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Another year, another record Tourism in Virginia City, Nevada City continue to climb

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Any local who drives through the Alder Gulch area during the summer knows Virginia City and Nevada City attract tourists from all over the state, nation and world. But how do we quantify those tourist numbers and find out what they mean for Madison County as a whole?

From July 2013 through June 2014, the two little towns hosted an impressive 401,736 visitors, but this year welcomed even more people, crossing the half million mark with 538,917.

"This makes Virginia City and Nevada City the number one state owned tourist attraction in the state for the fourth year in a row, which is more than all of the state parks combined," said Elijah Allen, executive director of the Montana Heritage Commission.

The MHC manages Virginia City and Nevada City for the state – it also owns Reeder's Alley and the Pioneer Cabin in Helena.

According to Allen, MHC visitor services, which include hotels, the train and museums, have experienced growth.

"Earned revenue is up 21.43 percent," he said. "The MHC earned revenue for (fiscal year 2015) is \$1,469,785."

The tourists are tracked through vehicle traffic counters, Allen explained.

"We have been doing this since 2011," Allen said. "In 2011, the number was 337,612 and to date, the traffic count is 538,917."

"The increase in tourism is a collaborative effort between the (MHC), who puts close to \$100 thousand in advertising and public relations each year, the (Virginia City) Chamber of Commerce, which organizes activities and events throughout the season, and the very talented business owners that provide entertainment and retail services that continue to make us a top attraction in the state," Allen said.

Local businesses and residents agree that there has been an increase in visitor traffic.

There are currently 23 Virginia City concessionaires – or business owners – according to Allen.

"Most of the concessionaires that have a business relationship with MHC are reporting a double digit increase over last year," he said.

Russ Hamilton is one of the MHC's concessionaires – he owns businesses in the hotel industry and the restaurant industry.

"There has been a consistent increase (in traffic) year after year," Hamilton said. "This year, when we were at almost the mid point of the season, we were about 20 percent up.

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RECLAMATION MINING

Future West updates
commissioners on abandoned
mine reclamation project

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There are around 9,000 hard rock mines in the Missouri Headwaters area of Montana, but there are limited federal funds to reclaim these sites to their original state, according to Dennis Glick with Future West.

Future West is a Bozeman-based nonprofit that became interested in cleaning up mine sites through re-mining, starting in 2012.

"It's absolutely worthwhile," commissioner Jim Hart said of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project. "There are just a ton of those types of mines in Southwest Montana. An astronomical number."

Settlements in Madison County boomed in the late 1800s and early 1900s because of the mining industry. Now, the purpose of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project is to clean up waste piles – or tailings – from the former mine sites.

"It's a win-win," Hart said.

"It cleans up the site, cleans up the creeks and shows a positive indication that mining activity is doing better than what occurred way back when."

According to Glick, there are multiple reasons for reclamation.

"The real problems regarding abandoned mines are the direct impacts on people and the land ... such as public safety issues from collapsed shafts and open adits," he said – Adits are entrances to underground mines. "(Also) contaminated water from mine waste and tailings erosion and adit discharge."

Those issues impact wildlife habitats and recreation on public land.

Profitable?

The Golden Sunlight mine near Whitehall has the ability to process already-mined material to extract gold and other valuable ore from the waste piles. Because of that, reclamation mining has the potential to be profitable.

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TRUMPETER SWANS



Photo courtesy Ken Hall
Finley Knapton, 8, of Ennis holds a young swan before its release in O'Dell Creek.

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Last Tuesday, five cygnet trumpeter swans were released into the O'Dell Creek wetlands, south of Ennis on Granger Ranch property.

Cygnets are young birds, around 100 days old, according to Jeff Laszlo who owns the Granger Ranch.

"This is the fourth time we've released swans," he said. "We have one more planned release, but I think we may keep doing it until we actually see signs of nesting in the project area or elsewhere."

On Aug. 25, representatives from NorthWestern

Energy, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Madison River Foundation gathered with Sen. Steve Daines and residents of the Madison Valley for the release.

The release site is also the location of a 10-plus year wetland restoration project.

"We have a decade of wetland restoration down there," Laszlo explained.

Laszlo said he heard it takes five or six years to establish nesting swans in an area, which was confirmed by FWP wildlife biologist Claire Gower.

"We have a project in the Blackfoot Valley – near Ovando – where we've been releasing swans for a long time," she said. "It took

them five or six years of releases for nesting to really start going. We're hoping this goes the same way."

Why O'Dell Creek?

In 2008, Madison Valley wetlands were evaluated to determine which ones would be valuable for swan restoration, as part of the Pacific Flyaway Trumpeter Swan Implementation Plan, Gower explained.

"The idea is to reverse declining trends of nesting trumpeter swans in the tri-state area – Montana, Idaho and Wyoming," she said.

"Around 2010, O'Dell Creek was selected as the best place (in the Madison Valley). Gower said O'Dell Creek

rose to the top of the list of potential release sites for multiple reasons – the area has a lot of forage for swan food, large expanses of water they need for taking off and landing, there is open water year round because the wetlands are stream fed, there is vegetation that serves as concealment from predators and there is room for future nesting.

"We've been releasing since 2012," she said. "The Fish and Wildlife Commission approved it for a five year release. This was our fourth release."

Since the releases started, there is some evidence

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Photo courtesy Ken Hall
The newly-released swans explore their new wetland home.



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of nesting trumpeter swans in the Madison Valley, but Gower said it is not confirmed that those swans are some that were released. Gower believes the project will continue after next year's release, saying, "we will certainly be requesting future releases."

Last year, trumpeter swans nested at the south end of Ennis Lake and around the chain of lakes at the south end of the Madison Valley, near Cliff and Wade lakes.

"The released birds are serving more as decoys for

other birds," Gower said. "We are hoping they jump start the nesting process."

Birds benefit the wetlands

Laszlo said the presence of swans has improved the O'Dell Creek wetlands and that the released birds have drawn more swans to the area.

"We now have 30-50 swans spending the winter there," he said.

Tara Luna is a botanist and vegetation ecologist who has been working on the O'Dell Creek restoration project for five years.

"Foraging activity by swans and other waterfowl have resulted in steady increases in canopy cover. The trumpeter swan's exceptionally long neck length and bill length allow these birds to access (rhizomes) and tubers at deeper water depths and deeper into the soil profile than other waterfowl species," Luna said. "Tubers and rhizomes can then be moved upward through the soil profile by foraging, redistributed at shallower soil depths, triggering shoot dormancy break and regrowth the following spring."

In other words, Luna explained that the birds actively assist the restoration of the constructed wetland ponds by increasing submergent plant cover.

"Submergent plants in turn hold sediments, attenuate storage and flow, improve water quality and provide cover for aquatic and fish," she added. "Ultimately, people benefit as well, by improved water quality, storage and flow for downstream users of the Madison River that in turn support the prevailing economies of this valley and the state."



Photo courtesy Ken Hall. Sen. Steve Daines (center) participates in the swan release.

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And the year before that, we were up 10 percent. We are consistently seeing growth."

Hamilton attributes that increase in tourism traffic to advertising.

"Before we advertised heavily, what we saw was the 'stumble upon tourist,'" he said. "Now we're seeing a lot of Montana families coming to our area every season."

Hamilton said 40 percent of his hotel customers are from

Montana – but from across the whole state. He said he has also seen an increase in traffic in his restaurant from people who live close to Madison County.

"We see a lot of people come through from Butte, Bozeman and Dillon," he said. "They don't always stay over, but they come spend the day and have dinner."

Madison County as a whole.

"The street has been fuller and there have been more people on the boardwalk. It's encouraging," said Schulz.

Schulz said Virginia City is the foundation of Montana's heritage – early mining and early settlements.

"It's important to reflect on what Virginia City really means and reflect on where we came from," he said. "It shows a great deal of what has happened in Montana and across the west."

Schulz said Madison

County's other communities also benefit from tourism in Virginia City.

"To get to Virginia City, you have to travel through Twin Bridges and Sheridan or through Harrison and Ennis or through the Upper Madison," he said. "There's no airport in Virginia City, you have to come from someplace else ... And then many of the people passing through stop for multiple reasons and spend a few bucks in our towns."

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Glick said the project has four key components: the first is removing the mine waste at priority sites, the second is hauling it to the Golden Sunlight Mine for reprocessing to extract gold and other valuable ores, the third is reclaiming the mine site to restore native soil, vegetation and ecological health and the fourth is to do all of it in a way that creates jobs and a more diverse local economy.

"I think it's a good project," said commissioner Ron Nye.

"We're going to keep moving forward on it. It's economic development and cleans up the environment. Hopefully, we have some good benefits from it."

Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz said Virginia City and Nevada City are incredibly important to

yet," Glick said. "We got approximately \$280,000 ... We asked for \$500,000, so we're having to revise the reclamation plan, but there's certainly still enough to do some significant reclamation work."

Why Pony?

The Pony site was selected for a variety of reasons, Glick explained.

Out of all the abandoned mines in southwest Montana, 359 were prioritized as potential sites for reclamation. Then, those sites were examined further and the environment, wildlife and landscape were looked at closely.

Countywide benefit

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"Then (we) looked at independent miner activity and travel distance to Golden Sunlight Mine," Glick explained.

Moen Excavation was already working in the Pony area, which is located around 30 miles from Golden Sunlight Mine.

"(The) final selection (was) based upon environmental and ecological impact, landowner/claim holders, partnerships and access," Glick said.

The project is on hold until the funding comes through, but Glick said there is still work to be done.

"Right now, we're in the process of revising the reclamation plan to adjust for funds granted

to coincide with volume of waste able to remove and area to reclaim, getting permits in place and seeking additional funding for more reclamation and project planning tasks," Glick said.

"Even though we don't yet have the DNRC funds in hand to get digging, we'll continue to move the project forward, including a tour with (the commissioners) and the conservation district. And of course, we'll keep 'encouraging' DNRC to move the funding allocation along. And we'll do extensive outreach with the Pony community so that they understand the project, and how it will benefit the community."



Photo courtesy Randy Carpenter. Safety issues arise from open avits and collapsed shafts near Pony.

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Photo courtesy Dawn Becker
Ravyn Boyd, 14, volunteered to "get lost" so Zarah the dog could find her during the training.



Photo courtesy Dawn Becker
Madison Valley Search and Rescue set up a staging area from which to launch the rescue mission.



Photo courtesy Dawn Becker
Six dogs and their handlers attended the training last weekend outside of Ennis.

Madison Valley Search and Rescue works with canines in mock training

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Dawn Becker's dog, Zarah, is a certified trailing dog. "She gets a scent article from a specific person and she can follow that," Becker explained. "My dog is certified to be able to be deployed on missions." Becker is a member of Madison Valley Search and Rescue. On Aug. 29, Madison Valley SAR held a training on a ranch east of Ennis Lake.

"Our main goal was to get everyone familiar with deploying canine teams," Becker said. Six canines from across the Northwest came to Ennis with their handlers to participate in the training. All the dogs and handlers were members of Shekinah K-9, a team that Becker is a part of. "We are a group of SAR dog handlers," she said. "Our team deploys on missions to various areas and also teaches seminars and conferences to certify other people with dogs."

Around 10 of Madison Valley SAR's 21 members attended the training. "We set up a scenario where we had three subjects who went out on a hunting trip and got lost," Becker said. "We broke it down so one ended up being a subject for a trailing dog, another was for an air-scent dog and the final was to have the dog check specific areas looking for a possible cadaver situation." Air-scent dogs pick up on any human scent in a specific area, Becker explained.

SAR members paired up with dogs and handlers to see firsthand how canine teams work to find missing people. Art Behar, Madison Valley SAR secretary and treasurer, attended the training and said it was "excellent." "Having those dog teams come from so far away – as far as Durango, Colo., and Spokane, Wash.," he said. "The dogs were phenomenal and the handlers were great." Becker said training with canines is an important part of being a prepared SAR unit.

"It's important our guys understand what kind of dogs are needed for what kind of mission," she said. "If it's a known cadaver mission, we need certified cadaver dogs. They need to know what type of dogs they need to call in and how to use them." During the training, the dogs found all three subjects, making it a successful 'mission.' "We are such a big outdoor recreation area for hunting and hiking – not just local people but outsiders too," Becker

said, explaining why SAR is an important asset to the area. "We also have a lot of big game predators that people could run into. We could utilize the dogs in a lot of situations." Behar agreed with Becker. "The motto of almost every SAR worldwide is, 'so others may live'," he said. "That clearly says it. We volunteer our time, money and energy so a stranger may have a chance to survive. We put it all on the line to save people who we don't even know."

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Bausch sentenced
On Aug. 31 at the Madison County Courthouse, Judge Loren Tucker sentenced Jason Karl Bausch on three counts. The charges against Bausch

stem from incidents that occurred last fall – according to court documents, the state initially charged Bausch with one count of felony assault with a weapon (partner or family member), one count of felony aggravated kidnapping and one count of misdemeanor partner or family member assault (first offense).

On Aug. 31, the state amended the charges to two counts of misdemeanor assault and one count of unlawful restraint, a misdemeanor. Bausch pleaded no contest to all three counts. "No contest means that the defendant is not admitting that they are guilty, but they are conceding that the

state could prove the charges beyond reasonable doubt if it went to trial," said deputy county attorney Justin Ekwall. Before sentencing, Bausch addressed the court and apologized. "I'm truly sorry that we're all here today," he said. "I want to get help and figure

out how to get my life on track. I have a good job now ... I take that very seriously. I want to get my life on track and be productive again." Judge Tucker sentenced Bausch to pay a \$500 fine for each count – a total of \$1,500. Judge Tucker also sentenced him to six months in county jail for each count, all but the three days

Bausch already served suspended. The suspended sentences will run consecutively, meaning Bausch will be on probation for 18 months. Restitution to the victim will be determined at a later date – Judge Tucker asked Ekwall and Bausch's attorney, Brian K Gallik, to have an amount determined by Sept. 28.

Understanding the reappraisal process

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Property owners across the state received new property value statements from the Montana Department of Revenue in July of this year. "What we're doing here is generating the value of your property," said Mike Kadas, DOR director. "That value is then used for tax purposes, but the statement is not a tax bill – a lot of things factor into tax bills." Kadas explained that the DOR adds up taxable values for every jurisdiction in the state – state jurisdictions include incorporated towns, schools, counties and more. Then, each jurisdiction finalizes their budget and generates the necessary number of mills they need to fund that budget. "The county treasurers prepare the tax bills and they go out the end of October," Kadas explained. "That's when you find out your taxes. If we say the value of your home is up 20 percent, that doesn't mean your taxes will go up 20 percent." This year's property value statements measure the value of each property as of Jan. 1, 2014, which means they are, inherently, two years behind. "Now we're on a two-year cycle instead of a six-year cycle," Kadas said. "But we're always going to be around two years behind." This year is the first that the state moved to a two-year reappraisal cycle instead of six

– the last time property values were assessed was in 2008. "It's for simplification and more accuracy," Kadas said, explaining why the two-year cycle is better. "The last valuation was done at the peak of the (housing) bubble and then values started going down. We were in the process of increasing people's property values for tax purposes even though they knew that their properties were worth less and less (during the recession). With a two-year cycle, we will be more accurate." In Madison County, taxable values are down slightly, but Kadas said those values are probably not completely up-to-date, since the market has recovered more since Jan. 1, 2014, when those figures were calculated. "I suspect Madison County has, by now in August 2015, recovered completely and shown some positive growth over where it was in 2008," he said. "I bet the values have gone up quite a bit since (Jan. 1, 2014)." Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz said changes in taxable values do not mean taxes will change in a big way. "Taxable values going up and down doesn't reflect a dramatic change in tax bill," he said. According to Kadas, Madison County's property taxes are "interesting" because of the Yellowstone Club and other high-end developments around Big Sky and along the Madison River. "Those types of properties tended to increase in value during the bubble in 2007 and 2008," Kadas said. "But they

are the types of properties that decreased the most in the collapse of the bubble." Across the state, Kadas said home values have been recovering since the recession, but there are differences in how rapid the recovery is. "We see differences in how we are recovering," he said. "Higher-end developments are recovering slowly." Madison County receives a list of certified taxable values for every jurisdiction in the county – including the county itself, the road fund, each town, hospitals and more. The taxable values are generated by the DOR, and then the county works with those numbers to set taxes, based on budgetary needs, Schulz explained. "I'm hearing in Ennis, the expected tax bill is going to go down a little bit," Schulz said. "I'm hearing in the Ruby (Valley), it's going to go up a little bit. But if you want a sound answer as to why, it compares to residential taxes going one way ... in the Ruby we have a lot more production and agriculture land and that's assessed differently." Schulz said the two-year reappraisal cycle is going to benefit Madison County. "Our taxable value changes every year because of growth," he said. "This will reflect that."

Madison County's final budget hearing is on Monday, Sept. 28 during the commissioners' regular meeting.



Photo courtesy McCall Flynn
The Twin Bridges Senior Center Board, along with Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean, broke ground Friday, Aug. 28.

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING

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The Twin Bridges senior center broke ground for their new building on Friday, Aug. 28. The groundbreaking ceremony saw over 90 people in attendance, including guest speaker Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean, who grew up in Twin Bridges. The location of the senior center and community building is on North Madison Street and is being constructed by G & G Housing out of Whitehall. Construction started today, Thursday, Sept. 3, with a hopeful spring completion date. So far, the senior center has completed fundraising for phase one and two of the construction process, and are working toward phase three, which will cover furnishings and equipment for the center.



Photo courtesy McCall Flynn
Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean, a native of Twin Bridges, was the guest speaker at Friday's event.

OPINION

Maybe D.C. is filled with 'stupid' people

Dear editor,

Two weeks ago I sent a letter to *The Madisonian* about the problems with social security taking funds from the retirement fund and paying social security disability checks from it.

I also sent a letter to the Social Security Department and requested (under the Freedom

of Information Act) for their authority – under the Social Security Act – to transfer funds paid toward retirement into another fund – one created after the “original retirement act.”

I received my answer and, like the rest of the government under the Obama administration, the letter was completely stonewalled.

Not only did they not answer my questions, they claimed, “We cannot take any action on your request because you did not include your ‘claim number.’”

The real stab was that my address on the social security envelope was in block, black letters, written using a black felt tip pen.

Is every department in Washington D.C. corrupt or just filled

with people who do not respect or want to aid the American taxpayers and the rest of the public.

Another right we have forfeited is “the right to get straight answers from our government – even under the Freedom of Information Act.”

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Lucile Zahn

April 29, 1929 - August 24, 2015



Lucile Zahn, age 86, of Twin Bridges passed away Monday, Aug. 24, in Dillon.

Lucile was born April 29, 1929, in Fort Hall, Idaho, to Howard and Minnie (Berry) Davis. She was raised in Fort Hall and attended Blackfoot High School in Blackfoot, Idaho. She married Paul Zahn on May 2, 1946, in Dillon. They lived in Twin Bridges and owned and operated the Zahn service

station and cabins for 10 years.

Lucile was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Twin Bridges and was a member of Rotary Club. She enjoyed gardening, camping and taking care of people, and she loved her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; granddaughter Tresa Dorvall; and brothers and sisters, Warren Davis, Elmer Davis, Irene Hendricks, Blanche Gay and Grace Orr.

Survivors include her children Dave Zahn of Twin Bridges, Cheri Ritter of Bella Vista, Ark., Susan (Larry) Fulford of Whitehall, Vicky M. Zahn of Columbia Falls, Tony (Kristy) Zahn of Benton City, Wash., Jennifer (Gary) Osborne of Fairbanks, Ala., Sandy (Chuck) Stump of Glens Ferry, Idaho, and Rick (Me-

lissa) Zahn of Twin Bridges; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brothers and sister Norma Echeveria, Curtis Davis, Larry Davis, Shirl Davis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Friday, Aug. 28, at 11 a.m. at the Twin Bridges Cemetery at with Reverend Janice Hansen officiating. K&L Mortuaries of Twin Bridges assisted with arrangements.

Beyond The Sunset

*Should you go first and I remain,
to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden, dear,
with happy days we've known.
In spring I'll wait for roses red, when faded, the lilacs blue.
In early fall when*

*brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.
Should you go first and I remain, for battles to be fought.*

Each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot.

I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile, though blindly I may grope.

The memory of your helping hand will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'll have you do:

Walk slowly down that long, long path, for soon I'll follow you.

I want to know each step you take, so I may take the same.

For someday down that lonely road, you'll hear me call your name.

Helen O'Dell

October 2, 1922 - August 24, 2015



Helen Rose “Sally” O'Dell, age 92, of Helena, formerly of Twin Bridges, passed away Monday Aug. 24, in Helena.

Sally was born Oct. 2, 1922, in Twin Bridges to Mark and Esther (Mailey) High. She was raised in Twin Bridges and graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1942. Sally started working as a telephone operator at the Twin Bridges telephone office while still in high school.

After graduating, she went to work at Mountain Bell in Helena.

She grew up in a large family and was the third oldest of nine children.

Sally loved working around horses and other assorted livestock. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading, and as her eyesight got bad, just watching television.

Survivors include her son Monty W. High of Twin Bridges;

daughter Patty J. O'Dell of Helena; two grandsons; two great-grandchildren; brother Delbert (Janice) High of Bozeman; sister Margie McDonald of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside services will be planned at a later date. K&L Mortuaries and Crematory of Twin Bridges is assisting with arrangements.

Mickey Naranche

August 17, 1939 - August 20, 2015

Mickey Naranche was born Aug. 17, 1939, in Butte, to Nick and Millie Naranche. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 20, 2015, with his son Trevor by his side. He was a class of 1957 graduate of Twin Bridges High School before attending the University of Montana in Missoula.

Mickey and his former wife, Sally, raised their two

children, Trevor and Tiffany, in Dillon where he owned and operated College Motors for many years. He was an expert fisherman and boater and always happy to host friends in the family home southwest of Twin Bridges.

He is survived by his children, Trevor Naranche of Bend, Ore.; Tiffany Sims, of Star, Idaho and sister Sandra Hill

of Challis, Idaho and brother Dennis Naranche of San Rafael, Calif. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Daylon, Kolbi, Jaden and Cooper.

His canine buddies, Copper, Moose, Mattie and Hershey will share his earthly resting place on a hillside overlooking the family ranch on the banks of the Big Hole River.

His family is especially

grateful for the love and support of his Aunt Elaine Boken, cousin Larry Maddox and friends Bill Hanley, Jim VanDyke and Chip Mesec.

At his request, no service will be held. Friends and family are welcome to join for a Celebration of Life being hosted at the family ranch in Twin Bridges on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 1 - 4 p.m.

Robin Elaine (Klemo) Lemm

A celebration of life for Robin Elaine (Klemo) Lemm, who passed away June 16, 2015, will be held on Sept. 19, 2015, at 1 p.m. in the Harvest Church, formerly the Christian Science building, at 229 N. Montana in Butte. A reception will follow the church service.

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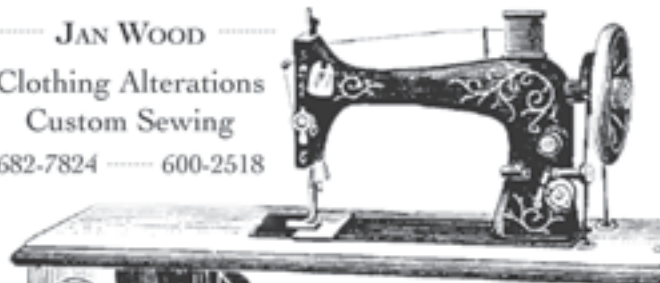
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SENIOR LOVE ... AND A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Hi readers,

I'm so tickled by all the positive support Madison County is showing to our senior community. Last week in Twin Bridges, the senior and community center broke ground. In Ennis, a group of volunteers are building a senior center with their own hands.

It's amazing. Both of these projects have been years and years in the making, and now they are finally coming to fruition.

Though I didn't grow up in Madison County, I spent my childhood with a great sense of community. In my hometown of Kansas City, I was born and raised in an eclectic neighborhood - there were three blocks of houses where no one was a stranger. In my parents' house, there is a heavy hook, laden with keys to multiple homes up and down our block.

I grew up in and out of my neighbors' homes, playing games outdoors with my next-door friends and making daily trips to my grandparents' house, which was conveniently located just around the corner.

My grandparents were the foundation of our neighborhood community - they were some of the oldest residents and had seen many families come and go. For many years they hosted our annual neighborhood picnic in their side yard. I remember the

feeling of importance I had at those picnics. Because we gathered at Gran and Gramps' house, I felt like I was one of the hosts.

A few years ago, Gran and Gramps moved from their beautiful home to a senior living center. Not a nursing home, but a retirement community, where they would no longer have to maintain a huge yard and keep up with housework on a huge home. Though they moved from our neighborhood, they were only a few miles away, and they still came over for regular dinners and to visit old friends. Although the location of the neighborhood picnic had to move, my grandparents never missed it.

Then, just last May, my grandpa passed away. I was able to make it home in time to be with him - and so did all his children. Gramps was the center of our family, and we're all still figuring out how life looks without him.

Within hours of his passing, our neighborhood stepped up to the plate. The doorbell at my parents' home started ringing and neighbors came with arms full of food and well wishes. They called my grandma and made sure she knew she was loved and supported. And then, they did one of the coolest things ever.

Back when Gramps still lived in the neighborhood, he was known as the fix-it-guy. His garage and workshop were packed

with tools, and anyone who had a problem with a lawn mower or a sink or anything in between knew they could come to him for advice, materials and assistance. I tell you, the man must've had 80 screwdrivers - one for every possible occasion. When he moved, he stocked our neighborhood's community tool shed with items he no longer needed. Every person in the neighborhood is welcome to use what is in the shed, whether it's a snow shovel, a ladder or a chainsaw.

After Gramps' passing, the neighborhood committee decided to rename the shed. It is now the Eldon Milburn Memorial Tool Shed.

I think that's the coolest thing. Gramps would love being remembered that way. For him, it's a better dedication than a plaque, a bench or a park. Now, he will be forever remembered as the fix-it-guy.

When I see our Madison County communities stepping up to create much-needed centers for seniors, it warms my heart. It's the same sense of support I thrived on in my neighborhood, and the same feeling of someone having your back that I think is so valuable. So, props, Madison County. Let's keep reaching out to our seniors and lending our hands to anyone in need.

Abigail



Left: Gramps was about as mischievous as they come ... when he was a young boy growing up in Kingman, Kan., and all his life.
Top left: My number one guy since I was born.
Above: This picture was taken June 2014 - my grandparents traveled to Montana to visit me after I moved to Madison County.

TWIN BRIDGES FLY-IN

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"A lot of aviation communities hold a fly-in to get pilots out and about and to keep the community involved," said Kendra Horn, office manager for Ruby Valley Aviation.

The fly-in event on Saturday, Aug. 29 in Twin Bridges, hosted by Ruby Valley Aviation, may have only seen a few pilots due to heavy smoke cover, but that did not stop the crowd from coming out to see the planes.

The fly-in started 12 years ago after Ruby Valley Aviation first came on the scene at the airport.

"A lot of other airports were doing stuff and this was just a way to get out there and make our name known," said Horn.

Since then, the event has been held every year.

Saturday began with a pancake breakfast put on by the Twin Bridges Rotary and was followed by games for kids, an aerial show and plane rides for Young Eagles - kids ages seven to 18.

The main purpose of the event is to get the community involved in aviation and to teach young people to be aware of airplanes, according to Horn.

"Some kids have come to the Young Eagles events and gone onto work in aviation," she said. "Our hope is just getting people interested."

The all day fly-in event ended with a community potluck held at the Ruby Valley Aviation hanger and according to Horn, 90 people were in attendance.



Caitlin Avey, The Madisonian



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

John Bancroft: Giving back through transportation

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"We're off the beaten trail - there's not a lot of ways for older people to get around and they need help," said John Bancroft.

Bancroft, a resident of Ennis for 23 years, has been giving people rides to various appointments for years. Mostly taking older community members who might not have a vehicle or other means of transportation, to their medical appointments in Bozeman, and sometimes as

far as Billings - free of charge.

"I'm available to help anyone and never discriminate or turn anyone down," Bancroft said. "I have the time and I like to help people."

The job first came about years ago after Bancroft noticed the Red Cross out of Missoula was looking for drivers to take people to their treatments.

"I thought, 'I have the time and can do it,' and it just took off from there," he said.

Bancroft has been involved in many other aspects of the community as well; he's been

actively involved with the city and currently serves on the city council, has been a longtime member of the Lion's club and is giving his extra time to the new senior center by doing some plumbing and staining the entire building.

"I'm not working anymore so I can devote my time to helping others," he said.

In his free time, Bancroft enjoys spending time with his family and especially his two great-granddaughters.

"All our kids are back east, so it's nice to have

(them) here," he said.

Bancroft is also a frequent member of "The Romeos," a group of all retired gentlemen that meet every Friday morning for breakfast, switching up venues and cities every week.

However, for Bancroft, it is all about giving back and helping out the community.

"I never looked for anything or asked for anything," he said. "I just enjoy doing it and I have the time. I'll help anybody."



Twin Bridges Historical Society Museum gets upgrade

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The Twin Bridges Historical Society Museum just completed repairing the outer brick wall after a storm in August 2013, caused the Twin Bridges city shop, behind the museum, to blow over top the museum, thus destroying its original parapet.

Members of the Historical Society recently received a grant in which they were awarded \$28,000 to go toward repairing the building.

Aside from a new parapet on the outer facing wall of the building, the grant money

will also go toward repairing the roof, which suffered punctures through the top of the building from the storm.

The museum is hoping to have all the repairs done by summer 2016. Aside from the building repairs, the museum is also focusing on establishing and growing their membership base.

The museum was founded in 1917, with the purpose of holding and sharing collections throughout the town's history. All artifacts and collections have been donated to the museum through the years and luckily, none were harmed or damaged in the storm.



Photo courtesy Joy Day

The front of the museum before work was completed to repair the top of the brick wall. Work will soon begin on the roof and the parapet.



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LEFT: Photo courtesy Trung Nguyen. Carson Watts from Corvallis, Mt perfects his form on the range. RIGHT: Photo courtesy Meredith Hardy. Practicing with inert bear spray canisters prepares campers in case they have to use it.

Jack Creek Preserve foundation's youth camp a highlight of summer

Submitted by Jack Creek Preserve Foundation

As we wrap up the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation's eleventh summer of operation, we would like to highlight one of the most fantastic programs that we offer. The JCPF youth conservation programs are a collaboration of organizations and individuals from all over the country – an unforgettable opportunity that young outdoor enthusiasts should not miss.

The four-day, three-night program for campers ages 12 to 18, begins with check-in from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday. Campers locate their campsite, set up their tent, eat lunch with their par-

ents and listen to the introductions and rules. Parents drive away, leaving their children on a 4,500 acre nature preserve surrounded by the Lee Metcalf Wilderness. Over the next three days, 55+ campers are split up into small groups and rotate through one-hour long stations instructed by professionals and experts on topics that include outdoor photography, noxious weed identification and education, archery, hunting 101, tree stand safety, forestry, fly casting, backpacking, survival bracelet making and water quality monitoring.

The evenings provide opportunity for more learning. This year a presentation from the Forest Service Bear

Aware Program filled one evening and campers learned how to hang food bags, got their hands on bear hides, identified unsafe camp practices and sprayed inert bear spray canisters provided by Counter Assault. In addition, the Wild Sheep Foundation's Kevin Hurley offered a presentation on the North American model of conservation and taught campers how to age Big Horn Sheep. This program concluded with a bugling lesson from long time volunteer Merrill Ar buckle and s'mores by the campfire. What a noisy, fun evening!

The final evening of camp is quite a celebration. All campers participate in the "water shoot," competing

against each other until there is only one camper standing.

Sunday morning is also time for campers to show their stuff. They compete in beginner, intermediate and advanced archery competitions. Campers can submit photos from their visit to the outdoor photography station to the photo contest, and there is a fly-fishing casting contest and camper of the year award.

Over twenty volunteers commit their time, energy and equipment to assist JCPF three paid staff members in making this program a success. These dedicated volunteers hail from as far away as Connecticut and represent organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Founda-

tion, Pope & Young, Campfire Club of America, and Gallatin/Big Sky Weed Committee. There are local fly-fishing guides, fence builders, photographers and lawyers who take time out of their busy season to serve these campers in various capacities. It is an exhausting, but fulfilling and exciting four days that all feel so privileged to be a part of.

2015 August Competition Winners

Water shoot - Seth Downer, Big Sky Advanced Archery Shoot-Payton Blatter, Dillon - 164 points; John Hayder, Three Forks - 156 points; Zane Howey, Three Forks - 153 points Intermediate Archery Shoot-

Eric Bell, Helena, 188 points; Amado Delgado, Denver, Colo., 179 points; Grace Hill, Virginia City, 174 points Beginner Archery Shoot-Manuel Granados, Denver, Colo., 63 points; Marcos Luna, Denver, Colo., and Philip Chadwell, Greenwich, Conn., 49 points; Avery Berglund, Bozeman, 46 points Fly casting-Jonah Barker, Aurora, Colo., Megan Robinson, Boulder, Colo. Outdoor Photography-Ethan Post, Florence; Cache Duma, Belgrade; Ben Schroeder, McAllister Campers of the Year-Payton Blatter, Dillon Chase Deyo, Bozeman



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HEBGEN DAM CENTENNIAL



Submitted by Butch Larcombe
About 100 people showed up for the Hebgen Dam Centennial event at Kirkwood Marina. About 50 people took part in tours at the dam and got an up close look at the multiyear \$30 million rehabilitation project under way at the dam. BJ Schubert, a NorthWestern Energy engineer, gave the tours.

100 years of Mainwarings

Submitted by Darlene Mainwaring

George Mainwaring, his dad, David, and his brother William first arrived in Butte, but George preferred farm work, which is what brought him to the Madison Valley in 1915. George later brought his wife, Helen, from Kansas. They had been married earlier that year, on Feb. 28, 1915. George first worked for Albert Werner, but after their first son, Russel, was born, he moved on to work for other farms in Madison County and surrounding counties, before returning to Ennis.

The children of George and Helen include: Russel, William, David, Charles, Anna, Laura, Stephen, James, Doris, George Parker, John King, Marshal,

Ray (Mick), Marian, Stanley Earl, Janet, Carol, Richard Keith and Dale Kent. Today, Doris Daems lives in Ennis; George Parker and Stanley Earl in Pony; Marian Hedglin and Richard Keith in Belgrade; Mick in Eugene, Ore., and Janet lives in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Every year, the second weekend of August, many of the Mainwaring family gather for a reunion in the Madison or Gallatin county area to celebrate and create new memories. The family is rich in history, with many fun and wonderful stories to tell. If you have ever met a Mainwaring, you will not forget, they are fascinating with the many adventures they can share.

The Mainwaring family in-

cludes 44 veterans in all branches of the service. This family is steeped in pride and tradition and is very proud of those family members who stepped up to protect and serve our country.

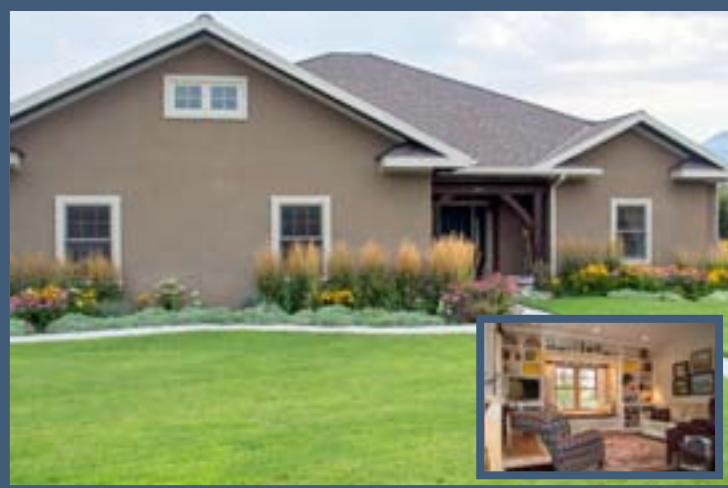
In 2015, the family gathered for their annual reunion in July. During their time together, they participated in the annual Ennis Fourth of July Parade. Ninety descendants of George and Helen were in the parade. The eldest of the family who could attend were in a wagon pulled by horses belonging to Billy Clark—three were on horseback and the remaining family members rode on the beds of trucks or trailers.

One hundred years is a testament to family values, pride and tradition.



Rikki Dilschneider
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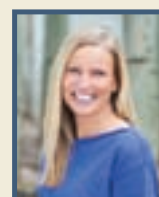
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31 YEARS!



Submitted by Melody Clark

Carmen McCullough retired from the Madison Valley Manor after faithfully serving for 31 years. The community and MYM residents enjoyed a huge party on Friday, Aug. 28 for McCullough. Residents enjoyed lunch out and spending time outside this week. They look forward to attending the follies in Virginia City next week.

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More Rascals, Ruffians, and Rebels. Montana History Lecture, Gary Forney. Tuesday, October 6th. 6:00-8:00 pm, \$10

This workshop class will continue to explore the lives of a few more of the famous and the infamous characters that shaped Montana's turbulent early years. Whether you were lucky enough to have been born here, or just lucky enough to move here, this class will help you to have a better understanding of early Montana and will separate facts from popular myths.

The primary focus of this class will be to profile some of the individuals who impacted the early years of the Montana Territory. The presentation will not only provide an in-depth look at these colorful individuals, but also create a good foundation for one's further study of Montana's early his-

tory. Questions and discussion will be encouraged as part of the workshop.

Keep It Simple With Watercolor, Patsy Eckert Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 am -3:00 pm, \$20 plus supplies

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SPORTS:

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

The boys of fall are back in Madison County

Fall sports are back – hooray! Check *The Madisonian* for a brief round up of each week's games ... and photos. When our county teams go head-to-head, we will be there, camera in hand and conflicted because we will be cheering for both teams. The following is this week's football round up.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian

The Sheridan Panthers had their first game of the season Saturday, Aug. 29 against the Hot Springs Savages.

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	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Ennis	8	30	8	8	54
Broadview	0	0	0	6	6

"It took us a few minutes to shake the rust off, but the boys kept their composure," said the Mustangs' head football coach Chris Hess.

By the second quarter, Hess said the team had gained momentum that they were able to keep

throughout the rest of the game. "It was a good first outing," he said. "We had a big day out of Cleet Wrzesinski – 170 yards receiving and three touchdowns."

Hess emphasized that while Wrzesinski had a great game, the entire "unit" worked well

together to make it happen.

"Our offensive line was outstanding and the defense did well," he said. "We still have a long way to go, but we're looking good."

Next week, Ennis travels to Shields Valley on Sept. 4.

HARRISON/WHITEHALL

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Harrison/Whitehall	10	0	0	0	10
Big Timber	0	0	21	0	21

On Aug. 28, the Whitehall-Harrison Trojans traveled to Big Timber for their first game of the season.

This year, two Harrison students – Lane and Chas Buus – are playing football with Whitehall. According to head coach Dan Lacey, the team's first game of the year

turned out how he expected.

"We played like we were young," Lacey said. "We lost a lot of seniors last year. We played like a group of young kids, which is what we expected a little bit."

Lacey said he saw "a lot of good things," but that the team has room for improvement.

"We're short on numbers,"

he explained. "A lot of the kids are playing both ways and that took a toll on them. The younger kids were not quite ready for how much effort it takes to play the game."

On Sept. 4, the Trojans welcome Columbus to Whitehall for their first home game of the season. Kick off is set for 7 p.m.

SHERIDAN

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0
Hot Springs	38	6	6	6	56

The Panthers' season opened with a hard loss, but assistant coach Mike Wetherbee said the team is staying positive.

"Yeah, we lost the ball game, but they are ready to go out and play much better ball next time," he said. "Everybody still said they had fun."

Wetherbee said Hot

Springs scored 38 points in the first quarter before pulling their "big boys."

"After that, they only scored six per quarter," he said. "The reality is, our kids played pretty good ball in the second half of the game."

Sheridan has a young, untried team, and Wetherbee

said this game was the first that many of them had ever seen a "down ball" before.

Next week, the Panthers travel to St. Regis to play football – Wetherbee said Sheridan will match up with St. Regis better than they did with Hot Springs. Next week's match up is on Sept. 4.

TWIN BRIDGES

For the first week of the season, the Twin Bridges

Falcons did not have a game. Their first game will be next

weekend, when they travel to Broadview on Sept. 4.

VOLLEYBALL ROUND UP

Early season volleyball tournaments help work out kinks

Caitlin Avey
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Volleyball began this week with pre-conference tournaments all around the state, and Madison County teams stretched their legs. Tournaments act as an opportunity for teams to work out early, first game nerves and jitters before the conference season begins.

Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges all traveled to the Phillipsburg/Granite tournament while Ennis made the long trek to Choteau for their weekend invitational. Here is a break down of how the teams fared this weekend.

HARRISON

The Harrison Wildcats were the number three seed coming out of pool play on Saturday with six wins and two losses during the day.

"It was a pretty good day, I think," said coach Kyla Simon. "It's always good to start with a long day so you can work-out any kinks and the girls improved with every game."

The Wildcats ended up playing the first round of tournament play with only five players after two players were hurt early in the game.

"They stayed tough, though and won one of the three games with only five girls," said Simon.

The Wildcats will face off this Thursday against Shields Valley and are looking to improve on their serving and communication on the court before Thursday's game.

"We're still getting used to each other and figuring out our rotations, so that's what we're going to work on this week," said Simon.

ENNIS

The Lady Mustangs fared pretty well this weekend at the two-day Choteau tournament, playing seven games on Aug. 28, with three wins and four losses during pool play. The Mustangs advanced on Saturday, playing five games with a 3 – 1 record and a tied game against Choteau.

SHERIDAN

The Panthers came out of pool play with a two games won, four lost and one tied with Harrison, losing the coin toss to go on to tournament play.

"I'm pretty impressed with the girls," said coach April Wuelfing. "We've already lost some girls to injuries and only had eight able to play."

Wuelfing is hoping to work on offense before the team travels to Manhattan Christian on Thursday, Sept. 3.

"We're still figuring out the best positions based on abilities," said Wuelfing.

TWIN BRIDGES

Seeing only three conference teams at the Granite tournament, the Falcons' came out as the number five seed after pool play, and rallied their way into the semi-final game of actual tournament play.

The Falcons came out with a 4 – 3 record during pool play and lost to Valley Christian during the semi-final game.

"(The tournament) was a great chance for me to see how well the team could come together," said coach Jen Kearns. "We know where are strengths are, and it was a huge confidence booster for the girls to realize that they can play with them all."

The Lady Falcons will face off at home Friday, Sept. 4 against White Sulphur Springs and are looking to better their communication beforehand.

"We had some rotations where our communication wasn't as strong, so we're really going to focus on that," said Kearns.

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Expect Labor Day DUI patrols

Submitted by Charity Watt
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Law enforcement agencies across Montana will deploy extra patrols to prevent impaired driving during the final weeks of summer. Saturation patrols for DUI enforcement are set for Aug. 21, through Labor Day, Sept. 7. The extra patrols are funded by grants to city and county jurisdictions and the Montana Highway Patrol from the Montana Department of Transportation.

"Every year, close to 100 people die in alcohol-related crashes on Montana roads," said Mike Tooley, the director of the Montana Department of Transportation. "Every time an impaired driving crash shatters a life and breaks a family apart, the impact is even more tragic because we know it could have been prevented."

Increased law enforcement presence, especially in conjunction with holiday celebrations that typically include alcohol are one prong of Vision Zero - to reach zero deaths and zero serious injuries on Montana's roadways.

The Labor Day impaired driving crackdown is part of the national law enforcement effort, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled

Over 20 law enforcement agencies across the state will participate. During the crackdown, the Montana Highway Patrol's specialized DUI Safety Enforcement Traffic Team will patrol Flathead County from Aug. 18 through Aug. 25, and Missoula and Ravalli counties Sept. 1 through Sept. 7.

Research studies show high visibility enforcement is effective in reducing impaired driving crashes. A report released late last year found a direct correlation between the number of traffic stops and the reduced incidence of impaired driving, as well as lower blood alcohol levels among those drivers who tested positive for blood alcohol content.

"Because it influences driver behavior, enforcement is one of our most effective tools to reach Vision Zero," said Tooley. "When it comes to death and injury on our roadways, zero is the only number that is acceptable."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that high-visibility enforcement can reduce alcohol related driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent.

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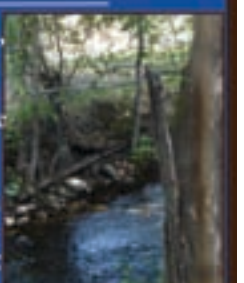
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Stay safe on the roads Labor Day weekend

Submitted by Lynn Lowder
MADISON COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

Labor Day weekend is almost here and it is considered one of the most deadly weekends of the year. Labor Day weekend is the ending to the 100 most deadly days for teens, which begins with Memorial Day. The Madison County DUI Task Force would like to put out a few reminders to increase your survivability when driving during

these higher crash times. Do not drive impaired, driving impaired increases the odds you will have a crash. Driving impaired puts everyone at risk; it is the number one crime that causes death in Madison County. Before drinking, establish a designated driver or arrange for alternative transportation this will help keep everyone safe. Every year lives are lost needlessly on our roads because of impaired drivers.

Remember, impaired does not necessarily mean drunk, just affected. Be a defensive driver and expect other people to make errors, defensive driving in part is giving yourself enough space and time so if something unexpected happens you have time to react before a crash happens.

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Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 55 to 65. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 50 to 60.

Monday



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Top left: Hal's book of poems; Bottom left: Hal (front right) and his high school basketball team; Right: Hal Pasley sits at his bar in his home, which was made for him by a friend.

A century in the making

Ennis man to celebrate 105th birthday this fall

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"Lets go to the bar!" Hal said as he made his way from his back patio overlooking the Madison River to his 70s style, shag carpet covered bar.

In Hal Pasley's house, happy hour is a necessity. His drink of choice – a vodka tonic with a splash of lime juice.

"(Happy hour) is the time of day I most look forward to!" Hal laughed.

Although happy hour is a necessity, it has never been about the drinks for Hal.

"I just enjoy sitting at the bar and visiting with all my friends," he said.

Hal and his second wife, Lucy, started happy hour after they were married in 1978, and it has since become tradition. As Hal would say, he doesn't send out invitations; friends and neighbors just show up between 4 and 5 p.m. on average four nights a week.

"I enjoy the companionship," Hal said, drink in hand.

Hal was born on Nov. 12, 1910, and will celebrate his 105th birthday this fall.

Early life

At the young age of two,

Hal, the youngest of four, and his family moved from Missouri to Ennis, where his father had purchased a small, 160-acre farm. They had everything from cattle and pigs to geese and ducks. They even had pigeons.

"My dad was a hard worker and we started helping him as soon as we were big enough," Hal said.

The family normally had between 12 and 15 cows that needed to be milked every morning before the rest of the chores could be done.

"We had to get up at 4 a.m. to go milk the cows before we could finish anything else and before we went to school," Hal said.

Not a fan of the cows or the milking, Hal most enjoyed the bum lambs he and his brother would care for every spring.

"They were my favorite because they showed so much affection and would follow you around like a puppy dog," he said.

After the farm chores were done and school had been let out for the day, Hal played ball – basketball, that is. Hal became quite the ball player, excelling as both an athlete and a coach.

"There's nothing I disliked. I enjoyed it all and I still do," Hal said of his

favorite aspect of the game.

Basketball

After high school, Hal went on to college at the University of Montana Western, where he played four years of basketball, earning the most valuable player title as well as two years of all-conference recognition.

After college, he taught junior high for four years – two years in Cardwell and two years in Harlowton. Hal coached an independent basketball team while teaching in Harlowton in 1934, and they took home a state title.

"Anyone could play in the independent league," he said. "They didn't turn anyone away."

After four years of teaching, Hal moved to Butte, where he opened his own business – a Cadillac and Buick car dealership. He owned and operated the dealership for 15 years before selling the business and returning to the southwest corner of the state.

Upon his return in the early 40s, Ennis' high school basketball coach had been drafted into the war and Hal was happy to fill in.

"I asked the young doctor in town during that time if he would take football and I would coach basketball," he said.

Hal still remembers his "first five" as he calls them – a group he's now managed to outlive. According to him, they were the best of the best.

"Those guys could play with any team in the state. They were my best team and they were some good ball players," he said.

Although he's lost most of his eyesight, Hal still enjoys following the game. He's a Phoenix Suns fan.

"It takes both good players and a good coach to make a good team," he said. "That's why I like the Suns ... and because Lucy and I used to spend six months out of the year in Phoenix."

Ennis: the biggest little town

When Hal sold the dealership in Butte, he returned with every intention of going back to school for his graduate and doctorate degrees.

"I wanted to teach at the college level, and I fully intended on going back to school," he said.

But shortly after returning, he got sucked in by Ennis' main attraction – fishing.

"I got into fishing, both fly-fishing and spin fishing, and my friends started calling on me and I just

lost interest," said Hal.

Fishing wasn't his only hobby.

"I love to dance," he said.

Hal and Lucy would go dancing every Saturday night, and in the summer, would travel to Whitehall where there was usually a band.

"We just loved to dance and we spent a lot of time doing it," Hal said.

When Hal and Lucy weren't dancing or busy looking after their three children, they were operating a hardware store and the Mobil service station, which eventually became the Ennis Garage. The two even held down a small ranch for a while before selling it to focus on the business.

Hal was pivotal in the development and operation of lower Ennis. He served as the chamber president, was a charter member of the Lions Club, worked on the city council and served on the hospital board, all while supporting a family and owning a business open seven days a week.

Poetry

Hal wrote his first poem for his wife, Lucy, who passed away after his 100th birthday. Shortly after, he began

composing more and more, and soon had a collection that his family turned into a book.

"My kids' favorite is a poem about the Fourth of July parade," he said.

It comes as no surprise that he's a natural and can still recite most all the poems he's ever composed. In fact, happy hour isn't complete without a poetry reading, or three, by Hal.

Friends and family

For his 100th birthday, Hal was treated to a surprise party including a live band, two members of his "first five," endless friends and family, including his senior companion, Anita Ames.

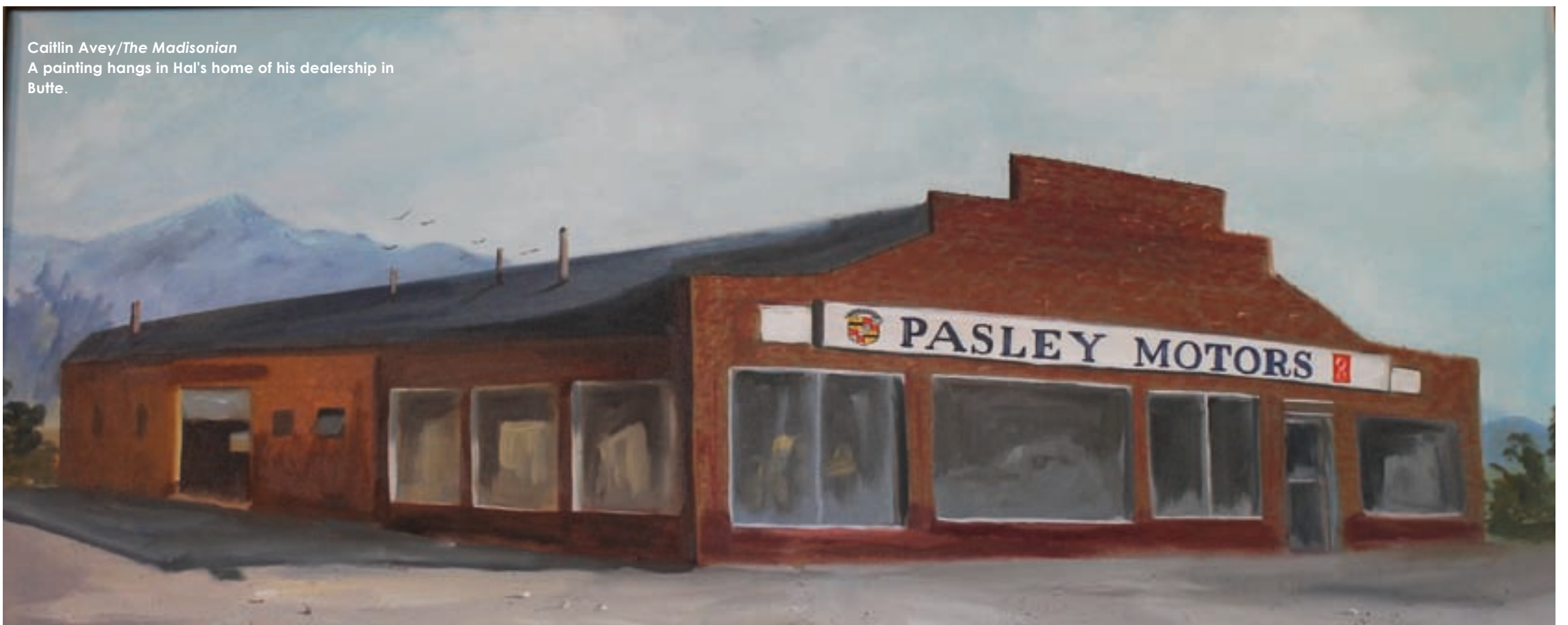
Anita visits Hal three days a week, bringing him his mail, helping with his banking and having lunch, and joins in for the occasional happy hour.

"She makes life much more pleasant," Hal said of having Anita around.

"She's part of the family." Anita has been with the senior companion program for 14 years and equally enjoys her time spent with Hal. They tell stories, Hal will recite a poem or two, they visit about the world and it gives

Turn to PASLEY on pg. B7

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
A painting hangs in Hal's home of his dealership in Butte.



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Back to school sleep tips

Submitted by Katie Kovaleski
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School has either just started for most kids or is rapidly approaching in the next few weeks. Katie Kovaleski, a Family Sleep Institute certified child sleep consultant and founder of Anytime Sleep Consulting, gives her tips to help settle families back into the school routine. The following is from Kovaleski: I frequently use family

meetings during consultations especially when working with toddlers age 2 1/2 and above. Family meetings are a great way to get everyone on the same page and for the younger children, while they may not be able to fully engage in a complete conversation, it is nice to be able to chat with them about what is going to happen and I also include visuals to help further their understanding. It is also a really great way of getting parents on

the same page when you have to explain something out loud and break down the pieces, it can really help to eradicate any misunderstandings that might have otherwise occurred. **Call a family meeting**
- Before the meeting, establish what you would like to discuss – for a back to school family meeting, establish things like schedule changes, the new morning and nighttime routine if there will be any changes made

(like picking out clothes the night before, having a homework check at a certain time, packing clothes for after school activities and more).
- Let all of the family members know the morning ahead that there will be a family meeting, including when and where. Example: Family meeting tonight, living room, 5 p.m., snacks will be provided.
- Create visuals for the meeting. A great way to do this is either with a poster

board or wipe erase board. You can make one for the whole family or little ones for each member. This is a great thing to let the child help decorate if you would like to hang it in their room later on.
- Make sure you have specific goals that you can articulate to your child. Example: Bedtime will be moved 15 minutes earlier this week before school starts so everyone will be able to easily adjust to the earlier wake up time in the morning.

Or: We will pick out and lay your clothes on this chair each night so they are ready for the morning and we will do this five minutes before bath time. It is very helpful to work in things like that into the nighttime routine so it becomes habit very quickly
- Have fun with it. Help your children get excited about returning to school and list at the top of the board one thing they are each looking forward to about starting this school year.

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Tips to get kids excited to learn

Submitted by StatePoint

Many kids love the prospect of learning, while others may need a bit of motivation. But parents can get kids on board with a little encouragement and creativity to make learning fun. Here are some ideas to get kids excited to learn.

Library visits

By making a run-of-the-mill trip to the library seem like a true adventure, kids will associate books with

intrigue at an impressionable age. The librarian can point out the best titles for inspiring learning and fun.

Time visits to occur during your local branch's storytelling hour or other early childhood programming. Also, be sure to sign your child up for a personal library card, which will be a source of pride at the circulation desk and put them on the path of reading enrichment.

Learning tablets

Web access and

communication apps, which kids can use to exchange messages with friends and family, are limited to protect children, and parents are free to manage these controls.

Board game night

After dinner, gather round the table a second time. From classic word games that challenge one to stretch the limits of his or her vocabulary, to trivia games testing science and world history knowledge, board games have the potential to bring the family together

and also to educate. Be sure to check the box for age-appropriate guidance.

Sweeten the deal

Consider creating a rewards chart where children can track their progress as they meet learning goals. It can be an effective way to motivate kids to try new ways of learning and work hard to reach a goal.

To make learning a priority in your home, get kids on board. They will be inspired when they see that learning can be fun.

Helping your child with test-taking

Submitted by Kids.gov

You can be a great help to your child if you will observe these tips about tests and testing:

Do talk to your child about testing. It is helpful for children to understand why schools give tests and to know the different kinds of tests they will take.

- Explain that tests are yardsticks that teachers, schools, school districts and even states use to measure what and how they teach and how well students are learning what is taught. Most tests are designed and given by teachers to measure students' progress in a course. These tests are associated with the grades on report cards. The results tell the teacher and students whether they are keeping up with the class, need extra help or are ahead of other students.
- The results of some tests tell schools that they need to strengthen courses or change teaching methods. Still other tests compare students by schools, school districts or cities. All tests determine how well a child is doing in the areas measured by the tests.
- Tell your child that occasionally, he will take "standardized" tests. Explain

that these tests use the same standards to measure student performance across the state or even across the country. Every student takes the same test according to the same rules. This makes it possible to measure each student's performance against that of others.

- Do encourage your child. Praise her for the things that she does well. If your child feels good about herself, she will do her best on a test. Children who are afraid of failing are more likely to become anxious when taking tests and more likely to make mistakes.
- Do meet with your child's teacher as often as possible to discuss his progress. Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to help prepare for tests and to improve your child's understanding of schoolwork.
- Do make sure that your child attends school regularly. Remember, tests reflect children's overall achievement. The more effort and energy your child puts into learning, the more likely it is that he will do well on tests.
- Do provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure that your child is well rested on school days and

especially on the day of a test. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.

- Do provide books and magazines for your child to read at home. By reading new materials, a child will learn new words that might appear on a test. Ask your child's teacher for lists of books for outside reading or get suggestions from your local library.

Here are some things not to do.

- Do not get upset because of a single test score. Many things can influence how your child does on a test. She might not have felt well on test day or she might have been too nervous to concentrate. She might have had an argument with a friend before the test or she might have been late to school because the school bus got caught in traffic. Remember, one test is simply one test.
- Do not place so much emphasis on your child's test scores that you lose sight of her well being. Too much pressure can affect her test performance. In addition, she may come to think that you will only love her if she does well on tests.
- Do not have your child develop test anxiety. It is good for your child to be concerned about taking a test. It is not good for him to develop "test anxiety."

Test anxiety is worrying too much about doing well on a test. It can mean disaster for your child. Students with test anxiety can worry about success in school and about their future success. They can become very self-critical and lose confidence in their abilities. Instead of feeling challenged by the prospect of success, they

become afraid of failure. If your child worries too much about taking tests, you can help to reduce the anxiety by encouraging the child to do the following things.

- Plan ahead. Start studying for the test well in advance. Make sure that you understand what material the test will cover. Try to make connections about what will be on the test and what you already know. Review the material more than once.
- Do not cram the night before. This will likely increase your anxiety, which will interfere with clear thinking. Get a good night's sleep.
- When you get the test, read the directions carefully before you begin work. If you do not understand how to do something, ask the teacher to explain.
- Look quickly at the entire text to see what types of questions are on it (multiple choice, matching, true/false, essay). See if different questions are worth different numbers of points. This will help you to determine how much time to spend on each part of the test.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, skip it and go on. Do not waste time worrying about one question. Mark it and, if you have time at the end of the test, return to it and try again.

After the Test
Your child can learn a great deal from reviewing a graded exam paper. Reviewing will show him where he had difficulty and, perhaps, why. This is especially important for classes in which the material builds from one section to the next, as in math. Students who have not mastered the basics of math are not likely to be able to work with fractions, square roots, beginning algebra and so on.

Discuss the wrong answers with your child and find out why he chose the answers. Sometimes a child did not understand or misread a question. Or, he may have known the correct answer but failed to make his answer clear. You and your child should read and discuss all comments that the teacher writes on a returned test. If any comments are not clear, tell your child to ask the teacher to explain them.

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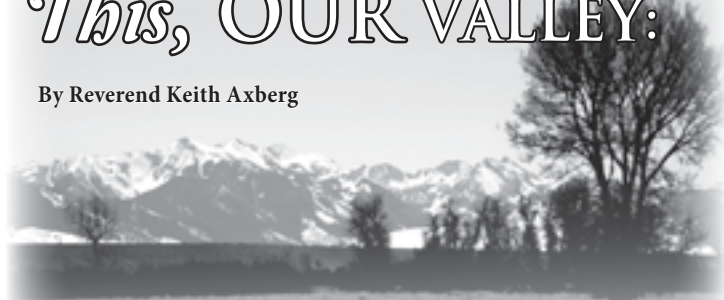


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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



Away From the Valley

Your throne, O God, endures forever. Psalm 45

Barb and I are finally home from our summer vacation. We had gone over to the Seattle area to visit our kids and family, see the sights and enjoy a little R&R from the daily grind of living in paradise.

Despite the fires in the state of Washington, our trip west hadn't been too bad. The air was a bit hazy, but the fires hadn't reached their peak yet. The weather was typically hot as we began our excursion in the heady dog days of summer. We spent the first night in Wenatchee, Wash., taking a break from the drive and wanting to enjoy the glorious trip through Stevens Pass during the cooler, prettier hours of morning.

It was late afternoon when we found a motel in which to spend the night, but the room wasn't ready. The clerk suggested we go get a bite to eat and come back, if we were hungry. Since being hungry is my normal state of being (the chief means of determining at any time whether or not I am alive and/or awake) we decided to do that.

The hotelier suggested a couple of options a "block or two away," so we decided to hoof it (and give my fitness tracker something to count).

Well, I hate to complain or suggest the folks in Wenatchee have a wicked sense of humor or lack of understanding of what entails a block or two, but we walked for a while and never came close to the suggested eateries, whereupon we turned around, hiked back to the hotel, got into the car, and made the journey the old fashioned way (by horseless carriage). Did I mention we were near triple digits and Amazonian rain forest levels of humidity?

Well, we finally got our meal (which was served at a glacially slow pace), returned once again to the hotel where we secured our room, and melted into a puddle of goo that was eventually restored to human form the next morning around dawn. We ate the rubber-egg and smelly-foot sausage breakfast the hotel had prepared for the guests, then checked out and hit the

road. To borrow a line from my good friend Bill over in Virginia City, we decided the best view of Wenatchee is from the rear view mirror of the car.

Anyway, we continued our journey traveling across the Cascade Mountains through Stevens Pass, which is one of the prettiest drives one can imagine. Highway 2 is a cute, little two-lane blacktop that winds through the forested hills along the Wenatchee River and passing through quaint villages such as Cashmere and Leavenworth on the up-drive, and then down the west side of the pass through Monroe and on into Everett.

One of the things that makes the route so delightful, beyond the sheer beauty and majesty of the Alpine-like peaks and valleys, is the fact that so few people travel the old highway. Most folks cross the state down along Interstate 90, and why not? It's a lot faster, there are more lanes to choose from, and it is easier to get around all the big rigs and campers that clog the roads in summertime.

While speed is nice, and lord knows my foot gets heavier on the accelerator the closer I get to my destination, the fact of the matter is I enjoy the more leisurely pace of the old highways; I enjoy passing through the small towns and villages that dot the landscape, providing victuals for the weary traveler, places to gas up the car and shops in which one can while away the time checking out locally grown or crafted goodies.

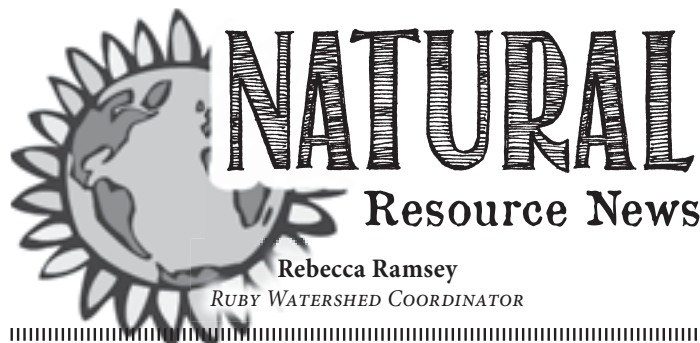
I like a road that actually requires a driver to actually "drive" – accelerating, decelerating and steering around bends, curves and blind spots; watching for wildlife and hikers alike; climbing up into the bright sunlight on the hills, and down into the valleys with their dark shadows. Now that is driving!

At the end of the highway, of course, was our destination. Our trip didn't end there, naturally; it had really only just begun. And that is a parable of life, isn't it? We are always on a journey, and even when we arrive, there is still more that lies before us, and that's when the fun really begins in this, our valley – and beyond.

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WILD LICORICE –

Glycyrrhiza lepidota Pursh

When Swiss engineer George deMestral developed the hook and loop fasteners we commonly refer to as Velcro after close examination of burrs on his dog's fur after a trip to the Alps ... the burrs he studied must have been from Wild Licorice and his dog must have been a poodle! (Okay – the story is true, but the plant and dog species are only speculated!)

This widely distributed native plant belongs to the legume family, growing typically in rich, moist, well drained soils, along streams and ditches, in pastures and prairies and on disturbed ground. It is a perennial that reproduces both from its deep rhizomanous root system and from its seed pod which are the distinctive large brown burrs that are covered with stout, hooked prickles. The licorice grows up to 3 feet tall, with yellowish white flowers that bloom from June through August, and are shaped like that of an alfalfa flower. You'll notice the brown, drying burrs from August through October.

This plant also goes by the name American Licorice, licorice-root and dessert root. While this plant may not be my personal favorite, it seems to be useful and has been widely used for livestock and wildlife forage, food, drink and medicine.

USDA analysis indicates that licorice produces highly digestible, nutritious forage comparable to alfalfa. Deer and pronghorn consume the foliage. Birds and rodents eat the seeds, and pocket gophers consume the roots. The plant does spread aggressively and the burrs easily become entangled in the fur of animals, and can reduce the value of sheep's wool.

The roots can be eaten raw but traditionally were roasted in coals, then pounded to remove the tough fibers before eaten. Lewis and Clark compared their flavor to that of sweet potatoes. Wild licorice has been used to flavor candy, root beer and chewing tobacco.

The Native American tribes across our region used wild licorice medicinally.

The Blackfeet were known to boil roots for tea to relieve coughs, chest pain and sore throats. The Lakota used the root as medicine for flu. The Cheyenne drank tea made from peeled, dry roots for diarrhea and upset stomach. The Dakota steeped the leaves in boiling water to make a topical medicine for earache, and also chewed raw roots and held them in the mouth to relieve toothache, and swallowed the juice to improve singing ability. The Sioux also chewed leaves and then used them as a poultice on

horses with sore backs.

Due to the deep root system of the plant, which can extend up to 12 feet in prairie soil, it is recognized for soil binding capabilities and erosion control. It is adaptable and has been used in mine reclamation sites in North Dakota.

As I spend the time untangling the burrs from my dogs' fur this weekend, I'll try to keep in mind this plant's many useful features to keep my positive attitude, and remember to avoid it when we are on the river next time!



Charlie's Angel, part two

By Charlie Rossiter

If you remember, we left off last time in the middle of the tale about Charlie's Angel – a less-than-angelic miniature



Charlie Rossiter

horse we briefly had to deal with. We'll pick back up where the story left off – I had just purchased

hay for the

miniature horse and we thought our troubles were over ... oh, contraire.

A couple of weeks later I noticed that the owners were back and got a chance to talk to them for a couple of minutes. They explained that they had moved to Anaconda and were in the process of getting all their belongings moved there. They asked if the horse could stay a little longer as they were trying to locate pasture for it. I agreed to this reluctantly, and they left. A week later, I looked out to see them loading the hay into the back of a borrowed pickup truck and heading out. I thought it was rather cheeky and presumptuous on

their part to remove the hay without at least asking to pay for it or announcing the fact they were in the backyard. But I was thrilled to think that Angel would be leaving for good and we could get back to normal. I didn't give much thought about it till a couple of days later when the ASPCA paid us another visit. She was still under the impression that we were starving the horse. I explained that we had purchased the ton of hay for the horse and that the owners were in the process of moving the horse to Anaconda. She asked me where the hay was and I told her the owners had moved it a couple of days earlier. She looked at me and asked why they didn't take the horse with the hay and I didn't have a good answer. She looked at me with disbelief. After she left, I called the owner and asked what their intentions were toward the horse and the situation we were in. The mother explained that she had not found a place to board the horse but was still in the process of looking. I asked her why she had taken the hay and she replied that

our neighbor had told her that the hay was rotten and had to be discarded. I was beside myself and fired back at her something about getting Angel away by the weekend. With that, the phone call ended while I steamed around the collar. I never had an opportunity to speak with her again.

At this juncture in the story, I took it upon myself to relocate the horse and started to ask people if they would be interested in a very friendly miniature horse, that wasn't broke and had never been ridden. Funny thing is, I didn't have many takers (none to be exact). I finally heard somewhere of a gal who had a menagerie of animals consisting of bum lambs, calves, rabbits and more that had been orphaned or abandoned and I thought I'd give her a call. I called her up and explained my dilemma, and wondered if she might be interested in a slightly unused horse. She immediately saw dollar signs, and said she wasn't interested. About this point in the conversation, I started to grovel and beg with a whine emanating in my

throat. I asked her if she might reconsider if a settlement might be worked out. She recanted and said she would take the horse under the condition I purchase a ton of hay for her "farm." At this point in the venture, I would have thrown in a whole damn haystack to rid myself of the fly packing demon who was residing in our back yard. We agreed on the deal and I proceeded to take care of my end of it. I was possibly the happiest person in town as I saw the horse leaving the shelter of our backyard for its new domicile. A month later, the young girl showed up and wondered where her horse was. I felt terrible explaining that we had given the horse away and told her where the horse now resided. I'm not sure what course of action she arrived at, and frankly I just don't care. The horse never sent me a card to let me know its address or to wish me a Merry Christmas, and upon looking back now I'd probably have done it all over again. As W.C. Fields said, "There's one born every minute."

Commodity Insite: Stocks and commodities are hammered

by Jerry Welch

The first day of this week was dubbed Black Monday due to the collapse seen with global stock markets. China's benchmark exchange in Shanghai fell 8 percent to start things off. When news spread about the wreck underway in China, U.S. equities soon followed suit with sharp declines seen with all other major stock markets as well. And by the close of trading on the first day of the week, Dow Jones futures were down 758 points to close at 15,285, the lowest settlement since November 2014.

History shows that a poor close on a Friday, for any market including stocks, oftentimes leads to further losses on a Monday. The week leading up to Black Monday saw the Dow fall 360 points on

Thursday and 450 on Friday. Thus, the 758 point white-knuckle decline seen Monday was alluded to the previous week. And the weakness, and panic selling carried over to the commodity markets as represented by the CRB Index that fell to a new, 13 year low.

However, after stocks and commodities took a drubbing, both markets began to stabilize and rallied sharply into week's end. The Dow rallied a whopping 1399 points from the Monday low to the Friday high. The CRB Index jumped more than 1,000 points off the early week low to the Friday high. In any measure, the dramatic recovery for both markets was historic. It was also quite bullish.

It was indeed a history-making week for stocks.

From Bloomberg News: "By one metric, investors would have to go back 75 years to find the last time the S&P 500's losses were this abrupt. Bespoke Investment Group observed that the S&P 500 has closed more than four standard deviations below its 50-day moving average for the third consecutive session. That's only the second time this has happened in the history of the index. May 15, 1940, marked the end of the last three-session period in which this occurred."

In light of the huge collapse seen with stocks and commodities followed by a breathtaking relief rally, what should investors, traders and agricultural producers expect moving forward? My guess is that both markets have carved out meaningful lows from

which values can recover. It is doubtful that Dow futures will anytime soon test the 15,285 level. It is equally doubtful the CRB Index will slip south of the 285.00. Both markets will frustrate the bulls as rallies fail. The bears will be just as frustrated as weakness will lack follow through.

Stocks will continue to worry about the Fed and, if and when interest rates will be hiked. Worries over China will persist. A great deal of damage has been done to the psychology investors, which means rallies will be sold rather than breaks being bought. Expect the Dow to remain above 15,000 but below 18,000 into January. Commodities per se certainly have the potential to rally into the end of the year if the low set this week is not

violated to the downside. Still, the problems plaguing hard assets remain place. To repeat myself from an earlier column: "For commodities per se to find a bottom from which to stage a meaningful and sustainable rally several fundamentals must surface. First and foremost, the Chinese economy has to improve. Secondly, as the U.S. economy continues to improve amid job creation, wages and salaries have to rise. Finally, supply-demand must come into balance as there are no shortages for any commodity. If anything, there are surpluses everywhere. Unless or until those fundamentals lock into place, the line of least resistance for hard asset markets is lower to sharply lower."

What could surface in the period ahead to push stocks

and commodities below the depressed levels seen early this week? What could unfold that sends both markets sharply higher, recovering the ground lost over the past two months? Those questions can be best answered by a quote from Harold Macmillan, conservative politician and publisher that served six years as British Prime Minister from 1957 to 1963.

He was once asked what was the most difficult thing about his job. He replied, "Events, my dear boy, events." Now it is his famous reply. I'm guessing the fate of stocks and commodities with one market at a 17 month low and the other at a 13 year low now rest with events, happenings, circumstances and incidents going into the final months of the year.

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Buffalo Chicken Mini Bites

What You Need

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 oz package ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 c sour cream
- 1/2 c cooked chicken breast, finely diced
- 1/3 c celery, finely diced
- 3/4 c shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- 30 mini fillo shells (2 packages)
- 1/3 c Buffalo wing sauce
- 1 spring onion, sliced

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese, dressing mix, sour cream, chicken, celery and 1/2 cup cheese.
- Spoon mixture into fillo shells.
- Top each with wing sauce and sprinkle with 1/4 cup of remaining cheese.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
- Remove from oven. Sprinkle with sliced spring onion. Serve immediately.
- Makes 30 snacks.

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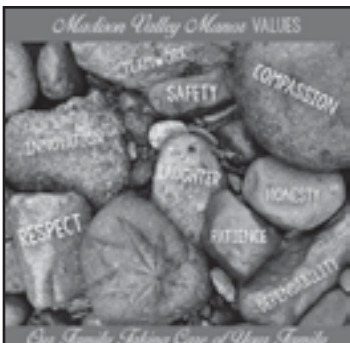
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Vaccine storage in a work setting: Are we just punching holes in the hide?

By Billy Whitehurst
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-EXTENSION, MADISON AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

With the season for giving pre-weaning shots to our cattle just heating up, there are some pointers that we all need to keep in mind. If you have ever experienced digestive upset, listen up and pay attention. There is a chance you are a one-cooler kind of person. While monogamy is considered to be a good thing in some areas of life, it may not be when it comes to coolers. Ask any food safety expert, and they will tell you if you go on a picnic, take two coolers – one for food and one for drinks. The drink cooler gets opened constantly, making it harder to keep it cool. Now, let's say you only took one cooler to that picnic. It was a hot day, the cooler lid was opened constantly to keep the cold drinks flowing. The cooler kept getting warmer, and that potato salad kept getting warmer too. That digestive upset you're feeling is starting to make a little more sense, huh?

That same principle applies to keeping vaccines cool while you are chute-side or in the branding pen. If you only have one cooler to open every time you need to fill your shotgun (an adjustable dosage repeater syringe, for those who demand proper diction), just remember our potato salad lesson. It is time to rethink our cooler monogamy.

Recently, there has been a lot of information being put out to producers on vaccine handling and storage. There is one article that everyone should read if you have access to the internet, you can check it out at the following link:

<http://www.cals.uidaho.edu/edComm/pdf/PNW/PNW637.pdf>

If you do not have access to the internet, send me a self-addressed and stamped envelope and I will send you a copy. At this point, I know you are filled with the kind of suspense that could only be rivaled by watching an old Alfred Hitchcock movie, so I won't ruin the ending by telling you what the article says about vaccine storage.

Keeping vaccine cool

The cattle industry loses \$900 million a year to disease, and vaccines account for approximately \$15 per-head per-year for a typical cow/calf producer, so let's not waste our money. We know to keep our vaccine in a cooler while out in the field and that we want it stored between 35-45 degrees Fahrenheit. But does keeping the vaccine in the cooler matter, if we constantly open the thing every time a calf gets dragged to the fire?

This past spring, I was determined to answer

that very question. I took advantage of three brandings to begin comparing different methods of storing vaccines in a working setting.

At the first branding, I learned that an ambient air temperature of 80 degrees on a sunny day would result in the surface of a flatbed pickup being 100 degrees. The producer at the first branding has a practice of always using two coolers. He had one hard-sided cooler to store unmixed vaccine and one to store shotguns and mixed vaccine. One cooler was only opened to pull out fresh bottles of vaccine and it was stored in the shade under the truck. Once vaccine bottles were mixed, they were placed in a separate lunchbox-sized cooler, along with the shotguns. This smaller cooler was kept on the back of the truck because, let's face it, in a branding pen, it's a handy place to keep it. Each cooler had cold packs to keep the vaccine cool. This method kept the stored vaccine at a temperature of 35-40 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the entire eight hours that we gathered, branded, broke for lunch and branded another group of calves. When we started branding at 9 a.m., the cooler that held the syringes and the mixed vaccine was 40 degrees. By the end of the day it was 65 degrees.

At first, this may seem like it was too warm in the syringe cooler, but we have to remember that each 50-dose vial was only in the syringe cooler for approximately one hour, which means the first doses used were closer to storage temperature and the last doses used were most likely no warmer than 65 degrees. According to what we know about a vaccine's chemical structure, at the time of injection, the vaccine should have still been viable because it wasn't above any critical temperature for long enough to lose efficacy. This could have been improved even more if we had added fresh cold packs midway through the branding.

This scenario was repeated at branding number two on an overcast 75 degree day. At the end of the day, the inside of the syringe cooler was 54 degrees. Again, we should have kept the integrity of the vaccine intact on this day as well. In these two cases, we weren't just punching holes in the hide – the vaccine was adequately stored and we went home feeling good that we had given effective and viable vaccine.

The third branding was on a sunny 80 degree day. All vaccines and syringes were stored in the same, dark-colored, soft-sided cooler, and of course, cold packs were placed in the cooler to keep things cool. The cooler was kept on the back of a truck during gathering, and then placed on the ground at the edge of the branding pen

in the sun. At the start, the temperature in the cooler had already reached 65 degrees and because the cooler was opened and closed so often, the cooler had reached 75 degrees within one hour and was at 80 degrees by the end of two hours, where it stayed for another two hours. Were we just punching holes in the hide and giving the calves an unviable vaccine? Maybe not at the beginning, but by the end it may be a different story. We know this vaccine was warmer than it should have been for far too long. This is not to criticize the producer at the third branding – in fact, I would have to say that looking back on my life, branding number three may be more the norm than the exception when it comes to the spring and fall workings of cattle.

Even though I only took observations at three brandings, the data I collected is enough to make us think about how many and what types of coolers we need to be packing to the chute or the branding pen. Shannon Williams, University of Idaho Extension educator in Lemhi County, compared the storage temperatures between hard-sided, soft-sided and Styrofoam coolers and found that hard-sided coolers were most effective at maintaining the proper temperatures. Coolers will also maintain proper temperature best when packed with cold packs on the sides as well, rather than just putting cold packs on the bottom.

Keeping vaccine warm

We've been focusing on keeping vaccine cool enough, but when we're working cattle in the late fall and winter, we need to be conscious of vaccines getting too cold. Freezing will alter the entire chemical structure of most vaccines and a vaccine should never be used once it has been frozen. Some guidelines to follow to keep vaccines warm enough in cold weather are as follows:

- At temperatures between 35-45 degrees Fahrenheit, place the vaccine in the cooler with no cold or heat packs and store coolers in the shade.

- Two cups of boiling water in a glass jar placed in a hard-sided cooler should keep the vaccine above 35 degrees for four and half hours when it is 29 degrees outside, but will only keep it above 35 degrees for three hours if it is 13 degrees outside.

Take home points

- Follow all suggestions in the article "Cattle Vaccine Handling and Management Guidelines." This article can be found at: <http://www.cals.uidaho.edu/edComm/pdf/PNW/PNW637.pdf>

- Take two hard-sided coolers to the processing area: one for unmixed and stored vaccine, and one for mixed vaccine and syringes.

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Hal something to look forward to each week. "He's just a wonderful man and easy to talk to," Anita said. Hal's daughter, Hallie, spends a couple months out of the year visiting her dad in Ennis, and said she finds comfort knowing he has Anita close by. "She looks after dad and comes to visit, which is really comforting for me," Hallie said. "And we make her come to happy hour every once in a while."

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When asked how he planned to celebrate his birthday this year, Hal said he will spend it the same way he spent his 104th - "sitting around and hoping everyone is having a good time." Family, friends and neighbors will all be in attendance for the big bash and Hal is certain it'll be a good time. "My home, my family and friends are the things I value very, very much," he said. "I'm probably

the luckiest man alive." So what does it take to lead a life of longevity? Hal will tell you it takes

three things: a good hearty breakfast, never to be missed; plenty of exercise, which he still

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Charlie Blue, Hal's neighbor, (left) pours Hal his signature cocktail - vodka tonic with a splash of lime. *Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian*

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 MNAXLP

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 MNAXLP

NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED
TO: Scheitlin, 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 MNAXLP

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 Ameri-

can 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 disburse 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
BAC V. Shrader 42048.833
(Pub. Aug. 27, Sept 3, 10 2015) mk MNAXLP

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 6:00 P.M., ENNIS TOWN HALL BUDGET HEARING
The Town of Ennis will hold a public budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the Ennis Town Hall on September 9, 2015. A copy of the proposed budget can be reviewed at the Ennis Town Hall during normal business hours.
Ginger Guinn
Clerk/Town of Ennis
(Pub. Sept. 3, 10 2015)toe MNAXLP

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from SRI Holdings to alter the channel of the Big Hole River in the vicinity of the High Bridge on the Melrose Road to protect an existing irrigation diversion from erosion and the bridge pier from scour. The project will include: installing protective large rock in the river bottom and along the sides of the river near the bridge to bring the river to a point below the bridge using a rock apron to drop the grade back to the existing stream invert; riprap placed on the east and west sides and under the bridge, tied to the rock apron to prevent erosion; a rock berm with overflow channel on the west side to protect the diversion; and a bioengineered bank placed downstream of the rock ramp on the east side of the river. The project is in the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 29, T 3S, R6W, PMM.
A more precise map and description of the proposal is available for review at the Madison County Planning Department, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Floodplain Administrator by mail: P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; via phone: (406) 843-5250; via fax: (406) 843-5229; or email: cfecchter@madison.mt.gov
Comments will be received through Friday, September 18, 2015. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator Madison County (Pub. Sept. 3, 2015) mcpcb MNAXLP

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to replace the functionally obsolete Blaine Springs Bridge. The bridge will be located 40 feet downstream (north) of the existing bridge, and will include realigned road approaches, removal of the existing bridge abutments and an abandoned center pier, replacement of new bridge abutments, bank armoring, and natural stream bank simulation. The project is located on Varney Road over Blaine Spring Creek, in the NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4, Section 17, T 7S, R 1W.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF MADISON
IN RE ESTATE OF:
SHIRLEY SUE GUSTAFSON, also known as SHIRLEY GUSTAFSON,
Cause No. DP-29-2015-19
The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to GARY K. GUSTAFSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 245 Jeffers Road, Ennis, MT 59729, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated: August 14, 2015
/s/ GARY K. GUSTAFSON
Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA
-SS
COUNTY OF MADISON
GARY K. GUSTAFSON, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ GARY K. GUSTAFSON
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 14th day of August 2015.
/s/ Karen McMullin
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Ennis, MT
My Commission expires: 9/14/2015 (SEAL)
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
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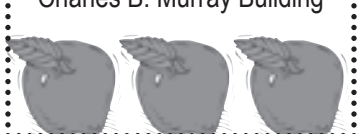
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PUBLIC RELEASE
FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

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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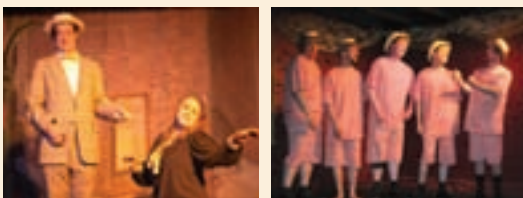
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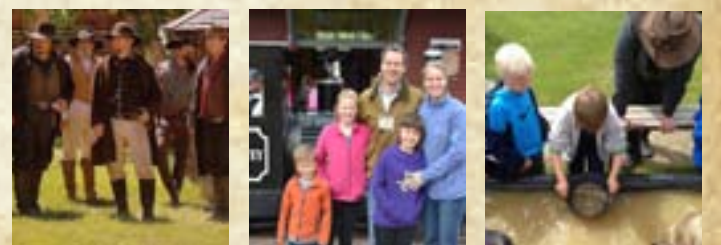
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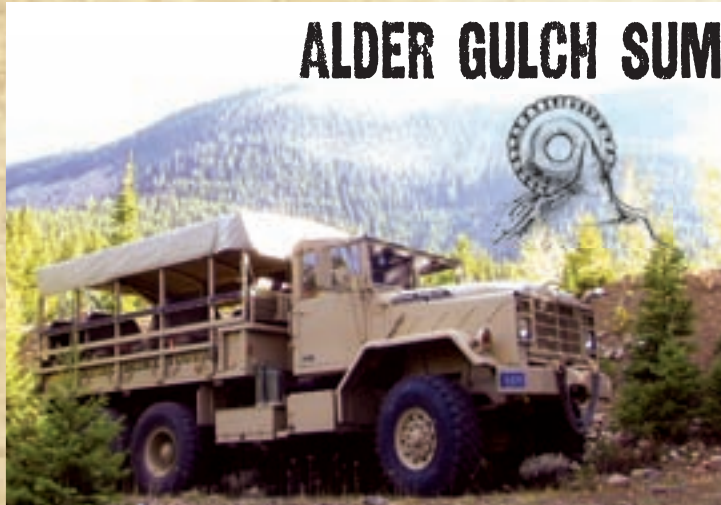
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~Johnny Hall

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~Katie Hall



Thank you JERRY & JOLENE BRUSH for supporting 4-H and buying my 2015 market hog.


Thank you, Jakob Nye

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Thank you RUBY VALLEY NAT'L BANK for buying my pig, Buzz Lightyear, and for your continued support of 4-H.

~Connor Nye



Thank you MCALLISTER INN for supporting 4-H and buying my 2015 market hog.

Thank you, Jackson Nye



Thank you SPANISH Q RANCHES for buying my 2015 market hog.

~ Kurt Funston

Thank you MCLEOD MERCANTILE for buying my red angus steer Curly. I appreciate your continued dedication to the 4-H program. It is businesses like you that make the 4-H sale a success.

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~Megan Martin



Thank you MCALLISTER INN for buying my 2015 market hog, Pork Chops, and for your continued support of 4-H.

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Sincerely, Wylie J. Leo



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 ~Shelbey Klein



Festival custom T-shirts, poster and mugs with Lexi Sundell's design are available at the ENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE or the MADISON RIVER FOUNDATION's office in the Lone Elk Mall.

Festival hats in 3 colors are also available.

Please note the speaker changes. We now have Dave & Emily Whitlock at 11:00 am on Saturday!

ENNIS ON THE MADISON Fly fishing festival 2015
 ennis montana

An event produced by and for the benefit of the Madison River Foundation

Fri. September 4th

- 9 am - 1 pm Kid's Program (Grades 1,2,3) with Wayne and Janelle Phillips
- 11 am - 2 pm Lunch by Alley Bistro - Pizza and beer
- 1 pm - 2 pm Craig Mathews & John Juracek - An open forum
- 1 pm - 5 pm Casting Casino - Casting for Cash
- 2 pm - 3 pm Tim Tollett - Frontier Anglers, Dillon, MT - Fly Fishing in New Zealand
- 2 pm - 4 pm Casting clinic with Bruce Richards, Scientific Anglers/Orvis
- 2 pm - 5 pm Fly Tying: Learn from the experts
- 3 pm - 4pm Trent Sizemore - Taking great fly fishing photos
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm Hank Patterson movie at the Ennis Theater

Sat. September 5th

- 9 am - 5 pm Casting Casino - Casting for Cash
- 9 am - 10 am Kelly Galloup
- 10 am - 11 am Dave Howlett - Kayak fishing
- 10 am - Noon Casting clinic with Ford Rollo
- 11 am - 2 pm BBQ lunch - Burgers and Brats
- 11 am - Noon Travis Morris - Fly fishing for Montana bonefish (carp)
- 11 am - Noon Dave & Emily Whitlock
- Noon - 1 pm Skip Gibson - Spey casting clinic Ennis town Fishing access site
- 1 pm - 2 pm Mike Lawson - Henry's Fork Anglers
- 2 pm - 5 pm Fly Tying - Learn from the experts
- 2 pm - 5 pm Fly Casting competition (John Way, Tackle Shop & Bruce Richards)
 Categories: children, women, angler, and expert
- 2 pm - 3 pm Dan Delektka - Beartooth Fly Fishing
- 3 pm - 4 pm Ralph Cutter - What Do Trout Want?
- 3 pm - 4 pm Be Bear Award - U.S. Forest Service
- 4 pm - 5 pm Jeff Currier -- Four Seasons of the Yellowstone Trout Bum
 Sponsored by Scientific Anglers
- 5 pm - 6 pm Bob Jacklin - Jacklins Fly Fishing
 - History of Fly Fishing & Fly Shops in the West Yellowstone area
- 6 pm Main Street BBQ Ribs and Fixens (John Rolfe, The Alley Bistro)
- 6 pm - 9 pm Live Music by Comstock Lode
- 6 pm - 8 pm Bucket Raffle drawings
- 8 pm Clacka Craft drift boat drawing

All Festival events held in Peter T's Park at the First Madison Valley Bank on Main Street in downtown Ennis, Montana. Note: Schedule is subject to change.

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OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Fall roundup potluck, Ennis

Fall Roundup Pot Luck put on by the women's club - Come dressed in your best western attire. Bring a dish to share for the luncheon. 12 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church.

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.

Open House, Ennis
4th Annual REMAX Mountain Property open house. 4:30 - 7 p.m. Door prizes, food, fun and drinks. 130 E. Main St.

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

Fly Fishing Festival, Ennis
Fly fishing fun for the whole family! See our ad in this edition for a complete schedule of events.

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6-7

Quilt show, Ennis

Third annual big quilt show and sale September 4 - 7 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Over 40 quilts in all sizes. Three miles south of Ennis on Hwy 287 toward Cameron. Watch for signs.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

The Ennis Arts Association will host an outing to the Creighton 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 & Humanities Center with featured artist, Asha.

Ninth annual Wine Fest, Sheridan

Sheridan's Main Street Improvement Team is hosting the ninth annual Wine Fest fundraiser on Sept. 12, in the Sheridan Main Street park, 6 to 9 p.m. Join us to taste wonderful wines and micro brews, sample great food, enjoy live music and bid on fun live and silent auction items. For more information call 842-5790

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Ice cream social, Sheridan

Come enjoy ice cream from the Virginia City Creamery and music from Dave Walker with your neighbors and friends. The event is 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the park next to the library. Please bring a chair.

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

Madison range tour, Ennis

A two-day event showcasing local land stewardship projects. Transportation and meals included for a fee. Registration information online at www.madisoncd.org or by calling Sunni Heikes-Knapton at 682-3181. Fees increase on Sept. 9.

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. at the Elling House. 843-5454.

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.

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Sat 95 - Jon Cheryl
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Do you have an area of expertise, a special skill, talent or hobby that you would like to share? If so, we'd like you to teach for us. Some suggestions for classes are, but not limited to: Bead & Wire Jewelry Making, Dance, Yoga, Cake Decorating, Spanish, and Embroidery or Knitting. All you have to do is submit a proposal telling us about your class. We are always looking for talented instructors with unique class ideas.

Evening or weekend classes are a great way to bring in extra income teaching something you enjoy. If you are interested in submitting a class proposal, email or call Emily McParland at emilym@sheridan.k12.mt.us or 596-9636 for more information

To register for a class call Emily at 842-5302.

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SUNDAY SEPT 6TH: ED NELCH
FRIDAY SEPT 11TH: DAN DUBUQUE
SUNDAY SEPT 13TH: THE BARN BOYS
FRIDAY SEPT 18TH: TONY & JIM
ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES!!

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Friday, September 4 - Sunday, September 7

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City

Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, unless noted, public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Annex Building

TUESDAYS

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City

Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in County Commissioner's conference room in Broadway Annex.

Summer Reading Program, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City

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

WEDNESDAYS

Tennis, Ennis

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

Open Sew, Ennis

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony

7 - 9 p.m. For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

TOPS, Ennis

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

Books and Babies, Ennis

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

Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH

NO meetings June, July or August.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis

SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Sheridan Farmer's Market

4:30 - 6:30 pm at corner of Mill and Main.

Children's Summer Reading Program, Sheridan

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

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis

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

Story Time, Ennis

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

Live Music, Ennis

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

Couples League, Ennis

Madison Meadows. 5 p.m. every Friday. Call pro shop for more info.

SATURDAY

Farmer's Market, Ennis

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

Farmer's Market, Twin Bridges

9 a.m. Main Street City Park

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris

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