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## Public access in question

### Wonder Ranch sues for quiet title for property on Indian Creek

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A complaint filed in August 2014 regarding Indian Creek Trail No. 328 will begin its trial starting July 27 and will run an expected five days or more, according to the United States District Court, District of Montana, clerk of court's office.

The Indian Creek trail and trailhead is a well-known and used trail among many recreators in Madison County for hunting, hiking, outfitting and more, and is considered to be one of the most accessible trails for beginners in the Madison Mountain Range.

However, a section of the trail crosses the Wonder Ranch, a privately owned entity, and is the in spotlight of a court case surrounding access to public lands.

#### History

The Hudson family owns the Wonder Ranch and filed a court complaint after a 2011 statement of interest was presented on behalf of the Forest Service – in the statement of interest, the Forest Service claimed an interest across the Hudson's property for public access and use.

A statement of interest is a cloud, essentially a lien, on a deed, according to Leona Rodreck, public affairs officer with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

"We, the Forest Service, have an interest in the route that crosses through that piece of private land," Rodreck said.

"Indian Creek has had public access, essentially forever," said Mark Petroni, retired Madison District Ranger for the BDNF, who worked with the landowners prior to his retirement in 2009. "The public has always used that trail openly, notoriously and adverse to the owner's rights."

In 1981, the Forest Service acquired an easement from neighboring landowners for road access across the CB Ranch for a parking lot at the trailhead, according to the complaint.

"We have more of Indian Creek than any other neighbor," said Chris VanderLans, owner of the CB Ranch.

The trail crosses onto Wonder Ranch property as it heads east, and utilizes several bridges.

According to an advertisement



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## BLUE LAKE FIRE

Fire 30 percent contained, 629 acres burned as of July 26



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

The start of the Blue Lake Fire, pictured from Varney Road at 3:30 p.m. on July 21.



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Firefighters start burnout operations on July 24.

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The Blue Lake Fire, which is burning 10 miles southwest of Ennis was 629 acres and 30 percent contained as of July 26 at 8 a.m., according to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

The lightning-caused fire was reported at 2:45 p.m. on July 21. It is burning on privately owned and Bureau of Land Management land 1 1/2 miles south of Axolotl Lake.

Sunday and Monday, crews initiated burnout operations, meaning crews ignited controlled fires to burn remaining fuels within the perimeter of the fire. According to the BDNF, those operations were successful, and by Monday evening, the fire was 30 percent contained.

**Alerting the community**  
On Saturday at noon, the agencies involved

in the fire hosted a public meeting at the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department station three to brief the community on what operations have taken place and what is planned.

Joe Brabender, incident commander, said the lightning-caused fire spotted July 22, due to high winds.

"Yesterday was a miserable day to fight fire," said Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz, who attended the public meeting. "It was nearly 100 degrees with 35 mile per hour winds."

Those winds shifted around 1:30 a.m., and

the fire spotted south into a heavy stand of timber in close proximity to some structures in the Haypress Subdivision, according to Peri Suenram, BDNF public information officer.

When that happened, Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson's office issued an alert to those homeowners via the county's CodeRED system – a deputy also went and knocked on doors of homes located along Boiler Springs Road.

"Some people decided to leave, some de

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## Proposed land exchange near Twin Bridges

### Department of Natural Resources and Conservation examines swap proposed by private landowner along Jefferson River

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In February 2015, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation received a proposal from a Twin Bridges-area landowner – the landowner, SRI River Holdings, proposed trading 861.41 acres of their land in Rochester Basin for 608 acres of DNRC land along the Jefferson River northwest of Twin Bridges.

"They want the piece of property behind their houses where people, in the past, have hunted," said Tim Egan, DNRC Dillon Unit manager. "Bullets would go flying by the houses."

Egan said the area was closed to rifle hunting, but the signs somehow "came down," and in a recent hunting season, a sportsman was back with a rifle.

"I understand where they are coming from," Egan said. "They want to have more control."

#### Land exchanges

Egan said DNRC does a number of land exchanges, if they receive a proposal that is in the best interest of the state. The process, however, is time consuming and sometimes controversial.

"The area they are offering (with this proposed exchange) would connect to a state section we have already," Egan said. "It would also adjoin Forest Service ground."

In addition, Egan said SRI River Holdings agreed to give DNRC an administrative easement so they can access the area for management, which they currently cannot easily do with the piece SRI River Holdings wants in the exchange.

#### Process

The State Land Board preliminarily reviewed the proposal and instructed DNRC to move forward with the process, Egan said.

"Right now we are writing an environmental assessment," he said. "We are seeking comments until Aug. 15."

After Aug. 15, DNRC will review all the comments they receive and complete the draft EA.

"Then we will host a public meeting, probably in Twin Bridges," Egan said. "After that we will work on a final EA and the decision."

So far, Egan said he has heard a "split" in opinions.

"We're basically trading 80 acres on the Jefferson River for 110 on the Big Hole River," he said. "There's a number of people upset that we're trading the 80 on the Jefferson River."

The acreage along the Jefferson is referred to as "Beaver Chew" by the Jefferson River Canoe Trail Chapter of the nationwide Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

According to Thomas Elpel,

a member of the Jefferson River chapter, the organization would like to see that portion removed from the proposal.

"Overall, it's not a bad proposal," Elpel said. "As far as trading away land on the Jefferson River, though, the big deal is that the site is part of the Lewis and Clark Canoe Trail."

Elpel said people canoeing on Lewis and Clark's path use the area to camp.

"There isn't any other public land along the Jefferson until you're 25 miles downstream, so it's pretty essential to keep the public land we have," he said. "We're looking at the long-term. This area is becoming more and more crowded – what will be here for people during the Lewis and Clark tri centennial a century from now?"

Elpel said the organization is open to alternatives like establish

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ing a recreation easement so the public could still use Beaver Chew, or even moving the campsite to another spot along the river if that is what the landowner would prefer. Vanna Boccadori, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist, said the exchange would be "excellent."

**FIRE from pg. 1**

cided to stay, which was okay by us," Thompson said. Thompson explained the sheriff's office uses an escalating notification system, starting with alerts and moving to warnings (situation getting serious), requests (asking people to leave), orders (telling people to evacuate) and restore (getting people back home). At this point in time, the sheriff's office is only using alerts. A community member asked Brabender if the fire was any percent contained. "It really vacillated the last day," Brabender said. "I was feeling about 30 percent contained (July 22) before dark, but I can't give a good number now."

**Concerns**

The safety of the public and firefighters is always a primary concern, according to Suenram. "There are numerous structures within one and a half miles of the fire, we are in bear country and firefighters have to be concerned with high snag concentrations in timbered areas," Suenram stated in a release. "We are experiencing extremely erratic fire behavior because of the extended drought, tree mortality and wind events. Traffic speed on the Varney Road is an additional safety concern for both the public and fire fighters. Please obey the speed limit." The Forest Service has contracted a dozer to come in a potentially put lines behind structures that are in the timber close to the fire, Brabender said. Additionally, Madison County road crews are on

"The public is going to get much better habitat and access to that habitat if the exchange happens," Boccadori said. "The DNRC land that is going to get traded is kind of dry, poorly vegetated, not good wildlife habitat. In exchange, we're going to get the headwaters of Willow Creek further up Rochester Basin. It's great elk habitat and deer

habitat. There's access to the Forest Service, which has been difficult in the past in that area."

**Send comments about the proposed exchange to:**

**Tim Egan, Dillon Unit manager  
 DNRC - Dillon Unit Office  
 840 North Montana Street  
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standby with two more dozers, Schulz said.

**Cooperation**

Representatives from the Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, BLM and the county all spoke at the meeting, emphasizing the beneficial interagency relationship at work.

"I've never been any place where people get along so well and work so well together," said Dale Olson, BDNF Madison District ranger. "We are lucky to be in Madison County."

Schulz said Madison County has a long history of working with multiple agencies.

"We heard some people saying, 'why weren't they right on it to put it out when it started,'" Schulz said. "You have to understand it takes a good period of time for resources to come together. It isn't something that happens in a click."

Schulz said in some ways, the Blue Lake Fire is "blessed" because it is one of the first big fires in the state.

"We have resources here now that might not be available in two or three weeks," he said.

Tim Egan, DNRC, said he has worked with many fire departments across the state, and MVFRD has done "great" work.

"It is a great department and (fire chief Shawn Christensen) does a great job," Egan said. "They worked their butts off up

there."

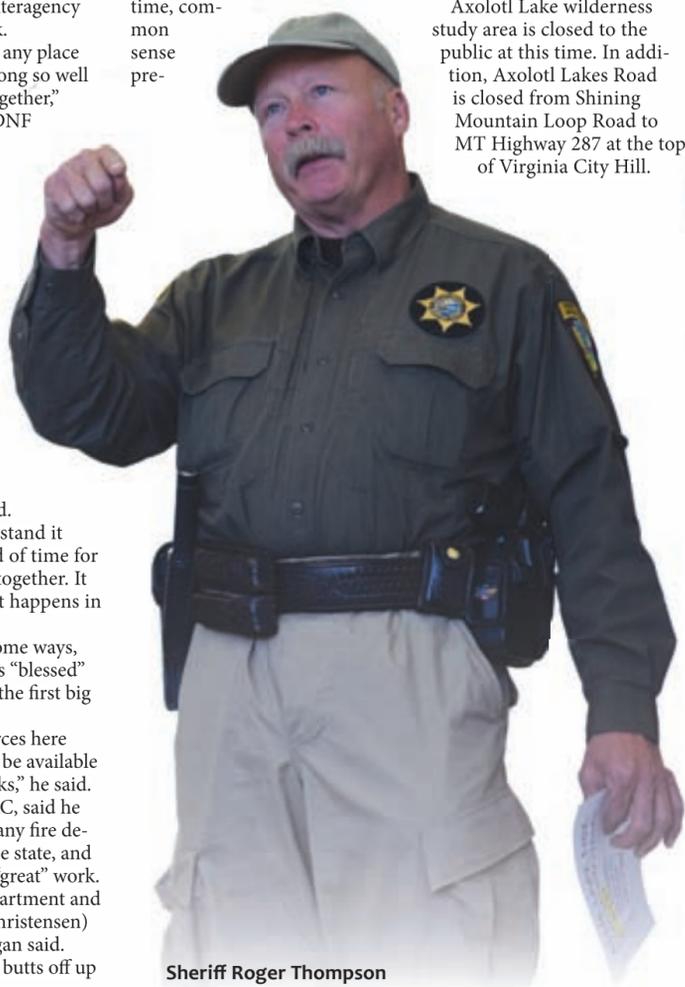
Before closing the public meeting, MVFRD board member Bernie Oglietti led the people in attendance - upward of 60 - in a round of applause, thanking everyone involved in fighting the fire.

"In this time, common sense pre-

vails," Oglietti said. "The firefighters are not here with us because they are on the fire. If you're thinking about campfires or open burning, use common sense. These folks are running ragged."

**Closures**

Axolotl Lake wilderness study area is closed to the public at this time. In addition, Axolotl Lakes Road is closed from Shining Mountain Loop Road to MT Highway 287 at the top of Virginia City Hill.



Sheriff Roger Thompson



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 Firefighters started burnout operations on July 24, increasing the amount of smoke visible around Madison County.

**Questions?**

All agency personnel encouraged the public to reach out with any comments or concerns.

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**Madison County Commissioners: 843-4277**



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 Incident commander Joe Brabender addresses community members on July 23 about current and planned operations.

# MORE NEWS:

## BLAINE SPRING CREEK

Construction to replace bridge on track

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Construction on the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge, south of Ennis, is staying on schedule, according to commissioner Jim Hart.

"The general timeline has them wrapping up by the end of September," Hart said. "That is the fish window."

When complete, the new bridge will look similar to the current structure, Hart said.

The county received \$700,000 in 2010 from a Treasure State Endowment Program grant to replace the bridge, which is located just west of Varney Bridge near the Madison River south of Ennis. Though the project is estimated to cost more than \$2 million when finished, the county is only responsible for around \$250,000, per an agreement with the MDT. The MDT will cover all expenses except for the \$700,000 from the TSEP and the county's contribution, Hart said.

"We set aside \$200,000 over the years, and we got \$65,000 from private donations, to ensure the new bridge will look like the old one," Hart said.

### Varney Bridge

Public safety is one of the county commissioners' primary concerns, Hart said.

"Simply, the bridge had to be replaced," he added. "Though (Blaine Spring Creek Bridge) is in better shape than the Varney Bridge, we have to replace it first."

The Varney Bridge is located down the road from Blaine Spring Creek Bridge and is twice as long, so it needs to be worked on from both sides of the Madison River.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

Construction on Blaine Spring Creek Bridge will be complete by the end of September.

## Fishing restrictions in place on Big Hole River

FWP officials enact 'hoot owl' rules as a result of high water temperatures

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Last Saturday, July 23, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks placed two sections of the Big Hole River under hoot owl conditions.

"The restrictions ... will close the sections of the river to fishing daily from 2 p.m. to midnight until conditions improve," according to a FWP release.

The sections of river effected are from Saginaw Bridge on Skinner Meadows Road to the confluence with the north fork of the Big Hole River, and the river from Notch Bottom fishing access site to the confluence with the Beaverhead River.

Then, effective July 25 at 2 p.m., FWP placed another section of the Big Hole River – from Maiden Rock FAS to Notch Bottom FAS – and

the Ruby River from Duncan District Road to the confluence with the Beaverhead River under restriction.

FWP regional fisheries manager Travis Horton said biologists are continuing to see flows decline as summer progresses.

"The return of hot weather has resulted in the need for further restrictions," the release continues.

At the end of June, beginning of July, parts of the Lower Madison River, Big Hole River, Beaverhead River and Jefferson River were all placed under restrictions, but those were lifted when a cold spell hit Southwest Montana in the middle of July.

"Water temperatures have once again began to reach critical levels while flows have continued to decline," Horton said "Big Hole River flows have

reached thresholds where the drought plan is beginning to be implemented."

### The reason

Dave Moser, FWP fisheries biologist said the reason for the restriction is that fish are cold blooded, which means they are somewhat at the mercy of water temperature.

"Since fish have few ways of managing their body temperature – other than behaviorally – temperature extremes outside their physiological limits can cause stress," Moser said. "As these temperatures rise there are increasing impacts. At some point water temperatures may rise to a point that fish die. One issue is that there are sub-lethal stresses on fish at higher temperatures that don't cause outright mortality. If these fish are caught, played and held out of the water they may die."

### Reducing pressure

The Big Hole Watershed Committee has started informing irrigators along the river that flow levels are declining, so there is a chance they will soon be asked to reduce water use, according to the release.

In addition, area fishing outfitters are also being asked to reduce activities on the river.

"And in the spirit of shared sacrifice, FWP is asking general anglers to likewise reduce fishing pressure on this river during these critical times," the release continues. "Instead, FWP recommends anglers seek out opportunities for fishing waters less susceptible to fish kills."

As of *The Madisonian's* press time Tuesday, no other rivers were placed under hoot owl restrictions.

## DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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### Workman appears for motions hearing

A Norris man appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker for a motions hearing on July 25, 2016.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen charged

Kenrick Owen Workman with assault with a weapon, assault, resisting arrest and driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, according to court documents.

Workman allegedly caused "reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury in another with a weapon," or more specifically, "pointed a revolver at (the victim) under circumstances which caused

(the victim) to reasonably fear that the revolver would cause him bodily injury." In addition, the state alleges Workman grabbed and/or shoved the victim, attempted to prevent one or more peace officers from effecting an arrest and drove a motor vehicle on a public highway of the state while his privilege to drive was suspended.

At the motions hearing, Work-

man's attorney, Stephanie Krueer, said some of the tapes the officers made during the arrest should not be considered at trial because they were incomplete.

"In other words, the body cams that our officers have, when they made me copies, I could only get audio and not video," Christensen explained. "We figured out we just needed a different program to see

the video."

Christensen said Judge Tucker ordered Krueer and Workman either see the videos at the county attorney's office or download the appropriate program. After Krueer views the videos, if she still wants them to be inadmissible for trial, Judge Tucker told her to file another motion.

As of now, Workman's trial is set to begin Sept. 12.

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## Stop needless animosity and come join the team

Dear Editor,

One of the hallmarks of a healthy community is active service to care for those around us with unmet needs. One of the many forms of this service in our community is the Ruby Valley Woodbank Ministry. This group of volunteers collects, cuts, splits and delivers around 60 cords of firewood annually to warm those who live in the shadow of the American dream.

We are not a young team (median age is probably well over 70), but we enjoy doing this service. Sadly, all is not well with this picture. One adjacent landowner apparently does not appreciate what we do and has been quite vocal about the sound, to the point of initiating legal action against us. Even though this is a relatively tranquil community, one does not have the right to 24/7 total silence, especially when living at the

intersection of two frequently traveled roads, and especially when the impact is both minimal and done for the common good. Further, I think that anyone who would help bring such a selfish legal action deserves an equal share of the community's disappointment.

We have tried really hard to be considerate of this individual by limiting our work to only one day a week, and to only two mid-morning hours during the cooler part of that

one day. We have even erected a tall barrier of hay bales along the boundary to lessen the sound, but our efforts apparently have had no effect. Neighbor, please, stop this needless animosity, be supportive of those whose only goal is meaningful service, and come join our team.

Tom Roberts  
Sheridan

## History of Ennis family is important

Dear Editor,

Last week, I went to an auction at the little white house on Main Street in Ennis. It was the residence of Jane Rybus, a great granddaughter of William and

Katherine Ennis. Many generations of this family at some time resided there. I wanted to procure many items of historical value that would be beneficial to the community to see.

There were items, such as

the family Bible, a dictionary published in 1875 (tell the kids they are lucky they do not have to carry this book in their backpack) and pictures of the Chowning, Switzer, Jeffers and Rybus families. All are pertinent

names for the town of Ennis.

The day definitely touched my heart.

Darlene Rochez  
Ennis

# OBITUARIES

Cynthia George

March 31, 1951 - July 15, 2016



Cynthia (Sam) George passed away comforted by her sons the morning of July 15, 2016.

Cynthia Marie Koski was born in Butte on March 31, 1951. Sam was born to Viola and Uno Koski who, as well as her two siblings Gary and Dale Parvinen, preceded her in death. Sam's children, Jes-

se, Danette, Jason and Amy, as well as her grandchildren, Andrew, Jessica, Audrey and Avery, along with Sam's extensive network of friends and family are heartbroken for the loss of their mentor, confidante, mummo (Finnish for grandmother) and ultimate "Rock Mom."

Sam graduated from Butte High School. There in Butte, Sam met and married Les George and had two sons. The family moved to Sheridan, where she had various jobs and roles, most notably a founding member of the "Sunshine Girls." Eventually she landed at Chick's Bar and became the guru-esque spirit server so many came to know. Her kamikazes will live in infamy! Sam never stopped cultivating meaningful relationships. One dearest friend said she was, "the most honest and true friend

one could have, her love and generosity unmatched."

Sam always said she was "raised in a boarding house," where she learned from her mom and grandmother that food is the anchor by which people connect. Sam was a true craftswoman in the art of comfort foods and in the art of nourishing our souls. Also inherited from her family matriarchs was Sam's profound sense of humor and wit. She was a silver-tongued fox in Bo-Peep's clothing ... meaning she could tell a person to "go to hell" and they would thank her for the ride.

Besides being an extraordinary mom and grandmother, Sam was the kind of friend that everyone wishes they had. Since she passed away, a theme has emerged surrounding Sam; she was, simply, always there. We all could count on the fact that

Sam offered an open ear and a soft shoulder whenever needed. She was present at endless ball games, track meets, cross country races, barbecues and community gatherings, all the while maintaining a positive attitude through all of her struggles. Sam cherished every moment she shared with others.

This passing of our matriarch leaves a void in our hearts and reminds us to honor her legacy through our actions of living fully and doing for others. Heaven will be blessed. A potluck barbecue celebration will be held at Ray Silve Memorial Park in Sheridan on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. For those wishing to make a memorial donation in Sam's name, please drop off at any Ruby Valley National Bank for Stella Witham, Sam's niece currently awaiting a heart transplant.

Sharon Pamela Bilby  
August 11, 1948 - July 4, 2016

Sharon Pamela Williamson was born in Malta on Aug. 11, 1948. She was the only child of Ole and Jo Williamson and lived on the family wheat farm in Dodson.

At the age of 2, Pam and Jo moved to the town of Malta. Pam's parents later divorced. Pam's mother married Richard Slayton and she gained two stepbrothers, Bob and Ron. They resided in Billings.

After graduating high school, Pam attended the University of Montana in Missoula where she met fellow student, Glenn Gilman. Pam and Glenn married in Billings on June 7, 1968. Pam and Glenn welcomed twins, Stacie and Steve, on Jan. 8, 1970. The family relocated to Denver, Colo., in 1978.

Pam married John Bilby and welcomed her stepdaughter, Trish into the family. Pam and John later divorced.

Pam worked for G-Square,

Dutch Properties and Kiwanis. Pam was very proud of her work for Kiwanis as their district secretary. She spent countless hours organizing conventions that ultimately gave back to so many communities.

Approximately two years ago, Pam's health began to decline. Her recovery was hampered by congestive heart failure and her lifelong struggle with diabetes. Pam moved to Pocatello, Idaho, to be closer to her daughter Stacie. Pam passed away on Monday, July 4, 2016, with her children at her side.

Pam is survived by her daughter Stacie Van Kirk, her husband Gregg, grandsons, Jesse and Jason of Pocatello; her son Steve Gilman, his wife Mary, grandsons, Jack and Joe of Sheridan; and stepdaughter Trish Bilby of Pocatello.

A private family service to place her ashes will take place at a later date at the Taylor Cemetery in Alder.

# MEMORIAL

Louie Day, Jr.

July 11, 1923 - July 12, 2016

Friends of Louie Day are invited to join the family for military services at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison on Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.

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A big thank you to everyone who attended the auction at Jane Rybus' home and purchased items of historical value to donate to the Madison Valley History Museum.

Special thanks to Paul and JoAnn Hoft, Mark Cundith, and Hagedorn Auction. If I missed thanking you, please make yourself known to the museum - Thank you.

If the gentleman who won the bid on the family photo album wants to sell it, please contact the museum, or better yet, donate it!

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# & MORE NEWS:

# Floating Flotilla



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The winning adult float went to the Main Street Market for their exciting submission.

CAITLIN AVEY  
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Saturday, July 23, was a big day for the Twin Bridges community as they held their annual Floating Flotilla at the Madison County Fairgrounds. The fun filled day kicked off with a 5K run, followed by a river parade, kids games and duck races, and the alumni dinner at the school.

“It went really well!” said one of the event’s organizers Verta Dorseth. “We had an increased number of floats and the weather could not have been better – we really had a lot of fun.”

**Winners for the 5K, river parade and duck race are as follows:**

**5K winners:**  
Jackie Bevins  
Kendall Bradley  
Tim Johnstad  
James Bendon  
Kaleb Roselott  
Sheila Faney

**Float winners:**  
Adult float – Main Street Market  
Kids float – Church of the Valley Sunday School  
Pasture Gold – Rob Lott, Dan Lott

**Duck race winners:**  
Johnny Holland  
Alisa Smith  
Bruce Pericich



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Adrienne Meek, 7, enjoyed the kids’ activities and the candy during the Floating Flotilla on July 23.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
A crowd gathered in the Big Hole River to catch the ducks during the duck race at the Floating Flotilla.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
The American Legion Post #31 served a barbecue style lunch during Saturday’s event.

## ‘Tis the (wedding) season

Hi readers,

Last weekend, Mike and I attended two weddings – in fact, we even had parts to play in one of the celebrations. Mike was the best man, and I was in charge of not losing the rings, so I think we know whose job was the most important.

Getting married is a major transition in life, even more significant than starting school, graduating or landing your first job. A wedding ceremony is a commitment by you and your partner to work side-by-side while making future plans and decisions. It’s a heady concept to consider that your actions, whether good or bad, will directly affect another person.

Decisions made during the decade of your 20s, quite possibly, will affect the rest of your life. At 25 years old, I often feel perched at a crossroads. In some ways, I feel older than my years, considering I have a career, nice home and commitments, and in other ways, I feel I’m struggling to make sense of the world. I look around at my peers and some are married with families, while others are living in their parents’ basements. There isn’t one correct way to ‘do’ life and there isn’t a timetable for maturing. Even though their lives look incredibly different, my friends at both ends of the spectrum are great people.

Some days I walk up to every baby I see and want to hold it, and the rest of the time I wonder how I’m able to keep my dog alive!

In this age of social media and over sharing (guilty!), it’s hard not to compare your life to others. If you look at my Instagram, I appear to be adventurous and carefree, constantly out hiking with my dog. But, if you truly know me, you see I spend more time just vacuuming up dog hair and doing dishes.

We have what seems to be an intimate look into people’s lives and situations, but it’s important to remember they are only sharing what they want us to see.

Maybe I’m in the place I need to be at this point in my young life. I’m not ready to get married, but I also don’t feel the need to run back to my parents’ basement. I’m still trying to figure out where I fall on the maturity continuum. I guess I still have some growing up to do ... but I am looking forward to it!

Abigail



The second wedding of the weekend concluded with a true Montana sunset – the photo does not do the sky justice.

# Fatal crash in Bear Trap Canyon

Belgrade man killed in single-vehicle rollover

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A 43-year-old Belgrade man was killed Friday, July 22, in a single-vehicle rollover on MT

Highway 84, just barely within Madison County's boundary at milepost 11.5, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson.

Thompson said the vehicle lost control while passing another vehicle, left the highway and

rolled multiple times around 8:30 p.m.

"The driver appears to have been wearing his seatbelt," Thompson said. "Unknown if alcohol was involved in the crash."

Madison County Sheriff's Office, Ennis

Ambulance, Gallatin County Fire Department, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office and Montana Highway Patrol responded to the scene, Thompson added.

The crash is under investigation by MHP.

# Structure fire in Harrison

Crews paged at 12:40 a.m. on July 24 to unoccupied structure

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Twenty minutes after receiving a page about a structure fire on Norwegian Creek Road, the Harrison Fire Department was on scene. Two engines ar-

rived at the single-family dwelling at 1 a.m. on July 24.

The structure was "fully involved," according to former HFD chief Joe Husar.

Current chief Boice Atkinson requested mutual aid from Madison Valley Rural Fire District, Jefferson Valley Rural Fire Department and Willow

Creek Rural Fire Department. MVRFD arrived with a command vehicle, rescue pumper and water tender, Jefferson Valley RFD brought an engine and water tender and Willow Creek RFD arrived on scene with two water tenders.

"The fire was extinguished about 5 a.m. when the

mutual aid units were released," Husar said. "After doing the mop up (Atkinson) released one HVFD engine and crew, while he retained the other engine to wait for the fire marshal."

State deputy fire marshal Pat Clinch is investigating the cause of the fire.

## ACCESS from pg. 1

in an October 2014 edition of *The Madisonian*, the Hudsons reached an agreement with the BDNF for an alternative route before the Forest Service "(changed) their ways."

"Without the courtesy of any notice, the government recorded a statement of interest asserting claim to a prescriptive easement across Wonder Ranch, insisting that the path through our front lawn had become the permanent route for public access," as stated in the 2014 advertisement.

## An alternative

Indian Creek trail is considered accessible for beginners, but an alternative would mean a significant incline in elevation and the trail would lose its moderate status.

"They said they don't want to close the trail but that they want to relocate the trail," said VanderLans. "They're trying to pressure the Forest Service but can't find anything that appeals to them - they wanted a trail to

go up over their property (on the north side) just to circumvent their house."

Because of easy accessibility for older recreators and children, fear of losing that trail is what rises to the forefront.

In 2008, the Hudsons posted signs and gates on the trail stating the public was using the trail on the "gratuitous permission of the landowner," as stated in the complaint. They were later sent a letter from the Forest Service requiring the signs and gates be taken down, as the public held the legal right of way for access on the trail.

"They keep saying they don't want to close it, (they) want to change it," said VanderLans. "That's where someone needs to pin them down - they want to close the existing trail."

## What does it mean?

"The initial complaint is that (the landowners) want their title cleared and for a judge to rule that the Forest Service cannot have a statement of interest," said Petroni.

The type of complaint the Hudsons filed is a quiet title, meaning it calls for court jurisdiction involving property disputes in order to establish a title and quiet challenges or claims to that title.

The Hudsons are arguing the Forest Service acted outside their jurisdiction, and failed to claim an easement or execute an agreement.

"It's all about access," said Rodreick.

Shylea and Jeff Wingard often use the trail for their outfitting business and said they feel stuck in the middle.

"I feel like we are in a catch 22," S. Wingard said. "I understand the Hudson family not wanting people on their front yard, but at the same time, that trail has been used for a long time - long before they owned the property."

VanderLans said he plans to continue use of the trail and most people who recreate on public land will as well.

"Most people just want to have place to fish and hike," he

said.

As for the Wingards, from a business perspective, they need the trail to stay open, but also worry about the future of public access for all.

"There's such limited access to the Madison Range, we would hate to see that happen," S. Wingard said.

*\* Editor's note: Multiple calls were made to John Bloomquist, Rachel Kinkie and Christopher Stoneback, who represent the Hudsons, but were not returned by The Madisonian's press time Tuesday.*



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Indian Creek trail passes through private land, which is now the center of a court complaint.



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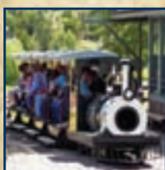


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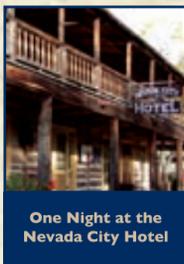
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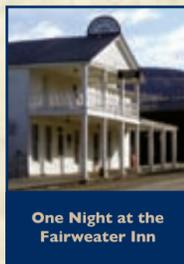
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THANK YOU to those who traveled from afar (BLM/FS/Hotshots from Helena) to help us with the fight.

I often say - "you don't just buy a piece of property...you purchase a lifestyle" and never was that more true than this week as neighbors from near and far gathered together to help save our pristine beauty in the Gravelly Mountains - **THANK YOU!!!**

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The Blue Lake Fire, pictured from Virginia City.

The lightning-caused Blue Lake Fire was reported at 2:45 p.m. on July 21. It is burning on privately owned and Bureau of Land Management land 1 1/2 miles south of Axolotl Lake.

We reached out to community members for photos of the fire from all around Madison County.



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On July 24, the firefighters initiated burnout operations, meaning they lit controlled fires on the perimeter to encase the burn. According to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, the burnout operations were "successful."



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The Blue Lake Fire pictured from Shining Mountains.

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Ruby Valley Strategic Alliance tours Upper Ruby

SUBMITTED BY REBECCA RAMSEY  
Ruby Watershed Coordinator



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	Sunny. High 92, low 56. 0 percent chance of precipitation.
Sunday	
	Partly cloudy. High 89, low 54. 20 percent chance of precipitation.
Monday	
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# Early Education: Part 6

## A glimpse at Madison County's earliest schoolhouses

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In this edition of our early education series we focus on the development of the Ennis School and the Trout Creek Schoolhouse, where we learn about the long and extensive development of education in and around Ennis, and the success and failure of the Homestead Act near Twin Bridges. We also learned the short history of the Brandon Schoolhouse before it consolidated with Sheridan.

*\*\*Editor's note: All information has been taken from various reading materials including "The Progressive Years" and "Pioneers Trails and Trials," both of which were comprised by residents of the county with excerpts on the schools written by Louise Steiner, Jennings Piper and May Lunger, and from James Spray's "Early Days in the Madison Valley."*



PHOTO FROM "PIONEERS TRAILS AND TRIALS"  
The Trout Creek Schoolhouse and students in 1917.

Check back in the next few weeks as we uncover the history of other schoolhouses around the county. If you know of any historical schools in Madison County – or have information and stories you want to share – please contact Caitlin news@madisoniannews.com or call the office at 682-7755. We can't wait to hear from you!



PHOTO FROM "PIONEERS TRAILS AND TRIALS"  
Ennis schoolhouse in 1910.

## Trout Creek

"In 1912, the Homestead Act brought an influx of families to the Trout Creek bench to establish dry land farms ... In the fall of 1914, the first school was established in Frank Cleaves' cabin," writes Mary Lunger in her research of the Trout Creek Schoolhouse.

Trout Creek Schoolhouse sat just past Beaverhead Rock State Park, southwest of Twin Bridges.

The Homestead Act was enacted by Congress in 1862, and signed into law under President Abraham Lincoln with the purpose to encourage settlement in the west. It offered homesteaders free title to a section of public land if they improved the property for five years.

Because of this, many farmers and homesteaders moved west – some to Madison County – and began living the American dream, as is the case with those who attended the Trout Creek Schoolhouse.

The schoolhouse was first built in 1914 with the necessary supplies and furnishings.

"There were larger desks which two students shared ... the teacher was responsible for all janitorial duties as well as the instruction of the students," according to Lunger's research.

"The first teacher at the Trout Creek School was Augustine Griffin of Butte ... the first children to attend were those of William Pilkington, Alfred Whitney, Henry Giem and Stephen Ries," as stated in "Pioneers Trails and Trials."

In 1915, a new school was built that was larger and better equipped as enrollment at the Trout Creek School increased with more families settling on the bench.

Though the school only survived a short while, thanks to the dryness of the surrounding farmland, it is unknown when the school was closed down or abandoned. But in its short existence, the school is said to have "served the community in the education of the children ... as a place where many good times were shared," according to Lunger.

PHOTO FROM  
"PIONEERS TRAILS AND  
TRIALS"  
The Brandon  
Schoolhouse in 1921.



## Brandon

The Brandon School became the eighth school in the district in 1892, once Montana gained its statehood. Prior to, from 1873 to 1892, all schools fell under one district, District No. 1, Virginia City.

The land for the school was given by Alfred Cisler who helped along with community members build the school. According to "Pioneers Trails and Trials," it was a one room log schoolhouse that barely changed throughout the years.

"Maybe the desks and the stove were not the original ones, but on a shelf by the door there was still a pail with a dipper for water and a wash basin," states Louise Steiner in her research on the school.

The Brandon school was located east of Sheridan up Mill Creek and was closed down in 1936 after consolidating with Sheridan.

"The little school had its place in the community," wrote Steiner. "A Christmas program, complete with a tree and Santa Claus, was held each year and in the spring most attended the last day picnic held at First Camp."

## Ennis

The Ennis School that we know today has an interesting history, which is noted in James Spray's book "Early Days in the Madison Valley."

The first school in the Madison Valley was constructed of hand-hewn logs in 1866, "in the A.W. Switzer field between the Odell Creek ditch and Bear Creek," according to Spray.

There were 18 schools in the Madison Valley before 1920, when the Ennis and Jeffers schools decided to consolidate in order to provide a good, four-year high school.

The first school, on the Switzer place, was transferred several times while on the east side of the river, according to Jennings Piper's research in "Pioneer Trails and Trials," and always "followed the center of child population."

"Schools were held at the Peel place; the Henry Mitchell field at the big tree; at the William Mitchell place; and just south across road from the J.B. Jeffers home," as stated in Piper's research.

A school was built on Moore Creek and housed pupils until 1875. In 1876 a larger schoolhouse was built in the Jeffers area and students to the west of the river attended school there until 1902 when District No. 52, Ennis, was established.

"The first school term of District 52 was held in a partitioned off part of the A.O.U.W. dance hall ... In 1906, school was held in a Northway building on the hill west of Ennis ... The following year a new schoolhouse was built on land donated by Mrs. William Ennis on the county road north of Ennis about one-quarter mile," according to Piper.

The school donated my Mrs. Ennis served as the main schoolhouse until 1915 when a larger building was erected of cement block on the hill at the west end of Main Street.

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Ennis school children  
in 1904 or 1905.



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## MEAL TIME MEANS FAMILY TIME

Bring the family together around the dinner table to bond over food; it is worth it

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Between work and school year commitments, it can be difficult to carve out time to sit down at the table and enjoy a home-cooked dinner as a family, but it is well worth the effort. In addition to offering an opportunity to bond, eating together and engaging in conversation can have a deeper influence on children. Follow these tips to bring the family together and create a lasting tradition.

**Mark the calendar**

Create a monthly calendar that incorporates a few meals a week in which everyone can be present when there are no sports, activities or after-work functions. Research shows that children benefit when the family eats together at least three times a week. In fact, reported improvements range from healthy eating habits to improved literacy and verbal skills, according to the Family Dinner Project.

If three dinners is a stretch for your busy family, consider morning brunches or evening desserts.

**Create a family-friendly menu**

Integrate family favorites to create excitement around supper, such as a weekly pizza night. Make homemade crust as a team and craft personal pies incorporating fresh toppings, such as bell peppers, onions, spinach, zucchini and tomatoes. To further maximize time,

create dishes on a weekend to freeze and thaw when ready.

**Have hands-on meal prep**

Incorporate the kids into every step of meal prep in a safe and easy way. Drop vegetables into the blender to chop for pizza or salad toppings, tortilla soup or even a taco Tuesday fiesta. Then, allow kids to add these veggies to the recipe. Engage your children further by having them set timers and watch for meals to cook. As a final step,

allow them to add spices and fresh herbs before setting dinner on the table.

**Turn off electronics**

Make the table an electronic-free zone. Turn off cell phones and television shows to make room for face-to-face communication. Removing cell phones from the equation can positively influence the quality of conversation, while helping kids to gain a better understanding of social cues, facial expressions

and changes in tone that lead to more fruitful interactions, according to a study by researchers at Virginia Tech. Unplugged conversations can help create memorable family moments.

Think of the kitchen and the dinner table as family gathering places to help instill good habits – from great communication skills to healthier eating. If you look at meals as more than just food, your family will reap the benefits.

## Is your child getting enough physical activity at school?

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Only one-fourth of kids and teens are getting enough physical activity, according to a recent study, and physical activity is not just a necessity for a healthy body, it can contribute to a healthy mind.

The 2016 Shape of the Nation report by Voices for Healthy Kids found that while physical education and other programming in schools could address this gap, few states have policies in place requiring schools to offer effective PE programs to all students. Additionally, competing funding and educational priorities are making effective PE programs less common.

Other studies have found that active students focus and think better. That means higher test scores, better grades and more engaged learning across the board. But the benefits do not end there. Experts say that PE addresses the needs of the whole child.

“Effective physical education programs positively impact kids’ physical, mental, and emotional health,” said Dr.

Stephen Daniels, department of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. “Beyond reducing obesity risk, adequate physical activity during the day improves judgment, reduces stress and can increase self-esteem.”

In an effort to get PE back in the schools, the experts at Voices for Healthy Kids, an initiative of the American Heart Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, are encouraging parents to take PE seriously with the following tips:

- Ask your school how much time kids spend in physical education class. Is it adequate? Elementary students should get at least 30 minutes a day. You can be a parent advocate in making PE and other opportunities for activity a priority in your school. Get other parents involved too.

- Talk to your kids about what activities they participate in at PE. Is it a diverse range of activities? Activities should include a wide range of skill-building and moderate to vigorous physical activity.

- Supplement physical activity at school with an active lifestyle. What activities can you do as a family? Play sports with kids on weekends, take walks and bike rides and encourage kids to put down the screens and be active at least 60 minutes each day.

Child health advocates say that at a time when more than a third of children and adolescents are overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PE needs to be made a priority in schools nationwide.

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# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

## WALTZING ON THE WATERS

Memories of a promise kept

It all started with a dance many years ago. On a January night at Borden's Lounge in Whitehall, my friend Lisa was trying (with minimal success) to instruct me in how to waltz. Midway through our woeful display of lumbering inelegance, she informed me she was going on an Alaskan cruise with her church group that fall.

Lisa then added that, because of a cancellation, there was room for another person. I had wanted to visit Alaska for a long time.



Art Kehler

So, I eagerly agreed to go along. Right then and there, my dancing partner and I promised to dance a waltz in the ship's grand ballroom.

Obviously, if that promise was to be kept, my dancing ability needed to improve by leaps and bounds. Hence, an intense series of dancing lessons followed. Fortunately, Lisa was an excellent dancer as well as a patient teacher. She also displayed a praiseworthy capacity for tolerating foot pain. Miraculously, over the next three months, I became a passable hooper.

Then one September day, at last, Lisa and I were standing on a dock in Vancouver, British Columbia, staring up at the largest, most luxurious vessel imaginable. The morning of the second day at sea, I awoke early and headed for the deck. Walking out on the nearest side of the ship, I found myself staring at nothing but open seas. Suddenly feeling ill at ease, I fairly dashed to the other side only to be greeted by the same sobering sight. Admittedly a bit late in the process, I (a lifelong landlubber) recalled that I had never before been so far out on water as not to see any land.

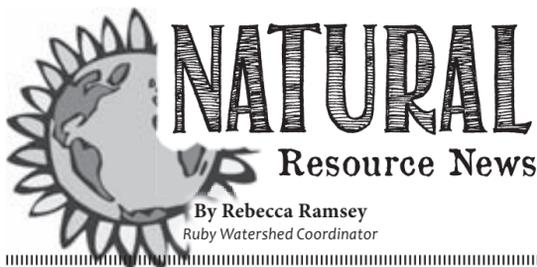
All at once, I felt an irrational need to clutch the rubber duck of my childhood bathtub to my chest. After

all, my swimming aptitude was such that after flailing for the full length of a mini hot tub, I would promptly sink. With that troubling fact in mind, I retreated to a lounge deep in the bowels of the boat. After several calming (reality-altering) potions, I rationalized that, if the vessel went down, I would be the first to drown, thus avoiding a lingering demise. Surprisingly, from that morbid concept, I drew enough solace to recover my machismo somewhat.

Despite my initial qualms, the rest of the cruise went splendidly. From the 13th deck of that very tall ship, I gawked upward to see the crown of the Hubbard Glacier. Near Ketchikan, as Lisa and I approached a stream, the entire creek bed abruptly swam to the far side as hundreds of salmon fled our shadows. In town, we stood next to lofty totem poles, painted with fearsome images, while strangers took our picture. One moonlit night, Lisa and I sat on deck chairs and savored the salt air. While navigating the Inland Passage, killer whales chased frantic schools of fish. Dolphins jumped in graceful arches as though playing with the great ship. Then, on the last evening of the cruise, Lisa asked the band to play a waltz. Beneath crystal chandeliers, we glided over the ornate ballroom floor.

Ultimately, of all the memorable events of the cruise, it is that waltz that lingers brightest in my mind. It was the signature milestone of an adventure that began and ended with a dance. By fulfilling our promise, Lisa and I, with our feet and hearts, had bid farewell to the Land of the Northern Lights – waltzing on the waters.

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By Rebecca Ramsey  
Ruby Watershed Coordinator

## WIDE OPEN WETLANDS

Wetlands are an incredible resource across our landscape in Madison County, providing the space and habitat needed for so many different kinds of birds and wildlife, as well as providing functions that benefit everything from soils to human recreationalists. If you are a duck hunter, of course you know them well! As we continue to celebrate Open Lands Month this July, we want to acknowledge this important part of our open landscape.

A wetland is a land area that is saturated with water, which takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem. Wetlands may be naturally occurring or engineered artificially. Primarily, the factor that distinguishes wetlands from other land forms or water bodies is the characteristic vegetation that is adapted

to its unique soil conditions, such as signature cattails and bulrush. Wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs and fens, and the water can be freshwater, saltwater or brackish. In Southwest Montana and across the arid west, water may only be present for a short period of time (like in the high mountain meadows), and others may be permanent (like an area fed by subterranean springs). Types of wetlands include marshes, beaver ponds, potholes, wet meadows, floodplain wetlands and other similar areas.

Wetlands play a number of critical roles in our environment including water purification, flood control, groundwater recharge, surface water cooling and recharge and shoreline stability. This is because the wetlands act somewhat like a sponge or filter.

Wetlands are also considered the most biologically diverse of all ecosystems, serving as home to a wide range of plant and animal and bird life. It is not just common wetland birds, like red winged black-birds and great blue herons that use these open lands, but birds like the goshawk (a raptor who is known as a voracious predator in the alpine forest), who winter in wetlands. Other birds such as the ring necked pheasant, an upland bird, is known to hang around the edge of wetlands for cover and food. The same goes for a number of upland or range birds and animals.

Wetlands occur naturally on every continent except Antarctica. In Montana, only one percent of the landscape is comprised of wetlands, but their benefits far outweigh their prevalence. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has identified 196 wildlife species that depend on wetland habitats for breeding and survival, and 66 percent of the federally listed endangered and threatened species in the state rely upon wetlands for a critical part of their life cycle. Wetlands are not well suited for residential development either, so they help to keep space open for wildlife and recreationalists instead.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for coordinating and providing leadership to wetland conservation activities statewide. Montana's overarching wetland goal is: "No overall net loss of the state's remaining wetland

resource base and an overall increase in the quality and quantity of wetlands in Montana."

The Montana Natural Heritage Program is part of the Montana State Library's Natural Resource Information System, and one of their goals is to create a statewide digital wetland and riparian layer as a resource for management, planning and restoration efforts. With support from the Montana Wetland Council and other partners, the center maps wetlands and riparian areas to National Wetlands Inventory standards. Visit <http://mtnhp.org/nwi/> for views of wetlands around Montana.

The Natural Resources and Conservation Services has a host of technical and financial assistance programs to help restore wetlands that were drained for agricultural purposes, and can provide great help to landowners who want to voluntarily create or restore these areas, including a conservation easement program specific to wetland projects. You can learn more by contacting District Conservationist Dan Durham at [daniel.durham@mt.usda.gov](mailto:daniel.durham@mt.usda.gov).

Wetlands are wonderful for storing water, restoring clean water, providing habitat and frankly, really wonderful to visit for seeing beautiful plants and wildlife. The sights, sounds and smells are restorative to the soul, and the environment, and they are another piece of keeping our extraordinary landscapes open.

## Miner's Union Day: Sheridan, 1905, Pt. 1

By Charlie Rossiter

When the beginning of spring is evidenced of the trumpeting Sandhill Cranes from their winter's residence down south (the original



Charlie Rossiter

snow birds) and the enchanting song of the meadowlark, after long winters, it's important to have a tonic to help cure cabin fever. In Sheridan's infancy, they use to celebrate Miner's Union Day and most probably, the practice was stopped in the war years due to rationing. The following tale is about Miner's Union Day here in Sheridan and the famous "baseball game case."

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Sheridan is off the beaten path of the original stage-coach route but because of the favorable climate and the fact it's the front gate to the Tobacco Root Mountains from the west, and it was a favored camp of the early mountain men and Native

Americans. Sheridan incorporated in 1893, with a population of 350. Travel was slow in those early days as the automobile would not be on the scene for a dozen more years. The roads were rutted and loaded with potholes from years of wagon and horse traffic. Traveling anywhere was slow and uncomfortable and a person should expect to arrive at their destination covered from head to toe with multi-colored layers of ultra-fine dust. The weather conditions defined what kind of trip you'd have. When it rained, downtown Sheridan was a quagmire of sticky mud and as much as 6 inches of the gooey substance could be on the roadway. A horse and stage could expect to average 4 - 5 miles per hour, tops, so traveling any distances took ample time to complete. The reek of horse was a constant reminder to the fact that man and horse were inseparable in those early times. At this time in history, Sheridan had two livery stables and three blacksmith shops. Most of the area ranchers raised horses along with cattle or

sheep, as a fine horse could fetch quite a purse of money. Horse races, and team pulling contests, were commonplace; still, living here was quite mundane.

Main Street proper consisted of two blocks, one on the west side of the street and one on the east. East consisted of Mill and Hamilton streets and the west consisted of Water and Hamilton (Hamilton is a through street). Boardwalks encompassed this area of downtown as lumber was semi-inexpensive due to several sawmills in the area.

The town continued to grow because several of the area mines were open or opening and the employment abundant; workers were in great demand. The stage came in daily from Virginia City delivering mail and passengers and then galloped back out of town on the road to Twin Bridges.

The original log buildings on Main Street were replaced with new and better structures or updated as more commerce was established. In 1903, several new build-

ings were started, using red bricks from a new quarry called Brick Yard Hollow. It was located a mile and half up Mill Creek and provided a superior high quality block. This same year, on the corner of Main and Mill streets, the Sheridan State Bank was built, being the first building to use the newly fired bricks. Another building (Now Charles Walter, Inc.) was also refurbished in the bricks for use as a general mercantile store located on Main and Water streets. It was just across the street from the bank. Main Street also had a dry goods store, a confectionary store, a post office, a furniture/coffin store, a general department store, a drug store, a doctor's office (with two doctors), two hotels, a milliner store, a dentist and several restaurants. Did I mention, there were also five saloons and a couple of churches?

*There ends the first installment - there are many more to come. The tale is worth hearing, so look for part two in next week's paper.*

## COMMODITY INSITE!: A reversal of fortune

by Jerry Welch

In mid-June, the best performing commodity market for the year to date was lean hog futures. However, the media kept touting the impressive gains seen with gold and silver but the fact of the matter is, hog futures were doing better than precious metals. But after hitting a two year high, hog prices have since collapsed to put it mildly. October lean hog futures have dropped more than 10 percent in three weeks to a new, one year low. Such a sharp reversal of fortune is a rare scenario.

Cattle and feeder cattle prices are also hemorrhaging badly after posting solid gains earlier in the year. Live cattle futures approached \$125 in March but this week came within a blink of \$107. Front month August feeder cattle traded north of \$167 on the second trading day of the year but slipped this week of \$134. Here too, such a quick

reversal of fortune is seldom seen but it unfolded with all livestock markets in recent weeks. Unfortunately, a similar turnaround unfolded with grain prices. In early June, Chicago wheat prices spiked up to \$5.06 a bushel, an eight month high and gave the appearance that further gains might be seen. But prices quickly rolled over and this week hit a 10 year low of nearly \$4.06. Corn prices followed a similar pattern touching \$4.46 a bushel in early June, a two year high but this week fell to a two year low of nearly \$3.26.

Soybean prices rallied from \$8.65 a bushel in March to a two year high of \$12.05 in June but this week collapsed to a low of \$9.85. Thus, soybean prices rallied \$3.40 a bushel from March to June but fell \$2.20 a bushel from June into July. It was another dramatic reversal

of fortune!

In early June, crude oil prices, a leading indicator market for commodities per se, hit an eight month high of \$53 a barrel. This week, crude prices slipped to a four month low and well under \$44 a barrel. The dismal performance being seen with Texas Tea hints loudly that commodities per se are again in trouble.

When I notice grains, livestock and crude oil moving in the same overall direction I am quick to examine the CRB Index, which is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to the equity markets. The CRB is weighted towards grains and livestock with crude oil prices close behind. In early July, the CRB Index hit a nine month high with most analysts expecting further gains. But that rally also ran out of steam and the market soon headed south.

And this week, the widely followed measure of commodities slumped to a two month low.

From my July 8 column entitled, "Prices go up on staircase but decline on an elevator," I wrote: "Also, greasing the skids for lower grain prices was a report that hit the wires courtesy of the United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organization. From agrimoney.com and a headline that blared ominously, 'Era of high ag-prices quite likely over.' "The period of high ag commodity prices is quite likely over, sapped by a slowdown in population growth, the OECD and United Nations said."

The same article held this message: "And prices look set, over the next decade to 'remain below recent peak levels,' undermined by a drop to 1 percent a year in the rate of world population growth, and economic slowdown in some

countries, with Chinese GDP seen expanding by 6 percent a year, down from 9 percent a year over the past decade."

Clearly, grains, livestock and the petroleum complex are under heavy selling pressure. If that scenario continues it should, sooner than later, spill over to a host of other markets including the Dow Jones et al. Individual commodity markets most vulnerable to a major shift in fortune in the period ahead are cotton, sugar, the juice that comes from an orange and precious metals.

The headwinds facing commodities is due to the strength being seen with the U.S. dollar. In my last column entitled, "The dollar is about to strike a lode," I argued clearly that the 'ol greenback was poised to rally sharply and if that took place, stocks and commodities would quickly roll over and take the elevator

down. And the big story this week without a doubt is the dollar jumping to a five month high and as a result, a host of commodity markets are enduring a sharp reversal of fortune.

But I do admit that my work could be wrong and just maybe, there has been enough weakness with commodities in general that a nice recovery with prices can quickly unfold. After all, cattle are coming off a five year low, wheat a 10 year low, corn a multi-year low and the soybean market has yet to make it thru August before the crop is out of harm's way from a weather stand point. And the media keeps touting the long side of precious metals while the Dow Jones is into a new all time high this week.

Nonetheless, the reversal of fortune seen the past few weeks was one for the history books.

# COMICS & PUZZLES



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Let the cat out of the bag
- 5 Culture medium
- 9 Seek damages
- 12 Frost
- 13 Contemptible
- 14 Moreover
- 15 Saharan
- 16 Sculpted head
- 17 18-wheeler
- 18 Pedestal part
- 19 "The Greatest"
- 20 Fisherman's hope
- 21 TV watchdog org.
- 23 Away from NNW
- 25 In a just manner
- 28 Certainly
- 32 Nome dome home
- 33 Heart line?
- 34 Aromatic resin
- 36 Brawl
- 37 Supplement, with "out"
- 38 Scoot
- 39 Alger's "before"
- 42 Twitch
- 44 Lends a hand
- 48 Coloration
- 49 Pruritus
- 50 Thought

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- 51 Freddy's street
- 52 -- gin fizz
- 53 Lounge about
- 54 Billboards
- 55 Repair
- 56 Narrow opening
- 6 France, once
- 7 Francis' home
- 8 On Soc. Sec., maybe
- 9 Hindu garment
- 10 One
- 11 Advantage
- 20 Sideshow performer's cot?
- 22 Cape
- 24 Glitch
- 25 White lie
- 26 Khan title
- 27 Not up to par
- 29 Blunder
- 30 Greek vowel
- 31 Rotation
- 35 Stamina
- 36 Like some eyebrows
- 39 Comical Caroline
- 40 "-- Lang Syne"
- 41 Pirate treasure, in part
- 43 Pedestal occupant
- 45 "American --"
- 46 Sandwich shop
- 47 Sodium chloride
- 49 Doctrine

### DOWN

- 1 Actor Pitt
- 2 Old Italian money
- 3 In the thick of
- 4 State of great comfort
- 5 Monastery office

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- Janet

### Fried Cream Corn

- What You Need**
- 12 ears fresh corn (cut from the cob and scraped)
  - 1 tsp salt
  - 1 tbsp sugar
  - 6 tbsp butter
  - 1/2 c half and half
  - 6 slices bacon (cut in thirds and browned)
  - 2 tbsp flour
  - 1/2 tsp black pepper

- Directions**
- Brown the bacon in a cast iron pan or heavy skillet on medium to medium-high until browned.

- While the bacon is cooking, in a large bowl mix the corn salt, black pepper, sugar, and flour. Stir until mixed.
- Remove the bacon from the skillet and set aside.
- Add the corn mixture and cook stirring occasionally to keep from sticking.
- Halfway through, about fifteen minutes, add the half-and-half, and butter.
- Cook another few minutes before adding the bacon.
- Add the bacon and cook another five minutes until the bacon becomes heated again.
- Serve and enjoy!

Submitted by: Dorothy Rose, Houston, TX (pop. 2.1M)

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## HELP WANTED

Madison Valley Ranchlands Group (MVRG) is a collaborative non-profit involved with community and natural resource issues of the Madison Valley of Montana. We organized in 1996 to address the economic plight of ranching locally. Through the years we have addressed weed, water and wildlife issues. We are committed to being collaborative in our efforts and encourage stakeholder participation in all we do. The Madison Valley is close to the Idaho border and Yellowstone Park. The economy here is challenging. We are initially looking for someone to do grant writing part time with the hope that that person could work into the Project Director position on a full time basis soon. We are looking for someone who is energetic, motivated and has good communication skills. We are trying to move into the social media realm of communication. So, experience and skill in that area is desirable. We are a bunch of ranchers and some of us are getting old so we need someone who is more technologically savvy. For a more complete job description email us at [mrvgrdirector@gmail.com](mailto:mrvgrdirector@gmail.com) or call 406-682-3259. Our website is [www.madisonvalleyranchlands.org](http://www.madisonvalleyranchlands.org). 39-2-b

Seeking full/part time experienced lawn care and landscaping crew members and general laborers. Pay DOE. 640-0601 31-tfc-b

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



The Madison Valley Manor is hiring full time and part time Certified Nursing Assistants. This is a great opportunity to work in a personal healthcare setting.
 

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Harrison is looking for a head and/or assistant head volleyball coach for the 2016-17 school year. The position pays \$2,569 for the head coach and \$1,798 for the assistant. Please contact Fred Hofman, Superintendent, at 406-685-3428 or via email at [fhofman@harrison.k12.mt.us](mailto:fhofman@harrison.k12.mt.us) or stop on by the school Monday-Thursday, between 9:00 am-2:00 pm 35-7-b

Moose Crossing Sweets & Gifts and the Cardwell Store are looking for dependable help. Starting wage is \$9. Call or stop in. 287-5092. 39-tfc-b

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Silvertip Lodge. Housekeeper needed, part time - fill in as needed. Call 599-8754 38-tfc-b

Full Time dentist hygienist needed to work in Sheridan, MT. Wages competitive, - DOE, profit sharing, health insurance, 2 weeks paid vacation. Contact Dr. Tom Bartoletti, 842-5400 or email: [mdot56@hotmail.com](mailto:mdot56@hotmail.com) 31-2-b

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

FULL-TIME LEAD CUSTODIAN POSITION ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT The Ennis School is looking for an individual to work in our custodial department. The position will require the ability to help supervise and train custodial staff, the knowledge or willingness to learn to work with various pieces of equipment, such as, floor machines, buffers, scrubbers, etc. Hourly rate will start at no less than \$12.75 per hour, D.O.E. Benefits and retirement are available. Work hours from 1 pm. to 9 pm. and may vary depending on need. Deadline: Until Filled. For further information and a district application call Casey Klasna at 682-4258. 39-3-b



**MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**  
 The Madison County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full-time Communications Officer position. The salary for this position is 14.76 per hour with county medical benefits. Duties and responsibilities include performing the duties of a Communications officer at the Madison County PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) in Virginia City. The position is responsible to the public, law enforcement and first responders. Must have good phone and communication skills. Must be able to type at least 40 wpm. This position requires the applicant to be able to obey rules, regulations and follow instruction from superiors. Applicant must show a desire to work with the public, show self-initiative, demonstrate a high degree of integrity, maturity and confidentiality. The work week is a minimum of 30 hours and includes weekends and holidays. Due to the nature of the job, work hour flexibility with ability to work any shift (late shift, swing shift or day shift) is necessary. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and of good moral character; successfully pass an oral interview, background investigation plus any other requirements which may be deemed necessary to perform the duties of a Communications officer, including successful completion of the Montana Basic Communication Officer Academy. Applicants for this position must have the knowledge and ability to maintain accurate record keeping systems and possess basic computer knowledge. Applicants must be a resident of Madison County. Applications can be found at [www.madisoncountymt.gov](http://www.madisoncountymt.gov). The application and a complete resume should be sent to the Dillon Job Service, 730 N. Montana Ste. #4, Dillon, MT 59725 (Dillon.JSC@mt.gov) or to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 276, Virginia City, MT 59755. Please contact Lynda Holt at (406) 843-4211 with any questions about the position. Open until filled. Madison County is an EE/AA employer.

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT**  
 Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center (TRMCC) is a skilled nursing facility located in Sheridan, MT  
 We are looking for passionate and talented team members to join TRMCC. This is an amazing opportunity for a LTC C.N.A. to work in a great relaxed environment assisting the residents of our facility.  
 Employee Benefits:  
 • Health insurance available (County sponsored benefit with 30 hours or more per week), optional dental, and vision plans  
 • Flexible spending account or Health Savings account available  
 • Montana Public Employee Administration (retirement benefit) and optional 457-b savings plan  
 • Life insurance • Vacation and sick time benefits.  
 Please contact Jody Galica R.N., Director of Nursing for more information and application at: Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center  
 326 Madison Street  
 Sheridan, MT 59749  
 (406) 842-5600  
 38-3-b

**Route Bus Driver**  
 Ennis School  
 School bus route driver needed for the 2016-2017 school year. Must have, or be qualified to obtain, a commercial driver's license. All bus drivers are subject to pre-employment drug testing and must be part of our random testing program as required by DOT. The routes will be 3 1/2 hours per day with starting salary at \$14.00. Job sharing is also a possibility. For further information, call Superintendent, Casey Klasna at 682-4258. 39-3-b

Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2016-17 school year: Part-Time Custodian, Head Cheerleading Coach, Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, and Accompanist. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan Schools Website [www.sheridan.k12.mt.us](http://www.sheridan.k12.mt.us). If you are interested in applying for this position, you may also contact Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302. 39-2-b

**REGISTERED NURSE (RN)/ LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)**  
 Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center (TRMCC) is a skilled nursing facility located in Sheridan, Montana. This is a senior living residence for individuals with long term care (LTC) needs. TRMCC provides 24-hour long term nursing care and has the capabilities to care for adults with acute medical needs or seniors recovering from surgery needing rehabilitation services. We are looking for passionate and talented team members to join TRMCC. This is an amazing opportunity for a LTC RN or LPN to work in a great relaxed environment assisting the residents of our facility.  
 Employee Benefits:  
 • Health insurance available (County sponsored benefit with 30 hours or more per week), optional dental, and vision plans  
 • Flexible spending account or Health Savings account available  
 • Montana Public Employee Administration (retirement benefit) and optional 457-b savings plan  
 • Life insurance • Vacation and sick time benefits.  
 TRMCC promotes a drug and alcohol-free workplace. Offers of employment are contingent upon successfully passing pre-employment screenings.  
 The above information on this description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees in this position. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and qualifications required of employees assigned to this job.  
 Contact Information  
 Jody Galica, RN, D.O.N.  
 Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center  
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Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse/ Coordinator- Coordinate the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at Madison Valley Medical Center. Part-time position for Registered Nurse available. For more information, please visit Madison Valley Medical Center website found at [www.mvmedcenter.org](http://www.mvmedcenter.org) <<http://www.mvmedcenter.org>>. Interested applicants please submit resume and completed application found at [www.mvmedcenter.org](http://www.mvmedcenter.org) <<http://www.mvmedcenter.org>> to careers@mvmedcenter.org 39-tfc-b

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:  
 • Head HS GBB Coach  
 • Asst HS GBB Coach  
 • Asst JH VB Coach  
 • F/W Cheer Advisor  
 • SDD Advisor  
 • Substitutes in the Classroom, Kitchen, Maintenance and Bus Driving!

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: Twin Bridges Public Schools PO Box 419 Twin Bridges, MT 59754

Madison Valley Medical Center is now hiring for the position of Nurse Aide/Clerk- Primary responsibilities are patient care with telephone and registration duties (32-40 hrs. per week). Patient care experience preferred. Applicants must be available to work shifts from both, 7am to 3pm and 3pm to 11pm. Interested applicants please submit resume and completed application found at [www.mvmedcenter.org](http://www.mvmedcenter.org) <<http://www.mvmedcenter.org>> to [careers@mvmvmedcenter.org](mailto:careers@mvmvmedcenter.org) 39-tfc-b

The Madison Valley Manor is hiring a fill-in Dietary Cook/Aide. This is a great opportunity to work in a personal healthcare setting and get your foot in the door for a part-time or full-time position in the near future. Experience preferred but will train.  
 • Excellent pay  
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 • Paid sick leave/vacation/holidays  
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Now Hiring an FT/PT Office Manager responsible for a range of functions to ensure the office operates smoothly, delivering excellent customer service and efficient operations. Housing available. Apply online at [www.blueribbonbuilders.com](http://www.blueribbonbuilders.com) or call at 406.995.4580 39-2-b

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**FOR RENT**  
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Office Space for rent. 128/SF unit located downtown Ennis in the Lone Elk Mall. Common area. Utilities included. \$185 per month. 682-5653 33-tfc-b

**MADISON MANAGEMENT**  
 Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401  
[www.madisonmanagement.com](http://www.madisonmanagement.com)  
 22-tfc

For Rent: Large storages - 14x48 \$165/mo., 12x40 \$125/mo. Large doors and concrete floors. Boats, RV's, Warehouse. Available May 1st. Call Bob 925-1362. 22-tfc-b

**BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:**  
 1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley. 1-tfc

**BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:**  
 1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

FOR RENT: Duplex apartments. 1 Br. W/D, AC. 1 year lease. \$750/month, utilities included. N/S, no dogs. In Ennis. Call Erich Vogeli at 406-682-5737. Security Deposit. 26-tfc-b

**PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE**  
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Ruby Glen Homes in Sheridan  
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 Come to sell or Come buy!  
 Hwy 287 field with Tipi  
 843-5544 for more information  
 37-4-p

Sale  
 Saturday, July 30 - 9 a.m.  
 615 S. Charles - EnnisSporting, camping, 12 inch table saw, household, good stuff!

VFW Post 3831  
 Yard Sale  
 July 30 & 31  
 9 am to 3 pm at Pony gym  
 We will receive donations until the sale. 39-2-p

Multi-family, 5 garage sales!  
 See signs on Coachman Lane. Furniture, electric dryer, misc. Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30. 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adamson storage unit #80. Garage sale. Behind Forest Service office. Friday July 29 and Saturday July 30 at 9 a.m.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE TO JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN (41G) WATER USERS**  
Joseph and Victoria Besseghini filed a Motion to Amend their statement of claim with the Montana Water Court seeking to correct the point of diversion to reflect historical use. The claimants are amending their point of diversion from the NENWSW of Section 28, TIN, R4W, in Madison County to SENWSW of Section 22, TIN, R4W, in Madison County. They also seek to amend their claimed means of diversion from Dike to Pump.  
OBJECTION DATE:  
Any response or objection to the motion to amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, P.O. Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389, within 45 days of the date of the last publications of this notice, (September 10, 2016) in accordance Section 85-2-233(6), MCA. Please indicate "Case 41G-A18" on any response, objection or other correspondence related to this Motion to Amend.  
(Pub. July 14, 21, 28 2016) lr MNAXLP

**FINAL BUDGET MEETING**  
The 2016-2017 Final Budget Meeting for the Harrison School will be held August 8, 2016 in the Art/Spanish Room at 7:30 p.m. Any taxpayer may attend and give testimony on the budgets. The regular August meeting will be held in conjunction with the Final Budget meeting. This meeting may be continued from day to day until final information becomes available.  
Julie Ward, District Clerk  
(Pub. July 21, 28 2016) hs MNAXLP

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Successor Trustee will, on November 11, 2016 at the hour of 02:00 PM, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charges by the Successor Trustee, at the following place:  
North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755

John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, of Robinson Tait, P.S. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust in which Vince Schettler, a married man and Michael A. Chermine, a married man and Randy Black, a married man, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to SECURITY TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR GREEN-POINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC. its successors and assigns. Beneficiary of the security instrument, said Deed of Trust which is dated August 8, 2006 and was recorded on September 7, 2006 as Instrument No. 115604, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Madison County, Montana.  
The Deed of Trust encumbers real property ("Property") located at 28 North Lewis and Clark Trail, Whitehall, MT 59759 and being more fully described as follows:  
TRACT 26 OF JEFFERSON RIVER RANCHES SUBDIVISION PLAT, IN MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA, (PLAT REFERENCE IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 375)  
The beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, RAAC Series 2007-SP2.  
The Beneficiary has declared the Grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the Promissory Note ("Note") secured by said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to timely pay all monthly installments of principal, interest and if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments of \$40,754.06 beginning September 1, 2009 through July 21, 2016; plus interest due of \$243,732.64; plus escrow payment of \$37,194.20; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.  
By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: \$425,753.84 with interest thereon at the rate of 8.75000 percent per annum beginning September 1, 2009; plus late charges of \$2,428.58; plus escrow advance of \$34,905.07; plus property inspection fees incurred and projected of \$209.25; plus title search of \$1,729.00; plus foreclosure expense of \$416.00; plus other costs incurred and projected of \$5,457.00; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.  
Due to the defaults stated above, the Beneficiary has elected and has directed the Trustee to sell the above-described property to satisfy the obligation.  
Notice is further given that any person named has the right, at any time prior to the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by making payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust, together with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.  
Dated: June 29, 2016  
/s/ John A. "Joe" Solseng  
John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, Attorney of Robinson Tait, P.S., MSB #11800  
(Pub. July 21, 28, Aug 4 2016) rt MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Dillon Unit is seeking comments on a proposed land exchange involving state owned trust land and private lands owned by SRI River Holdings, LLC (SRI) (formerly known as Hamilton Ranch) located in Madison and Butte-Silver Bow Counties, west and south of Twin Bridges, Montana.  
Approximately 608 acres of state owned trust lands located on the Jefferson River described as:  
Legal Description:  
-NE4NE4, W2E2, NW4, SW4, Section 20 T3S R6W, 520 acres, Madison County, (MSU Trust)  
-NW4NW4, Section 29 T3S R6W, 8 acres, north of the Melrose-Twin Bridges Road, Madison County, (Western/Eastern Trust)  
-E2NE4, Section 16 T3S R6W, 80 acres, less Jefferson River bed, Madison County, (Common Schools Trust)  
The above state trust land is proposed to be exchanged for approximately 861.48 acres of private land located on the Big Hole River near Pennington Bridge described as:  
Legal Description:  
-Lots 1-4, E2W2, E2, (All), Section 30 T1S R7W, 630 acres, Madison County  
-SE4NE4, E2SE4, Section 25 T1S R8W, 120.48 acres, Butte-Silver Bow County  
-To be described by survey, Section 11 T4S R7W, 111 acres, Madison County  
The purpose of the proposed land exchange is to provide greater management flexibility for both the private landowner and state owned land, improve hunting safety zones near ranch residences, and provide additional access for the public, to currently inaccessible federal lands.  
The DNRC will accept written comments about any concerns or issues about the proposal until close of business on August 15, 2016. In accordance with Montana's Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), public concerns about the project and potential environmental impacts will be considered and analyzed before a decision is made regarding project implementation.  
If you have any questions or would like to submit a written comment, you may submit your comment by email or mail delivery to the address below. Please include "SRI River Holdings Land Exchange" in the subject line of any correspondence. Written comments should be submitted to:  
Tim Egan, Dillon Unit Manager  
DNRC - Dillon Unit Office  
840 North Montana St  
Dillon, MT 59725  
Or via e-mail to tegan@mt.gov  
(Pub. July 21, 28 2016) dnrc-d MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Town of Twin Bridges has completed their preliminary budget for Fiscal year 2016-2017. Approval of the preliminary budget will be on August 9th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall (104 E 6th, Twin Bridge, MT) during the regular council meeting. If anyone would like to review the budget they can stop in at the office or call 684-5243. Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard at the meeting.  
(July 28, Aug 4, 2016) tobt MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning June 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 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 and can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 22nd day of July, 2016.  
Kathleen Mumme  
Madison County Clerk and Recorder  
Ennis  
(July 28, 2016) mccr MNAXLP

**AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT**  
An audit of the affairs of Sheridan Public Schools has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Sheridan Public Schools and that the Sheridan Public Schools will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.  
Sincerely,  
Rebecca E. Larsen  
District Clerk  
(July 28, Aug 4, 2016) ss MNAXLP

**NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING**  
On August 18th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. the Twin Bridges School District #7 Board of Trustees will meet in the Montana Room of the Twin Bridges Schools for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The trustees' meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget, but no later than August 25th, 20-9-131(2) and 20-9-151(1), MCA. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The regular August meeting will be conducted at that time on August 18th, 2016.  
For further information please contact: Joyann Breakall, District Clerk, PO Box 419, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 (406-684-5656).  
(Pub. July 21, 28 2016) tbs MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CASE 41F-A15 (PART OF)**  
Construction crews will be paving the East entrance of Two Bumps Road during the first week of August.  
Flagging crews will be in place for your safety and that of the construction crew.  
At the time of this publication, it is not known which day the work will begin.  
Please limit your use on day of construction. Construction is only planned for one long day, but excessive traffic will slow the process down.  
All large load vehicles will be restricted to using the road in the morning hours only, so please plan accordingly.  
Inquiries can be sent to: VCRA PO Box 883 Ennis  
(July 28, 2016) VCRA MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved payroll for payment in the amount of \$1,248,852.81 and claims for all funds in the amount of \$1,974,750.34 with a total of \$3,223,603.15 for the period beginning June 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2016. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of 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 22nd day of July, 2016.  
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**ENNIS CITY Ramblers**  
Dave Dennis Jim  
AMERICAN FOLK SONGS AND COWBOY-WESTERN MUSIC  
Our upcoming performance dates are:  
Fri. 7/29, Willie's Distillery, Ennis, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Thurs. 8/4, Gravel Bar, Ennis, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Fri. 8/19, Ted's Grille, Bozeman, 6:30-9:30 pm  
Fri. 8/26, Willie's Distillery, Ennis, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Thurs. 9/1, Sacajawea Hotel, Three Forks, 5:30-8:30 pm  
Fri., 9/2, Norris Hot Springs, Norris, 7:00-9:30 pm  
For more information, contact Dennis Aigner, (406) 682-4681 or djaigner@aol.com.

**NOTICE**  
Beginning August 1, 2016, NorthWestern Energy contractors will be laying underground power lines on Granite Creek Road from north of Montana Highway 287 on the main Granite Creek Road to approximately the west boundary of Section 30, T5S, R2W. Most of the trenching activity will occur on the road edge due to the narrowness of the road. Because of that, persons using the road during this time can expect short delays. Contractors will be as cooperative as possible in assisting vehicles through the construction zones. However, because of the narrow width of the road in many places, their equipment will restrict safe passage of vehicles for short periods of time. Construction work will begin at 8:00 a.m. each day and will conclude at 6:00 p.m. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-September.  
If extreme delays or other issues occur, please contact the Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277 or NorthWestern Energy Representative, Dan Crismore at 406-596-0901.

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY OF ENNIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
THE TRUSTEES OF ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 HAVE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MCA 20-6-604 TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF THE DISTRICT'S OBSOLETE REAL PROPERTY TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016 AT ENNIS SCHOOLS. ITEMS FOR SALE WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND THE VO-TECH BUILDING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ONLY. SOME OF THE ITEMS TO BE SOLD INCLUDE FLOOR BUFFER, FLOOR CLEANER, LARGE STUDENT DESKS, ELECTRIC STOVE, DRYER, PING PONG TABLES, PROJECTORS, COMPUTERS, SMARTBOARDS (WHITEBOARDS), CABINETS AND OTHER MISC. ITEMS.

**Ruby Valley Hospital Physical Therapy**  
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Hands on care for all your body needs.  
Orthopedic & Sports Injuries  
Total Joint Rehabilitation  
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Sore Stressed Muscles  
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**CLASSIFIEDS CONT. FROM PG B5**

**HOUSING WANTED**

My name is Connie and I want to move to Ennis soon. I'm looking to rent short term housing (4-5 months). I'm a single, 57-year-old woman, quiet (but friendly). Looking for a studio or one bedroom. Glad to house or dog sit if you need someone responsible and caring to look after things. Contact me for more information/references. Thank you for your consideration. email: romanstelve12@yahoo.com or call 805-231-8092.

**ANTIQUES**

Business opportunity for sale. Ennis Antique Mall. Business aspect only! No inventory or real estate. 682-3304

**Get Results.**



**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. Whomever 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.



**CHERYL DeGROOT TRUNK SHOW**



**AUGUST 5, 2016  
6:00 - 8:00**

**Dancing Buffalo Gallery**

Located in the Depot  
Virginia City, Montana

Please come by and visit with our incredible mixed metal jewelry artist

**Elling House Arts and Humanities Center receives donation**

SUBMITTED BY TONI JAMES  
Elling House Arts and Humanities Center

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center is receiving a \$4,000 donation, thanks to Jack W Daugherty Insurance.

Building a stronger community does not happen by accident. It takes the work of dedicated organizations and the selfless volunteers who support them.

We are proud to announce that we have earned a 2016 Safeco Insurance

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**Get Results.**



ads@madisoniannews.com

**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



**Find Fellowship With Us**

**Rocky Mountain Baptist Church**  
406-600-1342

Pastor Phil Taylen  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Midweek Prayer Service 6:00 pm on Wednesday.

606 Comley Way, Ennis  
6 Blocks South of City Complex  
Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

**Dayspring Church**  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School/Nursery  
Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship  
Joel Trenkle/Pastor  
Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com

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**HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Harrison, Montana  
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller  
Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

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

Sacrament Meeting  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:20 a.m.

R S & Priesthood  
12:10 p.m.  
Mutual (Youth Group)  
Weds. 7:00p.m.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Dustin 684-5255

**Liturgy Schedule**

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

**St. Mary, Laurin**  
Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Father John Crutchfield  
Pastor ~ 842-5588

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

Pastor Ken Stensrud

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

Corner of Madison and Armitage St.  
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4900

**Madison Valley Presbyterian Church**  
WORSHIP  
September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
May - August ~ 9 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome Fully Accessible

Rev. Jean M. Johnson  
682-4355 ~ Ennis  
Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

**FISHERS OF MEN**  
HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE

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

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

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting  
10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:20 a.m.  
R S & Priesthood  
12:10 p.m.

Family History Center  
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614  
Pres. Thompson 682-7415  
133 MT Hwy 287

**Christian Science Society**  
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.

**ALL WELCOME**

Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.

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Pastor Duane Deshner

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

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

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

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

We are a church dedicated to serving this valley!

**THE BAHAI FAITH**  
Should other peoples and nations be unfaithful to you show your fidelity unto them, should they be unjust toward you show justice towards them, should they keep aloof from you attract them to yourselves, should they show their enmity be friendly towards them, should they poison your lives, sweeten their souls, should they inflict a wound upon you, be a salve to their sores.

451-3923 or 1-800-UNITE  
www.baha'i.org

**ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
Muffins & Coffee 10:15 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Childrens Church & Nursery available

**WEDS. PRAYER MEETING**  
7 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  
7:15 a.m.  
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.rvec.org  
Prayer requests:  
682-4788 843-5296 842-7713

**GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
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**COWBOY CHURCH - Nevada City**  
10 am - All Summer

Christ-centered,  
Bible Based Teaching  
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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Fall sports meeting in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY ED BURKE  
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan High School will be holding a fall sports informational meeting. The meeting will be held in the high school gym on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Any boys and girls interested in participating in cross country, volleyball or football should plan on attending along with their parents or guardians.

## Learn about Chinese in Montana

SUBMITTED BY JOHN ANGLIN  
Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program, Chinese in Montana: Our forgotten pioneers, with Ellen Baumler on July 29. The program will be at the park amphitheater at 8 p.m.

Chinese pioneers have been neglected in Montana's written record even though in 1870, they comprised 10 percent of the population. By the 1950s, very few remained. Chinese homes and businesses fell victim to urban renewal programs. Time erased their remote mining and railroad camps. Traces of their culture disappeared, and their stories have become obscured in myth and legend. What happened to these pioneers and where did they go? Baumler explores Montana's urban and remote Chinese settlements through archaeological sites, artifacts and rare remaining landmarks. These recall the contributions of Montana's Chinese and the cultural footprints they left behind.

## Celebrate 150 years of Pony

SUBMITTED BY NANCY NELLIS  
Pony Homecoming Club

It is the 150th year of Pony, so come to town on Aug. 6 and 7, 2016, to celebrate. Between 1860-1870, settlers coming west for the gold rush found this beautiful spot. One was a man named Tecumseh Smith, nicknamed "Pony" because of his small stature and he founded Pony in 1866.

For more history, come take a tour in the Pony Museum located in

the Pony School at 3 p.m. on Aug. 6, 2016, during Pony Days. For more information, visit [www.PonyMontana.com](http://www.PonyMontana.com)

On Saturday, Aug. 6 will be mason's breakfast, art in the park, parade, barbecue, ice cream social, fiddlers in the park, raffles in the park, games, school museum tour, bounce house (for children), street dance (evening) and other activities. Aug. 7 will be church services in the Pony Park, followed by a potluck. Look for posters with the times at local businesses.

## Livestock Loss Board solicits grant proposals

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE EDWARDS  
Livestock Loss Board

Montana's Livestock Loss Board is accepting grant applications from individuals and organizations attempting to reduce grizzly bear and wolf predation in Montana.

Anyone may apply to the board for the grants, which require a 50 percent cost share from the applicant. Cost share may be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Preference will be given to projects that occur in high predation areas. Samples of previous grants are electric fencing, purchasing additional guard dogs, range rider projects and carcass removal programs.

Completed grant applications must be received by the board office by Aug. 12. Board members will review grant applications during their Aug. 24 board meeting. If you have any questions need further information, contact the board's executive director, George Edwards at [gedwards@mt.gov](mailto:gedwards@mt.gov) or by phone at 444-5609.

Grant applications are available on the board's website [www.llb.mt.gov](http://www.llb.mt.gov). Completed forms may be emailed to [gedwards@mt.gov](mailto:gedwards@mt.gov) or mailed to the board office P.O. Box 202005, Helena, MT 59620.

## Artist co-op in Virginia City

SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN BAKER  
Virginia City Gallery

The Virginia City Gallery, which has been under the management of artist Carolyn Baker for the last three years, is now an art cooperative. The mission of the cooperative is to create art for the community, and a community for artists.

Eight artists from across Southwest Montana spend one day a week in the gallery, using it as a working studio.

Baker, from Alder, does encaustic and acrylic painting. Mary Christopher, from Silver Star, is a very creative potter using several techniques. Gregg Edelen, from Butte, is a potter creating functional pieces of art. Jean James, from Dillon, is not only a musician, but also creates art from stained glass and egg tempera. Sheri Jarvis, from Virginia City, is a well-known potter whose style is reflective of the history all around her. Becky Ratliff, from Livingston, works in kiln fired glass. Anne Wilbert, from Bozeman, is also a glass artist, but creates beautiful jewelry. Liz Chappie Zoller, from Three Forks, is an oil painter.

This Friday, July 29, the gallery will host an open house from 5 - 8 p.m. with refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artists, at 315 W. Wallace Street.

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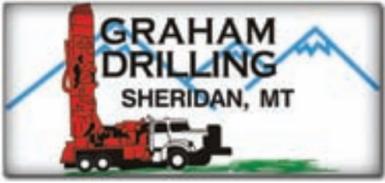
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

4H Horse Show - 8 am

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Madison County Youth Rodeo: 10 am

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Madison County Barrel Racing: 6:30 pm  
(Contact Candy Wilcox 406-599-5609 for more info)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Madison Co. Fair Opening Ceremony by the Veterans: 9 am (By the office)

Madison County Ranch Rodeo 6pm

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

NRA Rodeo Slack: 8 am

Madison Co. Sheriff's Department Police Dog Demonstrations 2 pm

Montana Mini Buckers and bulls 6 pm

Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Performance 7 pm

Benny Reynolds Wild Cow Milking 9 pm  
Double Vision Magic Shows (strolling; show at 5 pm-Jeffers)

Cirque Adventure-The McCandless Family Circus Show times: 12 pm; 3 pm; 7pm

Bounce Off The Wallz Entertainment (by the River)

Fool's Gold Band 9 pm (Beer Garden Stage)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Jacobs Livestock Team Roping: 9 am

Horseshoe Tournament: 8 am

Double Vision Magic Shows (strolling; show at 5 pm-Jeffers)

Cirque Adventure-The McCandless Family Circus Show times: 12 pm; 3 pm; 7pm

All Girl's Stock Saddle Bronc Riding 7 pm (Sponsored by IMOC Building Supplies \$1,000 added money to winner)

Montana Mini Buckers and bulls 6 pm

Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Performance 7 pm

Benny Reynolds Wild Cow Milking 9 pm

Bounce Off The Wallz Entertainment (by the River)

Fool's Gold Band 9 pm (Beer Garden Stage)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Parade on Main Street: 10:30 am

Cowboy Church: 12 pm Jeffers Building (fairgrounds)



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## ARCHERY PROS

Montana students travel to Nebraska

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI PETERSON

Students from Southwest Montana traveled to Grand Island, Neb., for the 4-H National Shooting Sports Invitation with 657 competitors from 36 states in nine events: shotgun, muzzleloading, small bore rifle, small bore pistol, air pistol, air rifle, hunting skills, compound archery and recurve archery.

Compound archery had 99 individual competitors and 25 teams.

As far as a team, Montana took the podium all three days of competition. Day one in FITA with third place, day two in field with

third and day three in 3D they took fifth, giving the team a strong third place overall. There was a narrow margin between second and third place overall. The team members, as individuals, shot very well. Sam Peterson of Jackson took the podium the first two days of compound archery competition, taking sixth in FITA (which is shot in meters), ninth in field (which is shot in yards) and 16th in 3D. He ended up 12th overall. Hunter Johnson from Sheridan placed 18th in FITA, 16th in field, second in 3-D and sixth overall. Ryan Ritter of Butte placed 31st in FITA, 18th in field and 77th

in 3D. Hayden Falkner of Columbia Falls placed 37th in FITA, 45th in field and 18th in 3-D.

To determine team scores, they take top three scores out of four team members for each day.

Montana's recurve team also took third overall.

Temperatures were in the 90 degree range with high humidity, which was new for Montana archers.

Chrissy Mayer of Lima competed in air rifle with the Montana team, which placed 12th in standing, 3-P 14th and silhouette 13th. The team ended up 12th overall out of 22.



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Pictured from L: coach Sid Amaro, Sam Peterson, Hayden Faulkner, Ryan Ritter and Hunter Johnston represent Montana in Nebraska.

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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

### MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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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.

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### MENU

**JULY 28, - AUGUST 4, 2016**

**THURSDAY JULY 28:** BAKED PORK CHOP, TWICE BAKED POTATO CASSEROLE, VEGGIE, DESSERT

**FRIDAY JULY 29:** HAMBURGER ON BUN, LETTUCE, TOMATO, ONION, POTATO SALAD, DESSERT

**TUESDAY AUGUST 2:** HOT HAM & CHEDDAR SANDWICH, MACARONI SALAD, DESSERT

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3:** BAKED RANCH CHICKEN, ROASTED POTATOES, VEGGIES, DESSERT

**THURSDAY AUGUST 4:** HAMBURGER GRAVY & BISCUITS, VEGGIES, DESSERT

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**FRIDAY  
JULY 29**

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

**Program, Lewis and Clark Caverns**  
Evening program featuring historian and award-winning author Ellen Baumlmer at 8 p.m. at the park. Call 287-3541 for more information.

**SATURDAY  
JULY 30**

**Concert, Virginia City**  
Growling Old Men will

play the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 7 p.m.

**Flea market, Virginia City**  
Neighborhood trade and sell flea market in the field with the tipi. Begins at 9 a.m.

**Hike, Lewis and Clark Caverns**  
Ranger led backcountry hike in the park. Call 287-3541 to sign up.

**Sale, Sheridan**  
Garage, book and bake sale at the Sheridan Public Library from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Brunch, Sheridan**  
Jackson's Garden annual brunch will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the garden with an ecumenical worship service at the garden beginning at 9 a.m.

**Open mic, Ennis**  
Open mic at the Madison Valley Public Library. Begins at 2 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 3**

**Presentation, Twin Bridges**  
Jody Sandru will present a program about the U.S. Supreme Court after having attended training and workshops earlier this summer at the Wagon Wheel cafe at noon.

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 5**

**Trunk show, Virginia City**  
Trunk show of custom mixed metal with jeweler Cheryl DeGroot at the Dancing Buffalo Gallery at 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 6**

**Karaoke, Virginia City**  
Karaoke and toga party at the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

**Pony Homecoming Days, Pony**  
Celebrate the 150th year of Pony with breakfast, a parade and much more. The fun begins at 9 a.m. and runs all day.

**Tent sale, Ennis**  
True Value Annual Tent Sale and Regressive Dutch Auction begins at 8 a.m.

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 7**

**Beer fest, Virginia City**  
Bale Beer Fest under the big tent at the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at noon.

**Road Agent Rally, Virginia City**

Travel the early roads of Montana during the Road Agent Rally beginning at 10 a.m. Call Jack at 843-5933 for more information.

**MONDAY  
AUGUST 8**

**Meeting, Ennis**  
School board budget and regular meeting at 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 9**

**Program, Ennis**  
The Ennis Arts Association will hold a program at the Madison Valley Public Library featuring Ken Hall at 10:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 10**

**Tour, Ennis**  
MVRG summer tour of the Wall Creek game range. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Wall Creek headquarters. Call 682-3259 for more information.

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 12**

**Art show, Virginia City**  
41st annual Virginia City art show and quick draw on the Virginia City boardwalks from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Quilt me a river, Ennis**  
Trunk show at the Ennis

Elementary School from 1-6 p.m.

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 13**

**Music, Virginia City**  
Cory Leone Johnson will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

**Quilt me a river, Ennis**  
Trunk show at the Ennis Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 14**

**History program, Laurin**  
"Joseph Dixon, a Montana Profile in Courage" by Bob Brown at the Robber's Roost beginning at 2 p.m.

**MONDAY  
AUGUST 15**

**Camp, Ennis**  
Good Thymes Camp, week three. Camp will run everyday of the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 16**

**Wildlife speaker series, Sheridan**  
Erik Johnston will be presenting on golden eagles at the Woodson Ranch. Potluck before the speaker at 5:30 p.m.

## 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](http://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**  
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

Library, 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

**Cowboy church, Nevada City**  
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