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CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS QUESTION SAFETY OF 'Y' SIDEWALK PROJECT

Some think project should be modified, others in favor of design

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"From 1960 until now, from our best recollection, there has not been a pedestrian-vehicle accident anywhere on the proposed current sidewalk alignment," said John Heckler, Ennis business owner.

Heckler and a group of land owners and business owners recently wrote a letter to the Town of Ennis, requesting

design changes to the upcoming Montana Department of Transportation project to install sidewalks around the 'Y,' where MT Highway 287 and U.S. Highway 287 intersect in town.

Currently, the plans include installing new sidewalks around the 'Y' from West of the Madison to the Madison Valley Medical Center on the east, Town Hall to Madison Foods on the west and from First Street to the school on the south.

Heckler and the group of

interested stakeholders see some problems with the current plans.

"First of all, the town commission voted to support this sidewalk in the past," Heckler said. "They did it off the drawing that was in the grant application. Now, the details are being presented by the design engineer and the safety concerns are becoming more and more apparent. There has been no traffic analysis and no pedestrian travel pattern analysis."

Heckler, who is an engineer,

said he was "flabbergasted" that the MDT did not do a traffic study or a pedestrian use study.

According to Lori Ryan, MDT public information officer, the project is being funded through MDT's Transportation Alternatives Program, which means safety concerns were addressed during the application process. The town applied for the grant in 2013, and MDT selected the project as a priority.

Heckler said he believes parts of the project

are beneficial, though they should still be improved.

"On the (east) side of the 'Y' the sidewalk should be extended 200 some odd feet, all the way to the (Madison Valley Medical Center emergency room entrance)," Heckler said. "Other parts (of the project) should be eliminated. There is no need for a sidewalk (on the west side of the 'Y')."

Ennis Mayor Becky Vujovich disagrees.

"I think that section is

extremely critical to two parts of our community – seniors and school-aged children," Vujovich said. "We are building a senior center in the old Pit Stop building and the (Madison Valley Manor) would use the sidewalk to get there."

Currently, manor residents cannot reach the senior center, Vujovich said.

"Right now they can't take a wheelchair in front of those

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WATER SUPPLY IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA



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Monsoon weather in July brought rainbows to the county, which Lucas Zukiewicz said is a good indication of a positive weather pattern.

What a dry June and wet July means for Madison County now

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In the Madison and Ruby valleys, the water supply is below average, but that is no surprise.

"The good news is that monthly precipitation for July was above average," explained Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service. "We saw a slight return with that, but

not enough to get to normal."

The water year runs from Oct. 1 through the end of September. In that year, the Madison River Basin generally receives around 36 inches of precipitation, Zukiewicz said. Currently, the basin is at 28 inches of water.

"We still have a deficit to make up before the end of September," he said. "We generally don't expect a lot of precipitation through September though."

The Jefferson River Basin,

which includes the Ruby Valley, also received above normal July precipitation, but not quite as much as the Madison, Zukiewicz said.

"The Ruby area usually gets about 30 or 31 inches (of precipitation) in the mountain sites that feed the Ruby river," he said. "It's just 24 1/2 inches so far."

June, which is usually one of Southwest Montana's wetter months, was dry this year, which hurt the water supply, Zukiewicz said.

"June was just extremely, extremely dry," he said. "We had a pretty big deficit to make up in terms of water year precipitation. We have been seeing monsoon moisture moving through the Madison and the headwaters of the Jefferson, and hopefully we will continue that trend."

Reservoirs

As of Aug. 1, the Ennis Lake reservoir was 100

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SMOKE and FIRE Madison County land still under stage one fire restriction

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On Monday, Aug. 24, Madison County director of emergency management Chris Mumme approached the commissioners to discuss fire activity in Southwest Montana.

"I have talked to our fire chiefs, and I'm going to recommend we stay under stage one fire restriction," Mumme said. "The state and the forest have still not gone to stage one in this area."

That means that on all county land, certain things are restricted, but on state and forest service land in Madison County, there are not yet restrictions.

"Does that mean I can have a campfire in the forest?" commissioner Dave Schulz asked.

Mumme said it does, but he still strongly recommends

only starting campfires in designated campgrounds.

"The thing that is going to happen – and I pray it doesn't – is that it's already early elk season," Schulz said. "Hunters will go out in the middle of the night, light a fire under a tree and fall asleep. It's happened before and it will happen again."

Mumme said that is why he is asking people who are out recreating to please only light fires in designated fire pits. The ban is effective on all private property in the county. Stage one means building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site is banned. So is smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is

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Crash north of Ennis results in life flight

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On Aug. 18, a northbound vehicle turning left from Highway 287 onto Range View Road north of Ennis was struck by a southbound vehicle.

According to Montana Highway Patrol trooper Ashlin O'Connell, the crash was the result of a right-of-way violation – essentially, the driver of the northbound car turned slowly.

"The southbound car had two minors from Sheridan," O'Connell said. "In the north-

bound was one female in her 70s ... from Cameron."

In addition to O'Connell, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Ennis Ambulance and Ennis police all responded to the crash.

"The passenger in the southbound vehicle was taken from the (Madison Valley Medical Clinic) to Billings via life flights because of a lower extremity," O'Connell said. "Not life threatening, but pretty severe. Both minors were not wearing seatbelts."

Neither driver required medical attention, O'Connell said.

Single car rollover north of Twin Bridges

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Around midnight on Aug. 15, Montana Highway Patrol trooper Ashlin O'Connell responded to a single vehicle rollover on MT Highway 41, directly north of Twin Bridges.

"The driver was completely ejected," she said. "He was life flighted to Billings."

The driver, a Butte man in his late 20s was not wearing

a seatbelt, O'Connell said. "Speed and alcohol may be factors," she added. "It is still under investigation."

As of Aug. 21, O'Connell said the driver was still in critical condition in Billings. In addition to O'Connell, Madison County Sheriff's Office and Ruby Valley ambulance responded and transported the driver to the Ruby Valley Hospital, where he was then life flighted to Billings.

PRONGHORNS IN THE MADISON FWP biologist completes summer antelope survey

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If you live in the Madison Valley and saw a blue and yellow fixed-wing plane soaring overhead on Aug. 7, it was most likely Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist Julie Cunningham.

Cunningham flies over the Madison Valley four times a year completing surveys – once in the winter for elk, once in both the winter and summer for antelope and once in the spring for mule deer. On Aug. 7, she was surveying antelopes, or pronghorns.

"We try to be very careful around livestock and houses not to disturb area residents," Cunningham said. "With elk

flights in particular, I strive not to disturb the animals because this could cause fence damage. Rather, we take high-resolution photos from altitude to count from, and I classify elk from the ground. For antelope, I only classify them in summer and I do need to get close enough to tell the difference between bucks, does and fawns. This sometimes results in brief disturbance to the animal."

The purpose of Cunningham's flight was to perform the summer Madison Valley pronghorn production survey.

"Although we had a high count, fawn ratios were very slightly below average," Cunningham reported. "Winter counts show a steady decline, but we are still within long-term average. This survey was

too late to propose any quota changes this year. Pending the winter count we may need to re-evaluate quotas next year, possibly reducing licenses."

Cunningham's survey covered the Madison Valley from around McAllister to south of Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area – the Madison River was used to divide the area into an east and west section.

"We counted 634 pronghorn on the west side, and 800 on the east side for a total of 1,435 pronghorn in 158 groups," Cunningham said. "This was the highest summer count since 2011."

Breaking it down

Cunningham broke her data down into buck to doe ratios and fawn to doe ratios. Buck

to doe ratios were average, with 52 bucks per 100 does on the west side and 42 on the east side, according to Cunningham.

"Buck ratios have ranged from a low of 13 (in 1997) to as high as 72 (in 2007)," Cunningham said.


On the other hand, fawn to doe ratios were slightly below average this year.

"District-wide fawn (to) doe ratios were 51 fawns per 100 does," Cunningham said.

From 1997 – 2014, the average ratio was 57 fawns to does, but the ratios have ranged from a low of 39 in 1997 to a high of 80 in 2006.

"Fawn ratios were above average in 2014, and below average for the previous three years

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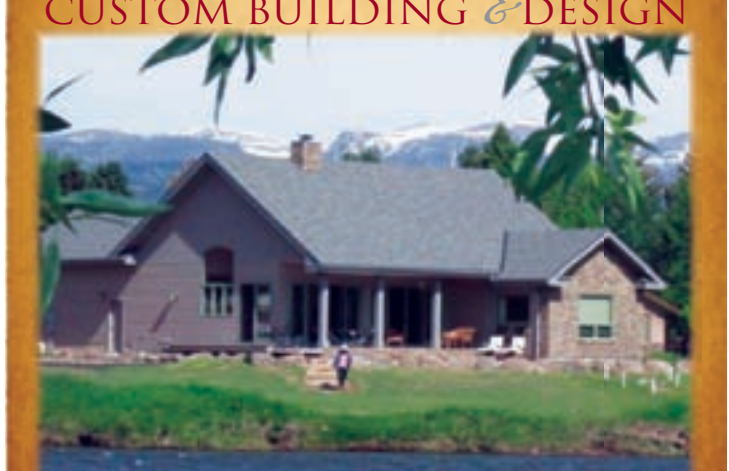
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percent of average for that date every year, meaning the water in the lake has been conserved. Hebgren Lake was at 98 percent of average.

"One reason they do well is because they can carry their winter max and then actively manage it," Zukiewicz said. "Basically, they caught the water when they could during run off

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businesses without great difficulty," she said. "They even had a wheelchair tip over there."

Heckler said putting a sidewalk in on the west side – from Deemo's Meats to Sportsman's – would only encourage people to walk in an unsafe area, where there are not people currently walking.

"Trying to get children to walk along the state highway is intrinsically less safe than it already is," he said. "Cars and trucks would have to drive over the sidewalk to park, and then back out over the sidewalk too."

Vujovich said people are currently walking along that stretch of highway anyway.

"People walk along busy roads every single day," she said. "The way to handle it is not by leaving out safety measures and saying, 'we don't think you should walk there so we're not doing anything about it,' but by making it as safe as possible for individuals who do choose to walk it. Some people may not walk there because they don't feel safe. But some people have no choice but to walk there and some want to walk there to get to the businesses."

Madison Byways is a group in Ennis focused on establishing a network of trails and

and have kept an eye on it."

In the Ruby, the story is a little different. As of Aug. 1, the Ruby Reservoir was at 85 percent of average for the date.

"They've had to pull some water," he said. "There are a lot of irrigators on that system, but they have managed their water wisely this year and conserved as much as possible."

Examining water supply is important for two main

reasons, Zukiewicz said.

There must be enough water in the system during irrigation season, which is generally from April 1 through this time of the year. In addition, there has to be solid precipitation – snow – during the winter to store in the reservoirs during run off, which keeps the rivers flowing throughout the year.

As for what to expect this winter, Zukiewicz said predic-

tions are difficult to make. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, this year is El Niño, which is characterized by unusually warm temperatures.

"In general, El Niño influences our winters," Zukiewicz said. "And they generally turn up with less snowfall. Not dramatically less snowfall, but decreased. Still, there's so much uncertainty."

citizens of their community."

Input from the public

Back in March, Vujovich coordinated a meeting in Helena, where all interested stakeholders were invited to meet with the engineers and MDT representatives.

At that meeting, Heckler said he asked if the project could be changed, and the answer was yes.

"Then we meet in July and they're saying there cannot be any changes," he said. "No modifications, no additions."

Vujovich said the meeting in July was a stakeholder meeting only.

"The reason we only asked stakeholders was so they could get their concerns heard," Vujovich said. "We wanted to give them a chance to speak directly with MDT without all the supporters – of which there are many – shouting over them. We have over 100 letters of support, but we wanted to give the stakeholders a chance to have a voice."

Recently, Heckler received a 'memorandum' from the project engineers that recapped the stakeholder meeting and indicated what decisions were made at the meeting.

"They were not meeting notes and they did not reflect

any of the discussion items or concerns that were brought up," Heckler said. "Nothing reflected the concerns about safety and what we brought up at the meeting."

Heckler said the issue is one big "conundrum."

"There are politicians saying we cannot talk about this because it's not on a town agenda," he said. "But then when we ask to get on the agenda, they are blocking it. If that's the definition of unfair, then I would say it is very unfair. It's strange."

Vujovich said there are several reasons the sidewalk project has not yet appeared as an agenda item during a town council meeting.

"This is not a town of Ennis project," she said. "This is a MDT project. We are giving MDT a chance to make revisions to the plan – revisions that came about as a result of the (stakeholder) meeting. They are doing that on their schedule. When they do that, we will have a meeting."

Vujovich said she anticipates holding a public meeting solely about the sidewalk project, since there are so many people invested in it. She said MDT may not be done with the design until January 2016, though she is hoping it will be sooner.

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(2011 – 2013), possibly related to the severe winter of 2010 – 2011, and the droughty summer and fires in 2012," Cunningham said.

Hunting season

Cunningham said harvest success has remained stable, though it dipped slightly in 2013 and 2014.

"Note that the summer counts do not include the one-third to one-half of the population which are migratory," Cunningham pointed out. "Madison pronghorn are thought to move in summer to high elevations in the Gravelly Range, toward Henry's Lake and Island Park, and even toward West Yellowstone."

Cunningham said year-to-year fluctuations in weather and other factors are more likely to influence population change than hunting harvest, but if counts continue to decline, FWP may propose a change in license availability for pronghorn hunting in the region.

"We will continue to monitor the winter total counts and production counts in upcoming years," Cunningham said.

In the Madison Valley, there is no long-term explicit population objective for pronghorn.

"However, the long-term average of about 1,500 pronghorn is a good number to work from," Cunningham said. "When numbers were closer to 2,000, we did hear a lot of game damage complaints. When numbers were closer to 1,500 complaints were fewer, and generally restricted to smaller areas where hunting could be used to reduce and disperse concentrations."

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barren or cleared of all flammable materials, is also banned.

"Any exceptions to the stage one restrictions must be approved in writing by your local district fire chief," according to a notice from Mumme. "All exceptions approved by the fire chief will then be reported to the dispatch office before exercising said exception."

The following is a list of exemptions:

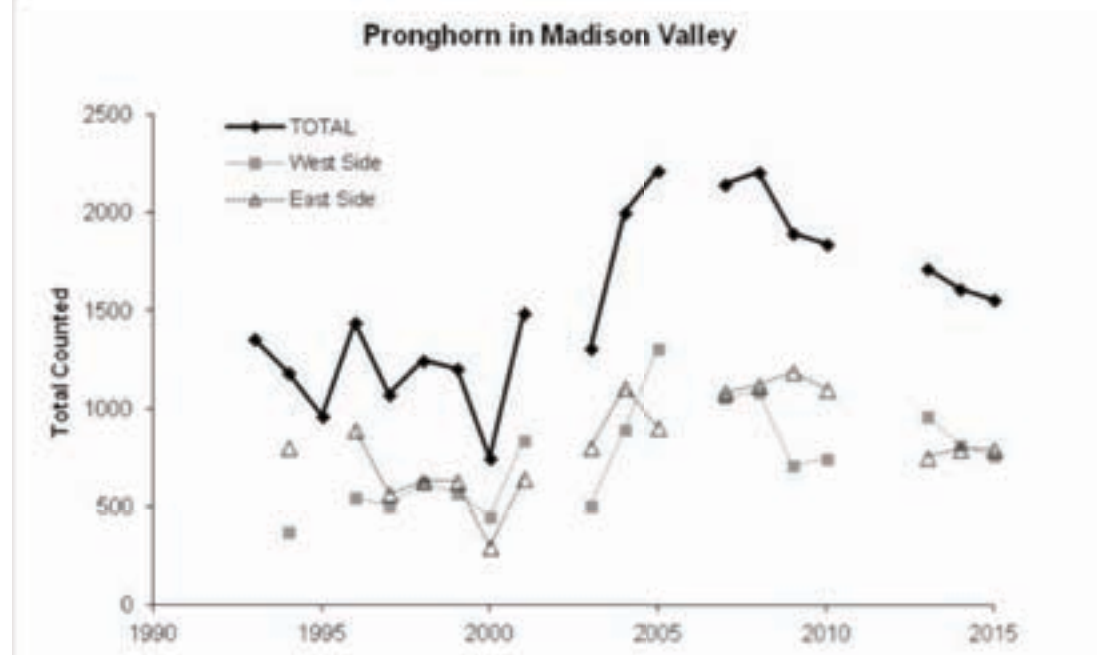
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C. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.

D. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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E. All land within a municipal boundary is exempt unless imposed locally.

F. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

Mumme said going to stage one restrictions on July 7, 2015, was the "smartest" thing the county could have done in preventing fires.

"It's made a difference," he said. "Though we can't prevent lightning strikes."

Schulz pointed out that the forest has stayed relatively green.

"We've been lucky it's stayed green at higher elevations," Schulz said.

Air quality alerts

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality released an air quality alert on multiple Montana counties that is effective until 9 a.m. on Aug. 22.

Due to elevated particulate concentrations, the following counties are under alert: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Gallatin,

Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Fergus, Flathead, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland and Yellowstone.

In Madison County, Mumme said the majority of the smoke is from fires in Idaho, though some is coming from the Bear Lake fire, which is located 12 miles southeast of Wisdom and is 800 acres. Mumme said the Bear Lake fire was 30 percent contained as of Aug. 24.

The following areas are under more elevated levels of alert, according to the DEQ:

Air quality in Flathead Valley and Libby is currently very unhealthy.

Air quality in Seeley Lake, Frenchtown, Missoula, Hamilton, Butte, Helena, Great Falls, St. Mary and Bozeman is currently unhealthy.

Air quality in West Yel-

lowstone, Lewistown and Billings is currently unhealthy for sensitive groups.

"When air quality is very unhealthy, state and local health officials recommend that people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should avoid any outdoor activity; everyone else should avoid prolonged exertion. When air quality is unhealthy, state and local health officials recommend that people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should avoid prolonged exertion; everyone else should limit prolonged exertion. When air quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups, state and local health officials recommend that people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should limit prolonged exertion," according to the DEQ.

Check here for up-to-date information about air quality alerts in Montana: <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/smokereport/mostRecentUpdate.aspx>.

MORE NEWS:

NEW FACES

COUNTY SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW TEACHERS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

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School is back in session! This year, some Madison County students met (and will meet) new teachers the first day of class. Read on to learn a little more about those folks.



ALDER

The Alder School is sticking with what works – teachers Jamie Janosko and Teresa Murdoch.

“We are looking forward to another great year,” Murdoch said.



ENNIS

“We’re looking forward to another exciting and enriching year here at Ennis Schools,” said school Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski. “We’ll have some new faces joining our veteran staff, so please stop in and say hello.”

Ennis is welcoming six new teachers this year – Megan Klatt, Casey Donahue, Chris Hess, Cole Cavan, Jordan Overstreet and Kyle Boling.

Klatt was born and raised just down the road from Ennis in West Yellowstone and lived there until she moved away for college.

“I went to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas,” she said. “I stayed there for five years after graduation and taught special ed.”

Klatt moved back to West Yellowstone last October and she immediately began substituting in the school. When the job opened up in Ennis, she jumped on the opportunity.

“I’m happy to be back in the area,” she said. “I’m looking forward to fishing, hiking and being close to my family, a lot are still in Montana.”

Klatt is the new elementary special education teacher in Ennis.

Donahue is the new IT and business teacher, she will be teaching beginning and ad-

vanced computers, eighth-grade computers, financial management and publication technology. She said she is most excited about her publication technology class and even said she plans to broadcast home games.

“I’m going to use the pub tech class and BPA kids to broadcast home events,” she said. “Hopefully by the first game.”

Donahue is from Kalispell and went to college at the University of Montana, graduating with degrees in secondary education and business in 2012. She lived in Big Sky and worked on the ski hill and then taught high school in Colstrip before coming to Ennis.

Hess will be teaching two sixth-grade English classes in addition to his role as physical education and health enhancement teacher for the high school. He grew up in Harlowton and attended Montana State University Northern, majoring in physical education and minoring in English.

Before coming to Madison County, Hess taught for four years in Forsyth.

“I have a lot of family in the area and I heard about the job opening (in Ennis),” Hess said, explaining how he ended up in Southwest Montana. “I fell in love with the town and that was it.”

Hess is also the head football coach – he said he already knows the boys on the team, but he is excited to get to know more students at the start of school.

Cavan is originally from Billings, but traveled to Dillon to play basketball for University of Montana Western.

Before coming to Ennis, Cavan did his student teaching in Billwood, outside of Billings. He then moved to Belgrade and worked at the alternative school and the high school there.

“I really like this area,” he said of why he wanted to move to Ennis. “I love the outdoors and fishing, and the reputation of the Ennis community and the school here, that was a big draw.”

Cavan said he is excited to get to know the students and teach a variety of subjects – he is the new U.S. history, world history, government and current events teacher.

“I just moved up here this week,” he said. “So far, I’m loving it.”

Overstreet grew up in Three Forks and graduated from high school there. Then, he attended college at University of Montana Western in Dillon, getting his degree in elementary education.

On why he decided to accept the job in Ennis, Overstreet said, “It’s a good town and a great start for my professional career.”

He is the new fourth-grade teacher, which he is very excited about.

“This is my ideal age group

to teach,” he said. “I really lucked out for my first job.”

Boling is the new fifth-grade teacher. He actually graduated from Ennis – he attended high school here from his sophomore year through graduation. Before that, he lived in New Mexico, Dillon, Wyoming, Idaho, Avon and Tucson, Ariz. For college, Boling attended Cabrillo College outside Santa Cruz, Calif., then graduated from the University of Montana with a history degree and a minor in political science. He worked for the boys and girls club for a few years and then started substitute teaching in Lolo, which is when he decided to return to school to get his education endorsement.

He attended Montana State University and got endorsed to teach kindergarten through eighth-grade and secondary history and political science.

“I like the people, the school and the vibe,” he said about Ennis. “I’m excited about this year. I know some of the people already and I really like them.”

Wrzesinski also said the school website has the answers to many questions, and is a great way to learn what is happening in the school. Check it out at ennisschools.org.

CONSTRUCTION AT ENNIS SCHOOL

THE ENNIS SCHOOL BUILDING IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WHEN COMPLETE, THE PROJECT WILL HAVE UPDATED SCHOOL SAFETY IN A FEW KEY LOCATIONS, ACCORDING TO WRZESINSKI. THE WEST ENTRANCE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING WILL REQUIRE VISITORS BE BUZZED IN, LIKE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ALSO, THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN THE TWO BUILDINGS WILL BE COMPLETELY ENCLOSED, WHICH WILL ELIMINATE DOORS TO THE OUTSIDE IN THAT AREA OF THE SCHOOL. “IN THEORY IT MAY BE DONE (BY THE FIRST DAY),” WRZESINSKI SAID. “BUT I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF IT WAS. WE’LL SHUFFLE KIDS AND GET THE SECURITY TAKEN CARE OF.”



HARRISON

Harrison is welcoming three

new faces this year. Dylan Abraham, the school’s new math teacher, graduated from Montana State University last year.

According to Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman, Abraham may also end up teaching computer coding later on in the school year.

In addition to Abraham, the school has two more new teachers – Emma Steffen and Jessica Hall. Steffen is Harrison’s new English teacher.

“(She) comes to us after teaching for a year in the Shepherd School System, just outside of Billings,” Hofman said.

Hall, like Abraham, is a new teacher from Montana State University.

“Hall will teach a couple of history classes as well as cover our special education classes,” Hofman said. “We are very happy with the teachers we were able to hire this year and I am supremely confident they will be excellent educators for our students in Harrison.”

Hofman said Harrison students are coming back to other changes at the school.

“The playground has some modest upgrades, a concession stand is being built in the cafeteria by SkillsUSA,” Hofman said. “The hallways will be brighter and more fun, although this is a project that will be ongoing the first quarter of school.”



SHERIDAN

According to Superintendent Michael Wetherbee, there are exciting things on deck at Sheridan this year, including three new teachers – Matt Rockeman, Destiny Howser and Rachel Minert.

Rockeman is the third generation in his family to pursue a career in education. He graduated from Sweetgrass County High School in Big Timber before heading to Rocky Mountain College. He dual majored in creative writing and physical education.

Before coming to Sheridan, Rockeman taught in Harlowton, Park City and Idaho City, Idaho.

According to Rockeman, Montana called his name and he accepted the English position at Sheridan High School. Howser graduated from Sheridan High School in 2010 and continued her education at the University of Montana Western, double majoring in secondary education: business and computer applications and business administration:

small business management.

Howser said her passion for teaching began at a young age and she is looking forward to returning home to Sheridan. She will be the business and technology teacher.

“It is important to stay current on technology,” Howser said.

In her spare time, Howser enjoys riding horses and spending time with her husband, Marcus, and their four dogs and two cats.

Minert, the new Title I and pre-algebra teacher, grew up in Northern California, 20 minutes from the Mendocino Coast.

“My husband, Cy, and I moved to Bozeman in 1995 so my husband could finish his degree at (Montana State University),” she said. “What we thought would be a two or three year stay has turned into 20 years.”

Minert received her bachelor of science in elementary education from MSU. After graduating in 2003, she ran an in-home daycare and preschool.

“Our family moved to the Ruby Valley in 2013 for a change of scenery and pace,” she said. “That November, I was fortunate enough to land a para-professional position at Sheridan Elementary.”

The school’s Title I program is expanding this year with the addition of Minert, who will work with students who have deficits in math and language arts, according to Wetherbee.

“One of our schoolwide initiatives this year will be expanding our STEM offerings with more science, technology and mathematics at earlier ages and more comprehensively at the older ages,” Wetherbee added. “Our hope is to excite kids with projects to help launch them into careers in STEM related fields. The latest research indicates these are the most rapidly growing, highest paying jobs in both Montana and the nation.”



TWIN BRIDGES

A married couple makes up two-thirds of the new teachers at Twin Bridges. Colton and Kim Hellwinkel, along with Josh Keller, are joining the Falcon’s staff.

“I’m extremely excited for the upcoming school year,” said Superintendent Chad Johnson. “New students, new staff, a great core of teachers and parents and a very supportive community.”

C. Hellwinkel grew up in Sheridan and K. Hellwinkel was born and raised in Ennis.

“We both attended Montana State University Bozeman,” C. Hellwinkel said.

C. Hellwinkel graduated in 2010 with a bachelor of science in ag education and a minor in technology education – he will be the new ag education teacher at Twin Bridges. K. Hellwinkel attained her bachelor of science in elementary education with an early childhood option and is the new second grade teacher at the school.

“After graduating from MSU we moved to Red Lodge,” C. Hellwinkel said. “There I worked as the ag education teacher and FFA advisor for four years, while (K. Hellwinkel) taught in Laurel as a kindergarten teacher for three years.”

The couple enjoys hunting, hiking, fishing and camping with their daughter, Addison, and they are happy to get closer to home.

“The appeal of moving back closer to where we grew up and the beauty and family around Southwest Montana was what drew us back,” C. Hellwinkel said. “We are both excited about connecting to the community and giving back to this area that has been so influential in our lives.”

Keller is originally from Helena – he graduated from Helena High School – but has lived in Dillon since 2000.

“I married a girl from Dillon and we’ve been there ever since 2000 when I started college,” he said. “We have roots there, family there, a nice house there.”

Keller initially graduated in 2005 with a business degree from University of Montana Western. He then went back to school and got endorsed to teach business, computer and applications and physical education/health classes. At Twin Bridges, Keller is the new kindergarten through 12th-grade P.E./health teacher.

“I’m excited to meet all the younger kids and get them involved in sports and involved in healthy activities,” Keller said. “I want to teach them about physical fitness and help them get to where they need to be.”

Keller spent most of the summer building a Forest Service trail near Anaconda, and recently got back from California – he is also a wildland fire fighter for the forest.

Johnson said the school now is offering AP chemistry and AP literature/composition, as well as a second offering of an advanced math course for high school students.

“Another area of focus will be the implementation of GoMath curriculum for our students grades (kindergarten through fifth-grade),” Johnson said. “Of course we continue to support our very successful athletic programs, as well as the BPA and FFA programs.”

HEBGEN CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

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Yesterday, Aug. 26, 2015, Hebgen Dam turned 100 years old.

The Butte Electric and Power Company began investigating the Hebgen site in 1909, with financial support from Great Falls Water Power and Townsite Co, according to a fact sheet from NorthWestern Energy.

“Construction began in earnest in 1910, but the progress was slowed by the short construction season at 6,500 feet, and the fact that some construction materials had to be transported nearly 80 miles to the site,” the release stated. “The water stored behind the dam was intended for irrigation and more importantly to its developers, increasing electric production at Madison Dam north of Ennis and even Rainbow Dam, far

down the Madison and Missouri rivers near Great Falls.”

An early report showed the stored water could increase the electric output of the two dams by 40 percent during low water periods.

When construction of the dam was completed in 1915, it formed a reservoir with a volume of 386,000 acre-feet, making it the seventh largest reservoir in the world at that time, according to NorthWestern Energy.

“The dam was named for Max Hebgen, who was general manager of the Montana Power Co., and a key figure in the (development) of several Montana hydroelectric dams,” the release stated. “Hebgen never got to see the completed dam that carries his name; he died of pneumonia and heart trouble in August 1915 at age 45.”

Hebgen operated smoothly

for years, but on Aug. 17, 1915, a 7.5-magnitude earthquake ruptured a fault near the right abutment of the dam, according to NorthWestern Energy.

“While the dam held, the concrete core was cracked in several spots and water going over the dam caused significant damage to the downstream fill,” the release stated.

“Along with repairing the core, adding new fill and repairing the road across the dam, Montana Power also replaced the spillway. The repair work was completed in 1960 at a cost of about \$315,000.”

NorthWestern Energy now owns the dam, and is in the middle of a project that will upgrade the intake

structure, main dam and spillway within the next two years. The main dam is scheduled to be completed this fall, with work on the spillway to follow.

“(The upgrade is) to meet current structural requirements for another 100 years of operation,” according to Butch Larcomb, NorthWestern Energy



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The Hebgen Dam under construction last year.

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John Kleis, 87, formerly of Chalfont, Pa., passed away suddenly at his home in Iowa City, Iowa, on Aug. 8, 2015.

A Memorial Mass will be held Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. at Saint

Patrick's Catholic Church in Iowa City. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of John may be directed to the Twin Bridges Public Library, P.O. Box 246 Twin Bridges, MT,

59754-0246. www.twin-bridgeslibrary.weebly.com

John is survived by his wife Virginia, son James and daughter Mary (Richard Ruff) and their children, Laura and

Johanna. John was preceded in death by a son, William Kleis.

Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service is handling arrangements. www.lensingfuneral.com

John Kleis August 8, 2015

Ruth Fechter August 9, 1922 - August 15, 2015



Imagine the scene – two, little girls waving goodbye as their petite, young mom hopped up into a huge truck to ride from an oil exploration field called Swayze Camp to a little grocery store in Sunburst in the 1940s. A long, bumpy, slippery ride across an icy, snowy road just melting from a Chinook – to stock up on groceries for her family. That little lady's family grew and she enthusiastically taught them about the world, books and music, and "possibilities" until she hopped up to her next life on Aug. 15, 2015. She left

behind children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, siblings and many friends sadly waving goodbye, but happy knowing she was off to meet again with those whom had left before her and whom she sorely missed.

Ruth Fechter started life Aug. 9, 1922, in Butte, a busy city where downtown was called uptown. She attended Montana Normal College (now University of Montana Western) in Dillon. Ruth and her husband, John V. Fechter (Sr.), were wed in Butte in 1941. They lived in Butte, Swayze Camp near Sunburst, Helena, and the almost ghost town of Rimini near Helena. Home was also in Cody and Rock Springs, Wyo., Utah, Sequim, Wash., and finally Bozeman.

She loved music. She was an accomplished pianist, and played her piano and full-sized Hammond organ at home until diabetes robbed her vision and the ability to read the music. She had perfect hearing and found continued pleasure and inspira-

tion in listening to music on phonograph records or CDs and listening to books played on tape. Her vocabulary was a source of pride and led to many funny exchanges in Scrabble when others challenged her word and were chagrined to find it actually was in the large dictionary.

Her first priority when the children were young was to love and teach them. As they grew older and college costs loomed, Ruth worked outside her home as a nurse's aide at St. John's Hospital in Helena, and as a clerical assistant at Montana Blue Cross. All of John and Ruth's children became college graduates and maintained the love of learning that was so well nourished at home. Ruth's philosophy of "try it before you say you don't like it" has left a legacy of making homemade noodles on the kitchen table and a happy fetish for Truzzolino tamales and Cornish pasties. This is rounded out by happy memories of enjoying formal Sunday afternoon dinners while the whole family listened

to *The Shadow* on the radio.

Ruth is survived by five of her six children: Felice Fechter of Helena, John Fechter, Jr. (Judy) of Blaine, Minn., A. Stefan Fechter (Kathy) of Spokane, Wash., Charity Fechter Shirley (Craig) of Ennis and Lisbeth M. Stump (Tom), of Bozeman; and by brothers, David Lehwalder of Tempe, Ariz., and sister Phoebe Bee of Eastsound, Wash.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, John V. Fechter (Sr.); her daughter, Leona Fechter Long; her parents, Arthur Lehwalder and Florence Christen Lehwalder; and by six of her nine siblings: Philip "Heinie," Margaret "Margie" Clemons, Barbara Berry, Arthur Robert, Daphne (deceased as infant) and Marcus (deceased at age 12).

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. at Holy Rosary Parish in Bozeman.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service; www.dokkennelson.com .

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

A look at what to expect this season from the Falcons, Mustangs, Wildcats and Panthers

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School is officially in session and that means it is time for fall sports. Here is a look at what you can expect this season.



ENNIS

Football
Ennis has 24 kids out this season with a few returning starters and new coach, Chris Hess. Hess coached for four years at Forsyth before accepting the position in Ennis.

"We've got a lot of young guys stepping up and we should see lots of depth this season," Hess said.

Hess also said he is excited to see returning players fill leadership roles.

Ennis lost by two in the semi-final game against Wibaux last year after an undefeated season, and Hess said the team is looking for redemption.

"We were so close to winning it last year," he said.

Ennis and Twin Bridges is the big rivalry in the county and they will face-off in the last regular season game before playoffs.

Volleyball
In Ennis, Betty Klein is back with 25 girls out for volleyball this season. Ennis had a regular season record of 11-6 and finished fourth at districts and divisionals last season.

Klein is happy with the turnout and work ethic from the players.

"We have a very enthusiastic group that always want to stay after practice and put in more reps," she said.

Klein is excited to see where the hard work will lead and is looking forward to the season.

"We have a lot of height in the gym which will be advantageous in the front row and our defensive specialists are doing a great job and will play a key role this year," said Klein.

Cross-country
Ennis' cross-country team is back under the control of Cori Koenig, who led the boy's team to a second place trophy at state last season.

Koenig says she is looking forward to all the returning runners this season and adding some new blood to the mix for both the boy's and girl's teams.

"I look forward to hard work and improvement from each member of the team," said Koenig. "They're going to challenge themselves and one another all season long - it's going to fun to watch them grow."



HARRISON

Football
As of press time Tuesday, multiple calls for comment had not been returned by the Whitehall-Harrison coach.

Volleyball
Harrison coach Kyla Simon is excited about the season. With only eight girls out and no junior varsity team, the Harrison Wildcats have some challenges ahead.

"It's all exciting to me," said Simon. "It'll be an interesting and tough conference. It's always a challenge because it's so competitive - every game will be exciting."

Simon is also looking forward to some of her younger players stepping

to leadership positions.

Cross-country
The Harrison Wildcats lost two runners to graduation but have three returning and one new runner has been added to the mix.

"This season is a building block year, especially for our young boys team," said head coach Kaysha Young. "We are striving to beat some lofty personal goals."

According to Young, the team is looking forward to the state meet and preparing for the new course.

"We're especially hoping to get some fantastic (personal records) this season," said Young.



SHERIDAN

Football
Sheridan played its first year of six-man football last year with a 1-5 record, and although it was a tough season, it was an educational one, according to head coach Jake Steiner.

"(Six-man is) a really fast paced, high scoring game," said Steiner.

"We're a young team of freshman and sophomores and that's exciting," added assistant coach Mike Wetherbee. "They're willing and eager - we have a great future in front of us."

Sheridan has 12 players out this season, nine sophomores and three freshmen, and according to Wetherbee, the West Yellowstone, Lincoln and Alberton games are the ones to watch.

Volleyball

As of press time Tuesday, multiple calls for comment had not been returned by Sheridan's coach.

Cross-country
Sheridan added a cross-country team this year under the direction of Myra Deavel, a first time coach but a long time runner and lover of the sport.

"This is our first year and we have a great group of athletes," said Deavel. "Our team is young so it will be great getting to watch them grow and progress throughout the season."

Sheridan has four runners out for the season and is excited to get to as many meets as possible.

"We want to get some meets under our belts, and being at the state meet for the first time will be huge," said Deavel.



TWIN BRIDGES

Football
Twin Bridges will also be developing a younger team after losing some seniors, according to head coach Rob Lott.

"We have a pretty solid core group with five or six returning that played quite a bit last year, but we'll have to fill in the gaps," said Lott.

Twin had a 7-0 record before losing to Ennis in the final regular season game. They lost the playoff game against Broadus on the last play of the game.

"It was a heartbreaker," said Lott. "But it left motivation

for those returning players."

Lott hopes to see the team return to the playoffs but knows how competitive the field is.

"Gardiner, White Sulphur Springs and Ennis, those three, I think, will be very challenging. They're always tougher than snot."

Volleyball
Twin Bridges had a successful last season but also a lot of injuries that resulted in keeping some players from returning.

"It's unfortunate but it's something we really have no control over," said head coach Jen Kearns.

Kearns said the aspect that most stands out to her is the team's chemistry.

"They work together really well and have a desire to excel," she said. "They never get down on each other and are competitive in every match - they're not afraid of a challenge."

Twin will also be nursing a younger team with only five of the 13 players being upper classmen.

"We're young, but we want the world to know we're serious and ready to play," said Kearns.

Cross-country
Twin Bridges has 15 runners out this season, including junior high runners.

"It's a building year," said head coach Nancy Bell. Bell says those returning this season have been part of pretty successful teams in the past and have some shoes to fill, including two-time state champion Jessica George who will miss her senior season due to an injury.

Bell says she's not sure what will happen this season but she's hopeful.

"We always get a lot of support and help and we've had good success in the past," she said.

CELL TOWER UPDATE Sheridan council signs lease; Verizon still unsure

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Sheridan Mayor Tom Shaffer has officially signed a lease contract with CommNet for a roaming tower in the Ruby Valley.

The town started talking with CommNet about constructing a "lite" tower at Sheridan's lagoon site back in July. The CommNet tower will hold contracts with various service providers, which in turn would allow their customers to roam off the tower.

"Hopefully, it will be installed in the next month or so," said Shaffer.

The Madisonian spoke with CommNet's representative, Bill Ray, who declined to comment on the timeline of the project.

Shaffer said AT&T is the primary service provider expressing interest in entering a contract with CommNet.

"AT&T is the driving

force in helping us to make this happen," said Shaffer.

Verizon is still unsure as to whether or not they will be entering a contract with CommNet. According to Shaffer, the answer is no.

"The word I received was that Verizon will not be entering in to an agreement with CommNet at this time to provide cell service to this part of the Ruby Valley. I feel that we have provided them with an opportunity to provide service to their paying customers, but they chose not to act as this time," Shaffer said.

Verizon representative Meagan Dorsch said Verizon is still discussing a contract.

"We are talking with CommNet to evaluate all the factors around whether our customers will be able to roam on the new cell site CommNet is building," said Dorsch.

Wildlife-friendly fencing in the Madison Inman wins award, grant to pursue project

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Wildlife-friendly fencing just makes sense, in Kris Inman's opinion. Inman, who works for the Wildlife Conservation Society out of Ennis, was a recipient of the 2015 Christine Stevens Wildlife Award.

The award recognizes and funds researchers creating solutions for human-wildlife conflicts.

"There was an interest in looking at wildlife-friendly fencing in the Madison Valley," Inman said. "I feel it has collective and easy-to-see benefits for wildlife and for ranchers, like reducing the cost of mending and repairing fences."

Through the award, Inman received \$10,000 to pursue a project that would help her prioritize areas that could use wildlife-friendly fences and then implement some fencing.

"The impetus for starting the project was that there was

a lot of interest but folks didn't have the time or money to focus on it," she said. "Then Chance Storey presented a wildlife-friendly fencing project at the fair for 4-H a couple years ago."

Storey, 12, has worked with Inman on the project, which he now enters during the school science fair.

"He really stepped things up and looked at what (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks) recommends about fencing and then thought about how

those recommendations could be improved from a rancher's perspective," Inman said. "We presented (Storey's) efforts to the Christine Stevens Wildlife Award committee and they were really excited about the fact that a young rancher was looking at the fencing and then looking at improving things."

One of Storey's improvements revolves around PVC pipe, which is often used to cover barbed wire.

"A lot of elk move through fences in the winter," Inman said. "PVC pipe is usually white. (Storey) thought about the visibility of the white and then started using black pipe instead."

The money from the award will be used three ways, Inman explained. Since the project is just in beginning stages, the first step is prioritizing areas that would benefit from fencing.

"Landowner willingness is part of that," she said. "If there are a lot of landowners inter-

ested, then we will narrow it down by prioritizing places with a lot of wildlife movement."

The second way the money will be used is to assist Storey in testing some of his other ideas. And finally, some money will be used for implementation of a fence at a yet-to-be-determined location in the valley.

Though the project is in its infancy, Inman said a lot of groups are involved and interested so there is definitely room to grow and expand.

SCHOOL'S BACK!

Hi readers,

Sharp pencils. Crisp, lined paper. Crayons and colored markers. A new backpack. I was one of those kids who was always excited for the start of each school year. I was painfully shy, though, so the first day always brought a weird mix of enthusiasm and utter panic. What if I don't have the right supplies? What if I don't make any friends? What if I don't have a place to sit at lunch? What if I forget my lunch?

Luckily nothing bad ever happened, and by the end of the day I was always sad to leave school and head home. At some point, all that changed. Around the time I hit high school, I started enjoying summertime more than school. I think that happens to many kids, and I'm not sure why. I still enjoyed my English, art and history classes, but I started dreading math and science. It's not

because I couldn't do the work, but because it didn't excite me. Hand me a book - so long as it's not poetry - and I'd read it from cover to cover without putting it down. But pass over a set of quadratic equations and attempt to get me interested was like pulling teeth.

That's why college was great. Though at times it was a love/hate relationship, college allowed me to explore what truly interested me. I studied African history, hard news reporting and Russian literature. I know college isn't for everyone, but it was good for me. Now, I'm 100 percent

done, done, done with school - I have no plans for grad school, believe you me. Nineteen years was more than enough. Still, sometimes it's fun to remember how I used to feel on the first day of school, full of anticipation and a healthy dash of trepidation.

Do you remember that feeling?

With the start of school comes the start of high school sports and that really has me excited. I love Friday night football games under the lights - especially when our Madison County teams are going head to

head. And I promise I'm learning the ins and outs of volleyball so I can cover those games for the paper too! Caitlin and I are going to be busy this fall traveling to games; since we can't make it to every volleyball match and football game, send us photos!

We love hearing from you.

Since school is back in session, it seems like kids are out and about in town more than during the summer. It's always good to remember to keep an eye out for kiddos while driving near schools. Which brings up another issue I was thinking about last week. I was chatting with

my friend Steve and the issue of vehicles speeding through downtown Ennis came up. He was telling me about standing on Main Street a while back when a semi-truck hauling a trailer came speeding into town. A pedestrian was in the crosswalk, and - fortunately - the driver saw him and slammed on his breaks. Steve said the brakes locked, the truck bounced and ground to a halt. He estimated the truck was going at least 45 mph... a solid 20 miles over the speed limit.

Steve's experience isn't uncommon. Many times I've seen semis, trucks and vehicles speed through downtown, especially when they're coming in from the south. Ennis residents - have any of you had experiences with vehicles going too fast on Main Street? I'm curious. If you have something to share, write me at editor@madisoniannews.com or give me a call at 682-7755.

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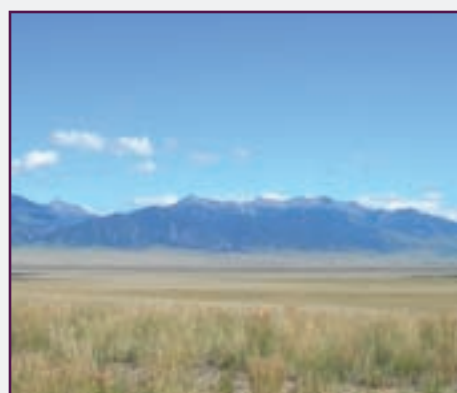


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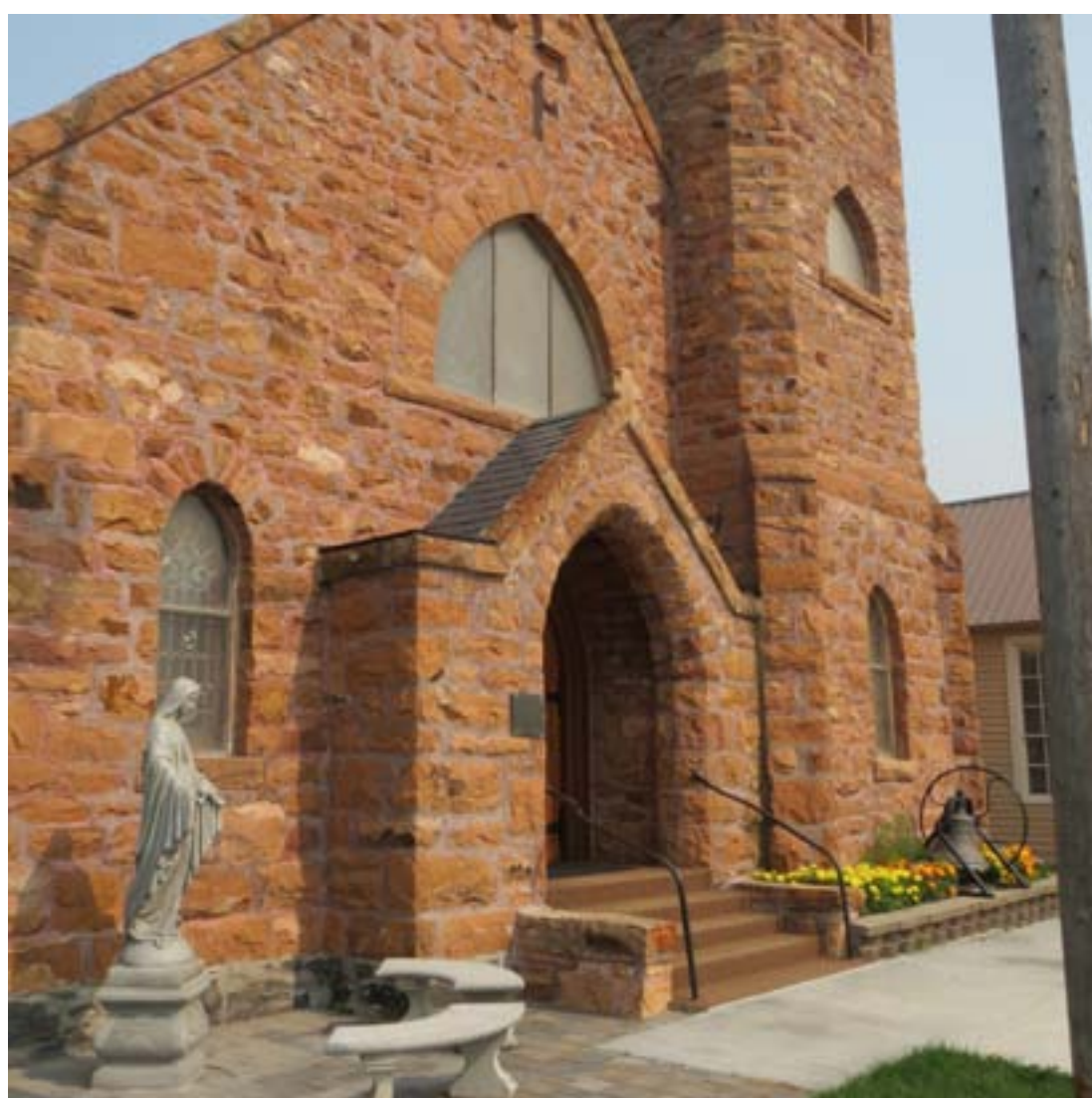
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Laurin church to preserve stained glass

Submitted by Paulette Hardy

Saint Mary's Church in Laurin was built in 1900, making it 115 years old. The rust sandstone was quarried in Taylor Canyon, south-west of Alder. The "high altar" with carved leaves, crosses and arches came from France. Jean Baptiste Laurin was a trader, opening a store for gold miners and erecting a complex of

buildings. He was post-master, a hotel owner and rancher and the town soon came to be known as Laurin. He died in 1896, leaving \$8,000 in his will to build a new church. The beautiful stained glass windows most likely came from France. Currently, members of the Ruby Valley have undertaken a mission to preserve these windows. Old, opaque plexiglass now covers the

windows, obstructing their beauty from the exterior. The plan is to remove the plexiglass and replace it with clear safety glass that will protect the stained glass from damage and deterioration. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places. Please stop in and visit this historic church any time - we are so fortunate to have such a beautiful place to worship in the Ruby Valley.



SMOKY SKIES



Last week, we reached out on Facebook and asked all of you to send us your photos of Madison County's smoky skies. Here are some of our favorites.

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:

Courtesy of Nikki Porter Allinson
The sun rises in Cameron on Aug. 20.

Courtesy of Lori Jakes Fink
The mountains were impossible to see from Virginia City Ranches.

Courtesy of Sandra Riley Nyhart
On Aug. 20, smoke filled the air in Madison County from fires burning across the west.

Courtesy of Jill McCauley Verdon
Sunset in Virginia City on Aug. 19 was eerie due to the smoke.




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Successful weed fundraiser

Submitted by Mellissa Griffiths

The horse-training arena at Tom and Kim Solomon's T-K Ranch proved to be an excellent venue for the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group's 17th Annual Noxious Weed Fundraiser held Aug. 1.

"This annual event is the principle way the MVRG

weed committee raises funds for its on-going battle with weeds in the Madison Valley," commented Mellissa Griffiths, project manager for the MVRG weed committee.

The committee supports the direct control of invasive species by cost-sharing with landowners, local, state and Federal agencies and facilitating the

Madison County Bio-control Program. The weed program also features educational efforts, which raise the public's awareness of weeds and their impact on the quality of life and environment in our area.

Larry Zabel's iconic painting, "The Riders of North Meadow Creek," was one of the featured auction items and

was well received. The painting hung in the Bear Claw in McAllister for many years. Another featured item in the live auction was "Sunlight Creek," an original work by local artist Todd Connor.

The weed committee presented the annual "Larry Zabel Memorial Scholarship" to Taylre Sitz. Taylre is from

a sixth-generation ranching family, graduated from Ennis High School and will attend Montana State University this fall. Taylre Sitz, who is her class valedictorian, worked on the biological control team for five years releasing weed control insects all over the Madison Valley. She will be a pre-veterinary major at MSU.

The silent and live auctions brought in more than any fundraiser in the past, helping to ensure the effort to fight noxious weeds will continue in the future.

Plans for next years weed fundraiser are not finalized.

"We look forward to the continued support for our efforts," Griffiths concluded.

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USDA to invest \$700,000 to increase recreational public access on private land

Submitted by Tom Palmer
 MONTANA FWP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will partner with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to improve and increase wildlife habitat and public access for recreational opportunities on privately owned and operated ranch lands.

“Montana will receive more than \$700,000 for the purchase of conservation leases on private ranch lands enrolled in the Sage-Grouse Initiative (SGI) Program,” said Rick Northrup, wildlife habitat bureau chief for FWP. “This generous grant will benefit landowners, wildlife and recreationists in areas that provide high quality sage-grouse habitat.”

The project is funded under the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentives Program (VPA-HIP) and is administered by USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The funding will be available for lease payments as an incentive for landowners to continue to manage their ranching operations consistent with SGI contract terms for a period of 30 years.

Lease agreements will also provide expanded opportunities for recreation, such as hunting or wildlife viewing, that’s consistent with the landowner’s operation and the property’s wildlife habitat values.

Northrup explained that enrollment will be voluntary and based on a competitive ranking. FWP will work with NRCS to contact landowners during

this fall’s enrollment period. “We’re aiming to enroll about 45,000 acres of land,” Northrup said.

Last year’s nearly \$500,000 VPA-HIP grant to Montana is being matched with state Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program funds for purchasing Open Fields for Game Bird Hunters leases.

The leases offer an add-on rental payment for Montana private lands enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program.

Open Fields provides game bird hunters permission for walk-in hunting during the fall hunting season. Since 2012, nearly 100 landowners have enrolled about 33,000 acres into Open Fields projects.

Under VPA-HIP, state and tribal governments apply for grants to encourage owners and operators of privately held farm, ranch or forest land to voluntarily open that land for public wildlife-dependent recreation activities such as fishing, hunting and birding.

State and tribal governments may use VPA-HIP funds to create new public access programs, to expand existing public access programs, and to improve wildlife habitat on enrolled public access program lands. Projects can span up to three years.

Landowners interested in participating are urged to contact Catherine Wightman, FWP’s coordinator of this opportunity, by phone at 444-3377, or via email at cwightman@mt.gov.

For more information, visit the NRCS VPA-HIP website.

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The Ruby Valley hospital recommends everyone stay indoors due to poor air quality

Submitted by Debra McNeill

With the current poor air quality conditions, the Ruby Valley hospital strongly recommends that all residents and visitors stay indoors whenever possible. Visibility is less than one mile, which indicates extremely high levels of air particulates.

"The air quality isn't just a nuisance," said Dr. Roman Hendrickson. "Conditions can be life threatening for patients at risk and outdoor activity can trigger severe respiratory

and heart problems." Outdoor athletics and children's sports should be canceled when visibility is less than one mile.

The Ruby Valley hospital advises that you base your activity decisions on the "5-3-1 Visibility Method" found at www.nmtracking.org/fire.

"We could be dealing with severe air quality issues for weeks," said Hendrickson. "This system is much easier to apply than evaluating air particulates."

The 5-3-1 method ad-

vises that everyone stay indoors when visibility is one mile or less. At three miles of visibility, young children, adults over 65, pregnant women and people with heart or respiratory conditions should stay indoors. If visibility is less than five miles, these same groups should minimize outdoor activity.

If you must go outside for prolonged periods when visibility is less than one mile, particulate respirators can help protect your lungs from smoke particles. Look for N95,

N100 or P100 respirators and masks. These masks may be available at hardware stores or pharmacies. You can also get a mask at the hospital or the Ruby Valley medical clinics.

"You shouldn't depend on dust or surgical masks or wet bandanas for protection," counsels Hendrickson. "These don't filter out the small particles that get into your lungs."

Breathe safely and call the Ruby Valley Medical Clinic at (406) 842-5056 if you have any questions.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Chuck Wagon cook off

Submitted by Virginia City Chamber of Commerce

From Aug. 28 - 30, Virginia City is hosting the Bozeman Trail Commemorative Chuck Wagon Cook Off, which celebrates the first wagon train to arrive in Virginia City on the Bozeman Trail.

The weekend starts on Friday, Aug. 28, and events carry on throughout the weekend, culminating on Sunday, Aug. 30. For a full schedule of events, contact the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce at 579-2477.

Groundbreaking in Twin Bridges

Submitted by Ron Nye

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center is breaking ground on Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. There will be a BBQ lunch and beverages provided, and Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean will be attending. The location is at 501 N. Madison - everyone is welcome.

Stargazing under the caverns sky

Submitted by Tom Forwood

Montana State Parks will host the 11th annual Stargazing Under the Caverns Sky Campout at Lewis & Clark Cavern State Park on Friday, Sept. 4 beginning at 6 p.m.

Join us for a star-studded evening of sky watching with Stargazing Under the Caverns Sky. This event features members of the University of Montana-Western, Environmental Sciences Department Thomas

Satterly, Sheila Roberts and Craig Zaspel. Satterly, a noted humanities Montana presenter, historical interpreter, storyteller and avid observer of the night sky, brings his unique humor and style to this presentation.

Attendees who pre-register by Saturday, Aug. 29 get a camping spot in the group use area, access to the presentation, shared use of a telescope and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. Participants may bring their own telescopes.

For more information or to register for this event call the park visitor center at (406) 287-3541.

Hunters' education in Sheridan

Submitted by Emily McParland

Hunters' education will be taught this fall in the Sheridan Elementary School lunchroom. In order to take this class, you must be 11 years old by Aug. 31, 2015. The dates of the class are Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 8, 10, 16 and 22. The field day will be Sept. 27 at the gun club.

All classes are from 7 - 9 p.m. and the field day will be from 1 - 4 p.m. An adult must be with the student at the first class to register, and also on the field day.

In order to pre-register online, please go to the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks website: <http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/hunterEd.html>. Scroll down to Aug. 31, then view event, then register now. If you cannot pre-register online, you may register the first night of the class, Aug. 31.

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got a new name also, it's Toffee and
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Friday



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Saturday



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

Sunday



Cooler. Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers and thunderstorms. Patchy smoke. Highs 60 to 70. Lows 40 to 50.

Monday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy smoke. Highs 65 to 75.

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The Veterans Memorial sits where the old school once stood and overlooks Ennis' Main Street. Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian

Madison Valley Veterans Memorial leaves impact on all

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When Andy Debona first came to Ennis in 1988, he noticed two things were missing: a stoplight and a veterans memorial.

As a member of the Marine Corp for 26 years, earning the rank of sergeant and eventually being selected for officers training and earning a second lieutenant rank, Andy felt strongly about constructing a memorial for the town.

"If we don't remember them, who will?" he asked me.

I met Andy on a sunny, slightly windy day. He was standing in the middle of the Ennis veterans memorial in a collared shirt, slacks and boots. He held a legal pad, chock-full of all the notes and information about the memorial he hoped to tell me. I almost didn't need to ask any questions – he seemed to have all the bases covered.

I could tell he was proud of everything that had been accomplished with the memorial. From every honorable brick to every dedicated bench and flagpole, he was proud. He was also humble.

"This isn't my memorial," he told me. "It's the town's."

The memorial first became a thought in 1998. It started with a feasibility study – Andy and a couple others went to the library and researched the history of the town and its residents, and found that almost every male of military age served in in World War II.

The project surely seemed feasible, but would what started out as a thought be turned into an action, especially in town with less than 1,000 people?

"We had to ask ourselves, will it fly?" said Andy.

The town certainly thought so. A site for the memorial was chosen and

fundraising for the project quickly began. Various types of donations through dedicated benches and flagpoles helped to fund the memorial, along with other fundraising efforts.

Those efforts were successful and construction on the memorial project began in 1999, at the site where the old school once stood.

"They found the old boilers when they started digging," Andy said with a grin.

Most of the project was constructed locally and is kept up by volunteers. Chief Croy constructed the walls; Dave Lemon, the sculpture; and, according to Andy, the angel of the whole project was Ryan Bork, who did all of the stonework and laid all the bricks.

"He refused to charge us," Andy said.

Carl Pearson did the lighting and the informational sign to the right of the memorial was built by shop students at the high school.

"We bought the lumber and the students constructed it," said Andy.

The flagpoles and the flags themselves are constant projects overseen by Robert Seno, who keeps them current and replaces tattered and torn flags.

"It's not like the wind never blows here," laughed Andy.

The school cares for the grass around the memorial and the town pays for the water and, of course, Andy visits the memorial regularly and checks for any damage.

"All fundraising goes to the beautification of the memorial," said Andy, who told me they are planning and preparing for phase two of the project, complete with sand from every invasion beach.

"We already have some from Iwo Jima, Siapan, Omaha and a few others," he said.

Bricks are added to the memorial every year. As of now, the Madison Valley Veterans Memorial is the only memorial in the nation commemorating those who served during times of war or peace, living or deceased, resident or nonresident – 38 states are represented.

"It has been a relatively simple project," Andy told me. "It's easy when you have good people around you putting in their time and effort, and having the town readily endorse and support the project has been wonderful."

The memorial has been so successful, Andy has people from other towns and states reach out to him about the project.

"There have been four different towns that have contacted me asking about the memorial," he said.

"Dillon, Macon, Ga., and two places in California."

For Andy, the project has been a successful one and has filled a place in his heart.

"I just want to say thank you to the whole valley for their support," he said. "It's just awesome."

The Veterans Memorial carries two themes: Freedom has a price, and If you don't remember them, who will? As I stood talking with Andy and as he pointed out the names on the bricks, including his own, I felt a something come over me. I thought I knew what it meant to be thankful. That was until I stood before the 1,202 bricks in a 120-degree arc, each adorned with a name and rank.

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Top: Each branch of the service has a flag at the memorial as well as the Montana State flag and the POW/MIA flag.

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Bottom: William Hutchins' brick is the oldest in the memorial. He served in the French and Indian war as a rifleman in the militia.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

FLU SHOTS

Submitted by Debra McNeill
RUBY VALLEY HOSPITAL

It is time to start thinking about a flu shot again. This season's flu vaccine has arrived in Butte and will be available at the Ruby Valley medical clinics by the last week of August. The Madison County Public Health Department will be scheduling flu shot clinics in the fall at the local schools or you can call your healthcare provider to schedule an

appointment for your flu shot. Medical professionals strongly recommend flu shots for:

- Children age 6 months to 5 years old
- Adults over 65 years
- Pregnant women
- Parents and caretakers of infants under 6 months
- Anyone with diabetes, asthma or heart or lung disease
- Caretakers of the elderly or anyone with a high risk of serious flu complications

• Anyone with a depressed immune system or cancer

Flu outbreaks can begin as early as October. Symptoms include a fever of 100 degrees or higher, headaches, body aches, chills, fatigue, nausea and stomach ailments. Your healthcare provider can give you a test to determine whether you have the flu or a cold. If you are in the early stages of the flu, your healthcare provider may prescribe an

antiviral drug to mitigate serious flu complications.

Children between 6 months and 8 years old may need two doses of vaccine to obtain full protection from the flu. These doses should be given at least four weeks apart, so it is best to get the vaccinations started early.

For more information about this year's flu season, you can visit www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2015-2016.htm on the web.

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The power of the shower 6 tips to freshen up your bathroom

Submitted by StatePoint

Some people hop in the shower first thing in the morning. Others prefer to save the experience for winding down at the end of the day. No matter your preference, there are a number of ways to easily transform your shower space into a productive, relaxing oasis.

Here are six ideas to improve your shower, all of which can be completed in the time it takes for you to lather, rinse and repeat.

- Clean up your space: A clean, well-organized shower sets the tone for a truly relaxing experience. Declutter by installing shelves or storage pieces. Some shelves and accessories can pull double-duty, featuring bath safety elements like grab bars to make your shower safer and clutter-free.
- Home spa experience: Set the mood with music. Install a fan or light that also contains a Bluetooth speaker. Switch between white LED or soft blue light to set the perfect scene.
- Maximize relaxation:

Consider replacing your existing showerhead with an option that offers multiple spray settings.

- Sit down: Sitting down in the shower is another way to relax while you scrub. For ladies, a shower seat will reduce the strain you put on your back and neck while shaving, and also help prevent spills and falls in the shower. If you are short on space, look for a model that folds down to provide a seat when you need it and then neatly

tucks away when you do not.

- Maximize space: A curved shower rod is another great addition for smaller showers.
- Beautify your surroundings: A bit of greenery can perk up any room. Add plants to give the illusion of a lush outdoor experience. A philodendron is a perfect option because it does not need soil and can thrive in smaller containers. Bringing aromatic plants into the shower can also

help calm the mind. Cut a few sprigs of eucalyptus or lavender and keep them in the shower. As it fills up with steam, the fragrance will carry throughout the room. Take a deep breath and say ah ...

In a hectic world, take a minute to pamper yourself whenever possible. A relaxing shower will help you tackle anything your day throws at you – or have you prepped for a good night's sleep. Do not underestimate the power of your shower.



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Make the most of the end of summer

Submitted by StatePoint

The clock is ticking on the sunniest season. With the end of summer drawing near, considering switching things up to help you make the most of every day.

Be your own bartender
That new neighborhood hot spot where everyone knows your name? Your patio. Try experimenting with frosty, whole-fruit drinks recipes like margaritas and adult smoothies, but watch the sugar if the

party gets too steamy.

“During a season with high temperatures, you want to stick with bright, refreshing flavors,” said Tom Macy, bartender. “Stay away from stronger, spirit-forward cocktails and go for drinks with fresh-squeezed juice and crisp, seasonal fruits and vegetables. Something that will help you cool down without getting you in over your head.”

Redefine your vacation beard

For the gentleman, along with the summer getaway

comes the vacation beard.

Understandable, as who wants to shave when there are sights to be seen and adventures to be had? It is easy to come back to civilization with a beard looking a little weary instead of worldly. That is no problem – these furry celebrations of off-the-clock leisure can become your canvas.

Make workouts fun

Think of the days when you wanted to stay outside all day, running around and

playing games. Why not combine friendly competition with your workouts?

Find a park and invite friends or coworkers for an old-fashioned game of “capture the flag.” It is a fun way to increase heart rates.

Once you are done, invite your thirsty crew home to check out your bartending skills.

Do not let the end of summer pass you by. With fall almost here, end your summer with new traditions.

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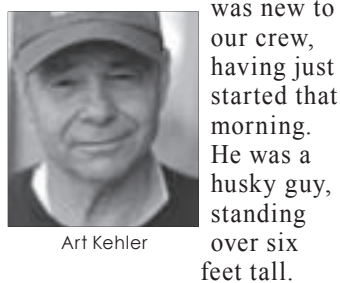
By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The itsy bitsy bug

Learning the hard way that macho doesn't always equate to brave

If last year is any indication, out of all the unsettling encounters with bugs I have endured, three incidents stand out. What makes them special is that, on each occasion, my response to the insects was not the problem. Instead, it was the reactions of the supposedly macho men who were also present that resulted in mayhem.

To begin, the first disquieting bug encounter came about one day when I and another carpenter were working together. The fellow



Art Kehler

was new to our crew, having just started that morning. He was a husky guy, standing over six feet tall.

Consequently, the young man was pretty impressed with himself. Shortly, we were standing on sawhorses holding a piece of sheetrock against a ceiling. As we began to nail the sheetrock fast, a piercing scream akin to that of a woman who had stepped on a packrat's tail, shattered the morning calm. In the same breath, the manly man sprang from his sawhorse and exited the room in a blinding flash. Then, gravity took over.

With a loud crack, the sheetrock broke over my head, and I was sent hurtling to the floor in a heap. As the dust settled, I staggered outside and found the fearless brute standing on the lawn, white as a sheet. Still oblivious as to what had transpired, I blurted out, "Egad man, what happened?" His shrieked response consisted of a single word, "spider!"

Similarly, there was the time when our carpenter crew was excavating beneath an older home. The work area was so cramped that we were forced to work on our hands and knees. There was just one exit, which was barely big enough to crawl through. The boss (a brawny fellow who looked as though he could dispatch a wolverine

with a plastic fork) and I were working in close proximity.

Without warning, I felt myself being crushed, face-first, into the ground. Before I could react, like a badger on steroids, the old boy clawed, ripped and churned his way over the full length of me. I then watched incredulously as our intrepid commander disappeared through the exit hole like a cannon ball.

Naturally, I was convinced, at the very least, the boss had uncovered a den of poisonous vipers. When asked what had caused such a dishonorable retreat, his gasping response was, "thousand legger!" By then, despite the inherent dangers of construction work, I feared I would more likely be injured as a result of an insect sighting than by an occupational mishap.

Lastly, I recall the summer day I was riding in a sports car with a buddy who fancied himself a steely-nerve racecar driver. We were zipping along the highway with the windows open when, unbeknownst to me, a wasp landed in his lap. Thereupon, apparently visions of a fate worse than death utterly overwhelmed the speed demon's self-proclaimed unflappable demeanor.

Subsequently, without having a clue as to why, I found myself hanging on for dear life as the car abruptly swerved onto the sloping borrow pit. After a jolting stop, I watched flabbergasted as old steady Eddie threw open his door, shot from the vehicle and frantically flailed at his midsection.

To this day, I don't believe any of the above noted macho men have ever owned up to their itsy bitsy bug induced irrational behavior. Obviously, their egos would never allow for it. Then again, they did remind me that macho doesn't always equate to brave.

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Expert advice for every Montanan

Many of us have found ourselves challenged trying something at our home or on our land that we've never done before, or something that we've done before but suddenly isn't working. We want to make sure we are trying to do things more efficiently or with better knowledge, and we want to make sure that the failure that we just experienced doesn't happen again.

Wouldn't it be great if we had someone that could explain the issue to us in plain terms, and maybe

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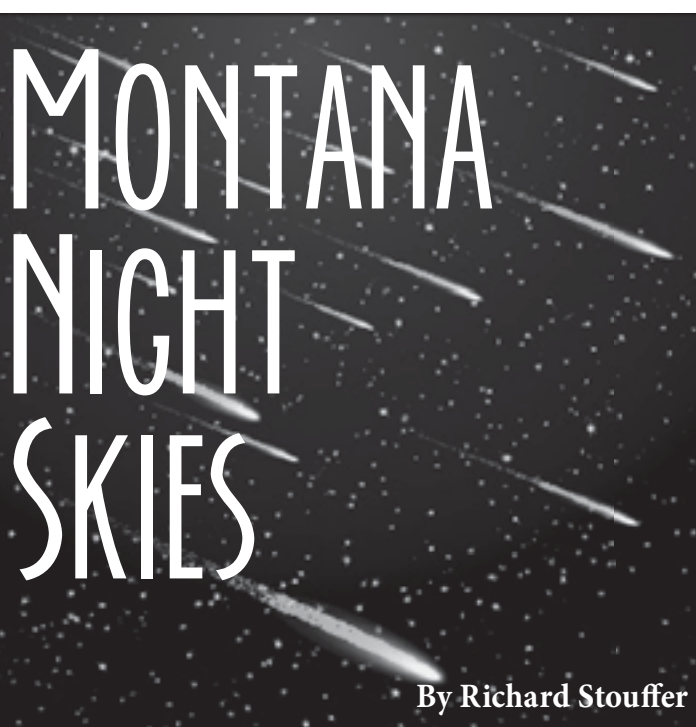
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The website is easy to navigate, with searchable terms and categories that allow users to browse through the various publications available on the topic. The majority of the publications are free and readers can access them with a simple download of the file. Some of the more comprehensive publications are available for purchase in the printed format.

Thanks to this resource, Montanans have a team of experts at their fingertips, covering topics that are important to our lands and our communities. Before you seek out expensive advice elsewhere, take a moment to explore www.store.msuextension.org for valuable guidance specific to Montana.



By Richard Stouffer

The astronomical highlight for the Montana skies in September is a total lunar eclipse. This lunar eclipse is unusual for a number of reasons. First of all, it occurs during a Super Moon, which is when the moon is full when it is making its closest approach to Earth during its elliptical orbit. At such a time, the moon appears up to 30 percent bigger than it does when the moon is at its farthest distance from Earth. Because the moment of closest approach happens within an hour of mid-eclipse, this will be the biggest eclipsed moon you will ever get to see. In fact, the moon will appear 13 percent larger than the totally eclipsed moon of last April. The second unusual occurrence for this total lunar eclipse is that it is the last of a cycle of four total lunar eclipses, which have taken place every six months over the last two years. The next total lunar eclipse won't occur until January 2018. Also, the next a cycle of four total lunar eclipses that will take place every six months over a two years period won't occur again until 2032.

As for the details of September's lunar eclipse, the moon will rise partially eclipsed at 7:10 p.m. on Sept. 27. The partial phase will have just started a few minutes earlier, so most of the eclipse will be visible from Montana. The moon will be totally eclipsed for one hour and 12 minutes, beginning at 8:11 p.m. with mid-eclipse occurring at 8:48 p.m. Totality ends at 9:23 p.m. and the partial eclipse that follows ends at 10:27 p.m. Notice the curved edge of Earth's shadow during the partial phase – the visible evidence of Earth's round shape. Notice also the additional stars that are visible during totality that weren't visible when the moon's brightness as a full moon had washed out all but the brightest stars. During totality, the moon can display a red color, a copper color or even on rare occasions turn brown or black. The color comes from the sunlight scattered and refracted by Earth's atmosphere and is dependent

on many factors including cloud cover along the sunrise-sunset ring around Earth and any recent volcanic activity.

Turning to planetary highlights in the evening sky, look for Saturn about 20 degrees above the southwest horizon as the sky becomes sufficiently dark. Saturn is located a little bit to the right of the three stars forming the claws of the scorpion in the constellation Scorpius and several degrees to the right of Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius. Saturn sets about 11:15 p.m. as the month begins and about 9:30 p.m. as the month comes to a close. As for the rest of the planetary activity, the pre-dawn hours find Venus rising about an hour and a half before the Sun as the month begins, where it joins Mars, which rises about two hours before the Sun as the month begins. Look for Mars well to the left of Venus as the month begins. On September 25, Mars makes a very close approach to Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo. By the end of the month, Venus rises almost four hours before the Sun, followed by Mars, which rises about an hour later than Venus. Venus and Mars are joined in the second week of September by Jupiter, which rises about an hour and a half before the Sun as the month comes to a close.

The moon passes between Venus and Mars on Sept. 10. The moon passes just to the right of Saturn on the evening of Sept. 18. The moon is full when it is totally eclipsed on Sept. 27.

The sun arrives at the autumnal equinox at 2:21 a.m. on Sept. 23, when the sun heads south across the celestial equator and autumn begins in the northern hemisphere.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no major meteor showers this month. However, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about five meteors per hour.

* Richard Stouffer is a life-long amateur astronomer and former member of Delaware Astronomical Society and National Capital Astronomers



Commodity Insite: Commodity capitulation

by Jerry Welch

Last month was the most bearish month for commodities since September 2011. The weakness was so widespread that at one point, commodities per se fell to a 13 year low. In my Aug. 7 column for this newspaper in an article entitled, "Worst July since 2011," I stated the following in the final sentence of the opening paragraph: "Unfortunately for the bulls, the weakness in July spilled over to August and this month is now shaping up to be bearish as well."

On the last day of this week, commodities of all kinds were unusually weak causing August to be even more bearish than July. Crude oil prices fell under \$40 a barrel to a new, six and one-half year low. Copper prices slipped to a new six year low. Soybean prices slumped to a five year low. The widely followed CRB Index

fell to a new, 13 year low and below the most depressed levels since July. To describe commodities this week as a train wreck would be a gross understatement.

Making matters worse for the hard asset markets was the ugly nose dive stocks, equities and the Dow Jones experienced the final two days of the week. The Dow lost more than 800 points between Thursday and Friday, falling back down to levels not seen since October 2014. But such weakness was no surprise because in my Aug. 7 column I also stated the following: "In my view, with the commodity markets at a 13 year low and likely to head lower before higher, if there is money to be made (or saved!) in the near term it will be on the short side, the selling side of U.S. equities. Soon it will dawn on the trade that equities

are vastly over crowded and market participants complacent. Equities are not immune from the worldwide slowdown that is gaining momentum. Wall Street and the stock market are Disneyland at times and woefully disconnected from Main Street which is best represented by the commodity markets."

In face of sharply lower prices for stocks and commodities several leading indicator markets I follow closely suggest that for now, enough is enough on the downside for commodities. Not necessarily for stocks but certainly for commodities. Of course, those indicators can be off the mark by a day, a week or whatever. Still, my most reliable indicators suggest that commodities per se are now cheap and on the cusp of staging a strong rally.

Few have been as bearish commodities as yours truly. I began bad mouthing hard assets in mid-2014 and as things turned out, through and including this week, such advice was on target. But now that my work is turning positive, I am avoiding the short side of the ledger for the time being.

I am not the only voice proclaiming that for commodities per se, "enough is enough on the downside." Here are a few thoughts and ideas along the same lines from Market Watch posted a few days ago: "Fund managers are bailing on emerging markets, commodities and energy-related stocks at a record pace, suggesting that capitulation could be at hand, according to the latest fund manager survey from Bank of America Merrill Lynch." Market Watch went on

to state, "Capitulation is defined as the moment when everyone who wants to exit a particular asset class is already out, creating bargains. Prices should then bounce off those lows. Record underweights in all three asset classes could turn into a 'late-summer pain trade' and give way to a rally," said Michael Hartnett, chief investment strategist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research, in a news release."

Here is the definition of "market capitulation," according to Investopedia. "The significance of capitulation lies in its implications. Many market professionals consider it to be a sign of a bottom in prices and consequently a good time to buy stocks. This is because basic economic factors dictate that large sell volumes will

drive prices down, while large buy volumes will drive prices up. Since almost everyone who wanted (or felt forced) to sell stock has already done so, only buyers are left – and they are expected to drive the prices up."

The same theory applies to commodities when it comes to capitulation.

If commodity capitulation has indeed taken place, expect a stiff rally into late year. Capitulation more simply explained means that when the last bull is forced to sell and the last bear adds to a short position, it is time for a market reversal and an abrupt change in psychology. Of course, looking at how disastrous stocks and commodities did this week just maybe capitulation still lies ahead. Only time will tell. But for now, yours truly is avoiding the short side of commodities.

COMICS & PUZZLES

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Waterson



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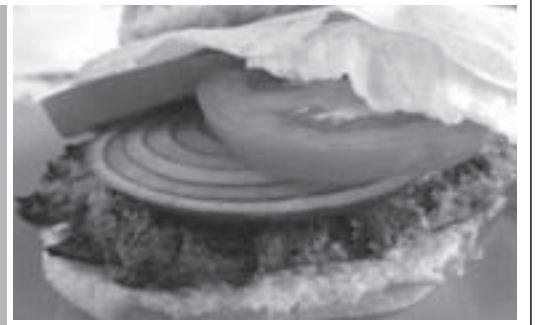
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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Thorpe

Celebrate Last Days of Summer With Juicy Bacon Cheeseburgers

"These are my husband's favorites!"



Freda Gable
Vancouver, WA
(pop. 165,500)

Freda Gable incorporates the flavor of bacon right into her thick, juicy Bacon Cheeseburgers and they'll be perfect for your Labor Day cookout. I bet guests will be lining up for seconds! Adding beef broth to the burgers makes each one turn out perfectly moist and savory. Try adding more kinds of cheeses too... That's always a good idea, right? See step-by-step photos of Freda's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/cheeseburger You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

Bacon Cheeseburgers

What You Need

- 1 lb ground sirloin (burger)
- 1 c grated cheddar cheese
- 1/4 c real bacon bits
- 1 1/2 tsp Montreal steak seasoning
- 1/4 c cold water or beef broth

Directions

- Light your grill and allow it to get nice and hot.
- Mix ingredients in order given - beef, grated cheese, bacon, steak seasoning, then liquid.
- Shape into four patties. Make the patties flat, as they plump up when cooked.
- Place on hot grill and cook to preferred doneness.
- Serve as usual with all your favorite trimmings and condiments: lettuce, tomato, onion, etc.
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Submitted by: Freda Gable, Vancouver, WA (pop. 165,500)
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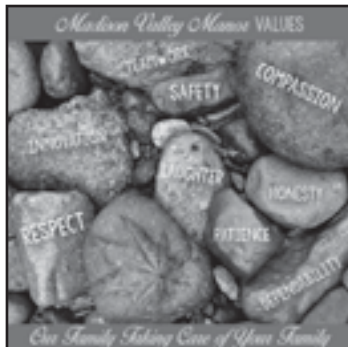
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Fire prevention and protection

Submitted by Laura Gilmore
RE/MAX MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

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- When building, consider the materials you are using in your home. Fire resistant roofing, spark arrestor on your chimney and other items can help with prevention.

Consider installing a residential sprinkler system.

- Be sure your address is clearly posted. Many of us in the valley don't post house numbers assuming that all our friends and delivery services know where we live! Precious time can be saved if the fire department has a clear idea where to go.

- Be sure roads and access to your home is emergency vehicle friendly—keep the road in good condition with snow removed, be sure entryway onto the property is wide enough and provide a turn around area.

- Keep fire extinguishers in high-risk areas such as kitchen, garage, utility room and shop. Don't just buy them and put them on

a shelf—be sure all family members know how to use them and that they are checked each spring and fall.

- Install smoke detectors and keep batteries fresh, changing them each fall and spring.

- Perform an annual cleaning and inspection of all chimneys to be sure they are vented properly and free of debris and creosote. In fact, now is a great time before the cold temperatures return.

Defend against grass and forest fire by creating a "defensible space" around your home following some simple rules:

- Plant fire-resistant plants and landscaping around the perimeter of your home. While any plant

will burn if it is dry enough and the fire is hot and slow enough, there are some that can help deter fire. A full list of fire resistant grass, shrubs and trees can be found on www.msuxextension.org

- Trim any overgrown trees and bushes around the house.

- Remove all dead or fallen trees, limbs, shrubs and any other flammable debris.

If you live in a high-risk area that does not have a ready water source, you may want to consider installing an underground cistern with a dry hydrant or draft opening.

Protecting our homes by following some of the tips above is important but even more important is the safety of your loved ones.

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By Melody Clark
MADISON VALLEY MANOR

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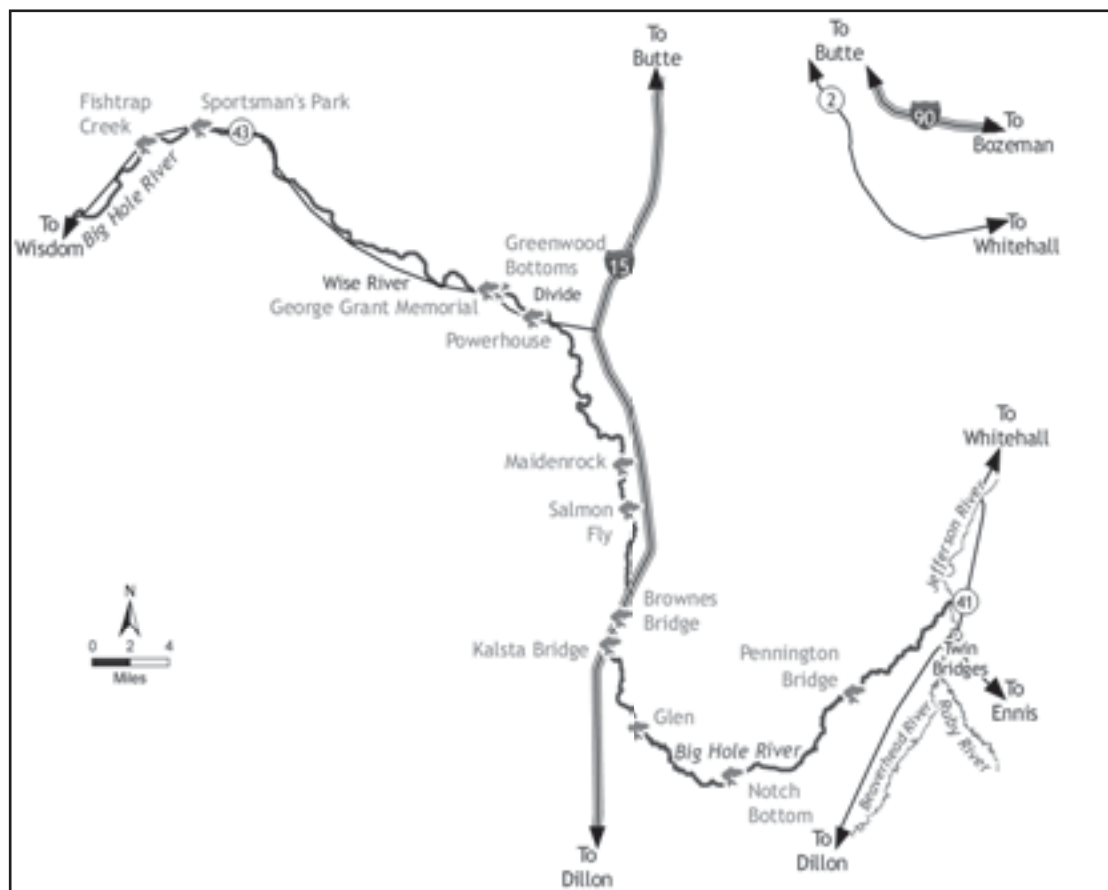


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Angling restrictions lifted on several Southwest Montana rivers

Submitted by Andrea Jones
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Longer nights combined with cooler air temperatures have made a sustained impact on Southwest Montana rivers and their water temperatures.



As a result, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has lifted the angling restrictions on the following rivers:

- Ruby River
- Jefferson River
- Shields River
- Madison River
- Gallatin River

•East Gallatin River
The following stretches of the Big Hole River remain closed to all fishing: (see map)

- Big Hole River Saginaw Bridge on Skinner Meadows Road to North Fork Big Hole River

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12:10 p.m.

Mutual (Youth Group)
Weds. 7:00p.m.

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Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Dustin 684-5255

Liturgy Schedule

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Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday School
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R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES
The TBS&CC provides meals for seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Donations for meals are appreciated.

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The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and over Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the senior center, family style for \$3.50 or have their meal delivered for \$4.00. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Call Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
 AMANDA SUE BRACHHOLD,
 Petitioner,
 and
 MICHAEL WILLIAM BRACHHOLD,
 Respondent.
 Cause No. DR 29-2015-19
 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 file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon counsel for the Petitioner within twenty-one (21) days after 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 For Dissolution. This action is brought to obtain dissolution of marriage. Dated this 22nd day of July, 2015
 Karen Miller
 Clerk of the District Court
 (Pub. Aug. 13, 20, 27, 2015) ts
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWIN GUINNANE, a/k/a ED GUINNANE,
 Deceased.
 Probate No. DP-29-2015-17
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KATHERINE J. GUINNANE by and through her counsel of record has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at the law offices of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P.O. Box 509, Butte, Montana 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
 Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson
 By: William M. Kebe, Jr.
 /s/ WILLIAM M. KEBE, JR.
 Attorneys for the Estate
 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
 Dated this 22nd day of July, 2015.
 /s/ Katherine J. Guinnane
 KATHERINE J. GUINNANE
 (Pub. Aug. 13, 20, 27, 2015 wk)
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TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

REHEARSAL HALL, 316 W. IDAHO STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, 09/03/2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
 TO HEAR A ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 22 X 28 OVERSIZED GARAGE
 BY RANDALL & JULIE STROBEL, BLOCK 148, LOTS 10-12
 (Pub. Aug. 20, 27, 2015) tovc
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PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

The preliminary budget of The Town of Sheridan, Madison County Montana, has been completed and is on file in the office of the town clerk.
 The budget is open for inspection on August 20 and August 27, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, Sheridan, Montana.
 There will be a public hearing on Monday, August 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, Sheridan, Mt., at which time any taxpayer may be heard for or against any part of the said budget.
 Gail Leary, Clerk
 (Pub. Aug 20, 27, 2015) tocs
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NOTICE

The Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, September 7, 2015, as County Offices will be closed to observe the Labor Day Holiday. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015.
 (Pub. Aug 27, Sept. 3 2015) mcc
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

This is a public notice from B & D Keylock to the Lessee of Unit #187 located at 214 Ruby Street in Sheridan, MT 59749 that your Unit is under foreclosure proceedings.
 (Pub. Aug 27, Sept. 3 2015) bdk
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PUBLIC NOTICE FORM FOR CHANGE OF LOCATION

Notice of Intent to Transfer Location of Air Quality Permit (Pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 7, PERMIT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AIR CONTAMINANT SOURCES). R.E. Miller & Sons will file on or about August 21, 2015, a notification of intent to transfer location of an air quality permit with the Permitting and Compliance Division/Air and Waste Management Bureau of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Applicant seeks approval of its transfer of location of portable crushing equipment. Air quality Permit #3040-02 to Sec. 18 T7SR 1Q Madison County, Diamond Back Road, Ennis, MT. The division must approve or disapprove the permit transfer within 30 days of receipt of a complete notice of intent. Any member of the public with question or who wishes to review a copy of the permit and the division's analysis of it or to submit comments on the change of location must contact the division at 1520 East Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 phone (406) 444-3490. Any comments on the location transfer must be submitted to the division within 15 days after the date of this publication. (Logan P. Good - Secretary)
 (Pub. Aug. 27, 2015) res
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NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED

TO: Scheittin, Edward & Vaeda
 2930 Gregson St.
 Butte, MT 59701-5137
 Pursuant to section 15-18-212, Montana Code Annotated, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
 1. As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the following described real property in which you may have an interest:
 Legal Description: Sub/Blk/Lot Virginia City 0/197/06S/03W/22 Virginia City Original Townsite, S 20' of N 38' of Lots 13-15. Geocode: 0421-22-4-14-15-0000. Parcel #1024000.
 2. The property taxes became delinquent on 31 May, 2011.
 3. The property tax lien was attached as the result of a tax lien sale held on 23 June, 2011.
 4. The property tax lien was purchased at a

tax lien sale on 23 June, 2011 by Madison County Treasurer, P. O. Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59755.

5. The lien was subsequently assigned to LS Samantha Court, LLC.
 6. As of the date of this notice, the amount of tax due is:

TAXES:	\$154.34
PENALTY	\$ 2.44
INTEREST	\$ 15.77
COST	\$ 23.91
TOTAL:	\$196.46

7. For the property tax lien to be liquidated, the total amount listed in paragraph 6 must be paid by 18 July, 2015, which is the date that the redemption period expires or expired.
 8. If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the county treasurer on or prior to 18 July, 2015, which is the date the redemption period expires, or on or prior to the date on which the county treasurer will otherwise issue a tax deed, a tax deed may be issued to the purchaser on the day following the date that the redemption period expires or on the date the county treasurer will otherwise issue a tax deed.
 9. The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: MADISON COUNTY TREASURER, P. O. Box 247, Virginia City, Mt. 59755. Phone: 406-843-4212

FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:

1. The address of the interest party is unknown.
 2. The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
 3. The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy.
 DATED AT 9:30 AM this 30 July, 2015.
 /s/LS SAMANTHA COURT, LLC, Suzanne McDaniel-Deibert, Mgr.
 (Pub. Aug 27, Sept. 3 2015) sd
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on October 23, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:
 LOT 52 OF UNIT 2, TROUTDALE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 144, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA
 Angela K Shrader and Joseph S Shrader, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Charles J Peterson, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2009 and recorded March 5, 2009 under Document No. 130408. The beneficial interest is currently held by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Bank Home Loans Servicing, LP. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.
 The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$1,421.78, beginning March 1, 2010, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of January 30, 2015 is \$246,321.01 principal, interest at the rate of 5.50% totaling \$67,738.81, escrow advances of \$16,211.68, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$5,086.62, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$37.63 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.
 The Beneficiary anticipates and may discharge such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.
 Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.
 The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.
 The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.
 The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Dated: June 15, 2015
 Dalia Martinez
 Assistant Secretary,
 First American Title Company, LLC
 Successor Trustee
 Title Financial Specialty Services
 PO Box 339
 Blackfoot ID 83221
 STATE OF Idaho
)
) ss.
) County of Bingham
)
)
) On this 15 day of June, 2015, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.
 Shannon Gavin
 Notary Public
 Bingham County, Idaho
 Commission Expires: 01/19/2018
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 (Pub. V. Shrader 27, Sept 3, 10 2015) mk
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**PUBLIC RELEASE
 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS**

Sheridan School District #5 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:

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- Sept 5-7 Jack Slade's End
- Sept 12-13 Beans, Bacon & Bannock Bread

Upcoming 2015 Events

Aug 28	Bozeman Trail Chuckwagon Cookoff	406.579.2477
Sept 5	Labor Day Horseback Poker Ride	406.843.5700
Sept 11	SOB (Save Our Buildings)	406.843.5700
Sept 12	Bozeman Symphony @ The Elling House	406.843.5454



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GIVING FAIR THANKS!



Thank you Graham Drilling for purchasing my 2015 Market Pig "Wilbur"
Thank You!
-Kyle Pancost



Thank you Clark Custom Stacking for buying my market swine and for your continued support.
Thank you, Kaleb Rice



Thank you LEIF & JULIE FUNSTON for buying my market steer, and for your support of 4-H.
Your Friend, Tracer Croy



Thank you MOUNTAINVIEW VETERINARY SERVICE for purchasing my Market Lamb "Baymax" Thank You!
-Tyler Pancost



Thank you RUBY RIVER RANCH and REED & LYNN ROWBERRY for buying my market steer, Broadway. Your support over the years has been overwhelming. Your friendship will go with us forever!
-Carynn Fredrickson



Thank you FLOYD & DOROTHY FREDRICKSON for buying my market steer, Bar-b-que. You mean the world to me and I thank you for supporting me in everything I do.
-Jayson Fredrickson



I really appreciate all the support that Ruby River Ranch gives the youth of Madison county. Thank you Ruby River Ranch for buying my FFA Steer. I hope you enjoy it.

-Sam Wood



Thank you to CHIEF & STACY CROY for buying my market hog.
-Sam Livezey



Thank you, ENNIS FLORAL, for buying my market hog and supporting 4-H.
~Sage Buus



Thank you, NELSON FUNSTON & the FUNSTON FAMILY for buying my market hog and supporting 4-H. ~ Lane Buus



Thank you Jumping Horse Ranch for buying my market hog and for your continued support of 4-H.
~ Clay Coffman



Thank you First Madison Valley Bank of Ennis for buying my market hog and supporting 4H at the Madison/Jefferson County Fair.
~ Brendan Wagner



Thank you Watson Irrigation for buying my market steer and for your continued support of 4-H.
- Jourdain Klein



Thank you D&D Auto Parts for buying my market hog and for your continued support of 4-H.
~ Shelby Klein



Thank you TITAN CONSTRUCTION and QUARTER CIRCLE ONE RANCH for buying my market steer and for your continued support of 4-H.
Thank you, Taylre Sitz



Thank you WATSON IRRIGATION for buying my market steer and for your continued support of 4-H.
~Lane Sitz

2015 Madison County Fair results

Submitted by Katherine Smith
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION OFFICE

It is hard to believe that another Madison County Fair has come and gone and the new year will already be starting on Oct. 1. This year's fair was a success and certainly one for the books. All together there were around 260 4-H and FFA members registered with the extension office and participating in Madison and Jefferson counties. There were kids from Cameron, Ennis, McAllister, Harrison, Cardwell, Boulder, Whitehall, Waterloo, Silver Star, Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Alder and Virginia City attending the fair this year. In the market animal shows there was an average number of steers and lambs attending this year with 31 steers and 39 lambs. Surprisingly, in the swine barn there was a record number of hogs with 128 hogs in the show. Along with all of the market animals were chickens, dairy cows, goats, cats, dogs, rabbits, pocket pets, horses, open events and many indoor items for people to view. Here are some of the award winners from the week.

Beef:

Grand Champion Overall- Dalaney Scafani
Breeder: White Rock Ranch, Waterloo
Reserve Champion Overall- Jared Wisler
Breeder: Marsh Ranch Partnership, Sheridan
Grand Champion Ultrasound- Allee Scafani
Breeder: White Rock Ranch, Waterloo
Reserve Champion Ultrasound- Luke Clark
Breeder: Quarter Circle One Ranch, Ennis

Lamb:

Grand Champion Lightweight- Tierra Barnosky
Breeder: Kayla Meine Show Lambs, Dillon
Reserve Champion Lightweight- Dorothy Mastel
Breeder: Katherine Smith, Whitehall
Grand Champion Middleweight- Tyler Pancost
Breeder: Carlee's Club Lambs, Belgrade
Reserve Champion Midweight- Aliza Hays
Breeder: Hays Show Lambs, Worden
Grand Champion Heavyweight- Tyler Stafford
Breeder: Dorvall Club Lambs, Fromberg
Reserve Champion Heavyweight- Marlea Stafford
Breeder: Marlea Stafford, Sheridan

Grand Champion:

Overall- Tyler Stafford
Breeder: Dorvall Club Lambs, Fromberg
Reserve Champion Overall- Tyler Pancost
Breeder: Carlee's Club Lambs, Belgrade
Champion Homegrown Lamb- Marlea Stafford
Grand Champion Ultrasound- Madisen Diebert
Breeder: Rita Owens, McAllister
Reserve Champion Ultrasound- Stran Barnosky
Breeder: Kayla Meine Show Lambs, Dillon

Swine:

Grand Champion Overall/ Champion Barrow- Walker Story
Breeder: Longs Livestock, Lewistown
Reserve Champion Overall/ Champion Gilt- Mic Wetherbee
Breeder: Scott Ethington, Emmet, Idaho
Reserve Champion: Market Barrow- Mackenzie Fabel
Breeder: Deaton Show Pigs, Helena
Reserve Champion: Market Gilt- Connor Nye
Breeder: Sterling Hatch, Blackfoot, Idaho
Grand Champion Ultrasound- Brand Ostler
Breeder: Refugio Cervantes, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Reserve Champion Ultrasound- Sage Buus
Breeder: Koy Holland, Dillon

Indoor projects:

Aerospace- Grand: Clay Coffman
Cloverbuds- Participation Medals: Garret Wagner; Haydan Hauptman; Jayden Stevens; Ethan Babcock; Chevy Boyko; Makenzie Boyko; AJ Latta; Keira Rice; Braxton Walker; Ethan Wock; Katie Barney.
Club Historian Book- Grand: Nolan Ore
Cowboy Poetry- Grand: Kjersten Sandru
Entomology- Grand: Ryan Frank
Reserve: Addison Oliver
4-H Congress Special Cake Contest- Grand: Katie Hall
Reserve: Caitlin Evans
4-H Congress Decorated Cake Contest- Grand: Kyra Armstrong
Reserve: Aislinn Deavel
Sr. Champion Cook: Hanna McParland
Sr. Reserve Champion Cook: Katie Hall
Jr. Champion Cook: Dorothy Mastel
Jr. Reserve Champion Cook: Rebecca Cook
Beginner Champion Cook: Emma Konen
Beginner Reserve Champion Cook: Kaleb Rice
Best Loaf of Bread: Hanna McParland
Judge's Choice - Outstanding Interview: Rebecca Cook
Out of the Box: Dorothy Mastel
Leadership: Grand- Erin Brush
Reserve- Wylie Leo
Leather craft: Grand- Hanna McParland
Reserve- Michael Walsh

Outdoor Adventures:

Grand- Colton Barnosky
Jr. Photograph: Grand- Jourdain Klein
Reserve- Avery Oliver
Jr. Overall Photographer: Grand- Jourdain Klein
Reserve- Avery Oliver
Sr. Photograph: Grand- Karly Amos
Reserve- Karly Amos
Sr. Overall Photographer: Grand- Karly Amos
Reserve- McKinley Patriitti
Overall Champion Scrapbook/ Album: Delilah Puckett
Overall Champion Educational Display: Jourdain Klein
Judge's Choice: Delilah Puckett
Ian Wallace Memorial Honorable Mention: Mason Brooks
Range Science Management: Sr. Grand- Erin Brush
Self-Determined: Grand- Klancy Armstrong
Reserve- Jack Racicot
Clothing and Textiles Level 101: Grand- Cassidy Dunagan
Reserve- Meagan Johnson
Champion Knitting
Beginner: Rebecca Cook
Champion Intermediate Crochet: Kyra Armstrong
Champion Quilting/ Patchwork/ Applique
Beginner: Angela Latta
Champion Quilting Intermediate: Grand- Nicole Latta
Reserve- Brittini Barnosky
Champion Quilting Advanced: Josie Hokanson
Judge's Choice: Kyra Armstrong
Cecelia Greutman Memorial Overall Workmanship and Interview: Josie Hokanson
Shooting Sports Jr Archery Interview: Grand- Colby Johnston
Reserve- Cade McParland
Shooting Sports Sr Archery Interview: Grand- Peter Antonioli
Reserve- Hunter Johnston
Archery: Grands- Johnny Hall; Olivia Lohrenz; Kaden Sangray; Riley Green; Ayden Anderson; Leo Scafani; Taylor Smith; Samantha Frazer; Hunter Johnston; Jaxson Kloote; Colby Johnston
Archery: Reserves- Rob Dale; Axton Anderson; Harlan Brooks; Riley Green; Colby Johnston; Jakob Nye; Jackson Nye; Kaden Sangray; Pete Antonioli
Shooting Sports Jr Educational Display: Grand- Jessica Molitor
Reserve- Raelynn Hagan
Shooting Sports Sr Educational Display: Grand- Zeb Antonioli
Reserve- Lindsey Curtis
Air Pistol: Grands- Christopher Fraser; Riley Green; Ayden Anderson

Air Pistol: Reserves- Lane Chase; Chance Story
Air Rifle: Grands- Lane Poirier; Riley Green; Ayden Anderson
Air Rifle: Reserves- Jaxson Kloote; Axton Anderson; Ernie Gilbert
Sport Fishing: Grand- Sam Konen
Reserve- Connor Nye
Veterinary Science Display: Grand- Taylre Sitz
Reserve- Kaelin Hodgson
Visual Arts: Grand- Samantha Kimmey
Weed Science: Grand Sr- Erin Brush
Grand Jr- Gunnar Decker
Woodworking: Grand- Lane Buus
Reserve- Brock Johnson
Animal projects: Beef Showmanship Jr: Grand- Cassidy Dunagan
Reserve- Amanda Russell
Beef Showmanship Sr: Grand- Jared Wisler
Reserve- Wylie Leo
Cow/Calf Pair: Grand- Tyler Pancost
Reserve- Carson Clark
Market Steer Jr Interviews: Grand- Amanda Russell
Reserve- Carynn Fredrickson
Market Steer Sr. Interviews: Grand- Taylre Sitz
Reserve- Jayson Fredrickson
Market Beef Herdsman: Brittni and Colton Barnosky
Breeding Beef Herdsman: Carson Clark
Paula Heide Memorial Champion Angus Pair: Tyler Pancost
Otto Simon Memorial Overall Market Steer: Dalaney Scafani
Best Angus Breeding Exhibit: Tyler Pancost
Champion Long Haired Cat: Grand- Annie Engler
Champion Short Haired Cat: Grand- Isabel Evans
Reserve- Erin Brush
Jr Cat Showmanship: Grand- Annie Engler
Reserve- Christa Thompson
Sr Cat Showmanship: Grand- Erin Brush
Decorated or Homemade Cat Item: Grand- Isabel Evans
Reserve- Annie Engler
Grand Champion Kitten Under 1 Year: Christa Thompson
Dairy Heifer 1-2 years: Grand- Tyler Stafford
Reserve- Tyler Stafford
Champion Sr Dairy Showman: Tyler Stafford
Dog Agility Jr: Fastest Time to Avery Oliver
Dog Agility Sr: Fastest Time to Hanna McParland
Dog Obedience Sub Novice: First Place Handler- Hanna McParland; Second Place Handler- Jasmine Banks; Third Place Handler- Seeley Driskill
Dog Obedience Novice: First Place Handler- Josie Hokanson; Second Place Handler- Ashlie Benner
Dog Obedience Graduate Novice: First Place Handler- Josie Hokanson; Second Place Handler- Avery Oliver
Grand Overall Dairy Goat: Marlea Stafford
Reserve Overall Dairy Goat: Desarary Tipton
Jr Dairy Goat Showmanship: Grand- Desarary Tipton
Reserve- Madison Fabel
Sr Dairy Goat Showmanship: Grand- Marlea Stafford
Dairy Goat Product of Dam: Grand- Marlea Stafford
Reserve- Mackenzie Fabel
Sr Progressive Horse Showmanship: Grand - Allee Scafani
Reserve - Dyllon Price
Jr Progressive Horse Showmanship: Grand - Amanda Russell
Sr Horse Showmanship: Grand - Caitlin Evans
Reserve - Jennifer Hobbs
Jr Horse Showmanship 11 - 13 years old: Grand - Amanda Russell
Reserve - Michael Green
Jr Showmanship 10 years old and under: Grand - Emma Smith
Reserve - Annie Engler
Overall Sr Showman: Jennifer Hobbs
Overall Jr Showman : Annie Engler
Yearling at Halter: Grand - Amanda Russell
Reserve - Allee Scafani
Yearling Lunge Line: Grand - Amanda Russell
English Horsemanship Level 1: Grand - Emma Smith
English Horsemanship Level 2: Grand - Maxine Hoagland

MORE

Thank you Bill Mercer/REMAX Realty for your contribution to my market hog project this year.

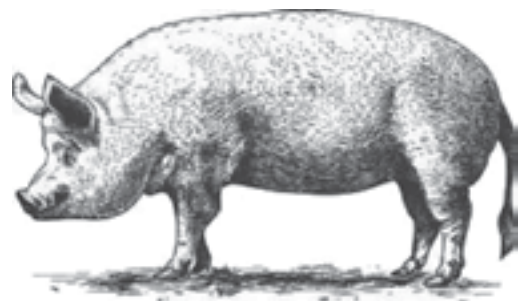


Sincerely, Clay Coffman

Thank you VALLEY GARDEN RANCH for buying my market hog and supporting 4-H!

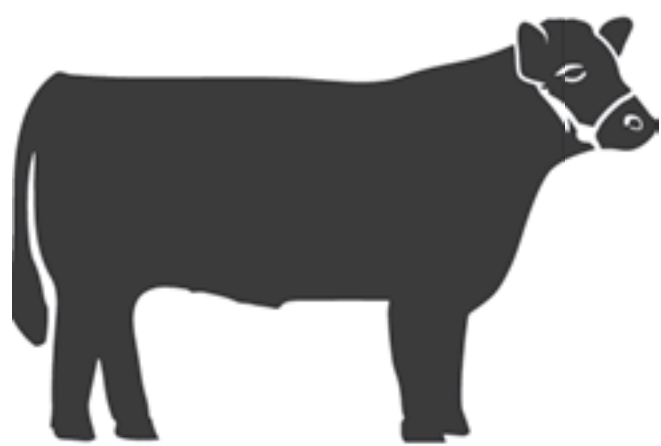


~ Jacy Johnson



Thank you Spanish Q Ranches for buying my 2015 market hog.

~ Kurt Funston



Thank you Marthe and Steve Elliott for buying my 2015 market steer.

~ Chris Funston

THANK YOU

Thank you Hay Camp Ranch for buying my Grand Champion Market Hog! Your support is greatly appreciated,

~Walker Story



Reserve – Annie Engler
 English Horsemanship Level 4: Grand - Jennifer Hobbs
 English Horsemanship Level 5-7: Grand - Caitlin Evans
 English Equitation walk/trot: Grand – Maxine Hoagland
 Reserve – Emma Smith
 English Equitation walk/trot/canter: Grand – Jennifer Hobbs
 Reserve – Annie Engler
 Western Horsemanship Level 1: Grand – Emma Smith
 Reserve – Zoe Green
 Western Horsemanship Level 2: Grand – Maxine Hoagland
 Reserve – Michael Green
 Western Horsemanship Level 3: Grand – Amanda Russell
 Western Horsemanship Level 4: Grand – Allee Scafani
 Reserve – Jennifer Hobbs
 Western Horsemanship Level 5-7: Grand – Caitlin Evans
 Western Equitation walk/trot: Grand – Emma Smith
 Reserve – Maxine Hoagland
 Western Equitation walk/trot/lope: Grand – Jennifer Hobbs
 Reserve – Caitlin Evans
 2 year old under saddle: Grand – Dyllon Price
 Trail Yearling: Grand – Amanda Russell
 Reserve – Allee Scafani
 Trail first and second year: Grand – Maxine Hoagland
 Reserve – Zoe Green
 Trail third year and over: Grand – Caitlin Evans
 Reserve – Annie Engler
 Beginner Bareback walk/trot: Grand – Maxine Hoagland
 Reserve – Annie Engler
 Advanced Bareback walk/trot/lope: Grand – Jennifer Hobbs
 Reserve – Amanda Russell
 Freestyle Reining: Grand – Caitlin Evans
 Reserve – Annie Engler
 Driving: Grand – Dyllon Price
 Horseless Horse Project:

Grand – Hannah Todd
 Barrels: Grand – Zoe Green
 Reserve – Michael Green
 Poles: Grand – Zoe Green
 Reserve – Kyle Pancost
 Working Ranch Horse Walk: Grand - Karson Klapan
 Reserve- Leo Scafani
 Extreme Cowboy Trail Level 1: Grand- Vance Wingard 2:17
 Reserve- Hannah Todd 2:43
 Extreme Cowboy Trail Level 2: Grand- Kendra Klapan 3:05
 Reserve- Karson Klapan 3:16
 Extreme Cowboy Trail Level 3-4: Grand- Allie Scafani 130.6
 Reserve- Colton Price 131.4
 Overall Fastest Time Trail: Grand- Allie Scafani
 Reserve- Colton Price
 Sorting/Rodeering Level 1: Grand- Vance Wingard
 Reserve- Karson Klapan
 Rope/Rodeering Level 2: Grand- Dillon Price
 Reserve- Leo Scafani
 Rope/Rodeering Level 3-4: Grand- Colton Price
 Reserve- Allie Scafani
 Top Sort: Grand- Vance Wingard
 Reserve- Karson Klapan
 Top Rope/Rodeering: Grand- Colton Price
 Reserve- Allie Scafani
 Pocket Pets- Guinea Pigs: Grand- Christopher Fraser
 Reserve- Ellis Mastel
 Jr Pocket Pet Showmanship: Grand- Ellis Mastel
 Reserve- Christopher Fraser
 Overall Pocket Pet: Grand- Ellis Mastel
 Reserve- Christopher Fraser
 Novice Poultry Showmanship: Grand- Faith Larsen
 Reserve-Andrew Ball
 Junior Poultry Showmanship: Grand- Cade McParland
 Reserve-Colby Johnston
 Senior Poultry Showmanship: Grand- Zeb Antonioli

Reserve- Charali Wetherbee
 Cloverbud Chickens: Garret Wagner; Hayden Hauptman
 Top Bantam: Grand- Zeb Antonioli
 Reserve- Charali Wetherbee
 Top Standard: Grand- Andrew Ball
 Reserve- Koy McDougal
 Best of Show: Andrew Ball
 High Point Poultry: Zeb Antonioli
 Poultry Herdsman: Colby Johnston
 Mini Lop: Grand- Mccall Leavens
 Mini Rex: Grand- Annie Engler
 Reserve- Grace Larsen
 Rabbit Novice Showmanship: Grand- Shayna Williams
 Reserve- Mccall Leavens
 Rabbit Jr Showmanship: Grand- Annie Engler
 Reserve- Grace Larsen
 Rabbit Best of Show: Annie Engler
 Overall Ewe: Marlea Stafford
 Novice Sheep Showmanship: Grand- Tyler Pancost
 Reserve- Aliza Hays
 Jr Sheep Showmanship: Grand- Tierra Barnosky
 Reserve- Olivia Lyon
 Sr Sheep Showmanship: Grand- Tyler Stafford
 Reserve- Marlea Stafford
 Novice Swine Showmanship: Grand- Walker Story
 Reserve- Lane Wagner
 Jr Swine Showmanship: Grand- Walker Story
 Reserve- Chance Story
 Sr Swine Showmanship: Grand- Charali Wetherbee
 Reserve- Mic Wetherbee
 Swine Herdsman: Shelby Klein
 Club Herdsman: Madison Wranglers
 Extra Ordinary Swine Kids: Lane Buus; Chas Buus



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian



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Fair parade winners

By Lois Smith-Lehwalder

The following are winners in the various categories of Madison County Fair Parade:

•First place: The Bodacious Babes; (The Red Hats); 4-H thank you, Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce; Henry Harrison

and his mules, Molly and Jenny, sponsored by Rotary of Twin Bridges; Elf Ranch Quarter Horses, the Twisted Sisters; Ruby Valley Aviation with a 1931 Ford Model A and a Silver Corvette; The Bannack Shrine Klowns and Boot Scootin' Rubies.

•Second Place: Ruby Valley National Bank;

Rambling Rose Drill Team; Anne Gornick's Petting Zoo; Cowgirls on bikes, Mardi Holden's Line Camp Saddle Group; Antique vehicles exhibited by Joe and Carol McLaughlin and Julie Todd McAlear; the Boot Scootin' Rubies and Bodacious Babes.

Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to Wayne Black of Ennis True Value, The Lions Club and community members who came out on a cool rainy Saturday to support Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation (MVMCF). True Value sponsored a dunking booth as a fun and fundraiser for friends and foes to dunk 9 folks who volunteered as “dunkees”. True Value also gave MVMCF items to sell. Wayne designated True Value’s donation to be used for the purchase of mammography equipment. The Lions Club cooked burgers and hot dogs and served lunch for our enjoyment. They donated all proceeds to the Foundation.

Again, many thanks for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Dottie Fossel

Chairman of the MVMC Board of Trustees
 Foundation Board Member



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THURSDAY AUGUST 27

The Life and Times of Frank Bird Linderman, Laurin

Please join us for our next event, The Life and Times of Frank Bird Linderman, Series Two at Robber's Roost, Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY AUGUST 28

Fools Gold at the Wells Fargo Steakhouse, Virginia City

Last gig of the summer for Fools Gold. Come out to Wells Fargo Steakhouse in Virginia City - great food and libations. Big dance floor and boot-stomping music! Come kick up your heels and help usher in the fall and hunting season! Aug. 28, 2015, at 8:30 p.m.

AUGUST 28-29

Studio opening, Sheridan

Jennifer and Patrick are opening their studio, Friday and Saturday,

Aug. 28 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Come visit and see small original oil paintings not available in any gallery including some Ruby Valley landscapes. From Sheridan, drive 4 miles up Wisconsin creek road, past the yellow cattle guard and follow balloons to 9 Booth Gulch lane. Everbody who visits has a chance to win an original oil painting. Call 842-7172.

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.

Milton Menasco and the Big Fiasco, Ennis

The music is all about dancing. Come on out for a night of reggae, rock, funk and country to test all your styles of dancing. We will be going hard and strong late into the night so drop in at any time. Ennis' local gunsmith, K Mita will be holding the beats on the drums. Come on out, we'd love to see you! Gravel Bar 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sheridan

All are invited to come and hear Jeannie Breakall speak about her New Zealand mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Jeannie is the daughter of Joyann and George Breakall and a 2012 Twin Bridges graduate. Presentation is at the LDS church building, 3560 MT Hwy 287, Sheridan. Sunday, Aug. 30 at noon.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Fall roundup potluck, Ennis

Fall Roundup Pot Luck. Come dressed in your best western attire. Bring a dish to share for the luncheon. 12 p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Madison Valley Public Library book sale, Ennis We have extended our annual book sale. Sept. 4-5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis The Ennis Arts Association will host an outing to the Creighton

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Block Gallery in Big Sky on Sept. 8, 2015. Includes a private tour of their three locations within the mall. Meet at 9 a.m. at Madison Foods to carpool.

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.

Business After Hours, Ennis

BAH hosted by The Tackle Shop from 5 to 7 p.m. Free networking event open to all chamber members and their guests. Come visit, exchange business cards, brochures and be sure to enjoy appetizers and cocktails.

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 570-0711 for more information.

Artist of the month, Virginia City

Join us for the Artist of the month reception, 5:30 p.m. at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center with featured artist, Asha.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Madison Valley Public Library, Ennis

Author Tom Donovan will be speaking about his book, Hanging Around the Big Sky: The Unofficial Guide to Lynching, Strangling and Legal Hangings of Montana on Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. at the Madison Valley Library.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Harvest Dinner, Virginia City

Introducing the Harvest Dinner, a celebration of locally grown food prepared by local area chef Amy Kelley, featuring live music in a casual family-friendly atmosphere. Treat you and your family to a locally harvested feast on Saturday, Sept. 19. Make reservations early so you can enjoy the spirit of the harvest. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Singing through history, Ennis

Adam Miller, folksinger, storyteller and autoharp virtuoso, has performed throughout the United

states at schools and libraries. Audiences of all ages have a great time learning about American folklore and folk traditions while singing along. The program is designed to encourage group singing and interactivity. Madison Valley Public Library 2 p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Fiddlin' Pete, Virginia City

Fiddlin' Pete will play the Elling House on Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Madison Meadows golf tournament, Ennis

A golf tournament for fun-lovers, beginners and pros alike! Eighteen holes of scramble golf, teams of four. Enjoy a homemade muffin before you start play then a tasty lunch after you finish! A drawing for several door prizes and the winners of the amazing raffle will be drawn after all golfers are done. Please join us in a fun day at the course for a great cause in memory of a GREAT lady, Granny Lueck! All proceeds benefit the Madison Meadows Golf Course. Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City

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

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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.

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WE HAVE A BLOODY MARY BAR WITH LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY AUG 28TH: BROWN BOTTLE TWO
SUNDAY AUG 30TH: THE BARN BOYS
FRIDAY SEPT 4TH: ENNIS CITY RAMBLERS
FRIDAY SEPT 11TH: DAN DUBUQUE
FRIDAY SEPT 18TH: TONY & JIM
ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES!!

MADISON THEATRE 682-4023
115 Main St., Ennis, MT

Friday, August 28- Sunday, August 30

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE ROGUE
NATION (PG-13)**

Friday & Saturday 7:15 pm Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

Coming Soon -
RICKI AND THE FLASH (PG-13), THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13)

Evenings: Adults \$8 • Children (12 & under) \$6 Show time at 7:15 pm,
Box Office opens at 6:30 pm

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