for upon the foundation of gentleness we can build relationships that improve life for all. Being aware that others often see, feel, and experience what we ourselves cannot or do not, perhaps we can be humble enough to step up to the window with less judgment in this, our valley.

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@gmail.com.

NATURAL Resource News

Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

Fence marking project protects sage grouse

In the "Old West," barbed wire fences were often cut to allow trailing droves of cattle through. In the "New West," livestock fencing is being marked to help reduce collisions for sage grouse and other wildlife.

Sage grouse are especially at risk of hitting fences that are close to established leks, spring courtship dancing grounds, where males usually fly in the dark to gather. The flatter the landscape, the

harder it is for the grouse to see the fences. In the most at-risk landscapes, biologists estimate an average of one collision for every mile of fence.

Through the Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI), U.S.D.A.'s Natural Resources Conservation Service is working with ranchers to improve habitat for sage grouse, an at-risk bird considered for listing under the federal Endangered

Species Act. To date, NRCS has funded \$296.5 million nationwide to restore and conserve sage grouse habitat.

In our western states such as Montana, Idaho and Utah, sage grouse efforts are being amplified even further through partnerships. NRCS encourages a variety of conservation practices to improve habitat for sage grouse, including marking fences.

NRCS has purchased enough clip-on plastic reflective fence markers for miles of fence lines in Utah and provided them free to people and organizations willing to volunteer their time to install them on private lands. Last year, more than 70 volunteers spent 279 hours installing 250,000 fence markers on nearly 138.5 miles of fence lines.

Recent research shows these fence markers can help reduce sage grouse fence collisions by 83 percent. With the permission of private landowners, volunteers placed a mixture of red and white markers on the top wire of fences. White markers are seen well by

grouse in summer, while red contrasts with winter snow.

Published estimates report a six-fold decline in collisions along marked versus unmarked fences. Using these rates, the SGI's fence-marking efforts across the 11-state range, including Utah, are preventing 2,600 fence collisions annually, which is more than twice the number of males counted annually on leks in Washington, North Dakota, South Dakota and Canada combined.

To help determine the correct three-inch placement of markers, a fence collision risk tool was developed and is used by wildlife agencies and federal biologists to define areas near leks where placement of the fence markers would be most effective.

Now is a great time to learn more about NRCS' wildlife conservation efforts. To get started with NRCS, visit your local USDA Service Center in Sheridan and talk to Dan Durham, district conservationist, or call him at 842-5741 x 102 or email him anytime at daniel.durham@mt.usda.gov.



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

Fighting to keep America's communities safe from child predators is what ryanunited.org is all about, if you are wondering like I was. There's an annual fundraiser for it in Virginia City coming up, check out the website for more information. Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean, Derek VanLuchene, CEO of Ryan United and local law enforcement members will be attending. I can remember back in 1987 when 8-year-old Ryan was kidnapped in Libby. My friend Marc Weber is Ryan's uncle; Marc and Lou Rae live in Twin Bridges. While playing in his own back yard in Libby,

8-year-old Ryan VanLuchene was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered by a repeat sex offender who was serving a prison sentence for the past crime of sexually assaulting another child. He was let out of prison early with minimal supervision.

Within just a few short weeks after his early release from prison, this offender abducted and murdered Ryan. I can remember the talks with Marc, and the heartbreak, like it was yesterday. It is one of the worst crimes. Never will I forget some of the things I read about the trial of the predator. Seems he felt society and prisons were all to blame. They taught him to not leave the children he molested alive because he'd be caught, but if he killed them he'd be home free. (Although he was caught right away after his crime to Ryan.) When the murdering predator was released from prison the first time, newspapers reported the he commented to the prison

officials that he would do the same thing, except this time, "I will kill my victim and leave no witnesses."

Ryanunited.org has many programs to help communities and victims of predators. Child predators are everyone's problem; not to be overlooked. I personally commend Ryan's family, who rose above this tragedy and championed the cause for Montana legislation to initiate a sex offender registry. Montana was one of the first states to enact a sex offender registry, which is still in effect today and very well used. I know I check it often, and am quite surprised by how many are on it and where they live. Remember, anyone can go on this site, just Google Montana sex offender registry. Click on your county. Get ready for the hair to rise on the back of your neck.

I see the start of the new senior citizen and community center in Twin Bridges is beginning with some groundwork. This is really

going to be a wonderful place for our senior citizens and community - three cheers to everyone that made it all possible! I see the senior citizens group will be hosting bingo again at the Madison County Fair - this is another great way to support the new building and have some great fun.

So what have we learned this week? That dead people receive more flowers than the living ones because regret is stronger than gratitude. Do not educate children to be rich, educate them to be happy so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price! Be nice for everyone you meet is fighting a battle that you know nothing about. The only person that you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.

The Madison County Fair begins this weekend with the 4-H horse show and the open youth rodeo. Then on to the fair and all the family fun.

Live like someone left the gate open.

Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

Travel is a splendid thing ... I don't mean the kind of travel where you pack your suitcase,

load up the car or go to the airport and head out to see the sights of foreign lands and

strange towns where you can go exploring. This is a kind of traveling I was doing along the

shelves, trying to organize all the boxes and cases of materials into the new Dick Pace Archives located in the Thompson-Hickman County Library.

One notebook I found was Famous Men of the 1860s. Opening it, I saw the familiar face of Homer C. Bosworth. What is he doing in this notebook?

So out he comes with photos and articles of information about the man who was the county surveyor

for Madison County for a lengthy period of time.

Homer was born near Bellevue, Colo., on Aug. 3, 1881, and his life was filled with many jobs and many locations over his life years. He was one Madison County resident with a long ancestry of independent thought and action. A gentleman of the old school.

I shall go back a bit and relate a story that was in the article: "Homer grew to be a handsome little boy, so handsome in fact that when he was about eight a ranch hand working on his grandfather's ranch tried to kidnap him and sell him to a traveling carnival. The grandfather

rescued him." The story didn't mention what happened to the ranch hand. However it did say that Homer's grandfather was determined to hunt the intended kidnapper down and hang him.

In 1892 the family moved to a small mountain settlement near Estes Park, Colo., where he attended school and then enrolled in an engineering course by correspondence. Education was a major part of his life.

Meanwhile, a young girl of German descent, Emilie Elizabeth Sophia Lindekugel, arrived from Jefferson County, Neb., to teach school. They were married April 2, 1908, in Nebraska. They

moved to Bozeman after the birth of their first daughter Helen. They lived numerous places from Sheridan, West Fork Cow Camp, Bear Creek Ranger Station, before moving to Virginia City in the fall of 1914 with their daughter and son Harlan. Twins Wirt and Mattie added to the family, however, Mattie failed to survive.

Homer spent the majority of his life working for the government, which included the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish Hatchery in Bozeman, U.S. Forest Service in Madison County, Bureau of Reclamation and Pacific Electric Railroad.

Homer became county

surveyor for Madison County back in 1924 and served in that capacity for the sum total of 40 years.

These are just a few facts about Homer, but these bare facts give no measure of the man, but definitely indicate the power of conviction he followed in his life and jobs.

Emilie died in 1936 and Homer passed in 1967.

In the hours of work, memory, vision and discovery it is totally fantastic what one can find and bring to life a meaning of existence and the great experiences of the past.

Source: Dick Pace archives and Montana Standard 1965

COMICS & PUZZLES

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Waterson



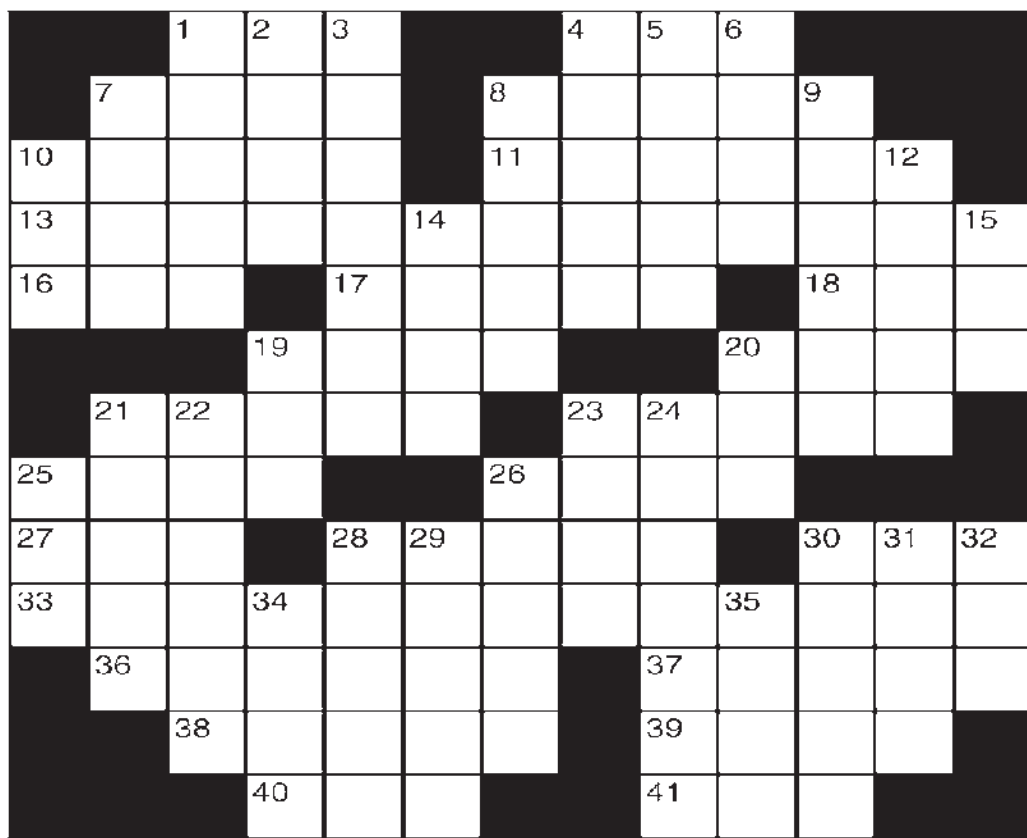
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Just a Pinch

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By Janet Tharpe

Scrumptious Lemon Meringue Pie With a Twist

"This is one of my favorite desserts!"



Carolyn Parke's Lemon Meringue Pie with a Twist is refreshing on a hot summer day and impressive enough to serve at your next holiday meal. The addition of lemonade gives this pie an extra zing of lemon your taste buds will love!

See step-by-step photos of Carolyn's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

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- Janet



Carolyn Parke
Idaho Falls, ID
(pop. 56,813)

Lemon Meringue Pie With A Twist

What You Need

- 1 1/2 c water
- 1 c sugar
- 6 tbsp corn starch
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp butter, melted
- 6 oz can frozen lemonade, thawed
- 1/3 c sugar, for meringue
- 1/4 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 pie crust shell of your choice, 9-inch

- Bring to a boil stirring constantly until liquid is clear.
- Mix a small amount of hot mixture with slightly beaten egg yolks and return all to pan.
- Mix in lemonade, salt, and butter.
- Cook, stirring constantly, for one minute or until thickened. Remove from heat and let cool.
- When cooled pour into baked pie shell.
- Beat egg whites with 1/3 cup sugar and cream of tartar until stiff and forming peaks.

Directions

- Mix one cup of sugar and cornstarch. Add cold water. Whisk together.
- Put on pie and bake in 350 degrees until lightly golden.
- Cool, then refrigerate.

Submitted by: Carolyn Parke, Idaho Falls, ID (pop. 56,813)

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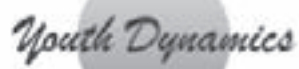


the Madison County MARKETPLACE

View classifieds online at www.madisoniannews.com/classifieds.

HELP WANTED

Alley Bistro is looking for part time kitchen and front of house position. Call John at 209-4031 or stop by for application. 38-tfc-b



Become a Foster Parent for Youth Dynamics
Please join Youth Dynamics in making a difference for Montana kids! Youth Dynamics is a private, non-profit organization that provides therapeutic foster care and respite care to children in need of a safe and loving home. Our belief is that every child deserves a family. If you are interested in becoming a Therapeutic Foster Parent, YDI will provide you with complete training and support. www.youthdynamics.org or call Christina at (406) 946-4294. 35-tfc-b

Help Wanted. Full time general maintenance at Antler Designs. Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m.. Benefits. Apply at 333 W. Main St, Ennis or call 682-7153. 27-tfc-b

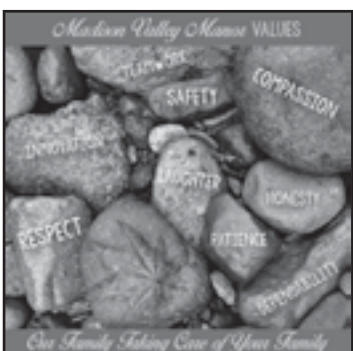
Bear Trap Grille looking for dishwashers, wait staff, line-cook. Inquire within or call 682-3323 or 908-507-5725. 24-tfc-b

McAllister Inn is hiring servers, dishwashers, prep cook and bus person. Please call 682-5000 or apply in person from 2-4 at McAllister Inn. 40-tfc-b

Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2015-16 school year: Head Varsity Cross Country Coach, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach, Assistant Middle School Football Coach, Full-time Paraprofessional, Part-time Paraprofessional, Bus Driver, Substitute Teachers, and Accompanist. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan Schools Website www.sheridan.k12.mt.us. If you are interested in applying for this position, you may also contact Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302. 40-3-b

Upcountry Earthworks is looking for operators, truck drivers and someone with mechanic and welding experience. Call 682-7103. 40-tfc-b

Now taking applications for lunch and dinner shifts for a new Mexican restaurant next to Trenz. Servers, prep cooks, dishwashers and cooks. Call 682-3000 or email helen@aandomanagement.com. 32-tfc-b



Madison Valley Manor is looking for a per diem LPN or RN. Pay commensurate with experience. This is a great opportunity to work in a personal healthcare setting. If you are interested in a rewarding career in healthcare, Madison Valley Manor is the place. Please contact Christine Canterbury, DON at 682-7271 for more information. EOE 36-tfc-b



Madison Valley Manor is looking for a Hairdresser to cut and style hair for our residents one day a week. If you are interested in helping our residents look their best please contact Jayne or Darcel at 682-7271. 39-tfc-b

Seeking home healthcare provider for a single older female with limited mobility and a speech impairment. Duties include household upkeep, cooking, shopping, and driving client as needed. Variable hours with flexible schedule, part time, wage doe, call Nick Efta at 406-581-9990 for interest. 41-3-b

Kitchen Steward & Housekeeper for August through mid-October at 2015 Orvis Fly Fishing Lodge of the Year. We are willing to work with your schedule and have options for a few shifts to make a little spending cash, or a full time position. Entry level pay is \$10/hour -\$13/hour to start with end of season bonuses. Staff housing may be available. Individuals who excel at personalized service and enjoy working in an intimate environment on a spectacular property are encouraged to apply. Must be available to work weekends and holidays. Call 406-682-7822. 41-2-b

Admin/asst. bookkeeper needed. Ennis-Bozeman travel required. Part time. Send resume by email only with salary requirements to dbsmontana@gmail.com 40-2-b

Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis hiring full time bartender. Apply in person Tuesday-Friday with Joie or Terri. Must be 21 or older. No experience needed. 40-tfc-b

Now hiring. 16 years old and up. Full and part time. Sign on bonus. Town Pump, Ennis. Apply online at townpump.com or in store. \$9-\$10 per hour. 40-3-b

The Ennis Community Children's School, a nonprofit preschool and licensed childcare center, is hiring FT and PT positions. A degree in education and/or experience working with preschool aged children desired. Wage DOE. Contact boardofdirectors.eccs@gmail.com or (406) 570-4976 for information and to apply. 40-2-b

Now hiring part time cashier at the Cardwell Store. Call 287-5092 or stop by to apply. 28-tfc-b

-If you have a passion for long term care
-If you want your efforts as a nurse to really make a difference
-If you want to be part of a team willing to think (and work) outside the box I would like to talk to you! Right now we have a need for PRN nurses (RN or LPN - new grads welcome). I expect full time hours to become available. Competitive wages, great benefits. Please call me. Gary Buchanan - Administrator - Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan, MT - (406) 842-5600 EOE 40-4-b

Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center in Sheridan has positions open for a part time Dietary Aide and a part time laundry/housekeeping aide. Competitive wages, great benefits. Contact Holly at 842-5600 for more info and application. EOE 41-2-b

FOR RENT

New apartment; 20x14 storage building; two single-car garage units, rent all or separate, 406-579-8411 41-2-b

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

Horse pasture for rent. 12 irrigated acres. Fresh water. Five minutes from Sheridan. 842-7737. 34-tfc-b

PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 682-7442 18-tfc-b

FOR RENT: Large mobile home site 1 mile from Ennis. 100 x 150', water & sewer, country atmosphere, quiet. NO DOGS. 682-4854. 29-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

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ENNIS MINI STORAGE New low prices with 10 x 10's starting at \$35. Larger sizes available. Call Melinda at 596-4288. 15-tfc

MADISON MANAGEMENT Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401 www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley. 1-tfc

FOR RENT in Ennis 20 x 30 heated shops/storage. RV Storage also available. 581-7687. 28-tfc-b

Rare Jeffers Rental Opportunity. Secluded country home. 4 Bed/2 Bath with 2 car garage. 3 miles from Ennis/Madison River. Spectacular 360 degree mountain views. Minimum one year lease, \$1300/month unfurnished. Immediate available call 406-682-7000. References/leave message 40-2-b

Beautiful half acre Mill Creek frontage property. 2bd/1 bath. Cozy Craftsmans' style house, landscaped, sprinklers, (separate well) garage, washer/dryer. Sheridan/\$900 month. No smoking. No pets. 916-600-3018 38-tfc-b

FOR SALE

Werner 28-Foot, Heavy Duty Type II Aluminum Flat D-Rung Extension Ladder. \$200 firm call 406-599-7732 40-tfc-b

1996 Cadillac Eldorado touring 2 door black. 77,700 miles. Great car. It has 2 sets of tires. Studs on rims and all weather on car. New 6 year battery. Car in great condition. All it needs is a paint job, and a new owner. Asking \$4,500. Call 589-5492 36-1-p

Brand new 30 KW exterior Gillette propane generator. Paid \$13,000, asking \$10,000 cash. 842-7700. 40-tfc-b

Bedroom dressers, used sofa, two new glass display hutches, wine cabinet, hall cabinet w/mirror, new fiberglass kitchen sink, and more. 406-579-8411 39-tfc-12

6 log dining room chairs. Includes two captain chairs. \$750. 682-3597 40-2-b

Horse hay. \$6 per bale. 50 lb. bales. 75% grass, 25% alfalfa. Barn stores. Possible delivery. 422-8283. 40-4-b

Whitfield pellet stove model profile 30. Four years old self starting thermostat controlled \$500. Call 682-3597 40-2-b

For Sale Fishing boat. 1986 Sylvan 16 ft 50 HP. Call 209-4776. 40-2-b

Flatbed, 18 ft trailer, dual. 3500 lb. axels, 7000 GVW, new tires, pulls great. \$2300 916-600-3018 38-tfc-b

2 Yamaha Vino retro scooters. 125 cc, low miles. \$1800 & \$1900. 916-600-3018 38-tfc-b

SERVICES

Madison Valley Caring & Sharing Hours: Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m. Sat. 9-11:00 a.m. Wed. 6-8 p.m. Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4. Ennis. 682-7844 30-tfc-b

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GARAGE SALE

Yard and Art Sale Photos by Gina, paintings, etc by Joe. Quilts, books, some tools, kitchen stuff, crafts, plants and lots of treasures. Sat., August 8 8-6 pm 425 West Steffens 41-1-b

Summer Long Yard Sale. 1610 Hwy 287, Nevada City 9:30-5:30 pm Now through September 12. 32-1-b

Aug. 7 & 8, 8-3 pm Guns, tools, wood stove, boat, trailers, household items in our barn at 10 Bent Trail, Ennis Go to fish hatchery and follow signs. 41-1-b

Saturday, August 15 8 am - 3 pm 614 S. 3rd St., Ennis Garden tiller, generators, tools, books, tool and saw sharpener, household, clothing, Christmas, fishing. 41-2-p

WANTED

Housesitter/pet sitter for 10 days in October and 10 days in November. Also December 1-April 15. Pay is great. If interested please call 600-6803. 41-2-b

I am seeking full time work in the Ennis area. I am well-versed in hay operations, repairs, irrigation, tractor maintenance and driving, discbines, balers, etc. I have 2 cow-savvy horses, my own tools, vehicle, horse trailer. I am very proficient with cattle, including winter calving, pulling, tagging, banding, etc. I provide my own health insurance. Salary is negotiable, but pasture space for my horses is a MUST. I have EXCELLENT local references and will be happy to supply them. Please contact me. I am a well-proven hard worker and you won't regret it. 35+ years experience, great attitude. Contact 209-2038. 41-2-p

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NOTICE

The Shining Mountains Airpark and the Mustang Ranches Homeowners Associations will have their annual meeting at 10 am August 15 at Choice Aviation at the Ennis Big Sky Airport. 41-1-b

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Stenler, 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
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TWIN BRIDGES K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT #7 RESOLUTION BUDGET TRANSFER FOR SCHOOL SECURITY UPGRADES

On Motion duly made by TRUSTEE Gary Konen and seconded by TRUSTEE Randy Lowder the following resolution was presented to the Board:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has presented the Board with a recommendation to transfer \$35,000.00 from the BUS DEPRECIATION FUND (211) to the BUILDING RESERVE FUND (261) of the District;
 WHEREAS, the transfer is not from the debt service fund or retirement fund;
 WHEREAS, the transfer is state or local revenue from a budgeted or nonbudgeted fund;
 WHEREAS, the funds will be encumbered by June 30, 2019;
 WHEREAS, the District may not increase its nonvoted levy for the purpose of restoring the transferred funds;
 WHEREAS, the transfer is for improvements to school safety including new technologies for emergency response, new technology to manage security measures, securing egress, or general improvements to school safety.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Twin Bridges K-12 School District No. 7, approves transferring transfer \$35,000.00 from the BUS DEPRECIATION FUND (211) to the BUILDING RESERVE FUND (261) of the District as recommended by the Superintendent.
 Vote being had on foregoing Resolution, the results of which are as follows:
 Name of Trustee
 /s/Allison Wentzel, In Favor
 /s/Gary Konen, In Favor
 /s/Randy Lowder, In Favor
 The Chairperson declared said Resolution adopted.
 (Pub. July 30, Aug 6, 2015) tbbs
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Comment Four Corners, LLC proposes the construction of a 99-ft AGL monopole communications tower to be located west of a portion of Montana Highway 287, northwest of the Town of Sheridan (Madison County APN: 0007021100), within the SW1/4-NE1/4 of Section 27, T4S, R5W, Montana P.M. Please submit any written comments by September 5, 2015 regarding the potential effects that the proposed tower may have on His-

toric Properties that are listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places to: Tower Engineering Professionals, Inc. (Attn:George Swearingen) 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 Telephone: (919) 661-6351 Fax: (919) 661-6350 (Pub. Aug 6, 2015)lep
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PUBLIC NOTICE

WUT5056-021
 The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Permitting and Compliance Division, Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Septic Tank Pumper Program, received an application for a land application site. DEQ reviewed the application and found it to be complete. The name and address of the applicant is:
 Ray Smail, South West Septic, PO Box 122, Alder, MT 59710
 The application is for the approval of a site for the land application of septage, portable toilet waste, grease trap waste, sump pumpings, and graywater. The proposed approximately 145-acre land application site is located on private property in Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 5 West, MPM, Madison County, Montana. The site will be used only as-needed.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the proposed action and to seek public participation in the decision-making process. To comply with Administrative Rules of Montana 17.4.607(2), 608, 609, and 610, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared. A copy of the Draft EA is available upon request from the Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Solid Waste Program, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or on the DEQ's website at <http://deq.mt.gov/ea/SepticPumpers.mcxp>. The public has until close of business on August 28, 2015 to submit written comments concerning the proposal. Comments may be submitted via U.S. Mail to the above address or via E-mail to mailbox.deqwtbcomments@mt.gov.
 (Pub. Aug 6, 2015)mdeq
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, WEBSITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Madison County, is seeking to update its website to enhance the user experience, simplify content management, and provide better information and customer service to its community, while meeting high standards for

design quality and visual appeal. The County seeks the assistance of an experienced company that can accomplish all of the functionality identified in this RFP with the flexibility of providing this functionality over time, if needed due to budgetary constraints. The County also seeks a company that has the capability of integrating additional features and functionality that may be identified in the future. The experienced company should have a team of experts who understand local government, to help us achieve our vision - all while providing 24/7/365 support. The complete RFP can be downloaded at <http://www.madison.mt.gov>. All RFP submissions are due by August 21, 2015 at 5:00 PM MST. Inquiries about this Request for Proposal must be in writing and directed to:
 Chris Hunt
 IT Director
 Madison County
 P.O. Box 278
 Virginia City, MT 59755
 Phone: (406) 843-4254
 E-mail: chunt@madison.mt.gov
<http://www.madison.mt.gov>
 (Pub. Aug 6, 13 2015)mccit
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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING AND REGULAR AUGUST MEETING

The Final Budget Meeting for Alder School District No. 2 will be held Monday, August 17th, 2015 in the School Board Room at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. This meeting may be continued from day to day until final adoption of the district's budget. The budget meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular August meeting.
 Kathleen Wuefling
 District Clerk
 (Pub. Aug 6, 2015)as
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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 COURT MADISON COUNTY
 In re the Marriage of
 Virginia Bronwen Smithson,
 Petitioner
 and
 Lanny F. Smithson,
 Respondent.
 Cause No. DR-29-2014-26

THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You, the Respondent, are hereby summoned to answer the Petition in this action, which is filed with the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon

the Petitioner within twenty-one days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgement will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. This action is brought to obtain a dissolution of marriage.
 Title to and interest in the following real prop-

erty will be involved in this action:
 2001 Nissan Frontier
 Dated this 23rd day of July, 2015.
 Karen Miller
 Clerk of Court
 (Pub. Aug 6, 13, 20 2015)bs
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**PUBLIC RELEASE
 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS**

Twin Bridges K-12 School District #7 announces the 2015-16 policy for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals for students whose schools participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture [National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program]. The complete policy is on file in the central office and may be reviewed by any interested party.
 Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown in the following chart may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

Household Size	Free			Reduced Price		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	15,301	1,276	295	21,775	1,815	419
2	20,709	1,726	399	29,471	2,456	567
3	26,117	2,177	503	37,167	3,098	715
4	31,525	2,628	607	44,863	3,739	863
5	36,933	3,078	711	52,559	4,380	1,011
6	42,341	3,529	815	60,255	5,022	1,159
7	47,749	3,980	919	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	1,023	75,647	6,304	1,455
Each Additional Person	5,408	451	104	7,696	642	148

Application forms will be sent to each home with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Households will be notified of eligibility determination. At any time during the school year, program officials may verify an application. Households dissatisfied with the ruling of the officials have the right to a fair hearing. This may be done by calling or writing to:

Trustee Allison Wentzel, Chair PO Box 419, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 406-684-5656
[Hearing Official] [Address] [Telephone]

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BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION SPECIALIST Provides direct care for individuals and groups of select children in the Altacare Program. Previous experience in related field and/or bachelor's degree preferred but not required.

Please download application material from Altacareofmontana.com website and submit completed application, along with cover letter, and resume to: Kathy Ogrin, Human Resource Manager, Altacare of Montana, 3738 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701. EOE Phone: (406) 497-7905 Fax: (406) 497-7916. Email: Kathy.Ogrin@acadiahealthcare.com

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Fish and Wildlife Commission to meet Aug. 6 in Helena

Submitted by Tom Palmer

Montana's Fish and Wildlife Commission will meet Aug. 6 in Helena at Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Headquarters, 1420 E. 6th Ave.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and commissioners will make final decisions on:

- an annual rule to implement the new "apprentice hunter" law enacted earlier this year by the state Legislature;
- the selection of organizations to auction 2016 hunting licenses for bighorn sheep, elk; moose,

mountain goat and mule deer;

- the classification of two exotic wildlife species, including the Pacific white shrimp as controlled and the African fur rat as prohibited in Montana;
- farm-lease extensions at North Shore State Park and North Shore Wildlife Management Area on Flathead Lake;
- contractual elk-hunting access agreements on two Snowy Mountain ranches;
- 2015 early season migratory bird hunting regulations;

- 2015-16 pheasant and partridge hunting regulations on the Flathead Indian Reservation; and
- 2015-16 bison hunting quotas.

At the meeting, FWP will ask the commission to approve the following proposals for public comment:

- 2016 fishing regulations;
- 2015 late season waterfowl bird hunting seasons and closures;
- 2015 elk-plan management objectives and adjustments; and
- the annual review and

new work plans for elk management guidelines in areas with brucellosis.

In addition, commissioners will hear an update on the state's water supply and on the upcoming biennial hunting season-setting process.

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IT'S FAIR TIME

A look back at the Madison County Fair over the years

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The Madison County Fairgrounds has roots extending back to 1887, when Twin Bridges was still in the making. Back then, it was known as “The Park” – a place for social gatherings and public events. According to documents from the Twin Bridges Museum and in the files at the fair office, the fairgrounds were originally part of the Lott and Seidensticker homesteads until it was sold to the county.

The first event held on the grounds was a “harvest home barbeque.” Residents from across the county were in attendance, and the event became an annual gathering. Following the barbeque, stock was promoted and in 1889, and Madison County had its first fair.

The fair was renamed in 1901 as The Madison County Agricultural Fair and later would be renamed again to become what we know now – The Madison County Fair.

In the beginning years, the fair mostly consisted of showing stock and exhibiting impressive 70-pound pumpkins. One article reported a 249-pound cabbage entered in 1901.

As the fair continued to grow, more and more events were added year after year. There were a variety of events

at the fair by 1904, including baseball games, dances with live bands and horse racing.

Some of the biggest attractions at the Madison County Fair are the buildings – seven of the structures on the ground are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. All seven are log structures and were milled out of the Tobacco Root Mountains.

Around 1936, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) began construction on a majority of the buildings, with the exception of the Jeffers Building, also known as the square building, which was built by community members in 1894, according to fair documentation.

Not only was the introduction of the WPA good for the fair, it was important to the county as it provided jobs during a recession.

In 1942, the fair was canceled due to WWII, and what is currently the fair office temporarily became the Office of Price Administration, or a rations station. Nick Novich, a lifelong resident of Madison County and current fair board member, remembers this well.

“We were given a booklet every month and you got different colored stamps you could use to buy gas, sugar, meat or whatever,” Novich said. “Ranchers and farmers were given more stamps for gas because they needed it more. It was a tough time.”

Toward the end of the 90s, the fair board decided to preserve the seven historic buildings as best they could and discover ways to utilize the grounds during the spring and fall.

The Pavilion, or “round building,” was the largest of its kind when it was built. Little has been changed. The original wood floor was replaced with a concrete floor after the fairgrounds flooded in 1955.

There is speculation about whether the wood floors in the Jeffers building are original. Dana Escott, the current fairgrounds manager believes they are not original but, due to lack of records, no one is sure.

There are many speculations about the fair and the greatest of these has to be Spokane, a thoroughbred stallion who won the 1889 Kentucky Derby. There is a drawing of Spokane that hangs in the fair office and it is believed that he was foaled in Madison County.

The Madison County Fair has come a long way in the nearly 130 years of its existence. Novich said the fair “reached a milestone last year” in that it was able to park everyone who attended. More than 3,000 people from across the state attend each year.

Bringing together members from across the county, let alone the entire state, is the purpose of a county fair.



Photo courtesy Twin Bridges Historical Association Museum
From L: Ron Mailey, Bob Shorten and Bob Lott participate in the 1978 horse pulling contest.

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SURVIVING THE DECADES

Residents look back on the fair parade

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"It's been going on forever – I remember it as a kid," said Lois Lehwald, long time resident of the Ruby Valley and member of the Twin Bridges Rotary Club.

The Madison County Fair started back in the late 1890s, mostly as a stock and crop fair, and has since become a huge and beloved event in the Madison and Ruby valleys. Rodeo, 4-H,

food vendors and a petting zoo can all be found at the fair, but the biggest tradition at the county fair has to be the fair parade, which acts as the closing ceremonies for the nearly week long extravaganza.

Although it is uncertain as to when or how the parade came about, residents remember it well.

"It has been going for quite sometime," said Lehwald. "People from Ennis and Whitehall used to participate in it and it once was quite large."

The parade these days, on a good year, sees around 25 to 30 entries according to Lehwald, who has served as the chairman for the parade committee for five years.

"I just get to delegate – it's everyone else who does all the hard work," she said.

Lehwald is in charge of gathering law enforcement for the parade, finding announcers and a PA system, finding people to man the entry table and filling out all necessary forms.

"It's very enjoyable and the prep is exciting, so I'm

willing to do it," she said.

Leona Buyan was a member of the saddle team and rode in multiple parades throughout the years.

"The parades now are basically the same as they were back then, just more modern," said Buyan.

"There were more horses back when I was riding."

Buyan said she has not ridden since the early 80s, but still has her saddle and parade and rodeo outfits.

"It's just nice to remember all that stuff," she said.

Ann Novich, graduate of Twin Bridges High School, remembers her little sister participating in the fair parades.

"She was in the parade as majorette when she was a little girl and she's 76 now," Novich said. "That gives you a little bit of an idea how long the parade as been going."

According to Novich, a veterans drum core from Butte used to come participate in the event every year. She also said parade history gets

a bit "sketchy" during the period of the war.

"There's not much history recorded about it or the fair from 1911 till after World War II," she said.

Even though the parade has changed and modernized over the years, it still manages to bring the folks of the Ruby Valley together and it is nice to reminisce about the past.

"I kind of missed the old-fashioned things," said Lehwald. "All the horses and the decorated bicycles were probably my favorite."



A crowd watches the 1918 fair baseball game.

Photo courtesy Twin Bridges Historical Association Museum



HEADS UP, FAIRGOERS!

According to Dana Escott, fairgrounds manager, the main entrance to the fairgrounds – which is located by the fair office – will be closed during the fair. All traffic will be routed to use the new entrance into the parking lot.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

4H Horse Show - 8 am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Madison County Youth Rodeo: 10 am

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Madison County Barrel Racing: 6:30 pm
4H animal check in
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Madison Co. Fair Opening Ceremony by the Veterans: 9 am (By the office)
Ladder Canyon Ranch Rodeo: 6 pm
The Kids Fun Zone (by the River throughout the day)
Bingo (Pavilion): 12 pm-7 pm
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

NRA Rodeo slack: 8 am
The Kids Fun Zone (by the river throughout the day)
Double Vision Magic Shows (throughout the day) times (TBD)
Bingo (Pavilion): 12-7 pm
Kids Stick Horse Rodeo: 1 pm (Park by the 4H building)
Police Dog Demonstration (Riverside Park): 2 pm
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Miniature Bull Riding: 6 pm
Jacobs Livestock NRA Rodeo: 7 pm (Tough Enough to Wear Pink)
Wild Cow Milking: 9 pm
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Jacobs Livestock Team Roping: 9 am
Horseshoe Tournament: 9 am
The Kids Fun Zone (by the river throughout the day)
Double Vision Magic Shows (throughout the day) times (TBD)
4H BBQ (Jeffers Building): 12 pm
4H Livestock sale: 2 pm
Miniature Bull Riding: 6 pm
Jacobs Livestock NRA Rodeo: 7 pm (Thank you Veterans)
All Girls' Stock Saddle Bronc Riding: 7 pm
Wild Cow Milking: 9 pm
Sho Down Band: 9 pm following rodeo (beer gardens)
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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Cowboy Church-Larry Mehlhoff :12 pm in the Jeffers Building
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TOP: Students from around Southwest Montana participate in last year's hog show at the fair.

BOTTOM LEFT: Brittney Miller wins the 2014 saddle bronc riding event at the 2014 rodeo during the fair.

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THURSDAY AUGUST 6

Business After Hours, Ennis

BAH hosted by Berkshire Hathaway from 5 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.

Wild West Ghosts, Ennis

Mark and Kim Todd will discuss their book *Wild West Ghosts*. The book results from their paranormal research throughout the west including Virginia City. This free author talk is sponsored by Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library.

Montana and the Pacific Northwest. Artists will be on the boardwalk and in the Community Center Building on the corner of Idaho and Van Buren Streets on Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saunter along the boardwalks and support the arts! Quick draw event will be happening this year.

Used book sale, Ennis

9:30 a.m. Friends of Madison Valley Public Library are having a used book sale as a fundraiser. Weather permitting it will be on the front lawn of the library. Hard bounds, paperbacks, fiction and nonfiction will be available.

radio show format and is a opportunity to hear traditional fiddle music played by an outstanding group of young people.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

Get to know your wildlife neighbors speaker series, Laurin

Come join us for a community potluck and presentation on Golden Eagles at the Woodson Ranch Visitor Center. We will provide chili-bring a side dish and come learn about Golden Eagles!

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis

1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of *The River of Doubt*, Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey. Discussion led by C. Millard.

AUGUST 14-15-16

Ravens Watch art show, Ennis

Ravens Watch is a fine art show held at the El Western Conference Center. Friday, Aug. 14, 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Cathy 682-7857

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

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Monday through Saturday
5 - 9 p.m.

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11 am - 2 pm

Reservations accepted
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50 N. Montana Hwy 287
Next to Trenz Salon

Evening with the artists, Virginia City
Kat Houseman and Carleton McCambridge will be our featured artists for this Evening with the Artists. Please come and enjoy the artists, their incredible art and folks that enjoy the same. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

Willson & McKee Concert, Virginia City
Kim McKee received 15 years of classical training before turning to traditional Irish and Scottish music, 28 years ago! She moves effortlessly between her instruments and her palate includes hammered and mountain dulcimer, folk harp, accordion, guitar and bodhran, and she never passes up an opportunity to teach a Ceili dance! Ken Willson is the pulsing folk drive, with an engaging tenor voice and tasteful guitar and bouzouki foundations to the unique material. A weaver of wit and tales, he can also spin a fine Ceili swing on the dance floor!

Poet/Speaker, Ennis
11 a.m., Madison Valley Public Library. Jo Ann Troxel, Bozeman poet and author, will speak about her work and new book. She has written numerous articles for periodicals as well as poems.

POW/MIA Memorial Ride, Helena

This is to commemorate

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

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Sat 8/8 - Charlie Denison
Soul Troughour

Sun 8/9 - Woodblind
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MT Highway 287 as the POW/MIA memorial Highway for Montana. This will be an annual event every third Saturday in August rain or shine. Please join us in this meaningful display in recognition and support for Americans POW/MIA issue. More information at www.mtridetoremember.org

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

Quilts of Valor, Ennis
11 a.m., Madison Valley Public Library. Kathy Coonts, state coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Program, will discuss their program of quilts for veterans. She will bring quilts for display and talk about our local quilting group.

AUGUST 28-29-30

VC Chamber of Commerce, Virginia City
Bozeman trail commemorative chuck wagon cook off celebrating the anniversary of the first wagon train arriving in Virginia City on the Bozeman Trail. Come for food, poetry, speakers and music.

SATURDAY AUGUST 29

NRA concealed weapons class, Ruby Valley Gun Club, Sheridan
9 a.m. Rocky Mountain Firearms Instruction will be conducting an NRA concealed weapons class, which includes pistol shooting and home firearms safety. The class is taught by an NRA certified instructor. Call 599-6952 for more information and to sign-up.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis
1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand. Discussion led by Shirley Love.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Bozeman Symphony Far Afield program, Virginia City

7 p.m., Elling House Arts and Humanities Center. Absaroka Winds is an ensemble made up of four professional woodwind players and educators who perform on flute, oboe, English horn, and bassoon. The group's repertoire is far ranging, consisting of traditional woodwind quartets, and music in a variety of styles arranged especially for this unique ensemble. Please contact Barbara Pierce at eotm@ennisartsassociation.org or 406-570-0711 for more information.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Cowboy poetry 2015, Ennis

5:30 p.m., Ennis Rodeo Grounds. Come enjoy and fun filled evening at the Ennis Rodeo Grounds. Ranch style dinner, open bar, silent auction, live music and cowboy poetry. Proceeds go to Ennis Rodeo Inc.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis

1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of *Calling Me Home*, by Julie Kibler. Discussion Leader, Barbara Hoag.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis

1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Discussion leader, Judy Miller.



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

TUESDAYS

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.

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

Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every OTHER Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please call 406-843-5346 to find out what is playing!

WEDNESDAYS

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 7 - 9 p.m.

For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

TOPS, Ennis

Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30am Meetings at 9am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis

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

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.