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A pig peeks out from behind its handler during the novice showmanship round at the Madison County Fair.

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2 Sheridan town wells have lead above action level

Mayor Tom Shaffer: 'We are working daily to get this resolved'

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On Aug. 15, results from tests Great West Engineering performed on all four of the town of Sheridan's source wells, and the collection point through which the wells feed the system, showed only two of the wells had lead above the level where action is required.

The Department of Environmental Quality requested the town take well two, which had the highest level of lead, offline.

At a public meeting later that day, attended by around 30 residents, Sheridan Mayor Tom Shaffer thanked state, county and town officials for working hard to resolve the issue.

"I know it's been an inconvenience for everyone," Shaffer said. "We appreciate your patience."

The background

On July 11, the town of Sheridan received a letter from DEQ stating elevated levels of lead were found in a few places in the town's drinking water system. DEQ tests Sheridan's water on a three year cycle - from January through June 2016, five out of 29 samples at three different sites showed lead exceedences.

Since the discovery of lead, the town implemented an action plan with assistance from DEQ, Madison County and the Department of Public Health and Human Services, according to Bonnie O'Neill, county public information officer. That action plan included informing and educating residents via brochures, providing bottled water, offering individual blood testing at Ruby Valley Hospital and distributing home water lead testing kits.

As of Aug. 15, 209 home water lead testing kits were processed at Montana Public Health Laboratory, with only five

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Do your part to prevent fires



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The sign across from the Forest Service building in Ennis warns passersby about very high fire danger in the county.

Dry fuels present very high fire danger conditions in Madison County

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"Take five. Take five seconds to think about the consequences of your actions." - Shawn Christensen, Madison Valley fire chief

"Don't play with matches." - Dan Doornbos, Alder fire chief

"Please, do not burn. Just do not start a fire." - Lloyd Carlson, Twin Bridges fire chief

"Absolutely no fires. No fireworks, nothing. Even smoking cigarettes is dangerous." - Robert Erdall, Virginia City fire chief

"Make sure you put campfires out - completely out. You should be able to stick your hand in before you leave." - Boice Atkinson, Harrison fire chief

"One spark and it'll go up. Don't light a fire unless you absolutely have to." - Ted Woirhay, Sheridan fire chief

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It is not a secret that fire season has hit Madison County and the rest of the state.

Driving through Ennis, the sign posted across the street from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest building warns that fire danger is "very high."

Though many wildfires in Montana are caused by natural occurrences, a number of fire starts are human-caused, and preventable.

"Take five," said Madison Valley Rural Fire Department chief Shawn Christensen. "Take five seconds to think about the consequences of your actions. Say, 'with what we're doing, are we prepared to handle the situation?'"

The MVRFD experienced at least 50 percent more calls for service in July 2016 than previous years' Julys. During the 31 days of the month, the MVRFD was paged 29 times, according to assistant chief Steve Orr.

Elsewhere in the county, volunteer fire departments have not seen as much demand for services locally, but they have been called out for mutual aid, according to Alder Fire Department chief Dan Doornbos, Harrison Fire Department chief Boice Atkinson, Twin Bridges Fire Department chief Lloyd Carlson, Sheridan Fire Department chief Ted Woirhay and Virginia City Fire Department chief Robert Erdall.

"I don't want to jinx it, but we've

been pretty lucky," Doornbos said. "That could definitely change."

Doornbos said much of the valley is still green, but that is because of irrigated fields - elsewhere in the county, fuels are dry.

Carlson said this year's wet spring made a lot of fuel, which then dried out quickly when summer hit.

"It's a dandy as far as a lot of fuel," Carlson said. "A dry spring would have made less fuel, but this year, we just had a lot of fuel that turned dry."


The pattern of storms that moved across Southwest Montana this summer also contributed to the many fire starts - lightning without rain was a common theme. In fact,

lightning caused Madison County's biggest fire event so far this year, the Blue Lake Fire, which is still burning 10 miles southwest of Ennis near Axolotl Lake. Though the fire required assistance from federal and state agencies, MVRFD was the first unit on scene, and other county fire departments traveled to the Madison Valley to lend a hand.

"We're volunteers and it's tough to get a crew," Carlson said. "We came up with five (firefighters) to help in Ennis. A lot of us are ranchers and we're busy putting up hay."

Assessing the situation

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The public can help prevent fires in many ways – Erdall, Carlson, Woirhaye and Doornbos suggest abstaining from burning anything, including starting campfires.

"Even now, don't start a campfire," Doornbos said. "If the wind picks up and there are embers, all the sudden you have a big fire."

Small fires can become large fires quickly, and Carlson said a lot of starts in the area are the consequence of people lighting campfires, thinking they are out, and leaving the area.

"But those embers are still burning," Carlson said. "And (the people leave) and it dries out and we get a wind."

Atkinson said extinguishing fires is crucial.

"Make sure you put campfires out – completely out," he said. "You should be able to stick your hand in before you leave."

In Erdall's point of view, the public should take caution a step further.

"Absolutely no fires," he said. "No fireworks, nothing. Even smoking cigarettes is dangerous."

Atkinson also reminded people to put their trailer chains up an extra link, because those can spark and cause fires along roadways.

Woirhaye said he has explored some of the drainages outside of Sheridan in the Tobacco Root Mountains, and they are dry.

"One spark and it'll go up," he said. "Don't light a fire unless you absolutely have to."

It is important to pause to truly assess a situation before calling dispatch with a report, Christensen added.

"People are just driving by with their cell phones and quickly reporting what they think they see without stopping to see what is really going on," he said. "It's good to call things in, but people need to verify what is happening and what the location is."

Unfounded calls drain volunteer resources, and local fire departments do not have the capacity to keep up with back-to-back calls for service.

A few months ago, MVRFD received a call reporting a school bus on fire in the Bear Trap Canyon, MT Highway 84.

"We heard a school bus was on fire, so we're thinking children and we were concerned," Christensen said. "Come to find out, it was a bus that had been converted to a motor home with a wood stove in there."

If the reporting party had taken time to assess the situation for 30 seconds, Christensen

said they could have identified what was happening. Instead, the department received an alarming report and both MVRFD and Gallatin County responded to the scene with law enforcement.

"That's a lot of resources," Christensen said.

However, it is still important to report fires – do not assume someone else has already called dispatch.

Take responsibility

According to a Bureau of Land Management press release, recreators can exercise

precaution that may end up preventing fires.

"Build campfires in an existing ring or in an area clear of vegetation," the release states. "Stay with your fire, never leaving it unattended. Drown with water and stir until it is 'dead out' and cold to the touch."

In addition, avoid driving or parking on dry grass because exhaust systems can start fires.

"If you accidentally start a fire, give it one try to put it out," the release states. "Try one bucket of water, one fire extinguisher or one good rinse with a garden hose. Then call 911."

Do Your Part... Prevent Wildfires

- Avoid driving through and parking on dry vegetation.
- Ensure spark arrestor is working properly.
- Stay on designated roads and trails.
- Carry a fire extinguisher.



Do Your Part... Prevent Wildfires

- Keep campfire small and manageable.
- Never leave campfire unattended.
- Make sure fire is "dead out" and cold to the touch before leaving.



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Virginia City, Nevada City number 1 state owned tourist attraction for 5th consecutive year

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For Madison County residents, it will come as no surprise that Virginia City and Nevada City is the number one state owned tourists attraction for the fifth consecutive year, according to Montana Office of Tourism traffic counts. When you drive through the Alder Gulch in the summer, it is easy to spot license plates from across the states.

The Montana Heritage Commission manages Virginia City and Nevada City for the state – it also owns Reeder's Alley and the Pioneer Cabin in Helena. According to MHC's biennial report for 2015 – 2016, more than 500,000 tourists travel to the area from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year.

Economic benefits

Cars stopping in Virginia City and Nevada City translate into dollars for Madison County and Montana as a whole, according to a study from the Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District.

"I can't see a downside of having that wonderful attraction right there," said Rob Gilmore, NRMEDD representative for Madison County.

In December 2015, NRMEDD reported the towns' economic footprint was \$62.2 million for the state, with \$37.6 million benefitting Madison County directly.

Gilmore said NRMEDD took visitor counts from MHC and made "some assumptions" about what percentage of people were just passing through, and what percentage stayed in the local market area. Then they took the state's rate for a tourist group – 2.3 people per group – which is \$100 per group per day and applied it to tourist expenditure items like gas, hotels, meals, retail, automotive repair and more.

"Now, are they able to capitalize on it as much as possible or as much as they will in the future?" Gilmore asked. "Probably not." Gilmore referenced

the "fabric" of the community – a denser and well-woven community fabric has the ability to capture more and more money passing through.

"In Virginia City, a lot of money passes through but doesn't stop," he said. "Though everybody there is doing the best they can."

The seasonal nature of Virginia City and Nevada City inhibit building a strong economy, Gilmore said.

"That will probably change with time," he said.

Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz lives in the Ruby Valley and has an office in Virginia City. Schulz said he be-

lieves tourism is up countywide this year.

"I always like to look at license plates and I see many from quite a ways away," Schulz said. "I've talked to a number of the business owners in Virginia City and quite a number I talk with say this year is a bit better than what they've seen the last couple years."

Schulz said he is "encouraged" when he sees packed main streets elsewhere in the county, whether it is in Ennis or Sheridan.

"I think it's been a good summer," he said. "Part of it is probably the price of gas."

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
 Tourists explore Virginia City this summer.



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ENNIS SCHOOL

Board hears request from aquatic center board, moves forward with Big Sky bus

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“This is a no-brainer to me,” said Phil VanPelt, Madison Valley Aquatic Center board member, who spoke at the Ennis School Board meeting on Aug. 9. “Swimming is a benefit for all ages. It’s a life skill that goes hand-in-hand with education and a school.”

VanPelt and Carrie Welch, another MVAC board member, attended the board meeting and presented two proposals about creating a partnership with the school.

In 2008, VanPelt said the MVAC board and Ennis Schools had a drafted agreement for a 99 year lease – MVAC would lease school land near the bus barn for the construction of the aquatic center. The drafted agreement was never formalized, however, and got tabled.

“I would like to see if we could renew that,” VanPelt said.

VanPelt said the MVAC board has been working toward constructing an aquatic center in the Madison Valley for 25 to 30 years, and is now in the middle of an “active push”

to get construction started in the next few years.

VanPelt listed two options – first, he asked if the board would be interested in a 50/50 partnership in sharing the cost of building the \$8.5 million aquatic center. Then, the facility would be part of the school system, but the MVAC would assume 50 percent of construction and running the center.

If the board wanted another option, VanPelt suggested going with the former 99 year lease for \$99 per year, with the contingency that the MVAC starts construction within five years. After the facility is constructed, the school would share in the cost of running it.

“We know there is a need,” VanPelt said. “It is important for everyone to learn to swim, especially with the water we have here in Montana.”

School board member Julie Funston asked if MVAC could provide figures for the annual cost of upkeep and maintenance.

Board chair Maria Lake encouraged VanPelt and Welch to put together two draft proposals – one for each option – including numbers, and to get with Ennis Superintendent Casey Klasna about presenting those

proposals to the board at the next meeting.

Bus for Big Sky

“When I was interviewing (for the superintendent job), I looked at all the old agendas,” Klasna said. “This topic was on there quite a bit.”

The topic Klasna was referring to was a bus route for Big Sky. There are some students who reside in the Ennis district, but on the Big Sky side of the mountain, so they attend school at Lone Peak. Two years ago, Ennis Schools purchased a bus to run a route for those students, but the details were never ironed out so the route never happened.

“I traveled up to Big Sky,” Klasna said. “They want us to provide a bus and a driver.” Financially, the route does not benefit Ennis, but Klasna said it would buy good will with Lone Peak Schools.

Klasna updated last year’s memorandum of understanding to include the language that the driver would be paid at Ennis’ rate, and to clarify that the bus would be exclusively for running the route, not for extracurricular activities. He also added an Oct. 1 deadline for Big Sky to find a driver, so the issue does

not drag on.

The board unanimously approved the MOU, and will discuss purchasing an appropriate bus once Big Sky finds a driver. The number of students on the route exceeds the space on the bus purchased previously.

Lake asked Klasna to present a proposal including a quote for a new bus at the board’s September meeting.

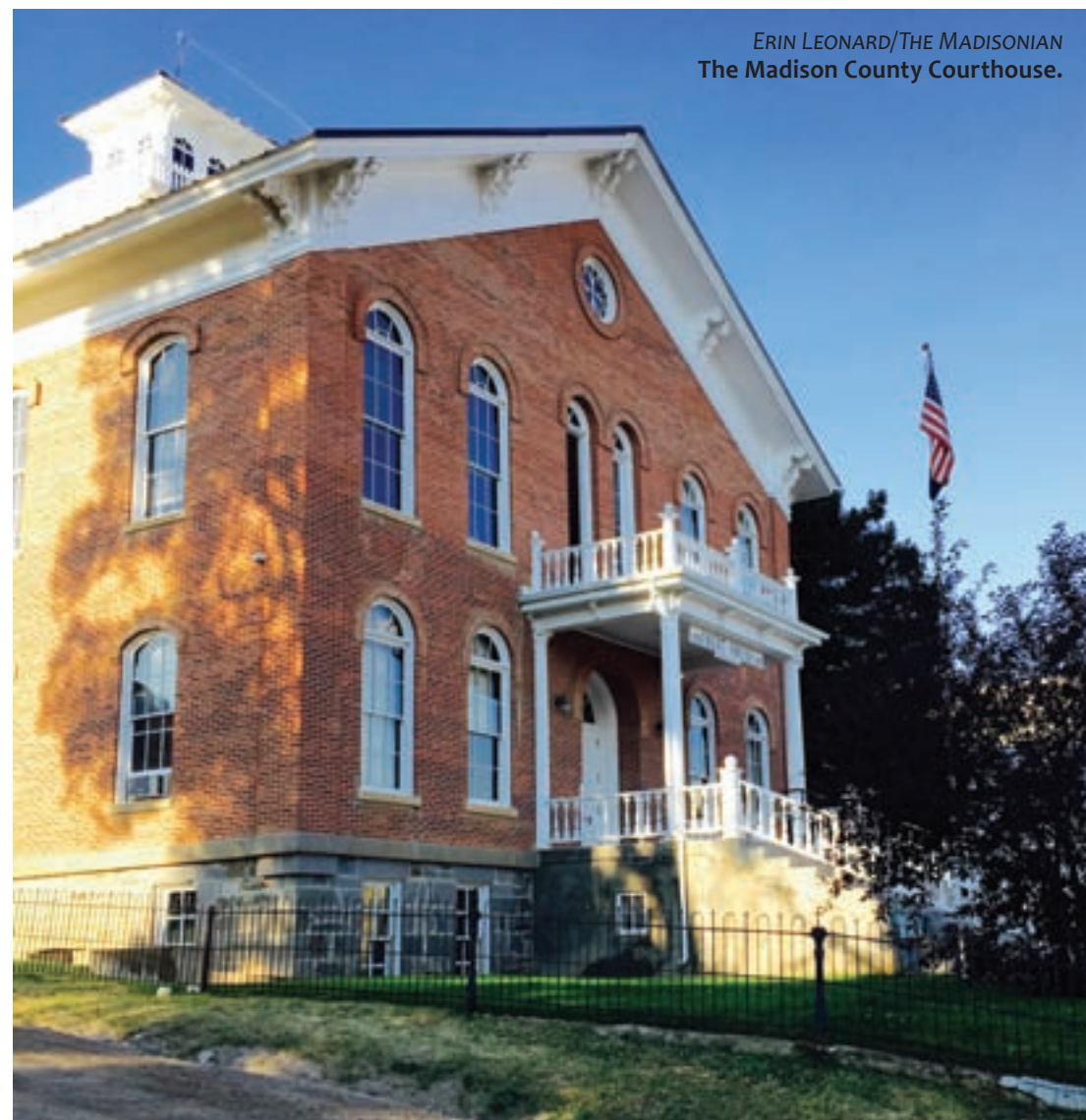
Other business

- The board is moving forward with purchasing a house next to the school. According to clerk Ginger Martello, the board can purchase the house with money from the flex fund and building reserve fund.

- Last month, the school board initiated a contract with the Montana School Board Association to lead strategic planning sessions involving the board, administration, teachers, community members and students. The first session will take place in September.

- The board approved an updated attendance policy, where students will lose credit after 10 unexcused absences. After losing credit, students and parents can file a waiver and make an appeal to an attendance committee.

Commissioners see options for courthouse renovation



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The Madison County Courthouse.

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On Aug. 8, the Madison County commissioners met with ThinkOne Architecture out of Bozeman to see four concepts addressing the upcoming renovation of the historic courthouse, located in Virginia City.

“We need to make sure the people who need to access the courthouse can get to all the levels,” said Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz. “That means an elevator.”

For a decade, the future of county buildings and offices has been a topic of discussion for the commissioners – a year and a half ago, they completed the new county administrative building, which sits across from the courthouse on Virginia City’s Main Street.

Since 1875, the Madison County Courthouse has served as a home to county offices and both the district and justice courts.

Though the courthouse has been somewhat modernized to keep up with the times, the main issues the commissioners want to address are accessibility and safety.

“The (architect’s) options include different elevator placements and different ways to move detainees from the jail in the basement safely to the first level Justice of the Peace courtroom or the second level District Court,” Schulz said. “We need to work with the judges and employees and sheriff to make sure whatever we do there coincides with making their jobs safer and functional.”

The Madison County Sheriff’s Office is located in the basement, which is subpar when deputies must transport detainees to one of the courtrooms.

“It’s about the worst way to transport a prisoner to court,” said Sheriff Roger Thompson, referencing the fact detainees are taken up multiple stairwells and through a lobby and hallway where they are mingling with the public.

Thompson said the commissioners have an attitude of getting the project done right the first time.

“I’m of the same mindset,” Thompson said. “Let’s do it right. It may even give some longevity to having the sheriff’s office in the basement.”

The cost

Around five years ago, when the commissioners first asked the architects to conceptualize a basic overview and estimated cost, that number came to around \$800,000 for all the work, Schulz said.

“Today, it’s well over \$1 million,” he said. “The question we have to ask is, ‘do we have the money to pay for it?’”

It is Schulz’s hope the county can use conservative budgeting and spending to pay for the renovation without a voted levy, with the project tentatively going out to bid in November 2016.

The timeline

The commissioners and county officials who attended the Aug. 8 meeting with the architects offered up suggestions, which the architects will use to modify the options within the next month.

Schulz invited the public to see the drafted plans at the commissioners’ office in the Madison County Administrative Building in Virginia City and offer opinions and comments.

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We will have to suffer until Election Day

Dear Editor,

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can leap big buildings, fly faster than a bullet. But the trouble is he could not find a phone booth to change his clothes. And if he did find a phone booth, he would get arrested for indecent exposure in a phone booth. Sorry.

What about the Hulk? He transforms into the exceedingly strong and large Hulk whenever he gets angry. Oh no, we do not need another angry person. We have that now. Sorry.

Batman. An American billionaire, industrialist who puts on his suit and mask and fights crime. Oh, that sounds

very familiar now. Just will not work. Sorry.

Wonder Woman. A fictional character who is a member of the Justice League, a warrior princess of the Amazon. No. That will not work either. Sorry.

How about Goofy? A tall anthropomorphic dog that wears a turtle neck and a vest. Sounds like a winner for all of us. No thanks, we have enough goofy now. Sorry.

How about Donald Duck? He was contacted but said he was busy and one Donald is enough. He said he quacked up when he watched the conven-

tions. Sorry.

How about SpongeBob? An animal of the phylum Porifera. Maybe he could soak up all this mess? But wait, maybe we are already getting sponged. Sorry.

I guess we will just have to suffer until Election Day, which is a million days from today. Oh, not a million, just a zillion. Sorry.

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

WHY VOTE? GUEST EDITORIAL

* Editor's note: Last month, I reached out to the community with a request. I invited all of you to submit a piece with your feelings about voting, especially on the local level. To kick off this series, Madison County Clerk and Recorder and Election Administrator Kathleen Mumme submitted an editorial. The following is from Mumme.

Abigail's invitation prompted me to write and put in my two-cents worth regarding voting and the election process. One of the missions of the election administrator is to help inform and we are happy to try to do so.

Let's talk about primaries first. They have received a lot of attention this year!

It is frustrating for all of us when processes don't seem to be adequately explained by the national news organizations, and personally, I feel the 24-hour news outlets do a terrible job in making sure that the information they give viewers is accurate and complete. Primary laws and practices (and many other voting laws) vary from state to state. When it comes to primary elections the parties themselves basically make the rules concerning, for example, the distribution of delegates. Throughout our history, this has always been the case. The

first presidential primary wasn't held in the United States until Florida in 1901. It has become a gradual process. In fact, up until 1968, there were very few actual presidential primaries in any of our states. So, in many ways, voters have definitely become more active in this process, not less.

In Montana, every state and local election is run through the county election offices, using the same rules. (The exception in Madison County is that the school clerks run their own school elections, using lists and registers from the election office.) Many other states have presidential caucuses and these are often run entirely by the parties themselves.

We have a type of "open primary" here in Montana: we do not register by party, and, therefore, we are free to choose from among the party ballots available at our primary. Usu-

ally this means either a Democratic ballot or Republican ballot, but it can also mean other party ballots as well, based on the number of candidates who filed for offices for their respective party. (Some states are even more open than Montana. These "blanket primary" states allow you to vote for any party on one ballot.) Voting both ballots, even if it is for different races, will mean that both ballots will not be counted. We see this more often in the mail ballots. (Please remember to read your instructions!) While these over votes aren't tabulated, the county voting records will still show that you did vote in the election. You signed the poll book (or your affirmation envelope if you received your ballot by mail), which proves that you cast a ballot.

If you choose to vote a Republican ballot and "write-in" Democrats who have filed (and therefore who are actually on

the Democratic ballot), these votes will also not count! This is a PARTY primary. Your vote for a Democrat on a Republican ballot is rejected. (And, of course, the reverse is also true.) We undoubtedly see this happen more often when there are no party filings on some of the races. This has been the case for several years when no Democrats filed for state house and senate races. However, remember if something like this is done in only one race on the ballot, the rest of your votes, of course, will count.

If you miss voting in the primary, you are still eligible to cast a ballot in the general election in November.

We are here to answer your questions and to assist you in the voting process, so, please, do not hesitate to call our office any time you have a question or concern!

Kathleen Mumme

OBITUARIES

Marilyn J. George
October 29, 1947 - August 7, 2016

Marilyn J. George died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman from pneumonia.

Marilyn Joann was born in Redmond, Calif., on Oct. 29, 1947, to Albert and Helen (Makela) Lahti. She and her sister, June, were raised in Butte, soaking in their proud Finnish culture from their mother and stepfather, George Peltonen. Marilyn attended Butte High School and then went on to beauty school and became a hairdresser. In 1968, Marilyn married Reece Ferris Silve, Jr. of Fairfield. They had two sons together, Reece and Raymond, and farmed on the East Bench outside of Sheridan. In 1986, Marilyn married Les George, who brought two sons, Jason and Jesse, to their family.

Marilyn worked as a hairdresser while she raised her sons, mothering them and many of their friends along the way. She was a devoted sports mom, following (and frequently feeding) the basketball, football, track, baseball and wrestling and bowling teams. Les and Marilyn loved to travel and explore, taking the family on countless camping and fishing trips. After they retired, they continued to travel, spending some of their winters in Arizona and returning to Montana for summers with their grandchildren, family and friends.

Marilyn was an avid card player, and enjoyed her bridge and pinochle clubs. She loved teapots and had a beautiful collection that she displayed in her home. Marilyn often hosted the

big family dinners, and always made it seem effortless to serve her growing family. She was a supportive wife, sister, mother and aunt. She had a special relationship with each grandchild, and was a loving friend to her daughters-in-law.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Albert, stepfathers, George Peltonen and Nels Haataja, and her son, Raymond Lyall Silve. She is survived by her husband, Les, of Sheridan, and her children, Reece and Rachel Silve, of Bozeman, Jason and Amy George, of Twin Bridges, and Jesse George. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Finn and Paxon Silve and Andrew, Jessica Rae, Audrey and Avery George. Marilyn's sister and brother-in-law, June and

Robert Wulf also survive her in Sheridan, as well as her niece, Michelle and Marty Gasper of Sheridan, and nephews, Steven and Diane Wulf, of Spokane Valley, Wash., and David and Michelle Wulf, of Australia, and her great-nieces and nephews, Kaitlin and Robert Wulf and Katie Hale and Matthew Wulf.

At her request, a private family service will be held at K&L Mortuary on Friday, Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. Following the service, family and friends are invited to an open house from 2 - 6 p.m. at Les and Marilyn's home, 405 Mill Street in Sheridan.

Memorials may be made to the Raymond Silve Memorial Scholarship Fund at Sheridan High School.

Lynn Renee Moon
April 6, 1954 - August 5, 2016



Lynn Moon, 62, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 5, 2016, after a three year battle with cancer, in which she fought with dignity

and grace. She never once complained.

Lynn was born in Trenton, N.J., on April 6, 1954. She moved to Montana in 1978, fell in love with the country and made it her home.

Not only did we lose a friend, the animals of this world have lost a devoted patron. She had no limits when it came to caring for and protecting animals and pets.

There was never a holiday that those without families did not have a place to go. She and Scott entertained with

elegance and love.

She was the most incredible baker, but rarely ate sweets unless it was crème brulee. On her last birthday, her friends gathered to have crab legs. The dessert was chocolate mousse. She leaned over and whispered, "I wish it was crème brulee." Her key lime pie was the best outside of Florida.

Those that knew her will

miss her forever.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Scott Davidson; her father Earl Stires, Jr., and her four brothers, Dan, George, Ray and Wayne.

A celebration of her life will be held at her home on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. A potluck lunch will be served. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local animal shelter.

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& FAIR NEWS:

THE 2016 MADISON COUNTY FAIR

A PHOTO TOUR OF ONE OF THE AREA'S BIGGEST WEEKS

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The Madison County Fair wrapped up its weeklong affair on Sunday, Aug. 14 with the annual parade through downtown Twin Bridges – the closing ceremony for one of Madison County's biggest events.

"I like the horses," said 5-year-old Paige Maddox as she participated in the stick horse races during the fair.

From the horse show to the guinea pigs and rabbits to the steers and all 136 hogs, Madison County was in full swing last week.

"It went pretty well," said fairgrounds manager Dana Escott. "All the vendors were happy, we had great entertainment and everyone just seemed happy."

Escott estimated between 3,000 and 4,000 people attended the fair this year, with at least 1,000 people at the rodeo each of the three nights.

"The fair just continues to grow and we're out of room," said Escott, adding there were 102 campers on the ground, not including the rodeo trailers.

Space at the fair has become an issue even with extended parking space – it is something Escott and the fair board are continuing to work on.

"We're quite large," said Escott.

With the fair now over, Escott and her team are closing the book on 2016 and getting ready for 2017.

"We're just kind of closing up now – everything comes in like a big hurricane and goes out the same way," she said, adding she is already looking for entertainment for next year. "Everyone really liked the Double Vision Magic and those entertainers you have to get ahold of right away, so I might bring them back for next year, but I try to rotate it year to year."

For now, it is back to the grind to prepare for next year's fair.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Ethan Babcock runs after his pig during the showmanship round. This year was Babcock's first showing pig and he received a purple ribbon.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Megan Hurst of Ennis had a smooth ride during ladies barrel racing at the rodeo on Aug. 12.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Last Thursday, Aug. 11, was the ranch rodeo, where participants competed in events like loading a steer, all their horses and themselves in a trailer as time ticked away.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Haley Fournier, 17, and her sheep, Ella, get prepped for the show. Fournier is in her ninth year with 4-H.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Dale Brandeberry and his dog Cammo demonstrate a canine's athletic ability. Brandeberry and Madison County sheriff's deputy Dan Birdsill were at the fair showcasing the work of police dogs.



& EVEN MORE NEWS:

Jensen dies from extended illness in prison

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On Tuesday, Aug. 9, Montana State Prison inmate Dennis Jensen, 64, died of an "extended illness" at the Lewis-

town Infirmary, according to an MSP press release.

"(Jensen) was sentenced out of Madison County in 2013 for the crime of sexual assault," the release states. "(Jensen) was sentenced to (MSP) for

30 years with 25 years suspended."

Jensen, from Sheridan, was sentenced by Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Nov. 15, 2013, for felony sexual assault.

According to Amy Barton, public

relations officer for MSP, the Lewis-town Infirmary is a MSP facility with 25 beds – it is reserved for the "most ill" inmates.

"Health care of inmates is taken very seriously," she said. "They have a

lot of rights to medical care. They are seen by doctors at the facility, and if there is additional care needed, they are taken to an outside facility."

Jensen was parole eligible in 2015. His discharge date was Nov. 13, 2018.

PIG-GATE: The whine about swine

Ennis' First Street pig causes stir for town council

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During their Aug. 11 meeting, Ennis councilmembers heard complaints from disgruntled residents regarding the First Street pig.

"This pig is not some sort of Vietnamese Dwarf potbellied pet pig, this pig probably weighs a couple hundred pounds now ... what used to be a beautiful yard has just been turned into a literal pig sty, nothing but mud and dirt," said Dean Onasch during the public meeting.

"We did receive a written complaint from someone associated with your property and the commissioners have that now," said Mayor Larry Pine. "We're going to try to find a way to address the problem."

The First Street pig has been a hot discussion topic at multiple council meetings with residents complaining of the odor, noise and disruption, as well as the destruction to the property.

If everybody up and down First Street had a big pig in their yard, how would that be for the whole city, you know?

- Dean Onasch, Ennis resident

"If everybody up and down First Street had a big pig in their yard, how would that be for the whole city, you know?" said Onasch.

According to Ennis' animal code 5-4-1, "It is unlawful to graze, pasture, keep or house in any manner whatsoever, horses, cattle, goats, hogs, llamas or livestock of any kind within the town unless the property has been used for such purposes prior to Sept. 1, 1993. Upon sale of the property, or abandonment of such non-conforming use, for a period in excess of one year, such non-

conforming use shall cease immediately. An exception being made for controlled herds passing through town. (Ord. 135, 11-5-2010)"

However, in the town's definition of a domestic animal, code 5-1-1, a domestic pet is "any animal that is tame by nature and includes but is not limited to, dogs, cats, rabbits and livestock."

Chief of Ennis Police John Moore is currently investigating the issue and said the pig does not fit the exotic and wild

animals ordinance, Ord. 135, 11-5-2010, because it is "tame by nature and does not require a higher standard of care."

"If you look at the livestock ordinance and the town's definition of domestic pet, under livestock it says swine but livestock is also listed under the definition of a domestic pet as long as it is not used for food, fiber or farm labor," said Moore.

Tracy Moore is the owner of the pig in question, who is better known as Hamlet, and said having a pig within city limits is unique but felt the "positives outweighed the negatives."

"He's a friend – almost like a tourist site," T. Moore said. "He is a strange thing in town but I only really hear of the ooh's and ah's from people."

T. Moore received Hamlet, who she claims is a potbellied pig, a year ago as a gift from her daughter and said she fed him hog food, which contains whey, instead of starving the pig, which is the common protocol to keep potbellied pigs small.

T. Moore said she was unaware of the difference in food types and had "no idea feeding him (hog food) would result in such a large animal."

"I don't want to be a problem," T. Moore said. "I thought the joys outweighed the negatives. I understand other people's feelings and I would love to give him to someone who has a more appropriate space, but it would have to be really obvious that he's a pet and not to be eaten."

The council has received written and verbal complaints from residents and is working to resolve the problem.

Planning board

The town is still debating whether to disband the planning board after difficulty to retain board members.

"The town needs to have seven people on the planning board, according to the statute, and at least four people to have a quorum," said Jerry Grebenc, senior planner with Great West Engineering. "This is an issue across the state, especially small cities and towns, it can be really hard to get members to do this."

Currently, the planning board only has two members, councilwoman Brandi Palmerton and Lincoln Roberts, and according to statute, the town must have planning board to give recommendations on the town's growth policy and major subdivision regulations.

The council toyed with the idea of joining the county's planning board, which would only require one member, but said they fear losing authority over issues.

"If something major were to come up, is there anyway we can have an advisory committee that supplements a planning board?" asked councilwoman Lisa Roberts.

The council made no immediate action during the Aug. 11 meeting and have asked the county planner to send information regarding Madison County's board.

Splash park

Toward the end of the meeting, Lisa Roberts addressed the councilmembers with information regarding a potential splash pad in town.

"It was brought to me by another local mom and it's really just an idea at this point," Lisa Roberts said. "We just showed the other commissioners photos of what (the pad) could possibly be."

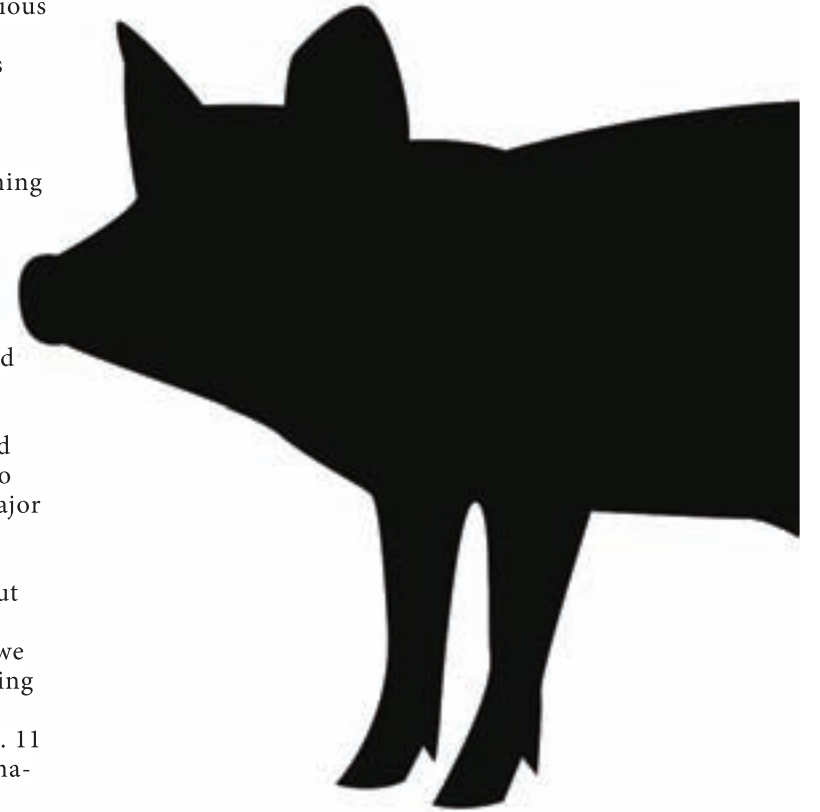
A splash pad is like a spray pool, which involves water play without too much standing water.

Though it is still in infant stages, Lisa Roberts said the park at Comley Street and Armitage Street is underutilized so a splash pad would be a good addition.

"The hope is that we get some of the other things finalized and get (the pad) in the ground next spring, running from Memorial Day to Labor Day," she said.

The funding for the splash pad would be either from local donations to the town, specific to the project, should it come to fruition, or via a potential nonprofit board and fundraising efforts.

"We're still looking at the water and electrical usage would be and if it's even feasible," said Lisa Roberts. "If we get through that, the next step would be to see if we have people interested and begin fundraising efforts."



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of the 204 showing any exceedence in lead.

"Three of those five were retested and came back without (exceedences)," said DPHHS representative Jim Murphy.

In addition, 56 individual blood samples were tested, and none came back with elevated lead levels.

"All were below the level of concern," Murphy said. "That indicates good news."

Greg Holzman, DPHHS state medical officer, encouraged everyone under the age of six to drink bottled water, though he said doing so is most likely an "overabundance of precaution."

What now

Currently, town residents are asked not to irrigate from the town water system, Shaffer said.

The town decided to take well two offline because it had the highest levels of lead – the other well was barely in exceedence.

"If we shut both of them off, we couldn't

survive," Shaffer said, referring to the town's water supply.

Later this week, GWE will flush the town's water system and begin testing again. According to DEQ Water Quality Division Administrator Christian Schmidt, flushing the system and resampling will allow officials to get closer to pinpointing the source of the lead.

"Given the initial risk and worry, the results that have come back have been positive," Schmidt said, referring to the home testing kits and blood samples. "We take this very seriously. We'll flush the lines, retest and know more."

Schmidt said DEQ talked about taking the two wells that had lead exceedences offline, but the town was concerned about fire protection and demand for water.

"Water at the collection point was close to but did not exceed action level, and by taking the high (well) offline, it should drop the level even lower," Schmidt said. "Our main concern is what is leaving the pump house, and that is below the action

level for lead."

Murphy said DPHHS will continue to support the town by providing home testing kits and funding the individual blood samples, as well as providing bottled water.

"I want to commend the city and county for how smooth this operation has been," Murphy said. "Hopefully we will have this wrapped up in a week or two."

Depending on the results from the retest, GWE will recommend a course of action to the town. Once the wells and common collection have been retested, the county will send out the results via a reverse 911 call, so all residents in the area will be notified, according to county director of emergency services Dustin Tetrault.

Shaffer asked residents refrain from watering their lawns until further notice, unless they have personal wells.

"If there's an emergency (after the retest), we will have another meeting," Shaffer said. "But we don't foresee that."

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The public hears from state, county and town officials at an informational meeting on Aug. 15.



Buzz from the schools

Welcome back to our newish column, "Buzz from the schools." In each edition of the paper, the superintendent from one of Madison County's schools – Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges – will keep us up-to-date. In this edition, Fred Hofman from Harrison talks about the Wildcats.

Hello from Harrison!

Harrison Public School will get the 2016-17 school year underway Wednesday, Aug. 24! Over the summer, there was a locker/book spine painting project. Each locker has been painted like the spine of a children's book – be sure to stop by and check it out!

We welcome our new high school social studies teacher, Ms. Heather Tyler, who taught last year in Lambert. Ms. Tyler is originally from Dillon and will also be helping with kindergarten, first and second grade. We have hired Phil Taylen, of Ennis, to be our new high school volleyball coach and we have hired Sidney Stines as our assistant volleyball coach. Ms. Stines is Willow Creek's new math teacher and was a former assistant coach at Gardiner.

Our enrollment numbers continue to dwindle in Harrison. We presently have 67 students in grades kindergarten through 12th. We have 24 students in the high school and we will have just three seniors. Our athletic co-op partner, Willow Creek, will have four total students in high school next year. We also have a

boy-to-girl ratio of approximately two to one. We will have difficulty fielding girls' athletic teams for the foreseeable future.

Our student council began raising money for an electronic marquee for out in front of the school a couple of years ago. The cost for an electronic reader-board depends upon the size, but they typically range \$18,000 – \$38,000. The students raised about one-third of the money for a smaller marquee but then had an innovative idea, which is something we really do encourage at Harrison. The students opted to build their own marquee and sign, with the guidance of our exceptional staff. The old sign has come down and will be replaced this fall with the new electronic marquee and sign that will be built by our students. Last year, the industrial arts students built the sign along the highway for Harrison's grocery store.

In this ever-changing world, students need to work together



using all of their available resources to solve problems. This type of problem solving will be necessary for our students to be successful.

Fred Hofman
Harrison Schools Superintendent

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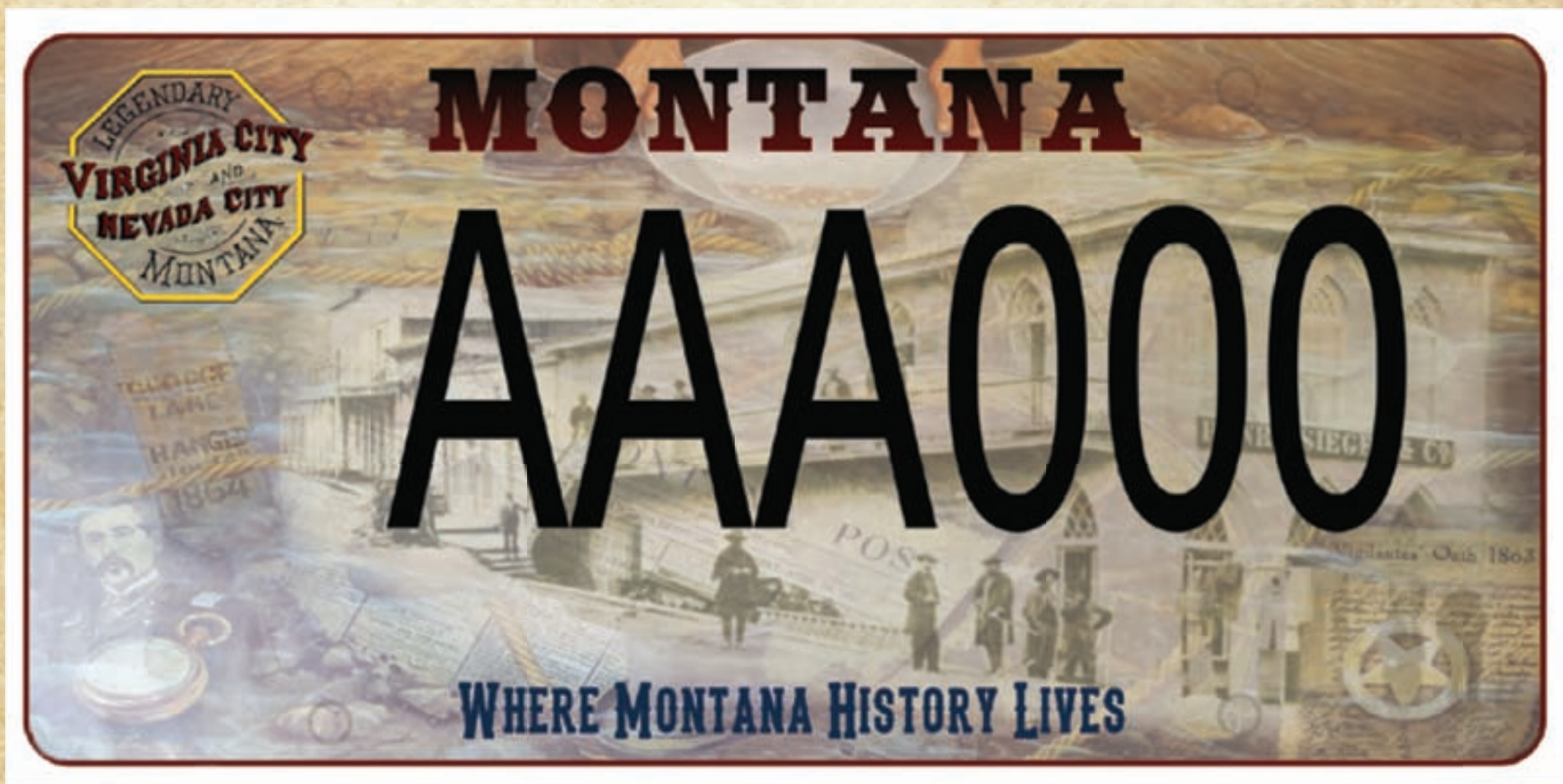
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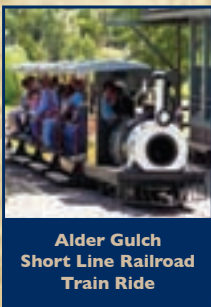


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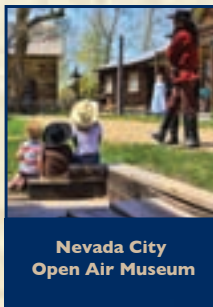
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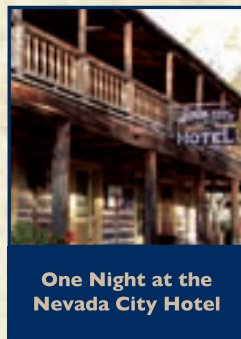
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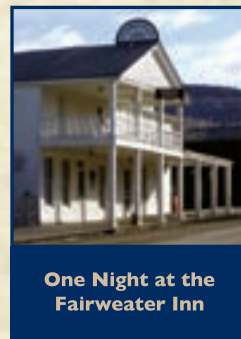
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Francis Harold "Hod" O'Donnell, Jr.
February 14, 1924 – August 11, 2016

Francis Harold "Hod" O'Donnell, Jr., 92, passed away peacefully at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth on Aug. 11, 2016, with his wife at his side.

Hod was born on Feb. 14, 1924, in Billings to Margaret Spurling O'Donnell and Francis

Harold O'Donnell, Sr.

In December 1941, Hod enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was chosen to join Carlson's Marine Raiders, and he shipped out to serve in the South Pacific. Hod's active duty Navy career lasted for 26 years – through World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. While in the Navy, Hod enjoyed many wonderful duty stations from Oregon and Washington to California and Alaska, many WESTPAC cruises and at each station he not only met great friends, but he was able to take advantage of each area's fishing and hunting opportunities. He retired in 1968 as a Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman. Hod's second career was also in the medical field. In 1968, he accepted a position with the Ciba Geigy Pharmaceuti-

cal Company and moved to Bakersfield, Calif., where he earned numerous Ciba-Geigy sales awards. While in Bakersfield, Hod obtained his private pilot's license and enjoyed flying friends and family to hunting and fishing destinations, as well as flying to Mexico with friends and his wife, Sadie.

Hod married Sadie Deveny on June 29, 1947. Together they raised five children: Colleen (born in Miles City), Kelly (born in Billings), Ellen, Tim (both born in Kodiak, Alaska) and Lee (born in Oakland, Calif.).

After Hod's retirement from Ciba Geigy, he and Sadie moved to Ennis, where they made many wonderful friends. Hod's love of fly fishing, hunting, ranching and farming and Ennis' abundance of those par-

tical loves was a daily source of joy to him. Hod enjoyed helping his neighbors with ranch and farm work. He spent many happy, contented hours fly fishing the waters of his neighborhood river, the Madison, as well as fishing Montana's lakes, rivers, streams and creeks throughout his life. While in Ennis, Hod was president of the Ennis Rodeo Association, a Montana state brand inspector and was actively involved in the Ennis chapter of the VFW. In July 2016, Hod was honored by the Ennis VFW with a Quilt of Valor for his service to our country.

In August 1986, Hod married Kay Zent in Ennis. They enjoyed 20 years in Ennis before moving to Hysham in 2006. While in Hysham, both Hod and Kay were avid fans

and supporters of youth sports. During these years, in addition to traveling throughout Montana, and to Florida and Alaska, they spent winters in California. Hod especially enjoyed the San Francisco Bay Area, the Monterey area and Morro Bay, Calif.

Hod was a prodigious reader, a supporter of Notre Dame, Navy and Raider football, and a lifetime fly fisherman and hunter. He was proud of his Irish heritage, and was blessed with both a sharp Irish wit and a quintessential Irish sense of humor.

Hod was predeceased by his first wife, Sadie, and his son Tim. He is survived by his sister, Martha Balestra; his wife of 30 years Kay O'Donnell and her three children: Barbara, Joel and Casey; his children-daughters: Ellen O'Donnell and

Colleen (Tim) Spafford, sons: Kelly and Lee O'Donnell; and his grandchildren, Patrick, Timothy, Deveny and Madeline. In addition, Hod is survived by his dear friends Bennie and Gary Clark and Gale and Danette Clark.

A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hysham. Rite of Committal followed in the Hysham Memorial Vale Cemetery. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is assisting with arrangements and condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hysham or to a charity of one's choice.

Phyllis DeWald Travis Bowles
October 19, 1935 – August 8, 2016

Phyllis DeWald Travis was born in New Jersey to Dean Travis and Gladys Travis on Oct. 19, 1935. She went to school there and worked there until 1959, when she met the love of her life, Jack Bowles, on a dude ranch vacation. They met in July, and by Christmas of that same year, Jack went to New Jersey and told Phyllis that he was not leaving without her.

They were married on Jan. 11, 1959 and in an instant,

Phyllis' life went from ballroom dancing to barn dancing. She was very proud to say that the first house she lived in was in Big Sky ... but that was when no one else lived there.

In 1960, along with their new son Chip, they moved to the Beardsley Stock Ranch in Ennis, where Jack would be the manager until 1977. One of Phyllis' passions while she was there was bird hunting. If asked she would often say,

"Give me my shotgun, a good German Shorthair and a field full of Hungarian Partridges." While there, a second son, Jud, came along. Phyllis was always wrapped up helping the boys with 4-H or rodeo or something. She enjoyed the animals more than they did.

In 1977, Phyllis stated a new adventure. She and Ginny Combs partnered up and bought the Ennis Trading Post, where she was affectionately known as "the Mother

on Main Street." After many years, she sold the store to stay home and take care of Jack.

Phyllis was a tough lady, but was quick to laugh and even quicker to help someone in need. She loved to tell a great story.

Phyllis is survived by one brother, Dean Travis of Big Fork; two sons, Chip Bowles and Jud Bowles; one grandson, Drew Bowles; one granddaughter, Tiffany Jones; and five great grandchildren.

Phyllis is going to be missed by many, but we all know she and Big Jack are dancing in a green meadow somewhere.

Phyllis did not want a service; he ashes will be scattered with Jack. There will be a gathering at Phyllis' house on Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to brdht.britts@yahoo.com or leave a message at 682-7317. We ask you please bring a side or a dessert.

MEMORIALS

Thomas Hillier

Thomas Hillier's memorial service will be in Missoula on Friday, Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. at the Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 W. Broadway, with reception to follow at the same location.

AROUND THE COUNTY

An evening of art
in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY PEGGY GIBLIN
Cattleman Gallery

Please join us for an evening of art, Friday Aug. 19 from 5 – 8 p.m. in Ennis. The art galleries participating will be the Muddled Moose Gallery in the Valley Trades Building at 109 Mountain View Drive Unit 36 (behind the Christian Science building); Maydak Gallery and Studio at 219 East Main Street; and the Cattleman Gallery and Custom Framing at 413 West Main Street, across from the rodeo grounds. The featured artists will be Linda Maydak, Sherry Gold, Kathy Carpenter-Greene and Susan Schick. Join us for an enjoyable evening of meeting the artists. Refreshments will be served.

Meeting slated to discuss Upper Madison
River recreation

SUBMITTED BY ANDREA JONES
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will host three public listening sessions at the end of the month of August in order to gather public input on potential recreation management strategies for the Upper Madison River.

The meetings locations, dates and times are as follows:

Bozeman: Monday, Aug. 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn (2023 Commerce Way), 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Ennis: Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Ennis Elementary School cafeteria, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

West Yellowstone: Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the Holiday Inn (315 Yellowstone Ave.), 7 – 9:30 p.m.

At each of these three meetings, small groups facilitated by an FWP member will be used to

gather suggestions and discuss management of recreation on the Madison River. Some of the public contributions from these sessions may be included in the draft Madison River recreation environmental assessment scheduled to be released for public comment in November of 2016.

This effort continues a process that was started in 2013, and will lead to a decision notice that will impact the future of the upper Madison River management.

FWP encourages all individuals interested in Madison River recreation to attend.

Substitute teacher meeting in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE DANA
Ennis Schools

Anyone interested in substitute teaching at Ennis Schools, please join us for an informational meeting Aug. 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the high school lobby.

If you cannot make the meeting, but are still interested, please contact Brian Hilton at 682-4237.

Junior fiddlers in Virginia City

SUBMITTED BY LYMAN H. BENNETT
Virginia City Preservation Alliance

The Dillon Junior Fiddlers will bring their latest show, Tales and Tunes, to the Virginia City Opera House on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. This program showcases the acting and singing talents of the fiddle players along with a liberal sample of their traditional music. When the "Big Book of Family Tales" is opened, the audience will be given a chance to meet a cast of characters, some real and some imaginary. The music will feature a variety of music styles and ethnic origins.

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8/7
Disturbance on Fairgrounds Loop Rd Twin Bridges
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 9 Cameron
Medical Aid in 400 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges
Traffic Complaint in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Medical Aid on Jeffers Rd Ennis
Citizen Assist in 5000 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis
Accident on MT Hwy 359 MM 15 Harrison
Fire Call in 300 Blk Byrum Ln Whitehall
Fire Call on N Meadow Creek Rd McAllister
Traffic Complaint in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
Fire Call in 200 Blk E Crofoot St Sheridan
Missing Person in Whitehall area

8/8
Welfare Check on Sundance Bench Rd Cameron
Burglary in 200 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City
Burglary in 6500 Blk US Hwy 287 Norris
Disturbance in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis
Medical Aid in 200 Blk White Rock Ln Silver Star
Disturbance in 300 Blk W Idaho St Virginia City
Fire Call on Bone Basin Rd Twin Bridges
Medical Aid in 200 Blk E Crofoot St Sheridan
Domestic Disturbance on Raghorn Ct Ennis
Animal Complaint in 3800 Blk MT Hwy 287 Twin Bridges
Disturbance in 100 Blk S Main St Sheridan

8/9
False Alarm on Hollowtop Mountain Ct Ennis
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis

8/10
Animal Complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 47/48 Ennis
Traffic Complaint in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis
Citizen Assist Out of County
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 24/25 Twin Bridges
Medical Aid in 600 Blk Mirza Way Ennis
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 S MM 14 Twin Bridges
Accident in 2400 Blk Upper Ruby Rd Alder
Medical Aid on Fairgrounds Loop Rd Twin Bridges
Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis
Traffic Complaint on Fairgrounds Loop Rd Twin Bridges
Disturbance in 100 Blk Ruby St Sheridan

8/11
Accident on MT Hwy 41 S MM 22 Twin Bridges

Citizen Assist in 1000 Blk S Boulder Rd Cardwell
Accident in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 McAllister
Trespass Complaint in 100 Blk Temple Ranch Rd Whitehall
Stalking Complaint in 100 Blk W. Main St Ennis
Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk E Main St Ennis
Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Main St Sheridan
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S First St Ennis
Welfare Check in 100 Blk W 4th Ave Twin Bridges
Missing Person in Ruby Reservoir area Alder
Suspicious Circumstances on Mountain View Dr Ennis
Civil Call in 600 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 52 McAllister
Citizen Assist at Biltmore Rd & MT Hwy 41 S Twin Bridges
Suspicious Circumstances on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister
Citizen Assist at Biltmore Rd & MT Hwy 41 S Twin Bridges

8/12
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 9 Cameron
Medical Aid in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
Wildlife Complaint on Rustic Trail Sheridan
Suspicious Circumstances on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 3 Twin Bridges
Citizen Assist at Hot Pots in Waterloo area
Fire Call on MT Hwy 41 S MM 19 Twin Bridges
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 50 Twin Bridges
Dog Complaint in 200 Blk E Armitage St Ennis

8/13
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk N Ennis Lake Rd Ennis
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 37/38 Twin Bridges
Traffic Complaint at MT Hwy 41 N & MT Hwy 55 Silver Star
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 5 Cameron
Coroner Call in Ennis
Accident on Fairgrounds Loop Rd Twin Bridges
Medical Aid in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S Main St Sheridan
Fire Call in 100 Blk Tobe Rd Ennis
Disturbance at Main St & Third St Ennis

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
five day program is designed to encourage students to pursue their interest in a variety of healthcare careers, learn about college life and realize it is pos-

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MYLES

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Friday	<p>Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs 60 to 70.</p>
Saturday	<p>Partly cloudy. Lows 40 to 45. Highs 70 to 80.</p>
Sunday	<p>Mostly clear. Lows 40 to 50. Highs 70 to 80.</p>
Monday	<p>Sunny. Highs 75 to 85.</p>

Quote of the Week:

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Quilts of VALOR

Foundation honors 7 veterans with quilts

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Top: George "Jud" Foreman, Airforce veteran, receives his quilt.

Bottom: From left, Master Sgt. Olkowski, Kathy Olkowski and Kathy Coontz.

"The purpose of Quilts of Valor is to wrap each and every veteran in love and to say thank you," said Kathy Coontz, Southwest Montana state coordinator for Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Coontz has been with the foundation for four years and said she is a quilter by heart.

"I like to work with fabric and I needed a good outlet," she said. "So I got into quilting."

Coontz was aware of the QOVF but it was not until she was at a show in Oregon that she decided to jump feet first into the foundation.

"I saw a show and picked up a brochure and the rest is history!" she said of her involvement in the foundation.

Since taking over as the Southwest Montana state coordinator, Coontz has seen 225 quilts come to fruition then given to veterans.

"It's just a tangible way to say thank you," Coontz said.

Coontz's military background runs deep and she is proud to say that her family is a fourth generation Navy family, starting with her father-in-law and weaving to her granddaughter, who has seen two deployments overseas.

Coontz's husband is a retired disabled Vietnam era Naval airman and was awarded a quilt during the Ennis Quilt Show on Aug. 13.

"I'm not going to cry!" exclaimed Coontz as she presented her husband with his quilt.

For Coontz, while every quilt presentation is an honor, gifting her husband with a specialty quilt was extra special.

"It just means everything," she said.

How it works

Through QOVF, anyone can create a quilt. According to Coontz, the QOVF website has step-by-step instructions for those wishing to contribute. And anyone can request a quilt.

"Really, all we ask is that whoever you're requesting a quilt for be honorably discharged from the military," said Coontz.

Coontz also said the quilt is a one time award and is not a wounded warrior project, meaning quilts can be given to all veterans.

"It's designed to be presented to any veteran to show them how much they are loved and how thankful we are," she said.

Partners in giving back

Coontz has been lucky enough to pair up with Kathy Olkowski, who is a long-arm quilter and shares in Coontz's quilting joy. Olkowski, who has called the Madison Valley home for five years, has been quilting for 38 years.

"I took a quilting class from Martha Northway through the continuing education classes and that was it," said Olkowski about her involvement with the PieceMakers of the Madison, who sponsors the quilt show.

Olkowski, like Coontz, has the military close to her heart. Her husband, Master Sergeant Daniel Olkowski also received a quilt during the presentation.

"Making this quilt, especially for him, is my one way to use something from my heart," said Olkowski holding back tears. "It really is so minute compared to what he has given."



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Top: Veterans are wrapped in their Quilts of Valor.

Middle: Veteran Army Ranger Michael Hahm receives his quilt.

Bottom: Steven Garrett receives his quilt. Garrett was drafted in 1967 and was home two days before Christmas.



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Fun ways to help ease kids back into the classroom

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After a summer of fun, getting back into the swing of the classroom can be difficult for students of all ages and family backgrounds. But parents can help, say experts.

"It's easy for parents to feel like there isn't enough time to add more activities to an already packed schedule. But, there are many easy ways you can set the tone of making learning fun, ease the back-to-school transition and foster literacy skills at home," said Jon Reigelman, creative director of the National Center for Families Learning.

For younger kids, NCFL offers these great back-to-school tips for families.

• Choose a letter of the day. Look for the chosen letter in any printed materials you see

– the newspaper, street signs, billboards or advertisements. Make up a silly sentence using only words beginning with the letter of the day. (For example: Cats can cuddle. Dogs do not drive. Amy always acts awake.)

• Singing songs can be a literacy activity. Try this twist: Sing short songs like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" several times, leaving off the last word each time until there are no words left. This activity always produces giggles from children and parents alike.

• Play Guess Who. Describe a cartoon character, celebrity or historical figure. Allow a guess after each detail is disclosed. Expand your child's vocabulary by using unusual words, and then explain their meanings. Take turns. Listen carefully to your child's descriptions, especially his or her choice of vocabulary.

Encourage your child to paint a picture of the character with his or her words. At the end of the game, compliment your child on any unusual or new words used.

• Talk to your child about his or her day. Pretend to be a television reporter. Try questions like, "what was the most surprising (curious, funny, eventful) thing that happened today?" You are giving your child opportunities to increase vocabulary, recall and reflect, and you are receiving a more detailed version of the time you spent apart. Be prepared to answer the same questions. You and your child will begin looking for events to report to each other.

The beginning of the school year can be hectic for everyone. Help kids get a leg up on their lessons by boosting literacy skills at home.



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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Technology blues

"I will stop wearing black when they invent a darker color." – Wednesday Addams

Technology will be the death of me yet.

Now, I'm not a Luddite by any means, and I do enjoy computers far more than is probably healthy for anyone here when there are fish to catch, but still, there is a limit to what any one person should have to

endure in his or her life.

I was sound asleep when my phone (which serves as my alarm clock) came to life to inform me that it was time for a major update, and asked if I wanted to proceed with the update now or wait.



Rev. Keith Axberg

Now, we are told there is no such thing as a stupid question, but that's obviously a lie.

For one thing, it was two o'clock in the morning. How can anyone make a reasoned decision at that hour? I don't wear my glasses to bed, so all I could see was the bright screen lighting up the room. Two or three synapses began to fire off low-voltage responses that mostly resulted in a muffled, "Wha...?"

My eyes began an arduous journey, making every effort to uncross and gain focus, and just as the app's query began to organize itself into something resembling words, the screen faded back to black. I have learned that means time's up and the phone has no desire to fiddle around awaiting a reply. Sigh.

I closed my peepers and pondered the mysteries of life for a nanosecond or two and went back to sleep. The phone's sensors, being well-programmed to look for signs of sound sleep (or death), leapt into action – trumpets blaring, klaxons clanging, lights flashing, and buzzers buzzing: "Major update needed... Do it now? Wait until later?"

I knew I had only moments to make a decision that would affect the future of life as we know it on this planet. Groggily, I started to weigh the benefits of updating now (to get the phone off my back) or pressing the WAIT button, which

meant it would likely go into hibernation for another five minutes before going to defcon one, insisting on a different response.

I know how computers think. I don't even know why they ask the question, because they consider any answer other than "yes" to be an insult. They are like a 3-year-old. They do not like "no." They do not like waiting. They have no sense of time or of timing.

Why on earth would the cell phone want to update its system at two in the morning, I wondered. Is there some programmer over in Helsinki who's just gotten to work in her Dilbert Cubical, cup of coffee in hand, fluffy pink slippers on her feet, whose sole job is to press the SEND button on her computer interface when it's 2 a.m. in Montana (because that's when the bars close and people can make optimal decisions)?

Who knows? I don't even know why they give people an option, because there really is no option. It will poke and prod and annoy the heck out of the user until they agree to do what the phone wants to do.

So I decided to update my device then and there. I could visualize little coal miners going to work inside the cell's power pack, shoveling teeny bits of coal into the tiny steam engines that make it work, and over the next few minutes the device flashed on and off, alternatively plunging the room into darkness, then bathing it in a beautiful lightshow (broadcast straight from the Aurora Borealis, I presume), all the while humming and buzzing and bleeping away to its little heart's content.

After a few minutes it finished the floor show (missing only a brass pole and dancer), told me it had successfully completed its task, then went back to sleep – something I was no longer able to do. Sigh.

I guess that's why it's called a cell phone. You may be "free" from a landline's tether, but you're shackled to 5 ounces of a digital Bubba who is NOT to be trifled with.

I suppose it's a small price to pay for progress, but is it really worth it? That's what I want to know. Stay tuned; I'll let you know tomorrow at 2 a.m. with an update in this, our valley.

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PLANNING A PROJECT ON OR NEAR A STREAM OR RIVER?

What you need to know about 310 permits and Montana's conservation districts

Healthy rivers and streams are important to Montanans for their lives and livelihoods: providing fisheries, clean water, recreation, aesthetics, agriculture and livestock production, as well as municipal water supply. Streams and rivers also raise complicated management issues and one of the ways to protect their health is through the 310 permitting process.

While there are many permits that relate to activities in or around streams or rivers, The Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975 (commonly referred to as the 310 Law) is the only permit administered by local conservation districts. The 310 name was derived from the 1975 Senate Bill number 310.

The bill was enacted as part of the state's policy to protect and preserve Montana's natural rivers and streams and the lands and property immediately adjacent to them in their natural and existing state. The passage of the law placed permitting of stream-related projects within the jurisdiction of CDs, units of local government initially formed across the United States to address soil erosion following the dust bowl of the 1930s.

Today, CDs continue to encourage landowners to adopt voluntary grassroots conservation through education and support. Conservation district boards are made up of locally elected supervisors who volunteer their time to promote the wise use of our natural resources. This built-

in connection to local landowners makes CDs a fitting entity to administer the 310 Law, providing a comprehensive, locally-based regulatory framework to protect streams and rivers in Montana with the aim of minimizing soil erosion and sedimentation.

By definition, the written consent of the supervisors

(commonly referred to as a 310 permit) is needed by any private, non-governmental individual or entity for an activity that physically

alters or modifies the bed or banks of a perennially flowing stream or river. This means any waterbody that has continuous, year round flow is covered by the 310 Law, and the land area the law covers goes from the bottom of the stream channel up to and including the immediate banks (and the vegetation that grows along it) on both sides of the waterbody.

The 310 permit application is part of a comprehensive document called "The Joint application for Proposed Work in Montana's Streams, Wetlands, Floodplains and other Waterbodies."

This single document can be used to apply for other permits that may be required from local, state or federal entities and the instructions for the form provide useful information about permitting details.

An applicant can find the application and instructions in several locations: at the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation website, at your local CD website or by visiting your local CD office. A directory of all Montana CDs can be found at the Montana Association of Conservation Districts website if you need help finding your local CD.

Upon submission of a complete application, the CD may schedule a site visit to evaluate the proposed approach for the project. A 310 inspection team is formed by a representative from the CD along with the applicant and a representative from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. It is reasonable to anticipate between 30 and 60 days for the CD to process your application and schedule a site visit.

An integral part of the 310 Law is the minimum standards that the inspection team and conservation district supervisors use to make their determinations. This includes a requirement for the team and the CD to determine several factors, including the project's effects on soil erosion, sedimentation, risks of flooding or damage to adjacent property, effects on stream channel alteration, water quality and aquatic habitat. A project must demonstrate that the approach proposed is a reasonable means of accomplishing the purpose. If not, modifications by the team or the CD can be required.

Upon granting and receipt of a 310 permit, the proposed work can proceed as described. It is important to note that the applicant is fully responsible for securing any other permits that may also be required, including permits related to floodplains, wetlands or other related topics. All of these other permits are described in the Joint Application Instructions.

It is recognized that sometimes emergency circumstances arise requiring unpermitted work to take place. Under these conditions, an emergency notice of 310 activities can be submitted. Upon receipt of an emergency notice, the CD supervisors determine whether the action qualifies as a project.

An inspection team makes an onsite inspection and recommends denial, approval or modification of the project. The supervisors then review the emergency project and approve, deny or approve with modifications, and notify the applicant and team members of the supervisors' determination.

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A person who has undertaken an emergency action that is denied or modified is required to submit a written notice to obtain approval under the normal process to mitigate the damages to the stream caused by the emergency action and to achieve a long-term solution. The supervisors' determinations under both the permit and emergency provisions of the 310 Law are subject to review through arbitration or, at the election of the applicant, judicial review.

There are also provisions for those that violate the laws related to activity that physically alters or modifies the bed and banks of a perennially flowing stream. The 310 Law provides that a project engaged in by any person without prior approval or activities performed outside the scope of written consent of the supervisors is a public nuisance and subject to immediate abatement.

The 310 Law also embodies the more standard form of enforcement; violations may be misdemeanors subject to criminal fine or subject to civil penalty. Enforcement under this statute is strengthened by legislative declaration that each day a person continues to physically alter or modify the stream subjects the person to a separate cause of action.

In addition to collecting a misdemeanor or civil penalty, the board of supervisors may pursue action to require the person to restore, at the discretion of the court, the damaged stream, as recommended by the supervisors, to as near its prior condition as possible.

While the 310 Law and permitting process may seem complex, it serves to ensure that the original intent remains the focus of the procedures: evaluation and examination of activity that may potentially threaten the health and future of our important waterways. Local conservation districts serve their role in this process with the goal that securing a permit be straightforward and reasonable, while keeping in mind the crucial importance of our state's streams and rivers.

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Miner's Union Day: Sheridan, 1905, Pt. IV

By Charlie Rossiter

Here, we pick up where we left off last week.

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After the game, both teams got together for a barbecue and grand ball to celebrate the comraderies of the two teams and the towns and proceeded to paint the town red. Every one of the five saloons did record business, and the party went on well into the wee hours of the night. The following morning, the two managers got together for a quick meeting and to square up on the wager from the previous day. The stakes were paid but under duress, as the Virginia City manager, Amos Hall, felt that they (the Virginia City team) were entitled to have their expenses and transportation paid for, as he claimed custom dictated. No doubt, the humiliating defeat of the Virginia City team the previous day provoked Hall to try to recoup something, anything, as their pride had been bruised. Owen conceded to pay the expenses of the visiting Virginia City team (room and board) but refused to pay the livery bill. (The bill totaling \$25 for livery costs was presented to Owen.) The Virginia City team left town, but still with a chip on their shoulders, and vowed that this would not be the last word on this subject! On Wednesday, things got back to normal. Business was conducted as usual, wagons received and dispatched and life continued as summer in Sheridan was just beginning.

In July, Amos Hall wrote to Dr. J.H. Owen the following letter:

Yours of this date received. In reply would say that you have an entirely wrong conception of the matter an agreement, which I know is contrary to your belief. I hold a letter of yours written to me in which it is stipulated and agreed that the winning team was to pay all expenses of the losing team. It makes no difference to us what the history of the procedure of the past has been in paying the expenses of ball teams, we all know that when a purse is to be played for that the winning teams has and always does pay all the expenses of the other team. When you have played up

here there has never been a stake or purse. I hereby make demand upon you as manager of the Sheridan baseball team for the \$25 our expenses as per statement rendered, as if the same is not paid by Wednesday the 19th. Of this month, I shall commence legal proceedings against you. So abide accordingly.

Yours truly,

Amos Hall Manager Virginia City Baseball Club

Dr. Owen wrote back that he had no intentions of paying the Virginia City team's travel expenses, and that Mr. Hall should be content with the room and board already received. If this won't suffice, he should commence the legal proceedings against him and his team if so advised. (He believed this to be a bluff, which he would call.) Unfortunately, Hall wasn't bluffing!

On Dec. 23, 1905, Amos Hall et al filed a lawsuit in the justice court of N.D. Johnson in Virginia City over this incident, which became known as the "baseball case."

Dr. Owen and other members of the team were forced to retain the services of an attorney, S.V. Steward was hired as legal counsel for the Sheridan baseball team. His brief was as follows:

We the defendants, for counter claim against the said plaintiffs allege:

That the Sheridan baseball team is a partnership composed of all of the defendants in this action and doing business and playing ball as such; that prior to the 13th day of June, 1905, the Sheridan minors union advertised a celebration for the 13th day of June, and procured the services of said Sheridan baseball team to play ball with some other as a part of the exercises of said day; that the managers of said Sheridan baseball team, to wit; J. H. Owen, acting in good faith and desiring to secure some other team with which to play a game of baseball onset day, and being advised that Virginia City, Montana,

had a baseball team and that one Amos C. Hall was the manager thereof, addressed the said Hall upon the subject and was then in their falsely and fraudulently informed and advised by said Hall that he was the manager of a baseball team, known as the Virginia City baseball team, whereupon said Owen relying upon his representation sold to made to him falsely and fraudulently by said Hall agreed to allow said pretended team so managed by said Hall to play a game of baseball with said Sheridan baseball team; that relying upon said representation and acting in the entire good faith and believing that said Hall was the manager of a real and sure enough baseball team said on one and his teammates made great preparation for said game and it was advertised all over Madison County, Montana, and even beyond the confines thereof that the Sheridan baseball team which had their 24 acquired a record as a champion baseball team, and was then and there enjoying the same, would play a crackerjack team from Virginia City at said time and place, meaning the said team composed of the plaintiffs herein, and managed by said Hall; that said Sheridan baseball team expanded a great sum of money and preparing for said game and devoted much time to practice and succeeded in working up great interest and enthusiasm relative to said game, and on the said 13th day of June from all over the northwest had assembled at said Sheridan, Montana, to then in their witness said game of baseball between the well-known champion team of said Sheridan and the team to be furnished by said Hall on behalf of said Virginia City.

That on said 13th day of June at said place the said Amos C. Hall instead of furnishing a baseball team to play with said Sheridan team as he had contracted to do did then and there to said Sheridan and enter in said game, and cause to play therein, and with said Sheridan baseball team a motley crowd of burlesque players, who were not indeed or in fact baseball players at all, but who

were the righteous kind of clowns and pikers, and did not in fact intended to play or try to play a game of baseball, but endeavored to gain the plaudits of the assembled crowd by their awkward and uncouth actions upon the diamond and appearance upon the field, and said Amos C. Hall, and he is said pretended Virginia city baseball team by said false and fraudulent representation and said sham and frivolous pretenses toward playing baseball did then and there are one and destroy that feature of the said celebration and subject the said Sheridan ball team to harsh and criticism to ridicule and ruin the reputation and standing of said Sheridan baseball team by reason of their having advertised that a good team would play ball with them and that a good game would be played and damaged said Sheridan team greatly to engage in such a mock game of ball, wherein the score was 14 to 1 in favor of said Sheridan team, the one score having been a gift presented to Virginia City team.

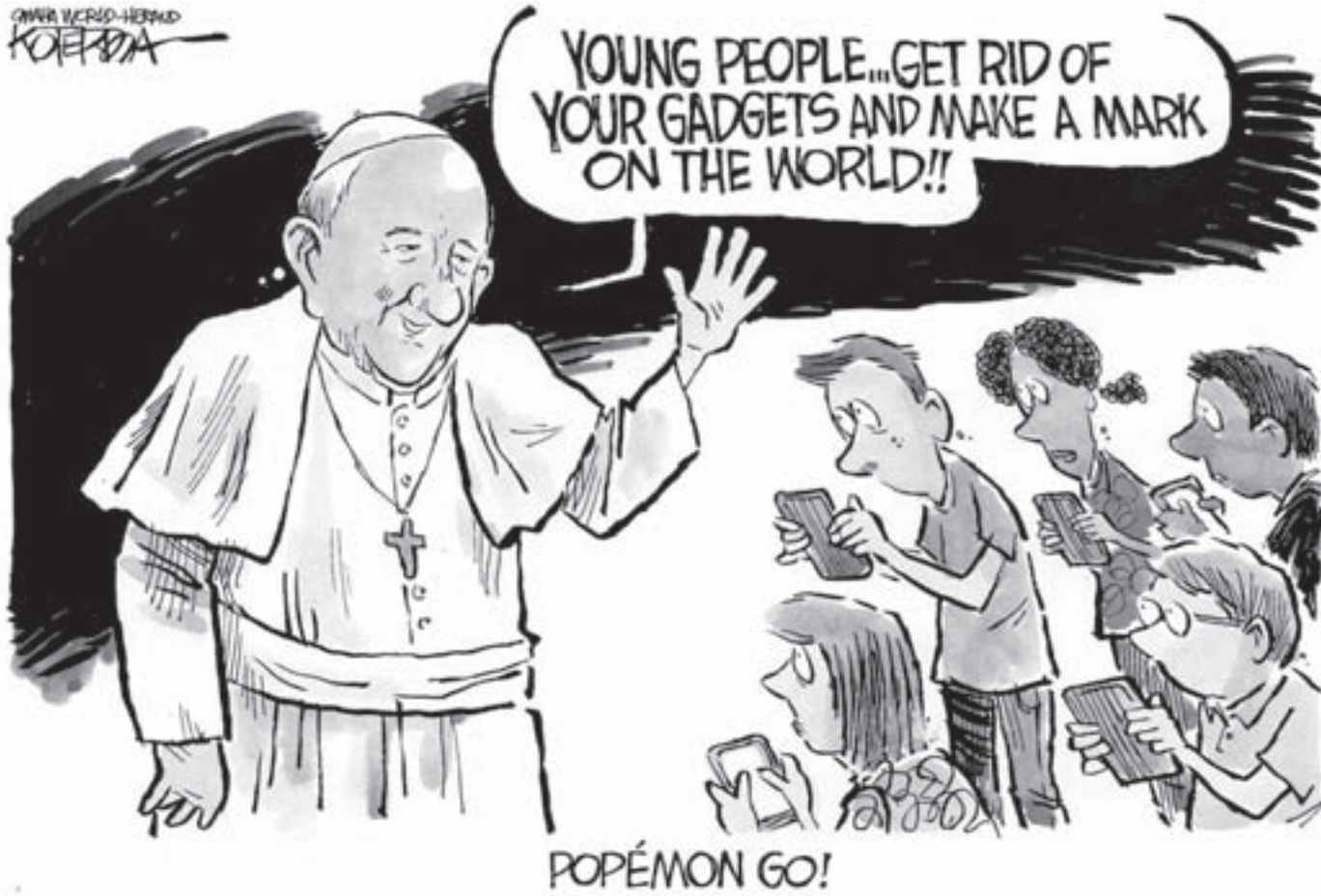
That said Sheridan baseball team, and particularly these answering it defendants, were by reason of the false and fraudulent representation of said Amos C. Hall, manager and of the clownish and inefficient actions of said Virginia City baseball team damaged and in the sum of \$250.

That said Sheridan baseball team expanded in preparing for said baseball game and in other necessary expenditures the sum of \$50, the whole of said sum being thrown away and wasted by reason of the said false and fraudulent representation of said Hall, and of the clownish actions of said so-called and pretended Virginia City baseball team.

Wherefore, answering defendants praise that the plaintiffs take nothing by their said complaint and that the defendants have judgment for the sum of \$300 damage and for the cost of this suit, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem proper.

~SV Steward, Attorney for defendants J.H. Owen et al

COMICS & PUZZLES



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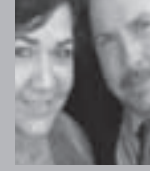
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By Janet Tharpe

No Sweat Summer Spaghetti Salad

"This is one of my favorites!"



Whether you serve this at a potluck, tailgate or picnic, Rhonda Gibson's Summer Spaghetti Salad is going to be a big hit. It's quick to make, uses easily accessible ingredients and packs a big flavor punch. If you add the optional grilled chicken, it's a great summertime dinner too!



Rhonda Gibson
Hanson, KY
(pop. 742)

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- Janet

Summer Spaghetti Salad

What You Need

- 16 oz spaghetti noodles
- 1 bottle zesty Italian dressing (small bottle)
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 can, chopped black olives
- 1 pkg Italian seasoning
- 1/2 pkg shredded cheddar cheese, mild, 8 oz package
- 6 oz grilled chicken (optional)
- 1 small cucumber, chopped

Directions

- Cook the spaghetti per package directions.
- Drain and rinse the spaghetti with cold water.
- Add remaining ingredients. If desired, add the grilled chicken now.
- Cover and put in the fridge overnight.

Submitted by: Rhonda Gibson, Hanson, KY (pop. 742)

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Line/prep cook for local restaurant in Ennis. 682-5444 34-tfc-b

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Historic Preservation Officer for the Town of Virginia City. Dynamic, professional, part-time position (20 hours/week), working on behalf of the community and the Virginia City National Historic Landmark. Qualified candidate must have education or experience in any of the following areas; historic preservation, history, architecture, community planning and/or zoning regulations. Please contact the Town Office at 406-843-5321 for employment application and position description. Position open, until filled. Equal opportunity employer. 39-tfc-b

McAllister Inn- Looking for daytime line cook and dishwasher. Year round employment. Please call 579-0744 39-tfc-b

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2016-17 TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS VACANCIES
Twin Bridges Public Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following position for the upcoming 2016-17 school year:

•Twin Bridges Schools 21st CCLC (PRIDE PROGRAM) Paraprofessional - hours need to be fairly flexible and will require afternoons & early evenings Monday through Thursday, up to 25 hours per week. Successful candidate must be energetic, self-motivated, work well with all students/parents/staff/community and possess a desire for exemplary performance. Basic knowledge in education and leadership skills are favorable. Wage is outlined by the grant. Deadline for application is August 31st, 2016...starting date depends on necessary training, near the start of the school year in early September most likely!

•Twin Bridges Schools, in association with Alta Care of Montana, is in search of a qualified therapist and/or assistant for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. Please call for more information!
•The following positions are open for the fall of 2016-17 school year...
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- SDD Advisor
- Substitutes at All Levels with a focus on Bus and Maintenance!
Please call the District office at 684-5656 for further information and to request a district application. All prepared materials must be sent to the attention of the Superintendent at...
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PO Box 419
Twin Bridges, MT 59754
42-3-b

Substitute Teachers needed! ECCS is building a sub list for the summer. If you have a degree and would enjoy working with awesome teachers and kiddos, please call Erin at 570-0254 or the Children's School at 682-7388 for more info.

Position Title: Educational Paraprofessional - Ennis School District #52
Department/Program: Ennis Schools Special Education Department
Date Posted: 8/11/16
Closing Date: 8/31/16
Location: Ennis Elementary School
Type of Position: This position will work in the Special Education and General Education classrooms
Position effective Sept. 19th, 2016
Monday-Friday, approx. 8.0 hrs/day, specific hours to be determined
Hours may vary based on program needs

Reports to: Building Principals, Special Education Teacher

Competencies and Qualifications: The successful candidate will have proven competency in supporting students with special needs in a school setting that lead to academic and behavioral improvement. The successful candidate will also have:
•A High School Diploma; Associates or Bachelor's Degree preferred
•Experience working as a paraprofessional or 1:1 school aide in a school setting
•A commitment to meeting the needs of the student(s) assigned to work with
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The successful applicant will be subject to a state and federal background check
Contact:
Casey Klasna
Superintendent of Schools
Ennis School District #52
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cklasna@ennischools.org
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The Madison County Board of Commissioners will auction the following items on August 19, 2016, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Health Complex at Placer Loop in Virginia City, Montana, and will move to the County Road Shop in Alder, Montana, for remaining items.
1990 Case Backhoe 580 K Yale Fork Lift, Model KGP51AT-100
1978 Ford Pickup 1/2 Ton
1992 Mazda MPV Van
2007 Chevy Impala
1989 Ford Pick-up
1997 Ford Ranger
2001 Honda 450 Foreman
2006 Chevy Trail Blazer
2005 Ford Crown Vic
2006 Ford Expedition
1998 Road Clipper Trailer
T.V., Older refrigerator, Exam table, Night stands, Folding chairs, Waiting room chairs, Pots and pans, Electric wheelchair - needs work, Exercise bike, Hospital Beds, other miscellaneous items from the Ennis nursing home.
16'X14' Wood Garage Door
Waste Oil Burning Heating Stove
Old Heat Radiators from the Virginia City Library
Historical Quality Drapes from the Virginia City Courthouse
4 x Stacking letter trays
1 x Small dry erase board
1 x 2 wall shelves with hardware
1 x Franklin computer Spelling Ace
2 x computer keyboards
1 x Microsoft mouse
3 x Kensington Ball Mouse
1 x Sharp Adding Machine & 4 rolls adding machine tape
1 x Flip-N-Tell Desk Display Easel
1 x Brother Model ML100 Electric Typewriter with ribbons
1 x Desk Chair
Standing Xerox Printer with sorter and extra toners
Assorted computers, monitors, misc computer cables.
There will be additional unlisted items. For more information contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277. 42-2-b

Summer Clearance Sale!
Save 30%-50% store wide including hoodies, shirts, head wear, mittens, aprons, towels bags and select Made in Montana gift items. COVERUPS Gifts & Embroidery, 110 E. Main Street, Ennis. Open 10-5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 10-3 Saturday. 43-2-b

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Hours: Tues. - Sat., 10 - 4
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Aug 20 & 21
8 am - 6 pm
Furniture, shop tools, sports equipment, gardening supplies, household items, building supplies, outdoor furniture. 43-1-p

YARD SALE
Saturday
August 20
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43-1-p

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MISSING

Attention: The Blaine Spring Creek Bridge date plaque is missing. The plans for the new bridge called for that plaque to be mounted on the new bridge for future generations to enjoy. Whoever might have taken or possess that plaque for safe-keeping, would please return it, no questions asked, it would be the right thing to do for the historical appreciation of the old bridge. Thank you kindly. Reward offered. Please drop off at The Madisonian.

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VCPA awards Nelson for Alder Gulch Summit Tour

SUBMITTED BY JOHN D. ELLINGSEN
Virginia City Preservation Alliance

Ken and Danie Nelson were presented with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance's president's award on Aug. 4. They were chosen for the award for their unique new addition to the numerous activities already in Virginia City. Their tour up the gulch in an Army truck gives visitors a back country adventure and a detailed look at the mining history and geology that made Alder Gulch one of the most famous

gold discoveries in history.

The Nelsons started giving the tour in 2014. The truck, named Colossus, is an impressive giant – a 1983 AM General model M925A1 five ton, 6x6 (six wheels, all driving) Army truck, but the back is equipped with comfortable seats and a canvas top.

K. Nelson takes his customers on a one and one-half hour adventure for 10 miles, far into the Montana high country, taking visitors back in time, learning about the technology of gold mining and how it changed.

PHOTO COURTESY LYMAN H. BENNETT

Lyman H. Bennett (L) presents the Nelsons with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance president's award.

Madison Valley Ranchlands Group weed committee hosts fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY LANE ADAMSON
Madison Valley Ranchlands Group

On Aug. 6, the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group weed committee hosted their annual fundraiser at the Jumping Horse Ranch in Jeffers – the event consisted of a tour of the ranch, silent auction, live auction and dinner.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the ranchland group. In 1996, seven Madison Valley ranching families met to consider their future in ranching. The economy and the rapid increase of subdivision development in the valley were putting enormous pressure on sustainable ranching. They met to discuss alternatives. They had been raised in the valley in ranching and had a deep love for the land and livestock.

Over the course of the past 20 years, the MVRG has taken the lead in addressing many of the issues facing ranching and the valley. Some of those issues are noxious weed control, wildlife conflict, water quality and quantity, growth and the impact of outside interests. The valley is not a museum or national park, but is a working landscape that depends on stewardship and accountability from individuals, agencies and organizations working together.



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The live auction during the Aug. 6 weed committee fundraiser.

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Columns cont. from B3

COMMODITY INSITE!: A new era with reflation

by Jerry Welch

From late 2008 to the spring of 2010 the Federal Reserve embarked on Quantitative Easing (QE 1 and QE 2) to help pull the United States out of the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Quantitative Easing is printing money like mad to keep deflation from happening. In 2011, the Fed announced Operation Twist, which was an attempt to do what Quantitative Easing tried to do but without printing any more money. The general consensus regarding QE 1 and 2 and the twist was that both measures would at some point in time lead to inflation.

But rather than experience inflation, a bout of deflation took hold of the hard asset markets and prices tanked from 2010 through and including 2015. In fact, in 2015, the CRB Index, which is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to the equity markets declined for the fifth year in a row. Never in history has the CRB Index declined five years in a row. And this year, the CRB is a bit higher year to date.

In early 2016, the CRB fell to a new 13 year low while the Dow Jones fell to a two year low and was off to its worst start in history. In other words, in face of QE 1, QE

2, the twist and the Fed printing money like mad, inflation never really took hold in the marketplace. But now virtually every major central bank in the world has also undertaken measures to stimulate their economies and simply put, they too are printing money like mad.

Since 2010, few have bad mouthed the commodity markets as much as yours truly. My approach for years has been simple. Sell any rally with any hard asset because prices were deflating, there was no shortage of any commodity and the U.S. dollar would move higher keeping inflation muted. And over the past five years, that is exactly what happened.

However, the big difference between now and 2010 when commodity values began to leak, are three important fundamentals to keep in mind. One, most all the world's central banks are printing money in an effort to stimulate their economies and spark some inflation. Two, commodities per se are coming off a 13 year low, something certainly not seen anytime between 2010 and 2015. And finally, the U.S. dollar appears to be rolling over and heading south.

Historically speaking, the fate of the

commodity markets rests with the value of the U.S. dollar. A strong dollar keeps prices in check while a weak dollar tends to push prices higher. If the dollar does indeed hit the skids as I believe is possible with commodities hovering near a 13 year low, the odds increase that hard assets are likely to rise in the future rather than decline.

Take the U.S. ag markets for instance. Within the past few weeks, corn prices fell to a seven year low, wheat a 10 year low and cattle kissed a five year low and lean hog prices nearly slipped to levels not seen 10 years. By any measure, the U.S. ag markets are cheap with far more potential on the upside than downside. And the same can be said of other commodities such as crude oil that is 73 percent below where it was three years ago.

When it comes to the commodity markets there are no signs of inflation. With that said, a historically accurate measure of inflation is the price of gold. This year, while commodities per se wallow around weak and aimlessly, the yellow metal is off to its best start to any year since 1980, nearly four decades ago. Gold prices hint loudly that inflationary pressures are building and quickly.

Investopedia defines "reflation" as, "A fiscal or monetary policy, designed to expand a country's output and curb the effects of deflation. Reflation policies can include reducing taxes, changing the money supply and lowering interest rates. The term 'reflation' is also used to describe the first phase of economic recovery after a period of contraction."

Wikipedia defines "reflation" as, "The act of stimulating the economy by increasing the money supply or by reducing taxes, seeking to bring the economy (specifically price level) back up to the long-term trend, following a dip in the business cycle." Wikipedia goes on to state, "Reflation can be considered a form of inflation."

My work suggests the time has arrived for commodities per se to start showing signs of reflation. If so, a new era for commodity speculation is at hand that will reward the bulls and the buyers but punish the bears and the sellers. A new era is at hand due to reflationary pressures that have been building slowly since late 2008. And that is a welcome relief from the eroding and depressing ag markets seen in the years 2010 to early 2016.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION RED ROCK RIVER BASIN WATER USERS

Big Sheep Creek Ranch filed a Senate Bill 355 Exempt Claim with the Montana Water Court. Claim 41A 30103484 is for a direct from source stock right, with a claimed priority date of October 1, 1894, and is located on Big Sheep Creek in the W2SE of Section 22, E2SW of Section 22, and NE of Section 27, T14S, R10W, Beaverhead County. RESPONSE OR OBJECTION FILING DEADLINE
Any response or objection to decreasing exempt claim 41A 30103484, as filed by Big Sheep Creek Ranch, must be filed with the Montana Water court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman MT 59711-1389. A copy of the response or objection must be served on:
Big Sheep Creek Ranch
c/o A. Suzanne Nellen, Attorney at Law, PLLC
1800 W. Koch, Ste. 5
Bozeman, MT 59715
Any objection must be filed within 45 days of the last publication of this notice.
Therefore, the filing deadline is Monday, October 3, 2016.
(Aug 4, 11, 18 2016) sn
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MADISON COUNTY HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES:

All county Home Schools must notify the Madison County Superintendent of Schools of intent to home school at the beginning of each and every new school year.
Home School Requirements: MCA Section 20-5-109 states: "To qualify its student for the exemption from compulsory enrollment under 20-5-102, nonpublic or home school:
(1) Maintain records on pupil attendance and disease immunization and make the records available to the county superintendent of schools on request;
(2) provide at least 180 days of pupil instruction or the equivalent in accordance with 20-1-301 and 20-1-302 (Half-time Kindergarten 360 hrs, K-3 720 hrs, and 4-12 1080 hrs);
(3) be housed in a building that complies with applicable local health and safety regulations;
(4) provided an organized course of study that includes instruction in the subjects required of public schools as basic instructional program pursuant to 20-7-111; and
(5) in the case of home schools, notify the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the home school is located in each school fiscal year of the student's attendance at school." Montana Code Annotated 20-5-109 (2011).
Notify the County Superintendent of the intent to home school for 2016-2017 by September 15, 2016. Please return an instructional hour report at the end of the 2015-2016 school year by July 1, 2016.
Please contact Pam Birkeland to request a home school packet via mail at PO Box 247 Virginia City, MT 59755, call (406) 843-4280, by fax (406) 843-5388 or e-mail at pbirkeland@madison.mt.gov.
Thank you for your cooperation.
Pam Birkeland, Madison County Superintendent of Schools
(Pub. August 11, 18 2016) dnrc
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Introduction of visitors and guests
1.Call to Order
2.Public Comment
3.Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
a.Approval of draft minutes of July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting
b.Financial Reports for July 2016
c.Monthly Financial Statements
d.Check Register: Checks 6115652 - 6115709; including voided check 6115684
4.Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
5.Correspondence
6.New Business
a. Swearing-In of Deputy Chief Greg Megard
b. Presentation to Captain Seth Barker
c. Firefighter Hiring Update
d. Administrative Assistant Position
e. Confidential Personnel Matter - Closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged information
7.Unfinished Business
a.Annexation Petition Approval: Moonlight Basin (all private land west of Moonlight to the border of Jon Fossel conservation easement properties) and Emergency Services Agreement
b.Fire Station #1 Renovation Update - Tabled until September 2016 Board Meeting
c.Master Plan - Next Steps - Tabled until September 2016 Board Meeting
d.Engine 12-2 Refurbish
8.Other Business
9.Public Comment
10.Date for next regular meeting - September 28, 2016 at 8:30am
11.Adjourn
(Pub. August 18, 2016) bsfd
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved payroll for payment in the amount of \$450,811.11 and claims for all funds in the amount of \$2,051,005.21 with a total of \$2,501,816.32 for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on July 31, 2016. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. 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.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 11th day of August, 2016.
Kathleen Mumme
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. August 18, 2016) mcr
MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding a regular meeting on Monday, August 29, 2016, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties District Meetings in Whitehall, Montana. The regular Commission meeting for that week will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. The Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting the week of September 5, 2016, as County Offices will be closed to observe the Labor Day Holiday. The next regular meeting after this date will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016.
(Pub. August 18, 25 2016) mcc
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on July 31, 2016, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. 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.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 11th day of August, 2016.
Kathleen Mumme
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 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 2016-2017. Tax payers are welcome to review the budget and make comments.(Pub. August 18, 25 2016) mcc
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PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

The preliminary budget of The Town of Sheridan, Madison County Montana, has been completed and is on file in the office of the town clerk.
The budget is open for inspection on August 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and August 30th, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, Sheridan, Montana.
There will be a public hearing on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, Sheridan, MT, at which time any taxpayer may be heard for or against any part of the said budget.
Ginger Galiger, Clerk
(Pub. August 18, 25 2016) tos
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Board will not be holding their regular meeting on Monday, August 29, 2016. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016.
(Pub. August 18, 2016) mcb
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

the Shining Mountains Airpark and the Mustang Ranches Homeowners Associations will have their annual meeting at 10:00 AM, August 27, 2016 at Tom Miller's hangar behind Choice Aviation at the Madison County Ennis Big Sky Airport.
(Pub. August 18, 25 2016) tos
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS M. WALSH, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-29-2016-17
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to John Warren, Davis, Warren & Hritsco, P.O. Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
DATED 9TH DAY OF MAY 2016.
/s/ Fred F. Walsh
Personal Representative
Personal Representative's Attorney
John Warren
Davis, Warren & Hritsco
P. O. Box 28
Dillon, Montana 59725
(Pub. Aug 18, 25, Sept. 1) dwh
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF ALINE M. UBER-LESLIE, PETITIONER
Probate No. DV-29-2016-37
THIS IS NOTICE THAT PETITIONER has asked the District Court for a change of name from Aline Marie Uber-Leslie TO Aline Marie Uber. This hearing will be on September 29, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Madison County.
/s/ KAREN MILLER
Clerk of District Court

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

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned clerk of Alder School District #2, Madison County, State of Montana that regular registration for the Building Reserve Levy Election to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 will close at 5:00 pm on August 22, 2016.
Note: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election offices up to and including election day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before the election, 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. All active and inactive electors of Alder School District #2 are entitled to vote at said election. Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote by requesting an absentee ballot in any election or by notifying the county election administration in writing of the elector's current address in the county.
The county election office is located at Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT. Dated this 16th day of August 2016
Kathleen Wuefling
District Clerk
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It will be at the Riverside Park at the back of the Twin Bridges Fairgrounds. If the weather, is bad it will be at the Montana Room at the Twin Bridges High School.

Your presence and cards are welcome.
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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER MEETING
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Ennis Schools will have a meeting for any individuals interested in substitute teaching for the 2016-2017 school year on Tuesday, August 23rd at 2 p.m. in the high school lobby.
If you need any further information contact Superintendent, Casey Klasna at 682-4258.

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Make sure your campfire is out, cold to the touch

SUBMITTED BY TERINA GOICOECHEA
Bureau of Land Management

As the sun sets on your outdoor family vacation, a campfire is a great place for your family to share their adventure over a melting marshmallow on stick. Whether you are cooking, warming up or just sitting and enjoying the crackle and glow, campfire safety is a must. Before you light that fire here are a few campfire tips:

Building a safe campfire

If there is an existing fire pit, use it. If not, gather several large rocks and form a circle on a piece of clear, flat ground to create your own fire ring.

Avoid building a fire near your tent, overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass or leaves.

Before you light your fire, be prepared to extinguish it later – have a bucket of water on hand. Never leave a fire unat-

tended.

- Keep your fire small – it will be easier to contain and faster to extinguish.
- Never leave a campfire unattended. Never leave children alone with a campfire.
- Campfires may be banned during times of high fire danger. Watch for signs and obey restrictions.

Putting out a campfire

- Keep plenty of water handy.

Drown the fire with water making sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet. If it is too hot to touch then it is too hot leave.

Using a shovel, stir water and dirt into your campfire to make sure everything is wet and cold to the touch. Carefully run the back of your hand near the surface of the fire remains to make sure all heat is gone. Make sure it is dead out and cold to the touch.

Madison County Fair Parade results

SUBMITTED BY LOIS LEHWALDER-SMITH
Twin Bridges Rotary Club

On Aug. 14, the Twin Bridges Rotary Club's fair parade wound through Twin Bridges. The following is a list of results.

- In county float: first place, Sheridan Fire Department
- Adult group float: first place, Boot Scootin Rubites (Old Red Hatters); second place, Birthday Lady
- 4-H float: first place, Star Buster Galore; second place, Ruby Valley FFA
- Commercial float: first place, Cowpokes Shope Local (bank employees); second place, Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Twin Bridges
- Girl on horseback: first place, Kara Hardy
- Horse drawn vehicle: first place, Twin Bridges Community Association; second place, American Legion members; third place, Ruby Valley Inn
- Horse riding group: first place, Ramblin Rose
- Walking entry: first place, Montana Rhinestone Cowgirl; second place, Percy the Pony; third place, Purple Bubbles and Peyton Holt
- Decorated bike: tie for first place, Boy on Dirt Bike (Haze Hardy) and Grady Elser on KTM
- Decorated four-wheeler: first place, Running Interference (Kim Guinnane); second place, 4-H Generations; third place, Adult Fair Crew
- Antique vehicle: first place, Dillon Jaycees Rodeo (1928 fire truck); second place, Grandpa Ed Guinnane's Treasure; third place, Bryce Hanson
- Classic vehicle: first place, Whitehall Towing
- Musical entry: first place, Rotary Club of Twin Bridges
- Humorous entry: first place, Bannack Klowns
- Others: first place, Parade Marshall, Madison County Fair; second place, Dave Schulz for Commissioner; World War II Veteran on a Trike (Al Fox, Command Sergeant Major)
- Rotary Best of Show Award: Boot Scootin Rubies

Maintain your safety chain

SUBMITTED BY TERINA GOICOECHEA
Bureau of Land Management

As you pack up the family for an epic outdoor adventure, take a few moments to reduce the chances of igniting sparks along the way to your destination. A loose safety chain on a trailer that drags on the pavement can send a shower of sparks into dry vegetation. You can reduce the chances of igniting a wildfire by greasing your trailer wheels, checking tires and ensuring safety chains are not touching the

ground.

With that in mind, here are a few additional suggestions to avoid sparking a wildfire:

- Thoroughly clean and maintain all equipment. When vehicles are driven over vegetation, brush and grass frequently accumulates around exhaust systems. This vegetation can ignite, spreading fire as the vehicle travels. A faulty spark arrester can shed hot metal. Poorly lubricated wheel bearings can overheat and ignite, and worn out brakes can drop hot material into the

grass.

- Keep vehicles off dry grass. If a driver pulls off to the side of the road into dry grass, the red-hot catalytic converter on the exhaust may contact the vegetation and set it ablaze.
- Carry a shovel and a fire extinguisher.
- Follow all public-use restrictions and access closures. Check with local agencies about any closures before venturing out.

We can all make a difference in reducing human-caused fires this season.

Standard Creek Road temporarily closed for logging activity

SUBMITTED BY LEONA RODREICK
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Standard Creek Road (Forest Service road number 237) in the Gravelly Mountains west of Lyon's Bridge will be closed beginning Wednesday, Aug. 17. The closure started at the junction with road number 237C and traveled west for 5.7

miles.

The road closure will be in effect 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. The road will be open to public travel Saturdays and Sundays. This closure will remain in effect until logging activities to remove hazardous trees along the roadway has concluded in mid-October.

Access to the Wolverine Basin trailhead will be limited and visitors are asked to plan accordingly.

Travelers in this area are also advised to drive cautiously due to logging truck traffic. Towing of trailers to road barricades is not recommended as turning around may be difficult. For more information contact the Madison Ranger District at 682-4253.

AREA SENIOR MEALS



MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.

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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.

ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS

Tuesday-Friday 11:45 am to 12:30 pm
Reservations 682-4422

To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in. Ennis Senior center, 315 W Main Street

AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 25

THURSDAY AUGUST 18: TUNA CASSEROLE, VEGGIES, BIRTHDAY CAKE

FRIDAY AUGUST 19: CHICKEN & GRAVY, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT

TUESDAY AUGUST 23: SLOPPY JOE, FRENCH FRIES, VEGGIE STICKS, DESSERT

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24: BEEF STEW, MASHERS, CROISSANT, DESSERT

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Art walk, Ennis

An evening of art with Maydak Gallery & Studio, 219 E. Main St., Muddled Moose Studio Gallery, Valley Trades Bldg. #36 and Cattleman Gallery and Custom Framing, 413 W. Main St. from 5-8 p.m.

AUGUST 19-20

Open studio, Sheridan
McClellans' open studio 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. From Sheridan drive 4 miles up Wisconsin Creek Rd, past yellow cattle guard, then follow balloons to studio. Call 842-7172 for more info.

SATURDAY AUGUST 20

Music, Virginia City
The Larry Gibson Band will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

Book signing, Virginia City
Ennis author Tom Savage will

present his book "Walk with the Wind: The Endless Circle" at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 7 p.m.

Home tour, Ennis
Home Tour hosted by MVMC auxiliary from 10-5 p.m. For more information view our website at www.mvmcmedcenter.org or call 682-6862.

SUNDAY AUGUST 21

Concert, Virginia City
Dillon Jr. Fiddlers show at the Opera House at 7 p.m.

MONDAY AUGUST 22

Potluck BBQ, Ennis
The MCD is hosting is celebrating 70 years of activity with a community potluck and BBQ at the Ennis Lions Club Park at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a side or salad and a beverage. Call 682-3181 for more information or to reserve a spot.

Meeting, Harrison
Madison Co. Republican Central Committee will have a meeting at the Harrison School a 7 p.m.

TUESDAY AUGUST 23

Substitute meeting, Ennis
Anyone interested in substitute teach at the Ennis Schools please join us for an information meeting at 2 p.m. in the high school lobby. For more information call Brian Hilton at 682-4237.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24

Wildlife speaker series, Cameron
Bob Inman will be presenting on wolverines at the Three Dollar Bridge Schoolhouse at 7 p.m. BBQ before the speaker at 6 p.m.

Farewell party, Ennis
Farewell Party for John Bishop in the MVMC lobby at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY AUGUST 26

Music, Virginia City
Bob Weber will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

Open house, Ennis
The Madison Valley Manor is hosting an open house to show off their new renovation. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 28

Cabaret dinner, Virginia City
Enjoy an evening complete with cigarette girls, silent auction items, and a mystery raffle. For more information call 843-5346

TUESDAY AUGUST 30

Movie, Ennis
The movie "50 to 1" - Cowboys and Horses! will be shown at the Madison Theatre at 7 p.m. Call 682-4023 for more information.

Meeting, Ennis
Meeting with FWP to discuss Upper Madison River recreation at the school cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 3

Poker ride, Virginia City
Labor Day horseback poker ride begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Bale of Hay Saloon. Call 843-5700 for more information.

Music, Virginia City
The Sugar Daddies will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Karaoke, Virginia City
Karaoke at the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

KnitNite, Ennis
Meets at Right Angles Framing and Gallery from 5-7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month.

TUESDAYS

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Children's Story & Craft Time for babies, 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.

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

Paddle board classes, Ennis
Tuesday at Ennis Lake at 6 p.m.

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

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

Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Li-

brary, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

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

Yoga, Virginia City
Gentle yoga with Andrea Frederick at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Farmers' market, Ennis
From 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School parking lot.

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

Farmers' market, Sheridan
From 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Main Street Park.

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

Paddle board classes, Ennis
Thursday at Ennis Lake at 7 a.m.

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.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
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SUNDAYS

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