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## Norris evacuated for hazardous chemical cleanup by EPA

**Volatile, flammable chemicals found in local lab facility**

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NORRIS—The cleanup efforts came just in the nick of time.

The community of Norris was evacuated last Tuesday, July 17, and the intersection of highways 84 and 287 shut down as workers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Montana Department of Environmental Quality disposed of some harmful and volatile chemicals found at the site of the former Norris Labs.

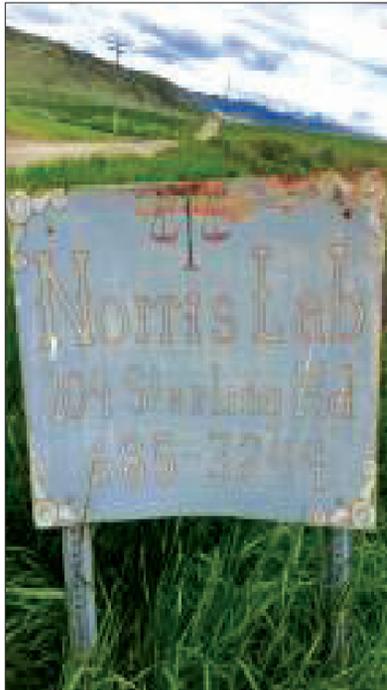
Norris Labs had been an assay testing and chemical analysis facility until it was closed earlier this year by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, according to EPA.

The lab worked primarily with the mining industry.

Last week, hundreds of containers of hazardous substances – including strychnine sulfide, hydrofluoric acid, ammonium hydroxide and perchloric acid – were extracted from multiple buildings at the facility, which sits in the center of Norris less than 300 yards from a gas station.

Some of the substances found were improperly stored, including some that were flammable or explosive. Some substances had been flushed down the facility's toilet into a septic tank. Hazardous materials had leached out of their containers and into surrounding soil, potentially leaching into Hot Springs Creek.

In addition to the hazardous materials, responders—who came from the EPA, DEQ, Montana Department of Emergency Services, Montana State Patrol, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Missoula County Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Team and others—found electronic debris like circuitry on the property, which can also leak substances like battery fluid or other contaminants into the sur-



Above left: Signage for the laboratory. Above right: Conditions inside the laboratory. (EPA PHOTOS)

rounding ground.

The EPA learned of the improperly stored chemicals at the end of June after a routine OSHA inspection led to the lab's closure. EPA immediately began formulating a response plan: They started by collaborating with Bob Prather, the owner of the property and the lab's chemist, but learned that the owner wouldn't be able to fund the cleanup. So EPA turned to the national EPA body for a response team, which was provided on June 21.

The most dangerously volatile chemicals found on the property included chloric acid and picric acid that had been improperly stored, says Martin McComb, the EPA contact for the project. He calls them "well-known explosive risks." When those chemicals are improperly stored, as the ones at Norris had been, and are exposed to a freeze-thaw cycle of weather, they can crystallize and become highly explosive.

Some of those chemicals had already crystallized, McComb said, including bottles of chloric acid and picric acid. Some bottles were so extensively crystallized they could not be moved to the disposal trailer and had to be neutralized on-site: The EOD team was called in to ensure that the cleanup wouldn't cause any volatile reactions.

Most of the containers of hazardous materials were moved by EOD to a bomb-proof trailer. Those containers were then transported two miles outside of town before being neutralized by detonation. However, some of the containers were too volatile even to move off the property, so they were disposed of on-site using controlled explosives.

One of the most immediate concerns for the EPA was the proximity of the chemicals to Hot Springs Creek and downstream Norris Hot Springs. The lab sat very near a storm drain, says McComb, so the damage if the chem-

icals had reached the waterway could have been severe.

"We were pretty worried about it," says McComb. "We sampled upstream and downstream and a nearby lagoon and didn't pick up anything. But with a storm drain that leads directly to the creek, we may not have caught it during a storm."

At this point, says McComb, now that those chemicals have been removed and disposed of, and once the contaminated soil is scraped from the surrounding area, there are likely to be no adverse effects for Hot Springs Creek or the Norris Hot Springs themselves.

Prather and some of his former employees were living on the property where the chemicals were found. When tested, some showed physical ramifications from the improperly stored chem-

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## Twin Bridges school looks to new year

**Budget, town request focus of board meeting**

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TWIN BRIDGES – Following a moment of silence to honor Byron Bayers—the Round Barn Herford rancher and former school board member passed away Sunday, July 15—the Twin Bridges School board focused on getting ready for the coming school year at their meeting Tuesday, July 17.

The main consideration was the school's budget; another was a request by the town of Twin Bridges for a decision on a proposed sidewalk and storm sewer project in which the school is the largest landowner.

### Budget

New Superintendent Thad Kaiser told the board that the budget would offer a "preliminary idea" of how much money the district has available. The 2018-19 budget will be approved in August. Madison County, Kaiser explained, holds the school's cash, and it is the board's job to make sure its cash is in line at the end of the school year.

Kaiser pointed out some concerns to the board:

- The technology fund would be coming up short, he said. While this fund can carry money over year-to-year, the 2017-18 budget shows \$37,000 in actual cash, which came from a state grant. However, this money no longer exists because it was withdrawn by the state during the last legislative session. Kaiser said the school could use general fund money to fill that space but pointed out that this is a "huge chunk" of the district's overall expenses.

- The 201 fund shows a cash reserve of \$107,000 remaining for 2017-18. But bills not yet paid will chew up all but \$10,000 remaining in this account.

- The reserve fund has \$111,000 in it, but Kaiser recommended that some of this be used to purchase a route bus, an action the board approved. The district found a \$79,000 gas-run bus that was less expensive than the alternative, an \$88,000 diesel model, and approved the trade in of two old buses to bring the cost down to \$71,000.

- The special needs fund will need monitoring, school Business Manager JoyAnn Breakall told the board. There was a Certificate of Deposit in these funds, but this was used. Breakall said a big expense for the 2018-19 school year will be new students with high needs entering the district.

- An elementary reading textbook proved more expensive than expected, Kaiser told the board. The current textbook was written before Common Core requirements were instituted, and locat-

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## An Odyssey on two wheels

**Cross-country touring trail draws adventurous cyclists**

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ENNIS—Where are they all coming from?

It's a common refrain throughout the Madison Valley during the summer: motorists and pedestrians alike wondering who in their right mind would choose to bike over the hills separating Ennis from Virginia

City and West Yellowstone, clad in those Lycra get ups no less.

And where are they going? The answer to both of those questions could be anywhere in the country, or even internationally. As it turns out, those cyclists pedaling through the valley are mostly touring - a different label than "tourists," but they might be that too.

Bicycle touring is a unique activity among the cycling community that focuses less on exercise and competition and more on adventure and a bucket-list type of ambition. Long-distance cycling trips are broken up over days, weeks or even months, and can be either supported or non-supported. Those cyclists you see on the road with packs slung over their tires are probably on a self-supported trip,

meaning they have everything they'll need to get themselves from point A to point B, all packed on their bikes.

### Why here?

As it turns out, one of America's largest touring routes goes straight through the Madison Valley.

The TransAmerica route was the brainchild of two couples who developed a common idea while in college at the University of Montana in Missoula. Dan and Lys Burden and Greg and June Siple hatched the idea of creating a "Bikecentennial" in the early 1970s to bike from one side of the United States to the other in honor of the nation's 200th birthday. After years of planning, the inaugural event in 1976 drew over 4,000 cyclists



A group of touring cyclists pedals through Glacier National Park. The TransAmerica Trail, a popular touring route, runs coast-to-coast and passes through the Madison and Ruby valleys. (TOM ROBERTSON/ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION)

and set the stage for thousands of future riders.

The Bikecentennial endeavor grew into the Adventure Cy-

cling Association, a nonprofit organization based in Missou-

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**NORRIS from A1: Hazardous chemicals cleaned up in community in the nick of time, no damage to streams, EPA says**

icals, including elevated blood lead levels.

“Residents of the property who worked at the lab showed adverse health effects due to their exposures,” including exposure to heavy metals, says McComb.

Extended exposure to heavy metals like lead and can lead to neurological disorders, heart and respiratory problems and organ failure.

The materials disposal was completed on Tuesday, July 17, but the EPA and DEQ have more work ahead of them to ensure the safety of the facility.

More cleanup efforts are planned to excavate and remove some contaminated soil surrounding the lab and its outbuildings to ensure that nothing is leaching into the surrounding land and waterways. The electronic waste that sits on the property will also be removed and disposed of, but the improperly-stored chemicals are gone from the property.

The lab itself will also be cleaned and swept for any remnants of hazardous materials.

McComb says the plan for moving forward is a direct one. The EPA will also arrange for a waste transport to pick up the chemicals that were packaged for disposal.

Prather will not likely face criminal charges, says Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson, at least on the county or state level.

“In a nutshell, he just realized that he didn’t have the financial means to mitigate the problems here,” says Thompson. “He was cooperative with the EPA and DEQ and allowed them to come onto the property to fix the situation.”

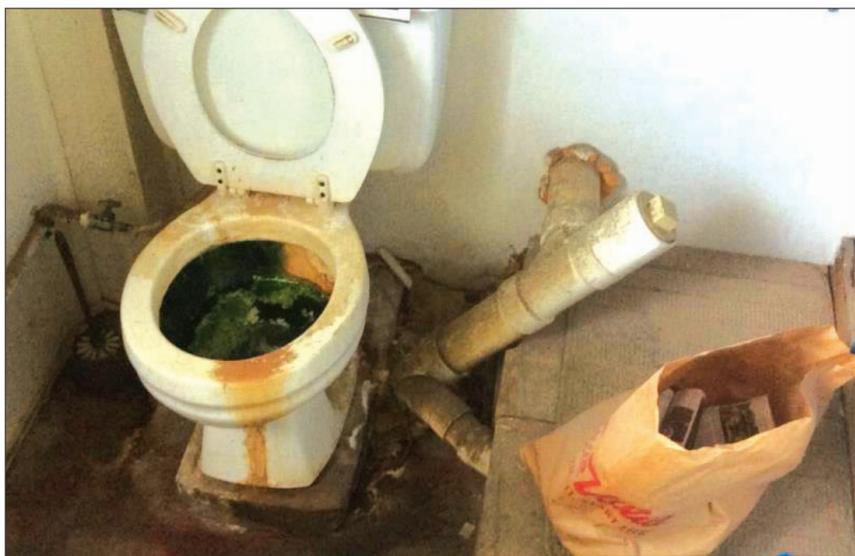
The main goal, Thompson says, was to ensure the safety of the surrounding community and environment, especially since Hot Springs Creek is so close to the site. The highway closure and Norris evacuation were lifted, and the site no longer poses a threat to anyone living in the area.



Left - Side of the processing/crushing lab where excess material was expelled onto the ground. Note the corrosion on the metal siding.

Middle - Front side of the assay lab. The main laboratory is on the right and the processing/crushing lab is on the left. Note seepage.

Bottom - Conditions in the lab’s bathroom where chemicals were reportedly flushed down the toilet into a septic tank.



**TWIN from A1: School board looks at new school year, budget, town proposal**

ing a book written to Common Core standards was harder to find.

Personnel also posed some considerations for the board.

• The board sought a wage matrix (a look at how much employees are paid in similar school districts) for its classified, or hourly, employees. New board member Patty Nelson wondered how the district’s hourly employees would fit into this matrix. Kaiser reminded the board that classified employees were hired on annual contracts with no guarantees of payment year-to-year; he also noted that the matrix used by the schools was “imperfect.”

• The board discussed cost-of-living raises for classified employees and debated offering those employees a 2 percent increase in pay across the board, amounting to a bump of about 25 cents per hour. There was also discussion of a 1 percent raise along with a 1 percent bonus, as had been done with district teachers, who are certified employees. However, the board decided instead to maintain the current wage structure and offer a retroactive increase when they could reach a conclusion about how much this should be.

• Breakall announced that she is looking to retire, but wants to stay on with the district until someone could be hired to replace her. She said it could take

a year to train a person to handle all of the things she does, and that her job requires 40-50 hours per week. She suggested hiring someone part-time—recalling being “tossed into” things when she first started—saying this would offer security in making the transition. Kaiser agreed that there would be transition costs, and noted that maintaining the efficiency of the work would be an important factor.

**Town proposal**

Board members Gary Konen and Steve Janzen met with Twin Bridges town council about a project the town wants to do on Tuesday, July 10, prior to the board’s meeting.

The town received a grant from MDOT to construct sidewalks on Main Street, a project that would begin in 2020. The town and the school were to split the costs of this as part of the grant.

However, part of the MDOT stipulation says that the city would have to put in a storm sewer system. The total for the projects together tallied \$1.5 million, Janzen and Konen told the board.

Since the school is the largest landowner in Twin Bridges, the town council planned to base their decision on what the school wanted to do: If the school board approved of the project, school grounds would be part of a town-wide storm sewer system with

sidewalks. If the board decided against the project, the town would do it in small chunks, phasing in the storm sewers gradually.

In order to do this project, the town would have to create a special tax district. If the project were to be a town-wide effort, the entire community would be part of this tax district. If the project were to be a smaller effort, the school and its neighbors would be part of the special tax district.

When Konen and Janzen met with the town council they were asked to bring this information back to the board, so the board could vote on this and help the town make a decision – go big or piecemeal the project.

The town asked the school board to consider two things:

• A memorandum of understanding between the two entities that said the city and school would each pay 13.2 percent of the project, their share of the MDOT grant – there was no specific figure mentioned, but Janzen said it would be about \$45,000.

• To make a decision on whether the school wanted to be included in a larger construction project or the smaller phased out one.

The board was taken aback by the lack of public input into the proposed project. Wentzel, Nelson and Konen mentioned

this. Konen said he was concerned about the larger project idea getting backed up and the costs going through the roof.

The board nixed taking any action on what the town wanted, noting that without more information about the particulars of the project and more public input, they would not proceed, although they were in favor of taking the steps necessary to procure the grant for the sidewalks.

**In other business:**

• After a lengthy discussion about roles, the board approved Amy Mailey as cheer coach, Bobette Ferris as Middle School Girls Basketball coach; Andy Nye as Middle School Boys Basketball coach; and Rob Lott as High School Girls Basketball coach and Middle School Boys Football coach.

• Approved the student handbooks for the 2018-19 school year with some minor changes.

• Kaiser said new gym flooring should be finished by school start date, depending on how quickly the new covering dries.

• Bus routes would feature no changes from last year, Kaiser said.

• Kaiser said that business teacher Jody Sandru was working on a new district website being developed under a contract. This should be ready at the start of school, he said.

**Jackson’s Garden brunch coming August 5**

SHERIDAN - Jackson’s Garden in Sheridan will host its 9th annual Brunch Fundraiser on Sunday, August 5, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

An ecumenical worship service will be held at the garden at 9 a.m. prior to the brunch.

Everyone is invited to attend. This brunch is the perfect opportunity for community members to enjoy good food, conversation, and tour the flower and vegetable gardens.

Brunch is by donation. All profits will be used to fund operating expenses.

Jackson’s Garden is a non-profit organization formed to foster and grow the garden property which was generously given

to the community by Les Jackson.

Raffle tickets are on sale now for a queen size quilt made and donated by Linda Day, a cedar fence post floor coat rack made by Paul Marsh of Wisconsin Creek Cabin Creations, and a catered Mexican dinner for 8 with margaritas by Kathy Shepherd.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held during the brunch but you need not be present to win.

There will be silent auction items to bid on during the brunch as well. The raffle items can be viewed at Opportunity Bank of Sheridan and tickets can be purchased at the bank or from garden members.

# 'A History of Love'

For Ennis man, Madison Valley History Museum is story of family

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ENNIS—Larry Love's family moved to Ennis in 1908. His grandfather, W.S. Angle, owned the Angle Forge, which used to be located in the center of "town" if you could call it town.

Larry Love is now the president of the Madison Valley History Association, and the head curator at the Madison Valley History Museum. He knows every artifact and image the museum houses, like the photograph of Ennis's Main Street from just a few years before his grandfather moved to the Madison Valley. But in 1900, it wasn't really a street at all. In fact, it was little more than a winding wagon track with a few small buildings on either side.

"Ennis was a poor town," Love says on a museum tour on a Thursday afternoon. "We never had a gold mine or any wealthy buildings. There was only one building that even had any brick, and that was the old Ennis hotel." The Ennis hotel hasn't existed for decades, but built in the 1940s, it was one of the town's grandest establishments.

Much of the history contained in the museum is Love's own family history; the building next door is an exact replica of his grandfather's blacksmith shop and forge, with most of the original equipment inside. It's the forge where Love pumped air with a manual bellows when he was a child, before the blacksmith installed an electric bellows.

Love was born in Sheridan in 1940 and moved to Ennis in 1948, just in time to start the third grade. His father spent three decades as the clerk of the District Court in Virginia City, and the family has been entrenched in Madison Valley history ever since. Love has taken it upon himself to be the steward of that history. He was the president of the Madison Valley History Association for a decade before retiring, only to come back and resume his position when the association found itself in need of a leader once again.

The museum is located just a couple miles northwest of Ennis on Highway 287, but is very often ignored. But with hundreds of artifacts ranging from Sheridan to Cameron and everywhere in between, it



The Madison Valley History Museum is in the background. Larry Love, President of the Madison Valley History Association and head curator of the museum says it is also a monument to his family. (R. COLYER PHOTO)

warrants a visit.

None of the artifacts have been purchased; everything has been donated or loaned, and the museum is completely staffed by volunteers, like Love. They've made it their mission to ensure the history that created the communities in the Madison Valley doesn't go unrecognized or forgotten.

There's history like the Madison Monster, nicknamed "The Beast."

In 1886, I.A. Hutchins shot a creature that had been killing livestock and letting out scream-like sounds that terrified and confused locals. Once the animal had been shot, nobody could figure out exactly what it was, including a team from the Smithsonian, where the creature spent a stint under examination.

Wolf-like in stature but just a little "off," it was thought to be part hyena, from an earlier visit that a traveling circus made to the area, but that theory was quickly shot down. An alternative theory posited that it might have been a kind of wolf-coyote hybrid, resulting in its distinctly canine but somewhat stunted appearance. Today, the beast and its full history are on display at the museum, still shrouded in a bit of mystery.

There are also pieces on display that are significantly less mysterious, like the roll top desk that belonged to Ennis's namesake, William Ennis. There's the still that graced Oscar's Bar (now Ennis's Longbranch Saloon) during Prohibition, when it had likely been stored in the backyard or the basement.

There's a room filled with doctors' equipment that sat in Dr. Losee's 1950s

clinic. It looks much like it did when Love was a young boy, including the doctor's chair he sat in to receive stitches after a childhood injury. It's a fitting tribute to Losee's years of service, since the building that houses the museum was the original Madison Valley Medical Center clinic. The entire thing was loaded onto a trailer and moved to its current location after the clinic donated it and built its new space in Ennis. The museum opened in 2010.

There are natural artifacts like fossils and samples of the natural talc that the Imerys Mine processes, and manmade artifacts like a collection of arrowheads, all found somewhere in the Madison Valley.

Guests learn how to determine the age of farm animals by their teeth from historical pamphlets delivered to ranchers, or how to make and store farm butter.

Or, you can take a guess at the "what the heck is it?" table, which hosts over a dozen whatsits whose identities can't quite be determined. Love thinks he has a pretty good idea of what they are, but some of them are still up for debate, like some questionable-looking fishing gear.

It's a museum filled with bursting with important history, each item carrying with it a story of its own. Those are exactly the stories Love wants to preserve, and he intends to do that for as long as he can.

"I just want people to leave with more of a story than they had at first look," he says. "I'm dedicated to this until I die."

The Madison Valley History Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. and staffed completely by volunteers. Admission is free, and donations are always appreciated.

## Fair Board makes final preparations for Madison County Fair, Aug. 7 - 12

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TWIN BRIDGES—Doubts over whether or not water would be available for the Madison County Fair have finally been laid to rest. At the fair board's monthly meeting on Thursday, July 19 – the last meeting before the fair takes place – the board discussed the particulars of a broken water main that has posed a problem for weeks and a well that has been a "maybe" for just as long.

The well on the fairgrounds property was tested and shocked after last month's board meeting and was approved for use during the five days of the fair for restroom water, livestock provisions and the like. However, the well does not constitute a public water source and will be marked as non-potable water, so fairgoers are advised to bring their own drinking water or to plan to buy bottled water from fair vendors.

As far as the broken main goes, the board heard an update that progress is being made in the right direction in terms of fixing it.

A small grant meant to fund the project was rejected, but another grant was approved, meaning that the funds needed to fix the main are nearly ready. It's possible the new fixture will have to be slightly smaller than planned in order to fit budgetary restrictions, but the bottom line, the board said, is that the main will get fixed.

Another long-term discussion in the Twin Bridges community has been the debate over a water meter at Riverside Park, which the fair board asked the city council to remove in order to consolidate the water usage of both parties.

The council declined that request, the fair board said Thursday, which is a decision they will respect. As it stands, Riverside Park is a separate entity from the fairgrounds, which means that even though the park's and the fairgrounds' meters share a water line, the park district pays the meter fee and the park's water usage, which is deducted separately from the fairgrounds usage.

The board moved to maintain the system's status quo: two meters, two bills, with each entity paying its own water bill. Because so many fairgoers spill over into Riverside Park during fair time, board member Tom Leo emphasized the importance of being "good neighbors" to the park, who provides the cleaning and maintenance of its facilities separately from the fairgrounds.

After last month's meeting, the board and the Madison County commissioners have all been discussing the potential addition of a new arena to the fairgrounds property.

Great West Engineering provided some bids and different options for facilities, but the board clarified that it is not yet certain whether there will be a new arena: the first goal of the project would be to gauge whether or not the community feels it is a necessary addition, and one that they want. Both the commissioners and the board agreed that the bids provided seemed very high and planned to continue discussions to decide how to move forward. The board noted anecdotally that residents seem interested in the idea of having a space in which to hold public events.

To gauge public opinion from residents of the Madison and Ruby valleys, the board plans to have a booth at the fair in August with information and sketches of potential facilities, along with opportunities for feedback and potentially a mock-up of what a new arena would look like and where at the fairgrounds it could go.

The board also:

- Heard an update on the new equipment and renovations to be done on the Aubrey Brooks memorial playground. The Twin Bridges community is kicking off a fundraising effort to cover the last of the construction expenses, and the new equipment will be installed in September after the fair. They also discussed how to best acknowledge future donors to the playground to ensure that all donations get the recognition they deserve.

- Looked at a couple of bids to install security cameras at the fairgrounds. The board is considering a couple of local companies to install the security system to deter vandalism. The fairgrounds has worked with the Madison County sheriff's department in the past for event security, and will consider how many cameras are needed and how they should be placed to best ensure the safety of both fairgrounds visitors and the facility itself.

## TOUR from A1: The appeal of cycling through area explained, state's bicycle and pedestrian plans, bicycle safety

la, and a 4,200-mile route that crosses the country from Astoria, Oregon to Yorktown, Virginia. Now, 42 years later, cyclists can ride the TransAmerica trail from east to west or west to east. The trip takes somewhere in the range of three months to complete, but no matter which direction they go, they'll pass through the Madison Valley.

The fourth of the ride's twelve sections begins in Missoula and ends in West Yellowstone, covering a distance of around 330 miles. From Missoula, cyclists head south through the Bitterroot Valley before turning east through Dillon and the Pioneer Mountains, and then taking a sharp northern zag to pass through Twin Bridges and then follow the Ruby Valley southeast through Sheridan, Alder and Ennis en route to West Yellowstone and Yellowstone National Park. Since its inaugural event, thousands of cyclists have ridden the TransAmerica Trail, and if they stick to the plan, they ride straight up the Madison and Ruby valleys.

### Logistics

The TransAmerica Trail is usually ridden between May and September, which is why the number of cyclists jumps so much during the late spring and summer months. Since the initial project was created, Adventure Cycling has developed a network of maps that includes locations of bike shops along the way, places to get food and water and accommodations, some of which are cyclists-only.

One such spot is the Twin Bridges Bike Camp. Built in 2009, the Bike Camp was the idea of Bill White, a Twin Bridges resident whose curiosity was piqued by all the Lycra-clad cyclists he saw passing through the town on summer days. White thought the cyclists needed a

place where they could safely store their bikes, shower, cook a meal or two and do any mechanical repairs they needed, so he sought the help of the community in establishing just such a place, across the road from the Madison County Fairgrounds.

White passed away in 2012, but the Bike Camp that bears his name is still going strong. Cyclists who pass through Twin Bridges on their way down the valley leave appreciative notes in the guest book, and on the whiteboard that hangs on the wall.

They come from Canada, Italy, France or just somewhere else in Montana, but universally they enjoy the hospitality. Many are riding Adventure Cycling's TransAmerica Trail, and others are just out for a self-guided tour. The facility has served hundreds of passing cyclists since its creation nearly a decade ago. It's a unique facility, especially in a community the size of Twin Bridges, and it doesn't go unappreciated.

Adventure Cycling employs cartographers and route specialists who help devise the national trail system, and they develop cross-country, loop, coastal and inland routes with turn-by-turn directions. They moved into a Missoula office in 1991 and have since mapped over 47,000 miles of cycling routes all over the continent.

They try to keep the routes relatively rural to avoid high-traffic routes like interstate highways and multi-lane roads that pose higher risks for cyclists. That often means more extreme elevation profiles, and it usually isn't the shortest route between A and B, but probably the most scenic. The nonprofit operates largely on donations to support the research of new routes, so cycling enthusiasts can sponsor a mile or a section of a route to fund the creation of new ones.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

In the future, there may be even more resources for cyclists working their way through the Madison Valley and other parts of rural Montana. This past spring, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) began working on the Montana Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, which should be complete in February of 2019. The goal of the plan is to create a starting point for projects to make the state more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly.

"This plan primarily aims to establish a consistent approach for considering pedestrian and bicycle modes on state-owned and maintained facilities," says Sheila Ludlow, project manager for MDT. "It will establish a common vision and goals to meet the needs of cyclists and pedestrians and improve safety."

MDT reports that Montana is ranked fifth in the nation for resident spending on biking and walking, as well as for percentage of its commuters who walk or bike to work. The Department has a goal to reach "Vision Zero," as soon as possible: reaching zero deaths and serious injuries on Montana roads. That endeavor will stretch beyond just car crashes to include interdepartmental work between law enforcement agencies, MDT, and motorists and cyclists alike.

Public input events were hosted in Havre, Glendive, Billings, Butte, Missoula and Helena in May to put a finger on the communities' pulse when it comes to what they'd like to see out of the plan. As the project develops, input from state, local and tribal governments will also be taken into account to establish ways to best meet the needs of cyclists and pedestrians in regard to both safety and convenience.

Adventure Cycling is one of the plan's stakeholders, along with various community cham-

bers of commerce, county health boards, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, local bike clubs, school districts and both Montana State University and the University of Montana.

Hopefully, that plan will later be able to form the basis of some projects that will make adventures like the TransAmerica Trail easier and safer for cyclists. One of the biggest dangers for touring cyclists is that, because most touring routes are on more rural roads, shoulders are smaller, and drivers often don't expect to see cyclists on that road. Projects like the Ruby Valley's proposed bike trail between Alder and Nevada City seek to alleviate some of that danger for both motorists and cyclists.

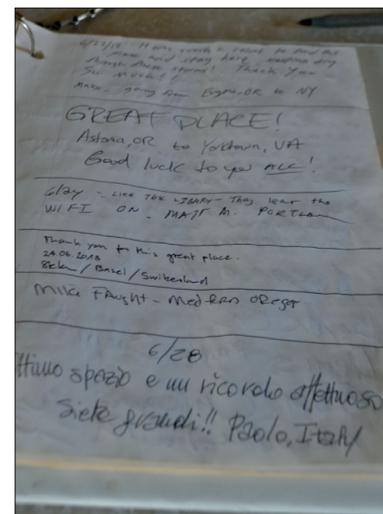
### Bike Safety

Even if unexpected on Madison Valley roads, cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers do, so be sure to treat them with respect. A car will always win against a bike in a collision, so always keep that in mind. If you see cyclists on the road while driving, slow down and give them plenty of space. The rule of thumb is at least three feet, but because many local roads have speed limits of up to 70 mph, that's really not enough, especially if multiple cyclists ride as a group.

Cyclists can't always see traffic coming behind them, so don't assume they can hear you coming, especially if they're riding into the Madison Valley's characteristic wind. Avoid honking horns, which can catch cyclists off guard, and just allow extra space and time to ensure everyone's safety. And if you see cyclists at a rest area, ask them where they're headed. They might be traveling a lot farther than you are.



Above: Twin Bridges bicycle camp is part of the TransAmerica Trail for bicyclists.



Left: Comments, including "GREAT PLACE" and a message in Italian, left by visitors to the camp. Bicyclists travel all over Montana to enjoy their sport. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

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# OPINION

Editor:

High Valley Ranch sends enormous thanks and appreciation to our Ennis Fire Department, the U.S. Forest Service and the rapid response of the many volunteers on Sunday afternoon, July 22.

The isolated but very active lightning and rainstorm that hit Saturday afternoon hit a tree in the forest that smoldered until Sunday afternoon. The involved tree ignited in the afternoon wind, and our neighbor, at Elk Meadows Ranch, spotted it.

Fortunately, she was in a unique position where she could actually see it and describe the position to our ranch manager E.J., who immediately got on the hot spot.

He held it until the responders arrived and it was quickly contained. With the many volunteers and variety of vehicles on site, the command recognized this to be a perfect opportunity to hold a learning session for the new volunteers, also USFS. The tree needed various branches removed before cutting it down to expose the potential embers in the root structure. When we were told all was well and arrived to view the scene, Chief Sean Christianson took the time to explain what they were doing.

Our community is blessed to have such a well-trained and efficient fire department and USFS.

We thank every single one of you volunteers!

Wilt and Ingrid William,  
High Valley Ranch

Cameron

Editor:

In June, Kathleen Williams won the primary to run against Greg Gianforte for the House of Representatives seat in Washington.

Kathleen has served three terms in the Montana House of Representatives. She is a water conservation expert and was also a staff member of the non-partisan Environmental Quality Council of the Montana Legislature and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Kathleen has been endorsed by the National Organization for Women (NOW). Throughout her career she stood up for reproductive rights, economic justice (equal pay for equal work), ending all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls, as well as racial equality and the rights & sovereignty of Indigenous People.

Candidate Williams has fought hard for these issues in the Montana Legislature and she vows to "not back down from them in the U.S. Congress."

Mrs. William's career includes 30 years in Natural Resource Management much of which pertained to issues of river health, water and water policy. Her behind the scenes work eventually helped lead to the Confederated Salish-Kootenai water compact.

Kathleen also recognizes that we all need to change our approach involving our use of the earth's natural resources. As a U.S. representative she will protect our public lands and work to join the polarized views of our resources and how to address a hotter climate.

Kathleen wears many hats and has accomplished many things, only a few of which are mentioned in this letter. If nothing else she has been elected to help make and keep things fair, equitable and healthy for the people and the natural resources of Montana.

Kathleen Williams has the resume to get the job done.

Linda Hollifield, Dillon

## Let's Change the Conversation About Wildfire

Nature is one of Montana's greatest treasures, and wildfire occurs each summer only because we're so fortunate to live amid millions of acres of unspoiled forests and prairies. Although wildfire plays a natural role in ecology, there's no doubt it can also be devastating to our health, safety, property and livelihood. That's why it's so important to do everything possible to minimize its impacts.

It starts with prevention. We should be aware of fire restrictions before we go camping, and if it's safe to build a fire, we should do so responsibly. Sometimes wildfire can't be prevented, in which case air quality may be a concern. Fortunately the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Public Health and Human Services have prepared resources to help the public make informed decisions to protect their health during poor air quality events.

These agencies provide resources like Today's Air (<http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/>) that let visitors know where the air is clear and where precautions should be taken for outdoor recreation.

Montana is a state of more than 93 million acres, 55 state parks and two national parks, which create countless opportunities for adventure. Even if you can't find a spot nearby where the land and air are safe enough for outdoor recreation, some of the most enriching experiences can be found indoors. Montana has a wealth of great museums, arts and entertainment, and other experiences inside.

Another way to help minimize the economic impacts of wildfire is to be aware of how we're talking about it.

During the peak months of fire season, nearly 6.5 million people from out-of-state visit Montana. That's another six po-

tential customers per Montana resident for the Main Street businesses owned by and employing our friends and neighbors. And without them, many of our small businesses would be hurting — especially in the many communities serving as basecamps to the world-class outdoor recreation visitors come here to enjoy.

That's a difficult situation some communities faced last summer, as wildfire closed popular recreation sites and created conditions unsafe for being outdoors. Some visitors cut their vacations short or even canceled them, which stops new money from ever reaching our economy.

With information resources to make educated decisions about your health, and world-class recreation opportunities all across Montana, anyone would be hard-pressed to run out of options. Montanans know this, but our visitors might not. They're getting their information from the

news and word of mouth. During fire season, it isn't uncommon to see headlines or social media posts generalizing or exaggerating wildfire. That's where you come in.

Let's change the conversation. Let's be honest about the risks, but let's also keep things in perspective and show some Montana hospitality to help our guests find the next best thing.

To help, we've set up a website at [travelaware.mt.gov](http://travelaware.mt.gov). It features all the information residents and travelers alike should know to be healthy and safe while still having a great time and supporting our Main Street businesses.

Pam Haxby-Cote, Director, Montana Department of Commerce

Tom Livers, Director, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Sheila Hogan, Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

# OBITUARIES

## Arthur Byron Bayers

July 15 2018

Byron Bayers was born in 1930 in Dillon, to Art and Elizabeth Bayers. He had 5 older sisters, Helen, Jeanne, Beach, Bertha and Wanda. He passed away peacefully on July 15, 2018, at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Clinic (EIRMC) in Idaho Falls, where he was in ICU following complications from a fall at the family ranch in Twin Bridges.

He moved with the family to the current ranch site in Twin Bridges during the 1930s. There, he went to school where he excelled at academics and sports. A standout in track, basketball and football, he was involved at an early age with his parents' purebred Hereford ranch, showing, fitting and traveling with the show cattle all over the West.

After high school, he attended the University of Montana, in Missoula. There he received a degree in business and also competed in track and football until ROTC duties demanded more of his time. While there, he married his high school sweetheart, Pauline Oberg, of Twin Bridges. Following college, he entered the Air Force during the Korean War. He and Pauline were married for 62 years before her passing in 2015. His original military orders were to Korea, but later changed to a radar base in Yaak, MT. There he served as a Lieutenant helping run the base on the Canadian border. He was very patriotic and proud of his service.

Following his Air Force service, he and Pauline returned to Twin Bridges, and the ranch.

After his father's death in 1960, he continued to run the ranch. He and Pauline raised 3 children, Rich, Kathy and Jill, on the ranch.

His love for Herefords was unsurpassed. He served on the American Hereford Association (AHA) Board in the 1970s and was elected President in 1976. In 2017 he was inducted into the AHA Hall of Fame. He attended World Hereford Conferences in Canada and Uruguay and went to Hungary to act as an AHA consultant to that country in selecting Herefords. In 2009 he was the recipient of the Canadian Hereford Ambassador Award.

Many yearly cattle auctions were held in the Old Round Barn where his cattle set several price records in Montana. During these years, the Bayers Hereford Ranch sold cattle and genetic material into 38 states and three foreign countries. He also judged some of the major cattle shows across the country.

In 1997, he along with wife Pauline and daughter and son-in-law Jill and Marc Hotchkiss, started Hereford America a publication read nationwide. He also became a private pilot, after being passed over in the Air Force due to his eyesight. His flying was a real passion, culminating with his flying or owning 117 different aircraft and the accumulation of more than 10,000 hours of flight time.

He was appointed to the Montana Aeronautics Board for several years, and was presented

with the Pilot of the Year award for 2005-2006. He also received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award from the Federal Aviation Administration in 2005.

Other hobbies included following his beloved UM Grizzlies, local high school and national sports. He was a mainstay in the stands or on the sidelines for his children's events, attended many Twin Bridges High School basketball tournaments, coached many Little League, High School and softball teams. He also attended high school football games and had a special parking place on the sidelines, where he could park his pickup and sit in a chair in the bed of the truck., thanks to Twin Bridges High School.

He was also very interested in visiting with all types of people about all subjects, was very well read and always made time for people. His community and county were very important. He was a Madison County commissioner for several years, served three terms on the local school board and served on many other local boards. These were sometimes thankless, stressful duties but he always listened to people's concerns, often with phone calls early and late in the day.

He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the community, but his good work lives on.

The family wants to thank all who have sent condolences and will have a private family funeral. Most friends and family had just celebrated the ranch's 100th year



Byron Bayers

anniversary and family reunion at the Round Barn the week before his passing. Please remember him as he was there — vibrant, visiting with everybody and sharing his proud family history.

He is survived by his three children, Rich (Mary Ann) Bayers of Buffalo, WY; Kathy Bayers of Bozeman, MT; Jill (Marc Hotchkiss) of Reva, SD; two grandchildren, Britt (Blair) Bayers and Lindsay (James Hruby); and two great grandchildren, Mia and Jack Hruby. He also has many cousins, nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Byron's name, can be sent to the Church of the Valley, PO Box 11, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 or to the Byron Bayers Memorial Scholarship, Opportunity Bank, PO 417, Twin Bridges, MT 59754.

Dad, ol' bull shipper and pilot, rest in peace!

# Sheridan suspends lawn watering

## Potable water storage tank at critical level

SHERIDAN - On Sunday July 15, the Sheridan Public Works Director Curtis Green contacted Mayor Bob Stump to inform him that the potable water storage tank level had dropped to a critical level.

The storage tank was barely half full and that level would be inadequate to support any structure firefighting efforts in the town.

As a result, Stump initiated a Code Red message that was distributed by the Madison County Sheriff's Office Dispatch alerting Sheridan residents to suspend lawn watering until further notice.

Sheridan has continued to monitor the tank levels to ensure we maintain safe levels for fire protection. Sheridan is also continuing to remain vigilant in notifying people that may not have heard that lawn watering is suspended. The suspension does not apply to those residents with private wells.

The current well field lacks sufficient water to adequately support all water uses in the town.

Three of the town's four wells are basically unusable and the fourth well is running for a significant

period of time each day to try to keep up with demand. Sheridan continues to actively pursue a new well north of town, but that effort may not be completed until next spring. The documentation required to request grants and/or loans requires significant time to generate, review, and receive approval.

Sheridan has also worked diligently over the past year on trying to rehabilitate our existing wells to little or no benefit. Sheridan has also undertaken an effort recently to gain a better understanding of our old water supply system in the Indian Creek drainage to determine if the water rights and access are still viable.

"We know this is a great hardship for all and we ask that you remain patient," says a city news release. "Residents may hand water flowers, gardens, and trees. We also ask that residents contact Madison County emergency management to ensure you are enrolled in the Code Red notification system or ensure your contact information has not changed."

The town uses the Sheridan High School message board located on Main Street for important notices. In addition, the official notice posting locations for Sheridan are the Post Office, McLeod Mercantile, Opportunity Bank, Walter's Family Foods, the Library, and Town Hall.

Any questions should be directed to Town Hall at 842-5431 or by attending a council meeting.



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### Lost and Found:

Found on Fourth of July near turn to Recycle Way: Set of multiple small keys, likely to gun safes. To claim, contact Ennis Town Hall and identify the tag on the ring.

# FWP seeking help with mountain goats

BOZEMAN - According to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Region 3 Bozeman Area Wildlife Biologist Julie Cunningham, there is a volunteer opportunity on Aug. 4-5 to help the Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance (RMGA) and FWP do a ground-based survey and inventory for mountain

goats in HD 361 (a.k.a., the Henry's Mountains or the Lionhead).

There will be an orientation at 5 p.m. August 3, at Stone Glacier headquarters (608 West Griffin Drive, Unit A in Bozeman). There, Cunningham says, following a barbeque dinner, maps and data sheets will be dispersed and differ-

ent search teams will be created. On August 4 - 5 we'll go out overnight searching different areas.

Questions about this effort should be directed at Cunningham - call (406) 994-6341 or email juliecunningham@mt.gov -- or RMGA's Peter Muennich at peter@goatalliance.org

# DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County district court rescheduled one hearing on Monday, July 23.

Jennifer Lynn Marconet's scheduling hearing was moved to August, pending multiple summonses and subpoenas.

Marconet pled not guilty to one count of felony assault with a weapon, four counts of misdemeanor assault and one count of disorderly conduct for a November 2017 incident that occurred outside Chick's Bar in Alder. The felony charge came when Marconet chased a man outside the bar with a knife,

while the four lesser assault charges came when she pulled hair, bit, kicked and struck four other people who had been in the bar.

The incident also resulted in the disorderly conduct charge for the fighting that occurred with both staff and patrons of the bar that evening. Marconet pled not guilty to all six charges, and will appear for another hearing in August. In the meantime, summonses and subpoenas have been issued to most of the parties involved in the November incident.

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# Madison County DISPATCH

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July 15 - Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S. Main St., Twin Bridges; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 56, McAllister; Medical Aid in 100 Blk W. 4th Ave., Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint in 2900 Blk MT Hwy 287, Sheridan; Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 23, Twin Bridges.

July 16 - Suspicious Circumstances on Cactus Ridge Rd., Twin Bridges; Assault in 100 Blk Main St., Harrison; Fire Call in 100 Blk Pony Rd., Pony; Public Safety in 100 Blk Sterling Rd., Norris; Theft Complaint on Mayflower Rd., Cardwell; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 N, MM 14, Twin Bridges; Wildlife Complaint on Varney Rd., MM 3, Ennis.

July 17 - Fire Call in Reynolds Pass area, Cameron; Suspicious Circumstances on W First St., Silver Star; Citizen Assist on Tolman Creek Rd., Ennis; Dog Complaint in 100 Blk Ruby St., Sheridan; Trespass Complaint in 1500 Blk Upper Ruby Rd., Alder; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 32, Sheridan; Assault on US Hwy 287, MM 31, Cameron; Welfare Check in 300 Blk N. Bridge St., Twin Bridges; Medical Aid in 300 Blk W. Steffens St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk E. Hugel St., Ennis; Fireworks Complaint in 200 Blk E. Hugel St., Ennis; Dog Complaint in 300 Blk Main St., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 50, Silver Star.

July 18 - Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 50, Ennis; Citizen Assist on Upper Ruby Rd., Alder; Suspicious Circumstances in Virginia City;

Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk E. Hugel St., Ennis; Dog Complaint in 300 Blk Main St., Ennis; Disturbance on MT Hwy 287, Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 28, Laurin.

July 19 - Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 287, MM 29, Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk W. Wallace St., Virginia City; Abandoned Vehicle at MT Hwy 287 & Varney Rd., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on Metully Ln., Twin Bridges; Fire Call on Gornick Ln., Silver Star; Traffic Complaint in Town of Ennis; Medical Aid on Gravelly Range Rd., Ennis.

July 20 - Medical Aid in 600 Blk Beaverhead St., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint in 600 Blk Nicole Way, Ennis; Drug Violation in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Trespass Complaint on N. First St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 2300 Blk MT Hwy 287, Alder; Accident in 2900 Blk MT Hwy 287, Sheridan; Medical Aid in 300 Blk Boundary St., Sheridan; Animal Complaint on Mill St., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 24, Cameron; Accident on MT Hwy 287, Ennis.

July 21- Trespass Complaint in 100 Blk Duck Ln., Alder; Abandoned Vehicle on US Hwy 287, MM 51, Ennis; Trespass Complaint in 100 Blk W. Wallace St., Virginia City; Accident on MT Hwy 41 S, MM 24, Twin Bridges; Suspicious Circumstances in 400 Blk S. First St., Ennis; Traffic Complaint in Virginia City; Medical Aid on Kokanee Dr., McAllister.

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**Community Briefs**

**Saturday Market**

JEFFERS - On Saturday, July 28 Trinity Church will be hosting a market for selling garden fresh produce, baked goods and other local fresh products. The market will be held in Jeffers, in the parking lot in front of the community garden between 10 a.m. and 12 noon every Saturday morning for the remainder of the summer.

The church will be evaluating the success and interest in this market and plan to continue as long as there seems to be interest and products to sell.

The church will have local, fresh lettuce and other produce as it is ready. Also, Rachel's bread and granola, Judy's cookies and dog biscuits, pie and coffee. Anyone interested in selling their produce is welcome to join in.

For more information contact Barbara Hoag at 682-4032.

**'A most disgusting creature'**

VIRGINIA CITY - On Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center, in partnership with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, is sponsoring their fifth in a series of history programs on Montana millionaires: "William Andrews Clark: A Most Disgusting Creature."

Clark (1839-1925) arrived in the Montana Territory with little more than the clothes on his back, his "library" of three books and a hard and ruthless ambition to succeed.

By the time he left Montana he was one of the richest men in the world, and is still ranked as one of the 50 richest Americans of all time. He was also arguably one of the most despised.

This program will profile Mr. Clark's phenomenal rise in riches and power—economically and politically.

Gary Forney, the program presenter, is a retired college administrator and local historian. He has been a full-time resident of the Ennis area since 1999, and since then has authored four books, written numerous articles, and made many presentations on the early territorial period of Montana.

Once again, the program will be held in the beautifully restored cabin of Frank Bird Linderman, on the grounds of the historic Robber's Roost near Laurin.

**Junior Ranger Camp Out**

WHITEHALL- Are you an aspiring Junior Ranger looking to spend a super weekend camping and hiking in a beautiful state park? Would you like to explore the land and learn outdoor skills like identifying plants and wildlife? If so, join us for the Lewis & Clark Caverns Junior Ranger Campout!

Montana State Parks will host a Junior Rang-

er Campout at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park on Saturday, August 4, and Sunday, August 5. This event is geared to those who are aged 8 to 14.

The campout begins on Saturday, August 4 at 4:30pm and runs through Sunday, August 5 to 11 a.m.

Campers will meet at the Greer Gulch Loop parking lot at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park to set up camp. During the campout, participants will hike the park's best trails, complete fun Junior Ranger activities, learn about Bats and Blooms from the Park Ranger, and cook up some yummy campfire food.

The cost is a free-will donation. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tents and sleeping bags, as park camping gear is limited. Weather-appropriate clothing and sunscreen are also recommended. To register, please contact Rebekah Smith@mt.gov, or call the park visitor center for more information.

For more information call the park visitor center at (406) 287-3541 or visit stateparks.mt.gov.

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park features one of the most decorative limestone caverns in the Northwest filled with spectacular stalactites, stalagmites, columns, and helictites. The park also features camping, trails to hike or bike, a state-of-the-art visitor center, interpretive displays, a gift shop, food and beverage concessions, amphitheater, and interpretive events presented during the summer months.

**'Homestead Dreams'**

THREE FORKS - Montana State Parks will Host "Homestead Dreams: The Homestead Act" at Missouri Headwaters State Park on Saturday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

Join historian Hal Stearns for his presentation "Homestead Dreams: The Homestead Act". In 1862, Congress passed and President Abraham Lincoln signed one of America's most important pieces of legislation: The Homestead Act. This far-reaching law impacted Montana then, and does to this very day.

Montana native Hal Stearns is a historian, guide, and storyteller.

The presentation will take place behind the park office. Please bring your own chair and state to enjoy a marshmallow roast following the program. For more information call (406) 285-3610 or 406-581-7696, or visit stateparks.mt.gov.



Fully Independent and Nationally Touring Since 2012, You Knew Me When to Perform at Willie's Distillery August 12th (KENDRA BOMAR PHOTO)

**Indie folk rock couple comes to Willie's**

ENNIS—It's been more than six years since the husband and wife indie folk-rock duo known as You Knew Me When uprooted from their Nashville home and full-time jobs in 2012. The duo had initially planned to tour the nation for a full year. However, they never stopped.

Since that time, they have been serving up their craft-brewed compositions, a term coined from their over 190 craft brewery performances coast to coast throughout the US and into Canada. Now based in Ouray, Colorado, the duo is hitting the road with their latest album "Into the Looking Glass" and will perform at Willie's Distillery on

Sunday, August 12 at 2 p.m. There will be no cover charge for the show.

Outfitted with an array of instruments, You Knew Me When is a Colorado-based duo that present a full band sound.

While blending their vocals, Karisa, who previously served as a tenured Nashville public school music teacher, provides the piano, ukulele, glockenspiel and percussive elements, as Cie, who spent several years as the Global Events Manager for Gibson Guitar, supplies the guitar and other rhythmic nuances. The result is a musical show that blends a singer-songwriter soul with a rock 'n roll mentality.

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# The man behind the metal

For more than half a century, Jim Dolan has made the world his gallery

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BOZEMAN—A orange, bicycle-riding orangutan lives outside Jim Dolan's Bozeman gallery.

The ape is just one of Dolan's menagerie of work, another example of his characteristic metalwork, diverse in style, subject matter and size. The orangutan was just for fun, a project that allowed him to continue expanding his repertoire and avoid falling into a rut of just one style of art.

Dolan has become a household name around Montana in the five decades since he moved to Big Sky country, but he calls himself "one of those California transplants." The Dolan family had been in the California winery and ranching business before making the decision to ranch full time in the Treasure state and moving to Montana in 1966. Jim worked on the family ranch with his three brothers and attended Montana State University, where he studied agriculture.

The family ranch sold in the 1980s, but Dolan transitioned to pursuing art full-time in 1972. As it does with many, Montana and its wild landscapes had captured his heart and his imagination. While his gallery is in Bozeman, his art spans both geography and content. He's sculpted everything from horses to moose, bears to eagles and hawks, fishermen to authors like Walt Whitman. No two pieces look alike.

"I can't imagine doing the same style all the time," says Dolan of his wide-ranging subject matter. "It's got to get totally boring. Some people love that, but I couldn't do it."

One of Dolan's newest pieces has just been installed in Ennis, a place he credits as always being a great patron of his work because of its people and its love for the arts. Several of his works already adorn the town, from the iconic fly fisherman at the Highway 287 junction to the Ennis High School mustangs and the yellow-rain-coated surveyor who stands along the road heading out of town toward Norris.

The newest addition, however, isn't permanent, and will find a home whenever an art enthusiast decides to adopt it. The life-sized horse has been drawing eyes since its installation after the Fourth of July, standing on a platform outside the Black Jack Ranch Gallery, a space with which Dolan has developed a rapport. It looks different from the Ennis mustangs, and from the 39 blue

horses he installed on Kamp Hill near Three Forks.

"I do a lot of representational things, but I went a little more impressionistic with this one," says Dolan of his newest horse. He used flat tank ends to create the round parts of the body, covered in a black liner that contrast with the horse's copper accents. He says he drew inspiration from the stone sculptures of horses often seen in Ming Dynasty art.

Dolan, who visited Ennis and Black Jack Ranch Gallery over the Fourth of July, says he wants to support things in the town where he's built such good relationships. Several of his pieces are on display in the gallery, and his work will be featured on the gallery's online counterpart as well. And never still, he already has plans for his next project. This one will also involve horses, and will also be no small installation. It will feature an old truck bed, he says, with several horses jumping over it. It will travel to White Sulphur Springs in August for the Red Ants Pants festival, but it already has a permanent home, with a buyer in Washington state.

"It's just a fun piece," Dolan says. "We'll haul it around and show it off first."

And after that, who knows? With Dolan, nothing is off the table. We'll all just have to wait and see.



One of Dolan's newest pieces, a life-sized horse, was installed outside the Black Jack Ranch Gallery. (R. COLYER PHOTO)

- Clarification -

The honeybee story on the July 19 front page should have listed Lindsey Graden and he sons Collin and Finn as those who participated in removing bees from a front yard in Ennis.

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## Montana Department of Transportation proposes new sidewalks in Twin Bridges

Public can submit written comments on project

TWIN BRIDGES - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to construct new sidewalks, curb and gutter, and crosswalks in Twin Bridges in Madison County.

The project is located along 5th Avenue from Main Street to Bridge Street, Bridge Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue, on the south side of 6th Avenue from Main Street to west of the school gymnasium building, the north side of 6th Avenue from the alley west of Main Street to Bridge Street, adjacent to the school bus loading/unloading zone along Wray Street, and along the south side of 8th Avenue from Wray Street to the approach to the school.

The project will also consider revising crosswalk locations along Main Street to better accommodate current pedestrian crossing patterns.

Proposed work includes approximately 2,200 feet of Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA)-compliant sidewalk and curb ramps, approximately 1,000 feet of curb and gutter, crosswalks, signing, and revegetation.

The purpose of the project is to construct ADA-compliant sidewalks to safely route pedestrians to and from the Twin Bridges School.

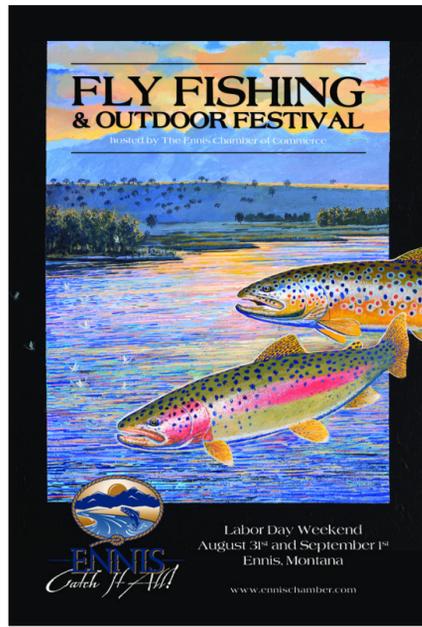
The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2020, depending on completion of all project development activities and availability of funding. No new right-of-way or utility relocations are anticipated.

The project is funded with Federal Highway Administration Transportation Alternatives funds and Town of Twin Bridges matching funds.

The construction of this MDT sidewalk project is planned to begin after a separate Town of Twin Bridges project along 6th Avenue is constructed in 2019. That project will improve drainage and vehicle circulation along 6th Avenue in front of the Twin Bridges School.

For more information, please contact Butte District Administrator Jeff Ebert at (406) 494-9625 or Project Design Engineer Dave Holien at (406) 444 6118.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Butte office at P.O. Box 3068, Butte, MT 59702-3068, or online at [mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment\\_form.shtml](http://mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml)



Fly fishing and Outdoor Festival

ENNIS - The Fly Fishing and Outdoor Festival is right around the corner.

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## MT rancher testifies at FDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Last week, Cut Bank rancher and U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA) board member Maggie Nutter testified before the Food and Drug Administration at a public meeting held to discuss Foods Produced Using Cell Culture Technology. The meeting was convened by FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition to hear more from stakeholders on the use of animal cell culture technology as a method of food production, including the manufacturing of laboratory-grown protein, or "fake meat".

As the only producer voice in the room, Nutter stood up for U.S. beef and USCA's nationwide membership of cow-calf producers, backgrounders, feedlot operators, and livestock haulers, stressing the importance of labels that differentiated lab-grown protein from traditional beef products.

"USCA has always been a strong advocate for truth and transparency in labeling. We believe that the term 'meat' pertains exclusively to a protein food product that was harvested from the flesh of an animal in the traditional manner," she said, noting that cultured cell proteins are not meat. "As a cattle rancher, the term 'beef' is very important to me. "When other products use the term meat or beef they are taking advantage of the years of hard work the Beef Check-Off program has put in building beef's good reputation. They are hijacking our trademark branding for the benefit of their own marketing. As ranchers, we don't want anything that isn't beef to be called beef or to use terms connected to meat."

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## Twin Bridges to be setting of new film

HELENA – The Montana Film Office at the Department of Commerce today announced \$500,000 in grant awards for productions filming in Montana, including several by resident filmmakers.

Among the recipients were the moviemakers of “Black Flowers,” a film about a family struggling to survive in a post-apocalyptic world while coping with the loss of themselves and each other, which will be filmed in Twin Bridges.

Set two years after nuclear war, the family travels across a desolate North America searching for a new home.

Black Flowers filmmakers received a \$10,000 grant to produce the film.

“Film production brings dollars into communities across the state,” said Montana Film Commissioner Allison Whitmer. “The Big Sky Film Grant helps to grow the industry from two sides. It provides an incentive for productions to come here and gives an edge to our own filmmakers who are sharing Montana with the world through their work.”

The grant comprises three categories: feature film and TV, development, and resident filmmaker. The development category covers any non-feature-length projects such as web series.

## Public Lands: A Musical Interpretation

WHITEHALL – Montana State Parks will host a musical performance celebrating the grandeur of public lands at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park.

On Thursday, August 9, from 8 – 9 p.m., visitors experience the mystery and magnificence of our public lands through the instrumental guitar of composer, musician, and past National Park Artist-In-Residence David Boye. His program will present music and discuss moments inspired by the wild beauty of the wilderness of the West.

Boye is a composer, musician, and educator from Lincoln, Nebraska. He has performed an eclectic variety of music styles in ambient,

new age, rock, blues and jazz groups. Incorporating actual recorded “found” sounds of nature, he writes evocative and uplifting pieces that elicit the calm splendor of the wide-open spaces of the great American outdoors. He has also served as an Artist-In-Residence at Rocky Mountain National Park, Homestead National Monument and North Cascades National Park, which was the start of a personal passion of exploring and creating music that evokes the infinite wonders of the wilderness of the National Parks and the west.

For more information call the park visitor center at (406) 287-3541 or visit stateparks.mt.gov.

# State unemployment rate falls to 3.8 percent

MONTANA – Governor Steve Bullock today announced Montana’s unemployment rate dropped again for the second straight month, down to 3.8 percent for the month of June.

The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 4.0 percent in June. “Montana’s economy remains strong as we continue to ensure the future well-being of Montana families,” said Governor Bullock. “The key to this continued economic growth and prosperity is a trained and talented workforce, which we are bolstering through education and workforce initiatives, apprenticeships, and other pathways to good-paying jobs.”

Payroll employment posted a gain of 400 jobs despite a loss of nearly 800 jobs in federal government employment over the month. Retail trade and local government posted the largest over-the-month growth. Total employment levels posted insignificant changes over the last month.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased by 0.1% in June with broad-based price increases across many goods. Over the last 12 months, inflation has been accelerating, with an increase of 2.9% in the CPI-U. The index for all items less food and energy, also called core inflation, increased 0.2% in June, with a change of 2.3% over the last year.

Unemployment figures are seasonally-adjusted. Seasonally-adjusted numbers remove the effects of events that follow a more or less regular month-to-month pattern each year. These adjustments make non-seasonal patterns easier to identify. The margin of error for the unemployment rate is plus or minus 0.5 percentage points at the 90 percent confidence level.

The next Labor Situation Report for the month of July 2018 will be released on Friday, August 17.

Rank	County	Unemployment Rate		Employment	
		Current Unemployment Rate	Change over Year	Current Employment	Job Change from Last Year
1	Daniels	1.8	-0.3	858	-37
1	Fallon	1.8	-1.1	1,616	-139
3	McCone	1.9	-0.2	939	-73
4	Carter	2.1	-0.4	638	-26
5	Gallatin	2.3	-0.3	64,744	1,276
6	Sheridan	2.4	-0.2	1,748	-113
7	Judith Basin	2.5	-1.1	848	-46
8	Powder River	2.6	0.4	963	-56
9	Liberty	2.8	-0.5	912	-35
10	Beaverhead	2.9	0	4,931	-99
10	Chouteau	2.9	-0.5	2,404	-79
10	Sweet Grass	2.9	0	1,756	-14
10	Valley	2.9	-0.2	3,979	-158
14	Garfield	3	0.2	723	-31
14	Petroleum	3	-0.2	256	-12
14	Teton	3	-0.5	2,610	-113
17	Carbon	3.1	-0.5	5,219	-35
17	Dawson	3.1	-0.4	4,362	-142
17	Missoula	3.1	-0.4	60,599	-54
17	Park	3.1	-0.2	8,966	155
17	Stillwater	3.1	-0.7	4,619	-60
17	Toole	3.1	-0.1	2,025	-138
17	Treasure	3.1	-0.7	312	-21
24	Custer	3.2	0.1	5,787	-314
24	Fergus	3.2	-0.2	5,480	-124
26	Lewis and Clark	3.3	-0.1	33,517	-670
27	Cascade	3.4	-0.5	36,752	-52
27	Deer Lodge	3.4	-0.1	4,964	-89
27	Yellowstone	3.4	-0.4	79,420	349
30	Broadwater	3.5	-0.9	2,448	-32
30	Madison	3.5	-0.1	3,686	-332



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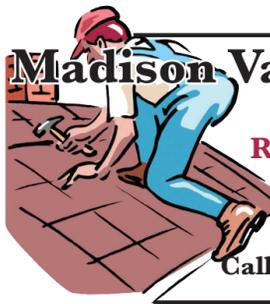


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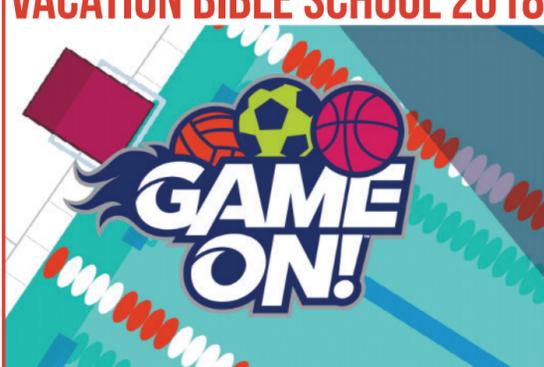
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<b>Saturday</b>	Sunny. High 76, low 47. Winds NNE 7 mph, 10 percent chance of rain.
<b>Sunday</b>	Sunny. High 80, low 50. Winds NNE 6 mph, 0 percent chance of rain.
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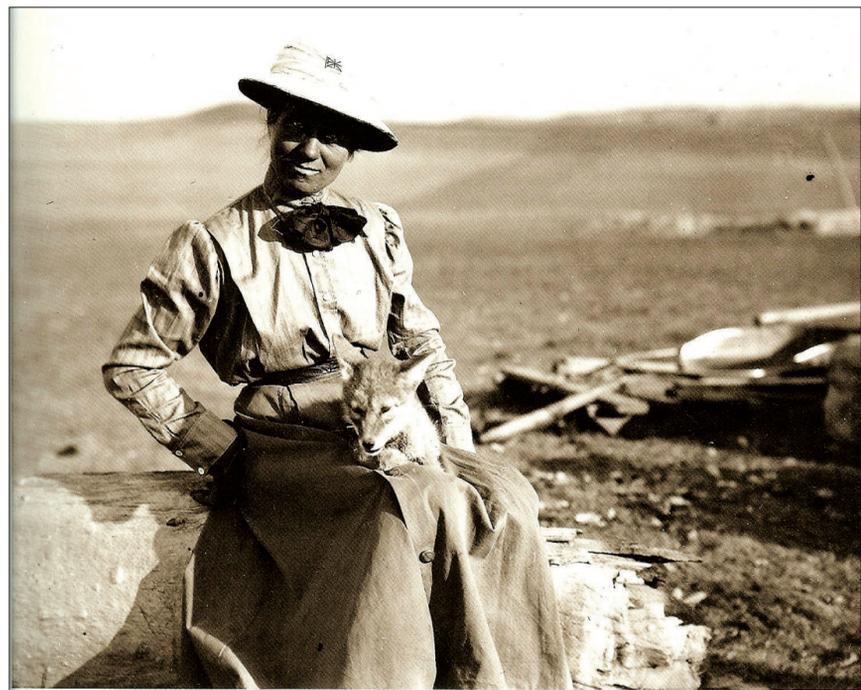
## ‘Pluck and Stamina’



Evelyn Cameron - above at work in her photography studio, and below with a coyote pup - was a British expatriate who immigrated to the United States in the late 19th century.

“She truly found her joy and her passion here in the West,” says Mary Jane Bradbury, who will portray Cameron on Aug. 9 at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center in Virginia City.

Cameron fell in love with the plains of Montana, and became a self-taught master of western photography. Even with the advent of film photography, Cameron stuck with the original—and cumbersome—glass plate technology. She carried plates with her on horseback, with her camera (which measured a cubic foot) around her waist and a tripod she carried in a rifle scabbard.



### Mary Jane Bradbury becomes famed 19th century photographer for August visit to Ruby Valley

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VIRGINIA CITY—Mary Jane Bradbury has a background in acting, but sees herself more as an interpreter. When it comes to teaching people about history, she makes a distinction.

“It’s not just a matter of spewing information,” she says. “Taking that information and what you know, how would that person tell their story? I think everyone who listens to one of these stories sees a little bit of themselves in these people. They start to listen as if I were that person, telling you a story of my life. It has to do with the listener as much as the storyteller.”

On August 9, Mary Jane Bradbury will visit Virginia City, but it will be Evelyn Cameron who walks into the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center that evening.

Evelyn Cameron died in 1926, but Bradbury has learned so much about her that she can seamlessly adopt her persona, as she’s done with legendary congresswoman Jeannette Rankin, Nancy Russell (businesswoman and wife of painter C.M. Russell), artist and naturalist Martha Maxwell and others during her career. After 40 years spent in Colorado, Bradbury moved to Montana in 2014 and has traveled from Libby to Ekalaka and everywhere in between, always doing her favorite thing: telling stories, in her own unique and engaging way.

#### Who was Evelyn Cameron?

Bradbury has spent months becoming an expert on the life and times of Evelyn Cameron.

A British expatriate who immigrated to the United States in the late 19th century, Cameron left behind a life so privileged that she never had to brush her own hair — for pioneer life on the plains of eastern Montana with her naturalist husband. She never looked back.

“She truly found her joy and her passion here in the West,” says Bradbury. Cameron fell in love with the plains of Montana, and became a self-taught master of western photography. Even with the advent of film photography, Cameron stuck with the original—and cumbersome—glass plate technology. She carried plates with her on horseback, with her camera (which measured a cubic foot) around her waist and a tripod she carried in a rifle scabbard.

Soon Cameron was capturing the essence of what pioneer homesteading life was like at the turn of the century in eastern Montana, as well as the natural world around her. It wasn’t unheard of her to display her characteristic patience and stoicism by waiting an hour or an afternoon, just for a bird to return to its nest so she could capture a photo of it.

But how does Bradbury know all this?

#### A trove of history

During her life, Evelyn Cameron lived in three ranches on the eastern plains of Montana. She spent a large portion of her life on a ranch in Terry, between Miles City and Glendive. Unbeknownst to many, she left behind a meticulous record that spanned decades when she died in 1926. Later, that trove was uncovered by historian and editor Donna Lucey, who then spent years cataloging the discovery and writing the book *Photographing Montana: The Life and Work of Evelyn Cameron*, which was published in 1990. Today, there’s a museum in Terry dedicated to Cameron’s legacy and art.

Like many women at the time, Cameron kept journals of her daily life as a pioneer

woman. On that ranch in Terry, she filled 35 volumes, one for each year she spent on Montana homesteads. Along with those journals were more than 2,000 photographs and 1,800 surviving glass photography plates. Altogether, she created what might be the most complete record of Montana pioneer life anywhere in the state.

“All of a sudden, here’s this whole package of a story and the picture that it painted of life on the eastern Montana frontier,” says Bradbury of the discovery. “She made an interesting choice with her life, and because of it we have this complete picture of what life was like.”

Because so many artifacts were left behind from Cameron’s life, Bradbury’s interpretive program will be half in-character and half as herself, so she can interact with the audience using a presentation of some of Cameron’s photographs. Bradbury calls it learning the photographs that made the life.

“We’ll look at the connections between a human being who chose all that in her life, who needed to express herself, and the art that she created,” she says.

#### One extreme to the other

Her stop in Virginia City is one of nearly two dozen presentations Bradbury will give in 2018, an itinerary that spans the state. From hundreds of students in Billings schools to the one-room schoolhouses of Carbon County, Bradbury has brought history to life—literally—for students and communities all across Montana.

She was artist-in-residence at the C. M. Russell Museum in Great Falls through this past January, and is also a speaker for Humanities Montana, which facilitates a week-long stint in Kalispell every year “like an itinerant storyteller that comes to town,” she says. And no matter the size of the audience, the communities are always grateful, and she always leaves with new connections.

“I go from one extreme to another in terms of the size of the town,” she says. “But it doesn’t matter. Once we engage, we have so much fun. Regardless of age or circumstance, to connect with people who have their own stories, to share that with them, is just so rewarding. Not a minute goes by that I’m not happy I made the choice to come to Montana.”

Bradbury’s—and Evelyn Cameron’s—visit to Virginia City, titled “Pluck and Stamina: The Life of Pioneer Photographer Evelyn Cameron,” will take place on Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m. at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center. Admission is by donation and the event is open to the public.



Cameron at work shooting photographs on the prairie.



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS



**Madison Valley Manor news...**  
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## Picnics, corncobs and pet risks

### Corncobs can pose a choking risk for dogs

suffocate when they breathe in, creating a plastic bag effect that they are unable to remove. If this happens out of sight of the owner, tragedy can result. One recommendation would be to cut the bag completely down one side before discarding. A bit of a nuisance perhaps, but well worth the peace of mind it would provide.

Also, corn cobs with all that butter are a magnet for the trash hound.

Unfortunately, a dog can ingest a corncob easily, but then it can lodge in the intestinal tract, creating a foreign body obstruction. This is a medical and surgical crisis, necessitating abdominal exploratory surgery to remove the offending corncob. A few moments to place the picnic refuse out of Fido's reach can eliminate this risk.

May your summer barbecues create only happy memories!

By Eileen White, D.V.M.

ENNIS- As we roll out these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, and backyard barbecues replete with watermelon and corn on the cob, please take time to keep dogs away from the trash.

There are a couple unexpected risks to our four-legged family members in that trash....

One is bags from chips. Dogs rooting around for those last tasty morsels in the bottoms of chip bags can

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## Carbohydrates Are Killing Us

**Cardiologist says "healthy" eating habits of last 30 years are wrong, low-carb is the way to go**

By Eric Thorn, MD, FACC

This year, more than 610,000 Americans will die from heart disease. It's the leading cause of death for men and women.

For decades, doctors and nutritionists prescribed low-fat diets to people trying to lower their risk of heart disease. Saturated fats in meats and dairy products were thought to clog our arteries.

A growing body of research suggests this advice was wrong. For most people, it's carbohydrates that are the true cause of heart disease.

A report published last year in *The Lancet* studied nutrition among people across 18 different countries. Researchers found that people who ate the least saturated fat had the highest rates of heart disease and mortality. Meanwhile, people who consumed the most saturated fat had the lowest rate of strokes.

Limiting intake of carbohydrates, rather than fats, is a surer way to decrease the risk of heart disease. An analysis of more than a dozen studies published in the *British Journal of Nutrition* found that patients on low-carb diets had healthier body weights and cardiovascular systems than those on low-fat diets.

I'm a cardiologist in Virginia and my own patients have seen the benefits of a low-carb, high-fat diet firsthand.

Consider Marj. At age 71, she lost over 100 pounds in a year without medication, meal replacements, or surgery -- just by cutting out sugars and starches and eating healthier food.

Denise had out-of-control diabetes. Her blood sugar was frequently over 250 -- a level far above normal -- despite being on insulin. Then she started a low-carb diet. After only a week, she

was off insulin and had near normal blood sugar levels.

When Jeff started working with me, he had severe lipid abnormalities. Four months later, his HDL cholesterol -- commonly known as "good cholesterol" -- had increased by 13 points. And his triglyceride level plummeted from 468 to 78 -- well below the normal level of 150. All of this was without medication or exercise.

The mistaken belief that fats cause heart disease stems from weak, outdated research. Back in 1961, the American Heart Association published its first report recommending that people limit consumption of animal fats and dietary cholesterol.

But that hypothesis had never been put to the test in a clinical trial. A controlled trial is the only way to prove a cause-effect relationship, rather than a mere correlation that could occur due to some unknown variable.

Eventually, the National Institutes of Health started conducting clinical trials. However, these trials were deeply flawed. Additionally, when evidence contradicted the dominant medical narrative, researchers effectively buried it. One NIH study, which found little-to-no relationship between saturated fats and various health problems, was conducted between 1968 and 1973 but wasn't published for another 16 years.

Despite the flimsy evidence against saturated fats, mainstream nutritionists still advise people to eat carbohydrates and steer clear of fats. The AHA recommends restricting saturated fat consumption to 6 percent of total calories. Federal guidelines encourage people to eat fat-free or low-fat dairy and plenty of grains.

This advice is dooming hundreds of thousands of people to early death and disability.

For decades, our public health leaders have dispensed deadly dietary advice. That needs to change. Many doctors, myself included, have seen how low-carb diets help patients lose weight, reverse their diabetes, and improve their cholesterol.

Dr. Eric Thorn is a cardiologist affiliated with the Virginia Hospital Center.

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# COLUMNS



## Hollowtop Smoke Signals by Art Kehler

### BUFFALO-BASHING BAIT

#### Dealing with an uplifting problem

Every summer, it's the same scenario: an appalling number of tourists come out on the losing side of physical altercations with animals in Yellowstone National Park. Such incidents are almost as predictable as Old Faithful's geyser eruptions. Even some small wild critters can be intimidating. After all, a weasel, perpetually angry, weasel is fully capable of putting an NFL lineman-sized guy to shameful flight. Nevertheless, the most newsworthy encounters involve larger mammals.

For example, a while ago, I saw on the TV news that a woman had been head-butted (bashed) off a trail by a buffalo in the Park. Thankfully, the victim did not suffer any major injuries. Still, she can't be faulted for not trying her best to get pulverized. Obviously, the assaulted lady hadn't been taught one of the basic rules of human/wildlife interaction—"Never dispute trail right-of-ways with an animal which has the capacity to butt your butt over a medium-sized lodge pole pine!"

At that critical moment, many Park visitors come to a shocking realization. Though they may appear cumbersome, buffalo can outrun even the speediest of 60-pound-overweight, grossly out-of-shape humans. Still, because smart phones make for paltry weapons, assuming a fixed defen-

sive posture isn't a good idea either. With that grim scenario in mind, I think it's high time for the National Park Service to offer buffalo-bashing survival training.

To begin, said training could focus on teaching potential victims how to position their bodies at the optimal angle from the enraged animal's massive head in order to deflect the most shock. Next, because it only encourages the attacking beast, they should be encouraged to abstain from unsightly flailing of their extremities while airborne. Instead, tourists should be instructed in how to, like a thrown bronc rider clearing a corral fence, artfully sail over the afore-mentioned tree. Moreover, during the ensuing descent, they should strive to maintain a semblance of athletic form by keeping their feet

from separating upon reuniting with the ground, head first.

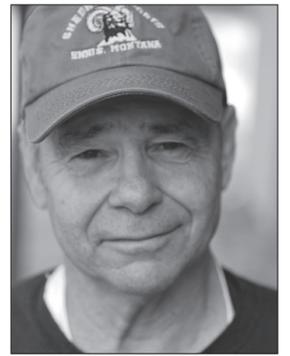
Immediately after said impact, fortunately, the offending buffalo is often unsure of where its victim has landed. Therefore, as I see it, it's vital that the catapulted party be trained to roll to his feet and beat a hasty retreat, in one fluid motion. After all, precious time spent thrashing around, while moaning and groaning, allows the beefy antagonist more time to locate its prey and muster another uplifting butt lifting.

If, heaven forbid, all the above-detailed survival methods fail, the desperate tourist needs to take a lesson from the buffalo. In particular, the targeted person should "accidentally" bash into one of the multitude of clueless foreign visitors who are engrossed in filming what they're con-

vinced is a staged Wild-West re-enactment. By so doing, the original target can draw the furious beast's attention away from himself and toward the flattened, flailing alien.

When, oh when, are people going to learn that wild animals really are wild? Perhaps that's why they are so often seen running around loose. Furthermore, because they're free to go where ever they dangled well please, the untamed critters will sometimes take grievous personal umbrage when people get in their way.

Still, one would think that, considering the numerous bison/human altercations which have occurred over the years, folks would wise up. However, around four million vacationers visit Yellowstone National Park each year. Thus, each year brings a fresh crop



of naïve buffalo-bashing-bait. Hopefully, by enacting my common-sense training the Park Service can at least lessen the severity of tourist injuries. Only time will tell.

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## Feeling overwhelmed... and what to do about it

By Bryan Golden

The proverbial straw that broke the camel's back is an illustration of what can happen when you feel overwhelmed.

Each straw by itself is irrelevant. Yet, the cumulative weight of enough straw can be unbearable.

Life's events can have the same cumulative impact as the straw. Most situations, by themselves, are manageable. But when you are faced with one problem after another, before you have a chance to resolve each one, it's easy to feel overwhelmed.

Situations can also pile up gradually because of your inattention or failure to deal with them as they occur. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, you become overwhelmed. In this scenario, you don't realize what's happening until everything becomes a crisis.

So, you can become overwhelmed because of circumstances beyond your control that occur quickly or simultaneously.

Or you can become overwhelmed because you neglect to handle situations as they arise.

Each scenario requires a slightly different strategy.

When events occur non-stop and without letup, often the first reaction is to panic and freeze.

Not knowing what to do first, you try to juggle everything at once while feeling as if you are about to lose your balance at any moment.

The key to dealing with this situation is to prioritize.

Since you can only address one issue at a time, you have to decide which circumstances require immediate attention. Sometimes, it seems as if everything is critical. But you, nevertheless, have to pick a starting point for your attention.

Unfortunately, the most critical situation is usually the most difficult to deal with. So, human nature being what it is, people will tend to address one of the least important issues because it's easier.

However, when you neglect the most critical situation, it will quickly worsen. With enough neglect, a situation will get to a point where it

is out of control and the window of opportunity to take corrective action has passed.

For example, the roof on Debra's house has started to leak. Additionally, her car needs an oil change, the kitchen has to be painted, she needs new clothes for a party in three weeks, her son is doing poorly in school, she has a painful tooth ache, and the company she works for is being sold in six months.

Debra feels overwhelmed.

So she goes shopping for her new clothes. Rather than prioritizing and going to the dentist first, Debra takes a painkiller and then picks the task of lowest importance.

After she gets her clothes, Debra will feel just as overwhelmed as before since all of the pressing issues are still there.

As an outside observer, it easy to see what Debra should do first. She should tend to her tooth before she risks losing it. If Debra neglects her roof, more serious damage will occur. Then she has to get her son back on track before he falls too far behind. Once these immediate issues are dealt with, Debra will have a little more breathing room and feel less over-

whelmed.

But when you are the one feeling overwhelmed, your perspective becomes cloudy. You become stressed out and don't want to deal with anything. Avoidance, however, will allow things to get worse.

When overwhelmed, you have to address the most critical situation first. Then focus your energy on one task at a time. Once you have done everything you can for the most important problem, move on to the next pressing situation. Resist the temptation to begin with the least significant challenge.

When you take this approach, you will start to feel better because you are taking action on the most pressing problems. The more proactive you are, the faster you will overcome the obstacles in front of you.

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## The truth about direct primary care

By Rep. Greg Hertz HD 12

Direct primary care agreements are a fee-for-service contract between healthcare providers and patients, and are meant to cover preventative, routine, or preliminary office visits. Primary care clinics are independent doctors' offices that do not accept insurance or bill third parties. There have been several of these arrangements made available to consumers in Montana during the last six months. The most recent is Dr. Cara Harrop who will open a clinic in Polson.

Patients at her clinic will pay a "membership fee" of \$75 per month for an adult to gain unlimited access to preventative care, medical diagnoses, common cold treatments,

physicals, and even some minor surgical procedures. This monthly rate is possible because of the reduction in administrative costs for billing, overhead and the profit the insurance company takes off the top.

You might ask; why haven't these types of arrangements been available to Montana consumers until now? Twice, the Legislature has passed a bill allowing for direct primary care clinics. In 2015 then State Senator Matt Rosendale was able to get a bill through the legislative process allowing direct primary care. Every Democrat (including State Representative Kathleen Williams who is now running for Congress) voted against it, and when it passed with the Re-

publican majority, the Governor took out his veto pen.

Governor Bullock wrote in his veto explanation that the "plans offer little or no added value to most consumers" and "charge fees for treatments already covered by a consumer's health insurance, such as preventative care that insurance covers at no out-of-pocket cost to the consumer." This is out of touch with the reality of high deductible Obamacare plans. Health insurance covers your annual physical, but it does not cover your doctor visits for many other common conditions unless you have met your deductible. Maybe the Governor should ask Montanans outside of the Capitol how high their deductibles have become. Under the state

employee plan, the Governor does pay little to nothing for doctor visits, especially if he goes to the state clinic in Helena that requires no-copay for a visit and, ironically, has a contract with the state that is essentially a direct primary care agreement covering all state employees. Some legislators also benefit from this arrangement, but I have refused the coverage and use the same high deductible Obamacare plan that I provide to my employees in my business.

In March 2017, the legislature again passed a bill allowing direct primary care, this time with the support of nine Democrats. Governor Bullock again vetoed the bill. Then in December 2017, now the sitting Commissioner of

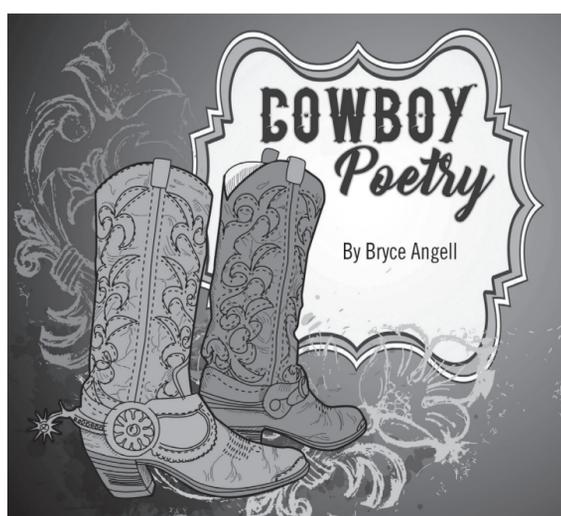
Insurance, Matt Rosendale, determined that the business of providing primary care does not fall under the business of insurance. With a simple advisory memo, Commissioner Rosendale authorized the use of primary care agreements, giving Montanans more options to meet their health care needs.

While Governor Bullock and Democrats fight for more insurance mandates and unsustainable increases in subsidized and socialized healthcare, Republicans are committed to implementing innovative, cost-cutting measures to reduce healthcare costs while ensuring consumer choice and top-notch care.



Rep. Greg Hertz HD 12

*Hertz is Speaker Pro Tem of the Montana State Legislature. He lives in Polson.*



## Hurricane and Harley

The trailer door was latched down tight. Three horses were inside. Each one of us was ready. We were anxious for a ride.

But then I heard my cell phone ring. 'Twas Harley down the road. "I heard we've got a ride today. I'm saddled up to load."

Henry shot a look at me and gave a sheepish smile. I got back on the phone and said, "We'll be there in a while."

Well most of us knew Harley was no rocket scientist.

And when you were around him, well your patience was a must.

And just to say a word or two 'bout Harley and his horse. Old Harley called him Hurricane. He was a threatening force.

When we pulled into the yard we noticed Harley was a sight. It looked like Hurricane had really given him a fight.

Harley had a bloodied nose, his left eye swollen shut. And just below the hairline showed a nasty two-inch cut.

It looked like Hurricane had won. Old Harley said, "Not so! 'Cuz Hurricane's the one who has the saddle on, ya know."

I opened up the trailer gate and Hurricane looked in. He blew a snort and pulled straight back, kicked Harley in the shin.

That's when we knew how Hurricane received his rightful fame. I've had a few like him before. Now Elmer's is their name.

The horses gave that look

to me. "Don't put him in here please!" Just then the Hurricane jumped in and landed with such ease.

We worked on Harley, patched him up. He still had one good eye. We knew he'd have a good old time. He's just that kind of guy.

So, when it comes to ridin', we'll include most anyone. Our ride's a mix of cowboys. That's the recipe for fun.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Poke
- 4 Beach stuff
- 8 Part of the foot?
- 12 Supplement, with "out"
- 13 From the start
- 14 In the vicinity
- 15 Congratulatory slap
- 17 Oodles
- 18 Open
- 19 Meadow
- 21 G.I.'s dinner, for short
- 22 Showing cleavage
- 26 Computer acronym
- 29 Stein or Stiller
- 30 Life time?
- 31 Swiss capital
- 32 Staff
- 33 Oven
- 34 Swelled head
- 35 "Explain, please"
- 36 — Major (Sirius' constellation)
- 37 Restrained
- 39 Evergreen type
- 40 Trawler need
- 41 Tips over
- 45 Ontario neighbor
- 48 Gary Cooper movie

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- 52 Stickum
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- 54 Litigant
- 55 Sphere
- 7 Lived
- 8 Post-vow relative
- 9 Ultramodernist
- 10 House pet
- 11 Day fractions (Abbr.)
- 16 Surround
- 20 Many millenia
- 23 First son
- 24 Aptly named fruit?
- 25 Sawbucks
- 26 23-Down's victim
- 27 Lily variety
- 28 Boast
- 29 Tarzan's son
- 32 Beats
- 33 Singer Akers
- 35 Infinitesimal
- 36 Written code
- 38 Dead ringer?
- 39 Bach piece, often
- 42 Nixed, at NASA
- 43 Entrance
- 44 Uppity sort
- 45 Recede
- 46 Carnival city
- 47 Ailing
- 49 Debtor's letters

**DOWN**

- 1 Biblical king who had Jezebel slain
- 2 Related (to)
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- 4 Jungle expedition
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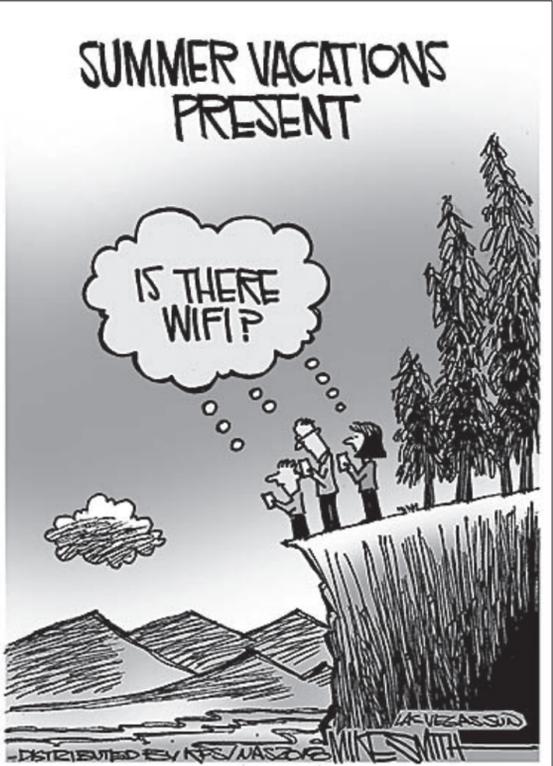
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## HELP WANTED

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The Madison Valley Rural Fire District, Ennis, MT is accepting applications for a part-time Bookkeeper/Clerk. This position is responsible for completing accounts payable and accounts receivable, payroll, month end journal entries, provides monthly financial reports to the Trustees at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, prepare agendas, attend Board meetings, take notes and prepare draft minutes for approval, submit quarterly and annual reports to State and Federal Government, perform other clerical duties as assigned.

Experience with government accounting, knowledge of Montana State BARS System, 2018 QuickBooks, Word, and Excel, approximately 20-25 hours per month, with additional hours when reports are due, quarterly. Salary placement depending on experience. Submit application (link to form: <http://www.madisoncountymt.gov/documentcenter/view/643>) to Madison Valley Rural Fire District, PO Box 849, Ennis, MT 59729. Closing date 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2018. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted for various positions at Ennis True Value. See Lori for more information.

Fan Mountain Inn and the Pic-A-Nic Basket are both hiring. Apply in person.

Harrison Public Schools is seeking a head cook for the 2018-19 school year. The school year starts on August 22nd but the position will start the week prior and will involve some training prior school starting. The starting pay is \$11.25 per hour plus \$450 per month towards health insurance. If you have health insurance already, you may take the \$450 as salary or put it into a medical savings account. Harrison High School is also seeking a Head Volleyball Coach for the 2018 season which begins August 10th. The stipend sum is \$2,569.40. If anyone is interested in these positions, they should contact Mr. Hofman at the school at 406-685-3428 or stop by the school Monday - Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The West Yellowstone Chamber/CVB is looking for a part-time Marketing Assistant who will work independently and collaboratively with our Marketing team assisting in marketing plans, campaign management, reporting, and social media accounts. Flexible hours. Wage DOE. Strong local West Yellowstone knowledge essential. Position will remain open until qualified candidate is hired. Full description available at <https://www.destinationyellowstone.com/job-postings/>. Please send resumes with "MARKETING ASSISTANT" in the subject to [jobs@destinationyellowstone.com](mailto:jobs@destinationyellowstone.com).

Hay Camp Ranch in Jeffers, MT is looking for a dependable full time ranch hand. This position requires someone who is self-starting, has the ability to take direction and be willing to work in all conditions. Qualifications include calving experience, the ability to care for and treat animals, horse experience, fence repair, and knowledge of modern haying equipment. Wages DOE. Apply by sending your resume to Hay Camp Ranch at 10 Windy Pass Lane, Ennis, MT 59729 or contact us at 406-579-9708.

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## REQ. FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR BIDS: Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting sealed bids, until August 14, 2018, for a Cub Cadet lawn mower with rear bagger (\$2,000 reserve bid).

Items are being sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis. Written bids must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to: Sheridan School District, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked. Bids will be opened at the Sheridan School on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, read and recorded.

## LOST & FOUND

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Ad #252  
Full-time events coordinator position. Marketing, booking, coordinating with customers. Audio/video experience required. Wage DOE. Available immediately. Send resumes: Stage Stop Inn, 1005 Main Ave. N., Choteau, MT 59422; email: [stageinn@3rivers.net](mailto:stageinn@3rivers.net). (406) 466-5900.

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Madison Valley Medical Center and Ennis School District seek Part Time School Nurse. Complete an employment application and submit a resume to [careers@mvmedcenter.org](mailto:careers@mvmedcenter.org) or call Madison Valley Medical Center at 682-6862.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## JULY 26, 2018

### NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 9, 2018, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Sheridan, Montana (the "Town"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Sheridan, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Water Charges are Imposed and to Adjust Rates for the Users of the System. The Town has determined to undertake certain improvements to its municipal water system (the "System") and anticipates issuing a series of water system revenue bonds to pay the costs of those improvements, to fund a reserve for the bonds, and to pay costs of issuance. The Council has determined it will be necessary for the Town to collect sufficient revenues to pay debt service on the bonds, and other outstanding bonds, to pay the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the System, and to establish appropriate reserves.

The Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Town to modify the basis on which water charges are imposed and adjust the rates and charges for the use and availability of the Systems.

The Town currently charges users of the System a monthly rate and charge for water service based on an equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") methodology. The Council charges users of the System a monthly flat rate of \$30.00 per EDU (the "Base Rate Charge"), as follows:

Diameter	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Base Rate Charge
¾"	\$30.00	1.00	\$30.00
1"	\$30.00	1.79	\$53.70
1½"	\$30.00	4.00	\$120.00
2"	\$30.00	7.14	\$214.20

In addition to the Base Rate, the Town currently charges users of the System a monthly water usage charge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons consumed per connection or proportionate charge for gallons of water consumed in excess of any 1,000 gallon increment (the "Usage Charge").

Effective as of the with the September 2018 billing water billing, the Town proposes to increase the Base Rate Charge from \$30.00 to \$45.00 per EDU as follows:

Diameter	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Base Rate Charge
¾"	\$45.00	1.00	\$45.00

1	\$45.00	1.79	\$80.55
1½"	\$45.00	4.00	\$180.00
2"	\$45.00	7.14	\$321.30
3"	\$45.00	16.00	\$720.00

In addition, the Town proposes to modify the monthly usage charge for the use and availability of the System, with the charge per 1,000 gallons of water (or increment thereof) to be based each month on the number of gallons of water used per service connection in such month, as follows:

Number of Gallons Used	Cost per 1,000 Gallons or Increment Thereof
0 to 20,000 gallons	\$1.25/1,000 gallons
20,001 to 40,000 gallons	\$1.50/1,000 gallons
40,001 to 60,000 gallons	\$1.75/1,000 gallons
Greater than 60,000 gallons	\$2.00/1,000 gallons

As an example, a user using 30,000 gallons of water would be charged a Proposed Usage Charge of \$40.00 (20,000 x \$1.25/1,000 = \$25.00, plus 10,000 x \$1.50/1,000 = \$15.00). Effective with the September 2018 billing, the monthly charge is proposed to be the sum of the Proposed Base Rate and the Proposed Usage Charge (such sum, the "Proposed Monthly Charge").

For a user with a ¾-inch service connection using 10,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge represents an increase of \$17.50 per month over the current Monthly Charge (or approximately 43.75% percent).

On August 14, 2018, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Elementary School Cafeteria, 211 Madison, in Sheridan, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed water rate increase.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Ginger Galiger, Town Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan, at (406) 842-5431.

Done by Order of the Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Montana, this 9th day of July, 2018.

/s/ Ginger Galiger  
Town Clerk-Treasurer  
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### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Madison County Board of Commission-

ers is accepting sealed bids, until Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., for the following items:

1 1995 Chevy Pick-up Vin #1GC-GK29K9SE263876

\*High mileage

1 2013 Chevy Impala Vin # 2G1WS-57MX91100031

\*161,000 miles

\*Front End Damage Due to hitting a Deer

Deliver bids to: Madison County, 103 W. Wallace, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755.

Bids will be opened on July 31, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the regular Commission meeting in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Pick-up can be inspected at the Harrison Road Shop, Harrison, MT.

Impala can be inspected at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule an inspection, please contact the Commissioner's Office at 406-843-4277 or via email at madco@madsocountymt.gov.

Both vehicles are sold "as is", no warranty or guarantees. Madison County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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### NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES

The Board of Commissioners has two vacancies on the Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, two vacancies on the Harrison Fire District Board, one vacancy on the Sheridan Fire District Board, two vacancies on the Twin Bridges Fire District Board, one vacancy on the Twin Bridges Mosquito District Board, and two vacancies on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board.

If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at madco@madsocountymt.gov.

PDF application forms can be found on the county website at <https://madsocountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833>

Please return completed applications to: Madison County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278

Virginia City, MT 59755  
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### AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of Twin Bridges School District No. 7, Madison County, Twin Bridges, Montana 59754, has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The audit also covered the Extra curricular Fund for pupil function which is included in the financial statements of the District.

Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that such report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the School Clerk's office, and that the District will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.

/s/ Joyann L. Breakall, District Clerk  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sheridan School District #5 will soon destroy special education records of former students who have been out of school for at least five years. Former students may contact Rebecca Larsen at (406)842-5302 within 60 days of this notice if they wish to review the files or obtain copies of the information contained in them. The information to be destroyed shall not include data collected on a routine basis that is maintained on all school children (such as student's name, address, telephone number, grade level completed and year completed.) The data to be destroyed shall include information collected for identification, location, evaluation, and other items directly related to special education services which the student has received. Parents of students still in school but not in special education for at least five years may also request that their children's records be destroyed. Parents of these students also have the right to inspect the special education records and obtain copies of the information contained in those records before they are destroyed. Persons having questions about this process or those persons wishing to request that records be

destroyed may contact Rebecca Larsen at (406)842-5302 for assistance.

In informing parents about their rights under this section, Sheridan School District #5 will provide information stating that the records may be needed by the parents or the child in an attempt to obtain social security or other benefits.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Rebecca E. Larsen  
District Clerk  
Pub. July, 26 2018) ss  
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### NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On Tuesday, August 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. the Ennis School District 52 Board of Trustees will meet in the Ennis High School Room #3 for the purpose of considering and adopting

the final budget of the district. The regular August meeting will also be conducted at that time. The trustees' budget meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget no later than August 25th. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. For further information please contact: Casey Klasna, Superintendent, P.O. Box 517, Ennis, MT 59729 (406-682-4258).  
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- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time
- Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time
- Dietary/Aide/Cook-Full-time/Part-time
- RN/LPN-Full-time or Part-time

**Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan**

- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time
- Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time
- RN/LPN-Full-time or Part-time

**Madison County**

- Information Systems Computer Support Specialist-Part-time
- Planning Clerk-Full-time; and
- Public Health RN/LPN-Full-time

Please visit Madison County's online employment page at [www.madisoncountymt.gov](http://www.madisoncountymt.gov) for additional information or contact the Human Resources Department at 406-843-4201. Madison County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

7.25.2018

# Gov. Bullock seeks applicants for Get Outdoors Council

HELENA — Governor Steve Bullock is seeking applicants for the newly-created Get Outdoors Montana Advisory Council that will guide efforts of the Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation as it enhances Montana's outdoor recreation economy.

"Montana is rich in outdoor recreation experience — making it the perfect place for recreation-based industries to thrive and for businesses to grow, while providing employees a way of life that cannot be manufactured," said Governor Bullock. "Montana is a leader in identifying the importance of outdoor recreation, and we encourage Montanans to join us in making sure it continues to be that way."

Gov. Bullock recently created the Get Outdoors Montana Advisory Council. It will consist of members from the outdoor recreation industry, recreation user and interest groups, conservation and stewardship organizations, and local, tribal, state and federally employed land stewards.

The Council is tasked with assisting with coordination of the many stakeholders and perspectives influencing Montana's outdoor recreation economy, providing direct perspective and feedback through active communication, supporting the mission of the Office of Outdoor Recreation, providing resources and gathering data on recreation industry topics, and providing feedback for strategic action plans.

Montanans are encouraged to apply to serve on the Get Outdoors Montana Advisory Council by August 17, 2018. For the application, please visit boards.mt.gov.

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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

### Ennis Senior Center

315 W Main Street; Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Reservations 682-4422 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.

- Thursday, July 26 - Chicken salad sandwich, chips and fruit, dessert
- Friday, July 27 - Shrimp tacos, beans and corn salad, fruit, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.

### Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan

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

### Meals on Wheels, Sheridan

The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older, Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$3.50, or have their meals delivered for \$4. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

### Virginia City Café

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.

Tuesday, July 31 – Cheeseburger, fries, dessert

### Twin Bridges Senior Center

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

- July 27 - Ham with cherry sauce, scalloped potato, glazed carrots, salad

- July 30 - Swedish meatballs, parsleyed noodles, peas and carrots, lemon meringue pie

# Find Fellowship With Us



### Dayspring Church

Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School/Nursery 9 a.m.  
**Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship**

Check website for ministries: [dayspringsheridan.com](http://dayspringsheridan.com)

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Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

### Rocky Mountain Baptist Church

Will Stevens, Pastor  
**682-4949**

Sunday School 9:45am  
Morning Service 11am  
Afternoon Service 1:30pm  
Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm  
Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm

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### 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)**  
Wed. 7:00p.m.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860  
Bishop Shaw 684-5255

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Services:**  
4:00 P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN

**Sunday Services:**  
11:00 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES  
9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN  
8:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS

Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588

Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

### 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!

### Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP  
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May - August - 9 a.m.  
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Rev. Jean M. Johnson  
682-4355 ~ Ennis  
Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

Phil 2:16  
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**Dr. Ray Teston**  
Pastor  
Nathan Nutter, Minister of Music and Youth  
Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Nights:**  
(dinner provided)  
Kids Club (K-6): 5:30-7:30pm  
Youth Group (7-12): 6-8pm

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

### Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

The Church of Word and Sacrament  
Visitors Welcome

Pastor Ken Stensrud

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

Corner of Madison and Armitage St.  
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

### 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  
President Chandler  
682-3020

### Christian Science Services

**Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.**

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### Valley Assembly

Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley

114 N. Main, Sheridan  
842-5845  
Pastor Duane B. Dasher  
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.

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

Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

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### ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Loving God, Loving People

Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Ministries  
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM  
Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
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11:00 a.m.		Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

[www.rvec.org](http://www.rvec.org)  
Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

### 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

### Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish

Invites You To Worship With Us

Reverend Susan DeBree

Office: (406) 842-5934  
Home: (406) 842-7732

**Church of the Valley**  
Twin Bridges  
Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**Bethel UMC**  
Sheridan  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Ready Set Grow Preschool  
Contact Julie Russell 842-5876

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**ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP**  
100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)

For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction

Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
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**ALANON**  
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Thursdays, 8 pm

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

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**A.A. MEETING**  
Bethany Hall, Sheridan  
(behind Methodist Church)  
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### Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group

Faced with a drinking problem?  
Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.

SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking,  
Virginia City Library

MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers

FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

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

# OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

Go to [outpostevents.net](http://outpostevents.net) for a complete listing of events

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

**Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City**  
Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAYS

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

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

**Support group, Ennis**  
Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way, 599-3659.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Tennis, Ennis**  
9 a.m. til 1p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

**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

**Baby Bistro, Ennis**  
First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library and 11 a.m.

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

**Angelwings ministry, Sheridan**  
Every Wednesday from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Bloomin' Ruby Cafe.

### THURSDAYS

**MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH**  
September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

**MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH**  
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Madison Meadows Ladies Golf Assn.  
Thursday play 9 a.m. (morning league) 5:30 p.m. (evening league), May - Sept.

SUP Land/Water Fitness Class, Ennis,  
Paddle & Pilates on stand-up paddleboards on Ennis Lake. 75-minute classes every Thursday at 7 a.m. Call or text Christine at 406-600-6379 to reserve your spot.

### FRIDAYS

**Tennis, Ennis**  
9 a.m. til 1p.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**  
7 p.m.

**Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges**  
9 a.m. every.

**Thursday, July 26**  
Summer Reading: Libraries Rock! Virginia City

This week's theme is "Name that Tune." Tuesdays for babies through pre-K and Thursdays for elementary students! 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson-Hickman Library.

Ribbon Cutting at D&D Madison River Auto Body, Ennis  
Celebrate the grand opening of the D&D Madison River Auto Body. Take a tour of the renovated facility, enjoy a BBQ dinner, networking and more. 3 p.m.

"Sacred Dog: The Journey" book reading, Virginia City

Southwest Montana native Thomas Savage will read excerpts from his book "Sacred Dog: The Journey," at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center. Admission by donation and open to the public, 7 p.m.

**Friday, July 27**  
Floating Flotillas & Fish Fantasies, Twin Bridges

Come join the fun in Twin Bridges! July 27 & 28 at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Pasture golf and street dance Friday evening, river parade and more on Saturday.

Christmas in July Bazaar, Twin Bridges

Friday 2-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 12-5 p.m. Do your Christmas shopping early! 201 9th Ave. E in Twin Bridges.

Wood-Fired Pizza Trailer Ribbon Cutting, Ennis

Come enjoy Main Street Mingle and ribbon cutting for the new Wood-Fired Pizza trailer at the Pic-A-Nic Basket! Live music, food and fun for the whole family! 5 p.m.

Kilted Man Concert, Ennis  
Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library presents a free family concert featuring Mathew Gurnsey, "The Kilted Man." Mathew will perform traditional Irish and Scottish music; the concert will be outdoors on the library lawn, weather permitting, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, July 28**  
Field Trip to old Armitage Ranch, Ennis

Field trip to the old Armitage Ranch, now Carroll Ranch. Leave Lions Club Park at 9 a.m. for carpooling. Bring a chair, water and a sack lunch. Call 682-5780 for information.

Scratchboard Art Demonstration, Virginia City  
Artist Linda Short of Art with an Edge will be demonstrating her work in scratchboard and other mediums at the Dancing Buffalo Gallery in the VC Depot, 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, July 29**  
Butte Magic Show, Virginia City

Magic, juggling, feats of strength and more! Behold as the performers of Butte Magic perform a death-defying, jaw dropping and plain ol' puzzling show! Admission by donation and open to the public, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday August 1**  
Business After Hours, Virginia City

Join the Virginia City Chamber for food and beverages at one of the businesses on our main street. 5 p.m., call (80) 829-2969 for more information.

**Thursday, August 2**  
Business After Hours, Ennis  
Hosted by Gallery 287. Come by for refreshments and networking. 5 p.m. at 50 Hwy 287.

**Friday August 3**  
Lucky Valentines Concert, Virginia City

The Lucky Valentines are Montana native songwriters Shaun and Jamie Carrier. Crafting songs rooted in honest, raw emotion and blending alt-country, rock-n-roll, indie and folk, they span themes of joy and pain in the face of life's trials. Admission by donation and open to the public, concert at 7 p.m. at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center.

**Saturday August 4**  
Field Trip to Wall Creek Game Range, Ennis

Field trip to Wall Creek Game Range, with a speaker at the headquarters. Leaving Lions Club Park at 9 a.m., bring a chair, water and lunch. Call 682-5780 for more information.

**Sunday August 5**  
Brunch Fundraiser, Sheridan  
Jackson's Garden in Sheridan is hosting its 9th annual brunch fundraiser from 10 a.m. to noon. Church service at 9 a.m., brunch by donation, plus raffle and silent auction items! Call 842-7956 for more information.

**Thursday August 9**  
Wildlife Speaker Series, Lima  
Join us for the fourth of our annual Summer Speaker Series! We'll kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner at the Lima School, so bring a dish to share. Speaker Matt Bell at 7:30, followed by an optional bat walk at 9 p.m. Contact Kara at 715-681-0975 or Quincey at 682-3437.

"Pluck and Stamina: The Life of Eve Cameron," Virginia City  
Evelyn Flower Cameron traded a life of English wealth and privilege for a homestead cabin in the badlands of eastern Montana. She soon learned glass-plate photography and produced some of the first photographs of North American birds. Historic interpreter Mary Jane Bradbury brings Evelyn to life through living history and a look at some of her photographs. Admission by donation and open to the public. 7 p.m. at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center.

**Friday August 10**  
Virginia City Art Show, Virginia City  
Stroll along the boardwalks and through the Community Center on the corner of Idaho & Van Buren streets to enjoy the work of artists from all over Montana and the Pacific Northwest. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 10-4. Call 406-834-5555 for information.

**Saturday August 11**  
Madison Valley Arts Festival, Ennis

The Ennis Arts Association is holding their 23rd annual arts festival! In addition to the 54 juried artist booths, there will be live entertainment, delicious food, face painting and an art raffle from 10-5 at Peter T's Park. Visit [ennisarts.org](http://ennisarts.org) for more information.

**Sunday August 12**  
You Knew Me When, Ennis  
Husband and wife indie folk-rock duo You Knew Me When is hitting the road with their latest album "Into the Looking Glass," and will be performing at Willie's Distillery 312 Main Street at 2 p.m. No cover charge!

**Tuesday, August 14**  
Wildlife Speaker Series, Ennis  
Join us at the Woodson Ranch Visitor Center for the next event in the 6th annual Wildlife Speaker Series. At 5:30, there will be a potluck dinner (we'll provide meat & beverages) and we will host a speaker at 7:00. The topic this year is Trout, and we will be discussing it in the context of local agriculture. Directions: Go 2 miles north of Laurin bridge on Ruby River Drive—visitor center is on your right. Contact [dave@rubyhabitat.org](mailto:dave@rubyhabitat.org) for more information.

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