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WARDENS AT WORK



Photo courtesy Frank Higgins
From L: Ryan Picken, Shane Brozovich and Jim DeBoer cool down a rescued calf moose by pouring water on it.

FWP game wardens, locals rescue calf moose from barbed wire fence

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A Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game warden's job description is not cut and dry. For instance, last week, Madison Valley game warden Shane Brozovich and Ruby Valley game warden Ryan Picken were hard at work in Sheridan, rescuing a calf moose from a barbed wire fence. "We have no idea how long the calf moose was

stuck there," Brozovich said. "All four legs were caught up in barbed wire." Late afternoon on Tuesday, Sept. 8, Frank Higgins and his wife, Janet, were walking their land outside of Sheridan, heading to a pond to work out their dog. First, they saw a cow moose, then Janet turned to Frank and said, "Look! There's her calf caught in a fence." At first, Frank thought he could cut the calf loose with his leatherman, but he quickly noticed the wire was heavy

and would require bolt cutters. Not to mention, the cow moose was hanging around, reluctant to leave her calf. Frank made a few phone calls, including one to former Ruby Valley FWP game warden Jim DeBoer. Eventually, he called the FWP hotline — 1-800-TIP-MONT and the dispatcher contacted Brozovich. "(Picken) is still training and he was in the Upper Ruby with a game warden out of Dillon, Rick Schmauch," Brozovich said. "Dispatch called me

and I headed over the hill." Picken and Schmauch were leaving the Upper Ruby and met up with Brozovich in Alder, and the three made their way to Sheridan. By that time, DeBoer had returned Frank's call, and joined the three wardens in rescuing the calf. Brozovich said they were able to maneuver their trucks between the cow and her trapped calf. "(DeBoer) cut it loose,"

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FISHING REGULATIONS

FWP extends public's time to comment on proposed fishing regulation changes

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is currently in the process of updating the state's fishing regulations. It is a process that takes place every four years, so the proposed changes are for the 2016-2019 cycle.

"The Madison (River) became a focus," said Joel Tohtz, FWP fisheries management bureau chief in Helena. "A lot of people are invested and concerned about what it will mean to the Madison (River) if the proposals are adopted."

The statewide list of proposals is a 59-page document, but FWP recently released a condensed, three-page explanation of the changes relevant to the Madison River.

"People were having trouble weaving together all the information," Tohtz said.

Year round fishing

Madison County's waterways are located in FWP's central fishing district. The biggest proposal in the central district is to open rivers year round with a few exceptions.

"It sounds like a dramatic change to most people when they hear that," Tohtz said. "Right now in the central district, we have a rule that everything is closed from the end of February through the third weekend in May, except for 47 exceptions. What the new proposal says is that everything is open all year, but there will still be a few exceptions that are closed."

On the Madison River, from Quake Lake to McAtee Bridge and from Ennis Bridge to Ennis Lake has always been closed to fishing from the end of February through the third weekend in May.

"That came out of a 40-year ago or so appropriate fish

management concern to protect spawning trout," Tohtz said, explaining why the seasonal closure was put into practice. "Basically, it was to give the fish a break from angling pressure in the Madison River."

Cameron resident Jim Smith said he does not want that regulation to change.

"I don't want it open year round," he said. "That area is a great spawning area, and if it's open, fishermen will be stepping on redds."

A redd is a fish spawning nest, where eggs are deposited.

Tohtz said there was a time when spawning trout were concentrated in certain places along the Madison River, but that is no longer the case.

"The fish are quite abundant now and they spawn throughout the river from Hebgen all the way to Ennis Lake," he said. "This is really conservative, but there's something like 48 million eggs produced in that stretch of river every year. We think the fishery can sustain additional fishing pressure."

Smith said the health of the fishery is not his only concern.

"We already see bumper-to-bumper boats on this river," he said. "This is supposed to be a blue ribbon river and if it's open year round it's not going to be like that anymore — it will be a black ribbon river, over-fished."

Smith said there is already "too much" traffic on the river and pressure from fishing guides.

"It's ruining the experience of the river," he said. "Of course businesses like hotels, restaurants and fly shops want it open year round for more business."

Catch and release

Many stretches of the Madison River have been catch and release fishing for years, but that would change if another proposal passes, Tohtz said.

"The river has substantial

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ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION: Discussion revolves around sidewalks, alleys

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At the start of the Ennis Town Commission meeting on Sept. 10, a group of Ennis business owners participated in the public comment about non-agenda items.

Their comments revolved around the 'Y' sidewalk project, a Montana Department of Transportation project to install sidewalks around the 'Y,' where MT Highway 287 and U.S. Highway 287 intersect in town.

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

"I'm here as a representation of several people," said John Heckler, who owns a business along the west side of the 'Y.' "We have concerns we must bring to your attention — you guys are the only ones who can amend the sidewalk project."

Heckler said it is his understanding that the town commissioners have the authority to request changes to the MDT project, but private citizens cannot do that.

"Believe me, if we could have modified it, we would have done it by now," he said. "We have been attempting to modify and improve the proposed sidewalk since early this year."

Heckler said he and the group of stakeholders he represents have also requested to be formally placed on a town agenda multiple times, and

have not yet been placed.

"We are in support of sidewalks in general, but we have concerns," he said. "We are requesting that the next two commission meetings include a specific agenda item to discuss and modify the current design."

Following Heckler's comments, Sue France, Chris DiMichele and Joel Shows — who also own businesses along the west side of the 'Y' — commented about safety concerns, questions of liability and confusion about funding.

Since the business owners made their statements on public comment on non-agenda items, the commissioners were not at liberty to respond to those concerns. At the end of the meeting, however, commissioner Brian Vincent brought up that Heckler formally requested to be put on

the next agenda, asking if that was going to happen.

"It would be a huge waste to have a meeting now," said Mayor Becky Vujovich. "It makes more sense to talk about it when (MDT's) plans are done."

Vujovich said MDT is currently working on the final design and they have indicated those designs will most likely be done by January.

"I think they feel neglected and we should have a meeting," commissioner John Bancroft said about the group of business owners who commented. Vujovich said the group has not been neglected — they were invited to a

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The 'Y' is where MT Highway 287 and U.S. Highway 287 intersect in Ennis.

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Brozovich said. "Then it just lay there. It was so worn out from being stuck." Fortunately, Brozovich had water in his truck, and the wardens cooled the calf to calm its labored breathing. "They just poured water on it and rubbed it in its hair and armpits and everything," Frank said. "(The cow moose) stayed about 60 or 80 yards away and let us do our thing."

Brozovich said it took about a half hour for the calf to get to its feet and walk away with its mother. Almost instantly, the animals went into the nearby Ruby River, which Brozovich said is exactly what he hoped they would do.

"My only worry about the calf would be infection," he said. "But it was good they went right in the river – it's good it got washed out."

Brozovich said the Higgins did the right thing in calling 1-800-TIP-MONT.

"We definitely want people calling us," he said.



Photo courtesy Frank Higgins
 Jim DeBoer (L) and Ryan Picken (R) watch the rescued calf moose from across the Ruby River.

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reproduction, good recruitment and benign trout homes," Tohtz said. "We can begin to allow some harvest now."

Tohtz said FWP receives a lot of comments from anglers who want "no kill" fishing, which is often mistaken for catch and release fishing.

"We understand there is some mortality in catch and release, though reduced mortality," Tohtz said. "But the only no kill regulation we can make would be a no fishing regulation."

The issue of moving from a catch and release river to a river where fish can be harvested will not change much on the ground, Tohtz added.

"What we're saying is that

this fishery is so robust now, that if people are inclined to take a fish, there's no reason they shouldn't," he said. "But that's assuming people want to harvest fish, which they don't do in (the Madison River). The general population fishes to catch and release, and they won't notice changes. This would just create certain opportunities for a specific kind of angler ... The Madison (River) has an awful lot of fish. We feel it can withstand some harvest and that it can withstand it for greater portions of the year."

Liz Davis, executive director of the Madison River Foundation submitted a comment to FWP about the proposals.

"Considering all we've been able to learn so far, we don't believe that the proposed

changes to the regulations would violate our goal of protecting the Madison River resource," the comment stated. "However, we also serve our members. From numerous discussions with members, we feel that most support catch and release fishing on this stretch of the river."

The process

The proposals are currently out for public comment, which was initially going to close on Sept. 12, but is now open until Oct. 3.

"We had several requests for more time to comment," Tohtz said.

When the public comment period closes, FWP reads the comments and has time to make changes to the proposals before they go before the

Fish and Wildlife Commission in November. The commission then decides whether or not the proposals will be put into place.

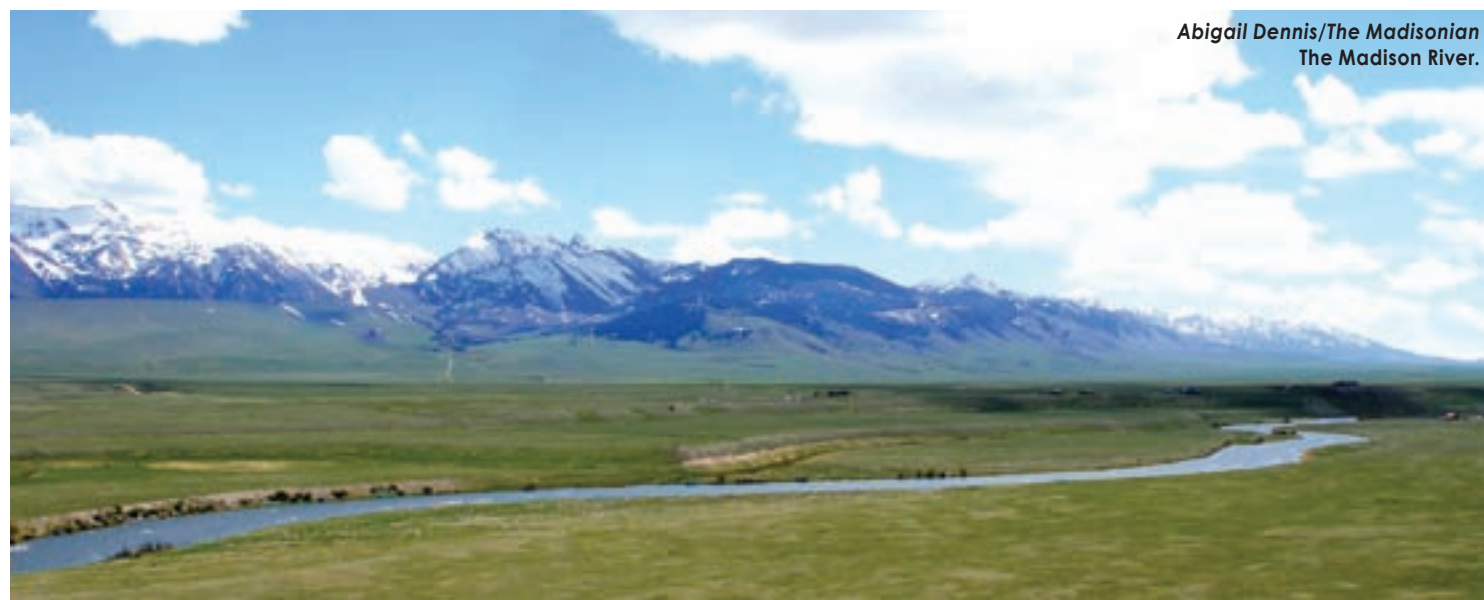
"The commissioners can make changes, accept some and not others, or not accept any or accept them all," Tohtz said about the proposals.

How to comment

To comment on the proposed changes, follow this link: http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/publicComments/2015/2016_19fishingRegs.html. There, you can read the entire proposal document, or the Madison River-specific document. There is also a form you can fill out to submit a comment.

FWP also accepts comments emailed to fwpfsh@mt.gov, or mail to Tohtz at P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT, 59601.

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design meeting with MDT last spring, and at the end of July, MDT traveled to Ennis to have a stakeholder meeting and hear their concerns.

Vincent brought up another question – he said he does not entirely understand the process, and when it is appropriate for the town to get involved in the design.

"In the contract we signed, it says we don't get design approval, but MDT has said they will listen to us and talk with us," Vujovich said.

"I'm just worried that if we wait until (the plans are done) it will be too late for us to change it," Vincent added.

Before the commissioners adjourned, they came to a consensus to put off a public meeting about the project until MDT's designs are completed,

providing it is not too late to request changes or "pull the plug" on the project. Vujovich also agreed to reach out to MDT to ensure that time is not too late to say no to the project.

"I will get you guys assurance it's not past the point of no return," Vujovich said.

Other meeting highlights

Representatives from Great West Engineering suggested the town adopt Madison County subdivision regulations. Currently, the town is operating with regulations from 2002. The Ennis Planning Board is in the process of creating updated subdivision regulations, but those will not be completed until December at the earliest, so in the interim, Great West Engineering recommended adopting the county regulations for legality reasons.

"This is a way we can

protect Ennis legally and buy some time," Vujovich said.

The commission gave the Ennis Planning Board the consensus to move forward in drafting the adapted county regulations.

The town received a petition to close the Stears/Pasley Alley, which connects Third Street to the Madison River. By state statute, the town can only abandon an alley if the closure benefits the public. The commissioners held off discussing the alley until after they held a work session with the petitioners.

The commissioners also discussed adopting a form that private citizens can fill out, requesting the closure of an alley.

"I think if we start this, it will open a can of worms we won't be able to control," Bancroft said.

Vincent agreed, saying that

he believes the form will give people an avenue to do it.

"I don't think so," Vujovich said. "I think the form would make them prove the closure would benefit the public, which isn't likely."

Commissioner Audra Bourk requested discussing the form in a future work session and Vujovich agreed to continue to work on creating a document for the commissioners to examine at a later date.

Chowning Alley update: The town has requested that landowners along Chowning Alley keep the alleyway clear. The town has seen continued problems with residents obstructing the alley, as well as trees and their root systems, potentially causing issues for the town and the sewer line that runs through the alley. Vujovich said she is still working with individual landowners to clear the alley, though some have already complied.

FIBER OPTICS IN HARRISON

3Rivers Communications in process of switching all Harrison customers to fiber optics

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By the spring of 2016, all 3Rivers Communications customers on the Harrison system will have fiber optics.

"We're doing fiber to the home in the whole Harrison telephone exchange," said Don Serido, 3Rivers Communications marketing manager. "There are a lot of benefits."

According to 3Rivers Communications' website, fiber optic provide regular phone service, high speed internet and television all over one line.

"This technology still leaves additional bandwidth for future applications," the website states. "While it's impossible to know what your future bandwidth needs will be, we know for sure that fiber optic cable will be much more capable of handling those needs than (the current) copper. Other broadband technologies used today, such as wireless and cable modem, are already struggling to provide bandwidth-heavy services."

The switch is part of a larger plan, according to Serido. By the end of the year, approximately half of 3Rivers Communications' 26 exchanges will be

switched over, and Serido said the company plans to entirely switch from using copper to using fiber optics within a decade.

In Madison County, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Ennis are already on fiber optics.

"Not the entire exchange, but starting in the towns and heading out to a certain perimeter," he said. "Harrison is actually going to be anybody who has a 685 telephone number is getting fiber."

The construction in Harrison is currently in progress, Serido said.

"While we plan on having construction complete this fall

with the goal of beginning to cut customers over from the old copper facilities to the new fiber optics before the end of the year, it might be spring of 2016 before all customers in Harrison are cut over," he added.

Serido said the entire project is funded by 3Rivers Communications and will not create any rate changes.

"Regarding the Harrison fiber-to-the-home project, 3 Rivers' investment is around \$5 million," he said. "It will not change rates. Occasionally our internet prices go up, but that's because of the industry, not because of fiber."

MORE NEWS:



Photo courtesy Christina Koch
Austin and Ella Smail with their grandmother, Mary Jo Smail, create thank you booklets for all of the Summer Reading Program donors.

Library fun

Thompson-Hickman County Library wraps up summer reading program

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From the beginning of June through the end of August, more than 30 kids gathered at the Thompson-Hickman County Library in Virginia City at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

"It was amazing," said assistant librarian Christina Koch. "We had 67 different kids come to our summer reading program over the course of the summer. It was so big that next summer I'm going to split it up and do separate times for separate age groups."

This summer's theme was Every Hero has a Story, which opened up a world of possibilities for Koch, who runs the program.

"We did superheroes, animal heroes, firefighters, policemen, trash collectors, chefs, Greek mythology and more," Koch said. "We had a wide range of children, anywhere from babies to 11 years old, that was the oldest."

Stacy Gatewood and her 4-year-old son Henry made it as many Tuesdays as they could throughout the summer.

"My mother was the director of the (Thompson-Hickman County Library) for 31 years so I spent a lot of time there as a kid," Gatewood said. "It's a blessing for me to now take my son, Henry, there and watch him enjoy all the wonderful things they are doing with the kids program, especially in the beautiful new space."

Koch thinks the new space was one of the reasons the program was so popular this summer. Last year, the library constructed an addition, which provided more room for activities like the summer reading program.

On Tuesday mornings during the summer, Jan Thomas's 2-year-old granddaughter Ellen had one thing on her mind.

"(She) loves to go to the library now," Thomas said. "When she arrives at our house on Tuesday mornings, she says, 'Want to go library!'"

Gatewood said she thought the hero theme was great for the kids.

"They got to know people in their community that are, quote on quote, superheroes," she said. "That was a really awesome thing."



Photo courtesy Christina Koch
Shay Nelson, a.k.a. Spiderman, enjoys the end of summer reading party.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Henderson pleads not true
Kelly Ann Henderson ap-

peared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Sept. 14 and entered not true pleas to charges that would revoke her suspended sentence if proved true.

Henderson pleaded not true

to testing positively to a controlled substance and marijuana, use of alcohol and failure to enroll and complete a mental health evaluation and chemical dependency course, all of which violated her suspended sentence.

Henderson received a suspended sentence following an April 2010 incident where she was found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol, a felony. That sentence was revoked in March 2015, and Henderson was

re sentenced by Judge Tucker.

Henderson's previous sentence was supposed to end on May 4, 2016, but Judge Tucker extended that sentence for two years, meaning Henderson is on probation for a total of

three years and 42 days, which started on March 23, 2015.

If Henderson is found guilty of violating that suspended sentence, the maximum penalty she faces is carrying out the remainder of that sentence in jail.

CROSS-COUNTRY IN PONY

All photos courtesy Emma Steffen

Madison County cross-country teams traveled to Pony for a Harrison-hosted meet on Saturday, Sept. 5.



The following are the top five finishers from each division.

Varsity girls:

- Grace Wyse – Broadwater – 20:56
- Grace McDonnell – Broadwater – 21:40
- Savanna Stewart – Twin Bridges – 21:46
- Ti'el Lochridge – Dillon – 22:27
- Taya DeFrance – Harrison – 22:28

Varsity boys:

- Hunter Flynn – Whitehall – 17:20
- Brian McGeehan – Butte Central – 17:48
- Jesper Koski – Manhattan Christian – 18:12
- Race Owens – Ennis – 18:17
- Jack Dolan – Broadwater – 18:22



OPINION

Just say it is against my religion

Dear Editor,

The new rules for the United States is just to say it is, "against my religion" and you do not have to follow the law of the land. That is what Kim Davis of Kentucky did. She said it was against her religion to sign marriage licenses and they found her in contempt of the law. Yes, they put

her in jail, but then they released her. But many made her a hero.

Republican presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee was there to meet and greet her as she left the jail. His comments were, "God showed up in the form of an elected official," and "Kim Davis should have never been locked up for being a Christian and for following her conscience."

Where was this law when I was a kid? "I will not eat my peas because it is against my religion." I know my mother would have understood.

But I am glad the new rule is in effect now. My religion says I am against war and paying taxes to support war. So I will no longer pay any taxes. Take my name off the tax list.

Jump on the bandwagon; just say it is against my religion and everything will be fine.

I will save you a seat in jail, right next to me. But why will they put us in jail for following our beliefs and conscience?

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Dear Editor,

By the time this letter to the editor makes the paper, we will have just passed Yom Teruah (Hebrew for day of shouting) and Yom Kippur (the day of atonement and/or judgment) is fast approaching. We are in the Days of Awe, a time biblically (Leviticus 23) when we should be making sure our spiritual house is "in order." Could our nation and our churches be entering the Days of Awe as well?

Our last chance to wake up just before a time of judgement?

In Matthew 10, Jesus is instructing His followers regarding a time of persecution that would be coming. In verse 26, He says something very interesting that will mark that time period, "There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." If you have listened to the news lately you do not need me to tell you the sins of our nation are being revealed.

They were for the most part hidden, but now are being made known for all the world to see.

If you are not sure what I am talking about because you have not been paying attention, just Google "Planned Parenthood" and "Baby Parts." Then look up "Supreme Court," "Gay Marriage" and "Whitehouse Rainbow." If that is not enough, we are abandoning our friends in the Middle East in favor of a regime of evil. Isaiah 5:20 says, "Woe unto them that call

evil good and good evil."

What time is it? It is time for God's people to wake up.

1Peter 4:17 tells us, "Judgment must begin at the house of God." Are we ready? Remember Ezekiel 33:6 tells us if a watchman sees danger approaching but does not warn the people, their blood will be on the watchman's head.

Scott Hagedorn
Twin Bridges

A breath of fresh air

Dear Editor,

I just finished Art Kehler's column on the smoke situation in the Tobacco Root Mountains and found it to be a breath of fresh air, so to speak. His humor put a bit of levity on the otherwise dismal circumstances surrounding our area as of late.

His story was entertaining and gives an accurate portrayal of the smoke clouds we have had to endure this summer. His unofficial smoke poll had more validity and was based on more science than most government researchers, who will get thousands in tax payer money to do a study and ar-

rive at the same conclusions.

Way to go, Art, you just saved the government thousands, and I am sure they have a much better place to spend it on. I also enjoyed Evalyn Johnson's piece on the letter from George Stanton and a trip down memory lane to when we were a fledgling territory. These

history lessons would be lost forever without the dedication of people like Evalyn. I think these two are area treasures and need to be acknowledged as such.

Sincerely yours,
Charlie Rossiter
Sheridan



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Ruby Valley swimming pool

Submitted by Warren Swager

The Ruby Valley Swimming Club president Diane Kaatz met, with members of the park board and several of the interested public to discuss the future of the pool on Sept. 1. This summer, the pool had to be closed much of the season. Everyone was anxious that the pool on S has optimal usage in coming seasons. The possibility that the park board might ask the swimming club

to administer the pool in the 2016 season was discussed.

The Ruby Valley Swimming Club is a nonprofit corporation, formed in 1969. The swimming club built the pool, which opened in 1974, and continues to provide improvements and support for the pool. For example, in 2003, the pool was leaking seriously – the swimming club extended the life of the pool by installing a liner at a cost of more than \$40,000.

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& MORE NEWS:

A WOLF AT THE BAR

Animal handler ticketed for exhibiting animal without permit

Abigail Dennis
THE MADISONIAN
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On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Troy Hyde who owns Animals of Montana, a Bozeman-based company that rents out wild animals for films and photo shoots, was fined \$500 for a photo shoot that featured a wolf at the Pioneer Bar in Virginia City.

"The ticket was written by (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks)," said Madison County deputy county attorney Justin Ekwall. "We handle prosecuting their cases if they happen in Madison County."

Ekwall said Hyde was charged with a menagerie and zoo offense.

"Basically, he was exhibiting a wild animal without a permit," Ekwall explained.

"They had permits to have the animals in Nevada City for a photo shoot, but he didn't have permission to shoot anywhere in Virginia City."

Hyde's animals were being featured in a photo shoot with photographer David Yarrow.

According to Rozy, an employee of the Pioneer Bar, Yarrow stopped in the bar and really liked the atmosphere last winter.

"I didn't know he was doing a photo shoot," Rozy said. "And then he was like, 'hey, you got to let me get a wolf on that bar.'"

The next day, Hyde and Yarrow brought a wolf to the bar. Rozy made sure the bar was empty, locked the doors and then let the wolf on the bar.

"The wolf maybe made about four passes," he said. "It took about 10 minutes. There was nobody in there and the doors were locked. It was (Hyde), his assistants, the photographer and myself."

On Sept. 9, Hyde appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before a jury trial.

"They found him guilty," Ekwall said. "He has a six month suspended county jail term. A fine of \$1,000, \$500 suspended. Essentially, he's on probation for six months. If he breaks the law during the next six months, he could be fined the entire \$1,000 or he could be put in jail."



Photo courtesy David Yarrow
The original photo of the wolf at the Pioneer Bar was taken at the beginning of February 2015.

DRAWING A FINE LINE

Hi readers,

I love my job, I really do. Occasionally, however, it is tough. I'm not talking about the stories I report, though whenever I go to court or cover the scene of a crash, those moments are hard. No, this week, I'm talking about the fine line between press releases, news and advertising. It's not an easy topic.

My job is to report the news, which I do to the best of my ability. I try my hardest to make my presence felt all around Madison County - oftentimes that means figuring out how to be in both Twin Bridges and Sheridan at 6 p.m. on a given Tuesday. I wish I could be in two places at once, but I can't. That's why I rely on you guys. I appreciate your willingness to answer my phone calls and respond to my emails.

Caitlin and I try to make it to as many community events and gatherings as possible, but we can't make it to all of them. That's why we always ask you to take a photo, write a quick caption and send it in to us. We'd love to include it in the newspaper.

Sometimes it's difficult to understand what is hard news. For instance, is the county remodeling one of our airports? If the answer is yes, that's hard news, and you'll

find an article on it in the paper.

An even trickier part of the news business is understanding the difference between news and advertising. Believe me when I say *The Madisonian* want to spread the word about events and businesses. We do. Generally, we can advertise for events in our calendar section (or you can submit anything yourself on our free online event calendar, www.outpostevents.net) and - depending on space - we may be able to fit it

in our Around the County section. But here's the catch. Information about upcoming events, sales, performances and other activities is not the news we're committed to report. It's advertising, and we're more than happy to work with all of you to get rolling on that front. Just give Susanne a call at 682-7755.

Trust me when I say that we're just a phone call away. If you ever have a question about the fine line between press releases, advertising

and news, give us a call or email me (editor@madisoniannews.com).

And also take this to heart: We love hearing from all of you. We want to know what is important to you guys, and we want to work with you every single week to make this a better paper for our communities.

Abigail

9TH ANNUAL WINE FESTIVAL

Caitlin Avey
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The Sheridan Main Street Improvement Team held their annual wine festival on Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Main Street park.

This year marked the ninth annual wine festival, which included various wines and micro-brews, appetizers and desserts and a live and silent auction. The event saw more than 150 attendees and funding from the event will go toward continued beautification of Main Street.

MSIT's next projects include purchasing bike racks and garbage containers for the street, as well as helping to complete the Sheridan town sign on the north end of the street.

The event celebrated a 10-year, \$3.9 million Main Street project that was completed this summer. Macel Anderson, project leader, said she thought the event went well and was pleased with the turnout.

"We had a lot of new people this year which was nice - we had a couple from France and a woman from England, which was neat," Anderson said.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
The MSIT celebrated the completion of the Main Street project with their annual wine festival, which saw over 150 attendees.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Macel Anderson fills a glass during the ninth annual wine festival in Sheridan, Sept. 12.

How well do YOU know Madison County?

We were right - apparently this shot is tricky. Nobody guessed it last week, so we're giving you another chance. If you're from Twin Bridges, you should get this! Call 682-7755 with your guess!

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Thank you!



HOMECOMING!

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Sheridan, Ennis and Harrison all celebrated homecoming this past week. Parades, powder puff football, games and homecoming courts were all part of the celebration. Check out some of the photos *The Madisonian* received from the festivities!



Photo courtesy Sheridan yearbook students
Sheridan seniors sported silly hats for crazy hat day during homecoming week.



Photo courtesy Pamela Kimmy
The ladies of the Ennis homecoming court from left, Samantha Paige Kimmy, Caitlin Klatt, MaKenzie Lynn Moen and Madisen Diebert.



Photo courtesy Emma Steffen
The students of Harrison High School play a spirited game of dodgeball during homecoming week.



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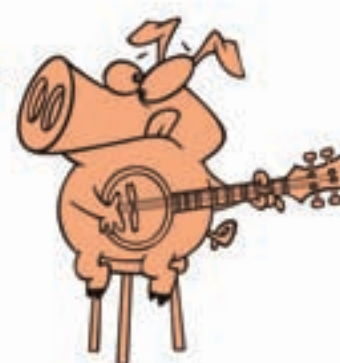
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Cider pressing party in Sheridan

Submitted by Carla Marsh
 A cider pressing party hosted by Jackson's Garden will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. People are encouraged to bring their apples and clean containers and take home the cider they press, or just come and watch and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts. Washing stations will be set up to prepare your apples prior to pressing, bring your own knives and cutting boards. However, having your apples prepped before you arrive will reduce your waiting time. Depending on the turn out, your pressing time may be limited. The first gallon you press is free, a donation suggested. Jackson's Garden is located east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road. Watch for the greenhouses.

of the Dillon Concert Association 2015 - 2016 concert series.

Florian will accompany himself on the guitar and present an upbeat, energetic musical journey of America's greatest songs of the 60s, including songs he performed with the New Christy Minstrels plus the music of Peter, Paul and Mary, Pete Seeger, The Mamas and the Papas and uplifting originals. There will even be a special tribute to John Denver.

For further information contact Chris Kloker at 865-0076.

Folksinger at the Madison Valley Public Library

Submitted by Lucy Ennis
 Madison Valley Public Library will present Adam Miller, folksinger, on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Thexton Community Room. The Friends of the Library is presenting this program. Miller is on a month long tour through Montana.

One of the premier auto-harpists in the world, Miller is a renowned American folksinger and natural-born storyteller. An accomplished folklorist, historian, musicologist and song-collector, he has amassed a remarkable repertoire of over 5,000 songs.

For more information, contact the library at 682-7244.

Do You Believe at the Madison Theater

Submitted by Greg Ledgerwood

The Ennis Assembly is sponsoring a movie - Do You Believe? - at the Madison Theater on Sept. 20, 2015. The movie tells the story of a pastor who is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street corner preacher and reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in tangible ways that only God could orchestrate. The film challenges the viewer to examine what they truly believe, and how to translate their faith into action that changes lives.

The movie begins at 7 p.m. For more information regarding the event, contact Ennis Assembly at 682-4197.

Ennis Community Choir begins practicing

Submitted by Tana Bowles

The Ennis Community Choir, under the direction of Maestro Andrew Scruggs and pianist Vickey Gordon, is beginning to prepare for their Christmas concerts.

The choir, a volunteer organization, welcomes everyone who likes to sing. Although reading music is a plus, if you can learn and carry your own part you are welcome to join us.

Rehearsals will begin Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Ennis High School music room, and continue Monday evenings throughout November. The tentative dates for the concerts are Dec. 3 and Dec. 6.

For more information, please contact Scruggs at 490-2592 or andrew.scruggs.msu05@gmail.com.

The spirit and spring of the 60s in Dillon

Submitted by Barbara Hall

The lead singer of the very popular New Christy Minstrels - William Florian - will be taking the stage at the Beaverhead County High School auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. This performance, sponsored by Richard and Dorothy Wheeler, is part



Lisa Redman

Fifth Montana Master Gardener course held in Bozeman

Submitted by Toby Day
 EXTENSION HORTICULTURE SPECIALIST
 MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Madison County Master Gardener Lisa Redman attended the fifth annual Montana State University Extension Master Gardener Level 3 course held Aug. 20-22, on the campus of Montana State University in Bozeman.

Twenty-seven certified level 2 master gardeners from 12 counties across the state attended a three-day, hands-on intensive training organized by the MSU Extension Horticulture and Montana Master Gardener program. Course highlights included volunteer management training, a visit to the Gallatin County Farmers Market, several

tours of local vegetable production gardens, as well as a tour of the Plant Growth Center, the horticulture farm at Montana State University and the MSU insect collection. The graduation luncheon held Aug. 22, at the Bozeman Public Library wrapped up the course. The level 3 master gardeners will need to complete 40 hours of volunteer service with the Madison-Jefferson County Extension office to become certified as a level 3 master gardener, the highest level one can reach in the Montana Master Gardener program.

If you would like to learn more about the Montana Master Gardener program, contact the Madison-Jefferson County Extension office at 287-3282.



Employee recognition night

Submitted by Dottie Fossel

On a recent evening, Madison Valley Medical Center CEO John Bishop and Board of Trustee members Dottie Fossel, Sylvia Carpenter, Manny Hoag and Fred Donich welcomed employees and their families to an employee recognition party at the Opera House in Virginia City. Before the performance of Box and Cox by the Virginia City Players, employees from one, three, five, 10 and 20 years of service

were honored with a certificate, pin and gift. John Bishop in presenting the milestone awards said, "We appreciate the service that each of you have given over the years to help Madison Valley Medical Center become what it is today."

Those employees recognized for one year of service were: Heather Hansen, Jane Oakes, Lori Onasch, Anya Pearce, Jennifer Barkl, Claudia Sniegoski, Nena Amberson, Dr. Maura Davenport, Amy Hamilton and Pat Watson,

PA-C. Those employees completing three years of service were Shannon Hamilton, Liz McFall and Chaney Coleman. Dr. R. D. Marks has led the medical staff as the Chief of Staff for five years. Mary Lou Smail completed 10 years of service and Linda Ryan, Director of Nursing has been at MVMC for 20 years. Dottie Fossel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, values the leadership of the CEO John Bishop and the team spirit of all the employees.



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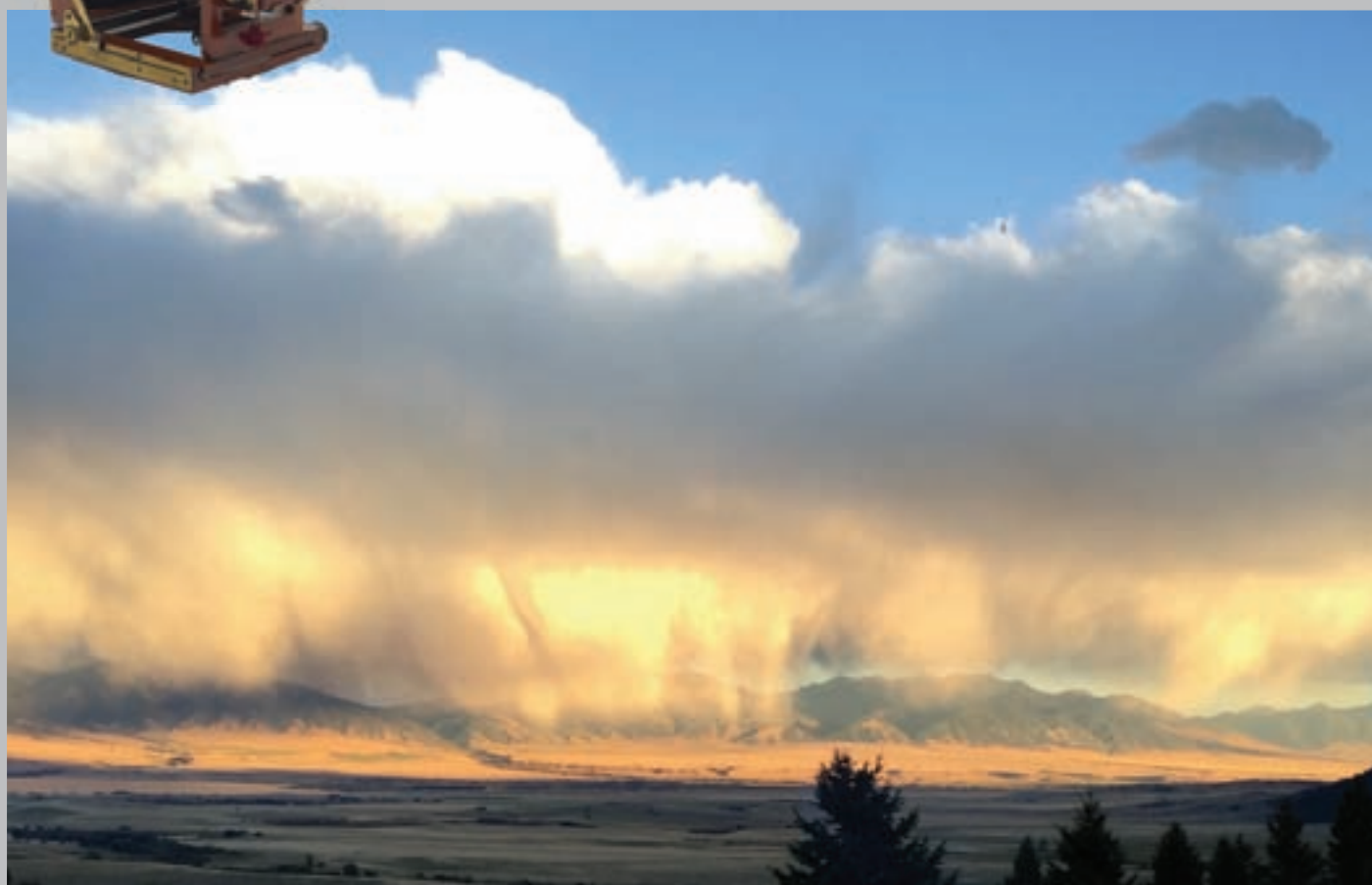


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SHERIDAN

Jorien VerHow is a sixth grader at Sheridan Elementary School. She is an active member of the Middle School Volleyball team and enjoys school band. Jorien is a diligent, hardworking student who excels at her schoolwork. Keep up the great work Jorien.



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Mr. Braaten coaches students on teamwork.

Sheridan freshmen-senior day

Submitted by Laurie Bartoletti

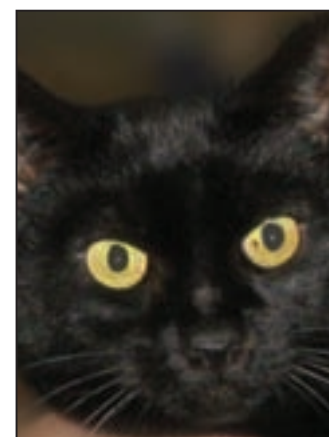
Sheridan's annual freshmen-senior day was held at the Upper Canyon Ranch. Hosts were Jake and Donna McDonald who allowed high school students to

descend on their ranch for a day of activities. Lots of team building activities helped students be involved and get to know each other. Trust was a main topic and demonstrated through the "trust walk." Sydnee Burke, a Sheridan

graduate, was the motivational speaker. Seniors shared their inspirational thoughts with the freshmen. Lexie Worihaye and Cam Haag were chosen by the freshmen to give their reflections on high school life. Mr. Braaten,

Mr. Rockeman, Mrs. Howser and Mrs. Hansen also encouraged the students to get the most out of life by having a positive attitude, developing a work ethic and making good choices.

4 P A W S RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



BLACK CAT

Single lady looking for a wonderful family. Have everything taken care of for this year anyway and some things for life. Just need you, yes, you! I need your love, your strokes and kisses, playtime and lots of laptime. Need to be an indoor lady only [had my front claws removed - ick!] but they didn't ask me prior to doing it, so I have to live with it. Any way, please call on me soon. Been praying and hoping and still doing so that you'd call me (439-1405 - Misty). Hoping and praying lots, BC

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Thursday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers...snow showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 45 to 55. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Friday



Partly cloudy. Highs 55 to 65. Lows 30 to 40.

Saturday



Partly cloudy. Highs 60 to 70. Lows 35 to 40.

Sunday



Mostly clear. Highs 60 to 70. Lows 40 to 45.

Monday



Sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs 60 to 70.

Quote of the Week:

"I came, I saw, I conquered."

Julius Caesar

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A sign adorns the front gate of the garden.

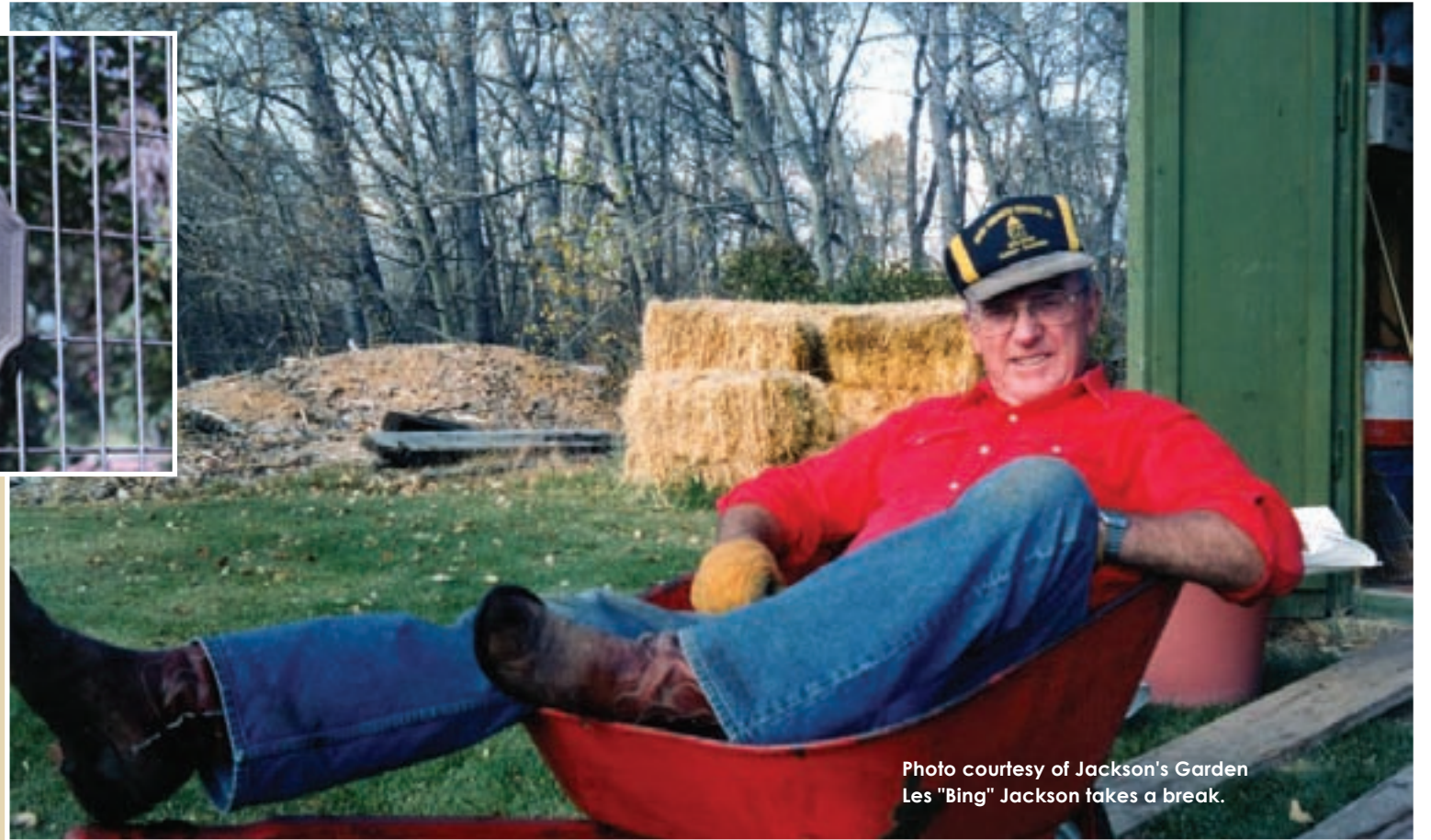


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Les "Bing" Jackson takes a break.

A Legacy Lives On

How volunteers are keeping the spirit of Bing and Betty Jackson alive

Caitlin Avey
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On Sept. 3, 2015, Leslie "Bing" Jackson passed away, leaving behind family, friends and his beloved garden. However, members of the Ruby Valley will continue to honor and remember Bing by getting – and keeping – their hands dirty.

In 1972, Bing and his wife, Betty, purchased a piece of property along Mill Creek Road in Sheridan from the Glen Marsh family. The property was small and covered in weeds, sagebrush and rock, but Bing and Betty saw potential.

After hours upon hours of hard work and effort hauling topsoil and manure and clearing the property, the couple managed to turn that 10 acres into a beautiful and bountiful garden, now known to locals as Jackson's Garden.

What started as a simple, local garden providing flowers and vegetables to friends and family has now blossomed into a nonprofit communal garden. Unlike most community gardens where

you can rent a plot, Jackson's Garden operates as a shared garden, where volunteers, known as growers, take home a share of the produce while also donating excess produce to the places like the local senior lunch program and Sheridan's food bank.

Anyone can visit the garden, whether it be to walk along the creek, smell the blooming flowers, enjoy a picnic in the gazebo or share in the fruits of their labors, the garden is available and open to all. Exactly the way Bing and Betty would want it.

Bing and Betty

Les, or Bing as he was mostly referred to, was a life long member of the Ruby Valley – he was born in Sheridan and returned to the area after his service with the United States Army Air Corps and upon completing his education. He started working in the Sheridan school system as the seventh-grade teacher and was a longtime little league coach.

Betty, originally from Great Falls, came to the area as the home economics teacher and the two soon

started a budding romance, eventually marrying in 1968.

The couple were gardening connoisseurs, so the two started a garden at their home, always providing and inviting friends to visit their garden and take what they wanted, which they adopted into their garden up Mill Creek.

"They were very giving," said Paul Marsh, a longtime volunteer of the garden. "They gave everything away."

Paul had Bing as his seventh-grade teacher and said that everyone always called him "Mr. J."

"You behaved in Mr. J's class," he laughed.

He also had Bing as a little league and basketball coach growing up. Bing, along with his close friend, Ted Darby, coached hundreds of kids throughout the years, acting as role models and confidants for the Ruby Valley youth.

"He was patient and encouraging and just a great coach," said Paul.

Darby, a self-titled baseball nut, coached the little league, peewee and Babe Ruth baseball teams with Bing for close to 15 years.

"That was an

experience," he said.

According to Darby, he never knew how Bing got his nickname, although he suggested that it was maybe after Bing Crosby, as the two enjoyed singing together and knew just about every popular song.

"He had a good voice, but I just never could call him "Bing," Darby said with a laugh.

Bing and Darby developed a close friendship over the years and as Darby would say, the two just hit it off.

"Les always did more than his share and never refused to do anything," Darby said of his giving nature. "Sheridan was lucky to have had a man like Les Jackson."

The garden

Paul and his wife, Carla, started volunteering in the garden in 2005 and have since maintained loyal attendance.

"The upper end of the garden is dedicated to flowers," said Carla as she toured me around the garden. "Betty loved her flowers, especially her dahlias. Every Mother's Day, she would plant her dahlias."

The garden houses a small

pond that holds a handful of koi fish and was built by Bing and his friend Bud Ehlers.

A gazebo has been added to the garden as well as a small building where volunteers can work and store tools and equipment. The volunteers hope to eventually expand the building to include handicap accessible bathrooms, as well as a small kitchen.

The lower end of the garden is home to all the vegetables. With everything from delicious cherry tomatoes to cucumbers to big, rich garlic cloves, the garden and its volunteers have provided something for everyone.

"We're going to install a kids area with a little cabin that has a slide coming out of it," said Paul. "Something for the kiddos to climb and play on instead of climbing the trees."

A nature path lines the outside of the garden so visitors can wander around by the stream and enjoy and nice, quiet alternative to a strenuous hike.

Volunteers have also added a "high tunnel," which allows for a longer growing season. The tunnel, similar in shape and style to a greenhouse, sits

on a set of rails that allows for the building to move up and down, in turn allowing growers to start produce, then once at a stage where it no longer needs added warmth, it can be shifted over so the process can be repeated.

Remembering the Jacksons

In Carla's opinion, the garden is missing one important thing.

"We want to build a more permanent memorial for Bing and Betty," she said.

For many of the volunteers, working in the garden was something that Bing and Betty loved and it is just one way to give back to two people who gave so much of themselves.

"(Bing) and Betty were a testament to the fact that nice, giving people do finish first," said Paul. "They will be missed greatly but not forgotten, and the legacy of their garden is a gem for our entire community to enjoy forever."

As for Darby, he had one last simple way of remembering his friend.

"He was just Les Jackson," he said. "And I'm going to miss him terribly."



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
The upper half of the garden is for flowers, something that Betty loved.



Photo courtesy of Jackson's Garden
Bing and Betty Jackson.



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The dahlia was one of Betty's favorite flowers, and volunteers make sure to keep them in bloom.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Montana DPHHS investigating cluster of Salmonella illnesses

Submitted by Jon Ebelt
MONTANA DEPARTMENT
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State and local public health authorities are working together to investigate a cluster of Salmonella cases with cases in Cascade, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, Park, Musselshell and Yellowstone counties in Montana.

So far 11 confirmed Salmonella cases with identical genetic markers and two suspected cases have been identified.

Ill persons are being interviewed to obtain information about foods they might have eaten and other exposures in the week before their illness began.

At this time, the investigation is ongoing. "Every effort is being made to identify a common source quickly and to protect consumers from any products or practices that may be unsafe," said Dana Fejes, foodborne epidemiologist with the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Most people infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea,

fever and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days and most individuals recover without treatment. In some cases, diarrhea may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. The elderly, infants and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness. Anyone experiencing the symptoms above is encouraged to contact their health care provider.

Many of these types of outbreaks are foodborne-related, so Fejes reminds Montanans to always

wash vegetables and cook meats appropriately.

"Many people may be harvesting garden vegetables and enjoying burgers this time of year so please wash your vegetables and cook meats to proper temperatures to avoid foodborne diseases," Fejes added.

Consumers and retailers should always follow safe produce handling recommendations.

Wash
- Wash hands with soap and warm water before and after handling or preparing produce.
- Wash with soap and

hot water, rinse and then sanitize with bleach solution (1 tablespoon per gallon) any cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops between the preparation of raw meat, poultry and seafood products and the preparation of produce that will not be cooked.

Prepare

- Wash all produce including those harvested from your own garden thoroughly under running water before eating, cutting or cooking.
- Scrub firm produce, such as melons and cucumbers, with a clean produce brush.

- Cut away any damaged or bruised areas on produce before preparing and eating.
- Cut ready-to-eat foods before meat and poultry.

- Cook meats to proper temperatures (refer to package inserts) and use a food thermometer.

Store

- Refrigerate cut, peeled or cooked produce as soon as possible, or within two hours.
- Store produce away from raw meat, poultry and seafood.

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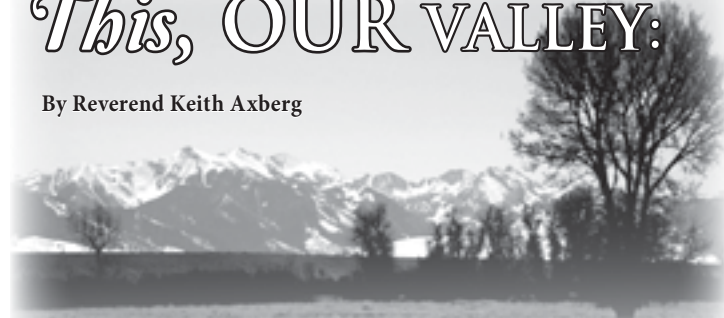


COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



Stepping high in the valley

Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest – Psalm 55

The other day I was walking back to the church from the post office in Virginia City when I caught my toe on a bit of planking. I am normally pretty careful when walking on uneven surfaces, but somehow the beautiful weather had distracted me and soon I found myself pirouetting along the board-walk, making every effort not to become “one with the wood.”

I am glad to report that I survived the incident. In fact, not only did I remain upright, but I found myself laughing hysterically the rest of the way back to the church. I don't know if anyone saw me (or heard me) – and if they had, they may well have looked to see if Cirque de Solei was in town – but no, I looked the Grim Creeper in the face, and I lived to tell about it and if that wasn't worth a hoot and a holler, I don't know what is.

I think it is important to be able to laugh at oneself. I am not the most graceful biped around, as it is, so I have learned not to take myself too seriously. One day I was serving communion and found the going slower and tougher. Wondering why I was struggling so hard to deliver the sacrament to the faithful, I looked down and discovered my cincture (the rope clergy wear around their robes) had come loose; it was wrapped around my knees and ankles.

Now, if that didn't beat all! I simply shook my legs a bit and let the rope fall to the ground, stepped out, and continued to serve communion sans girdle: Problem solved!

I like to think of myself as a problem solver. Among my favorite movie lines is the one in Apollo 13 where Gene Kranz (played by actor Ed Harris) barks out: “Let's work the problem, folks!” There's no use panicking, it seems, until it is time to panic. Until then: stay calm, identify the problem and then apply the solutions as they're identified.

Not every solution is a good solution, of course. I am reminded of NASA's (allegedly) spending millions to develop a pen that would work in zero gravity. Meanwhile, the Russians found pencils worked just fine. Uff da!

Sometimes my explorations get the better of me. The other day I bought a new computer to replace my old laptop (which was getting a bit dodgy). I got it home and, without going into too many details, managed to kill it – turning it into a \$400 paperweight. I tried everything I knew from my 20 plus years of working on computers to bring it back to life, but all to no avail. I could hear Death chuckling quietly off in a corner of the living room.

I finally decided to swallow my pride and called tech support. The dude on the other end asked me to unplug the laptop, wait a moment, and then plug it back in.

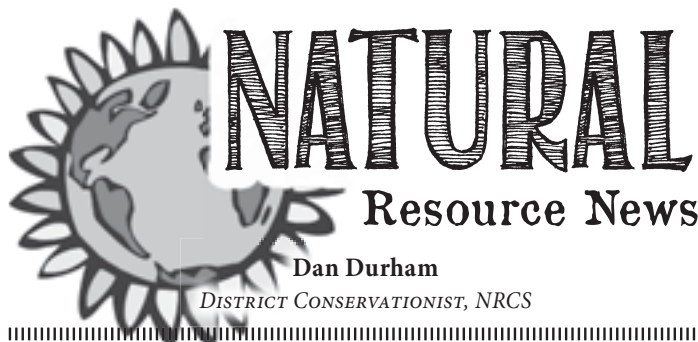
Through all my years of working and playing with electrical devices, the first thing one is ALWAYS supposed to do is unplug the item, wait a moment, plug it back in and see what it does. A laptop has a battery, so it never even occurred to me to unplug it, but ... that's all it took to restore the computer to life and full functionality. Uff da (again)!

It would have been very foolish to have not reached out for help (and goodness knows I can be the fool at times) and in the end, it was very much worth it. The solution was easy, but only in hindsight did it become obvious.

That's just the way life is. I may not be all that graceful on my feet, but I do want to learn how to be filled with grace in my life and relationships.

I have learned that when I get tripped up, I can blame the hazard, I can blame my clumsiness or I can remember to pay attention. As someone once said, we often fix blame, but it is better to fix the problem – so I choose to fix problems; that makes my walk much smoother in this, our valley (while Death whimpers alone in a corner).

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



Dan Durham

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, NRCS

Wetland Reserve Program

In our high desert environment, wetlands occupy a tiny fraction of the landscape, yet provide enormous benefits including water filtration and storage, aquifer recharge, flood mitigation, abundant forage for livestock and important habitat for hundreds of native plant and wildlife species. Southwest Montana has many different wetland types, from small seeps and springs up in the mountains, to riparian areas along our rivers and streams, to large shallow water complexes around lakes and valley bottoms. Each has unique attributes that are difficult to

restore if damaged and even harder to recreate once lost.

Human activity on the landscape has impacted many of our natural wetlands over the past 100 plus years. Mining, drainage ditches, farming, logging, residential development, beaver trapping and poor grazing management can all cause hydrologic modifications that reduce the quality of wetlands or eliminate them all together. On the other hand, flood irrigation practices and irrigation infrastructure have likely created many wetlands or helped maintain valuable wetland complexes in our valley bottoms.

As Montana's population increases and we face changes in weather patterns, natural and manmade wetlands will be more valuable than ever for maintaining clean, cold surface and ground water supplies and providing critical wildlife habitat. Therefore, we must take advantage of opportunities to preserve, create or restore wetlands wherever possible. One such opportunity available to agricultural operations is the Wetland Reserve Program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This is a conservation easement program that provides funding for wetland restoration and purchases specific property rights to insure the land is protected from development and degradation.

Conservation easements are not for everybody, but a handful of farmers and ranchers have used this tool successfully to protect, restore and enhance hundreds

of wetland acres throughout Madison County. These areas are now hotbeds for migratory birds, fish and native plants. They are huge sponges in our valley bottoms that slow spring runoff and release water late in the summer when our streams need it most. Many of these wetlands continue to be used as productive cattle pasture. Most importantly, as the landowners will tell you, these lands will never be turned into subdivisions or otherwise destroyed. Future generations will be most grateful for their stewardship of the land and the foresight to protect a priceless resource for the greater good.

If you have wetlands on your property, or opportunities to restore wetlands that were previously drained, please consider WRP or other opportunities to protect and enhance these areas. For more information on WRP please contact Dan Durham, NRCS district conservationist, at 842-5741 ext. 102.

Tales of my service ... and footwear woes

By Charlie Rossiter

Both of my parents were World War II vets, and both served in medical corps. My dad was an MD in the Army and was sent to Southeast Asia and the Persian Gulf for his tour of duty. He was commissioned and reached



Charlie Rossiter

the rank of captain and had no real battle experience. He did have several tales about his exploits, which he told in his book, Pick and Shovel Doctor. My mother was a Navy nurse and had several cruises in the Pacific on hospital ships. She got to see the Alaska, the Japan and the Hawaii theaters. After her time during WWII, She was called back to active duty for the Korean War, where she made Lieutenant in less time than it took my father to receive his Captain bars. This was always a small rub in the household that my mother would use to her benefit during arguments with my father.

During my school years, I would have to say that my interests ran, not so much on the scholarly side of academics, but more to athletics. I did play a cornet in the high school band, which I enjoyed and became semi-proficient at. I was asked to blow taps at an American Legion Funeral, which I did – then I was drafted in to the position of bulger for the rest of my time in high school. Blowing taps at the funerals allowed me extra time away from school, which I enjoyed

immensely. After several years of playing taps, it was mutually agreed by my parents, teachers and guidance counselors that my best course of action was to enlist in the service. Vietnam was still raging and the draft still active, so enlistment in the Navy seemed to be the best choice. Besides, there was the chance I'd get to travel someplace exotic and far away from little ole' Sheridan. The recruiter made some promises, which seemed too good to be true (and they were). Upon hearing the news of my upcoming departure, most of my teachers rejoiced and acted as though they had just received pardons from death row from the president of the United States. They sang and danced and had a grand old time at my expense. I served five years and managed to see some wonderful countries and had some great duty stations, including the Air Craft Carrier U.S.S. Forrestal, and the U.S. Embassy in London, England. I would never have been able to travel to, or afford going to those places if I had not enlisted.

After receiving my honorable discharge from the Navy, I returned home to Montana and joined the American Legion. I'm still an active member of Post 89 and have been for 37 years. Over the years, we have participated in parades, yearly Christmas concerts, legion funerals and other activities as needed. Our local legion uniform consists of a soft legion hat, a legion jacket, a white shirt, a dark blue tie, black slacks and dress shoes. Normal dress shoes are not made for

marching, as I can attest to with the following incident.

As a member of the honor guard, we lead the parade at our local festival. Four of our members carried the colors, the Legion Flag and a few rifles, and marched on a predetermined and designated route. During the march I realized that I had a uniform malfunction, which didn't become apparent till we had traveled approximately one-third of a mile. The four marchers had started the parade with the usual fanfare and had our steps semi in unison, when my peripheral vision spotted a white object protruding from the back of my left shoe. I was horrified at the prospect that some toilet paper had lodged itself in my pants and slipped down my leg and was protruding from my pant leg. I tried to ignore it, but the longer we marched the more pronounced it became. We marched in place for a short while at an intersection, giving the rest of the participants time to catch up with us. I took this opportunity to examine my predicament more closely. I ascertained that the malfunction was not my TP, but the socks through the back of the dress shoes I was marching in. The shoes were separating between the sole and heel, and what I was seeing was my sock. I tore the bottom off and continued with the march. My toes were getting quite the workout on the hot asphalt, as the temperature was in the high 80s and we'd walked about half a mile at this point. I felt that I could tough it out the rest of the route and convinced myself that I didn't

need a substitute flag carrier. After a few more yards, I felt my other shoe slip to the side and thought we'd hit some soft tar on the road. This was false optimism, because as fate would have it, that wasn't the case at all. My other sole had also separated and was now trailing us, connected only by a few strands of threads at the heel portion of the shoe. I was marching and my shoes were making audible sounds similar to “ker-flap,” “ker-flap,” “ker-flap,” which my fellow marchers could plainly hear. One asked, “what's that sound?” And I replied, “What sound?” We arrived at the spot where we had to take a right turn and march past our care center where several of our members lived. The rest of the squad started to go right but I thought left would be the more preferable direction due to my predicament. I was out-voted and we marched an additional one-fourth mile, much to my feet's discomfort. I was essentially bare foot by the time we reached our designated stop area, and partially lame. I limped home, which luckily was only about a hundred yards away, and soaked my callused feet in a tub of warm, soapy water. When I examined the shoes closer, I discovered that both shoes had partially disintegrated and the thread holding the sole and heel to the shoe was now almost non-existent.

We still march in the parade every year but now this Color Guard member is wearing foot attire more suited to walking. Nice tennis shoes, which have been tried and tested prior to the big event.

Commodity Insite: Pork bellies in pin stripes

by Jerry Welch

When uncertainty, anxiety and volatility join forces, the Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities begin moving up and down with manic and depressive episodes seen daily. The more the markets move wildly about in such a capricious scenario, uncertainty is heightened while volatility and anxiety increases exponentially. The end result is always the same. Big money is made or lost in days and in some cases hours. Investing or trading under such circumstances is not for the faint of heart. Nor for under margined accounts.

Those who follow the markets know full well what I am talking about. I will not review the big market swings now seen daily with stocks, bonds and the commodity markets. Mainstream media highlights those movements so well that there is no need for redundancy. But I will touch on a few items that interested me this week to illustrate how unusual are the times in which we live.

Bloomberg News published a piece this week entitled “China Just Killed the World's Biggest Stock-Index Futures Market.” It stated the following:

“Add the world's biggest stock-index futures market to the list of casualties from China's interventionist campaign to stop a \$5 trillion equity rout. Volumes in the country's CSI 300 Index and CSI 500 Index futures sank to record lows on Wednesday after falling 99 percent from their June highs. Ranked by the World Federation of Exchanges as the most active market for index futures as recently as July, liquidity in China has dried up as authorities raised margin requirements, tightened position limits and started a police probe into bearish wagers.”

Stop for a moment and consider the scenario unfolding in the Chinese stock market and the fate befalling investors and traders of stock futures. Volume dropping 99 percent is a shocker. The dramatic decline in volume simply makes Chinese stock futures exponentially more volatile. A healthy market is one with enough liquidity to allow for the price discovery process to unfold rationally. Without decent volume, buyers as well as sellers take a beating and leave the marketplace tongue-tied and mentally shocked by the uncertainty of it all.

Speaking of being tongue-tied – in a non-market sense – I read where a weatherman in the United Kingdom last week had no problem handling Europe's longest place name. He was pointing out the warmest village in Wales and without

making a mistake pronounced perfectly the 58-letter place name found on the line below.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyll-gogerychwymdrobwlill-lantysiliogogoch, is the name of the village.

Even though a U.K. weatherman avoided being tongue tied when pronouncing the name of the village in Wales, don't expect investors and traders involved with stocks futures to be so talented or lucky. Understand clearly that trading or investing in the stock or equity futures market in China, the U.S. or anywhere else is not for everyone. The risks are huge. In particular in today's environment of intense anxiety.

The current bout of volatility and wide swings with stocks futures is nothing new. It has been around for years. In fact, in my book, Back To The Futures,

a compilation of my weekly columns during the 1980s, I stated: “The world is learning first hand why stock futures contracts are known as, “pin-striped pork bellies.” I went on to state in the same paragraph: “In nine trading days, stock futures went from a five-week high to a one-year low.”

The pork belly market, after trading actively for 50 years at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange closed in July 2011. The reason for the closure was several with the first and foremost being the sheer lack of trading volume which declined to near zero. Plus, the meat industry began using fresh pork bellies instead of frozen ones to make bacon. Pork bellies are bacon.

The heyday for trading pork bellies was the late 1960s and '70s. No doubt, bellies were the glamour market with a funny sounding

name. Daily volume exceeding other ag-commodities traded on the Merc such as potatoes, eggs, cattle and hogs. Traders looking to make big money quickly focused on bellies because the market was exceptionally volatile and very liquid. But as the liquidity dried up, traders looked elsewhere for fun.

The only market that comes close to offering so many big up and down price movements on a daily basis are stock futures. Each day a great deal of money is made and lost in those markets thanks to volatility and liquidity. And while the big market moves are violently underway each and every day, I still think of stock futures as little more than “pork bellies in pin stripes.”

COMICS & PUZZLES



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King Crossword

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- 1 Pod occupant
- 4 "Scram!"
- 8 A really long time
- 12 Hooter
- 13 Warmonger
- 14 Flew the — (fled)
- 15 Encountered
- 16 All things U.S.
- 18 Full of self-esteem
- 20 Consumed
- 21 Punch
- 24 Sudden outburst
- 28 Its capital is Gaborone
- 32 Jog
- 33 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 34 Impales
- 36 Charged bit
- 37 Keg contents
- 39 Kuznetsova of tennis
- 41 Cancel
- 43 To be (Fr.)
- 44 "Family Guy" daughter
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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Thorpe

Raspberry and Cream Cheese Elevate Basic Brownies

"These are super moist and super rich!"



Minus the raspberry Kelli Thomas's brownie recipe is really good. But WITH the raspberry these Raspberry Cream Cheese Brownies are do-a-jig delicious. Raspberry not your jam? Try substituting cherry or strawberry. Yum!



Kelli Thomas
Ralston, NE
(pop. 5,943)

See step-by-step photos of Kelli's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/raspberrybrownies You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

Raspberry Cream Cheese Brownies

What You Need

- 4 oz unsweetened chocolate baking squares
- 1/2 c butter
- 2 1/3 c sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 5 large eggs
- 1 c flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 8 oz softened cream cheese
- 3/4 c raspberry jam

- When smooth add 2 cups sugar and vanilla.
- Beat in 4 eggs with electric mixer. Add flour, salt, and baking powder. Stir by hand.
- Pour half of the batter into a greased 9 x 13 pan.
- In a small bowl, combine cream cheese, 1/3 cup of sugar, and 1 egg.
- Mix well and spread over batter in pan. Cover with the raspberry jam.
- Spoon the remainder of the brownie batter over the jam.
- Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Melt butter and chocolate in microwave.

Submitted by: Kelli Thomas, Ralston, NE (pop. 5,943)

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Submitted by Laurie Bartoletti

Approximately 40 Sheridan middle school students spent two days on an overnight adventure at Cliff and Wade lakes. Community building and teamwork was the focus of the corps. Time was spent on team building: discovering how to "Cross the Grand Canyon," make it through the "Black Hole" unscathed, "Search and Rescue" and "Cross Raging Waters." Crews were responsible for tent set-up and meals. Nighttime entertainment was provided by the students' creative skits and rap songs. Highlights included hiking, swimming and canoeing.

The Ruby Valley Hospital hosts presentation on Medicare reimbursement

Submitted by Debra McNeill

In mid-August, the Ruby Valley Hospital hosted a presentation by Bob Olsen, vice president of the Montana Hospital Association regarding Medicare and the reimbursement system for rural, critical access hospitals at the Philanthropy River building in Sheridan. The presentation provided a historical synopsis of Medicare's payment strategies, background into some of the reimbursement system's shortfalls, and an overview of how the system supports critical access rural hospitals.

Olsen provided key insights regarding the resources that will contribute to the financing of the Ruby Valley Hospital's new facility.

"Olsen has extensive knowledge regarding the entire CMS (Medicare and Medicaid) reimbursement process. He does a marvelous job of clarifying how it all works," said John Semingson, CEO of the Ruby Valley Hospital.

Olsen stated that "a hospital can expect to recover depreciation and interest costs (from Medicare) even when patient and service volume

vary from projections." This support is essential to the survival of critical access rural hospitals, especially in areas with a large retiree demographic. Olsen added that a hospital can reasonably count on a stable payment stream for capital investments.

In closing, Olsen stated that even with the security of capital cost reimbursements, the hospital board must continue to "pursue a strong income statement and balance sheet while developing the hospital to meet the community's health needs."

Olsen's presentation was attended by representatives from Broadwater Health Center,

Bozeman Deaconess Health Services, Madison Valley Medical Center, the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation and the Board of Trustees, medical providers and staff of the Ruby Valley Hospital.

In addition to his position with the Montana Hospital Association, Olsen serves the Labor-Management Advisory Council on workers compensation, the Montana Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, the Advisory Committee for the Technical Assistance and Service Center of the National Rural Health Resource Center and other healthcare councils.



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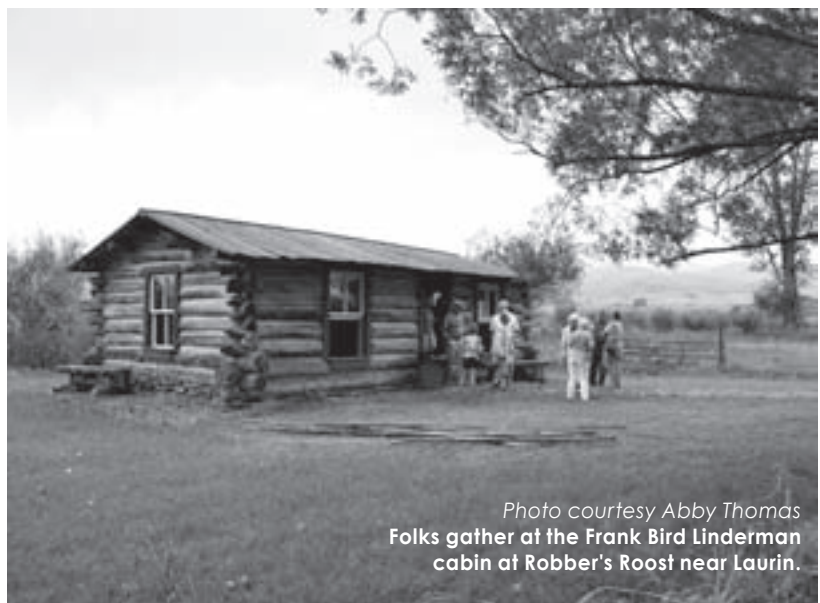


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Folks gather at the Frank Bird Linderman cabin at Robber's Roost near Laurin.



Photo courtesy Abby Thomas
Elling House Arts and Humanities Center board member Stacy Gatewood introduces speaker Bob Brown.

History lecture series features Frank Bird Linderman

Submitted by Gary Forney
ELLING HOUSE ARTS AND HUMANITIES CENTER BOARD MEMBER

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center, in partnership with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, sponsored their second series of history programs in 2015. Once again, the programs were held in the historic cabin of Frank Bird

Linderman; on the grounds of the Robber's Roost near Laurin. The general theme of this summer's series focused on the life of Mr. Linderman, a prominent figure in the history of Madison County and Montana.

July's program featured a presentation by Celeste River of Missoula, who examined the outstanding literary contribution of Linderman and some of the later authors

influenced by his works. Linderman authored 15 books during his life, most of which dealt with the lives, culture and legends of Montana's native peoples. The Sheridan Library book club provided a wonderful buffet of appetizers following the program.

Bob Brown, former Secretary of State for Montana, who provided a wonderful biography of Linderman, presented

the August program. Mr. Brown, a distant relative of the Linderman family, shared several humorous, and poignant, stories of Linderman's accomplishments in art and literature, his political life and his tireless advocacy on behalf of Montana's native peoples. Thanks to the members of the Vigilante Book Club of Virginia City who provided another great buffet of treats.

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

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Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. Located at 114 N. Main St. in New Beginnings. Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Sandy at 842-7843 or Wannetta at 842-5783 for more information.

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

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

One block behind IGA, Sheridan

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
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6 Blocks South of City Complex

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Dayspring Church
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Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship
Joel Trenkle/Pastor
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596-0707 • 3648 Hwy 287
Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Harrison, Montana
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Joe Miller
Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Weds. 7:00p.m.
3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860
Bishop Dustin 684-5255

Liturgy Schedule
St. Patrick, Ennis
Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary, Laurin
Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

Deacon Andy Dorrington,
Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome

Pastor Ken Stensrud

- Sunday Service 9:00 am
- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

Corner of Madison and Armitage St.
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4920

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP
September - April ~ 11 a.m.
May - August ~ 9 a.m.
Everyone Welcome Fully Accessible
Rev. Jean M. Johnson
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Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

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HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE

Dr. Ray Teston
Pastor
Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT
Phone 682-4244 SBC
MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
Aides for the hearing impaired

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Family History Center
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
Pres. Thompson 682-7415
133 MT Hwy 287

Christian Science Society
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.
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THE BAHAI FAITH

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www.baha'i.org

ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Loving God, Loving People

SUNDAY SERVICE	WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Ed 9:45am	Snack & Yack 6:30pm
Morning Worship 10:45am (Nursery & Children's Church)	Family Night 7:8:15pm (Prayer meeting, Women's bible study, youth group, kids groups)

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402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT
682-4197

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114 N. Main, Sheridan
842-5845

Pastor Duane Deshner

Sunday Service
10:30 a.m. (Children's Ministry)

Wednesday (Kids/Youth)
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)
Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)
Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Ruby Valley Food Pantry
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

We are a church dedicated to serving this valley!

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish
Invites You To Worship With Us

Pastor Paul Stearns
Office: (406)842-5934
Home: (406)842-7732

Church of the Valley Twin Bridges
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm

Bethel UMC Sheridan
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Youth Group Sunday evenings

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Contact Kaycee Gilman 842-5311

Madison County Episcopal Churches
In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Join Us for Sunday Worship!

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www.rvec.org
Prayer requests: 682-4788 843-5296 842-7713

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In Association with The Conservative Baptists of America

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10 am - All Summer

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Open Question Forum

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Pastor Tom Luksha

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Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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Thursdays, 8 pm

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Basement of Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, Ennis Hugel & Charles.
CALL 682-5097 or 682-7023

"Keep it Simple."
A.A. MEETING
Bethany Hall, Sheridan
(behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
Faced with a drinking problem?
Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.
SUZAN - 10 a.m., No Smoking,
Virginia City Library

MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis
843-5352 Virginia City

Celebrate Recovery
Meets every Saturday at 6 p.m. & starts with a meal.

DAYSRING MISSION
3648 Hwy 287, Sheridan
596-0707

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 That 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

STATE OF MONTANA 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 (Pub. Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2015) km MNAFLP

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Ennis RV Village Phase II Subdivision. Ennis RV Village Phase II will create 22 recreational vehicle sites and a service building for laundry, bathrooms and community room on Lot 12A of Ennis Hot Springs Subdivision. Located north of the town of Ennis in the SE1/4 of Section 28, T5S, R1W, PMM. Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: • Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis; Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. Sept.10, 17, 2015) mcgp MNAFLP

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The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Lower Uler's Phase 1 Subdivision Planned Unit Development. Lower Uler's Phase 1 would subdivide an unplatted tract of land located in the NE1/4, Section 24 and the SE1/4 Section 13, T6S, R2E, PMM.; northwest of the Moonlight Basin entryway in Moonlight Basin. Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: • Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis; • Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. Sept.10, 17, 2015) mcgp MNAFLP

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN UPDATE

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 6:15 pm in the meeting rooms of the Madison County Administrative Building, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the draft Madison County Capital Improvements Plan. Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The draft Capital Improvements Plan is available for review at: • Madison County Administration Building in the Commissioners' Office, Planning Office and Clerk & Recorders Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Thompson-Hickman County Library (217 Idaho Street, Virginia City); • Madison Valley Library (210 East Main Street, Ennis); • Sheridan Public Library (109 East Hamilton, Sheridan); • Twin Bridges Public Library (206 South Main, Twin Bridges); • Big Sky Fire Department, Station #1 (165 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky); • Online at www.madison.mt.gov, "Current Proposals". After considering the recommendations and suggestions elicited at the public hearing, the Planning Board will recommend appropriate action to the Madison County Commissioners.

Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. Sept.10, 17, 2015) mcgp MNAFLP

BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Virginia City will hold a budget hearing at 5:00 p.m. at the Town office on September 17, 2015. A copy of the proposed budget can be reviewed at the Virginia City Town Office during normal business hours. Nancy Stewart Clerk/Town of Virginia City (Pub. Sept.10, 17, 2015) tovc MNAFLP

NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Annual Conference in Missoula, Montana. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015. (Pub. Sept.10, 17, 2015) mcc MNAFLP

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: JOSHUA J. ROBERT, PETITIONER, AND JULIE ANN ROBERT, RESPONDENT Cause No.: DR-29-2015-33

Summons for Publication You, the Respondent, are hereby summoned to answer the Petition in this action, which is filed with the Clerk of Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy of thereof upon the Petitioner within twenty-one days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. This action is brought to obtain a dissolution of marriage. Title to and interest in the following real property will be involved in this action: N/A. Dated this 14 day of September, 2015 Karen J. Miller Clerk of Court (Pub. Sept. 17, 24, Oct 1 2015) jb MNAFLP

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular* registration for the Municipal Election(s) to be held on November 3, 2015 will close at 5:00 p.m., on October 5, 2015. *Notice: If you miss the regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before Election Day, you can complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. **Ballots will be automatically mailed to Active Electors only. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the county election office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. DATED this 4th day of September, 2015 Peggy Kaatz Stemler Madison County Election Administrator (Pub. Sept. 17, 24, Oct 1 2015)mccr MNAFLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS MONTANA FIFTH DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONNIE JANE WORKMAN, Deceased PROBATE NO. DP 29-2013-2

JUDGE: HONORABLE JUDGE LOREN TUCKER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Kendra Workman, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o Rienne H. McElyea, Berg Law Firm, One West Main, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 4 day of September, 2015. Berg, Lilly & Tollefsen, P.C. //s/ Rienne H. McElyea Attorney for Estate of Bonnie Workman I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. //s/ Kendra Workman, Personal Representative of the Estate of Bonnie J. Workman c/o Berg Law Firm One West Main Bozeman, MT 59715 Certificate of Mailing The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 4 day of September, 2015 a true and correct copy of the foregoing was deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following: Crystal J. Bachmann PO BOX 525 Dunnellon, FL 34430 Bonnie J. Workman Estate c/o Kendra Workman, P.R. PO BOX 2835 Norris, MT 59745 Ken Workman PO BOX 2947 Norris, MT 59745 Joe Reno 515 E. Carefree Highway Phoenix, AZ 85085 //s/ Tracy Rassley (Pub. Sept. 17, 24, Oct 1 2015)berg MNAFLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ENNIS BIG SKY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS ENNIS, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA AIP 3-30-0090-013-2014 & 3-30-0090-015-2015

Separate sealed bids will be received by Madison County, Montana until 1:00 p.m., local time, October 1, 2015. All bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana 59755, for the Big Sky - Ennis Airport Improvements Project to include the following: •Reconstruct North and Fueling Aprons; •Reconstruct Parallel Taxiway (partial); and •Construct Taxiway Fillets (widening). This work is to include all tools, equipment,

materials, and labor to complete this project. Madison County, Montana, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Notice to Prospective Federally Assisted Construction Contractors: 1.) A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities shall be submitted prior to the award of a federally-assisted construction contract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause. 2.) Contractors receiving federally-assisted construction contract awards exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause will be required to provide for the forwarding of the following notice to prospective subcontractors for supplies and construction contracts where the subcontracts exceed \$10,000 and are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause. 3.) The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

This project is subject to the Federal provisions for Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace, which are incorporated by reference. Failure to comply with the terms of these contract provisions may be sufficient grounds to: 1.) Withhold progress payments or final payment, 2.) Terminate the contract, 3.) Seek suspension/debarment, or 4.) Any other action determined to be appropriate by the sponsor or the FAA. Bids will be received on a price basis as described in the Contract Documents. Bid security in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid which shall be: (1) lawful money of the United States; or (2) a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Money Order or Bank Draft, in any case drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; or (3) a bid bond, surety bond, or surety bond executed by a guaranty corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. The bid security shall be made payable to the Owner and failure to enter into a formal contract will result in the Owner retaining the bid security. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Notice of Award is received, to complete an insurance certification, to furnish a Performance Bond, and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond. The bonds will

each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. The successful Bidder is required to comply with Montana's Contractor Registration Law in accordance with Title 39, Chapter 9, MCA. Contract Documents may be inspected at many plan exchanges, and at the office of the consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, (825 Custer Ave. / P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604). They may be reviewed, downloaded, and printed at no cost under the "CURRENT PROJECTS BIDDING" tab, at www.rpa-hn.com.

All bids must be submitted in a Bidding Documents booklet, provided by the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (non-refundable). Alternate forms or copies of the Bidding Documents booklet will not be acceptable. The Planholders List will include only the purchasers of Bidding Documents booklets. Hard copies of the Contract Documents (including a Bidding Documents booklet) printed by the Engineer are available upon receipt of \$300.00 (non-refundable) for each complete set. A pre-bid conference will take place on September 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Big Sky - Ennis Airport. Potential Bidders are also encouraged to contact the Engineer (lance@rpa-hn.com or 406-447-5000) with questions.

Faxed bids will not be accepted or considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive or conditional bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder prior to award of the contract. September 10, 2015 MADISON COUNTY By /s/ James P. Hart, Chairman (Pub. Sept. 17, 24, Oct 1 2015)mccr MNAFLP

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING-MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT THE BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, in Virginia City, Montana, to review and finalize the County Budget and Mill Levy Requirements for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Tax payers are welcome to review the budget and make comments. (Pub. Sept. 17, 24 2015) mccr MNAFLP

Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on July 31, 2015, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Courthouse. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 11th day of September, 2015. Peggy Kaatz Stemler Madison County Clerk and Recorder (Pub. Sept. 17, 2015) mccr MNAFLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved payroll for payment in the amount of \$443,159.19 and claims for all

funds in the amount of \$488,862.88 with a total of \$932,022.07 for the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on July 31, 2015. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Courthouse. Individual requests for personal copies of these lists will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office and can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 11th day of September, 2015. Peggy Kaatz Stemler Madison County Clerk and Recorder (Pub. Sept. 17, 2015) mccr MNAFLP

BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - 8:30 AM Fire Station No. 1 Introduction of visitors and guests
1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
a. Approval of draft minutes of August 26, 2015 Regular Meeting
b. Financial Reports for August 2015
c. Monthly Financial Statements
d. Check Register: Checks 6114951 - 6115009
4. Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
5. Correspondence
6. New Business

7. Unfinished Business
a. Addition of Big Sky Fire District to Big Sky Fire Department name
b. Firefighter Hiring Process Update
c. Deputy Fire Chief Position Update
d. ESCI Master Plan Update
8. Other Business
a. BSFD Halloween Event - October 31st 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
9. Public Comment
10. Date for next regular meeting - October 28, 2015 @ 8:30 am
11. Adjourn (Pub. Sept. 17 2015) bsfd MNAFLP

Madison Conservation District Meeting
Mon., September 21
Lone Elk Mall
Ennis
7:00 p.m.

Billings Livestock Commission Horse Sale
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ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS
TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
11:30 AM - 1 PM
MADISON VALLEY MANOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16:
SAUSAGE & BEAN GUMBO OVER SWEET POTATOES, GREEN SALAD, PEACHES OVER POUND CAKE
THURSDAY, SEPT 17:
ALFREDO SPINACH TORTELLINI, GARLIC BREAD, HONEY SPICE BREAD
FRIDAY, SEPT 18:
MOCK FILET, ROASTED POTATOES, CREAM CORN, PINAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE
TUESDAY, SEPT 22:
CHIX DRUM, BAKED POTATO, BROCCOLI, LEMON BLUEBERRY BREAD
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23:
SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SPINACH, GARLIC BREAD, CARROT CAKE

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SPORTS

Volleyball Round Up: County rivals face off

Caitlin Avey
THE MADISONIAN
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TWIN BRIDGES & ENNIS

The Twin Bridges Lady Falcons traveled to Mustang country for a rival matchup, Thursday, Sept. 10, during Ennis' homecoming week. The Falcons started the match strong but were not able

to keep up with the Mustangs, and lost in three sets.

"We committed a few too many errors and allowed (Ennis) to go on long point runs," said Falcon head coach Jen Kearns. "Ennis is a very strong team with great hitters and strong servers, and against a team of their caliber, we can't give up 15 unanswered points."

The Falcons, a younger team of athletes, are still looking to improve throughout the season, according to Kearns.

The Falcons were led by junior Audrey George and senior Cassidy Wetzel, both who played an impressive game Thursday. George, an

outside hitter, and Wetzel, a middle hitter, also play rotational setters, leading the team in assisted hits, as well as blocks and kills.

During Thursday night's matchup, though the Mustangs made away with the first two sets, the Falcons rallied for an early lead during the third, only falling to Ennis by two.

The lady Mustangs looked strong in the opening set with a tall front row of eager hitters. Outside powerhouse, Brigit Croy, rounded out the night with 14 of the team's 27 total kills.

Senior Caitlin Klatt played the best all around for the Lady Mustangs, earning

two aces with her vicious jump serve, three blocks at the net and rounded out her night with 11 digs.

Mustang head coach Betty Klein thought the team started off slow, but finally found their groove.

"Once we started passing, our hitters did a great job putting the ball down," she said.

Ennis also headed to Manhattan this week, expecting some tough competition.

"We were able to watch (Manhattan) at the Belgrade tournament and they have a strong team," said Klein.

* Stats from the Ennis/Manhattan match up were

not available by press time Tuesday, because the game was Tuesday night.

In addition to playing Ennis, Twin Bridges saw some home court action Saturday when they defeated the Whitehall Trojans in four sets.

Ennis vs. Twin Bridges
Set 1 - 25-10
Set 2 - 25-14
Set 3 - 25-23

Twin Bridges vs. Whitehall
Set 1 - 25-11
Set 2 - 25-16
Set 3 - 22-25
Set 4 - 25-23

Harrison travelled to Lima this weekend, defeating the Bears in three sets and taking home a conference win. Addie Nesbit led the team in blocks and kills with two of the team's three blocks, and eight of the combined 22 kills.

Harrison vs. Lima
Set 1 - 25-15
Set 2 - 25-13
Set 3 - 25-2

SHERIDAN

Sheridan hosted a non-conference tournament on Saturday and stats were not taken.

HARRISON



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Cassidy Wetzel of Twin Bridges goes up for a hit against Ennis' Caitlin Klatt and Jourdain Klein.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Audrey George (6) grabs a block during Twin's game against Whitehall on Saturday, Sept. 12.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Jourdain Klein (10) and Emily Schaufler (3) pull off a double block against a Falcon hitter.

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

ENNIS

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Ennis	28	22	0	6	56
Park City	0	6	8	0	14

The Mustangs really started "clicking" last weekend, according to head coach Chris Hess.

"I was very impressed with our offensive and defensive lines, they are really starting to click and it's helping us become the team we want to be," Hess said.

The Mustangs head to Gardiner next Saturday, Sept. 19.

HARRISON/WHITEHALL

* As of press time Tuesday, The Madisonian had not received statistics from Harrison/Whitehall.

SHERIDAN

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Sheridan	0	6	0	0	6
Lincoln	28	18	6	8	60

Though the Sheridan Panthers lost to Lincoln last week, assistant coach Mike Wetherbee said the team's "bright spot" was rushing in the second half.

"Tristan Studeny and Matt Buscemi (combined) for 56 yards in the second half of the game," Wetherbee said. "We suffered on pass coverage giving up 24 points on passing touchdowns."

TWIN BRIDGES

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Twin Bridges	35	0	15	6	56
Shields Valley	0	0	8	6	14

The Twin Bridges Falcons took the field with a bang against the Shields Valley Rebels last week. The Falcons had already scored two touchdowns with 10 minutes left in the first quarter.

Though their momentum slowed, the Falcons clinched a decisive victory.

Next week, Twin Bridges heads to Park City on Sept. 18.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Falcon Colby Minert (7) carries the ball toward the end zone during Twin Bridges' second possession of the game. Minert returned the punt for 48 yards to the 2-yard line.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Mustang Tracer Croy carries the ball into the end zone for a touchdown.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Tristan Horn dodges Lincoln defenders and moves the ball forward for the Panthers.

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SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

Montana range tour, Ennis

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Madison Valley History Association, 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

Cider pressing party, Sheridan
The 5th annual cider pressing party hosted by Jackson's Garden will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your apples and clean containers and take home the cider you press or just come and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts. The gardens are located two miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road. Watch for the greenhouses.

Third annual pig roast, Ennis
Pig roast, live music, door prizes and fun at Willies Distillery. Saturday, Sept. 19, from 12 - 6 p.m.

Food, drinks and music start at noon - special perks if your name is Willie. Music featuring The Jack Creek Coyles, Bottom of the Barrel and Screen Door Porch. Everyone welcome. Rain, snow or shine.

Ice cream fundraiser, Ennis
Come enjoy an ice cream fundraiser for the Virginia City ice rink at the Scoop Shack in Ennis, Sept. 19, starting at 12 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Singing through history, Ennis
Adam Miller, folksinger, storyteller and autoharp virtuoso, has performed throughout the United States at schools and libraries. The program is designed to encourage group singing and interactivity. Madison Valley Public Library, 2 p.m.

Free movie, Ennis
The Ennis Assembly invites you to a free showing of the movie *Do You Believe*, at the Madison Theater, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. For more information

call 682-4197.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Those were the days, Dillon
Those were the days is an energetic musical journey of America's greatest songs of the 60s presented by the Dillon concert association. Starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Beaverhead County high school.

MadGals kickoff meeting, Gallatin Gateway
Fall meeting for MadGals. Bring a friend - starts at 12:30 p.m. at Stacey's Old Faithful.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Madison Meadows golf tournament, Ennis
A golf tournament for

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

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.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis
1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of *Calling Me Home*, by Julie Kibler. The discussion will be led by Barbara Hoag.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

Fall festival, Twin Bridges
Let's usher in the fall season with a straw bale maze, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, family portraits, Polka, beer, brats and friends! The Twin Bridges Community Association is holding the annual fall festival in the Ruby Valley National Bank parking lot from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Worship service series, Ennis
Ennis Assembly invites the community to a series of services held in conjunction with Evangelist D. Michael Peterson of Arise Ministries. Services will launch during the regular Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 27, with services to follow nightly at 7 p.m. until Sept. 30. For more information call 682-4197.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

Business After Hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by Maples Coffee from 5 to 7 p.m.

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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.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation.org

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

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