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MADISON COUNTY SURVEILLANCE TESTING



Madison County Public Health Nurse Walker Van Wagoner stores a COVID-19 nasal swab test at the drive through surveillance testing in Virginia City July 10.

DRIVE THROUGHS AND DRIVE UPS

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The COVID-19 surveillance testing drive through in Virginia City tested 376 asymptomatic people July 10.

Results for COVID-19 surveillance testing are a low-priority for state and private labs and takes about seven to 10 days. Test results for people with

symptoms are a high priority because it is more likely that they are contagious than someone without any symptoms or knowledge of exposure to the novel virus. The Madison County Public Health Board, Montana National Guard, Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummel said. "I would assume every Madison County community has infection." As of July 14, Montana has 1,034 confirmed active COVID-19 cases. Twenty-eight Montanans with COVID-19 are currently hospitalized, two of whom are Madison County residents over the ages of 60. Madison County has 22 confirmed active COVID-19 cases and all are in

"We were super stoked to get over 300 people," Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummel said. Cars looped around the area into the afternoon hours and moved in two lines. The testing staff were equipped with personal protective gear as people drove up to the staging tents. Most of the vehicles had Montana license plates but some visitors also participated in the testing. Latex-gloved hands passed nasal

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Assume COVID-19 is in every Montana community

MADISON COUNTY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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COVID-19 is all over Madison County. Many Madison County residents have been concerned with where in the county COVID-19 cases are coming from. The nature of this novel virus is that a lot of cases will go undetected. According to public health officials, it is important for every Montanan to consider the chance that anyone could be infected with the virus. During the Madison County Board of Health meeting July 9, the board said it strongly recommended for the public to

wear facemasks when in public settings. "Even if we don't have a positive [confirmed] in a community, it is likely there and we just don't know about it yet," Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummel said. "I would assume every Madison County community has infection." As of July 14, Montana has 1,034 confirmed active COVID-19 cases. Twenty-eight Montanans with COVID-19 are currently hospitalized, two of whom are Madison County residents over the ages of 60. Madison County has 22 confirmed active COVID-19 cases and all are in

isolation. Over the weekend, from July 11 - 13, the Madison County Public Health Department required 37 more people to quarantine due to close contacts with a known COVID-19 case. At least three of those 37 individuals tested positive for the virus, according to MCPHD. Madison County had 117 people in quarantine as of July 14, most are Madison County residents. "Overall there are cases in the Ruby Valley, Big Sky and Madison Valley," Brummel said. "People need to treat it as if it's in their backyards because it's in a lot of backyards."

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GRAYING PAINS
Opportunities & Challenges in the West's Oldest State

MONTANA FOURTH ESTATE PROJECT

Montana is the oldest state west of the Mississippi, and demographic projections show the state growing collectively older as more Montanans enter their senior years. The economic, cultural, and personal impacts of that trend present the state and its residents with new challenges and, with those challenges, opportunities. Graying Pains is a series of weekly stories and broadcasts exploring those challenges and opportunities in communities statewide. By investigating how other communities have responded to the issues raised by aging, Graying Pains hopes to point the way toward policies and innovations that can help Montana, and Montanans, improve with age. The series is produced by the Montana Fourth Estate Project, a collaboration among 13 Montana newsrooms and the University of Montana School of Journalism coordinated by Montana Free Press under the auspices of the Montana Newspaper Association and the Solutions Journalism Network. See montanafourthestate.org for the collected Graying Pains stories and more information.

Cracking the transportation bottleneck

Getting rural seniors to and from services is challenging. An agency in Whitehall has found a solution

By JOHN BLODGETT,
Boulder Monitor

In 2010, the Whitehall Senior Center, an activity and meals hub for seniors in Whitehall, was trying to unload a bus and a van it had been using to transport its patrons and residents of a nearby assisted-living home. The Montana Department of Transportation had designated the center that area's agency to provide state-funded public transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. But the center was finding the state's reporting system and other requirements too cumbersome. Dick Gustin, who had been running the program for Whitehall Senior Center, asked Liberty Place, a local nonprofit that houses and rehabilitates people with severe brain injuries, if it wanted to add the two vehicles to its own fleet of three. "The people we serve have many medical needs which require specialist care, and we have to travel for those services," explained Liberty Place Executive Director Ann Geiger. "We also have some who are able to have jobs in the community. [Gustin and I] began to talk about the fact that Liberty Place was already doing a lot of driving for residents and ... it seemed to make sense for us to join forces." Liberty Place took over the program in 2011. Across Montana and much of rural America, transportation — to faraway health care, to food and other shopping, and to social activities — is the great barrier to quality of life for the elderly. In a 2019 Jefferson County community health assessment, 45% of stakeholders identified transportation to services and care as a major concern. The Rocky Mountain Development Council, which serves three counties in central Montana, found in a 2015 survey that transportation was by far the most often identified need for seniors. But providing transportation can be prohibitively expensive and burdensome to smaller agencies that serve scattered rural senior populations. The experience of

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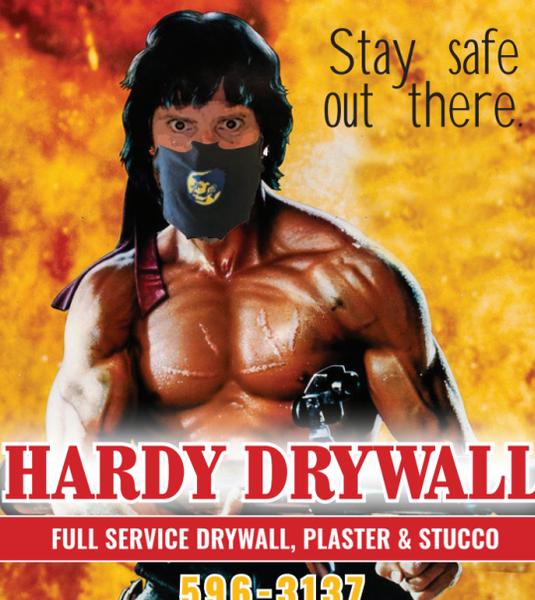
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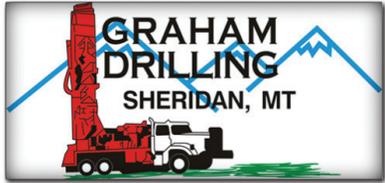
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swabs to individuals in their cars. The testing staff coached everyone through conducting the test themselves from the comfort of their cars. The samples were

bottled and labeled for the state lab to test. People who tested positive will get a phone call in seven to 10 days. Madison County's two clinics are in

the beginning stages of their surveillance testing, but the recent increase of priority testing has dominated their personnel's time.



Madison healthcare providers and the Montana National Guard work together at the staging tents of the drive through surveillance testing in Virginia City July 10.



Melinda Tichenor with the Madison Valley Medical Center takes a surveillance test.



Robert Durrant, a Senior Airman of the Montana National Guard, helps hand out information.



Madison County Public Health Nurse Walker Van Wagoner and Madison County Public Information Officer Bonnie O'Neill prepare a finished test sample.

Business in the COVID-era
 READ THE GOVERNOR'S DIRECTIVE

By HANNAH KEARSE
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Several Madison County businesses have temporarily shut down due to concerns about COVID-19 exposure.

The business closures have been voluntary. According to the MCPHD, the department would notify the public if an outbreak were connected to any one business or event, but so far, that has not been necessary in Madison County. According to the Madison County Sanitarian Van Puckett, not all of the county's over 400 licensed businesses have been compliant with Governor Steve Bullock's orders.

"It's the business owners'

responsibility to know," Puckett said. "It is really important for people to look at the governor's guidance... those answers are there for the most part."

After the Fourth of July weekend, The Long Branch Saloon closed for two days to disinfect after the busy weekend. The Gravel Bar and The Bale of Hay Saloon have recently followed suit with temporary closures due to concerns about their employees.

Owner of the Gravel Bar in Ennis, Amy Kelley, said that she is witnessing masks being politicized in her bar and restaurant. More local guidance may help eliminate some of the politically charged perceptions. But the

limited personnel at the Madison County Sanitarian Office is not in the position to officially restate the governor's orders.

"The reality is that people are doing what they want to," Madison Foods owner Chris Gentry said. "I personally don't want a mask mandate in my business." Gentry said she would like to see everybody wearing masks, but her business would not be able to afford the associated costs of a mask mandate such as manning entrances and providing personal protective equipment.

"What I would recommend is to stick with one source [of information]," Madison County Sanitarian Van Puckett said. "Which is the one you're responsible for

as a business owner, which is the governor's guidance. Until the Board of Health goes above and beyond that, that's what we're going to stick with."

The MCSO through the county's attorney office has the authority to issue fines and suspend licenses to establishments that refuse to follow the governor's guidance. Puckett said that enforcement can sometimes bring resentment and that he would prefer to handle noncompliance outside of the county attorney's office.

"If that person or establishment is found in gross disregard of the guidance, then yes, we would pursue it," Puckett said.

GRAYING PAINS continued FROM A1



After shopping at The Corner Store, Whitehall resident Bruce Ball boards a Whitehall Public Transportation bus driven by LeRoy Murphy Feb. 21, 2020. (Ball has since passed away.) PHOTO BY JOHN BLODGETT, BOULDER MONITOR

Whitehall's agencies shows that collaborating to serve multiple constituencies, the elderly among them, can provide the scale and operational efficiencies to make shared rides feasible.

After reaching an agreement with the Whitehall Senior Center, Liberty Place formed Whitehall Public Transportation as a parallel nonprofit funded primarily by donations, contracts and MDT and other grants. The new entity bought the senior center's bus and took over its minivan — provided through an MDT contract — and went into service on July 1, 2011. Paula Hippert, a part-time office assistant for Liberty Place, was tapped to be a part-time dispatcher and eventually became full-time manager.

Whitehall Public Transportation established its mission as "to offer independence and quality of life to those who depend on safe and reliable transportation services." Said Geiger: "Transportation for those who are elderly or have a disability is very difficult to come by in many communities. Transportation is a basic human need, yet, sadly, it is a need that seems to be on the

back burner in other areas."

It took a while for the program to get traction. Posters were put up around Whitehall and brochures mailed to residents. Gustin would drive the bus around, even if empty, and stop at local stores and the post office. Gradually, Hippert recalled, word of mouth spread.

Now, Whitehall Public Transportation, recently relocated to its own building, has seven vehicles and six drivers and contracts with both Whitehall Senior Center and Meadowlark Manor, an assisted-living facility, as well as St. James Healthcare, a rehab service, and Rocky Mountain Development Council. Its drivers also pick up a regular cohort of individual riders. Hippert said they were transporting an average of 325 passengers a week before COVID-19 concerns temporarily shuttered the service.

The largest cohort of riders is the elderly, followed by people with disabilities, Hippert said. In fiscal year 2019, the former accounted for 47% of the program's 27,195 rides, the latter for 31%. The remaining 22% were people with low incomes and others from the general population, she

said. Because much of Whitehall Public Transportation's funding — its FY2020 budget was \$131,279 — comes from grants that require bus service to be free to users, no fares are charged. But donations from clients are allowed, she said.

"We used to do [shopping] once a week," Hippert said. "It got so popular that now we do it twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays." On those days, a driver will pick up people at their homes — they call and schedule in advance — and drive them to the bank, the post office, the grocery store, wherever their errands are, and then take them home.

"If they're going grocery shopping or something, we'll help them get their bags at least to their door," Hippert said.

Other days the service ferries people to Butte, 25 miles to the west, mostly for medical appointments but also for shopping, and to and from major Whitehall events such as Frontier Days and the Christmas Stroll.

Talking to some of the regular riders, it becomes clear that Whitehall Public Transportation does more than solve logistical problems of running errands or visiting the doctor.

Bruce Ball, a Whitehall resident, said using Whitehall Public Transportation has issued him a "broader vista" on his community and "mixes things up" for him.

"The sense of community that this bus enforces is very important. I've become more part of the community instead of being stuck in my apartment," he said during a recent ride. "I wouldn't have met these people if I weren't on this bus on a regular basis." (Ball has since passed away.)

Vikki Correll likens riding a Whitehall Public Transportation bus or van to a "kind of social hour."

"You come for the company sometimes, especially in the wintertime when you get stuck in your house or apartment," Correll said.

"We do have a good time on our trips," said Carol Liebers. "It's like social time for us. It allows us a certain amount of independence."

At the behest of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, Whitehall Public Transportation now has extended its service to Boulder, a similar-sized community 30 miles to the north. The Commission has authorized allocating \$15,000 in county funds to help fund the Boulder service in its first year. MDT has said it will contribute \$8,000. The service started July 7, with Hippert's Whitehall colleague Susan Poff as the primary driver and Boulder resident Pat Lewis as a volunteer to fill in as needed.

"Getting around to things such as shopping and medical appointments become very difficult for the aged and disabled," said Jefferson County Commissioner Bob Mullen. "We need to think about and begin to implement strategies that target the necessary transportation needs of these individuals. An initial expansion in the Boulder area is a start on those strategies. The goal is to expand the transportation services across the county."

On the first and third Tuesday of every month, Whitehall Public Transportation will pick up Boulder riders so they can shop and run errands locally; on the second and fourth Tuesdays, the bus will drive to Helena for medical appointments, shopping and other services.

"The long-term hope is that we'll be providing more services as we find out what the needs are from the residents of Boulder," Hippert said.

This isn't the first time Whitehall Public Transportation has tried to serve Boulder. A few years ago, Whitehall Public Transportation scheduled a once-a-month trip from

Boulder to Helena, but the service failed to attract enough interest.

To gather more support this time, Hippert and Poff visited the Boulder-Basin Senior Center and local businesses every other week beginning in January — until the COVID-19 threat hit — to get the word out and even give sample rides. "We wanted to create an exposure as well as a relationship with Boulder residents," Hippert said. "And we've had very positive feedback. The needs are there."

They've also met with staff at Boulder Medical Clinic, who have agreed to assist with coordinating patients' medical appointments in Helena. Bruce Binkowski, Jefferson County's events coordinator, has promoted the nonprofit's services on Facebook and county radio stations.

Hippert hopes to eventually expand service in Jefferson County to Basin and elsewhere. In anticipation of further growth, Whitehall Public Transportation, likely by July 1, 2021, will be spun out of Liberty Place and more closely tied with Jefferson County, Hippert said in an email. While details remain to be worked out, possible outcomes include Whitehall Public Transportation becoming either a standalone nonprofit under contract to the county or a County Transit Agency, she said.

So far, the service has proven transformative for rural seniors who otherwise would lose access to mobility, needed services and each other's company, she said.

"I have learned that there are a lot of people that are [elderly or] disabled living independently at their homes, and ... without our services ... they would not be able to get out and do anything," she said. "We've opened the doors for so many."



Whitehall resident Dee McHugh goes to shop at Family Dollar after Whitehall Public Transportation bus driver LeRoy Murphy let her off the bus Feb. 21, 2020. PHOTO BY JOHN BLODGETT, BOULDER MONITOR

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Logan Scott Rinehart of Belgrade pleaded not guilty to felony aggravated assault in Madison County District Court June 29.

According to court documents, Rinehart's charge was one of the results of an altercation between Rinehart's girlfriend and her family members May 30. Rinehart allegedly became involved in a physical dispute between his girlfriend and her family members, including her father Eric Olson. Madison County officers

reported that Olson's face and head were bruised when they arrived at the house.

A Montana Highway Patrol Trooper detained Rinehart and his girlfriend on US Highway 287 shortly after. Rinehart was released on a \$4,000 bail with the condition that he stay 1,500 feet from the Olson's Ennis residence.

REVOKED SUSPENTION

Hill County charges toward Zane Pasma of Twin Bridges lead Madison County District Court to

revoke his suspended sentence July 6.

Pasma was convicted in Madison County for two misdemeanors of criminal trespassing in 2018. Both convictions yielded six-month sentences, which were suspended along with \$200 of the \$1,000 total fines. He was charged with assaulting a peace officer, obstructing a peace officer and criminal possession of less than 60 grams of marijuana March 6 in Hill County. The charges were a violation of Pasma's probation conditions from Madison County District Court.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Happy snail mail

By KEELY LARSON
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Heather Lowe, Ennis resident, and her kids volunteered at Madison Valley Manor before the coronavirus. All three loved it—her youngest said it made her feel like she had a 'real job.'

Lowe homeschools her kids and it is important to her that they learn to have a strong work ethic and understand the importance of being involved in their community. "That's why we're really into volunteering and fundraising and seeing what our community needs," she said.

After nursing home visitation was suspended due to the coronavirus, Lowe started to think about other ways to support residents from the outside. "If they can't go out, we can bring the outside to them," she said, and decided to start creating and delivering letters to Manor residents.

Lowe talked with the librarians at the Madison Valley Public Library and they offered a table for Lowe to set up for community members to participate in the project. Her family loves the library and as a community focal point, it seemed like the perfect place to offer a letter writing station. Envelopes, post cards, greeting cards, worksheets and stamps are provided. Lowe will

pick up the camper—which looks similar to boxes made on Valentine's Day—and bring letters to the Manor as long as they keep coming.

"Anything that comes into the building, whether it's a UPS package or regular mail or somebody is bringing something to a resident, we spray it down before we hand it over," Leona Stredwick, activities director at the Manor said about that sanitation of incoming items. The outsides of the envelopes, in this case, will be sprayed with disinfectant.

She asked anyone participating in the letter writing project to be symptom-free before contributing. If you have a fever or a cough, do not send an art project or letter, she asked. Lowe will deliver the letters in a big bag,

allowing them to stay contained and untouched for as long as necessary if the Manor needs.

Lowe believes the letter writing is especially beneficial for children. It allows them to practice their writing skills and provides an avenue for a relationship between a child and an older adult.

"It really helps with their education skills and at the same time, I mean who doesn't love getting mail? It really does make you feel good," she said. "Youth needs to be around the elderly. They need to be around each other. I think it's good for both parties," she continued.

"It's just like happy snail mail. I think nothing brings them [residents] more joy than just getting things from children," Lowe said.



Letters can be dropped in the camper, displayed on the left side of the picture. PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER LOWE



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William "Bill" Emer Yeager Jr December 15, 1962 to June 17, 2020

soon followed. Seems like he was always tinkering with his latest favorite vehicle as well. He was also a loving protective and humorous big brother and never failed to make his little sister laugh... A LOT! He loved hockey, the beach, skateboarding and surfing.

He loved live outdoor concerts, especially The Grateful Dead and The Red Hot Chili Peppers and would travel to see hundreds of live shows all over the West Coast.

In 1996, William moved to Japan to teach Japanese carpenters how to build western style houses. While in Japan, William met the love of his life, Akiko Inagaki. The couple married in June of 1997. On December 26, 1997, they welcomed their son, Sola Yeager, into the world. In 2000,

the Yeagers moved back to the United States, spending time in Washington and California. William desired to get out of California and in 2005, decided to make the move to Twin Bridges. With Montana roots spanning back to the 1800's, the Yeagers felt much more at home in Twin Bridges. In 2009, they were blessed with a second child. Jessica Yeager was born on June 4, 2009, in Dillon, Montana. William found ample opportunities to ply his trade in and around Bozeman and Big Sky and would spend the rest of his life working in these areas.

William enjoyed watching his children grow up. He was proud to be the father of his children and always made it known, especially while watching his son play football and

run track. He loved his children's friends like they were his own, and became a "second dad" to many of them. He was a wonderful storyteller and liked to tell them to anyone who would listen. He loved the mountains and the Ruby Valley especially. In his free time, he liked to fish with his daughter, sit and talk with his son and his friends, and go shooting with family and friends.

William is preceded in death by his father, William Emer Yeager and mother, Sherry Jean McAfee. He is survived by his wife, Akiko; son, Sola; daughter, Jessica; sisters, Emily and Jennifer; nephew, James; nieces, Ellasyn and Macey; step-mom, Renee; step-sisters, Tiffany and Stephanie; and numerous family members in Japan.



Dorcie Jane Mullins Bowey August 31, 1923 to February 2, 2019

death, the family moved to Englewood, Colo. to live with her Aunt Virgie McPeak. Dorcie attended and graduated from Englewood High School where she was in the Glee Club as she loved to sing. She regularly attended First Christian Church and was in the Choir. It was at church where she met her husband Donald James Bowey. Dorcie studied music and opera at the University of Colorado. She also worked at the Arms Plant in Cheyenne, Wyo. making bullets for World War II. After Don joined the Army Air Corp they decided to get married and rode a bus to Goodland, Kan. to do so.

Dorcie was always busy raising her two daughters. She was President of the PTA, President of her Toastmistress Speaking Club, stayed active organizing church activities, helped organize Little Britches Rodeo events, and even started and managed an equipment rental business that later grew into three branch businesses.

Dorcie especially had a very keen eye for real estate. She was always driving around Denver, studying which way the city was growing and which highways were going to be developed. She was always looking into the future. Dorcie was a very happy and positive person. Her favorite saying, "If you can't say something good about

someone, don't say anything at all." She love to ski, swim, golf and bowl.

Dorcie was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Blanche, Ruth, Roma and Virginia. She is survived for a year by her husband, Don Bowey; and her daughters Diane Rice of Harrison, MT and Debra Bowey of Condon, Mont., grandchildren Dana Ankeny (Jake) of Jackson, Wyo. and Dustin Rowe (Tara) of Zephyrhills, Fla., great grandchildren Katelyn Ankeny, Lexy Ankeny and Bryson Rowe.

A celebration of life service will be at K & L Mortuary, Harrison, Mont., July 17, 2020 at 11 a.m.



Donald James Bowey March 29, 1926 to May 5, 2020

wood High School. Don was very musical, he played the tuba and trumpet in the band and orchestra; he also played the piano and accordion by ear. Don was also active in the First Christian Church in Englewood, and was assuredly attracted to the beautiful Dorcie Mullins also in the Choir. They were high school sweethearts who would later be married in 1944, with a marriage that would last 75 years.

Don joined the Army Air Corps, which is the Air Force today, when he was 17. His mother had to sign giving him permission since he was too young. He wanted to be a pilot but Pilot School was closing as it was nearing the end of World War II, so he became a radio operator/gunner. He still was very proficient in Morse Code late in life.

Don was very entrepreneurial. He followed in his father's footsteps and started his own masonry contracting business while he was still in high school. He not only had

his own business, but he also still worked with his father and together they did exquisite stone work on Red Rocks Amphitheater in Colorado. Don contracted stone work all over Colorado and at both University of Colorado on the Engineering Science Building in Boulder, and Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. In addition, he began his own General Contracting business in Colorado, building many of the high rise apartment buildings that still exist today. Building his own homes for the family was always a creative endeavor as he did his own architecture work as well.

While he was building his businesses he also joined the Masonic Lodge #166 in Englewood, went through the Chairs and later became past Master. He and his father, also a Mason, laid the cornerstone for the Englewood Lodge. Don remained active in the Masons and Shriners most of his life.

After Dorcie started the equipment rental business, Arapahoe Rental, Don likewise

became involved in the three stores. He later was President of Mountain States Rental Association, planning a convention in Mazatlán, Mexico and a Director of the American Rental Association.

As busy as he was, he always had time to be involved in his two daughters' horse showing and rodeo activities. He even set up an automatic eye timing system for the events. Don was very athletic loving to golf, ski, swim, bowl, bicycle and even ran the Denver Marathon.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jean Gorman, his niece Julia Gorman. He is survived by his daughters Diane Rice of Harrison, Mont. and Debra Bowey of Condon, Mont., grandchildren Dana Ankeny (Jake) and Dustin Rowe (Tara) and great grandchildren Katelyn Ankeny, Lexy Ankeny and Bryson Rowe

A celebration of life service will be at K & L Mortuary, Harrison, Mont., July 17, 2020 at 11 a.m.

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June 28, 2020

Drug paraphernalia possession was discovered in Ennis.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cameron.

An accident occurred in Cameron.

Lost/found property was reported in Virginia City and Harrison.

A citizen was assisted in Sheridan.

A traffic complaint was made in Cameron.

A harassment complaint was made out of county.

An animal complaint was made in Cameron.

Alder.

Animal complaints were made in Norris.

An animal complaint was made in Ennis.

An animal complaint was made in Sheridan.

Fire calls were made in Ennis.

A welfare check was performed in McAllister.

Traffic complaints were made in McAllister.

Citizens were assisted in the Cliff and Wade Lake area.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

July 4, 2020

Two DUIs were issued in Ennis.

DUIs were issued in Virginia City, Sheridan and Pony.

Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Ennis.

Traffic complaints were made in Sheridan, McAllister and Twin Bridges.

A citizen was assisted in Alder.

A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan.

A disturbance was reported in Harrison.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Virginia City.

Fireworks complaints were made in Alder.

Fireworks complaints were made in Ennis.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

A disturbance was reported in Harrison.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Virginia City.

Fireworks complaints were made in Alder.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

Ambulance calls were made in McAllister, Cameron and Alder.

Lost/found property was reported in Virginia City.

A fire call was made in Twin Bridges.

July 6, 2020

Threats were reported in Ennis.

Dog complaints were made in Alder and Twin Bridges.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

Accidents occurred in Silver Star, Ennis and McAllister.

A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.

Lost/found property was reported in Virginia City.

A trespass complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in Sheridan.

A fireworks complaint was made in Ennis.

July 7, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in McAllister.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges and Alder.

A missing person was reported in the Jack Creek Trailhead area.

A citizen was assisted in Cardwell.

June 29, 2020

An animal complaint was made in Ennis.

Citizens were assisted in Twin Bridges and out of county.

Warrant services were performed in Ennis.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris.

A scam complaint was made in McAllister.

A welfare check was performed in Ennis.

Lost/found property was reported in Ennis.

June 30, 2020

A wildlife complaint was made in Alder.

Animal complaints were made in Alder.

An accident occurred in Twin Bridges.

A trespass complaint was made in Sheridan.

July 1, 2020

A citizen was assisted in Cameron.

Accidents occurred in Ennis.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

A theft complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

A trucking complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

A welfare check was performed in Sheridan.

An open container violation was made in Ennis.

Lost/found property was reported in the Harrison area.

July 2, 2020

A fire call was made in the Haypress Lake area.

A trespass complaint was made in Sheridan.

A welfare check was performed in Ennis.

Alarms were responded to in Ennis and McAllister.

A traffic complaint was made in Cameron.

An animal complaint was made in Cameron.

Fireworks complaints were made in Ennis and Virginia City.

Lost/found property was reported in Ennis.

July 3, 2020

Hazards on the road were reported in McAllister and

A wildlife complaint was made in McAllister.

A dog complaint was made in Ennis.

A disturbance was reported in Ennis.

July 8, 2020

A trespass complaint was made in Cameron.

A citizen was assisted in the county.

Animal complaints were made in Harrison, Silver Star and Ennis.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

A fire call was made in Sheridan.

A welfare check was performed at Potosi Campground.

Disturbances were reported in Twin Bridges and Silver Star.

Lost/found property was reported in Twin Bridges.

July 9, 2020

A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan.

Ambulance calls were made in Ennis and Twin Bridges.

A fire call was made in the Cameron area.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

Traffic complaints were made in Ennis, Sheridan and out of county.

Lost/found property was reported in Alder.

Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Ennis.

An animal complaint was made in Ennis.

An accident occurred in Ennis.

July 10, 2020

A DUI was issued in Alder.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan and Pony.

Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Sheridan.

Animal complaints were made in Harrison.

Animal complaints were made in Ennis and Twin Bridges.

A traffic complaint was made out of county.

Ambulance calls were made in Ennis and McAllister.

Burglary was reported in Sheridan.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

An assault/disturbance was reported in Alder.

A disturbance was reported in Pony.

July 11, 2020

Ambulance calls were made in Sheridan and Ennis.

Accidents occurred in the Pony area and in Norris.

Hazards on the road were reported in Sheridan.

A scam complaint was made in Ennis.

Citizens were assisted in McAllister and in the Cameron area.

Fire calls were made in Sheridan and Ennis.

Lost/found property was reported in Norris and Cameron.

An animal complaint was made in Ennis.

A traffic complaint was made in McAllister.

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

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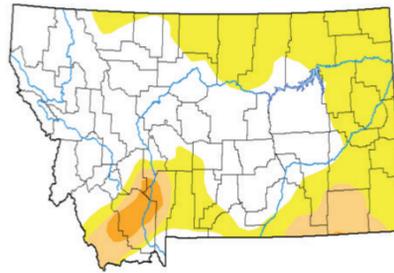
A Madison County burn ban went into effect at noon July 15. Fireworks and open burning are not allowed on private lands due to dry conditions. Two-thirds of the county is in a severe drought. The Madison County Commissioners signed the ban July 14. Several grass or wildland fires in the county have occurred in the 2020 wildfire season. The Madison County's Office of Disaster and Emergency Services reported 25 acres have been burnt in Madison County.



Madison County 2020 Burn Ban Resolution Informational Request



Data valid: July 7, 2020 at 8 a.m. EDT



- Intensity:**
- None
 - D0 (Abnormally Dry)
 - D1 (Moderate Drought)
 - D2 (Severe Drought)
 - D3 (Extreme Drought)
 - D4 (Exceptional Drought)
 - No Data



MADISON COUNTY DEMOCRATS HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Madison County Democrats completed their semi-annual highway clean-up from Granite Creek to Nevada City July 11. Pat and Rand Bradley, Doris Fischer, Jay Frederick, Jim Frey, Cindy Gockel, Claire and Larry Leonard, Ann and John White, Lois Lounsbury, Bill South and Mark Savinski all participated. The 13 individuals picked up 13 bags of garbage in the 2-mile stretch. Their next highway cleanup will be in October or November. "We are happy to do our part to make Madison County a cleaner place to live for all of its citizens," Madison County Democrat Mark Savinski said. "It is gratifying to see so many people take time out of their busy schedules to participate in this worthwhile endeavor."

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Tennis in Ennis

Submitted by TERRY QUIRK AND ELITA JONES

The Madison Valley Tennis Association just completed the total resurfacing of the two county tennis courts located at the Madison Valley Golf and Tennis Club.

The Madison Valley Woman's Club made a very generous donation to help with this big project as did Tennis Association memberships, member assessments and fees paid by nonmembers for court times.

These courts are open for adult play Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nonmembers can call 682-7468 for more information. Children up to 18 are invited to play without a fee from 1

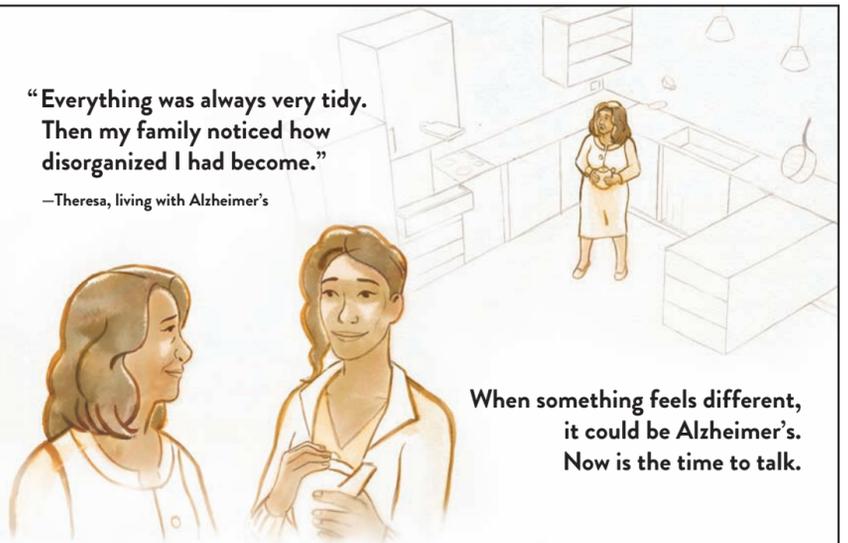
p.m. to sundown Monday through Saturday. Loaner tennis racquets are available for youth use. Reservations are required. Members and nonmembers can also make reservations during this time. Sunday play is open for everyone. Please make reservations.

Elevated Tennis Camps/Clinics are scheduled on July 24, 25 and 26. Youth clinics are tentatively planned for July 27 and 28. Check out the elevatedtennis.com website. Private lessons and clinics for all ages are available. Call Kurt Haggstrom at 760-217-7797.

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BBB Advisory: Cyber and legal issues of tracking and contact tracing

Agency reminds businesses about privacy and data security in collecting personal data



Submitted by
HANNAH STIFF,
Montana State Director

Better Business Bureau Northwest + Pacific is alerting employers to cybersecurity issues associated with COVID-19 contact-tracing solutions.

Interest in COVID-19 monitoring is growing as employers grapple with appropriate measures to keep their employees and customers safe and avoid workplace outbreaks.

“Safeguarding privacy is important for business,”

said BBB NW+P CEO Tyler Andrew. “Protecting personal information applies to both customers and employees and can be done in a way that also creates a safer place to work in the era of COVID-19.”

Tracking and contact-tracing solutions are being considered and implemented throughout the country to help contain the spread of the coronavirus. High-tech solutions include smartphone applications that employees can download, which will track and store proximity data or use other means to determine location. If a user is diagnosed

with COVID-19, data collected by the smartphone app can be used to trigger notifications to other employees (and outsiders) who have crossed paths (within six feet) with the infected person.

While tracing apps are sophisticated and not all employers want or need such technology, businesses are being encouraged to find simple ways to monitor and track employee health and workplace exposure. For instance, some employers are mandating employees use a no-touch digital thermometer and fill out a symptom questionnaire every day before entering the office. The resulting employee data may go to a central repository, typically accessed by an HR rep. Small businesses or professional offices that are able to log information about individual customers may be expanding symptom monitoring to include customers as well.

As procedures and technology to track COVID-19 and trace contacts advance, privacy and security issues loom. It is the employer’s responsibility to understand how all employee data that is collected by any means will be protected, stored, used, and

disposed of.

BBB encourages employers to think about privacy and cybersecurity questions their employees may have, including:

- What information do employees receive upfront about tracking or contract-tracing?
- What information do employees receive in connection with a suspected exposure?
- How is the data stored securely and for how long?
- If using a mobile phone tracer app, what permissions does it need and why?
- Who has access to the collected data?
- How is the data used to inform community-wide health decisions?

While it is legal for employers to mandate their employees get tested for COVID-19 before returning to work, take daily temperatures, and participate in contact-tracing solutions, companies need to tread carefully when documenting and storing personal health information. Legal experts warn that asking employees to disclose health information, especially if they are asymptomatic, could be challenged and open the company up to legal liability.

Other considerations agreed upon by BBB and consumer protection agencies include:

- Using anonymous, aggregate location data for public health purposes to sidestep many of the privacy concerns related to tracking individuals’ location. For example, if a consumer has granted you permission to use their location data, nothing would prohibit you from disclosing a heat map of average distances travelled for public health purposes.
- If you tell consumers you’re collecting, analyzing, using, or sharing information for emergency public health purposes, only use it for those purposes, and delete the data when the need is over. This idea of “purpose limitation” or “use limitation” has been a standard tenet of privacy norms over the years
- There are many engineering tools that can preserve consumer privacy while getting the data you need to combat the coronavirus. For instance, researchers have developed decentralized protocols that allow users to voluntarily share encrypted data directly with epidemiologists.

To be successful, employers should educate their employees about any tracking and contact-tracing solutions they put in place, including how notifications look, what questions they will be asked, and how the information will be used. This is critical to not only assess data-privacy issues and concerns, but to prevent employees from being conned by fake contact tracer scams that have recently been reported to BBB.

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 Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday
 Partly cloudy skies. High 83F.
 Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday
 Sunny along with a few clouds. High 79F.
 Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday
 A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. High 77F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday
 Sunny. High 78F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

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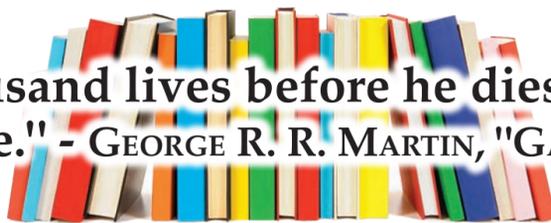
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Summer reading roundup

READING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LIBRARIES AROUND THE COUNTY

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one." - GEORGE R. R. MARTIN, "GAME OF THRONES" AUTHOR



By KEELY LARSON
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It is the perfect time to do some extra reading. Whether you are finding yourself with some spare time, finding yourself needing more screen-free options to entertain your kiddos, or are finding yourself with a desire to learn more about different people and places, the following recommendations from local libraries have you covered.

Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library (Virginia City)

Children:

"Hair Love" by Matthew A. Cherry: It's up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters from Academy-Award winning director and former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry and New York Times bestselling illustrator Vashi Harrison. (Amazon book description)

"Tails from History" by Thea Feldman: In an aquarium in California, there was a sea otter who was a mother for rescued pups. She taught them how to look for crabs and open clam shells. She also inspired a state law to protect the endangered species. (Amazon book description)

"I Am Perfectly Designed" by Karamo Brown: With tenderness and wit, this story captures the magic of building strong childhood memories. The Browns and Syed celebrate the special bond between parent and child with joy and flair. (Kirkus Reviews)

Adult:

"A Better Man: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel" by Louise Penny (fiction): A Better Man, with its mix of meteorological suspense, psychological insight and criminal pursuit, is arguable the best book yet in an outstanding, original oeuvre," Tom Nolan, The Wall Street Journal

"Joy of Cooking 2019 Edition Fully Revised and Updated" by Ethan Becker and Megan Scott (nonfiction): It's the Joy of Cooking that you've come to know and love, updated for the 21st century. Recipes include chocolate chip cookies and Megan's seeded olive oil granola. (Thompson-Hickman Library staff review)

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Twin Bridges Public Library

Children:

"The Land of Stories" series by Chris Colfer: The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and

find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face to face with fairytale characters they grew up reading about. (Amazon book description)

Adult:

"Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly (fiction): New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France. (Amazon book description)

"Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson (nonfiction): A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. (Goodreads book description)

"Noir: A Novel" by Christopher Moore (fiction): The absurdly outrageous, sarcastically satiric and always entertaining New York Times bestselling author Christopher Moore returns in finest mad-cap form with this zany noir set on the mean streets of post-World War II San Francisco. (Amazon book description)

"Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" by Vivek Murthy (nonfiction): The book we need now to avoid a social recession, Murthy's prescient message is about the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health and the social power of community.

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Sheridan Public Library

COVID-19 policies and hours: Two different apps and an online option are available for checking out e-books and audiobooks—Libby [e-book and audiobook borrowing app] can be accessed in Apple, Android or Windows app stores, Overdrive is an app for Kindle users and montana.overdrive.com is the appropriate URL. A QR code is also available on the Friends of the Sheridan Public Library Facebook page. A library card number is required. Call 406-842-5770 for a temporary number or to look up an existing library card number. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Wednesday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Madison Valley Public Library (Ennis)

Children:

"The Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler: An oddie but a goodie in that friendship comes in all shapes and sizes.

"What Do you Do with an Idea?" By Kobi Yamada and Mae Besom: A beautiful story about ideas and perspective through the eyes of a hopeful child.

"Martina the Beautiful Cockroach" by Carmen Agra Deedy and Michael Allen Austin: A sweet and super-fun read aloud Cuban folktale.

"The Book with No Pictures" by BJ Novak: This book is definitely for the reader to take advantage of a captive audience. Be ready to ham it up.

"How I Became a Pirate" by Melinda Long: This is a fun, classic summer adventure with pirates and sandcastles.

Middle grade/young adult:

"Percy Jackson and the Heroes of Olympus" series by Rick Riordan: These should be on everyone's reading or re-reading list—they're just fun!

"Escape from Lemoncello's Library" by Chris Grabstein: A crazy library adventure that will leave you with another great book list.

"Smells Like Dog" by Susanne Selfors: This is a fun fantasy and great treasuring hunting family read.

"Red Queen series" by Victoria Aveyard: A Game of Thrones sci-fi adventure for young readers.

Adult:

"American Spy" by Lauren Wilkenson (fiction): An espionage thriller that was actually inspired by true events.

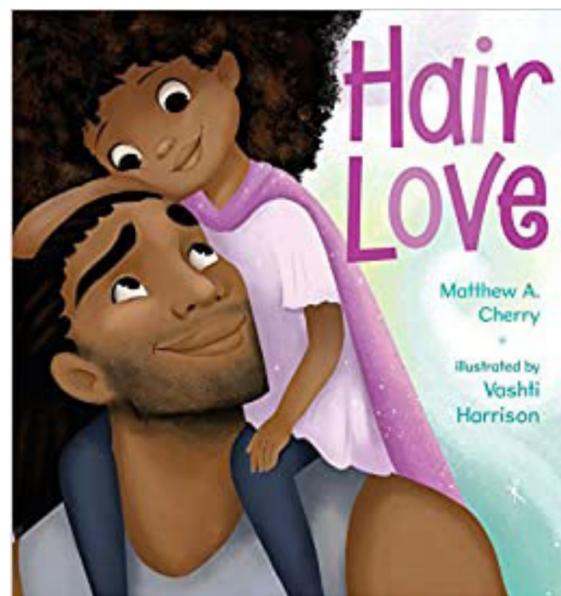
"How the Penguins saved Veronica" by Hazel Prior (fiction): A mellow, really lighthearted summer read that takes you on an Antarctic adventure.

"Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache Series (fiction): Still Life, A Fatal Grace and The Cruellest Month" are the first in the series of a beautifully written mysteries in a small Canadian village.

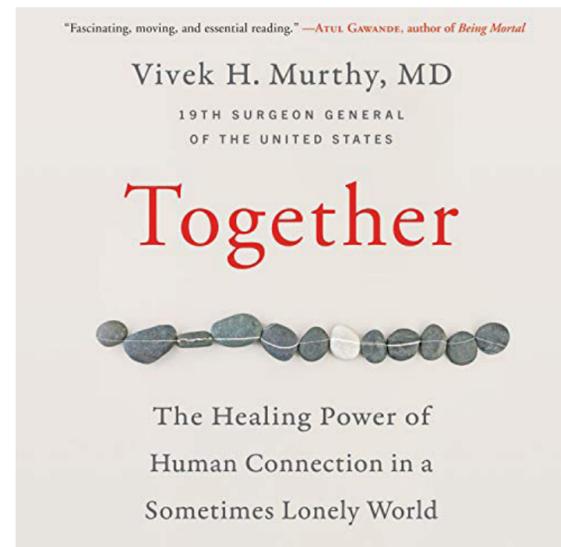
"The Feather Thief" by Kirk Wallace Johnson (nonfiction): A true tale of thievery and the art of fly-tying.

CJ Box's "Joe Pickett series" (fiction): This is our most popular series about a Wyoming game warden and his action adventures.

(All above descriptions from Karen Ketchu, Madison Valley Public Library)



"Hair Love" by Matthew A. Cherry. PHOTO COURTESY OF AMAZON



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My recommendation

Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams- Partially because AI just finished this and it is fresh in my head, but also because it was truly phenomenal, Queenie is my number one summer reading recommendation. It reads easily and you could devour it in a day if you had the time. It is one of those books that speaks to the times we are in, but also a book I think any women could find a bit of themselves in. It allows you to gain insight into someone else's life while also reevaluating parts of your own.

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June 19: Knight-time

June 26: Fee Fi Fo Fum

July 10: Mad library

July 17: GIANT week!

July 24: No place like Gnome

July 31: Flying high

Aug 7: One story

Aug 14: Bubble me this

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- Visit MVPL
- Pick up a reading bookmark
- Earn prizes!

Grades 6+:

- Visit MVPL after June 15
- Pick up a bookmark and Claymation set
- Tell your story!

Friday Summer Reading programs at the Madison Valley Public Library are held outdoors. Kids may check out books, log reading hours and earn prizes. Prizes are won as books are brought back and bookmarks are used as an end of the summer raffle ticket. PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN KETCHU/MADISON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



New ambulance arrives at Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services

Submitted by
DEBRA MCNEILL

When it comes to emergency medical services, reliability saves lives. Working from this axiom, Katherine Tetrault, PA-C, Medical Director for the Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services, embarked on a two year project to obtain a new 4WD ambulance with financial assistance from the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation and the Montana Department of Motor Vehicles Emergency Medical Services. The new 4WD ambulance, which arrived in Sheridan on July 7, will not only provide more reliable transportation for the emergency services teams but it will also improve safety and comfort for the EMTs and patients, and enhance the pre-hospital delivery of health-care.

To support the needs of a rural community with many miles of rugged roads, the Ruby Valley EMS has long needed to enhance the segment of their fleet equipped with 4WD. These vehicles are the lifeline for backcountry and deep winter emergency care. In 2018, Tetrault determined that the primary source for financing a 4WD ambulance could be a grant program from the Montana Department of Motor Vehicles Emergency Medical Services (MDOT-EMS) which was set up by the 2009 legislature. Having no experience with

grant writing, Tetrault turned to Nondi Harrington, Fundraising Manager with the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation, who applied her extensive experience in grant writing to the project. Unfortunately, the grant application would have to wait a year as the MDOT-EMS grant program requires that applicants must be in service for over a year. The Ruby Valley EMS had only been in operation since late 2017, following a transition from the Ruby Valley Ambulance Service.

In 2019, Tetrault and Harrington were successful in obtaining the grant for a \$225,000 4WD Ford F-450 power stroke diesel ambulance. "There is a lot of competition for these grants, so it's remarkable that the Ruby Valley EMS received the grant the first year it was eligible to apply," said Tetrault. She added that the Ruby Valley EMS won't be able to apply for another grant for a long time. The Ruby Valley EMS was one of three 2019 ambulance grant recipients. The other two recipients are located in Superior and Lakeside.

A 10% matching donation is required to obtain the MDOT-EMS grant, so Harrington fired-up the resources of the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation to raise \$22,500 needed for the match. Additional funds would also be needed to purchase ancillary equipment and supplies for the new ambulance. The Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation raised \$21,000 at the

annual Round Barn fundraiser in August 2019 with all funds designated specifically for the new ambulance expenses. An additional \$50,000 had been donated to the Healthcare Foundation in December, 2018, by the Ruby Valley Ambulance Service, designated for ambulance procurement matching funds. These funds had previously been donated to the volunteer service by the residents of the Ruby Valley. Opportunity Bank also donated \$4,000 toward the cost of acquiring the new ambulance.

Billie Jo Rowberry, President of the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation's Board of Directors, is elated with the outpouring of financial support for the ambulance funding project. "Once again, the Ruby Valley community has shown their dedication to supporting local healthcare and ensuring that we have the necessary resources when our neighbors need medical care," said Rowberry. "On behalf of the board of directors, I want to express our gratitude for the extraordinary generosity of our community."

After the Ruby Valley EMS was notified of the grant award, several meetings were held to discuss customizations for the ambulance. While a number of features were important to support the EMS teams, Tetrault's primary concern was ensuring that the ambulance would have a power cot/power load feature. This feature is costly but particu-



Paramedic Chris Laukant and EMT Kali Currier with the new Ruby Valley EMS ambulance.
PHOTO COURTESY DEBRA MCNEILL

larly important for RV-EMS' two person teams. The power load feature has a maximum capacity of 870 lbs. and greatly reduces the risk of back injury when loading patients to and from the ambulance.

Kelsey Cooksey, Paramedic Operations Manager, was involved in the customization discussions and provided information about the features of the new ambulance.

The in-line fluid warmer is an established treatment for delivering warmed intravenous (IV) fluids and is essential to prevent hypothermia in patients with trauma. This piece of equipment is very expensive and difficult to incorporate into an ambulance. The new ambulance comes with the fluid warmer in a built-in location in the patient area.

Older model ambulances have seat belts but no safety harnesses in the patient area. The new ambulance has safety harnesses.

Federally regulated substances must be carried in a safe. Cooksey noted that it's difficult

to find and install a safe in older ambulances that meet requirements for federally regulated substances. The federally regulated substances safe is built into the new ambulance.

The oxygen system is more accessible from multiple areas of the patient area.

LED spotlights are installed to help EMTs locate injured parties in the backcountry.

The sirens are controllable through the steering wheel controls, reducing driver distraction when the sirens need to be turned up or down.

Adjustable pedals are a godsend for vertically challenged drivers, allowing them to keep a comfortable distance from the steering wheel.

The new ambulance has a clocking system to document events such as the time when specific interventions are made with a patient.

"The new ambulance will become the first response 911 ambulance," said Cooksey. A 2015 ambulance will become the primary ambulance for back-up calls and patient transports.

Cooksey is working with Ruby Valley Medical Center's CEO, Landon Dybdal, to determine which additional equipment and supplies will be purchased for the new ambulance. The major items to be purchased include -

- Life Pack Monitor to treat cardiac dysrhythmias
- Pediatric backboard
- Scoop stretcher which is used to get patients out of precarious situations
- Two traction splints for femur fractures
- I/O kit to deliver medication via the bone
- Roadside safety equipment
- New safety vests and helmets
- Electric suction unit

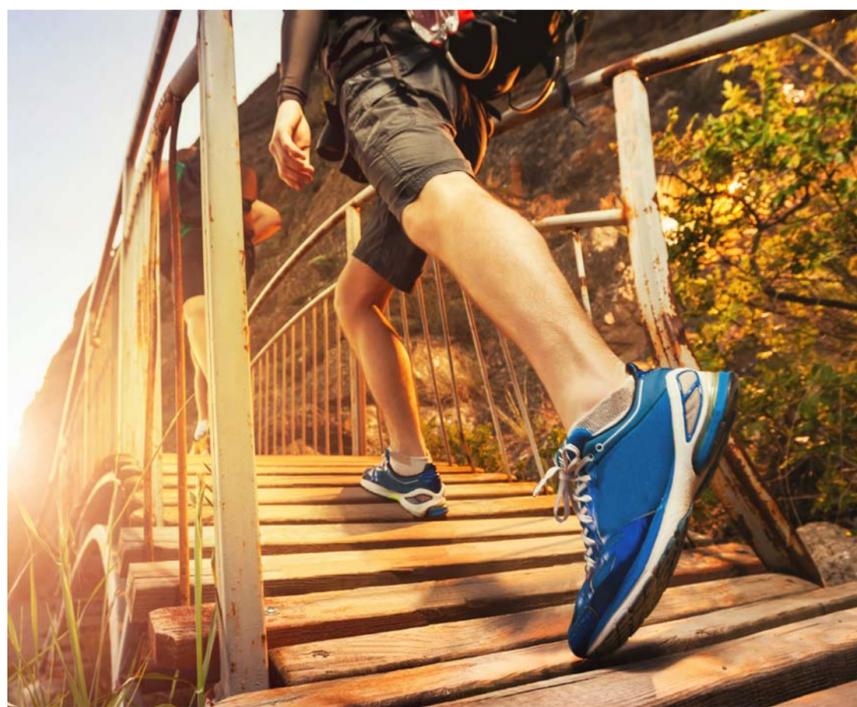
If there are sufficient funds, Cooksey would also like to obtain a stair chair to facilitate patient transport down steep staircases and a pediatric safety

security system. "We are hoping to maximize our emergency healthcare services with the additional funds that have been donated by the Ruby Valley community," said Dybdal. Cooksey expects that the new ambulance will be fully outfitted within the next two weeks.

Katherine Tetrault is pleased that the new ambulance has arrived and will soon be ready for operations in the Ruby Valley community. "This is huge for us!" said Tetrault. "We have an aging fleet in general with higher mileage. The new ambulance gives us the opportunity to update our fleet and reduce repair costs." She added that the high volume of patient transfers ages the current fleet of ambulances very quickly, especially given the distances needed to transfer patients to specialized healthcare facilities in Montana and neighboring states.

The Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services serve the emergency medical needs of Madison County and parts of Jefferson, Silver Bow, and Beaverhead counties. The organization also provides patient transports for Ruby Valley Medical Center, Madison Valley Medical Center, and Barrett Hospital.

About the Ruby Valley Medical Center
The Ruby Valley Medical Center is a critical access hospital and Montana designated trauma receiving facility serving Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Alder, Laurin, Silver Star, Virginia City, Nevada City and Waterloo. The Medical Center offers five in-patient beds, two observation beds, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, physical therapy, speech language pathology, swing bed, 24 hour emergency care and a highly qualified nursing staff. Our healthcare providers support patients through the Ruby Valley Medical Center and the clinics in Sheridan and Twin Bridges. Our clinics offer a wide range of healthcare services including pediatrics, well-woman exams, sports physicals, geriatrics, mental health, osteopathic care, chiropractic care, treatment for chronic pain and tele-medicine to off-site specialists. Our visiting specialists provide podiatric, gynecological, surgical, and hearing services. The Ruby Valley Medical Center also provides mobile emergency medical services through Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services. The Ruby Valley Medical Center receives financial support from the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation and the Ruby Valley Medical Center Auxiliary.



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COMMODITY INSITE: What I know for certain

By JERRY WELCH

Stocks dropped sharply from mid-February to late March. Commodities dropped sharply from early January to late April. The declines were historic in terms of percentage loss in such a short time frame. And the fundamental force bringing forth such a collapse in values was blamed on the coronavirus pandemic that swept the globe, sending every economy to its knees.

However, since bottoming in the March/April period, stocks and commodities turned higher and both markets have been doing surprisingly well. The S&P for instance, just enjoyed its best quarter since 1998, 22 years ago while the Dow Jones had its best quarter since 1987, 33 years ago. The CRB index, weighted towards grains and livestock rose to a new, four month high. The Goldman Sachs index, weighted

towards crude oil, grains and livestock also rose to a new, four month high. Crude oil enjoyed its best quarter in 22 years.

But the recent gains underway with stocks and to a lesser degree with commodities is coming in face of even more damning news about the coronavirus pandemic. From CNN with a headline that bales, "Ferocious US surge adds 1 million new coronavirus cases in 28 days to hit 3 million." The article goes on to state, "Six months ago, no one thought Covid-19 existed in the US. The first reported case came on January 21. Within 99 days, 1 million Americans became infected. It took just 43 days after that to reach 2 million cases. And 28 days later, the U.S. reached 3 million cases of the novel coronavirus Wednesday.

Here is what I know for

certain. Stocks and commodities did a nose dive of historic proportions in February to April due to fears of coronavirus. Since then, stocks and commodities have rallied sharply in face of coronavirus getting far worse. Can such gains be justified in face of heightened problems with COVID-19, coronavirus?

First, understand that markets are always forward thinking. Markets have an uncanny ability to look past current problems that are well known and anticipate that, "things" will improve sooner than later. Unfortunately, such thinking does not always work. There are times when the markets make a mistake. And Gary Shilling, a widely respected financial analyst is in the camp that believes the markets are indeed making a mistake.

From CNBC.com with a

headline that reads, "Financial analyst Gary Shilling says the stock market could see a 1930s-like decline." Mr. Shilling said, "... the stock market could plunge between 30-40% over the next year as investors realize the economic recovery from the coronavirus recession could take longer than expected. "I think we've got a second leg down and that's very much reminiscent of what happened in the 1930s where people appreciate the depth of this recession and the disruption and how long it's going to take to recover."

Here is something else I know for certain. When it comes to markets and forecasts, "no one knows for certain." In fact, that also happens to be my Number #1 rule when it comes to investing, trading or speculating. And because of Rule #1, my Rule #2, is

based on an old Chinese saying that goes like this, "Z ng shi ting xialai." For those that forgot the Mandarin Chinese they learned in high school that old saw translates to "always use a stop."

It is my conviction the U.S. economy will not get back to normal from an economic standpoint until late 2021 or early 2022. The shock of coronavirus suggests the U.S. economy is starting at a long, long road to full recovery. But as always, no one knows for sure. Including yours truly.

From a marketing standpoint, U.S. farmers and ranchers should view the current rally with the ag-markets as an opportunity to do some selling. Clear out your bins and hedge new crop grains. As for livestock producers, I can build a case for higher cattle and hog prices after January 1, but

not before due to the recent surge in coronavirus cases. Some, in fact, argue that demand for pork and beef will fall to a 9 to 10 low as eating habits are changing quickly with fewer going to restaurants.

There are few markets I would play on the long side of the ledger be they stocks or commodities. I make that bold statement based on what I know for certain. And what is certain in my view is the coronavirus broke the back of most markets once and the potential exists to do it again. I am woefully anxious about being long anything.

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MEAN-SPIRITED HORSEPLAY *Recollections of a deviant mount*

By Art Kehler

Snap! The sound was like that of tripped bear trap. It was immediately followed by a blood curling holler. Up to that moment, I would not have believed it possible for a 6'2", 220 + pound man, to jump (from a flat-footed squat) high enough to clear an upright shovel handle by 6 inches.

Still, the day had begun peacefully enough. I had decided to go fishing with three buddies -- Zeke, Bo and Rudy (the names have been changed to protect the clueless). So, with shovels and a bucket at the ready, we descended on a garden located at Zeke's house. Soon enough, we were digging up a plentiful supply of worms.

As luck would have it, Bo was a beefy young man. So, whenever he bent over to gather up worms, his jeans would slip downward while his shirttail slid upward. As a result, he largely mooned whatever unfortunate creature that happened to be looking his way at the time.

Regrettably, none of our merry group noticed Zeke's beloved horse grazing in the pasture that bordered the garden. Curious to see what was going on, said animal moseyed over next to the fence. Whereupon he apparently took personal umbrage to being repeatedly mooned by Bo.

Consequently, the ornery

critter stuck his head over the fence, unhinged his mouth to its widest point and proceeded to bite (snap) Bo on the exposed part of his butt. Almost simultaneously, Bo unhinged his mouth to its widest point and issued the "blood curling holler" also referred to in the first paragraph.

Next, an impressive variety of foul words filled the air as Bo chased the horse, intent on burying the edge of his shovel between its ears. Unable to accomplish that, the wounded worm extractor turned to his trusty amigos for sympathy. Instead, he was subjected to watching Zeke, Rudy and me rolling about on the ground

with our feet twitching uncontrollably and our mouths open their widest in howling laughter.

After feelings had been salvaged and order restored, we finished the task at hand without further incident. Better yet, fishing that day turned out to be excellent. Bo however, sported a nasty looking welt on his backside for the remainder of the day.

Some while later, I was actually dumb enough to attempt to ride the same horse to Hollowtop Lake. Precisely on the steepest part of the trail that traversed a sharply angled mountainside, the evil steed tried to buck me off. I

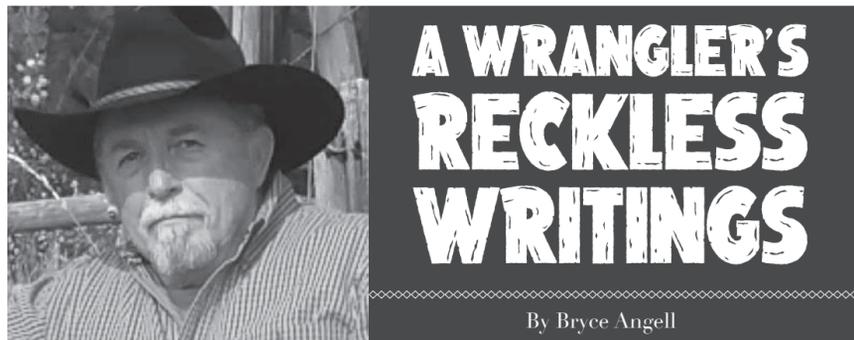
couldn't have chosen a more electrifying spot in which to engage in my first rodeo if I had tried. Visions of tumbling down the steep hillside, with the weighty beast on top of me, flashed in my mind. Then, just as suddenly as he had begun to buck, the deviant hammerhead stopped.

Hence, worried about another such hair-raising performance, I dismounted and walked in front of the horse, only to have it repeatedly try to bite me. So, as a last resort, I began walking behind the mean-spirited creature. At which point the crude beast began farting. Not only did his triple-flutter-blasts reek, they

were robust enough to nearly blow the hat off my head!

In summation, the relationship between myself and Zeke's deviant horse could only be described as -- mutual disdain. It was clear the animal sensed that I am a poor horseman at best. Then again, of what use is a horse a person can't ride or walk in front of or behind? Come to think of it, Bo wasn't very fond of Zeke's horse either.

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories, and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines, and on-line magazines.



The Juniper Fence Post

I gazed down at the fence line, prob'ly near a quarter mile. One lodgepole post lay on the ground. It'd been there for a while.

I couldn't help but notice one post stood up straight and tall. For sure it was the juniper I'd planted late one fall.

My father taught me how to lay out fence and plant a post. He said a juniper fence post would outlast more than most.

The other posts were rotted through, not long 'fore they'd be dung. The old fence brought back memories of a time when I was young.

I must have been about eighteen. My Homelite saw was new. I'd learned to run a chainsaw when most young boys had no clue.

I drove out to the desert looking for a dried-up tree. Then spotted one lone juniper. Its limbs now dead debris.

So, I cranked up my new chainsaw. It was sharp and set to cut. But the juniper weren't soft. The kickback knocked me on my butt.

The sparks were flying past my ear. Was juniper a wood? It seemed this juniper was set to test my manhood.

The tree smelled so dang pungent, like a billy's aftershave. I figured every whiff would send me to an early grave.

I finally cut clean through the stump. Then sharpened once again. The tree limbs cut like flint. I must have sharpened up times ten.

I loaded up my fencepost and darn sure I'd had enough. Never, even to this day, have cut wood so dang tough.

That day I dug and planted my old juniper fencepost. I wondered would it stand the test of my good father's boast.

Now, seeing my old juniper, some fifty years or so. Sure proved its worth, of all the posts, I'd planted long ago.

So, should I cut a juniper and plant it in the ground? My memory tells me, "You would be the dumbest all around!"



Spotted knapweed

By MELISSA GRIFFITHS

Most of you have already noticed that spotted knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*, is now bolting and flowering here in the Madison Valley. Although there are several different knapweeds in Montana, spotted knapweed is most prevalent in our area. This hardy invasive can reach heights up to 3.5 feet and its infestations can be quite dense. Each stem has several branches with pink or purple florets. The bracts (leaf-like structure below the flower) are triangular with dark brown tips, giving spotted knapweed its name.

Spotted knapweed was first seen in Victoria, British Columbia in 1883. It has since spread to most states and provinces in North America. Its success can be attributed to its abundant seed production (10 to 1200 seeds per plant) and the hardiness of these seeds. Seeds can remain viable in soil for 5 to 8 years and can remain viable up to 3 days after travelling through sheep and mule deer digestive tracts. Spotted knapweed may also produce its own herbicide, cinicin, a compound that can reduce germination of some grasses, and, therefore, reduce competition.

Like most noxious weeds, the best way to control spotted knapweed is to prevent its spread by minimizing travel through infested areas. If hiking, clean footwear, clothing and your pet after your adventure. Washing

your vehicle regularly helps as well.

When the weed is already present, there are several ways to help control it. If the amount of knapweed is sparse, try hand-pulling. Extracting the taproot is fairly easy after a rain. Be sure to bag and dispose of the plant material. Mowing knapweed before it flowers can reduce the plant's energy and its seed production. Tilling the soil, burning, or attempting to revegetate the area have not proven to be effective methods of control.

If the spotted knapweed infestation is dense, an herbicide spray is probably the best way to combat it. Check with a local commercial weed sprayer or your local hardware store to discuss this method of control.

There are several approved biocontrol agents that are highly effective management tools for spotted knapweed. *Larinus minutus* is a flower weevil whose larvae feed on seeds throughout the plants' flowering period. It then pupates in the seed head. The new adults chew their way out, leaving a hole in the pupal chamber which is easily seen as a hole in the flower. The adults feed on the leaves of rosettes, the outer stem tissue, and flowers. This defoliation can stunt or kill affected plants. Damage to the plant by the feeding adults and seed reduction by the feeding larvae make *Larinus* a great biocontrol agent.

Another effective insect is *Cyphocleonus achates*, a root weevil. The adult *Cyphocleonus* climbs to the top of a spotted knapweed plant on sunny days looking for a mate. Once a mate is found, the fertilized female will lay over 100 eggs and the larvae will hatch in 12 days. These larvae will mine toward the center of the root and overwinter there. Over the long winter, these hungry larvae feed and have the capacity to kill a small plant, reduce a plant's vigor, or expose a plant to bacterial or fungal infections making this biocontrol agent one of the best tools for controlling spotted knapweed.

Landowners need to control spotted knapweed in a cost effective manner. Integrated Weed Management (IWM) can help a landowner control costs by using a variety of realistic control methods for spotted knapweed. A combination of methods has been found to work the best in managing all noxious weeds. With a landowner's commitment to long-term biological control, or chemical control, or a combination of several other controls, Montana's spotted knapweed problem will be greatly diminished.

For more information on available biological control agents, contact Madison County Bio-Control in Ennis at 406-595-1610.

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- On a cruise, 2 words
- Horse poker
- Deadly slitherers
- Way to curl hair
- *Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another ____.
- Islam's Supreme Being
- Subway coin
- Salve for Tin Woodman
- Grim Reaper
- *"A ____'s Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need."
- *"Christmas Day will always be, just as long as we ____."
- Structure named for 31st President
- Indoor allergy trigger
- Ship pronoun
- H. H. Munro's pen name
- Something or anything
- Madam, to a cowboy
- Dr. Jones, to his friends
- Best not mentioned
- Not in favor of
- Myths and legends, e.g.

- Maitre d's list
- France's longest river
- *"I Can Read ____ My Eyes Shut!"
- Use a beeper
- In direct line of descent
- Italian car maker
- Equinox mo.
- Coral barrier
- Not a friend
- *"From there to here, From here to there, Funny ____ are everywhere."
- *"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. ____."
- Canine foe
- However, poetically
- Full
- Up and about
- Porridge grain
- Say something
- Start of a conclusion
- Parental involvement org.
- Popular garden flower

DOWN

- *"Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing ____."
- Turkey dance
- Punjabi believer
- Correct
- Pause in breathing, pl.
- *"If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is ____."
- "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
- Indian metropolis
- Sheltered, nautically
- BBQ side
- Toupee spot
- "Zip it!"
- Countdown to Christmas
- Inbox item
- Chowed down
- Middle of a torso
- *"A person's a person, no matter how ____."
- Capital of Vietnam
- Dine at home
- *"You're on your own. And you know what you ____."
- Pipe smoker's tool
- Letter-shaped girder
- Polynesian kingdom
- *"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is ____ than you."
- Bog down
- Sasquatch's Himalayan cousin
- Elevator passage
- Breadwinner
- Race part
- 50-50
- Bar by estoppel
- Related on mother's side
- Baloney
- Rwanda's majority
- a.k.a. The Islamic State
- Itty-bitty bit
- ____ von Bismarck
- Not quite an adult
- Latissimus dorsi, for short how ____.
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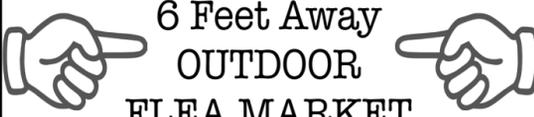
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MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Aides for the hearing impaired

Valley Assembly
 Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley
 114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845
 Pastor Duane B. Dohner
 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.
 Ruby Valley Food Pantry - Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon
 Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish
 Invites You To Worship With Us
 Reverend Tonya Whaley
 Office: (406) 842-5934
 Church of the Valley Twin Bridges
 Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Bethel UMC Sheridan
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Ready Set Grow Preschool
 Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
 Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.
 One block behind IGA, Sheridan

AREA SENIOR MEALS

ENNIS SENIOR CENTER
 315 W Main Street
 Closed Dine-in & Activities
 315 W Main Street: TAKE OUT PICK-UP: M-F NOON TO 1 P.M.
 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance:
 682-4422 or www.enniseniorcenter.org
 MOW delivery area expanded: S. to Cameron, W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers.
 Due To Food Product Shortages menu items may change.

Thursday, July 16 - Turkey & stuffing, veggies, cranberries, dessert
 Friday, July 17 - Chicken & grape salad on lettuce leaf, roll, dessert
 Monday, July 20 - Grilled ham & cheese, chips, fruit, dessert
 Tuesday, July 21 - Meatball skewers, roasted potatoes, veggies, dessert
 Wednesday, July 22 - Beef hard-shell taco, corn salad, rice, dessert
 Thursday, July 23 - Chicken chef salad, garlic garlic bread, dessert
 Friday, July 24 - Shrimp basket, fries, fruit, dessert

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN
 Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN
 The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ
 Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.
 Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.
 Thursday, July 16 - Chicken casserole, salad, roll, dessert
 Tuesday, July 21 - Grilledcheese with soup or fries, dessert

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER
 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.
 Take Out lunch as well as Home Delivery is ready at 11:30 In house meals begin at 12:00 noon.
 **** All in house meals are served using social distancing and sanitary measures.

Wednesday, July 15 - Beef Stew, salad, strawberry dessert
 Friday, July 17 - Cod, Rice pilaf, creamed peas, salad, carrot cake
 Monday, July 20 - Beef Stroganoff, veggie salad, cherry cheese cake
 Wednesday, July 22 - Meatloaf, mashed potato, gravy, mixed veggies, salad, dessert

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS
 Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollowtop Senior Center is open at 12 noon. Any questions call: 685-3460.
 Wednesday, July 15 - Broc. & Rice Casserole
 Wednesday, July 22 - Succulent Ribs
 Wednesday, July 29 - Mexican Chicken

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
 The Church of Word and Sacrament
 Visitors Welcome
 Pastor Ken Stensrud
 • Sunday Service 9:00 am
 • Bible Study 10:15 am
 • Sunday School 10:15 am
 Corner of Madison and Armitage St. Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

THE BAHAI FAITH
 The principle of the Oneness of Mankind, as proclaimed by Bahá'u'lláh, carries with it no more and no less than a solemn assertion that attainment to this final stage in this stupendous evolution is not only necessary but inevitable, that its realization is fast approaching, and that nothing short of a power that is born of God can succeed in establishing it.
 www.bahai.org | 406-451-3923
 Bahá'ís of Madison County

ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Loving God, Loving People
 Sunday School 9:30 AM
 Worship Service 10:30 AM
 Wednesday Ministries
 Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
 Family Dinner 5:30 PM
 Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM
 Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
 402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT 682-4197

Madison County Episcopal Churches
 In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Join Us for Sunday Worship!
Trinity Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.m. adult forum 11:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Virginia City Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Christ Church Sheridan Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 www.rvecc.org
 Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

GET RESULTS.
 advertise in The Madisonian. call 682-7755 to make a plan.

SUNDAY SERVICES
Cowboy Church
 TIME: 10:00am
 Nevada City in the Tent
 Christ-Centered • Bible Based Teaching
 Open Question Forum
(406) 842-5915
 Pastor Tom Luksha

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 Answers
 Solution time: 25 mins.
ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
 100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)
 For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction
 Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
 Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
ALANON MEETING
 Same Time - Same Place

ALANON
 Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
 Thursdays, 8 pm

ALANON
 Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm
 Suzy 685-3692

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

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
 Faced with a drinking problem?
 Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can help.
 SUN. - 10 a.m., Library in Virginia City
 MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m. Presbyterian Church-Ennis
 Social distancing and masks optional
 WED. - 7:30 p.m., Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions
 FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church-Ennis
 Social distancing and masks optional
 406-596-5000 Ennis
 406-925-0371 Virginia City

DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
 CONTACT A.A. - WE'RE ALCOHOLICS HELPING OTHER ALCOHOLICS STAY SOBER.
 CALL 1-833-800-8553 TO TALK TO AN A.A. MEMBER
 OR
 GET THE MEETING GUIDE APP
 OR
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 FR VIRTUAL AND FACE-TO-FACE MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS

10 a.m.
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing
 Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>
 Access Code: 289-992-789
 Join by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311

TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m.
Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting
 This Meeting will be available by Webex.
 Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
 Meeting number (access code): 295 441 840
 Password: VCMadison
 Host key: 289925 or
 Join by phone +1-408-418-9388

WEDNESDAYS

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FRIDAYS

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Monday through Friday

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
Water Aerobics and Lap Swim
 The Ruby Valley Swimming Pool in Sheridan is offering a cool way to stay fit in the summer. Call 406.842.5272 to sign up for water aerobics or reserve a lane.

Noon - 1 p.m.

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Monday-Wednesday-Friday

6 p.m. Adult Pickleball
 Sheridan baseball park
 Call 406-596-0475 for info

Monday through Saturday

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Adult Tennis
 Ennis Tennis Courts. Adult members and non-members make reservations: 682-7468

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Children's Tennis
 Ennis Tennis Courts. Members and non-members make reservations: 682-7468

SATURDAYS

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Twin Bridges Farmers' Market
Main Street
 Twin Bridges Farmers' and Open Air Market

Whitehall Farmers' Market

9 a.m. to noon
Legion Street
 Whitehall Farmers' and Open Air Market

SUNDAYS

All day play
 Tennis—play open for everyone. Call 682-7468 for reservations

EVENTS

Thursday, July 16

5:30 p.m.
Madison County DUI Task Force Meeting
 Get informed on Madison County's efforts to curb DUIs at the Madison County Administrative building in Virginia City.

July 16-19

Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series Beginning this weekend
 All races are open-it's not too late to register. 50 participant cap
 Water to Whiskey race will likely sell out online and runners CANNOT sign up on race day.
 Other races will likely have space left. Register at themadisonmarathon.com

Friday, July 17

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Evening of Art
Come meet featured artists at Ennis businesses.

Saturday, July 18

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fiber Arts Festival
 Taking place at the Copper K Barn South of Whitehall, MT
 796 Point of Rocks Road
 Vendors, Workshops, Activities, Food, a fun fiber filled weekend in the country. Free Admission!

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Madison Valley Open Studio Tour
 In Ennis and surrounding area
 A collaboration of local artists opening their studios for two days and creating while open. Art for sale and a great way to meet the artists. Be respectful, kind and have a good time. Maps available at the Ennis Chamber of Commerce and Gallery 287

Sunday, July 19

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fiber Arts Festival
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July 24-26

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 Water to Whiskey race will likely sell out online and runners CANNOT sign up on race day.
 Other races will likely have space left. Register at themadisonmarathon.com

Saturday, July 25

10 a.m.
Oula Fitness Class
 Come to the park behind the Sheridan Library to release and workout. Oula is a Montana-created exercise that has now expanded into six other countries. It's an easy to follow, high cardio, dance, yoga fitness class for people of all abilities. The class is one hour with a \$5 donation. Bring workout shoes and water.

CANCELATIONS

ALDER DAYS IS CANCELED.

SHERIDAN DAYS IS CANCELED.

MADISON VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL CANCELED.

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NEW HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 406-682-4748 • 201 MADISON ~ ENNIS, MT

EDITOR'S NOTE*
 ELet's keep our public involved. As you schedule virtual meetings, please post at Outpostevents.net so our public stays active and informed. If you're planning an event, please share.

Madison Conservation District Board Meeting
 Tuesday,
 July 21st | 7 pm
 Please contact the office at 682-3181 or email info@madisoncd.org for location information.
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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 406-581-9388
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